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WELCOME WEEKEND GUIDE
The Captains’ Welcome

To the New Griffins of Stanford Hall,

Gentlemen, welcome home! We are not only excited to welcome you to your new home for the next four years of your life but also ecstatic to congratulate you for being selected to be a part of the greatest Residence Hall at Notre Dame: Stanford Hall. While some of the other dorms on campus may say that the members of their halls were randomly selected, we know very well that only the best of the best, the crème de la crème if you will, are selected to join the noble ranks of Stanford Hall. We Griffins are known for our supreme athletic ability, rugged good looks, charming personalities, astute knowledge in the classroom, and of course for our exemplary gentlemanly behavior. Sound a bit like yourself? Yeah, we knew it.

The Griffin tradition has been in place for 59 years, ever since our dorm took the campus by storm and made the other inferior dorms tremble at Stanford’s mighty construction of cinderblock and mortar. Over the years, our dorm has accumulated countless accolades and honors including winning the Interhall Cup, which is awarded for our unparalleled athletic dominance. (It’s sort of like the House Cup from Harry Potter but much cooler, and it’s no coincidence the Griffins resemble Gryffindor. We’re just that awesome.) We decided a few years back to relinquish the Hall Cup of the Year and let some of the other men on campus enjoy the attention, but as fate may have it, students still flock to Stanford after seeing our tremendous humility. Even so, we like to win, and we need the Stanford Class of 2020’s help to bring back the cup to its rightful owners.

It doesn’t take long to figure out that Notre Dame is not an ordinary school and that our housing system is not a typical university housing system. The growth, friendships, challenges, accomplishments, and everything else you experience and partake of in Stanford Hall will ultimately help mold you into the very man you are going to be for the rest of your life. Stanford Hall is also the best residence hall for spiritual, personal, and academic advancement while here at school, and pretty soon your fellow Griffins will become your second family here at Notre Dame. There’s a lot to learn about Notre Dame and Stanford Hall, but hopefully this guide will help explain the schedule for Welcome Weekend, information about Stanford and its residents, and what you need to know before arriving at Notre Dame this August.

Welcome Weekend will be activity filled, giving you the opportunity to bond with your fellow new Griffins as well as meet people from other dorms. Obviously, you will also move into your new room and become well acquainted with your modular furniture, but fear not! There will be burly upper classmen to assist you in setting up your room. Remember to make the most of Welcome Weekend. Meet new people. Talk to upperclassmen. Ask questions. Go outside your comfort zone. Our dorm prides itself not only on being the best here at Notre Dame, but also on forging lifelong friendships, both with those in our dorm and with other Domers.

Well, we’ve rambled on for long enough. We hope you’re getting as excited for move-in day as we are. Go Irish! Beat Longhorns!

Your Welcome Weekend Captains,

Andrew Meisenbacher and Brendan Besh
2016 Welcome Weekend Overview

Please note that all events are mandatory unless otherwise noted. This is a general outline of the weekend and changes may occur.

Friday, August 19

Move-in
9:00am – 1:00pm
Welcome Weekend staff will assist freshmen and their families move their property into Stanford and help arrange rooms.

Campus Card Office - ID Card Production
9:00am – 4:30pm
Head on over to Hesburgh Library to get your Student ID Card made.

Official University Welcome
5:00pm – 6:00pm
Purcell Pavilion, Joyce Center

Welcome Cookout
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Head to South Quad for great food and great times.

Welcome Home Event with Rector and Hall Staff
8:30pm – 12:00am
Get to meet your Hall Staff and Rector.

Saturday, August 20

Dining Hall Breakfast
8:30am – 9:30am
North and South Dining Halls

FYE (First Year Experience) Plenary Kick-Off
10:00am – 11:30am
Purcell Pavilion, Joyce Center

FYE Course Session #1 and Lunch
11:30am – 12:30pm
Campus Classrooms

Rector and Hall Staff Welcome for Parents
1:30pm – 3:30pm
Holy Cross Chapel

FY Advisor Sessions
4:00pm – 5:00pm
Location provided by advisor

Dining Hall Dinner
5:00pm – 7:00pm
North and South Dining Halls

Stanford Hall Programming
7:00pm – 10:00pm
Meet out in front of Stanford and get ready for a great night.

Domerfest 2016
10:30pm – 1:00am
The signature Welcome Weekend dance takes place in front of Rolf’s Sports and Recreation Center

Sunday, August 21

Dining Hall Brunch
9:00am – 1:30pm
North and South Dining Halls

Class of 2020 Welcome Mass
10:00am – 12:00pm
Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center (JACC).

Afternoon Activities
1:30pm – 6:00pm
Explore campus and participate in a host of optional activities, including a Farmers’ Market on North Quad, a performance of Shakespeare’s “The Tempest” at DPAC, and a Woman’s Soccer Game at Alumni Stadium, or get some shopping done!

Dining Hall Dinner
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Students will have the chance to attend dinner with girls from Farley at North Dining Hall.

Stanford Hall Programming
7:00pm – 10:00pm
The final evening of Welcome Weekend will include activities coordinated with other dorms.

First Class Trip to the Grotto
10:30pm – 12:00am
Perhaps the most special part of Welcome Weekend, don’t miss it. Also, join your brethren Griffins in the Stanford Basement afterwards for the first card night of the year.

