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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): All right. Well, good morning, everyone. It's 8 0. 5 am. On the east coast of the U.S.A. And I am Charity Alinda, and we'll be introducing ourselves shortly. But I just want to thank you for joining us for our inaugural pre-arrival information session one. We will have a lot of these between now and when you get to the United States. So I'm so excited that you could join us this morning.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): I would like us to introduce ourselves. Today you're joined by myself.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Charity, Alinda. I am the director of international student and scholar, advising here at Brenmar College

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): context and fan facts.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Today is my 5th week, my 5th day, 1st week of my job, full time at Brenmar. So I'm brand new. So when you come in August you'll find a new person in the office, and we'll be talking about that later in detail. So I would like to request my colleague to introduce herself as well as we continue with this presentation.

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Dean MB: Hey, everybody! It's Dean, MB, I know I have met many of you in our group advising session, and I've talked to many of you via email as well. I'm associating of the 1st year experience. And I oversee the 1st year long 1st year experience program I use she her pronouns and I have been at Bryn Mawr for 23 years, and I'm excited that you joined us this morning or this afternoon, this evening, whatever time it might be where you are, and looking forward to welcoming you to campus at the end of August, as well.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Thank you. Thank you so much, Dean. All right.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So we will continue with our presentation. I would like to introduce you to the impact center.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So my office is housed in the impact center. So this is the center for community equity and understanding. We have a big team of people that is waiting to serve you, waiting to provide you with resources that you will need to be a successful Brenmar college student.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): This is the team. So when you come in August you'll be able to meet them.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Really, everyone is yet excited to welcome you. We are preparing for your arrival, and part of this pre-arrival information. Session is to give you some of the information you

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): you might need to feel comfortable as you transition from wherever you're coming from. As you join Brynma College, so we are excited, and we are looking forward to meeting you. Come, August.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): really quick. So

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): for those of you who will be joining us and those who might be able to join us sadly because of visa issues. You will be seeing this graphic that I have displayed here very often from me or from my office, or from Bren, my college.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): This is an opportunity for us to

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): share with you that we know you as an international student. This is going to be a trajectory of your journey, as you prepare to come to the United States.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So right now you are in the pre-arrival phase of your journey. Right? So you have been admitted. You got your admission letter hopefully. You have your I 20 and your Ds. 2,019.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): That was during the admission cycle.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Now we are bleeding into the pre-arrival phase of your international journey. You will find that

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): our college is equipped very well to take care of you throughout your international student journey at Brainmark College.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Our hope is that you will take full advantage of these services that we have for you.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So before we continue, if you don't mind, I would like you to type in the chat box your country of origin because you're trying to gather some information how many people attended and where they were coming from. So I'm just going to give you 5 seconds type your

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): type, the name of your country that way. We can gather that information really quick. Just say, if you're coming from China, China, if you're coming from Japan, put Japan, if you're coming from Ghana, Kenya, just go ahead and type that for me, I can see lots of chats coming through. That's amazing. We have 15 responses already 1617,

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): and we know we have 20. We have 19 people in here. So 2 people haven't done that yet.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So I'm hoping you'll be able to put that in as well in the chat box that way we can get to know where you're coming from, and as we continue to prepare for your arrival, at least we are fully aware, and we are familiar with your country of origin. So thank you so much

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): for those of you who have responded. So thank you again, we truly appreciate that. So as you look at this graphic, just picture yourself in this journey, and also know that we might not know all your needs, but we're here to help you navigate this journey. We are going to be walking alongside you, and we are very excited that you are going to be joining us.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): and thank you so much for those of you who have responded.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So let's continue here

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): really quick. I would like to touch on understanding your visa. Right? So most of you will be coming as f. 1 visa students.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): The f 1 visa student is designated for those students who are

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): traveling to the United States to seek a degree.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): You come for 4 years.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): choose 4 years or 2 years depending on your academic level to study, and you would be applying, or you have already received what we call an f 1 visa.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): If you are an exchange student, you are going to be joining us, using what we call a j. 1 visa. This is purely for exchange students only. Right so. And you come not a degree seeking students for non-degree seeking student, and you'll be coming for either one semester or 2 semesters depending on the agreement between Bryanmar College and your home institution.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): These 2 visa categories are the most common for students who come to the United States. And we want to make sure that you are.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): you have the right visa. Okay? So if you know, you are a degree seeking student, and you don't have an f 1 visa.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): or you received a different type of visa. Please let us know as soon as possible, because we want to make sure when you get on that plane, and you're coming in going through customs at the port of entry, regardless of what airport you are using to enter the United States, that you have the right visa. Okay, so just make sure. Once you get that passport back from the Embassy, or if you already have that passport back from the Embassy that you check to make sure you have the right visa classification for that

