



# SAINTS TOOLKIT



**OLLU**  
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY  
HOUSTON



# OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence, Our Lady of the Lake University is a Catholic, Hispanic-serving, inclusive learning community. Through quality, innovative undergraduate and graduate education, we foster spiritual, personal, and professional growth. Our graduates are prepared for purposeful lives and service to humanity.

## OUR VISION AND CORE VALUES

Embracing the Catholic Intellectual tradition that integrates curiosity, faith and ethical reasoning in the pursuit of truth, Our Lady of the Lake University challenges its diverse student body with transformative experiences to enrich their lives and inspire leaders in service with faith and wisdom.

### **COMMUNITY**

We are a community that values inclusivity and embraces:

- Respect for diversity of thought, culture, creative expression, and experiences; and
- Compassionate support for each other's successes and challenges.

### **INTEGRITY**

We engage in ethical behavior through:

- Honesty, transparency, and accountability in decision making; and
- Congruence between values and actions.

### **TRUST**

We recognize our interdependence, and we value:

- Confidence in our Provident God;
- Mutual reliance on each other; and
- Stewardship of our resources and environment.

### **SERVICE**

We are called to:

- Use our time, talent, and knowledge for the benefit of others; and
- Advocate for social justice which embraces equity, access, and care of creation for the common good.



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# YOUR SUCCESS, OUR GOAL

Welcome to OLLU Houston!

We are extremely excited that you have selected Our Lady of the Lake University Houston for the next phase of your academic journey. We know that as an adult learner, you have many obligations that demand your time like family, work, service, and hobbies. Balancing those commitments alone can be challenging. Yet, you have decided to advance your educational aspirations by returning for advanced learning. We applaud your decision and your commitment.

This is an exciting time as we strategically focus on re-imagining our work at OLLU Houston for innovation, collaboration, and growth. We are equally enthusiastic about the commitment of OLLU alumni here in Houston who provide support to your current and future goals. In essence, the spirit of our founders the Sisters of Divine Providence allows us to collectively embrace our core values of community, integrity, trust, and service to each of you.

As you navigate this journey, know that your success is our goal. Our experienced faculty will challenge you in the classroom with an innovative curriculum designed to support your academic and professional goals. Our dedicated staff will support your learning outside of the classroom helping you navigate OLLU.

In the nation's fourth largest city, there are a variety of postsecondary options. Thank you for selecting OLLU Houston. While we may be your home campus, you are part of the greater OLLU Family. As one university in three regions of Texas, the Houston team works collaboratively with our San Antonio and Rio Grande Valley teams to ensure your experience in Houston is first-class, professional, and worthy of your investment. If you encounter challenges, please let us know so that we can work towards a resolution. Today marks the beginning of your "next" and we're excited to be part of that journey. Your success is truly our goal!

With gratitude,

Jamina Scippio-McFadden  
OLLU Houston Executive Director



## YOUR SUCCESS, OUR GOAL: TEAM HOUSTON

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Admissions Counselor



**Stephanie Zepeda, PhD**  
Psychology Program Director

# STUDENT SUCCESS CONFERENCE AGENDA

Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7–9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Breakroom
8–8:50 a.m.	<b>Departmental Sessions Part 1</b>	
	Psychology Program Orientation (Session 1 of 2)	104
	Leadership Studies Program Orientation Session (Session 1 of 2)	105
8 a.m.–3 p.m.	Virtual appointments with the Office of Financial Aid	Group Study 142
9 a.m.	<b>Opening Session</b>	108
	Welcome	
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Isidro Reyna, BA 2006, Strategic Communications Manager at NASA	
	“Know Your Rights” Compliance video	
10:05 a.m.	<b>Breakout Session 1</b>	
	Tech Savvy Scholars: Navigating the Digital Learning Landscape	104
	Academics: Graduate School Handbook, Saints Connect and SharePoint	107
	Unlocking the Knowledge Vault: Your Guide to Library Resources	103
10:45 a.m.	<b>Breakout Session 2</b>	
	Unlocking the Knowledge Vault: Your Guide to Library Resources	103
	An ACE in Your Hand	105
	We’ve Got Your Access Covered	106
11:45 a.m.	<b>Closing Session</b>	108
	A Message from the Associate Provost	
	Ask Me Anything: Student Panel	
	Igniting Your Journey towards Success	
	Inspiring Advocacy for Your Journey	
	About our Campus	
	Destination Graduation	
	Acknowledgements and Closing Remarks	
12:15 p.m.	Networking Lunch	Student Success Multipurpose Room
1–4 p.m.	<b>Departmental Session Part 2</b>	
	Psychology Orientation (Session 2 of 2)	
	Leadership Studies Orientation (Session 2 of 2)	





# BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN

## Step 1: Setup your new permanent OLLU student account

**First** - You will need your new username, your OLLU email address, and a temporary password.

You can find this information on your [application status page](#)



**Second** - Log into: [newstudent.ollusa.edu](http://newstudent.ollusa.edu) with your email and temporary password and follow the instructions.



## Step 2: Log into your [Saints Connect](#) to complete the steps below:

- Complete your Financial Aid Process
- Complete Final Confirmation of Registration  
(Agree to OLLU's Financial Responsibility Policy and set up payment plan if applicable)



## Step 3: Submit Final Documents

- Submit Final Documents - Please contact your admissions counselor to submit final documents.

