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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Record.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Alright. Good morning. Good evening, good afternoon.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Wherever you are in the world.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I am Charity, Alinda, and I would like to welcome you to our second pre-arrival information session for new international students who will be arriving to Branma College in a couple of weeks. Believe it or not. It's August 7th this

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: today, and you all be arriving on August 26.th So I'm very excited that you're joining this session to learn a little bit more about your international student journey. As you start planning and preparing for your arrival to the United States and to Bren Maw College in particular.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: This morning you are joined by my 2 other wonderful folks at Branma College, and I will ask them to introduce themselves. But before that I would like to reintroduce myself and say, I am Charity Alinda. I am the director of international Student and scholar, advising here at Brenmar College, and I am excited to be with you.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and I'm looking forward to spending the next 30 or 40Â min with you, answering any questions that you might have. I would ask my other colleagues to my co-presenters today to introduce themselves as well.

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Dean MB (she/her): Hey, everyone! It's great to see you again. I am Dean, MB. Mary Beth Horvath, and I'm associate Dean of the 1st year experience, and I've been in communication with many of you since you decided to come to Bryn Mawr last May.

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Lordina Oduro: Hi, everyone! It's so nice to see everyone here, and I'm ladina oju a rising senior. So class of 2026. I'm a mathematics, major data science minor. And I'm originally from Ghana. So it's so nice to see everyone here and excited to start your journey with us this fall. So I'm really excited to be on this meeting with all of you.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Thank you so much, Dean. MB. And thank you so much. Lord Diner, we are so glad you're here to join us this morning before I continue with our presentation, I did pull another new quote from our President, President Kaj.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: today, this is something that we put. She emailed it to everyone on campus in support of international students. And it goes, we remind you, she said, a ton of other great things before this particular part. Right? So

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: she just wanted to make sure that you remember that even in uncertain times, Bren Maw is a college that cares deeply for each one of you. We value you, and we will stand with you proudly as we navigate together the path ahead. This community cares about you, and we have a strong team that supports you. And this is true, true, true, we are here to support you as international students.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: as international folks within our community. So as you join us, remember that the leadership here at Brenmar is committed to ensuring that you have a successful journey from wherever you're coming from. As you make your way to Bren Maw.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I want to take this opportunity again to reintroduce the impact center. This is the center for community equity and understanding. That's where my office is housed, and there is a team of folks who are ready to welcome you to campus and be of your service. We do have a dean. We have a director for the center, myself, another associate director who takes care of other students. And I believe some of you have already been interacting with Trish. So

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: you'll be working with her in some way, shape or form, and then we have an assistant director for intercultural engagement as well. Then we do have an interfaith chaplain on Campus Rabbi Nora, and then you'll be seeing Catherine at some of my events or your events. And then, of course, I'm sure everyone has heard from Nora, Marcus, and you'll be interacting with her, and when you arrive on the 26th she'll be right there waiting for you to greet you

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: with open arms. So this is the center that will be taking care of you. And then I will also be your key Point person on campus as an international student at Brenner College. If you have any questions, please reach out. And also you can visit our website to read more about the services that we provide to all students on campus, but also in particular to you as

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: an international, an international student.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Okay, so this is where normally would ask you to let us know what country of origin you are from. However, instead of doing that this morning, we are going to

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: switch things up a little bit, so if you don't mind in your chat box, if you can share something unique or a fun fact about your country of origin that would be awesome. So you could say china, and then say, maybe

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: the Great Wall, or you could say India. Then you say, Taj mah whatever. So I'm gonna give you a minute. If you can just go ahead and type

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: A, your country of origin, and then share something fun, fact about it. We will be collecting these notes for our purposes, and would want to be able to see where everyone is coming from and where everyone has tuned in from this morning our time. So I will give a bit of time to do that as we continue with this session today. So please go ahead, and I can actually begin right now. Say.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I'll say Uganda and Dnmb and Laudina, you're welcome to share stuff as well.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Okay, let's see if we have anything in here coming.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: So, Nepal, we have the highest Mount Everest. Yes, that is so unique.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: South Africa, the Rainbow Nation. I love that

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: actually, I should have, said the equator in Uganda, because we do have the equator going through literally my country halfway. So that's unique. So we have Nepal, highest Mount Everest, South Africa, Rainbow Nation, Uganda. We have great sunshine because we have 12Â HA day, 12Â HA night.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Ghana, the slave castles.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: That's so true, very historical.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I'm gonna wait for 3 more, and then the rest will read them when we in our Q&A session. So we have Georgia

