

MCDANIEL COLLEGE

NEW STUDENT ***ORIENTATION***

TAKING YOUR FIRST STEPS ON THE HILL | FALL 2025

FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS

Throughout the booklet, FYS course instructors will be referenced for event attendance.



Course Title

FYS Course Instructors

Acting On and Off the Stage: Actor's Craft	Gené Fouché
Being A Changemaker	Jim Kunz
Coffee Tea Chocolate: Hooked on Caffeine	Mohamed Esa
EaRNING Your Nursing Degree	Jennifer Ort
Ethics Bowl	Danielle Albrecht
Find your Strong: Running for Your Life	Lisa Lebo '01
Food Chemistry	Stephanie Homan
Funny Business	Robert Kachur
Gender, Literature, and Culture	Becky Carpenter
Jabber-Talky: Vaccine Science and History	Heather Burley
Latin-American Films	Elena Campero
Nature's Fury or Media Frenzy?	Ben Smith
Philosophy and Music	Brian Fink '07
Pop Culture Shakespeare!	Paul Zajac
Psychology and the Law	Wendy Morris
Putin's Russia: Past and Present	Jakub Zejmis
Rebels in Early America	Stephen Feeley
Rise and Fall of the Galactic Empire: Power and Ideology in Star Wars	Alexander Champoux-Crowley
Socrates and the Invention of Philosophy	Tom Falkner
Taking it to the Streets!	Pam Zappardino '71
The Examined Life	Elizabeth Tyler
The Science of Light and Color	Apollo Mian
Theatre Appreciation	Shana Joslyn
Unseen Math in Puzzles and Games	Michele Gribben '87
Water, Food, and the Environment in China	Qin Fang

Transfer students are encouraged to attend all Orientation activities. Mandatory events are designated by a

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THURSDAY
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9 a.m. - noon

Residential Student Move-In | Gill Center/Klitzberg Pavilion

Are you living on campus? Come to Klitzberg Pavilion in the Gill Center to pick up your keys and move into your residence hall for the academic year. Giant Pharmacy will also be offering a vaccination clinic here during this time.

8:30 a.m. -
4:30 p.m.

McDaniel College Campus Store Open | Roj Student Center, Lower Level

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

IT Help Desk | Hoover Library, First Floor

Do you have computer or IT questions? Need to get your photo taken for your McDaniel 1card? Head to the IT Help Desk.

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Available | Englar Dining Hall (Roj Student Center, Lower Level)

Lunch is free for new McDaniel students. Family members may pay with cash or credit card at the door.

1:30 p.m.

Legacy Photo | Hoover Library

Calling all legacy families! If your parent, stepparent, or grandparent went to school here, this is for you! Join us for a special legacy family photo to celebrate with fellow alumni family members. Don't forget your McDaniel/WMC gear!

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2 p.m.

Letting Go: A Time to Separate

At this time, we ask families and guests to say their goodbyes so that new students can begin the Orientation program.

2:15-3:15 p.m.

Parent & Family Welcome Reception | Gill Tent/Klitzberg Pavilion

Join other parents and families as our staff welcomes you to our college community.

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2:15-3:15 p.m.

For Residential Students: Meetings with your RA Your Residence Hall

Students living on campus should report back to their floors to officially meet their resident assistant (RA) and other students living in their new community. Residents should follow the signs posted on their floor to find their meeting space. *Students ONLY; families should not attend.*

2:15-3:15 p.m.

Commuter Student Reception | Ensor Lounge, Roj Student Center

Kick off orientation by networking with other commuters and enjoy some light refreshments.

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3:30 p.m.

All New Students Gather | Memorial Plaza (Red Square) (Rain Location - Ensor Lounge)

All new students will gather with their Peer Mentor and fellow classmates for introductions and information about Orientation. Please look for a sign with the name of your FYS Class or Peer Mentor.

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3:45-4:30 p.m.

First Meeting with Your Peer Mentor | Various Locations

Your peer mentor will have your meeting location.