Monday, August 22

Schedule Adjustments
8:30am – 5:00pm
First Year of Studies

Day of Community
10:00am, 12:30pm, 3:30pm
Depart from Stepan Center to embark on a trip to a location in South Bend to learn about the community you are now a part of.
Welcome Weekend Commissioner

Andrew “This is for Fire” Meisenbacher

After leaving the Jersey Shore to discover that Notre Dame has no Greek Life, junior Andrew Meisenbacher has dedicated his first two years at Notre Dame to making Stanford Hall as “frat” as possible. From living in a six man as a sophomore to designing “sick” gear as Stanford Hall’s apparel commissioner, the Meis has already achieved big shot status and consistently stalks the dorm, referring to freshman as “pledges”. When he is not taking long vacations to Ryan Hall, Andrew can often be found mixing business with pleasure at the library, where he organizes female-only study groups for Economics and Chinese. In his spare time, Meis enjoys eating footlongs from Subway, counting down the days until Domerfest, and googling “How to….” videos with the door locked. Blessed with the strength of a lion coupled with the quickness of a gazelle, Meis is a natural as a worker for Rec Sports. He strategically chose room 320 this year and hopes that this “flying under the radar” approach will help propel him to being knighted as a Stanford Hall RA (without ruining his frat boy reputation). His chiseled features and ripped physique may be intimidating to approach at first, but deep down Meis is softer than a teddy bear and makes better cookies than your grandma, so meeting Andrew Meisenbacher should definitely be on your Stanford Hall bucket list. Caution: If you’re picturing Zac Efron in “Neighbors” you will be sorely disappointed, as the frat boy rep is all a façade for Instagram.

Welcome Weekend Captain

Brendan “Triple B” Besh

Let’s first address the elephant in the room: no one actually knows where the nickname “Triple B” came from. We can only speculate, but if you have any information regarding the origins of it please contact Brendan himself at 985-290-2508 because, frankly, we don’t even think he knows where it comes from. Hailing from the bowels of Louisiana, your other Welcome Weekend Captain Brendan is the oldest of the Besh children and is a self-proclaimed “lover of the finer things in life.” This love has pushed Brendan to bring together the suave, yet charmingly difficult Italian language with PLS to form one of the most unique double majors on campus (a.k.a. about as unique as Sperrys and mid-calves). However, don’t let your mind be filled with images of a posh, preppy Stanford Stud. At an extremely underwhelming 5 feet 10 inches tall, Brendan is also a “roll up your sleeves” kind of guy whose motto on the football field is “Hit first, ask questions later.” In fact, rumor has it that Brendan accidentally carried this attitude with him to a Mock Trial competition last year where he blindsided the judge effectively disqualifying ND’s team from the regional tournament without Brendan ever getting to ask a single question. If you ever need information on “what the kids are saying these days,” the pros and cons of dating someone from North Quad, or simply want to hear an informed rant on the issues facing our country from a Stanford Man on the forefront of campus thought, Brendan is the guy for you. Additionally, if you are looking for some competition to play NHL or FIFA on Xbox, then go to Brendan for an easy win (he’s a freight train in Smash though so be careful). Should you require his services, he can be found in room 141 in the 1 N/S Quad (or the library…no one ever really knows where he goes).

Staff

Fernando “Freakin’ Rican” Huyke

Fernando, whose aliases include “Nando”, “Domerfest King”, and “Spanish Speaking Guitar Playing Daydream”, is one of the resident seniors in the Cinderblock Palace of Love. His kingdom extends all the way from room 402 to room 402. Nando is a native of Trujillo Alto, which is in Puerto Rico. As he has no direct allegiance to any specific US continental sports teams, he has chosen to be a Boston Red Sox, Green Bay Packer, and Phoenix Suns fan. When he is not rigorously studying for his double majors of Psychology and Biology or for the MCAT on the road to med school, you can find him playing guitar and attracting all the young ladies and record labels to Stanford Hall. He may or may not be known to have a rap alter ego, Nandoflow AKA Yung Rican. Not only is he a musical man, Nando also is an exemplary athlete in the sport of volleyball, where he plays on Stanford’s Interhall A team. Additionally, he gets swell by hitting the weight room and building up those muscles with nectar from the gods, also known as chocolate milk. Fernando is also a great asset to the liturgical life of Stanford Hall. He plays the guitar for Stanford’s weekly mass, as well as served as one of the Liturgical Commissioner during his junior year. If you ever need any support for any facet of your life, be it academic, faith, social, or really any aspect, Fernando will help you out, even if you have never met him before that day. Sometimes, the easiest way to find him is just checking his room, where he might be napping on the futon with Netflix on full blast. This is the fourth year that Fernando has been involved in Stanford Hall. If you ever want to know him, ask him why he has stayed on for his last year to allow Stanford to continue on its successful streak as undisputed Domerfest Champs.
Brady “Resident Scrawdad” Lesh

He's cool. He's smooth. His voice soothes. He is the Tiger Woods of the quad semi-pro golf tour. He...has a beard, sometimes. As his thug piercings suggest, Brady Lesh has always had it rough. He’s from the lean mean streets of South Bend, and whenever he decides to cross the street to get back home, everyone knows that Resident Scrawdad is upon them. But don’t be fooled by his outside reputation: Brady is a loud and proud geek. He STILL plays “Magic: The Gathering”. He owns fine Star Wars and Game of Thrones artwork. He’s an avid listener of alternative, emo, and punk music. He even used to be...an engineer. But if you can get past all of his fetishes, you will notice that Brady is truly a gentle and kind soul. He does a good job of living up to his Scrawdad name, because all in all, Brady is essentially your dad. Whenever he’s not “studying” for his Marketing and Economics double major, you can find him in the 2nd floor sixman always ready to cheer you up or explain the birds and the bees to you. If you’re lucky, you might even get to meet Romy and Ava!

Charlie “The Politician” Hasson

This swinger, the dancer that is, hails from Wilmette, Illinois (apparently not good enough to be considered from Chicago). This blonde beauty can be found working on steel bridges on a weekly basis, because it’s just what mechanical engineers do, watching countless episodes of Psych in his room, or spending his evenings in P-Dub of which he apparently knows “way too many girls in that dorm.” This former football star has evolved since his early years at the Academy into a slightly more blonde and mischievous pool star. He also enjoys mind games, so after a two-minute conversation with him you may end up questioning your entire life essence. This partier has also been known to take his shirt off at the Academy into a slightly more blonde and mischievous pool star. However, there are some occasional moments when Jacob can be seen walking around with his lady friend, who carries around a ladder just to kiss him. When he's not studying for his Science-Business major or researching which medical schools have door frames that won’t bang his head every time he walks into a room, this kid can be seen rocking the post in any basketball court. He’s okay, I guess. I mean, his Bookstore Basketball team reached the semi-finals and he usually just stands and extends his right arm in order to dunk over Bonzie Colson, but he’s alright. If you need help lofting your bed, ask Jacob not just for the obvious reasons, but because he’s also a really generous and helpful guy. He will be serving as service commissioner this coming year, so if you want to get involved in service, particularly La Casa de Amistad, you should definitely stop by room 429 and talk to Jacob. He is one of the coolest giants in Stanford Hall, and if you ever want to play some ball, dabble in the Spanish language, or talk about how to win over your love interest in the middle of a Spanish class, Jacob’s your man. Did I mention he’s tall?

