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Subject: Summer Bridge 2021 (8/16-8/24) Details, Part 1

Dear Bloodhounds,

We're just two weeks away from the start of the Summer Bridge program on Monday, August 16! As you prepare for your first semester at JJC, you may have questions or feel a bit worried, but just know that we have your back and Summer Bridge will ensure that you feel connected to the Bloodhound community and fully prepared for college!

Here's what to expect from the fun-filled learning experiences during Summer Bridge:

Support of a Slack virtual community. Like most first year students, you're probably concerned about not knowing anyone or who to turn to when you have questions. The Slack virtual community will give you a designated space to interact with your Area of Interest and First Year Seminar classmates, your peer success coach (think about them as your college guide), and First Year Programs staff. *You'll receive an invitation to join next week.*

Easy-to-follow program structure: 7 daily quests from 8/16-8/24. You will have daily quests (aka events, activities, and assignments) to complete each of the 7 weekdays of Summer Bridge. You should prepare to spend around 2-3 hours each day to complete these quests. A few activities are at a designated time, but most can be completed at a time most convenient for you by the end of the quest day. You'll definitely be able to complete Summer Bridge while juggling other responsibilities.

Essentials to prepare for college. Summer Bridge will give you a fun and informative preview of what to expect when you take your First Year Seminar and other classes this fall. You'll learn from awesome professors, familiarize yourself with the different course modalities, finetune your time management skills, and learn to overcome challenges you may experience as a college student.

Guide to technology used in the fall. Some of your courses are likely to be online this fall. Online learning in college requires virtual platforms that you'll need to be familiar with before the start of classes. We'll show you step-by-step how to access and use this tech, so there's no need to stress!

You'll need a laptop and internet for Summer Bridge and your classes this fall:

If you need a laptop or hotspot loan, the John Jay College Technology Helpdesk has devices available for pick-up on a first come, first served basis. Send an email to helpdesk@jjay.cuny.edu:

- Subject: Laptop loan
- Include: Your full name, EMPLID, and your request for either a laptop and/or hotspot

Look out for the following during the week of 8/9:

1. Summer Bridge Details – Part 2 with instructions on how to log into the Summer Bridge course and join Slack
2. A phone call and text message from your Peer Success Coach

In the meantime, hope you're as excited for this as we are to welcome you!

All the best,

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