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5-7 p.m. Dinner with Your Peer Mentor | Englar Dining Hall

Please join your Peer Mentor for your first dinner on campus.

5-5:15 p.m. arrival for the following classes:

Putin's Russia: Past and Present; Rebels in Early America; Psychology and the Law; Jabber-Talky: Vaccine Science and History; The Science of Light and Color; The Examined Life; Latin-American Films; Philosophy and Music; Socrates and the Invention of Philosophy; Being A Changemaker; Ethics Bowl; Water, Food, and the Environment in China; Food Chemistry; Transfer students

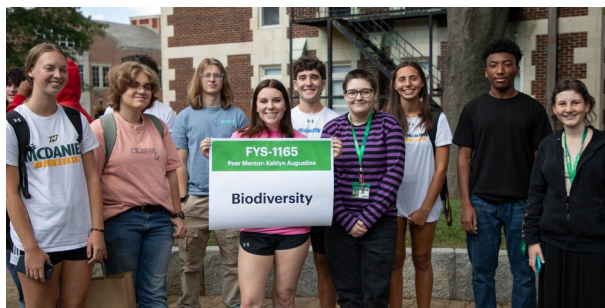
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8 p.m. Magician | Baker Memorial Chapel (Big Baker)

Join us for an evening of magic and illusion with professional magician, Trigg Watson. In his two decades on stage, Trigg has been seen on "Penn & Teller," "America's Got Talent," and "Masters of Illusion."



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7-9:30 a.m. **Breakfast Available** | Englar Dining Hall

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **McDaniel College Campus Store Open** | Roj Student Center, Lower Level

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. **IT Help Desk** | Hoover Library, First Floor

Have your computer and IT questions answered by representatives from the IT Help Desk! Have questions about WiFi on campus? Need to get your photo taken for your McDaniel 1card? Visit the IT Help Desk! **NOTE:** The IT Help Desk will not be open on Saturday and Sunday.

10-11 a.m. **First FYS Class** | Various classrooms

You will meet your FYS instructor and your peer mentor in your fall classroom.

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10-11:30 a.m. **Transfer Connections** | Coley Rice Lounge, McDaniel Hall

This session is designed specifically for transfer students to help you acclimate, connect, and make the most of your first semester. You'll collaborate with fellow transfers to plan a memorable and successful fall. The Center for Experiential Opportunities (CEO) will introduce you to essential resources — from career services to internships and other hands-on learning opportunities — so you can hit the ground running!

11:15 a.m. **Class of 2029 Picture** | Gill Stadium, Rembert Field

Join your classmates for a special commemorative class photo taken from the sky!

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch** | Englar Dining Hall

12:30-2:30 p.m. **Student Success Coach Meet and Greet** | Hoover Library

Come meet your student success coach and get your advising questions answered.

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3:10 p.m. **Meet Your Peer Mentor** | Various Locations

Peer Mentors will have your meeting location.

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3:30-4:15 p.m. **Introduction Convocation & Bell Ringing** | Baker Memorial Chapel (Big Baker)

This traditional ceremony, which dates back to 1953, represents the formal beginning of the academic year.

4:15-6 p.m. **Picnic Dinner** | ANW Quad and outside Gill Center

Join faculty and staff members to celebrate your official start on the Hill!
Englar Dining Hall will NOT be open for dinner tonight.

6-8 p.m. **Green Terror Alumni Trivia Throwdown** | Memorial Plaza (Red Square)

Join the team from Alumni Engagement to learn all about what it means to be a Green Terror for Life! Participate in trivia, take a picture with our mascot, and win free prizes!

8:15-10 p.m. **Chill on the Hill** | Memorial Plaza (Red Square)

Enjoy a laid-back evening featuring live music, a snowball truck, and a variety of low-key activities to help you unwind. Whether you're looking to vibe with friends, grab a bite, or just soak in the atmosphere, there's something for everyone.

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8:30 a.m. **Grab & Go Breakfast | Englar Dining Hall**
Need a quick bite before heading downtown? Stop by “Glar” and then be on your way.