David “the Kid” Shank

Out of the untamed wilds of Upstate New York or whatever terrain surrounds Albany, David Shank lives life to the fullest while shouting your name or nickname across Stanford, North Quad, or North Dining Hall. Hard to imagine that someone keeps so much pizzazz stored away, but David is always in the mood to complain about his business classes or blare his EDM music through Stanford (yeah if you live next to him it will sound like an Icelandic Night Club every weekend). Once you get past his music taste, David is an incredibly nice and “sporty” guy who is a Junior Accounting Major in the “Men-broza” College of Business. While David enjoys hitting the links (not the Wii golf links), he is much better at soccer and has helped his teams win 3 intramural championships (including Stanford Hall’s big win last year!). If you ever want to blare the Chainsmokers, quote Kicking and Screaming, or play a round of Rocket League go visit David in the 1 East/West Quad.

Jacob “The Tower” Schaefer

Jacob is big. Really big. Or lanky. Whatever you want to call it. It’s pretty easy to spot Jacob in a crowd of people, and it’s probably because he’s too freaking tall. I guess you could say that his hood in Rochester, MN has some pretty nutrient-packed fruits. At first sight, Jacob seems pretty quiet whenever he’s walking around, but it’s probably because he’s too focused trying to provide signal for cellphones around the area. However, there are some occasions where Jacob can be seen walking around with his lady friend, who carries around a ladder just to kiss him. He’s cool. He’s smooth. His voice soothes. He is the Tiger Woods of the quad semi-pro golf tour. He...has a beard, sometimes. As his thug piercings suggest, Brady Lesh has always had it rough. He’s from the lean mean streets of South Bend, and whenever he decides to cross the street to get back home, everyone knows that Resident Scrawdad is upon them. But don’t be fooled by his outside reputation: Brady is a loud and proud geek. He STILL plays “Magic: The Gathering”. He owns fine Star Wars and Game of Thrones artwork. He’s an avid listener of alternative, emo, and punk music. He even used to be...an engineer. But if you can get past all of his fetishes, you will notice that Brady is truly a gentle and kind soul. He does a good job of living up to his Scrawdad name, because all in all, Brady is essentially your dad. Whenever he’s not “studying” for his Marketing and Economics double major, you can find him in the 2nd floor sixman always ready to cheer you up or explain the birds and the bees to you. If you’re lucky, you might even get to meet Romy and Ava!

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John Michael “I’ll leave the dunkin’ for duncan” Hogue

Hailing from Omaha, Nebraska, John Michael Hogue lacks any real sports teams to cheer for in his home state. As such, he’s adopted the Spurs and Royals. Curious choices... (Band wagon much?). Jokes aside, John Michael is quite possibly the biggest (only) Spurs fan you could meet in our Cinderblock Palace of Love. John Michael has established himself as one of the most respected men inside our cinderblock dwelling. When you meet John Michael, you will not have a hard time seeing why he is so well-liked; he’s extremely caring, thoughtful, and always interested in his fellow Griffins’ well-being. If he’s not on one of his numerous multi-hour dining hall dates, you can catch John Michael reading (or skimming) his theology texts for his major, helping out at Campus Ministry, or trying to convince the Dean of Arts and Letters to let him switch his second philosophy requirement to a theology elective. This saint of a man though does have one deep dark secret: John Michael, like most of his fellow Notre Dame students, lives for Thursday night. Eager to get the work from the week out of mind, John Michael makes sure the festivities are ready at 10:30, getting all the preparations ready so that everyone can have something throughout the night until the early morning. In the moment, it’s fun. But, as you can imagine, sometimes things get a bit heated and loud and of course everyone wakes up the next morning wishing they hadn’t stayed up so late.

Yet, I promise you John Michael will never change what he does on Thursday. He wouldn’t miss a Stanford Hall card night for the world! The popcorn he makes is pretty great too! This year, John Michael decided to abdicate the first floor six man for small pastures in 216. John Michael always has time to talk so make sure you stop by to schedule your dining hall date, before times fill up! While you’re there ask him about the best friend marriage idea (patent pending). Catch John Michael in the Fall because this Griffin will be studying a broad in Chile in the Spring!

Joe Montana. Knute Rockne. Condoleezza Rice. Tom Walsh. What do these names all have in common? No, they didn’t all live in Stanford Hall, but they are all legendary Domers who just so happened to have an affinity for that game with the spherical little object you try to throw into the larger red cylindrical object...blanking on the name. Anyways, Tommy hails from the beautiful town of Valparaiso, Indiana, or the “Dirty V” as he calls it. Blessed with height that would challenge Kirk Hinrich and a wingspan that would make Brian Scalabrine quiver, Tom is an absolute beast on the basketball court, making surprisingly average lay-ups with the greatest of ease. He’s also quite the hustler out on the links, claiming that his 6 handicap “isn’t all that good” and frequently shooting 7-8 under his foursome partners despite being 7-8 (apple juices) deep. Besides his God-given athletic prowess, this Finance and Economics double major’s business acumen is the reason Warren Buffett has him on speed dial and the ladies call him "The Wolf of Walsh Street". Speaking of ladies, Tommy-boy knows more girls on campus than Father Jenkins knows ways to say “Show me the money”, but fortunately he’s wifed up to a girl who knows more girls on campus than Father Jenkins knows ways to say “Show me the money”, but fortunately he’s wifed up to a girl who lives next door to him back home (seriously, Tom’s been telling his parents for years that he’s just been “going for a run” when he wants to see Kathy). All joking aside, there’s never been anyone who didn’t like Tom as soon as they met him, and Tom has never greeted anyone with anything less than a genuine interest in how your day is going. Make sure you swing by the 3 E/W quad to say hi to him if you have any questions about Stanford Hall or Notre Dame, want advice on classes or girls, or just want to talk about Chicago sports and how much the Bears suck.

