



V i r g i n i a C o m m o n w e a l t h U n i v e r s i t y

The Graduate School welcomes you to Virginia Commonwealth University and invites you to attend Graduate Student Orientation on **Friday, August 14, 2009.**

Orientation will be held in the Performing Arts Center, located at 922 Park Ave., from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please plan to arrive between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. to pick up materials. There will be a picnic lunch in Park Plaza starting at 11:30 am.

Since this is a university-wide orientation, we will be providing you with general information regarding VCU resources and services to acquaint you with the university and prepare you for the upcoming academic year. The following departments will be available to answer questions you may have:

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| Bookstore           | Grad Student Assoc.      | VCU Libraries  |
| Career Center       | Health Services          | VCU Police     |
| Counseling Services | Parking & Transportation | and many more! |

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If you are unable to make orientation please visit our “New Student Resources” Web site at [www.graduate.vcu.edu/admission/newstudents/orientation/resources.html](http://www.graduate.vcu.edu/admission/newstudents/orientation/resources.html). Questions regarding orientation should be directed to Lori A. Floyd-Miller at (804) 828-2233 or e-mail [lafloyd@vcu.edu](mailto:lafloyd@vcu.edu). Information about parking will be emailed to you after you pre-register.

**Workshop for Graduate Teaching Assistants and students interested in the Preparing Future Faculty Program**

The Center for Teaching Excellence is offering a workshop to all Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) and students interested in the Preparing Future Faculty Program (PFF) on Friday, August 14 after lunch. The purpose of this workshop is to introduce the GTAs and PFF students to the teaching resources, services, and programs offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence, as well as those in support of teaching across the entire university. In addition, the workshop will acquaint participants with the “Learning Centered Research University” as described by VCU’s Quality Enhancement Plan and the various ways in which instructors of all ranks can improve and promote student engagement across the university. If you are interested in attending this workshop please email Sharon Foreman Kready at [pffprogram@vcu.edu](mailto:pffprogram@vcu.edu). Mrs. Foreman Kready will email you with the location and time later in the summer.

To reserve your place at orientation, please detach and mail this section by **August 12, 2009**, to VCU, Graduate School Dean's Office, P.O. Box 843051, Richmond, Virginia 23284-3051, or you may e-mail the information to [lafloyd@vcu.edu](mailto:lafloyd@vcu.edu).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate program: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guests attending (limit of 2): \_\_\_\_\_

I do plan to attend the lunch.

I would prefer a vegetarian lunch.

If you need special accommodations please specify:

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