## Step 4: Your Student ID

- Submit a passport style photo (simple background, shoulders up) from your OLLU email account to [myphoto.ollusa.edu](http://myphoto.ollusa.edu)



## For students under the age of 22

- Submit Meningitis Verification Form - [myapp.ollusa.edu/register/vaccination](http://myapp.ollusa.edu/register/vaccination)





## ALUMNI AND FAMILY RELATIONS

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### **Debora Guzman Perez**

Director of Alumni and Family Relations

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[alumni@ollusa.edu](mailto:alumni@ollusa.edu)

[www.ollualumni.com](http://www.ollualumni.com)

### STAY CONNECTED AND RECEIVE INFORMATION ON:

- Homecoming Alumni and Parent Weekend
- Invitations to alumni networking events
- Virtual financial literacy sessions
- OLLU Graduation and Alumni Gear
- Social Media
  - [Facebook](#) (@ollualumnirelations)
  - [Twitter](#) (@ollualumni)
  - [Instagram](#) (@ollualumni)
  - [LinkedIn](#) (@ollualumni)





# GET INVOLVED

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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### RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

RSOs are student-led organizations who have followed the recognition and renewal for recognition process to have the organization officially sanctioned and endorsed by the university. These organizations have a faculty or staff adviser who serves voluntarily to advise the student organization. It is not necessarily a responsibility included in their job description.

Interested in getting involved? Contact Gloria Goode at [houston@ollusa.edu](mailto:houston@ollusa.edu) or (346)342-1300

Be sure to stay connected by checking your emails for the Houston Campus Saints Weekly Scoop.

### CHARTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

CSOs are connected with a university department that have staff member(s) whose job description includes the advisement of the student organization in connection with department goals to enhance the campus community.

### SPECIAL INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS

SIOs are groups of individuals that have formed an organization based on interests in culture, recreation, spirituality or hobbies.

### ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

They are organizations connected with an academic department typically focused on an academic major that support the development of essential skills for career goals.

### HONOR SOCIETIES

Honor Societies are organizations that are focused on high academic scholar achievement, and often have requirements for classification, grade point average or credit hours.

### HOUSTON STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This group of students work with the Student Success Coordinator to identify and respond to challenges and opportunities for improvements at this site.



# IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

## **Academic Center for Excellence**

Sueltenfuss Library, Room 101  
210-431-4199  
[writing@ollusa.edu](mailto:writing@ollusa.edu) [tutoring@ollusa.edu](mailto:tutoring@ollusa.edu)

## **Houston Admissions Counselor**

Vera Walker  
346-342-1300  
[houston@ollusa.edu](mailto:houston@ollusa.edu)

## **Accessibility Services**

Walter Center, Suite 206  
[ada@ollusa.edu](mailto:ada@ollusa.edu)

## **Center for Career Development and Testing**

Main Building, Room 123  
210-431-3971  
[ccdt-testing@ollusa.edu](mailto:ccdt-testing@ollusa.edu)

## **Center for Service-Learning and Volunteerism**

Worden School, Room 23  
210-431-3990  
[cslv@ollusa.edu](mailto:cslv@ollusa.edu)

## **Center for Women in Church and Society**

Elliott House  
210-431-3910  
[cwcs@ollusa.edu](mailto:cwcs@ollusa.edu)

## **Counseling Services**

Walter Center, Suite 206  
[wellnesscenter@ollusa.edu](mailto:wellnesscenter@ollusa.edu)

## **Financial Aid Office**

210-431-3960  
[finaid@ollusa.edu](mailto:finaid@ollusa.edu)

## **Graduate Student Success Center**

210-431-3995  
[gradstudentservice@ollusa.edu](mailto:gradstudentservice@ollusa.edu)

## **Health Education Resource Office**

Walter Center, Suite 206  
[wellnesscenter@ollusa.edu](mailto:wellnesscenter@ollusa.edu)

## **IT Help Desk**

210-431-3908  
[helpdesk@ollusa.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ollusa.edu)

## **Registrar**

Walter Center, First Floor  
210-431-3959  
[registrar@ollusa.edu](mailto:registrar@ollusa.edu)

## **Student Business Office**

Walter Center, First Floor  
210-431-3929  
[studentaccounts@ollusa.edu](mailto:studentaccounts@ollusa.edu)

## **Student Success Center**

Moye Building, Lower Level  
210-431-3966  
[sas@ollusa.edu](mailto:sas@ollusa.edu)

## **Center for Student Involvement**

Main Building, Room 123  
210-431-3931  
[csi@ollusa.edu](mailto:csi@ollusa.edu)

## **Sueltenfuss Library**

210-431-3923  
[library@ollusa.edu](mailto:library@ollusa.edu)

## **University Ministry**

Elliott House  
210-431-3973  
[ministry@ollusa.edu](mailto:ministry@ollusa.edu)

## **University Police**

Walter Center, Lower Level  
210-431-4022  
[police@ollusa.edu](mailto:police@ollusa.edu)





## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Third Annual Blessing Ceremony**

Sept. 16  
12–1 p.m.

### **Mind Matters: Exploring Mental Health and Wellness**

Sept. 23 • 12–1 p.m.

### **ACE Your Writing Skills 2.0**

Oct. 7 • 12–1 p.m.

### **Annual Spirit Day and Grad Fair**

Oct. 14 • 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

### **Fall Fest (Get it Done)**

Oct. 28 • 12–1 p.m.

### **OLLU Saints Career and Graduate Fair**

Oct. 28 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### **Cookies and Conversation: Student and Alumni Chats**

Nov. 4 • 12–1 p.m.

\*All events are held at the OLLU Houston campus. Virtual options may be available. Dates subject to change.



# WINGS UP HOW TO SHOW YOUR SAINTS SPIRIT

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**WATCH**  
*this how-to video.*





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SOCIAL.  
STAY  
INFORMED.**

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