T **9:30 a.m.** **Meet Your Peer Mentor | Memorial Plaza (Red Square)**

T **10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **Westminster Welcome Walk Downtown | Downtown Westminster**
Get ready to discover downtown Westminster! You’ll hear from local community partners, see local businesses and restaurants, and get the chance to explore downtown. Be sure to cash in any vouchers you may receive from local businesses before heading back to campus.
**See next page for downtown map & more!*

T **12:45 p.m.** **Meet Your Peer Mentor | Memorial Plaza (Red Square)**

T **1-3:15 p.m.** **Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

Party.O | WMC Alumni Hall, Dorothy Elderdice Studio Theatre

Join Jake White, founder of Vive18 and Party.O, for an interactive session on the sober party movement that’s sweeping college campuses nationwide. *Attendance at this training is required.*

1-2 p.m. Putin’s Russia: Past and Present; Rebels in Early America; Psychology and the Law; Jabber-Talky: Vaccine Science and History; The Science of Light and Color; The Examined Life; Latin-American Films; Philosophy and Music; Socrates and the Invention of Philosophy; Being A Changemaker; Ethics Bowl; Water, Food, and the Environment in China; Food Chemistry; Transfer students

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Playfair | Baker Memorial Chapel (Big Baker)

Playfair is the “ultimate icebreaker,” where you’ll join your classmates in a team-building experience that aims to create campus unity and school spirit.

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3:30-5:30 p.m. **Petting Zoo and Glamourview Creamery Truck | Winslow Hall parking lot**
Are you missing your pet already? Do you need a break from the weekend’s high-energy events? Come to the petting zoo, interact with animals, relax, and grab an ice cream treat!

5-6:30 p.m. **Dinner | Englar Dining Hall**

7 p.m. **Choices | WMC Alumni Hall, Dorothy Elderdice Studio Theatre**
A popular McDaniel College tradition, Choices is a student-run performance that provides you with a laundry-list of situations, people, and challenges you may face during college and what resources McDaniel has to help. Sit back, relax, and join this memorable cast of party characters as they navigate all types of relationships and scenarios.

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SUNDAY AUGUST



10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Brunch Available | Englar Dining Hall

11 a.m.

Interfaith Prayer Service | Little Baker Chapel

Join us as Dr. Richard Smith, Associate Vice President for Institutional Mission and Belonging and College Chaplain, leads a meaningful interfaith prayer service. Come together in a spirit of unity, reflection, and worship.

1-3 p.m.

Community Service Opportunity | Roj Student Center, Mid-Level

Join McDaniel's service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, in hands-on service activities that benefit the local Carroll County community and beyond. Drop by for fun and fellowship and learn about more ways to get involved in community service at McDaniel College.

1:30-4:30 p.m.

Bus to Target and Walmart | Water Tower

Meet at the water tower for a trip to gather essentials. The bus will be doing continual trip rotations throughout this time.

3 p.m.

Soccer Scrimmage | Soccer Complex

Come and join Campus Recreation to tailgate and cheer on the men's soccer team in its first scrimmage of the season! There will be snacks, a halftime game, and giveaways.

4:30-6 p.m.

Lumen Scholars Program Welcome Dinner | Coley Rice Lounge, McDaniel Hall

This is a special dinner for students in the Lumen Scholars program.

4:30-6 p.m.

Dinner Available | Englar Dining Hall

6-8 p.m.

