Welcome Weekend
First in the Family
Introduction

• First in the Family
  – Purpose of the Program
• What does it mean to be a First Generation College Student?
• Welcome Weekend
  – Parent Workshops
Introduction

- Terry Casey, Undergraduate Admission
- Trudi Goggin, Student Affairs
- Chad Rohman, Rosary College of Arts and Sciences
- Student Leaders
Differences Between High School and College

- Full-time Status is 12 – 18 credit hours
- Two hours outside the classroom for each hour in the class
- Course Schedule
  - Monday/Wednesday/Friday
  - Tuesday/Thursday
  - Evening Classes
Differences Between High School and College

- Syllabi – Course expectations and requirements
- Professor Office Hours
- No Mid-term Grades
  - Undergraduate Warning Notices
- Freshman Seminar - Advisor
- ADA/504 Accommodations
Differences Between High School and College

• Benefits of Living on Campus
• Opportunities for Involvement
  – Student organizations
  – Lectures
  – Service Learning/ Community Based Learning
  – Performances
  – Leadership
Student Responsibility

• Time Management
• Avoid Procrastination
• FERPA – Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act
• Dominican email is the official form of communication
• Self-Advocacy (IDEA vs. ADA)
Departments and Workshops Invested in Student Success

• Academic Enrichment Center
  – Career Development
    • Keli Wojciechowski, Parmer Hall, 010
  – Tutoring/Literacy and Learning Resources
    • Paul Simpson, Parmer Hall, 010
Departments and Workshops
Invested in Student Success

• RCAS Academic Advising
  – Angela Frazier, Lewis Link
  – Sr. Melissa Waters, Lewis Link
  – Paul Rodriguez, Lewis Link

• RCAS Academic Success Services
  – Robbi Byrdsong-Wright, Lewis Link
Departments and Workshops Invested in Student Success

• Student Affairs
  – Trudi Goggin, Lewis Hall, 132

• Wellness Center (Health and Counseling Services)
  – Elizabeth Ritzman, Coughlin Hall, 016

• Peer Advisors
  – Freshman Seminars
Departments and Workshops
Invested in Student Success

- Workshops to be held:
  - Scholars Hour
    - Monday – Thursday, 6:00pm – 9:00pm
  - First in the Family Student Organization
  - Dominican Immigrant Student Collective (DISC)
    - Lily Ibarra (ribarra@dom.edu)
  - The Village
    - Robbi Byrdson Wright (byrdsong@dom.edu)
Departments and Workshops
Invested in Student Success

• Art of Reading Intensive Introduction
  Tuesday, August 26, 2014 (2:30pm – 3:20pm)
• Art of Reading Intensive Introduction
  Thursday, August 28, 2014 (2:30pm – 3:20pm)
• How to Study In College Workshops
• International Student Success Workshops
College is an Investment

- Financial Responsibility
- Student Account
  - Tuition due by the first day of class
  - Payment Plans
  - Student Account Hold
- Financial Aid (FAFSA) – complete annually and on time
College is an Investment

• Affording College
  – Student Employment
    • Jobs.dom.edu
    • Can apply directly to student account
    • Jobs currently available on campus
  – Scholarships
    • www.fastweb.com
    • www.collegezone.com
    • www.collegeanswer.com
    • www.supercollege.com
    • http://www.iyjl.org/recursosresources/scholarshipsbecas
    • Academic Success Services site
Staff Assisting Students in Making College a Successful Investment

- Financial Aid, Lewis Hall, 120, (708) 524-6809:
  - Marie von Ebers
  - Debbie Morsovillo
  - Maria Defeo-Romanucci
  - Sharon Lentz
  - Tracy Howery

- Student Accounts, Lewis Hall, 119, (708) 524-6791:
  - Terri Shimkus
  - Renee Harrison
  - Norma Lesniak
College is a Worthy Investment

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Rhythm of College Life

- Challenges and Trends
- Questions to Ask
- Strategies for Parental Involvement
Rhythm of College Life

• August/September
  – Adjusting
  – Time Management
  – Uncertainty
  – Attend Parent Program: Welcome Weekend

• October
  – Identity and Diversity
  – Study Skills
  – Money Management
  – Attend Parent Program – Homecoming Weekend (October 3-5)
Rhythm of College Life

• November
  – Stress Management
  – Healthy Lifestyles

• December
  – Finals
  – Overwhelmed
  – Time Management
The Discussion Doesn’t Stop Here

• Welcome Weekend Program continues
• Parent Website
  – Dom.edu/parents
• Family Programs
• First in the Family student organization
Questions?