Letter from the Editor

Hey First-Year Students!

Happy last month of this academic year and an early congrats on making it through your first-year! This is the last issue of Beaver Updates for your class (the newsletter will resume in Oct 2024 for the incoming class of students). Thanks for following along the past 7 issues, and hope this newsletter provided helpful info throughout your first-year. Wishing you all a much-deserved summer break and take good care.

Best Wishes,
Isabel Peng

Director of New Student Transition Programs and First-Year Experience

Student Spotlight: Ryan Fortin

Hometown:
Londonderry, NH

Option:
Electrical Engineering

First-year highlight:
The camaraderie of friends I’ve met along the way!

Favorite ice-cream flavor:
Tom Mannion’s butterscotch ice cream
With finals coming up, here are some study strategies to keep in mind (courtesy of Dr. Grace Wong, Occupational Therapist)

1. It can feel like there isn’t enough time to practice the study cycle for every class. Try these strategies with the class you find most difficult or could use the most support in. Try the shorter steps like previewing, reviewing, and checking.
2. Your current strategies may already work well for you! Treat any new strategies as an experiment. Assess whether your current strategies are working by asking “Are my study methods effective?” and “Can I teach this?”
3. Not sure what to study next? Try giving a mini-lecture of a concept to a friend, roommate, or the stuffed animal in your room. Wherever you get stuck highlights what you don’t know (this is a good thing to catch before finals).
4. Set a time limit (ex. 20 minutes) for how long you’re willing to be stuck on a problem to prevent frustration. After the timer is up, move on and ask for help from friends, office hours, etc.
Preparing for checking-out of Caltech Housing & Summer Housing
(email ughousing@caltech.edu with any questions)

### Checking out of Caltech Housing for the summer?

- **Sat, June 1** – Last day to submit the online [Intent to Vacate form](mailto:) with your spring term check-out date
- **Fri, June 14 until 4pm** – Last day to submit the online check-out form after you have completely moved out of your space
- **Fri, June 14 after 4pm until Sat, June 15 at 9am** – Submit a paper check-out form to the Housing Office after-hours to the Housing drop-box
- **Sat, June 15 from 9-11am** – Submit the paper check-out form in person to the Housing Office in the Center for Student Services (414 S Holliston Ave)

### Moving to a new room on campus for the summer?

- **Sat, June 15– Sun, June 16** – Room move period to summer housing begins
  - Housing will notify via email with your new combo when summer room is ready – please pack your belongings and be ready to move
  - You will be expected to move to your new space within 2 hours so that we can inspect and clean your current room for the summer resident
  - Submit the paper check-out form to the Housing office in-person at the Center for Student Services (9am-4pm)
- **Sun, June 16 after 4pm** – Submit the paper check-out form to the Housing drop-box

### Moving in late for summer housing?

If you are approved a late move-in to summer housing, you will need to completely move out of your current space (and follow the full check-out procedures listed above) then move into your summer assignment when approved to do so.

### Squatting in your current room for the summer?

If you were told you are squatting in your room for your summer assignment beginning on Sun, June 15, you do NOT have to submit a Checkout form or move out your belongings.
OSE News

Interested in starting a new club? Need to renew a current club for the next academic year? The Student Club/Organization Registration process for 2024-2025 opens Mon, July 1. Email announcements will be sent to notify you of when the form is available. For more information on Clubs at Caltech, please visit our website [here](#).

Campus Resources

**Caltech Y – caltechy@caltech.edu**

- Fresh Fruit Friday – Decompression | Fri, June 7, 3–5PM, Caltech Y (505 S. Wilson)
  Enjoy a variety of free, fresh fruits to refresh and recharge your mind and body. This is a great opportunity to relax, refuel, and connect with fellow students. Don’t miss out on this healthy and delicious way to decompress during finals week!

- Youth of Promise (YOP) Summer Program | Biweekly Mondays | June 17 – July 25 | 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM | 3 Sessions Total
  Youth of Promise program is seeking volunteers for their summer program serving Pasadena & Altadena youth ages 11-18. Volunteers will lead the youth through science and/or math related projects at 236 W. Mountain St. Suite 106, Pasadena. Transportation not provided, assistance available. Projects will be hands on and interactive. Volunteers are welcome to suggest activities or assist with already planned lessons. For more info about YOP services, visit their website [here](#). To get started email ljackman@caltech.edu.