Alex “A-Bar” Barone

A-Bar likes to lift bars, weights, and cameras. During his freshman year, he quickly became one of Stanford’s resident fitness gurus, even whipping up a workout plan for our former rector. His love for all athletic endeavors has led him to be Stanford’s athletic commissioner for this year. Expect him to be signing you up to play all the sports. On those rare occasions he steps out of the weight room, this sophomore attends classes for his finance major. His real passion, though, is
photography, a skill set he has been perfecting for a few years. Be sure to check out his shots of ND hanging in the basement of Stanford and to peruse his website. This upbeat bro from San Diego is one of the most loyal Griffins you will ever meet. You can easily find him chilling in the Cinderblock Palace of Love and he always makes time to hang out with or talk to anyone. His one downfall is his strangely intense dislike for Stanford’s kitchen. He will be living in the weight room and occasionally visiting room 306.

Caleb “Raj” Parikh

While Caleb may currently reside in Atlanta, Georgia, you may not find a more genuine Ohioan. There may not be a more die-hard fan than Caleb when it comes to Ohio State football and basketball. Don’t let his small stature fool you, because Caleb turns into a scarlet and grey rage monster whenever Ohio State is playing. For all eager first-years hoping to make an impression on the ladies at Domerfest, Caleb is probably the worst person to give you advice on taking that special someone of yours on a nice moon-lit walk around the lakes (just ask him about it). If you ever feel like you see Caleb having some kind of spasm, he’s probably just come from a heart-attack inducing game of FIFA. How you can really tell that Caleb is the most interesting man in the world is that he somehow holds a position in YAF and Diversity Council, which is more unlikely than Drake winning Dancing with the Stars and Kim Kardashian being relevant. Caleb is probably one of the easiest people to talk to on campus, so whenever you want to play a game of FIFA, go to LaFun, or just find out about any random sports trivia, you can find Caleb in room 417.

Chris “Hogshow” Westdyk

Legend has it that Chris “Hogshow” Westdyk descended from the heavenly realm of Delbarton and into our mortal world, rid of the angels’ share, eventually finding solace within the closest place to heaven on Earth: Stanford Hall. A messiah of New Jersey, Chris has patiently revealed to ignorant Midwesterners the superior qualities of an East Coast lifestyle, even stating that South Bend’s famous Einstein Bros bagels “aren’t real bagels”. An avid runner, Chris can often be found amongst the water fountains of Stanford Hall after a “short” 7-mile run, partly done to burn off the pint of cinnamon ice cream he ate the previous night, but primarily to keep his legs nice and toned for the ladies (ow ow). The leader of the Stanford Syndicate, Chris’ passion for Notre Dame sports is unparalleled, showcased by his unquenchable desire to enter the cathedral of Notre Dame Stadium as early as possible on Gameday, and highlighted by his devotion and attendance to every men’s basketball home game that he can possibly go to. Chris is a sophomore Economics and Pre-Med double major, while unofficially double minoring in the Green Bay Packers and New York Mets. Residing in the 3 N/S hallway, this Griffin lives in room 336 and will often be found watching Seinfeld reruns, playing a competitive game of Rocket League, or simply questioning the legitimacy of every presidential candidates’ economic plan. He’s truly one of the nicest and most genuine people that you’ll ever meet, so simply knock on his door and embrace the friendship and wisdom that will greet you.

Connor “Frisbro” Green

Connor Green hails from the backwoods of Madison, Wisconsin and can be spotted around campus sporting his chubbies and designer sunglasses despite it being cloudy and 10 degrees in February. He will always give an excessively polite Wisconsin hello, but be careful because there’s a 50/50 chance it’s his better-looking identical twin, Ryan Green. Connor began freshman year as an engineering major, and he will continue on this path the coming semester despite the last physics final stealing his innocence. Connor spent much free time freshman year with the hippie commune known as the ultimate Frisbee team, but this coming year, he will spend his game day weekends satisfying the football team and all their desires as a student manager/groupie. If you ever have a burning desire to “toss the fris” out on the quad or practice shotgunning (Capri suns exclusively), Connor’s your man. So swing by the fourth floor sixman (Room 430) anytime for some hydration and pretend to be interested while Connor rants on about coding and EDM.

Griff “I play rugby” Gilmore

Often spotted shirtless at 3 am on his futon after a long night of studying, Griffin Gilmore is the resident doctor of the fourth floor six man. Between his time spent in ladies shorts whilst playing rugby and admiring pictures of Tom Brady online, it’s hard to believe he has time to study. Griff’s favorite topics of conversation are how hard Orgo is and how Reagan was the best president we will ever have. Hailing from the safe suburbia of Baltimore, Maryland, Griff has first-hand knowledge of what a police helicopter looks like. His hobbies include grilling, lawn care, and freedom. Griff is always ready to cheer on the Irish in any Under Armor gear the weather demands. Some would call him the ideal Stanford hall man (mostly given his name and our
mascot). Of sound mind, Griff is a great resource for advice or help in a class, and should you require a shoulder to cry on after your high school sweetheart decided to go USC or help with flash cards, he’s a good place to start.

Jack “General Manager” Dimpel

Jack Dimpel, hailing from the self-proclaimed greatest city, Houston, in the Union’s greatest state, Texas, is an engineering major and the Stanford Hall resident expert on all things sports. Want to know who holds the British record for most runs in cricket, or the last twenty gold medalists in team archery? Jack is your guy. Nothing, however, rivals his love for Notre Dame football. Jack can be easily identified by the congregation of Pasquerilla East girls that follow him around, drawn in by his southern charm as a reminder that everyone from the South is simply more civilized. Jack is one of the nicest guys in South Bend (and the Western Hemisphere), so stop by his room to talk about football, romance, or classes.