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Mariam. Is that really true that Georgia is the birthplace of wine. We're going to ask you a bit more about that when we are chatting. So we do have Georgia China. Actually, we don't have fortune cookies. Okay? So that is very unique, because everyone in America thinks China has fortune cookies.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: So we're going to quiz you about that morocco home to the oldest university in the world, Jana.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I didn't know that I didn't know that.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Mariam, said. Red wine. Okay, so that is really unique. So we have Greece.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Okay, one of the 7 wonders of ancient worlds. That's amazing. Okay.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: all right. 2 more. Then we'll call it in Japan, Anime and mango. Of course, Cato, that is so true.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: One more, I promise you. Then we'll be. We'll be done. You guys can keep putting that stuff in there, but then we will try to compile these. These wonderful notes.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: So we have Japan, Greece, Morocco, China, Georgia, Ghana, Uganda. Of course the U.S.A.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Alright. Well, thank you, guys, this has been really great. And we're gonna collect those notes will be

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: integrating them in your arrival activities, etc, etc. So thank you again, and we chat a little bit more. So let's continue here.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I have a few reminders for you as you start planning your journey. A. The 1st thing is really to confirm that you have access to your college student accounts. Right? So make sure that you have

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: logged into your email, logged into your GPS logged into any other student accounts that we shared with you earlier. So just make sure you have those credentials, and please don't forget your passwords, and don't forget those credentials, but they are important.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Please please remember to complete your arrival. Form

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: by completing the arrival form. You're giving us good information, important information for us to prepare for your arrival at Bradenmark College.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Us. Knowing what time you'll be coming, what your flight is, and when you'll be actually showing up on campus will give us a better understanding of how to prepare for your arrival, please. The deadline right now is 8, 15, but if you could do it earlier. That's much better, especially if you have your visa. You have your passport, you have your

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: ticket already booked. Just go ahead and complete the form and forget it. Right now, I believe we have about close to 20 students who have completed it. So that's less than 50%, we would hope that it's 100. Right? So please continue to complete the arrival form, and if you have any questions about access, etc. Let us know we'll be able to send you that information

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: yesterday or 2 days ago you should have received an email from my colleague Nora, about completing your glacier tax sign up form. So you're actually not completing the tax form. But you're signing up to come and complete that form on the 27th right? So because when you arrive on the 26, th we don't want you to go through that part of the process yet, but we would like you to pre-book a spot a time. Slot that way. You can come in

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: for 30 min and complete it. So if you haven't completed it yet, please go ahead and sign up. If you don't have that link, I can share it with you during the Q. And a session as well.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: So because all international students, regardless of whether you will be working on campus or not. You still need to file your taxes, and to do that we want to make sure we have your information in the system that facilitates that process. So go ahead and complete that glacier tax. Sign up, form that way. We can help you when you come in on the 26, th but we will be doing the tax. Sign up stuff on the 27th the following day, after you've had a good night's sleep.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: The other reminder is, review your flight information just to make sure you know where you're going to, where your flight route is taking you. If you're going through Europe, if you're going through Asia, if you're going through anywhere else, just kind of to be familiar with how your route will take just for your comfort purposes. The other item I want to make sure you remember to complete before you arrive on campus is your health form, and Dean MB. Will be talking in detail a little bit about that form, and why it's critical that you complete it before you arrive.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: because we want to make sure that process for your arrival is so smooth, so

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: take time now, since you still have it completed, have it ready submitted that way. You don't have to worry about it upon arrival.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: The other suggestion I have for you is to try and connect with your fellow students. If you haven't done that yet, try to do it. You have friends here right now in the room, reach out to them, connect with them, start making friends even before you make it to campus. I promise you life is going to be a bit much easier as you transition. If you have already made a few connections with your fellow students.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Another item that I want to remind you on. And you could still do. You can start doing this now is uploading your immigration items to GPS. So if you have received your visa, please go ahead and upload it. If you have your if you haven't sent in your updated passport, if for something. For some reason it has changed. Please go ahead and upload to GPS, and when you arrive on campus and we will dive a little bit deeper on this

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: during the next. The final session is, there is what we call the form i. 94, and that form you can only download it after you have crossed the border right? So after you've crossed a point of entry into the United States, so that will be the last item that you will need to upload into GPS for us to be able to activate your account in the United States as a

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: an international student. Right? So

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: right now I would suggest, if upload your visa, upload your passport, upload your signed I 20 that way.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: The only remaining item you'll have to upload will be your form. I. 94, which you can only do after you have arrived into if you have arrived to the United States. Right? So we are suggesting these items. And this we're giving these reminders just to

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: make sure that you do a bit of less when you arrive, because I can't imagine flying for 20 plus hours, and then having to go through all this paperwork and you're trying to make your room. You're trying to make your bed. You're trying to arrange things, meet new people. It can be a bit overwhelming

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: by you getting a head start and getting all these items in order before you arrive. It's going to make your life a bit more easier. So that's why we are trying to remind you to do all these items before you make it, to make your way to brand my college.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: So this is where we go to the key reminders for August. So you guys have been having tasks and items to complete every single month for the last couple of months. Now, believe it or not, we are in August, and this is the month that you'll be arriving to campus right? So

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I am going to stop sharing that way. Dean MB. Can share her screen and then go to getting familiar with your 1st year tasks for August, and then you'll come back and talk about the GPS system. So, Dean MB, if you don't mind you can go ahead and share your screen.