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): purpose of why you'd be coming to the United States.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): These 2 visas are issued by the Department of State, which is managed by the Embassy that's managed by the Department of State, and when you enter the United States that is managed by the Department of Homeland Security, so we will be talking about visa details, regulations.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): and some of the rules you have to follow in subsequent presentations, and when you arrive to the United States. But for now we just want to make sure that you have the right

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): visa classification to make sure your journey is smooth, and as you transition from your home country to Bryn Maw is not interrupted at all for immigration purposes.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): for the J. Aspect that is managed by the Department of Homeland Security, but also

Department of State. So we use the Student Exchange vista program to manage all your information. So these are some of the things you really don't have to worry about. But as we start asking for information, as we ask you to complete different forms, as we ask you to complete your profile in GPS,

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): there is a reason as to why we'll be doing that, and the goal is to make sure that we keep you in status and your studies and your life in the United States and at Bren. Maw, in particular, is not interrupted at all.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So that's a really quick

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): explanation of those 2 visa categories. We will have a detailed explanation in subsequent slides, but also when you arrive to the United States. Come, August.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): right now, I would like us to look at a few key reminders, and my colleague,

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Dean, MB. Is going to be talking about them, and so I will stop sharing, and then she will go ahead and share her screen that way. She can walk you through some of the tasks.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): and some of you might have completed them already, which is great. Thank you so much, but some of you might not have completed those tasks already, so I'm going to stop sharing. Then she will share her screen to go ahead and walk you through those steps.

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Dean MB: Okay, great, thank you.

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Dean MB: So I'm gonna go to our 1st year.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Sure 1st year experience website and.

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Dean MB: This information applies to all new students coming to Bryn Mawr. Right? So whether you are a transfer student or an exchange student or a 1st year student. This all applies because you have to do all of these things to set up.

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Dean MB: so that you are ready to join us in August. So all of you have set up your burner email or you wouldn't have been able to get onto our zoom today. You do need to verify that you can log into moodle. I think many of you have

done that. All of your classes will have a moodle like we have our class of 2029 moodle. But all of your academic classes will have a moodle class associated with them. So it is important that you're able to log into moodle.

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Dean MB: You can do that by clicking this link. It'll take you right to moodle to log in.

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Dean MB: You should have a Bryn Mawr zoom account. I can see that

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Dean MB: all of you here. Do you do need to complete your health, form? Everyone who is a new student has to complete the health form and submit it before you can register for classes all new students, regardless of if they are 1st year transfer or exchange. Students will register for classes with us on August 11.th So you do need to get in that information with your healthcare provider.

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Dean MB: If you have questions about the form, the health form, the email address to contact is Nurse NURS. e@brynmarr.edu.

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Dean MB: So there were some things that were due in June.

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Dean MB: so things that you can still do are take placement exams, so

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Dean MB: you can also still complete the swim survey, and you can still complete the entering student questionnaire. Those things are for us to be able to advise you on your classes, you know, even if you are transferring in or just here for a semester or a year. It's good for us to have some information about your academic interests so that we can guide you in selecting classes.

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Dean MB: So technically, the medical forms were already due, but we are accepting them. Through the 1st week of August. We have a Town Hall meeting tonight that you could join at 7 Pm. Eastern Standard time to have questions about life on campus answered for you. Andrew Wilbraham, our assistant director of the 1st year, will be on that session.

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Dean MB: You should have completed a housing form. Those were due earlier this week. If you haven't completed it, please reach out to residential life. Now, to complete it, their email is reslife. RESL. IFE. At Brynmaredu.

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Dean MB: You have until the end of the day today to select your Emily Balt seminars.

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Dean MB: There is information that is on our moodle about how you do that in Bionic.

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Dean MB: Some of this stuff is optional. If you would like to talk with our dietician. You can do that. Everyone does need to submit for a 1 card. So this is your Bryn Mawr College Id. That you will use to get into every building on campus.

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Dean MB: And you need to go through this process. You click this link and it'll take you to how you

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Dean MB: go through the process to create a Bryn Mawr Id. That includes uploading a photo of you. The photo should look like a passport photo, nothing behind you, and holding nothing, wearing no hat or sunglasses.

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Dean MB: We also have a religious life survey that you can fill out, and then, coming up in August.

