



DAVIDSON COLLEGE Summer Promise Program

SUMMER 2024 Participant Handbook & Information

ARRIVAL

Sunday, June 23

CHECK-IN: 2:30pm-4:00pm

Sentelle Residence Hall

405 N Main St. Davidson, NC 28036

Participants will receive room keys, Catcards, and verify contact information before moving into dorms.

ORIENTATION: 4:30pm-5:30pm

900 Room, Alvarez College Union

(#69 on campus map)

An orientation session for participants and family members. Student and program expectations will be covered, along with staff introductions. Campus tours will depart from orientation (optional for family members).

DEPARTURE

Saturday, June 29

CHECK OUT: 2:30pm-4:00pm

All participants must be moved from the dorm and checked out **by 4:00pm**. Family representatives will participate in the Nurturing the Promise seminar while Promise Scholars prepare for closing ceremony presentations on Saturday morning. *The closing ceremony will be held from 12:30- 2:00. Lunch will be provided.*

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

5/19 (Selected Promise Scholars)

- Accept or Decline offer to attend 2024 session of Davidson Summer Promise by completing registration form.

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- Course selection, immunization, and proof of health insurance form due

*all materials must be submitted electronically by the above dates.

TRAVEL

Promise Scholars are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the Davidson College campus.

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Davidson College is located off Exit 30 on Interstate 77 in North Carolina. We are approximately 20 miles north of Charlotte, NC, and 20 miles south of Statesville, NC. There is significant highway and overpass construction in the area so please allow plenty of time to get to campus.

ACCOMODATIONS

If your family needs overnight accommodations in conjunction with your arrival or departure, there are a number of options in town and the greater Charlotte area. The closest options are:

- Carnegie Guest House (located on Davidson's campus) 704-894-2127
- Davidson Village Inn (just off of Main St. Davidson) 704-892-8044
- Homewood Suites Davidson (less than a mile from campus) 704-987-1818

RESTAURANTS

The first meal provided for Promise Scholars will be dinner on Sunday, June 23rd. We encourage participants and families to eat lunch before they arrive. There are several local options in the town of Davidson and surrounding area that will be open for lunch. *Please note that the campus dining facilities will be closed.*

NURTURING THE PROMISE: SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOLAR'S COLLEGE JOURNEY

A three-hour seminar for family representatives is scheduled for Saturday 6/29 from 9am to noon. The Davidson admission and financial aid office along with a high school college and career development coordinator will share information about preparing for college. There will be a question and answer session near the end. All scholars should be represented by at least one person at this meeting.

HOUSING

Participants will be housed on campus in an air-conditioned residence hall. Davidson Summer Promise occupies one building, Sentelle Hall, which is divided by gender. Rooms are double-occupancy and roommates are assigned by the Davidson Summer Promise staff. Roommate requests/changes are only honored if a specific need is shown and must be approved by the Director. Each floor of 10 to 14 participants is supervised by at least one Promise Mentor. The building is managed by a Resident Director.

Each room contains a sink, and (for each participant) a twin extra-long bed, desk, chair, and small closet and set of drawers. Davidson Summer Promise will provide each participant with one pillow, one light blanket, a set of sheets, a pillowcase, towel, washcloth and hand towel. Many participants will elect to bring supplemental blankets and pillows. Community bathrooms and showers are located on each hall. Participants are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their room and any damages to furniture or campus property will be billed to the participant(s) responsible for that room.

We work very hard to support all participants and their needs. If a participant requires any accommodations, advanced notice by **June 1st** is necessary for us to have time to make appropriate arrangements. Participants should reach out to the Summer Promise office to discuss specific needs and requests.

Davidson College does not assume responsibility for damage or loss of personal property due to fire, theft, or other casualties. Therefore, we suggest NO expensive personal items (including jewelry) be brought to campus. Although Davidson College abides by an Honor Code, it hosts a variety of unaffiliated academic and athletic summer programs. When leaving your room, lock your door and do not allow building access to anyone outside of the Summer Promise Program.

