

## International Orientation

- ▶ Transitions is the international orientation program for all new undergraduates who, like you, come from the 4 corners of the world. Arrive 2 days earlier than the rest of the new undergraduate students (when 1787 orientation program begins) so that we will:
  - ▶ coordinate your arrival by providing an (student only) **airport pick-up** (at the ☺ [Comfort Inn & Suites Airport Dulles](#) or ☺ [HYATT house Sterling/Dulles Airport](#) at 9:30am) on August 19 as well as your **early move-in** to your residence hall on that same day.
  - ▶ bring bank officials on-campus so you can set-up a **bank account**.
  - ▶ arrange for a couple of **shopping trips** so that your room will be feel more comfortable, and to ensure that you have some bed sheets and pillows for your first night on campus.
  - ▶ create many opportunities for you to get to know your **campus** (since most of you have never even set foot on this campus before) and of course we'll ensure that you obtain your **JACard** and that everything else runs smoothly.
  - ▶ arrange many opportunities for you to **connect** with other international students. The **LINKers** will share the ins and outs of the campus, during presentations, over meals and over **games and fun activities** so that you become more familiar with the campus, its culture and many **resources**.
  - ▶ cover immigration policies, academic and social expectations to help you **become successful**.
- ▶ Overall we want you to put your fears and concerns aside, and be excited about starting your new journey at JMU. Lots of great individuals will be there to assist you and to make these first few days very special and memorable!
- ☺ Make sure to complete the Transitions registration form

## Parents and Relatives

- ▶ A special session offered for the family members of our global dukes is offered *on the first morning of orientation*. We will provide a campus tour, an overview of the implications of immigration policies, culture and language as they apply to student life, as well as address the specific questions and concerns that family members may have.
- ▶ For the sake of family members and that of the student, we strongly recommend that family members leave the following day to allow the student to fully participate in the orientation days.

## LINKers

- ▶ To make Transitions relevant and pertinent to you, we have hired very special, awesome JMU experts: the ☺ [LINKers](#). The LINKers are returning international and globally-minded students who serve as orientation leaders and role models to help with your smooth transitions to JMU. They'll put their own personal twist to the information and assistance we will provide to make it a very unique and memorable orientation. They have prepared for your arrival and orientation since the Spring semester.