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Dean MB: bills are due in the beginning of august information from student accounts should have gone out at the end of June. If you have questions about any bill that you receive student accounts is the office to be in touch with

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Dean MB: all of you should have received information yesterday from Kelly, Professor Kelly, France, about our writing diagnostic for non-native speakers of English. I know she sent out an information email, introducing herself to all of you and talking a little bit about that.

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Dean MB: We have an arrival form that we would like for you to complete when you have your travel arrangements. This is where you tell us the flight you're going to be on, so that we, you know, if you don't show up when we might expect we can go and look and see. Oh, your flight was delayed. It is very helpful for us to have that information so that we know what airport you're arriving at, and when we can expect you on campus

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Dean MB: preregistration is the week of August 11th to the 15.th I think many of you have already attended

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Dean MB: one of the group advising sessions. Don't forget to sign up for a 1-on-one appointment to be able to talk about the classes you might register, for we have lots of other stuff available in our moodle, and I'm just going to very quickly. Go to the moodle just to show you that.

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Dean MB: so that you could just see if you haven't been to the moodle lately, or you perhaps have never been to the

moodle.

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Dean MB: this is what it looks like, and it has lots of applicable information for all entering students. I really recommend that you navigate from the table of contents to the different things. It'll give you lots of information. Take you back out to the checklist

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Dean MB: something that should be perhaps of more importance to you at this time, when you're thinking about your classes are all of these class listings here. So these are all of the different college approaches and other college requirements, classes offered in them.

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Dean MB: during the fall semester. Looking at these often can give you an idea about some departments that might peak an interest of you.

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Dean MB: But this has lots of information videos, lots of different lots of different stuff. So it is really useful, for you also has the link to video tutorials for Bionic, because I know bionic could be a little bit confusing.

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Dean MB: So I think I will end there just a very brief overview of the stuff, and you can always reach out to us to ask us any questions. Just. There was one thing I sent yesterday in the email I sent to all of you.

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Dean MB: which was a survey to let us know about how your process is going in obtaining a visa, and I will follow up today. If you haven't sent it out, we're going to put it in the chat. If you haven't filled it out, we'll put it at the chat in the end.

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Dean MB: That we would appreciate if you would fill it out by Monday.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Thank you so much. Did MB. And thank you so much for staying here with us. So before we continue, we are just going to read out really the countries that are present here. So we had Kazakhstan, Greece, Bangladesh, Georgia, Nepal, Japan, Pakistan, India, Ethiopia, Switzerland.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): China.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): yes, so if you have more students who are here and haven't really put in your country of origin. Please go ahead and do that

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): that way. We will be able to recognize you and also keep that data for us. And I'm going to go back to sharing my screen. And just so, you know, we will have plenty of time at the end of the presentation for your questions. So if you have any questions or things come up during the presentation, just go ahead and jot them down. Then we'll have plenty of time to answer your questions. Come, the session in time. So I'm just going to go continuing here.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So we present here just really good.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): awesome. So thank you so much for doing that part D and MB. For international students, I'm going to go ahead and click on what we call the global portal system. So if you can see this, give me a thumbs up, please.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Big thumbs up. If you can see? Awesome, awesome. All right. So GPS, or the global portal system is where you can request

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): anything concerning any sort of processing for international students. So if you haven't yet accessed this system. Please please remember to do it.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): It kind of describes what GPS allows you to do.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Basically, you'll find information about maintaining a visa status or classification in the United States.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): This is where you gave us information to release your form i. 20 or your Ds. 2,019,

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): and we were able to send it to you thankfully. And this is the only time I'll ever say. Thanks to Covid. Thanks to Covid, we can now release I-twenties electronically, before covid. The Us. Government never allowed us to do that. So that's the only advantage that came out of covid-nineteen. So I'll forever be grateful for that.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So GPS is

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): pretty much available for you. 24, 7. So when you arrive, and during orientation, even even beyond the time of orientation. We will have different workshops to talk about working in the United States.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Traveling while you're still a student

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): traveling within the United States or traveling overseas, what you need to do like a travel signature, etc. So every little request that you might have as an international student can be put in via GPS. So once you log in.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): even before you arrive to the United States, you are more than welcome to go in, patch around, look around, test a few forms out, etc. Etc. And that way you can get familiar with the system, because it would be easier for you to request for a service or to get responses from our office through this system.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): as once you have gotten really familiar with the system. So I just wanted to make sure I introduce to you this system and

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): come January the company that hosts it is going to roll out a new platform which is going to be more user, friendly and more intuitive. So just get familiar with this system once you are familiar with it now it will be way much easier to use it. Come January. So if you have any questions about it, please let us know it's a single sign on system meaning you can use your