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Dean MB (she/her): Great.

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Dean MB (she/her): So you should see the 1st year checklist, and it should start here with to do in August.

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Dean MB (she/her): So I hope that is something that everyone is able to see.

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Dean MB (she/her): So the 1st thing is, bills were due in the beginning of August, and I know that some people have been having some issues paying the bill, because the way that you might pay the bill and the systems you're able to access as an international student are different. And so if you are having difficulty accessing those systems, it is important to contact student accounts. Student accounts are the folks who can help you navigate that

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Dean MB (she/her): we completely understand. If there have been some issues because you were not able to access the system appropriately, not a problem. Just be sure to be in contact with student accounts about any difficulties you might be having.

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Dean MB (she/her): We have our excuse me. Our

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Dean MB (she/her): last Town Hall meeting is this, Friday at 12 Pm. Eastern time, and that is when I will answer any of

your final questions for preregistration which begins next week.

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Dean MB (she/her): Many of you should have taken the writing diagnostic for non-native speakers of English, and I do have those results. I received them last night, and if it is recommended, or if I reach out to you, and recommend that you should take a class called writing 120.

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Dean MB (she/her): It is really only for your benefit, so that you are able to become accustomed to how we write for your classes here. You'll also make connections with other people in your classes, and also with the professor, who is our person who works with multilingual writers. And so it really is a good class to take. If you've been recommended to take it

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Dean MB (she/her): again, we have our international student arrival form that we would love for you to complete. And next week, on Monday, starting at 9 Am. Eastern time, you will pre register for classes that is, all week long until 1159 Pm. On August 15th

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Dean MB (she/her): we have a lot of tutorials that you'll need to complete hopefully by the end of next week definitely before you get here.

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Dean MB (she/her): If you are interested in employment on campus, there will be a job fair once you get here on August 29, th

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Dean MB (she/her): and you, all international students are enrolled in the college's health insurance, so that last one on the 31st is not applicable to you. But then we also have the music interest survey. If you're interested in music classes or orchestra, or any of those other, we have a choir. We have a smaller choir called the Chorale, or you're taking music lessons. That's the survey that you would fill out to let the department know.

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Dean MB (she/her): So the thing that's not on here on this August list is the health form, because that was already due. But I know that some people are still working on getting their health form in. It's important to get the health form in, because if we don't have it, you will not be able to preregister for classes next week.

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Dean MB (she/her): and if we don't have it by the time you arrive here on the 26, th you won't be able to access your room, so it is possible that you might need to visit health services upon your arrival

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Dean MB (she/her): to complete some of the paperwork with them. I know that some of you are still working on getting vaccines, and you are set up to do that before you arrive here. That's great. If you have not submitted any of your paperwork for the health form. Please please try to get it in today. Whatever you have done, submit today.

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Dean MB (she/her): and if you are not able to submit anything, or you want to talk with someone in the Health Center. The folks to reach out to are nurse at Brynmareedu, and we will put that email in the chat so that you have it. You can reach out directly to our nurse, who is handling the health forms. Her name is Sue.

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Dean MB (she/her): and you can be in touch with her with any questions that you have. I know sometimes there are just issues in terms of accessing the portal that they use. And so, if you have tried to upload them, and you haven't been successful. But they're done. Please email her also email me, so that we know that because if the forms are done, and there's just that hurdle that you can't access the portal.

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Dean MB (she/her): Then we certainly would allow you to continue to move forward. That's different. If you don't have anything done yet, so we're also happy to answer questions moving forward about the health forms. If you get them in by the middle of next week, you know, at the very latest, we should be able to release the hold on your account for you to preregister. But after really like next Wednesday morning. We're really not going to be able to review them in time for you to preregister, and I feel like that's a big thing you probably all want to do

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Dean MB (she/her): so I'm going to stop sharing my screen. And we can move on

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Dean MB (she/her): and put that email address in the chat.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Thank you so much. Dnmb, please please complete that form because we want to make sure your arrival is not stressful at all.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Claiz.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: All right, let's continue here. And so

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I believe most of you have already logged into your global portal system. That's the GPS, and that's where we will need you to let me open it here. Really quick!