Joe “Taking My Talents to South Bend” Everett

Making the journey all the way from South Bend, Indiana, Joe Everett is here to make Stanford great again. Whether you catch his articles in the Spokesman or see his name and face on your local stall notes, you will never get enough Joe. While he may not be the biggest man in Stanford, you’ll for sure feel his presence at every Stanford event. Pursuing a double major in PLS and Political Science, you can sometimes catch him late at night in the study room and maybe get an autograph from the Stanford study. Arguably one of the better Melee fighters, Joe transfers this hand eye coordination to the basketball courts and the football fields and can never be left open in your section sports, as costly mistakes have been made by his opponents. In addition to his athletic and scholarly accomplishments, Joe is an animal at the football games, sometimes taking or two to three men to control him - but that doesn’t stop him from bringing the party wherever he goes. People often wonder what he is up to during the day; so instead of asking his friends, go ask him yourself in room 337. Who knows, he may be your boss someday or be writing an article about you in the paper, so get on his good side and he will take care of you.

Josh “Fine” Fullerton

A Science-Business major and an absolute basketball fanatic, originally from “near Seattle” Joshua “Fine” Fullerton hails from “a little bit outside of” one of America’s most bustling, vibrant, and beautiful cities. That is right: Detroit, Michigan. We’re talking Motown, baby. A Seahawks and Pistons fan, you could say he is a melting pot of American sports teams. Josh has earned the moniker “Fine” because of his even keel temperament. When he is not off at Physical training for Air Force ROTC (which Josh is proudly a member of) or out hooping (especially at Griff Hoops... you’ll become familiar with it soon, boys), Josh can be found in the greatest of all the sections: 4 N/S. If you ever feel like you hear people heatedly debating about something, 10 times out of 10 it is somebody and Josh going at it about any topic you could possibly imagine. Is Kobe an all star? Are some humans more evolved than others? How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood? These debates can all be had with our man, Josh. All joking aside, Josh is a super great and helpful guy. If you ever want somebody to hoop with, watch hoops with, talk hoops with, or play a little (actually, a lot) of 2K with, or just somebody to talk to and chill with, head to room 440 and Josh is your guy.

Matt “Skinny Joseph” Geenen

Joseph Matthew Geenen quickly earned the tag “Skinny Joseph” from a group of upperclassmen, but most people call him Matt. As you’ll come to find, this is one of his many nicknames. If you ever see somebody walking around Stanford casually in a cow suit, you’ve seen Matt Geenen. The kid really is getting the most out of that halloween costume. Geenen, who hails from Wisconsin, is such a devoted fan of the Packers that he’s taken to being called Gouda because Wisconsin and cheese. He’s not just a cheese-head though; he’s a part of the Glynn Honors Program majoring in Economics and Sociology. You could also say he’s something of a D1 athlete as he will be on the sidelines of every football game. Coach Kelly brought Matt on the squad primarily as an insurance policy in case Malik gets hurt, but also to hold up the nets behind the goalposts as an equipment manager. Matt is a super social guy. Seriously, if there is any super scuttlebutt in Stanford Hall, Matt knows it. He will also proudly be representing our dorm as Vice President next year. Matt quite frequently likes to stay up late. If you’re awake, he probably is. So stop by the 3 N/S quad if you’re looking for some Stanford gossip, a connection within the Stanford political system who can do some scheming for ya, or just a friend to talk to.
Matthew “Corndogs!” Cordova

Armed with a tennis racket in one hand and an Organic Chemistry textbook in the other, Matt Cordova returns to Stanford Hall ready to fend off whatever sophomore year throws his way. Standing a self-proclaimed 6’0” (reality-proclaimed 5’10”), this Tustin California native prepares to follow up a noteworthy freshman year. Just what specific obstacles he will encounter this year are difficult to predict due to the fact that Matt’s major changes as often as he changes his shirt. It has travelled through Science Business, to Pre-Professional Studies, to Spanish and back again several times over in the last semester alone. In other words, the only sure thing about Matt’s major at this point is that it is completely uncertain. Outside of the realm of academia, Matt has established his reputation as tennis master. Having spent his entire life savings on indoor court time this past winter, Matt’s skills truly emerged in the spring interhall season. Matt captained Stanford’s prestigious team to a final four appearance while going undefeated at first singles. His skills carry over to the basketball court, where he is a known sniper from behind the arc. In other news, Matt also (probably) holds Hall records for most times locked out of his room (too many to count) and most Lenten Resolutions held at once (around 4). He is an avid Rafael Nadal supporter and (unfortunately) an NBA fan too. One fun fact: Matt has a strange affinity for North Dining Hall corn dogs (see: nickname). Overall, Matt is a great guy: a true scholar and an athlete. Feel free to stop by room 409 and say hello to Matt, but try to do it before the first Chemistry exam begins the gradual erosion of his mental stability.

Michael “Mr. President” Conlon

Hailing from Pittston, Pennsylvania (which is basically Scranton, which basically means he knows Michael Scott), Michael is the President of the Sophomore class and is well underway in preparing for his 2036 Presidential Campaign. Michael roams across campus practicing his politician’s demeanor, ready to wield his Finance and Political Science majors to fix America. He’ll talk to you for two minutes and then act like he knew you in the womb. Aside from his political aspirations, this high school volleyball star splits his time between Griff Hoops and the library, where he apparently has a second dorm room. If you ever have a conversation with Michael and hit an awkward pause (this is purely theoretical, he is too friendly and outgoing for this to actually happen), don’t be afraid to bring up the Steelers, Penguins, Pirates, or anything related to the city of Pittsburgh.