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): bring my college credentials. So your username or email and password to access it. So you shouldn't have any trouble getting in. Should you, for any reason, have issues getting in, then leads, or our it department can take care of you, and either reconfigure your credentials or help you sign in without a problem at all.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So that's what I wanted to share there.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): and I will continue here with our presentation.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Some of the services that we provide in our office will vary right? So we'll have orientation for you when you arrive. We'll have workshops for you as an international student when you come to the United States, and even during your time in the United States. We will help you understanding your visa, your passport.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): some of the important documents like the form I-ninety 4. And what your I-twenty means

what your Ds 2,019 means. Right? So we will be available to help you understand the immigration side of your

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): live as an international student.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): We, however, go beyond that. We are not just an immigration services office or advising office. We want to remind you that. Yes, you are an international student. You are a bren Maw college student, but also you're still a human being, right? You need to have a little bit of fun when you're here, just to be a whole person. So in addition to the immigration side of things, we will have programming for you. We will plan trips to Washington, DC. We'll go to New York City. We'll go to Philadelphia. So

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): we will have those activities and events planned for you.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Your goal or your part is really to participate. We would like to see you engaged with other international students on campus, not only just international students, but also domestic American students. Right? So

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): our goal is to make sure you are fully integrated into the Brynma College community. So whatever we can do to make that be true or come to fruition, we will try to do, but we will need your participation. We will need your cooperation. And that's why we are talking about these things. Now that way, you have that idea in your mind already that these services will be here for you to be

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): to be taken fully advantage of. One of the things that I liked to do during my time at my previous institution is like on occasion. We used to play impromptu football games or soccer. Most Americans call it soccer. Right? So if you're coming from Europe or Africa or Asia, we call it football, right? So

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): you might, if you like to play football, this might be your chance to show your skills. It doesn't have to be competitive. All skill levels are welcome. This could be opportunity to show off how athletic you are without necessarily needing to win right? So we'll have football games. We'll have movie nights. We'll have poetry nights. We'll have on campus excursions, board game nights. So these are some of the things that you should be planning to

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): have or participate in that way. You don't feel isolated because we know homesickness is a real thing.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): and we want to make sure we alleviate that right? So and maybe this is also the time to start thinking about some of your customs, or traditional garbs or attires that you might have. And you want to come

with thinking about some of the things you want to buy, or even just bring with you. So if you're coming from Africa, Asia, or the weather is like really cool customs when it comes to attire and clothes

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): carrying an item or 2 doesn't hurt right? We could have it like a fashion show during the National Discussion week in November, we might say, how about we showcase your culture, and maybe you could show us the

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): whatever attire you wear. I don't want to mention something. Then I leave other people out. So whatever you wear that is unique to your culture. Maybe bring an item or 2, and we'll be enhancing this type of explanation during the last pre-arrival information session. As we talk about things to pack before you come to the United States. So just a really quick want to let you know these are the services we provide. We are here to help. You

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): don't feel overwhelmed because the Us. Immigration system can be really complex. Our goal is to make it simple, but also also have fun at the same time

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): again. So the international student journey. So right now it's 8 30 right? And I want to leave a bit of time for questions for you at the end of that presentation. So these questions that I have for you right now are to prompt you to think about your journey as you plan for your arrival. Right? So where currently are you on this journey? Right? So most of you are definitely in the pre-arrival phase right, especially if you have received a visa. If you don't have a visa yet, you're maybe on the

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): starting bit of the pre-arrival phase of the journey. So once you get your visa, you buy your ticket, you'll be in the pre-arrival, finishing the pre-arrival and eventually arriving to the United States. So

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): kind of determine where you are that way. You can plan accordingly. Think about some of the questions you have currently as you plan. Is it about flights? Is it about classes? Is it about

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): campus life at Brandmark College? Is it about life in the United States? Or is it about how you're going to be missing your friends right, maybe reaching out to them, letting them know you got a visa. You're coming to the Us. Some of you might have the ability to go back and visit during break. Some of you might not have that time or the means right. So

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): thinking about those questions will help you and prep you as you plan appropriately to come right? So