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: That's where we'll need you to upload your immigration documents.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: If you still have issues, or you have forgotten how to access your

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: global portal system. Please let us know, because

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: as an international student on campus, this will be your go-to portal

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: requesting any sort of service from our office.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: If you're applying for what we call curriculum practical training for an internship, if you want to update your form, I 20. If you want to change your address, if you move from one room to another. If you want to ask for a letter to invite your friends and parents to come and visit.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: etc. Everything will be in this system. So it's critical that you get familiar with the system before you arrive.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and we will have opportunities to share this information with you during orientation as well.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: But it's going to be much easier for you as to get used to the system before you make your way to the United States. So this is the global global portal system. Just go ahead, and when you log in it will be easy to navigate. But if you have any issues, please let us know, and we'll be able to help you with that. So if you come to this website, you will see the global system login instructions. If you click on it here.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: it will show you exactly what to do. Portal is located. This is our URL, and you can download here to view and download instructions about how to access the system. Again, if you try all these tricks and you're still having issues. Please please let us know. We will be here to help you without any issues.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Okay, let's continue here. So this is where we invite our special guest, Laudina Ladina, is one of our international students, and she has graciously allowed to come this morning and share with you a little bit about her experience at Bren Maw College, and there's some of the questions that I have for her. But if for some reason you have additional questions, you have a. You can

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: put it in that

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: chat, or during the Q. And a session, you'll be able to ask her additional questions if you're willing so to start logging if you can unmute yourself, because I'm going to start asking you questions, and then you can help us understand a little bit about you. But it's a little bit about your journey. So A. Before we dive into these questions, could you just reintroduce yourself, and then let us know your country of origin, and the year you came to the United States.

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Lordina Oduro: Yeah.

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Lordina Oduro: I'm so sorry they are kind of like mowing their loans at my apartment. So if there's any background noise, I really apologize for that. But yeah, as Tracy said, I'm Ladina. I'm an international student. I'm from Ghana, and specifically from Accra. And I came to burn more in the year 2022. So

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Lordina Oduro: I've been here for a while, and I'm currently going to my final year, which is a sweet, bitter moment for me. But I'm really excited about what this year brings.

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Lordina Oduro: and how I'll be able to make the best out of the year ahead.

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Lordina Oduro: So that's just a little bit about me. And also I'm a mathematics, major data, science minor. And yeah.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Thank you, Lordina. Thank you so much. So really quick. Could you help us understand how you

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: made friends when you 1st arrived at Bren Maw. Did you take any specific steps, or was it organic? How could you help us understand how that process went for you as a student.

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Lordina Oduro: So I would say before coming to burn more. I did connect with a few people, because naturally I'm very extrovert, introverted. Sorry, I'm really like

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Lordina Oduro: shy. I kind of kept myself. So I did like make some online connections, because then it's easier to text people you don't have to like, see the person and all of that. So I built some connections online with people. And so when I came to Brymore, it was easier like connecting with those people because we had like a foundation we had already created.

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Lordina Oduro: And so I would say, that's where I started. But also other areas like that helped me to make friends was

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Lordina Oduro: my faith and also my identity. So those are like 2 things I hold in high esteem. And so I was able to connect with like people who shared the same identity with me in terms of black and African and just people who shared those identity, and also like people who share the same faith with me, and going for events, and being a part of these kind of like little

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Lordina Oduro: multicultural organizations like really helped me to expand my scope of friendship. So I would say, I have a very diverse group of friends that bring more due to like these reasons. And in my classes, too. I have a lot of friends, but those friends I made for my classes were also because we had other

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Lordina Oduro: places. We had this friendships, so our friendship was not just limited to

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Lordina Oduro: classroom friendships, but also our friendship extended to like other areas of campus. So for me, that was like my main way of making friends at Brame do the organizations on campus.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Oh, thank you so much. Did you find folks welcoming and receptive? Or did you have a challenge in that process?

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Lordina Oduro: I would say, the students at Burmo are very welcoming, like very open like they would like literally like

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Lordina Oduro: connect with you, which is something I really appreciated, and also bring more. Being a small campus like your friend's friend, kind of becomes your friend, and, like you, just end up like extending that kind of friendship. So I would say that people on Brynmore were very welcoming for me. One thing that I kind of struggled with was like my essence because I was like, maybe people wouldn't hear me. Well, when I talked.

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Lordina Oduro: but then it wasn't like something that was like a big issue at the end of the day, like people would actually like. If you had to repeat yourself. People would like

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Lordina Oduro: graciously allow you to do that without having to make any kind of micro aggressive statements. So that is something I really appreciated about the campus and still appreciate about it.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Thank you, ladina. So you have alluded to this a little bit. However, do you have

any other worries that you had as you transitioned. And how did you overcome that worry?