Mike “Goooood Morning and Welcome to Universal Studios” Romano

“Big Mike” Romano, a native of Orlando, Florida can often be found in his room, the fourth floor six-man, or one of his numerous friends rooms playing NBA 2K or Fifa while enjoying whatever snacks they have lying around (preferably goldfish or fruit snacks). Make sure to ask him if he ever goes to Disney World because that’s all he talks about. He’ll try to tell you that he worked at Universal Studios, but everybody knows he’s Disneyworld through and through. When not hard at work, Michael donates a good deal of his time to Best Buddies and Special Olympics, two of his passions. Another passion of Mike’s is Notre Dame football, which he knows everything about and roots for with a vigor that would make even the leprechaun jealous. Michael plans to get rich as a business major and has already taken strides towards this goal by being an active part of SIBC. He is one of the friendliest and most talkative members of Stanford Hall who is sure to become one of your favorites too.
Frequently Asked Questions

What should I bring with me to Notre Dame?
Really, whatever you feel that you need to have with you for 9 months away from home. We would suggest bringing a carpet, a fridge, a TV, PlayStation/XBox/Apple TV (or all three if you're really ambitious), bed supplies for extra-long twin mattresses, clock, lamp, stuff for laundry, clothes hangers, a sport coat/suit, dress shirt and tie, underwear (bring about 1-2 weeks worth), posters (the one of John Belushi from Animal House is not mandatory despite what you might think), a big box fan for the window (or two), DVDs and video games. As far as clothing goes, you probably won't need as many shirts (free shirts...) or pants as you think, but use your own discretion. Freshmen tend to over-pack - think hard about whether or not you need to bring your leather pants.

What about girls?
What about them? You'll meet plenty during Welcome Weekend. And if you don't remember one of their names, just try Katie. Or Laura. Or Mary.

Dances? I thought I was done with those...
Yes, but you thought wrong. Stanford has its annual Pirate Dance in the fall and a formal in the spring. Become very familiar with the acronym SYR as that will be tossed around when talking about the dance, but know that it referred to a previous time when dances were allowed to be held in the dorm.

What about the weather? It's typical Midwest weather with 4 seasons. It'll be around 95 when you get to ND in August and down around 10 in January. So if you're from the Midwest, you'll be fine. Otherwise, just be prepared. Notre Dame is not in California or Florida. It's in Indiana.

What's with the food? I hear it's pretty good...
It is, by college standards. We think the Princeton Review has ND consistently at the #2 slot (behind Cornell, which has a culinary school where students can eat). But, you will get tired of it. So just be ready to take a jaunt to LaFun, or borrow an upperclassmen's car to go off-campus to Chipotle or Five Guys when you really need something that doesn't come from North Dining Hall.

But you didn't answer all my questions!
Goodness you guys are needy! Kidding of course, please do not hesitate to e-mail one of us. Or Facebook Chat us if that's easier—the staff may have strange profile pictures though...

HELPFUL TIP:
The Fall Mall is the on-campus furnishings sale operated in Stepan Center. Carpeting and futons as well as a limited selection of Bed Bath & Beyond products are available for purchase.

HELPFUL TIP:
If you are commuting to Notre Dame by air and would like to avoid checking 17 duffel bags full of your plastic hangars, bedding, desk lamp, toiletries, shelves, etc. (you get the idea) check with your local Bed Bath & Beyond store for pack and hold. You can select the items you want at your local store and they will be waiting for you, boxed and ready to go, at one of the South Bend locations. There are two locations of almost every major store in the South Bend area — choose the second-closest one to avoid the mad rush!
NOTRE DAME GLOSSARY

AFTER A FEW DAYS AT ON CAMPUS, you'll soon become aware that Notre Dame is quite unique. In fact, Notre Dame students even have their own vocabulary. Although you may be confused at first, in no time you'll know exactly what is meant when a student says that “He’s on his way from MCOB to LaFun to get some quarter dogs” or that “She’ll meet you at Stonehenge before the SYR” or “Johnny won’t be joining us tonight because he has a ComStan meeting for breaking parietals”. Don’t worry, you’ll figure it out soon enough…. but just in case you’re curious here’s a brief compilation of some of the vocabulary used at ND.

Acoustic Café: Event Thursday nights in LaFortune Student Center or Legends of Notre Dame often frequented by students in need of a study break. The café is a great place for students to display their musical talents (or lack thereof).

Administration Building: Often called the Golden Dome or simply the Dome, the administration building is the most recognizable feature of Notre Dame’s campus. With a statue of Mary, the building is located in the center of campus and can be seen from almost anywhere on campus.

Alum: An ND grad.

Antostal: Yearly tradition celebrating the final full week of classes. Plenty of free t-shirts, games and events for all to enjoy.

Bengal Bouts: Student boxing tournament held every year as a fundraiser for Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. Not only do you get to help out a good cause, but you also get to see your roommate take a few swings at the kid who knows all the answers from your calculus class.

Bookstore Basketball: Largest 5 on 5 basket-ball tournament in the world. With over 500 teams competing every year, this tournament is truly a sight to see.

BP: Breen-Phillips Hall, a female dorm located on North Quad.

Carole Sandner Hall: The new-ish building behind the Dome which houses the Alliance for Catholic Education.

Campus Crossroads: Massive $400 million ongoing construction project that will add new buildings and facilities onto the already existing and famous Notre Dame Stadium. It’s going to look sweet if it’s ever finished (Fall 2017).

CCE: The Center for Continuing Education, located south of the Law School.

COMO: The Coleman-Morse Center. The building on South Quad that houses First Year of Studies, Campus Ministry, a computer cluster, and 24-hour space that offers free popcorn and soda (or pop for you mid-western people).

ComStan: Community Standards, an authority on campus responsible for “educating the campus community on expectations for student conduct”. Act like the Men of Virtue we know you to be and you’ll never have to interact with them.

CSC: The Center for Social Concerns. The CSC is the place to go if interested in service projects and volunteer opportunities.

C.S.C.: Congregatio Sancta Cruce. Initials to designate members of the Holy Cross Religious Order. Don’t get the two CSCs confused.

D6: Student parking lot located behind the Rock.