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): I think it's really it's okay. If you journaling those questions that way, you don't forget

some of the things is really is up to you of how you like to either. Just think about the questions and just keep aware of them, or you want to write them down or type them somewhere that is really upon you.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Then, also identifying some of the major stresses you might have right now, are you just worried about going to a new country, and some of you might not have come to the Us. Before. Some of you might have come on vacation or in high school as an exchange student.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Whatever case may be just identifying those stress factors now will help you not be as stressful when the time comes as you get on that plane to come to the United States. So again, these are all questions to think about.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): It's part of your journey. If you feel sad or very excited? These are emotions that are natural that anyone would expect to have. So I gave you these questions. We are sharing these questions with you, just to prompt you to start thinking proactively about your transition from whatever country you're coming from to the United States and to Brenmar College in particular

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): again again on the journey. Right? So I told you. This is going to be the Graphic, you'll see, and when you come in August I'll quiz you about this phase I'm kidding. I will not quiz you about it, but I will remind you about this journey right? So right now on the journey. So pre-arrival, the arrival phase is going to come really soon before you know it right now. It's July 11.th

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): You'll be arriving on August 26.th So that's going to be our arrival date. So keeping that in mind is critical.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Having it on your calendar is a wonderful thing. Sharing it with your family and friends is helpful if you care to do that, or if you think you need to do that, it's totally appropriate. But mark your calendar, please. Arrival is August 26, th August 26.th Let me repeat that not August 28.th It's August 26, th

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): and that's when we'll begin our orientation as well, in subsequent days after that arrival date.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): And also, as you're buying your flights right, just keep in mind as an international student on an f 1 visa or j. 1 visa. You are actually allowed to enter the United States legally 30 days before your program start. Date

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): right? However, because of housing and stuff. You can't really come on campus 30 days

before the program started. If you want to come early with your family.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): go on a quick little vacation in the Us. You're welcome to do that if you have the means, do it right.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): But arriving, arriving on campus itself will be August 26.th So I just want to make sure that it's clear, and I can answer or clarify that during the Q. And a session at the end of the presentation, so

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): arrival. August 26.th Then we'll have orientation. During that phase we'll have different sessions. We'll take you to. We might take you to a welcome back Bowling Night. We will take you to get your social security number for those of you are going to be working on campus. We have a program plan for you and Dean MB. And my office are actively planning for your arrival. And just so, you know, we're excited to have you, and I keep saying that because I mean it.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Okay, let's see what else is here. So what is the vision for our services? And this is really kind of high level stuff, and I don't want to go into details.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): But really, the key reminder is, we want to meet your needs as a student at Brenner College, right? So you chose us, and we accepted you as well. And we didn't do that lightly.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): because a lot of students apply to this college and really don't get in. So I'm so glad you got in and you're coming.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So our mandate and my desire and our desire and Dnmb. Will agree with this is to meet your needs right.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): and we're here to help you. There are various offices on campus to give you these services

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): as we meet your needs, though we want to make sure we are adhering to institutional policy. So Brain Master College has its own policies, right? So we will be able to serve you well, as long as we meet those policies.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): If there is a need that you have that kind of contradicts with what the the college policy is, we may not be able to meet that need. So we have to balance

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): meeting your needs and institutional policy.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): In addition to that, we have to remain compliant with government regulations, and this is local, state and Federal regulations. So we will do our best to balance those 3 things, meeting your needs.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): following institutional policy and remaining in compliance with government regulations, especially when it comes to your immigration status as an international student.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Our overall goal is to ensure that you have the right tools and resources to be successful. Not only while you are a student here at Bren Maw.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): but also beyond the time with us, right? Time is going to come. You'll graduate before you know it, and, believe me, I've worked with students for over 10 years. Now they come this year. They think they're going to be here forever before you know it. Boom! They have graduated. They're going on to do optional practical training or working in the Us. Or going back home or going to a different country. So time is going to go really fast.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): But our goal is to make sure you have the resources to go through that journey in a smooth way right? And the transitions

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): we want to make sure they are as smooth as possible as you move from one phase of that journey to the other. So that is our overall goal. All we would ask from you, all we would request from you, and we'll keep reminding you about. This is just your cooperation, your desire to engage in our activities, our programming, etc. Etc. And also knowing that

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): folks are here to provide you with answers and resources you're looking for to be a successful student at Bren Mer College.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Okay? Again, just a quick reminder. You are in charge of this journey.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): The campus community here is ready, and will always support you to achieve your

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): success right? Because at the end of the day we will be the happiest and very fulfilled when you have successfully graduated, and you're great alums of our college right? So, however, though this journey belongs to you, you have a hundred percent power to make it as enjoyable as possible, or make it as stressful as possible as well. So

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): it's yours. You own it. We're here we are your champions. We will support you. We'll guide you. We'll do whatever we can to make sure you're successful. But remember, the responsibility lies in your hands, and