Unwind, Uplift, and Unlock your Wellness Era | Hoover Library Terrace

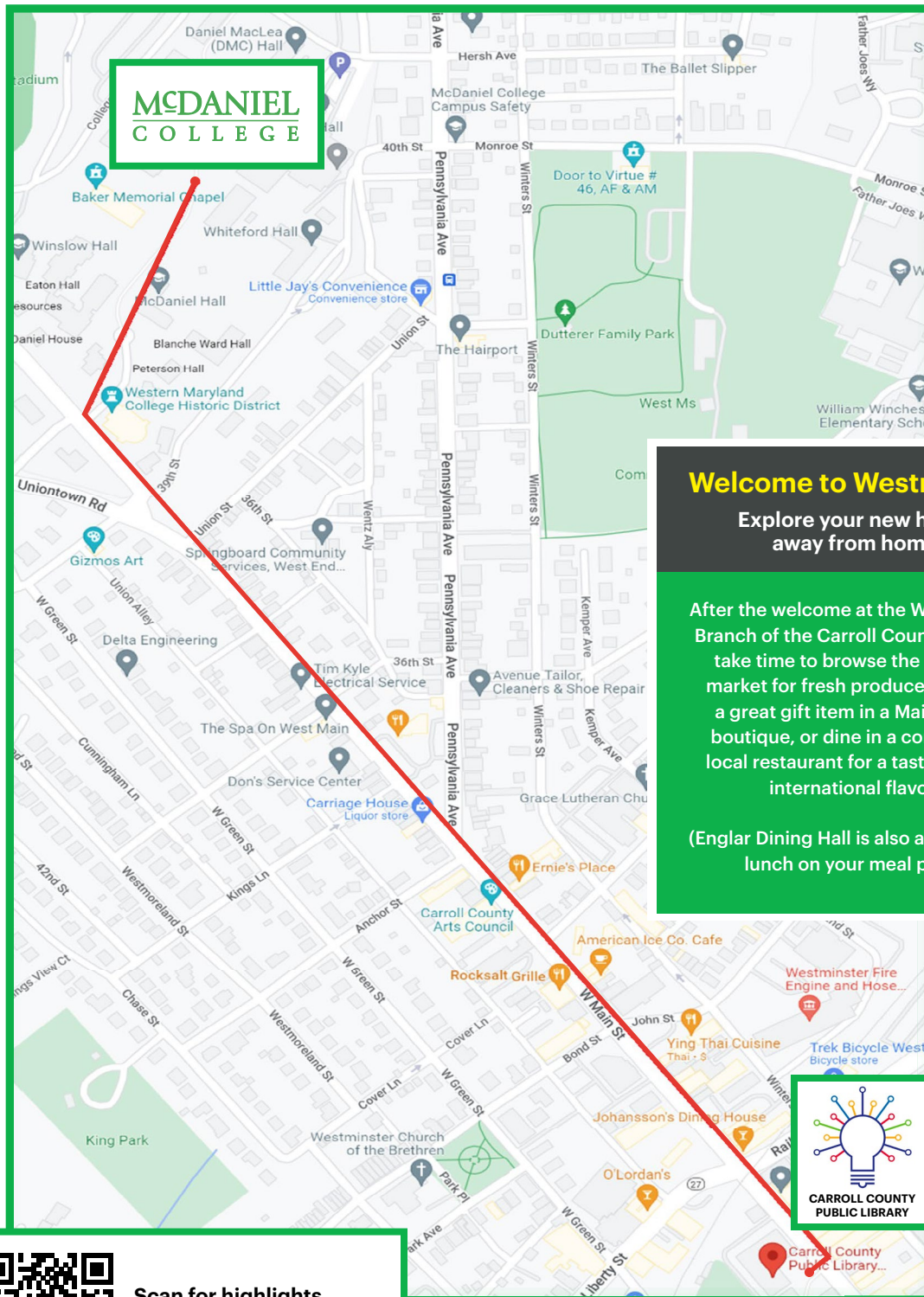
Join the Wellness Center staff to relax, learn how to cope with stress, and get ready for the semester ahead. Come pet therapy dogs, make friendship bracelets, play games, and create a self-care kit, and pick up some giveaways.

Look Ahead:

On Monday, August 25th, be sure to attend the First Day of Class Celebration in Memorial Plaza (Red Square) from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

On Wednesday, August 27th, make plans to attend the Involvement Fair in the ANW Quad from 5-7 p.m.

Your Downtown Westminster, MD



Scan for highlights
of cafes, restaurants,
shops, and more.

