Barnard College Open House Hostess
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What exactly does hosting a student entail?
A: Visiting students are busy with Open House during program days. Meet your student(s) at the designated match-up. Bring them to your room to drop off their luggage. Exchange contact information (cell phone and building/room number). They will then return to the program. When the events for the day are over, plan to meet up with them again so they can get to your room.

Q: Are hosts required to provide beds and linens to the students?
A: No. Students are asked to bring their own pillows and sleeping bags.

Q: If the student staying with me wants to leave campus at night, what should I tell her?
A: We urge you NOT to take students off campus after their scheduled events are over. As a college, we are responsible for our visitors’ safety. If you are going to a nearby coffee shop or common space on Barnard or Columbia’s campus, invite the student(s) to join you. Visiting students are here to get a sense of campus life and will probably have lots of questions for you. Please do not take your visiting student anywhere that requires public transportation or could potentially compromise your safety.

Q: When is the hostess matchup?
A: It depends on which night you are planning to host.

**Students hosting Sunday, April 10 – Monday, April 11:** Match-up will be in 304 Barnard Hall from 1-3 PM on Sunday, April 10

**Students hosting Saturday, April 16 – Monday, April 18:** Match-up will be in the Visitor Center at 5:30 PM on Saturday, April 16.

**Students hosting Sunday, April 17 – Monday, April 18:** Match-up will be in 304 Barnard Hall from 1-3 PM on Sunday, April 17.

You are only required to show up for a few minutes during these time periods - just long enough to sign in, meet your student, and drop off her luggage. Make a plan for when to meet her again later that night.

Q: Am I compensated for hosting?
A: In addition to the satisfaction of sharing your Barnard experiences with an admitted student, you will receive a gift from the Admissions Office as a token of our appreciation. The gift will be delivered to your campus mailbox within a few weeks of the Open House.

Q: My roommate also signed up to host students. Should we both sign up and come to matchup?
A: If you have enough space in your room to host more than one student, we’d love for you both to sign up and each host a student! If you are both unable to make it to the hostess matchup, one can come and pick up both students. Just be sure that the students have a way to reach you both!

Q: I want to host a student but am not available to come to the hostess matchup - what can I do?
A: You can still sign up to host and send a朋友 or roommate in your place to the matchup. Please note that the person who signs up as a hostess is responsible for the admitted student so be sure that she has your contact information and that you make plans for her to get back to your room that night.

Q: What is the difference between the two Open House weekends? Can I sign up to host for both?
A: You can certainly sign up to host for both weekends! We offer two Open Houses in an attempt to accommodate as many students as possible and the agendas for the days are essentially the same. The second Open House (April 16-18) includes a Saturday option for students of color who are invited to spend the night at Barnard on Saturday before the regular Open House begins on Sunday.