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): I will keep reminding you of this, and I'm sure you'll have a ton of questions between now and August.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): and I'm excited that you're here, and I'm looking forward to

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): serving you and spending time with you as you come to join us at this wonderful college of ours.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Now this is the time. If you're coming from a country that speaks Swahili, this is when I say, Sante Sana, if you're from a different country that doesn't speak Swahili, and maybe you've watched some of the Disney movies.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): You would know if there's a movie. If they say Hakuna Matara, that is Swahili meaning no worries. But Asanche Sana means. Thank you. So I want to thank you for being here. I'm originally from Uganda. That's why I speak a bit of Swahili.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): so I want to thank you for being here, and I'm going to leave 20 min for you to ask any of the questions you might have, so I'm going to stop sharing my screen that way. We can transition into the Q. And a discussion because we want to get to know you a little bit, but also get to answer your questions as you transition from your country to the United States again. Thank you, and I will go ahead and

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): stop sharing. All right you should be able to unmute yourselves and ask any questions that you might have.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): We are here. We have plenty of time. We don't have to be here for 20 min if we end in 5 min. That's fine. But we want to make sure we are available to answer your questions.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Okay? So we have a question in the chat.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): really good question. So remember, in my presentation, I said, this is my 5th day here. Right?

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So that's there is no, as far as I know, as far as I know, and I could be wrong. But I can double check and get back to you.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Ifrata.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): No, the answer would be, no, however, Brenner College is so close to the airports. Philadelphia airport. Phl. As you're planning for your flights.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): We don't have a service right now to provide

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): transportation from the airport to the college? A. Because it's really easily accessible by train, but also by other rideshares like Uber and lyft, etc.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): If for some reason there is high demand of this.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): we it is a service we can explore to provide to students. But as far as I know.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): And again, don't quote me on this. As far as I know, we don't have that service in place. Presently.

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Dean MB: Correct. We don't so

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Dean MB: Many students have either taken Septa to Bryn Mawr from the airport, or sometimes students have gotten together and have

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Dean MB: taken an Uber to Bryn Mawr. So the one thing that is also really great about when you fill out that form, letting us know about your transportation is that then we can connect those of you together who might be flying on flights together so, or landing around the same time.

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Dean MB: So sometimes we have also, you know, made sure that people know you know that they look for these folks from Bryn Mawr, and you could all travel to Bryn Mawr together, so that information will come out until probably the middle of August, maybe second week of August. Once we have all those forms back, but we absolutely do connect people who are either on the same flight, and you may not know that you're all headed to the same place, or are on flights that all kind of land at the same time.

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Dean MB: If you're arriving at Philadelphia International Airport, that is.

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Grace Cox: I have.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Thank you for that question, though. Yeah, Grace, what's up.

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Grace Cox: On the 26th of August? Will will the will everything start on that day, or will we have time to recuperate from, say, jet lag, or something like that.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): MB, I'm gonna ask, have you answer this? However, though.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): for the part for international students, we are trying to give you a bit of time to decompress before we begin heavy programming. Right? So we have that in mind as we plan.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): But I'm going to let Dean MB. Jump in here.

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Dean MB: Right. So there might be some things that you may need to do with our International Student Office during that day.

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Dean MB: but we don't really have any programming planned other than just a get together. That's later. That night and the next day is our domestic student arrival. So the majority of the morning. You know you will not have to do anything unless you have something that you need to do with international student services. But you should have most of the day.

Then on Wednesday, until dinner, where you

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Dean MB: would be gathering together with the other students on your hall to all go to dinner together, so I know that's not a lot of time, and it's maybe not enough time for recovery from a jet lag. I totally get that. But you should have some time in between when you arrive, and when everything really gets going.

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Grace Cox: Thank you.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): And really Grace. Sometimes jet lag kicks in 2 days after you fly.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): because your body is still traveling like

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): the brain is still traveling, so we will try to not give you heavy information during the 1st 2 days that way, at least for immigration purposes, because I don't want you to say, I don't remember that, and I will believe you because you'd have been jet lagged, so I get it.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Can our parents join on the 26th and 27th with us. During events.

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Dean MB: Yeah.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Didn't be.

