



Overview of August Orientation

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2006

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Resident Students Check In. *Ensor Lounge, Upper Level of Decker College Center.*
You will be assisted with moving into your room by Peer Mentors, ROTC, and staff from Institutional Advancement.

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

“Lemonade Stand”: Feeling a little parched? Stop by our stand in *Kriel Lounge, Lower Level of Decker College Center* for some cold lemonade and meet the Smith House staff from Career Services and Counseling Services.

10:30 am

Commuting Students Check In. *Ensor Lounge, Upper Level of Decker College Center.*

11:00 am

Information Sharing: Commuting students and parents (optional) meet with Mitchell Alexander, Director of College Activities. *Decker Lecture Hall, Lewis Hall of Science.*

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Lunch for All New Students and Families: You are encouraged to enjoy lunch in *Englar Dining Hall.*

12:00 Noon

The Non-Traditional Student Network: Be our guests for lunch Peer Mentors and Jane Sharpe, Access Services Librarian *on the Dining Porch in Englar Dining Hall.*

2:30 pm

Communicating with your Student: College Faculty and Staff share information with parents about how to communicate with the College and your student. *Various Locations around Campus.*

3:00 pm

Orientation Groups: Students meet with Peer Mentors for introductions and information about Orientation. **Bring this program schedule.** *Memorial Plaza, in front of Hoover Library.* At the conclusion of this meeting, new students will go to *Baker Memorial Chapel* for the Introduction Convocation.

3:45 pm

New Students Prepare for the Academic Procession and Convocation. Meet *in front of Baker Memorial Chapel* and follow the directions of the marshals. Please be prompt!

4:00 pm

The Introduction Convocation: All new students, families, faculty, and staff are invited to attend this traditional ceremony, which represents the formal beginning of the academic year. Faculty and new students will process into *Baker Memorial Chapel*. At the end of the program, we will proceed to the commemorative bell in *Memorial Plaza* where each new student will be asked to “ring in” the academic year.

5:00 pm

The President’s Reception: President Joan Develin Coley and Provost Thomas Falkner will greet new students and families at this informal reception. *Memorial Plaza*. In the event of rain, the event will be held *in the Forum*.

5:45 pm

Letting Go: A Time to Separate. At this time, families and guests are asked to say their good bye’s.

6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

Dinner for Students and Faculty in *Englar Dining Hall*.

Note to Families:

Many family members ask how long to stay on the first day of August Orientation. The answer really depends on your student and you. Most families do remain on the campus for a few hours after residential students move in and commuting students attend the 11am Information Sharing Session with Mitchell Alexander. Families are invited to have lunch in the Dining Hall or some have lunch at one of the nearby restaurants. The Introduction Convocation is traditionally attended by families. It is following this ceremony that families say good-bye to their student who then begins participating in the August Orientation Program with his/her classmates.

If your student is a member of a fall sports team, you are invited to return to the campus for the first day of Orientation to attend the scheduled sessions for families and students. Many families do return but not all since travel back to the campus is not feasible. We encourage first year athletes to talk with their families about what they would like to do for the first day of Orientation.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2006

The schedule for Thursday includes

- A town meeting style discussion about Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi, our assigned summer reading choice. A panel of faculty and guests will serve as the discussion facilitators.
- Academic department receptions so students can explore different majors, minors and offered classes
- Karaoke in the evening



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2006

The schedule for Friday includes:

- The first meeting of the First Year Seminar classes
- Individual advising appointments
- Audience Response Trivia in the evening

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2006

The schedule for Saturday includes:

- Opportunity to participate in one of four community service projects in the Westminster area
- Green Terror fall sport scrimmages
- Fun activities in the Quad
- Outdoor movie in the evening

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2006

The schedule for Sunday includes:

- Resting up for Monday classes
- Shopping Shuttle to local stores
- “Choices” in the evening