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Lordina Oduro: So for me, my biggest worry was like, I'm someone who is very attached to family. So that was like my biggest worry coming to burn more like I was worried about how I was going to connect with my family, whether I was going to lose the touch I had with my siblings, because that is something most people overlook, because coming to the Us. Is a big experience for

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Lordina Oduro: anyone. So you are kind of just excited about the whole idea of like coming to a new country that you almost forget that you are also leaving out. You are leaving behind a whole

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Lordina Oduro: a whole big thing like the memories you've made with your family, the kind of siblings you have, and all of that. So that was my big worry. But I would say, coming to Brymore. I've

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Lordina Oduro: had opportunities where I've been able to connect my family even more extensively than I thought I would, and an amazing thing Brema has is, I don't know if we are still going to have it. But the International friend which allows you to have like a faculty, as let's say your

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Lordina Oduro: family like. So you get to like, hold that faculty as your mother or your father in any regard. And for me, my international friend has been amazing. She's even connected with my parents. So like, it's just like this whole thing where you feel like you have a support system in the Us. That your parents trust like you to go around. And it's been just a supportive experience for me. So yeah.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Thank you, Lordina. I appreciate that, and last, but not least, what has been your best experience at Brenmar so far. Well, you've been here for a couple of years now, so you could choose a couple. But just share with us. What would you consider to be

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: your best experience at Brand Bar?

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Lordina Oduro: But this one is tall.

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Lordina Oduro: But let me see, I would say

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Lordina Oduro: for me, my best experience at Brema is

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Lordina Oduro: oh, there's so many coming to my head, because I'm just like looking back at, like all the memories I've built and all the friendships I have. But I would say my best experience at Burmo was my freshman year birthday, because I was very like sad. I didn't. That was like literally my 1st time I was celebrating my birthday without having, like the people I normally would see around me.

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Lordina Oduro: So I was very like kind of sad. But the friends I have, and at that time the upper

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Lordina Oduro: classmen. They made my experience like my birthday experience, so amazing, and I would never forget about that specific birthday moment and another experience I have

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Lordina Oduro: I bring my dad? I also hold dearly. It's just the graduations like I feel like graduations are like

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Lordina Oduro: very bittersweet moments. But it's just nice to see what your upperclassmen, and like senior friends, junior friends, what they've achieved, and like

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Lordina Oduro: the new journeys they're about to take in life. So I think that is also another experience I would hold dearly among many, many, many other like experiences I've had at Brema, because, to be honest, it's just a lot of experiences that I can't like really pinpoint this one or that one. So I would leave it like that for the meantime. Yeah.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Well, thank you, Lordine, and we're glad that you had a wonderful birthday experience, and I really appreciate you emphasizing the community aspects of your life at Bryn Mawr, and how folks on campus are genuinely and intentionally trying to ensure that you feel welcome.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: And that is true. And I've had this same sentiment from other students on campus. So I'm so glad that you share that experience as well. So thank you again, and we might have you again share a little bit during the Q. And a session. But for now we will continue. I appreciate the time, and I appreciate your responses as well.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: So a few reminders here in the National Student Journey, as you progress, you remember. Please remember, mark your calendars again. Arrival is August 26th That's when you should make it to campus and be ready to move in into your dorms or residence. So if you're buying tickets, if you haven't

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: finalized anything in that regard. Please just go ahead and make sure you make your way to the United States and hopefully to campus by the 26th

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: especially if you have long layovers. You want to make sure the time doesn't affect your arrival date as well.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: The other quick reminder is that during your arrival

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: phase of your international student journey. There will be what we call customs new student orientation that will run from the time you arrive to campus until September first. So lots of programming and activities have been planned for you, and our hope is that you'll take full advantage of them.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Starting with arrival and check in and moving in, etc. Etc. The other item that I haven't finalized yet, and we're still planning for it is we will have a welcome brunch, slash breakfast or brunch for you on Saturday, the August 30.th So that'd be Saturday. You'll have been here for a couple of days.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: hopefully made a few friends, and hopefully you're over your jet lag. Then you just come in and meet with friends. Have a little bit of time to interact with your fellow international students. And in addition.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: you have the opportunity to go on a great scavenger hunt that the customs customs teams are planning for you. So remember to

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Put that on your calendar as well. For August 30.th We'll be sending you information. You don't need to sign up per se.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: because it will be part of orientation, and you'll be required to attend that event. So again, August 26th is arrival on campus.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: An orientation will begin after you have moved in

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: until September first, st and of course, classes will begin on September second.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: a few travel tips as you finalize plans a for documents purposes. Right, so just

make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months into the future.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: If it is expiring. Now, please make an expedited renewal process as soon as possible.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Check your student visa. It's either F. Or J. If F. For degree seeking students and J for exchange students and make sure it's valid for entry. Right? So