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Dean MB: Absolutely. Yes. So the 26.th We don't have any events on the 26, th other than your arrival, and moving into the dorm on the 27.th We have sessions that are specifically for parents and guardians, and those start at 12 pm. Eastern time, and they end at 5 Pm. Eastern time. We do ask that they leave at 5 pm. So that you can start getting connected with your Customs group and with the college.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): And we'll ask them nicely. We will be like.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Now you must leave. We'll be nice about it.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Don't worry any other questions. We have time.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): They don't have to be about arrival. It can be about life at the college.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So Yamuna has a question, will there be assistance provided during a national student retention for opening this bank account. We will have information about that, and MB. Can jump in to give a bit of more detail here. But the answer is a soft Yes from me.

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Dean MB: Right, so we don't necessarily help you open the account. That's something you'll have to do yourself. But we do introduce you to banks in campus that are you know, just outside of campus.

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Dean MB: and then you make a decision. You could also make a decision before you arrive. What bank you might want to have an account at, and sometimes they do require proof that you're a student from the college, and so you may need to set up that account during the 1st week when you're here, so you might be able to do it on the during orientation. But you might also have to go back to finish setting it up during the 1st week.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Thank you for that question.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Alright, Sarika, you have a question. You can unmute yourself.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): And do you mind introducing yourself really quick, and let us know what you're coming to study, and what your country of origin is.

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Sarika Saiyara: Yeah, sure. So Hi, I'm Sarika Sayara. You actually pronounced it correctly. So kudos to you for that. Not not a lot of people get it right? So I'm very happy. I am from Bangladesh, originally from Hakka, the capital. It's a very, very crowded city, filled with millions and millions of people. So it's going to be quite a change of scenery to be, you know, in Bren Maw, where it's not so crowded.

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Sarika Saiyara: and I hope I'll be sort of majoring, maybe in psychology or economics or health studies somewhere in between. And my question is a little too specific, I'm afraid, but I'll still go ahead and ask.

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Sarika Saiyara: So during Thanksgiving, most domestic tour students would have the opportunity to travel back home, be with their family or their friends. So I was wondering if there's any such program for international students at that

time, you know to, you know. Maybe I don't know. Have dinner together, or any such occasions for us to connect, and I don't know. Be grateful for each other.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Great. Thank you so much, Erica, for that. And you say, during Thanksgiving, right?

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Yeah. You said during Thanksgiving, yeah, there is a friends giving event that our office and other stakeholders on campus collaborate on. So there will be an option for those students who are not able to

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): travel home.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): And that doesn't. That one is specific. That's a general question for everyone. So that's a good thing.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Maybe other folks fear to ask it. So I'm glad you brought it up. So there will be

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): a programming for you, an alternative programming for you

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): and Kyra. You have a question. Do you mind doing the same thing, just introducing yourself really quick, and letting.

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Kyra Menezes: Yeah.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): What you might be measuring in.

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Kyra Menezes: Yeah. So I'm from India. And like, sorry, I'm also from like a really crowded city. I'm from New Delhi, which is the capital of India

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Kyra Menezes: we have like I'm I'm really looking forward to like the like.

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Kyra Menezes: Not so urban. Landscape of Printmore, and like

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Kyra Menezes: the open air and the campus and the trees and the ground.

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Kyra Menezes: And I'm

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Kyra Menezes: hoping to study English literature. But I may change my mind about that. I want to explore different things.

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Kyra Menezes: so the question I wanted to ask well, actually, I have 2 of them. One of them I feel like Dean, and we may have already addressed, but I just wasn't sure if I heard everything correctly. So we are supposed to inform you of like our flight numbers and everything right. Even for those of us who may be coming like a few days early.

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Dean MB: Yeah. So we have the international travel form just to let us know what your travel plans are. Yeah.

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Kyra Menezes: Alright, thank you.

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Kyra Menezes: Also. My second question was.

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Kyra Menezes: like, it's a bit more niche and specific to me. Because my visa situation is

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Kyra Menezes: it's like a unique one. So I haven't needed to use the GPS portal because I've got my visa, so would I require

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Kyra Menezes: it later on campus like to log in for other things.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So, Kyra? I don't think I fully understood that question. It might be a bit more specific. So how about we connect outside the meeting that way, we can set up a quick Zoom Meeting. Not today, probably on a Monday. That way, we can talk about that specific question. Is that okay?

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Kyra Menezes: Yeah, thank, you.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Yeah, yeah, we will connect one on one. To make sure, I fully understand the question. And also I give you the appropriate answer. Is that, okay?

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Yeah. Good. Thank you.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Thank you so much, Kara. I just remembered Grace. You had a quick question earlier, but we didn't give you a chance to introduce yourself. If you don't mind, you are welcome to introduce yourself, and let us know your country of origin, and what you might, Major, in later at Bren, Maw.