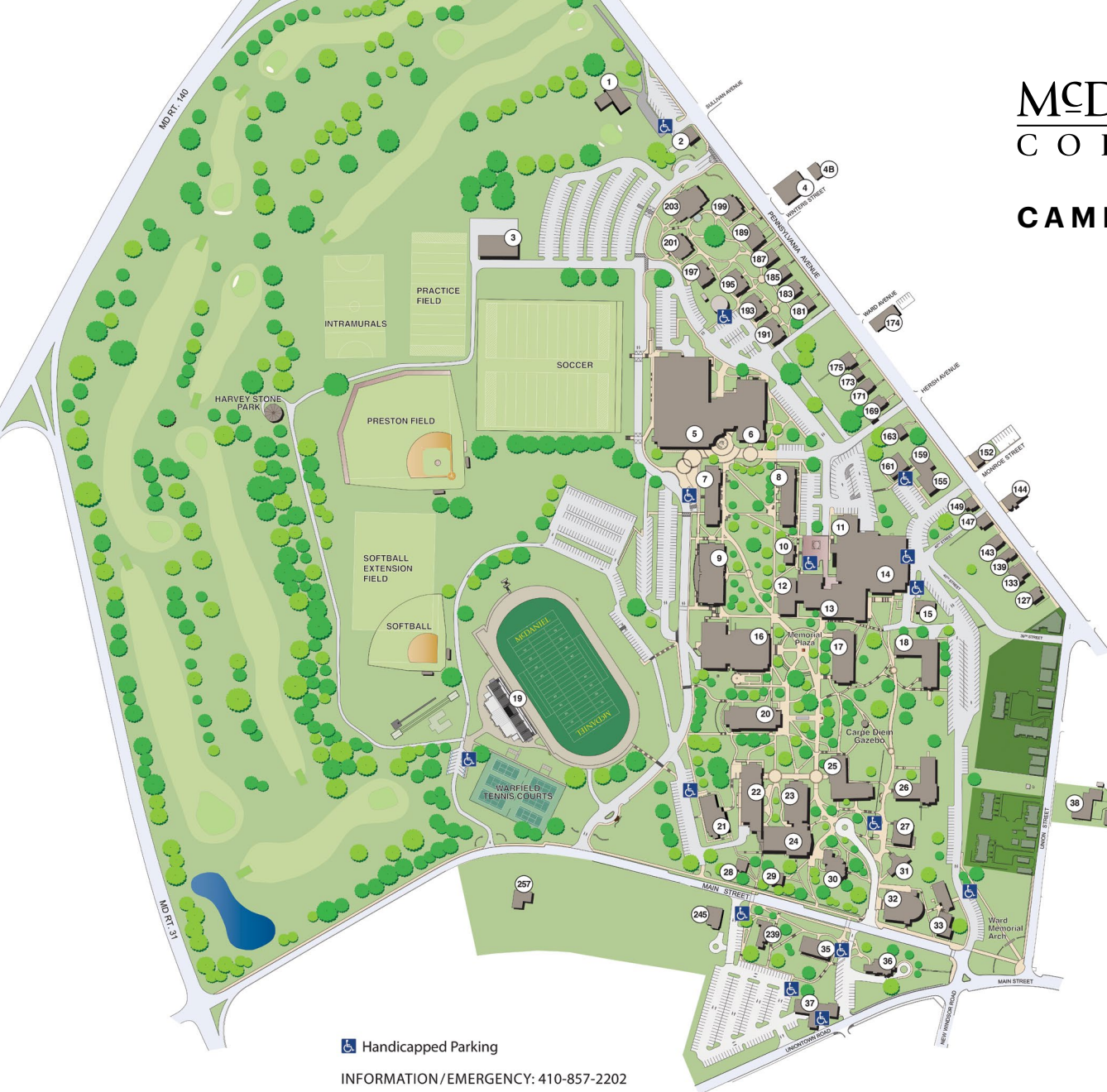
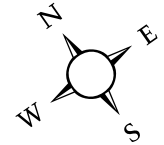
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CAMPUS MAP



Handicapped Parking

INFORMATION/EMERGENCY: 410-857-2202

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