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Upper-classmen assist freshmen on move-in day. (COURTESY OF WAGNER COLLEGE)

GRYMES HILL

Frosh, b'gosh: Wagner's Class of 2018 moves in

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There were smiles, hugs, a few tears, but mostly just controlled confusion as members of the Wagner College Class of 2018 arrived on the Grymes Hill campus Thursday to begin their four-year college experience.

Music blared from speakers outside the newly refurbished 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 upper-class SEE WAGNER, PAGE A 8



Volunteers wait for students to check into Harborview Hall, a residence hall for first-year students.

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Many hands lighten check-in day load. (COURTESY WAGNER COLLEGE)

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volunteers rushed out to help unload.

They commandeered deep, rolling bins that they expertly loaded with bedding and other items transferred from car trunks.

Heavier items were carried by hand, down the hill and through the doors, into the lobby and into the elevator. Empty bins were trundled out to begin the process again.

Bob Collins Sr. was impressed by the process.

The Farmingdale, L.I., resident sat in the lobby of the dorm, waiting for his grandson, James, to emerge from the elevator.

Homey impression

"I put three children through college, and this is the most organized and welcoming move-in I've seen," he said.

"They make you feel immediately at home."

Freshman Drew Duffy — who arrived from Phoenix with her parents, her sister, Charlie, 7, and brother Zackery, 14 — was waiting in the lobby for her parents to arrive from Best

Buy with last-minute supplies. "It looks like a lot of chaos, with everyone just rushing around, but it's really pretty organized," she said of the move-in.

A pre-med student, she'll be playing softball for the Lady Seahawks.

Short trip to school

While the resident students unpacked, commuter students began arriving at the Union building to pick up their ID cards and their parking stickers.

Dominick Palmieri of Arden Heights, and Danielle Cross of Great Kills, were

spotted walking out with their credentials.

"I decided I didn't want to go away to school, not when we have three good colleges right here on Staten Island," Palmieri said.

Their counterparts at the Grymes Hill campus of St. John's University, and the College of Staten Island will have their day, too.

St. John's students move in Aug. 28, and classes begin Sept. 3, while CSI students move in to the Dolphin Cove dorms Sunday; classes begin Wednesday and a freshman convocation and welcome is Sept. 4.