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: make sure it's not

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: distorted in some way, shape or form. The name is accurate, the visa type is accurate, your birthday is accurate. Whatever information is on your visa, make sure it's accurate. Just take a quick review and make sure everything is good.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and you remember paying the service fee. That is what we call the I 901 fee.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: You should have received a receipt. Keep it with you.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Either you can print it out, or you can have it in digital version, whatever case may be, just have it available in case they ask for it. As you are planning to, as you are entering the United States after you get off your plane.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: My suggestion to students is always to make photocopies either real hard photocopies or digital copies of all your vital documents. So your passport, your visa, your I 20, because these are important documents for you to make your way to the United States, so make copies of them, just in case your original one is lost by any time was misplaced by any

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: chance. Right? So, and I would say, just keep them separately from the originals that way. If it's a pouch that you have, or if it's a clear bag that you're using to carry your documents, have them in a separate section of the bag, or put them in a different carry on right that way. If for some reason you need them, at least you have copies, because it's easier to replace them when you have copies than if you don't.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: So that is for documents

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: for packing purposes. The idea is to pack your passport visa i. 20 or Ds 2,019, and of course the service fee receipt.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and I suggest sometimes you print out your acceptance letter. I put them in your carry-on luggage, for those of you haven't really traveled internationally, and this is going to be your 1st time getting on a plane, or maybe

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: traveling intercontinently.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I would say, put them in the carry-on luggage, not your checked bag, because sometimes checked bags either get lost or they are delayed, or they might get damaged. But remember, when you get off the plane and go through customs, you will need those documents and most port of entry for the United States. You don't have access to your bags before going through customs, so just make sure you have them with you in your carry-on luggage

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: if you're on medication, or if you have some prescription drugs that you need to carry with, you have the prescription and the doctor's note for health available just in case they ask you why you're carrying this medicine, etc. Etc. So pack those, of course, again in your carry-on as well.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I would suggest bringing some essential clothing for the current season. Right now we're going to be in the fall, so it won't be really cold. It won't be cold, and it won't be hopefully very hot. It's been really hard the last couple of days. Well, not this week, but a couple of weeks. Been really really hard. So

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: just bring essential clothes for you. Remember, it's fall season. I'll be talking about different seasons again next, it's presentation. So pack appropriately, you can always look up these things online as well, and say, What is the weather in Brenmar, PA, right now, or for the next 10 days? The weather forecast tries to be accurate.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: but it's not mostly always accurate, but it tries so it will be a bit reliable.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: As you look up that information.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I would also suggest that you carry some cash, especially in us dollars, because that currency is universally accepted just in case you need cash, or for some reason. I know some people have debit

cards. If you have visa or mastercard, you should be able to access your funds via ATM, but those Atms have fees that come with it, or international transaction fees. So

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: you might want to carry a little bit of cash with you as you fly to the United States, and you will have an option to open up a bank account when you arrive to the United States. We are gathering some information for you that way, it will be easier for you to just go in and open your bank account. I was talking to the bank representative yesterday, and they gave us the list of documents that you need, so we'll send that information to you ahead of time. That way you can have it ready, and your

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: bank account opening experience should be quicker

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: than if you are not prepared.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: The other last item I have for you. When you're thinking about packing, consider bringing some familiar items. Right? So is it about some a picture that you like? Is it an art piece that you like? Is it a piece of clothing that you want to carry something that will remind you of home or something that will help you culturally adjust from your home to when you come to the United States. So I would say, carry an item or 2 because you can put it in your

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: room. You can have it in your bag, etc. Whatever is going to make you feel comfortable.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I would say. Go ahead and pack it as long as it is legally allowed to travel with.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Then tips, for when you arrive, or thinking about your arrival plan. My suggestion is plan to arrive at the nearby airport in the U.S.A. So even if a ticket is cheaper, but it's gonna take you to California. Remember, you'll have to get a connecting flight from California to Pennsylvania. So my recommended or our recommended

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: airports would be Philadelphia, which is Phl.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Or Jfk. Which is in New York. Phl. Is in Philadelphia, Jfk. Is New York and Newark International Airport. It's in northern New Jersey. So those 3 airports are close to us, I would say, choose one of those. But again, this is just a suggestion. You can always decide what you want to do. But our suggestion and our experience is that it's easier to arrive at an airport that is most convenient to your final location which will be college.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and Phl. Is the closest of all the 3 that I've suggested.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and to be easier to either get a train or get a taxi or uber lyft ride shares will be convenient for you to grab and come to Bryn Maw, and we'll be waiting for you to welcome you.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I would suggest looking up those on-ground transportation options before you get on the plane that way, you get familiar, that you're going to use an Uber or you're going to use Lyft. Are you going to get a taxi, or you're going to get on the train? My suggestion is just do that homework. Now