D2: Student name for parking lot across from the Riehle Playing Fields (formerly Stepan Fields). As the name indicates, it’s quite a hike from most dorms (but our main lot).

DeBart: DeBartololo Hall, classroom building where most freshman classes will be held.

DPAC: Short for DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. May also be called the PAC.

Dog Book: The first-year register with the names and photos of the entire freshman class. Often used to find last minute date for SYR or …well really that’s all it’s used for.

Domer: Any ND student, past or present.

du Lac: Student handbook outlining all the rules of regulations at Notre Dame.

Fall Break: While most schools only get a few days off, the administration rewards us for our hard work with a whole week off during October. This is usually the first time you have the opportunity to return home since August, although some students choose to stay on campus or participate in service projects.

Fieldhouse Mall: Open area between Cavanaugh Hall and Stonehenge fountain. Warm weather brings campus bands, barbecues, and other fun things to do instead of studying.

The Fishbowl: The newly renovated, large room with all the windows near the west entrance to Hesburgh. It’s called the fishbowl because as you walk in you can gawk at the studiers and vice versa, similar to a fish tank.

Flex Points: The dollars that accompany the normal meal plan that can be used to buy some tasty snacks and beverages at the Huddle, SmashBurger, Reckers, and other campus food locations. All you do is swipe your ID and it comes out of your account.

God Quad: Home to the Dome, the Basilica, Sorin College, Walsh Hall and the statues of Jesus and Father Sorin. Don’t walk on the grass (really, don’t).

Grab ’N Go: Convenient brown-bag breakfast, lunch, or dinner available from 7am to 7pm when classes are in session from either dining hall.

The Grotto: A 1/10 replica of the Grotto of Lourdes, France where students can come to light a candle and spend some quiet time in reflection and prayer. 10/10 would recommend.


Hesburgh Library: 13 (or...14???) story Library with the mosaic of Touchdown Jesus on its façade. Named for Fr. Ted Hesburgh, C.S.C. who served as President of Notre Dame for 35 years. His former office is still there.

Huddle Mart: Small convenience store in LaFun where students can purchase food, drinks, toiletries, notebooks, and other base essentials such as the infamous Quarter Dogs.
insideND: Campus Portal which allows you access to Class Registration, Domer Dollars, etc. This site provides convenient access to Notre Dame Web services for students, faculty, and staff. With more than 100 content channels, the information you need is at your fingertips.

Joyce Center (J.A.C.C. or “Jack”): This venue houses numerous campus events such as basketball, volleyball, ice hockey games (until the new arena was opened in late 2011), pep rallies, concerts, and lecture.

JPW: Junior Parents Weekend, held in February.

LaFun: LaFortune Student Center.

Legends: The restaurant, pub and programming venue. Brings in live entertainment and has a nightclub open late nights on Thursday, Friday and Saturday Nights.

Library Circle: Pick up/drop off spot at the east end of the Hesburgh Library.

Main Circle: Pick up/drop off spot at the main campus entrance on Notre Dame Avenue.

MCOB: Mendoza College of Business. Also called the “Dirty Doz”

Michiana: The name of the region along the border of Michigan and Indiana, including South Bend.

Mod Quad: Home to Knott Hall, Siegfried Hall, Pasquerilla East, and Pasquerilla West.

Monk: Affectionate nickname of the former University President Father Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.

NDTV: The student run TV station.

NET ID: A computer ID name that, along with your password, gives you access to the Notre Dame network from almost any computer on campus.

North Quad: Home to BP, Cavanaugh, Farley, Lewis, St. Ed’s, Keenan, Zahm, and most importantly, Stanford! Resident Assistant, a senior in each section of the dorm who guides the dorm life of the students.

Observer: Campus newspaper you’ll grow to love (kinda).

O'Shag: O’Shaughnessy Hall, location of many Arts and Letters classes, departmental offices, and Waddick’s Café. O’Shag is also recognizable by the perpetually slow clock on its façade. This clock was also the center of some controversy when the University decided to remove the hands completely, some say to symbolize the timeless nature of the University; others say they did it just to confuse the students.

Parietals: du Lac regulation that outlines visitation hours in dorms. From 9am to 12am on Monday through Thursday, from 9am to 2am on Friday and Saturday, and from 9am to 12am on Sundays, members of the opposite sex are allowed to visit the fine gentlemen of Stanford Hall.

PE: Pasquerilla East, a women’s dorm located on Mod Quad.

PW: Pasquerilla West, women’s dorm located on Mod Quad.

Pop: Midwestern term for Soda.

Quarter Dogs: Infamous hot dogs available in LaFortune for a quarter after 12am.

RA: Resident Assistant, a senior in each section of the dorm who guides the dorm life of the students.

RecSports: Intramural sports program at Notre Dame.

Rector: Basically the person in charge of each dorm, i.e., the responsible adult.

The Rock: The Rockne Memorial Gymnasium located at the foot of the South Quad.

Rolfs: The newer, larger athletic facility which is open to all students.

The Shirt: An annual fundraising project which becomes the only accepted item of apparel in the student section for football games at Notre Dame Stadium.

SMC: (smick) St. Mary’s College; an all-women’s school located adjacent to Notre Dame.

South Quad: Home to O’Shag and the Rock and everything in between. The first wind tunnel to be constructed on university property in the USA.

Stepan Center: The round, geodesic dome at East Gate. Don’t mix this up with Stepan Chemistry Hall, though testing for various departments occurs in Stepan Center.

Stonehenge: War Memorial Fountain located at the foot of North Quad.

SUB: Student Union Board that tries to organize activities for students.

SYR: Formerly known as “screw your roommate” now changed to mean “set-up your roommate”, the SYR is a semi-formal dance.

TA: Teaching assistant; most large classes have TAs to assist the professor.

Tailgate: Pre-game festivities, usually occurring in the parking lot by the stadium, before all football games.

Touchdown Jesus: Nick-name of the mosaic on the side of the library facing the stadium. You’ll see why it was so named when you arrive.

