

NEW STUDENT

WELCOME GUIDE

2020 - 2021



A WORD OF WELCOME

Congratulations on your acceptance to Saint Leo University! We are thrilled to welcome you to our vibrant campus – you'll have tremendous opportunities to earn a high-value degree, get involved, form lasting friendships, and pursue your interests both inside and out of the classroom.

After having welcomed Saint Leo University's largest class in our 130-year history this past Fall Semester, we are excited that you are considering joining another historic class this year.



As you consider your options, and prepare for what is likely the biggest life decision you've made, we're here to help every step of the way! This Welcome Guide contains helpful information and resources – but there is no substitute for one-on-one conversations, so I encourage you to do just that. Reach out to your admissions counselor, give me a call, or contact our financial aid representatives. We are here to answer your every question. Most importantly, I hope that you will visit our campus and experience firsthand how Saint Leo University can prepare you to meet your future goals and realize what's within.

Best,

Maribeth Stevens
Assistant Vice President
University Campus Enrollment



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Review the information in your acceptance letter.
- Check in with us! Let your admissions counselor know you received your letter and where you are in your decision process. This is a great time to address any questions or concerns you may have, which enables your counselor to help you get the information you need.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after October 1. You can apply online by visiting fafsa.ed.gov. Be sure to add Saint Leo to your Top 10 School List by using the Saint Leo University federal school code: 001526.
- Submit your deposit as soon as possible to reserve your place in the incoming class. Visit saintleo.edu/deposit for details on all the ways you can deposit. Submitting your enrollment deposit will allow you to begin the next steps in the process, such as submitting your housing application and completing placement testing.
- Plan to attend one of our new student events here on campus or schedule a campus visit. Visit saintleo.edu/visit-campus for updated event information.
- Check out our website for Admitted Student Resources at saintleo.edu/admitted-students-checklist.
- Ensure that your official final transcript is sent to us directly by your school. Remember that we must receive your official final transcript directly from your school prior to your enrollment.

REALIZE WHAT'S WITHIN.

PARENT & FAMILY COLUMN

Dr. Jen Shaw
Vice President for Student Affairs

Congratulations on becoming a proud Saint Leo University parent or family member!

One of our core values is Community. As the parent or family member of a Saint Leo student, we now consider you to be a member of our University family. You are beginning an exciting journey and we welcome you to the Saint Leo community.

The Parent and Family Association serves as a point of contact for parents and families, and provides a variety of programming so that you can engage with Saint Leo, know what is happening day-to-day on campus, and have the opportunity to participate in activities with your student and with other families.

We want to provide you with relevant resources that you will find useful for advising your student as they begin to take on the responsibilities of college life. One of the key initiatives of this office is to continually enhance communication with parents. As a Saint Leo parent and family member, you should consider accessing day-to-day information through a variety of social media. The Facebook group "Saint Leo University Parents" is updated frequently. You may even spot your student in one of the many campus photos! The University, Saint Leo leaders, and many offices and student organizations are active on other platforms including Twitter. I hope you will follow me on @SaintLeoVPJen.

The parent and family section of our website saintleo.edu/parents is a great source of current information and resources.



The faculty and staff of Saint Leo University look forward to welcoming your student to campus and providing an exceptional education! Contact the Parent and Family Association team for assistance:

Dr. Jen Shaw, Vice President of Student Affairs,
jen.shaw@saintleo.edu, (352) 588-7096

Dr. Ken Posner, Associate Vice President,
Kenneth.posner@saintleo.edu, (352) 588-8992

Ms. Dawn McElveen, Director of Orientation and Parent/Family, dawn.mcelveen@saintleo.edu, (352) 588-8499

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STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Jen Shaw
Vice President for Student Affairs

Congratulations on being admitted to Saint Leo University! We hope you will choose to become an active part of our community. We practice a student-centered, student-first philosophy of service that will make your years here a growth-oriented and positive experience. Each one of the Student Affairs offices provides support for your needs in various areas of student life:

- ▶ **UNIVERSITY SAFETY** provides a safe and secure campus environment through 27/7/365 services, van shuttles, and safety escorts around campus
- ▶ **CAREER SERVICES** boosts your career related skills and connects you to internships and part-/full-time positions.
- ▶ **COUNSELING** provides a setting where students can explore concerns, knowing that the content of their visit is held in the strictest confidence and provides a 24/7/365 number for assistance: 352-588-TALK.
- ▶ **DINING SERVICES** offers delicious and nutritious food in a fun, community atmosphere for residential and commuter students. Includes the Caf, Lion's Lair, and Benedict's Coffeehouse.
- ▶ **ORIENTATION** offers programs to help you in your transition to college which are fun, helpful, and get you started on the right path!
- ▶ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** oversees the LEAD Scholar program while working with students to enhance their leadership skills.
- ▶ **MILITARY AFFAIRS & SERVICES** is committed to supporting our veteran students to ensure academic and personal success. A Military Resource Center is located in Building 4.
- ▶ **MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS** provides assistance to our multicultural student organizations and coordinates programming for the entire community focused on equity, appreciation, and diversity.
- ▶ **RESIDENCE LIFE** assists you with your residence hall needs in your "home away from home" with a wide variety of living options that include highly trained professional staff and student Resident Assistants that provide safety, support, community building, and events for each residence.
- ▶ **STUDENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT** provides a wide variety of programs and events to help students engage with the community, serve others, learn something, and have fun! Our Student Government Union and other student organizations also plan events such as concerts, comedians, museum and theme park trips, bands, Spring Fling, and Fall Family Festival. You will also find many student organizations, Greek Life, community service, and leadership development opportunities. Families will enjoy an engaging orientation experience and then the opportunity to be part of the Parent and Family Association, receiving communication year around.

Our staff will work with you to help make your life at college smooth and successful. The possibilities are endless! Our core values of Community, Respect, Excellence, Personal Development, Responsible Stewardship, and Integrity mean a great deal to us and are part of everything we do. By attending Saint Leo, you will enjoy the fruits of a values-based education inside and outside the classroom. We expect you will learn from these values and be an involved student who contributes to the life of this institution.

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FINANCIAL AID

So you've been admitted to Saint Leo University... now you are focused on planning how to pay for your college education. The Office of Admissions and the Student Financial Support Center are here to help you navigate the financial aid process. Additional information regarding financial aid may be found online at: saintleo.edu/finaid.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available to complete as soon as possible after October 1. You may apply online at fafsa.ed.gov. The Saint Leo University federal school code is 001526.

We want to hear from you! Contact the Office of Admissions:

PHONE (352) 588-8283

EMAIL admissions@saintleo.edu

FAX (352) 588-8257

WEB saintleo.edu/university-campus-admissions



UNIVERSITY CONTACTS

Academic Affairs	(352) 588-8244	
Academic Programs		saintleo.edu/academics
College of Arts & Sciences	(352) 588-8294	saintleo.edu/college-of-arts-sciences
College of Business	(352) 588-8599	saintleo.edu/college-of-business
College of Education & Social Services	(352) 588-8272	saintleo.edu/college-of-education-social-services
Accessibility Services	(352) 588-8464	saintleo.edu/accessibility-services
Athletics	(352) 588-8221	saintleolions.com
Bookstore	(352) 588-8344	saintleo.bkstr.com
Career Services	(352) 588-8346	saintleo.edu/career-services
Center for Academic Vision & Excellence	(352) 588-8307	saintleo.edu/cave-tutoring
Counseling Services	(352) 588-8255	saintleo.edu/counselingservices
Dining Services	(352) 588-8891	saintleo.edu/dining
Health & Wellness Center	(352) 588-8347	saintleo.edu/healthcenter
International Services	(352) 588-8489	saintleo.edu/international
Mail Center	(352) 588-8396	saintleo.edu/mail-center
Recreation	(352) 588-8676	saintleo.edu/recreation
Residence Life	(352) 588-8268	saintleo.edu/residence-life
Student Activities	(352) 588-8992	saintleo.edu/student-activities
Student Affairs	(352) 588-8992	saintleo.edu/student-affairs
Student Financial Support Center	(352) 588-7496	saintleo.edu/student-financial-support-center
Student Success	(352) 588-8500	saintleo.edu/university-campus-student-success-coaching
University Ministry	(352) 588-7258	saintleo.edu/university-ministry
University Safety	(352) 588-8432	saintleo.edu/campus-security-safety

Saint Leo University has a strong commitment to principles of equal employment opportunity and equal access to education. Saint Leo University does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnic origin, nationality, genetic information, gender, race, religion, or veteran status, or any other category protected by federal, state, or local law in its educational programs, admissions policies, financial aid, employment, or other school administered programs.

The policy is enforced by Saint Leo University and by applicable laws such as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI and Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992.