KEYS/CATCARDS

Participants are assigned a room key and Catcard upon arrival at Davidson. Keys provide access to individual dorm rooms, and Catcards are utilized for dorm access, printing services. A colored lanyard will be issued to each scholar. Keys will be kept on the lanyard and it should be worn at all times.

The room key must be returned at the end of the program. There is a \$60 charge for a lost room key, due before you leave Davidson.

MEALS

The program provides three meals daily. Meals are served at Vail Commons which is buffet style and includes several food stations that rotate daily and a large salad bar. Attendance at breakfast, lunch and dinner is mandatory. Participants are expected to remain in the dining hall for the duration of the meal and wait to be released by a Director.

Refrigerators are not permitted in dorm rooms and are not available for general use. If a participant needs items to be refrigerated for medical or special circumstances, arrangements must be made prior to arrival.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS/RESTRICTIONS

If you require a special diet (vegetarian, food allergies, etc.) please let us know by **June 1st**. Vail Commons staff will meet with participants with special dietary needs if necessary. Most diets can be accommodated in the dining hall, but we will need this information when supplying special meals and snacks.

DAILY SCHEDULE

(Monday through Friday)

7:30am -8:30am	Breakfast at Vail Commons
8:30am-9:45am	Morning Meeting
10:00am-11:15am	Morning Academic Class
11:15am-11:30am	Morning Break/Snack
11:30am-12:30pm	Study Hall
12:45pm-1:15pm	Lunch at Vail Commons
1:30pm-2:45pm	Afternoon Academic Class
3:00pm-6:00pm	Non-Academic Activities
6:15pm-7:00pm	Dinner at Vail Commons
7:15pm-8:30pm	Evening Activity/Games
8:30pm-10:00pm	Study Hall
10:00pm	Hall Meeting
11:00pm	Curfew

WEEKENDS

Sunday June 23rd is opening day and the schedule is dedicated to getting acquainted activities. The Saturday schedule includes our **Nurturing the Promise seminar for Family Representatives** beginning at 9am and ending at noon in Hance Auditorium. Each Promise Scholar should have at least one representative attend the seminar and plan to stay for the closing ceremony scheduled for 12:30pm to 2pm in the Lilly Gallery.

LAUNDRY

If necessary, there are coin operated laundry facilities in

each of the residence halls for participant use. Quarters and detergent are available as needed and by request.

FACILITIES

Participants will have scheduled tours of the campus basketball and football facilities. Davidson's cross-country trails may be used during free time and with the supervision of a Summer Promise staff member. Participants are not permitted to utilize the trails or leave campus to go running on their own.

PHONES

We encourage you to bring a personal cell phone. Telephones are **not** available in individual dorm rooms. There is a telephone available in the residence hall lounge for outgoing calls (local or with a phone card). If you need to reach your participant who does not own a cell phone, you can contact the Summer Promise office at 704-894-2629 and we will relay any necessary messages.

COMPUTERS

You will have access to campus computers during morning and evening study hours. We strongly encourage you to bring your own laptop if you can do so. You will receive a login name and password that will allow you to access the Davidson College printing system and online portal (Moodle) used for courses.

BANKS/ATMs

Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Fifth Third, and BB&T have ATMs either in the College Union or one block from campus. There are physical Wells Fargo and Fifth Third branches in Davidson. These banks will **not** cash personal checks, money orders, or bank drafts unless you have an account with them. Post Office money orders (not from a convenience store) can be cashed in the Davidson Post Office one block from campus.

VISITORS

Visitors at any time during the program are strongly discouraged and must be approved by the Summer Promise Director **prior to the program**. *At no time are visitors permitted in the Summer Promise dorm.*

PACKING LIST

WHAT TO BRING: REQUIRED

- Casual everyday clothing (jeans, shorts, t-shirts). *The average high/low temperatures in Davidson in July are 91°/69° Fahrenheit but classrooms can be cold – bring a fleece or sweatshirt*
- Swimwear and beach towel (for Lake Campus)
- Closed toe athletic sneakers and clothing (for ropes course, outdoor activities, scene painting, etc.)
- Personal care and hygiene items
- Bath towel, wash cloths, and shower shoes
- Personal spending money (for ice cream/coffee, bookstore purchases, snacks, etc.)