Tutorial: Discussion session for large classes

West Quad: Home to the newest dorms on campus, McGlinn, Welsh Family, Keough, Ryan, and O’Neill. These halls were opened from 1997-2012.

WSND: Student-run fine arts radio.

WVFI: Student-run progressive station on the second floor of LaFortune (one of your captains may or may not occasionally make appearances on air here).
Stanford Addendum to the Domer Dictionary

Seeing as how the Domer Dictionary doesn’t quite fill you in on everything you need to know about living in Stanford Hall, we’re going to let you in on the Stanford lingo too. Please, try to contain your excitement.

The Bullpen: The aptly-named basement section that has our big screen TV and 7.1 surround sound system, not to mention the Xbox One, PS4, and popcorn maker. Also our 24-hour space if you don’t use the privilege incorrectly. You abuse it, everyone loses it. Ask alums what that was like.

Double: The standard two-person rooms you all will be assigned to. You will grow to love your humble abode.

GriffHoops: Pick-up basketball at Moreau Seminary every Tuesday night at 10:00pm.

Hall Mass: Just what it sounds like. It’s a mass for the men of Stanford Hall in the Chapel of the Holy Cross on Sunday evenings at 10:30pm. This is a time that brings us all together to pray and grow with one another. Even if you are not Catholic or an avid Churchgoer, all are welcome.

Lakings: Just our way of saying Happy Birthday.

Men of Virtue: Another way of referring to the gentlemen of Stanford Hall. The name references the class, sophistication, and virtuousness that traditionally have been the hallmarks of a Stanford Man. Being a member of Stanford Hall is one of the greatest honors a Notre Dame man can have, but it comes with its fair share of responsibilities and expectations. We always have been and always will be Men of Virtue.

N/S & E/W: North/South and East/West, respectively. Okay, so Stanford is a work of architectural genius and is shaped like a T. There are 2 parts of the T, one hallway that has you travel either north or south (these are the N/S sections) and one that has you travel east or west (the E/W sections). Slap a floor number in front of that and you have your section (Ex: 1 N/S or 4 E/W). And yes, this is why it takes them 5 years to complete the architecture program, to learn how to make a T-shaped building.

Quad: Four-person room, each section has one. Great for hanging out.

Section Olympics: A competition between the sections ranging in everything from football to Halo. There are winners each semester and prizes may or may not be given.

SMC-Chick (Smick-Chick): A girl from Saint Mary’s College (SMC; hence the name).

Scraw: What we have decided is the official noise a Griffin makes. Scraw!

Six-Man: One six-person room (they’re huge) graces each N/S section. These tend to be the social hubs of Stanford Hall. Many of your Welcome Weekend members just so happen to live in them.

Studs: Back in the day, the mascot for Stanford Hall was a stud bull, so don’t be surprised if you’re referred to as a “Stanford Stud” occasionally.

The Domer Dictionary was originally written by Student Government in May, 2002. It has been revised in 2003, 2005, 2011, and 2012.
### Notre Dame Victory March

Rally sons of Notre Dame
Sing her glory and sound her fame,
Raise her Gold and Blue
And cheer with voices true:
Rah, rah, for Notre Dame
We will fight in every game,
Strong of heart and true to her name
We will ne’er forget her
And will cheer her ever
Loyal to Notre Dame
Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame,
Wake up the echoes cheering her name,
Send a volley cheer on high,
Shake down the thunder from the sky.
What though the odds be great or small
Old Notre Dame will win over all,
While her loyal sons are marching
Onward to victory.

### Notre Dame, Our Mother

As one final unifying act before leaving the stadium after a football game, students both past and present join arms and sway to the Alma Mater. Like the Fight Song, the Alma Mater will serve as an eternal reminder of your time spent at the University of Notre Dame.

Notre Dame, our Mother
Tender, strong, and true
Proudly in thy heavens,
Gleams thy gold and blue.
Glory's mantle cloaks thee
Golden is their fame,
And our hearts forever,
Praise thee Notre Dame,
And our hearts forever,
Love thee Notre Dame.

### Stanford Hall Fight Song

Former Rector Father Tom Gaughan, C.S.C. wrote this fight song as a parting gift to us.

Fight, fight for Stanford Hall!
The Griffins fight to great acclaim.
Cheer, cheer for Stanford Hall!
The best dorm hall at Notre Dame!
Fight, fight for Stanford Hall!
The Cinderblock Palace of Love.
We win by rout!
We scream and shout:
We’re in the house!
We’re Stanford Hall!
First of all, we at Stanford do things a little different than the Official University Procedural Guide to Leaving Home and Coming To Notre Dame For the First Time. We know you will be hearing a thousand and one different times and rules about arrival and how it is done. We want you to follow our instructions to make your move-in as smooth as possible. Here is what we do:

1. This is not like other Universities. We have a staffed move-in, therefore it should take less than 15 minutes to get all of your junk from your car to your room.

2. We will be working move-in from 9am-8pm on Thursday August 18th and from 8am-5pm on Friday August 19th. These are set times so don’t expect to show up at 10pm on Thursday and get moved in. A bunch of college kids carrying stuff around for eleven hours aren’t going to be too happy about that.

3. Please E-Mail Justin McDevitt and introduce yourself and send him a picture so we all know what you look like! (justin.m.mcdevitt.8@nd.edu) Also, please email one or both of the Welcome Weekend Captains, Andrew and Brendan (ameisenb@nd.edu Brendan.J.Besh.1@nd.edu) with a picture and introduce yourself to us as well. We want to try to get to know as many of you as possible!

4. Ensure that you get off the Indiana Toll Road at the Notre Dame exit, not the South Bend exit. After you pay your money to the state of Indiana, which will get really annoying after the seventh or eighth trip, you will go straight onto Douglas. Go past 2 roundaboutes and take a right once you get to the giant fields. After making your way through the waiting line you will get your first glimpse of the miraculous wonder that is Stanford Hall. Turn left into the parking lot labeled A17 and you have arrived!

5. Have fun the rest of the summer and we are looking forward to meeting you!
Detailed Maps