

WAGNER COLLEGE

Welcome to the nest, freshmen Seahawks

Class of 2021 includes students from eight other countries, including Norway, Jordan and New Zealand

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There were smiles, hugs, and a few tears, as members of the Wagner College Class of 2021 arrived on the Grymes Hill campus Thursday to begin their four-year college experiences. The day got under way not long after sunrise, as students and parents began to arrive from all over the country. Each student had been given an arrival time, to try to keep the process orderly. Music blared from speakers outside Harborview Hall, as a parade of cars, directed by volunteers and campus security, waited to pull up to unload.

As each car pulled up, a team of upperclass volunteers rushed out to help unload. "It's a beautiful day for move-in," observed Maggie Cross, Wagner's director of co-curricular programs, as she surveyed the process.

Freshman Lauren Bergen, a theater major from Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania, said she was so excited she couldn't get to sleep. She left the house with her family before dawn to

arrive on time, she said, as she admired the view of New York Harbor from the window of her 12th-floor dorm room. "I fell in love with Wagner the moment I first set foot on campus," she said.

Here's the skinny on Wagner's Class of 2021:

- › The 442 members of the Class of 2021 include 58 transfer students, 74 second-degree bachelor's students, and three visiting exchange students coming to Wagner College this fall.
- › The new freshmen hail from more than two dozen U.S. states as well as eight other countries, including Norway, New Zealand, Jordan, India, Hungary, Great Britain, Canada and Romania.
- › The longest journey by a freshman to Grymes Hill this week, worldwide, was from New Zealand — more than 8,700 miles — followed by India at more than 7,800 miles.
- › Outside New York, the states represented by the most new students (in descending order) are New Jersey, California, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.
- › The Class of 2021 is 60 percent female and 40 percent male.
- › The most popular female names in the Class of 2021 are Nicole, Samantha, Lauren, Sabrina, and Sarah. The most popular male names are Michael, James, Kevin, Andrew and Matthew.



The Wagner College Class of 2021 moves into the dorms at Harbor View Hall on Thursday. *Jan Somma-Hammel, Staten Island Advance*