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Welcome to Concordia!

Congratulations on your decision to join Concordia University Chicago! We are honored that you have chosen to pursue your educational goals at CUC!

What is Jump Start? Jump Start is our summer orientation program designed to get your Concordia-Chicago career moving in the right direction! Jump Start helps you meet new friends while exploring your new community. Through Jump Start, you'll gain a better understanding of your role and responsibilities as a CUC student.

Parents and other family members are encouraged to attend Jump Start with you and have special sessions designed to learn more about the great experience that awaits you in the fall and how to help you prepare for a successful school year. The Jump Start program features individual appointments to discuss your class schedule and financial accounts, as well as special segments for our NCAA Athletes and for our Trailblazers – those students who will be the first in their family to earn a college degree.

Yes—it's required! Because of the wealth of important information presented throughout the orientation sessions, you must attend one of the Jump Start sessions that will be held in June, July and August. Our premier two-day orientation sessions offer all incoming students the opportunity to experience college life by staying overnight in our residence halls. Plan on commuting? Commuters can choose the two-day program with the overnight stay or a distinctive one-day program designed specifically to meet their needs.

Jump Start is the first in a series of programs designed to support your success at CUC. In addition to the summer Jump Start program, new freshmen will also be required to attend Weeks of Welcome programming just prior to the start of classes as well as enroll in the Noetic Experience courses and a Freshman Seminar lead by a First Year Success Coach. Together, these elements form a comprehensive support system to promote success in your educational endeavors.

Concordia-Chicago values each one of its members, and as you join our family you will quickly find that you are among friends who will help you build a lifetime of memories. We eagerly anticipate your arrival this fall and look forward to serving you as you begin your college career. Get a Jump Start on your freshman year as a Concordia Cougar, Class of 2023!

Sincerely,

Jeff Hynes

Vice President for Student Life and Intercollegiate Athletics/Dean of Students