- School supplies (notebook, backpack, etc).
**Summer Promise provides all required books.*

Note: CVS pharmacy is located one block from campus, where you may purchase toiletries, snacks, school supplies, etc. if needed.

RECOMMENDED

- Laptop computer or tablet (many courses will be using online content and resources)
- Additional bedding/linens/pillows. Dorms are air-conditioned, so you may want an additional blanket
- Umbrella and/or raincoat/boots
- Water bottle – it is hot in NC in the summer, and you will need to drink plenty of water!
- Hangers (you will have a closet and a dresser)
- Musical instruments or props (for Talent Show)

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Tobacco products, vapes, alcohol, firearms, or illegal substances (**will result in immediate dismissal**)
- Expensive jewelry or items of significant value
- Candles, incense, or anything flammable for your dorm room
- Pets

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

ILLNESS

If a participant falls ill during the program, an appointment and transportation to the local health clinic or doctor can be arranged through the Summer Promise staff, using the participant's personal insurance. It will be the participant's responsibility to communicate with their family with updates on his or her progress. Summer Promise staff will do our best to accommodate an ill participant but reserve the right to ask a participant to leave the program (permanently or temporarily) to complete his or her recovery, or if we are unable to give sufficient care.

INSURANCE

Davidson College provides accident insurance coverage on an excess basis for participants in the Summer Promise Program. This coverage will pay a maximum of \$25,000 for covered medical expenses during the policy year. Accident Dental is included. The participant's (or parent's) health insurance policy is primary to cover any accident costs. If a participant requires medical care for a non-accidental situation, the participant/parent/guardian or his/her insurance is responsible for payment of the medical attention and any prescribed medications.

Participants are asked to provide a completed Medical and Immunization History Form and a copy of the participant's current health insurance card. The Summer Promise Office should have on record a copy of the participant's health insurance card (front and back) and a completed Medical and Immunization History Form.

EMERGENCIES

In the case of medical emergency, the participant will be accompanied by a Summer Promise Counselor/Mentor and/or a Director to the local medical center that best fits the immediate needs of the participant and the situation. The Parent/Guardian listed as the emergency contact will be notified as soon as the participant has arrived at the medical center and will be updated by a Director as new information becomes available.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Davidson is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for students to learn, work, and enjoy all that campus has to offer. Campus police officers are on duty 24 hours a day. The office is open from 8:00am-4:30pm daily and an on-duty officer is always available. Participants will be oriented to campus resources and equipped with all appropriate contact and emergency phone numbers at the beginning of the program.

Emergencies: 911
On Duty Officer: 704-609-0344
Campus Police: 704-894-2178

STAFF

The Davidson Summer Promise Program is part of the Office of Academic Affairs and utilizes both full-time, year-round staff members as well as student and professional staff members. All staff participate in rigorous training and must pass a background check prior to the program.

SUMMER PROMISE YEAR-ROUND STAFF

Dr. Tracy Bailey, Director/Director of Educational Outreach and Teacher Placement

PROFESSORS

Summer Promise Program faculty are current professors at Davidson College. Professors are available to participants each weekday during the class they teach.

CO-TEACHERS

Summer Promise courses are designed and taught collaboratively. Co-teachers are current classroom teachers employed by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

RESIDENT DIRECTOR (RD)

The Resident Director is a professional with experience in student and residential life. The RD lives on campus, oversees student dorms, assists in planning and implementing activities, and serves as a resource for Promise Mentors.

PROMISE MENTORS

Promise Mentors are current Davidson students who go through a competitive application process and training prior to the program. Mentors live in the dorms and are responsible for the participants on their assigned residence hall floor, organize and oversee activities on and around campus, and serve as mentors to all participants.

SUMMER PROMISE CONTACT INFORMATION

PHONE NUMBERS

704-894-2629 Summer Promise Office