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: that way. You're not really thinking about it as you're flying, or if you if you just get off the plane and you're trying to figure that transportation out, because you still have plenty of time to do all these things, I would suggest you get ahead of the curve and plan appropriately.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: The other part is just getting familiar with the layout of the airport. Right? Are you flying through a big airport like Heathrow? Are you going through Dubai? So just

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: you can look it up. You can look at the map, look at your route, look at your ticket.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: look at your connecting flight information that way. It's really not as stressful because I know international travel can be a bit stressful and can cause anxiety. But my hope is that when you prepare ahead of time this shouldn't be a problem at all.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and that really completes our session. I just wanted to remind you that the next session on tips on arrival will be on August 21.st If I'm not mistaken, we'll be sending you that information to sign up

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: at 8 Am. East Standard time, so same as today, and if you have any questions you can let us know. But remember to send up for that session. We'll be talking about last minute reminders. You will come with your questions about things. You've packed things you haven't packed. You will come with any questions about anything that will aid your transitioning

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: to make sure it is as smooth, as smooth as we want it to be. So again. Thank you so much for joining us this morning, and we're going to be transitioning into the Q. And a session that way you can ask anything you want, and hopefully we'll be able to answer you. And if we don't have an answer for you right now we will

be sure to send a follow up email your way that way. You have what you need as you prepare for your arrival to Bryn Mawr College.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and here is our Q. And a session, and I will actually stop sharing that way. We can either see you if you turn your video on, or we if you put anything in the chat

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and you're welcome to unmute and also put your video on, ask us questions. I know there was a question in the chat, and I'll start with that right now. I asked about in the GPS portal. If

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: do you have.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Do you have to upload a copy of your visa at the moment? Yes, right now, the addition item you need to upload to GPS will be a copy of your visa.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: If you have your visa approved, just go ahead, upload it, and then, of course, name it as visa. That way. We can see it as a visa copy in the system, because we will need the items we will need to activate you in the system is your copy of your passport, which should be valid. A copy of your form i. 20, which you receive this time should be signed, and you'll upload that as well. A copy of your visa, which should be in your passport, but to be on a separate page.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and a copy of your I-ninety 4, and the copy of I-ninety 4 will only be retrievable after you have entered into the United States. You can't have that record unless you have entered the United States, because that is processed by the Customs and Border Protection officials

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: who we call Cbp. So that's the last item you'll need to download when you arrive, and we'll send you that information and reminders, and the link and instruction on how to retrieve it. So you really don't have to worry about it right now. Just upload whatever you have that way, we can

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: begin the process of reviewing the documents, and we'll be able to get you in.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: You see this activation in a quick and

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and and and painful way, I do. We do have some questions in here. Okay, so

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: like, we don't have SIM in the Uss. So.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: okay, Kumar, okay, I think I understand your question. I think it's about a cell phone.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Lord Gina, do you remember what you did with the cell phone idea. Cause I know with Wi-fi you can go on Whatsapp, you can still communicate. But I'm sure eventually you needed a phone. So could you help us understand how you went about getting a phone in the Us.

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Lordina Oduro: And I mean for me, I did have family here, so they kind of like, got me a phone like number like.

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Lordina Oduro: But then I would say with Uber like you could actually use like an international number, for like an uber like globally, which is something I think I did when I go here. But then for me I can't really relate with, like the whole finding a phone, because my uncle kind of helped me through that process so.

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Lordina Oduro: but I could always look at like alternatives to doing that.

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Lordina Oduro: Yeah.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Yes. So Rupa. So when you're booking, you can book a cab. You don't really need

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: money to book. I mean, you don't need a phone to book a car, but you can pay with cash as well. Or if they take credit cards as well. So

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and when you're on Wi-fi, you should be able to access the app for Uber. If you're going to be using an Uber when I travel, I'm able to do that as well. So we can send you additional information on that and different alternatives. But that's an option. As long as you have Wi-fi, you should be able to access

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Uber website, lyft, or even a taxi. Then you can book the cab ahead of time. I would suggest

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: giving yourself plenty of time. Let's say if you're booking a cab, or you're if you're reserving a ride or something.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: give yourself like an hour or 2 after you have arrived that way, you, because sometimes customs delay, there might be a backlog on processing folks depending on the time you arrive to the United States, or at that particular airport. So thinking about that will be really helpful.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: The other part is with an Uber. If you have Wi-fi again, you can just use your phone to get to get it booked instead of having. You don't necessarily need a SIM per se. If that makes sense.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: The other question is, I use my Georgian phone number do authentication. How can I change to my us? So I don't get locked up. So I know. Let's the

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: what is Litz. Let's it's the tech tech department on Campus library link.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: How? What's the acronym.

