

Welcome, New Bethel Student!!

We are thrilled that you have chosen Bethel University to begin the next chapter of your life. Our goal is to help you adjust and grow as a whole person, intellectually, spiritually, socially, and physically, in a Christian environment. As the Dean of Students, I want to welcome you and give you an overview of what to expect this fall.

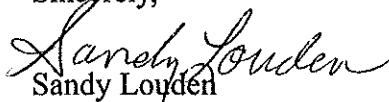
You will be enrolled in a College Orientation Experience class (COE 102) this fall. This course is designed to assist first-year students with the adjustment to college life and provide an opportunity to learn about themselves. It lays the groundwork for meeting goals in academic, social, physical, emotional, and spiritual dimensions. Topics for this course include study skills, financial aid, library orientation, college catalog and curriculum, and registration overview. The assessments will provide a foundation for developing and enhancing a student's critical thinking abilities, campus life experience, and response to social issues.

**On Thursday, August 15th**, our first-year freshmen will move in if you haven't already checked in early for your scholarship. Freshman Orientation will begin at **8:00 p.m.** on the quad. Registration and the opening ceremony will start on **August 16th at 8:30 a.m.** in front of the Dickey Fine Arts Building. The activities will conclude on Sunday, **August 18th**, after the worship service. **See the attached schedule for the events and times.**

This orientation is a perfect time for you to acclimate to college life and make new friends who, like you, are just beginning their college journey. Remember, Freshman Orientation is a **MUST** for all new students and marks the beginning of your grade for the COE class.

We look forward to meeting you during this exciting weekend. Please let me know if you need assistance. You can reach me at (731)-352-4225 or [loudens@bethelu.edu](mailto:loudens@bethelu.edu).

Sincerely,

  
Sandy Loudens

Dean of Student Development