



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: New Full-Time Valdosta State University Faculty

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SUBJECT: New Faculty Orientation

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Valdosta State University is delighted you have accepted full-time faculty positions, and we look forward to welcoming you on our campus in August. Fall classes are scheduled to begin on August 17, 2020, but there are many activities scheduled for both new and returning faculty before that date.

While some events may be offered in different formats because of ongoing public health concerns, we have a full slate of activities to welcome you to VSU. Per VSU's plan in response to COVID-19, please contact Catherine Wills (croark@valdosta.edu) in Human Resources immediately to report your status as high risk for COVID-19 if additional support and resources are needed.

HUMAN RESOURCES ONBOARDING

As a new hire with Valdosta State University, you should expect to receive an email through our online Compliance Center regarding your onboarding packet. Once you've received this communication, please follow the instructions to complete the employment packet. Your Onboarding Specialist will contact you with the next steps once we've receive the completed packet.

Onboarding Specialist:

Regina Lee (A-L) crlee@valdosta.edu

Laura Pitts (M-Z) lpitts@valdosta.edu

For questions regarding onboarding, contact VSU's Onboarding Manager, Carmen James, carjames@valdosta.edu, 229-333-5709.

NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION AUGUST 4-7

New faculty orientation activities will be held on the VSU campus and/or remotely on August 4-7. These orientation activities will occur two weeks before classes start and the week before the traditional opening college and departmental meetings occur so that you will have time to make preparations for the semester. A detailed schedule and campus map will be posted on the Academic Affairs website in early July at www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/welcome-new-faculty.php. Please continue to check this site for updates.

OPENING OF THE UNIVERSITY AUGUST 10-14

The week before classes start (August 10-14) is devoted to university, college or division, and departmental meetings and events as well as a series of synchronous virtual webinars and face-to-face trainings with social distancing on pedagogical topics and technologies for teaching. You will receive further information about all of these activities from your college or division and departments.

Once again, the entire Valdosta State community looks forward to welcoming you in August.