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Lordina Oduro: And library and information library information.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Technology services. Right? So the library information technology services.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: we'll be able to help you with that right? So if you can get in touch with them ahead of time, Mariam. They'll be able to help you switch the number as soon as you arrive. We can make sure that happens as well, you could do that the day you arrive. You could do it the following day. But yes, there will be a process of updating your credentials that we don't get locked out when you arrive to the United States.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and I don't know if Dnnb wants to add on that, or if we have seen other students go through the same process.

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Dean MB (she/her): Yes, when you if you do change your phone number here in the Us. If you get a new phone also, let us know what your new number is, so that we can put it into bionic

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Dean MB (she/her): but let's can help you change that. I also had one thing I wanted to add to the SIM question, you should be able to get an Esim in advance. So if you wanted to continue to use your current phone and you're using it internationally. You should be able to purchase an Esim online in advance, and you also might want to check with your current carrier to see what their international plans are like, and to see if it makes sense for you to continue to use that.

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Dean MB (she/her): because in some cases it may not make sense really financially for you to continue to use a phone to use that current phone. And it might make more sense to get a new phone when you get here. But an E. SIM card is also a possibility for you.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Thank you so much, Dean. MB, so hopefully. That answers your question. Then we have another question about May. I know where to access the recording of the 1st international paragraph session. Yes, the answer is, yes, that should be up online. Now let me see if I can share my screen

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and try to find it.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Can you see my screen? What what are you able to see now?

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Dean MB (she/her): I just see that it says that you have started sharing a screen. There we go. Now, you see, the orientation website.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Awesome. Okay? Great. So imagine you had Bryn, my college right? Website, main website. Here we are. Amazingness everything. So if you search

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: pre

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: arrival hopefully. That will bring it up. If not, then I can show you exactly where to go. So that's where pre arrival is

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: pre-arrival information session?

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Yes. So if you type in pre-arrival, you will be able to see pre-arrival transferring students. It's under

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: offices, services, impact center, international advising, etcetera. So it will be under pre arrival. Information sessions. So this is where our session one is, and you can watch it

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: at your leisure. And this particular session is also going to be added here, so there'll be session one session, 2 session, 3. That way. You can review this in your free time or at your pleasure. Right. So I hope that answers your question. I also let me drop this link

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: to

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: for you in the chat that way. You can have it. You can bookmark it. If you want that way, you don't have to

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: keep going to the website every single time you need to access this information.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Okay, let's see if we have any other additional questions.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: I was wondering whether there is a difference between preregistration and actual registration that we should be aware of Dean Mba.

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Dean MB (she/her): Yeah. So preregistration is next week. And this is when you indicate the classes that you are interested in taking. And so that's the process where we could have a lottery process like we discussed in our group advising sessions registration.

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Dean MB (she/her): it begins on the 28th of August, and it is open for all students, beginning the 30th of August, and that is when you would just pick classes 1st come first, st serve. So during the pre registration time. They're not really 1st come. 1st serve because we run lotteries for those that are oversubscribed, and then, when it opens for everybody during the registration or change time, that is, when it is 1st come. 1st serve, and the classes that you select. If they're open at those times, those are classes. You're registered in.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Thank you so much. Hopefully, that clears things or offers some more clarification between the 2 processes.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: We have an a follow up question about, when does registration open.

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Dean MB (she/her): So preregistration, which is something that you all should be participating in next week begins at 9 Am. Eastern time on Monday, August 11, th and ends on August 15, th at 1159 Pm. Eastern time. The registration for all students to make changes for all 1st year students starts on August 28, th

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Dean MB (she/her): and that is after you would get here.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Thank you again in MB. For that information. And I believe this information is also somewhere on the website.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: if you can access that information as well on the website that'd be helpful for you. But yes, I appreciate that. You're able to ask these questions. Now that way, you can start planning ahead of time. And remember there are tasks that you really need to complete before this time comes, right? Like we talked about the health form. Please make sure you have that ready that way. If you are about to register, you're trying to register. You don't have

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: to have that hold still on your account on your record.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Just go through. Review all the tasks that we talked about to just make the process smooth for you, but also for our various offices on campus.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: We do have

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: just 1Â min before we start or before we break off. I just want to give you another minute or so. If you have any question but as you do that, we just want to thank you again for joining us this morning our time, and just to remind you that we will have our final pre-arrival information session

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: and August 21st 8 Am.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: East

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: standard time, and we will be able to answer any other questions that you might have as you make your way to Brynma College. We are truly excited to see you soon, and we just. We are just counting down days

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: before you make your way to brand my college. So again, thank you again. I don't see any questions. I hope you all have a wonderful day, a wonderful evening, or a wonderful night.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Any last minute. Things for you, Dnmb. Or Laudina. We should be good.

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Charity Alinda - Bryn Mawr College: Alright! I will go ahead and stop recording now.