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Grace Cox: So I am currently living in. Well, I live in Switzerland, but my country of origin is England, United Kingdom, and also France. And so I'm I'm very interested in learning languages. And

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Grace Cox: a couple of years ago I spent a year abroad in Japan. So I'm interested in continuing Japanese studies.

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Grace Cox: And maybe

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Grace Cox: I don't know exactly what I want to, major in. That's why I'm going to Brynmore. So I'm excited to find out what interests me. And

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Grace Cox: yeah.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Thank you, and that's valid. You don't have to know what you want to, major in. That's the beauty of Brenner College, right? You spend the 1st one or 2 years deciding. And then you declare later. So that's exciting. So we're excited to have you. And it sounds like you've traveled around a bit, so that really will add to our community as well. So I'm excited to have you in August, and also for you to get to know other students from

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): different parts of of the world.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): We have about 9Â min. We don't have to spend all the 9Â min here if you're not on video, and you'd like to introduce yourself. You're welcome to do that. It's not a must that you have to do it. But just so, you know, you have that option, that option is available for you? We can stick around for a few more questions. But

these have been really, really wonderful questions. And this is the 1st of the many questions that sorry the 1st of many pre-arrival information sessions they were planning for you.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): The next 2 sessions will focus on additional campus resources and time of transition, and also be leaving a bit of time at the end of each information session for you to ask questions. And you're welcome to be repeats. Right? You've come to this. You can come to the next 2 or 3 sessions as well.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): The final final one in August. I believe it's August 7.th If I'm not mistaken, we'll send you the information. Anyway, we'll really just focus on last minute reminders, right? So when you arrive what you should expect.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): items you should put in your carry-on instead of the checked bag.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): what to say at the airport, etc. Etc. So we'll be focusing on those last minute reminders that way, you can really feel fully fully prepared for your transition to Bren Maw College. So, MB, you've shared something in the chat. Do you mind enhancing on that a little bit.

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Dean MB: Sure. So yesterday in the email reminder I sent about this program, I included an information form just to ask you to provide us with information about where you are in the process of obtaining your visa. I know that many of you have completed that form, but if you haven't, we would really like for you to be able to complete that, if not today, hopefully, by Monday. Just so, we know where you are in that process.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Thank you so much.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): I just wanna make sure we're not losing any questions here. So we don't have any other questions in the chat

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): and sounds like we have answered all the questions that folks had. Except for Kyra. I'm gonna be reaching out for a 1-on-one advising session.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): yeah.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): if you don't have any other questions, I can give you 6 more minutes for you guys to go. I don't know how late it is in

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): different countries. Maybe you want to go to sleep.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): but for us it's just the beginning of the day. It's very early in the morning here. So once we log off. We're just gonna have

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): time to spend until we sleep later.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): That's kind of obvious, right? So really, seriously, any other questions before we break off, or are we good to go for the day?

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): So for the next session. One thing I should remind you of, I would like you to come with something you're looking forward to at your time at Bren Maw. Right?

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): It can be a quick sentence which can be just like a 1 word. It can be like food.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Oh, weather

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): or friends, right? So think about that, and we'll be sending you information probably 2 weeks before Dnmb, maybe we should shoot for 2 weeks before for folks to sign up, and then that way we can gather again, get to know each other. So by the time you arrive on campus. We kind of already know each other right. It won't be like these new people. It will be like, Oh, look! It's Sakura Sadika, or it's Elena, or it is Kyra right? So it's great. So it will be easier to communicate and

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): kind of get to know each other already. So

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): officially. I want to thank you again for joining us this morning, the East Coast time, and this is the 1st time doing this here at least, so I'm excited that most of you are able to join us for those of you who will be watching this after we would encourage you to join the next information session, because we want to have these regular sessions that way. You can get to meet your fellow students that you'll be going to classes with, but also spending time in the Us. Together.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): but also get a chance to meet some of Bren, my college, our faculty and staff

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): faculty and staff. You'll be interacting with pretty much on a daily basis, because we are residential college, and I'm sure you'll be able to to be very valuable for you to get to know these folks before you arrive on campus. So thank you again. Thank you, Dean. MB. For being here.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): I'm very excited about this, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all again sometime later this month or next month. I think it's later this month. It's going to be on the July 23rd If I'm not mistaken.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): alright good! And we're gonna be signing out, and we will be seeing you in a couple of weeks.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Think again.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): Bye-bye.

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Dean MB: Come in!

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): I'm gonna stop recording.

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Dr. Charity Alinda (He/Him): I removed the last.