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New students eager for Early Orientation

May 30, 2008 | Teresa Dunham

Eager to avoid long lines in August, nearly 1,000 incoming students and their parents attended the first in a series of Early Orientation sessions at Liberty University on Friday.

“My summer is pretty busy, and I just wanted to come and get [the paperwork] over with,” said Sydney Clay, a Huntington, W.Va., resident who plans to major in education.

The day’s line-up featured an open house, a parent orientation session, a catered lunch, free ice-skating, scholarship search symposiums and more. The opportunities included:

- Class Registration and Advising
- Housing Registration
- Financial Check-In
- Photo for the Liberty OneCard (Student I.D.)
- Career Assessment
- Math and English Assessment
- Vehicle Registration
- Post Office Box Assignment
- Meal Plan Selection
- Dorm Room Tours
- Student Job Opportunities
- Pre-order Textbooks
- Computer-related Information

Clay said the orientation gave her a sense of relief, and it helped parents feel a little less anxious too.

“It’ll be easier just to come in [this fall] and not have to deal with all of that,” said Myra Etheridge, mother of incoming freshman Mark Etheridge from North Carolina.

Mark Etheridge plans on studying in the School of Religion — and he’s enthusiastic about coming to LU.

“I felt like it’s the best place to get prepared for ministry, and I felt like that’s where God wanted me,” he said.

For new students who plan to attend other Early Orientation sessions throughout the summer, the Etheridge family offered an extra piece of advice. Bring your vehicle registration card, they said, because you’ll need it.

Liberty University is offering four more Early Orientation sessions: June 9, June 20, July 11, and July 25. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

