

What resources are available (e.g. academic support, advisors, student life staff, etc.)?

We received several different answers, which we've included below, because we thought the different perspectives were very valuable.

- ❖ By the end of move-in day, our sons had not only been greeted by their resident advisor, but had already had a meeting with the resident counselor's dorm group for an overview of orientation and to answer questions. Within the first twenty-four hours, our sons had met with their academic advisors to confirm their fall course schedules, to ask questions, and so on. Although we were extremely lucky that our sons never needed to consult a student life advisor, Duke has many such advisors and services available. From the resident advisors on the student's floor, to the dorm or quad advisor in the same building, to the numerous other student services advisors, the university has many people students can turn to for any problems they may encounter.
- ❖ Duke offers many support services, but it's up to the students to identify what they need and how to find it. As the director of the Duke Career Center told a group of parents, "We are not going to drag your kid off the quad and into our offices. He or she must walk in and ask for help." Students have access to residential advisors in all dorms, and the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services is available for weekly individual sessions dealing with adjustment issues and other situations common at this age. Overall, we have been pleased with the range of options for help and guidance. Just remember that it is up to the student to ask for assistance!
- ❖ Students at Duke enjoy plentiful resources. Certainly, the faculty advisor is one of the most important links for the first-year student who sometimes needs extra guidance and encouragement. The Office of Student Life initiates a variety of programs designed for student participation, and students may choose from an assortment of lectures and cultural events. In addition, the many clubs and organizations on campus represent a diverse cross-section of disciplines and interests. Also, Duke offers a wealth of opportunities for service projects, both locally and abroad.