

NEW STUDENT ***ORIENTATION***

TAKING YOUR FIRST STEPS ON THE HILL | FALL 2026

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FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS

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



Course Title

FYS Course Instructors

Acting on Stage and Off

Gené Fouché

America's Game: Baseball

Jenny McKenzie

Art on the Edge

Chloe Irla

Being a Changemaker

Jim Kunz

Breaking Barriers: Pop Culture

Carol Zaru

Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate:
Hooked on Caffeine

Mohamed Esa

Comics & Graphic Novels

Kate Dobson

Disrupting Division: Being Community

Richard Smith

EaRNING your Nursing Degree

Jennifer Ort

Finding Your Voice: Communication,
Identity, and Opportunity

Hilary Cooper

Funny Business

Robert Kachur

Gender, Literature, Culture

Becky Carpenter

More Doing, More Living

Rachel Guilfoyle

Musical Ecstasies: Songs of the Spirit

Corey Wronski

Philosophy and Pop Culture

Shaeeda Mensah

Putin's Russia: Past & Present

Jakub Zejmis

Rebels in Early America

Stephen Feeley

Running for Your Life

Lisa Lebo

Take It to the Streets!

Pam Zappardino

The Nature of Science

Jeff Marx

The Women of Harry Potter

Tracey Lucas

Theatre Appreciation

Shana Joslyn

Unseen Math in Puzzles & Games

Michele Gribben

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

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THURSDAY
AUGUST



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9 a.m. - noon

Residential Student Move-In | Klitzberg Pavilion, Gill Center

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!

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 | Klitzberg Pavilion, Gill Center

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, Upper Level)

Kick off Orientation by networking with other commuters and enjoying some light refreshments. *Late arrivals to campus should report here.*

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3:30 p.m.

All New Students Gather | Memorial Plaza (Red Square) (Rain Location - Baker Memorial Chapel)

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.

5-7 p.m.

Dinner with Your Peer Mentor | Englar Dining Hall

Please join your peer mentor for your first dinner on campus.

8 p.m.

Murder Mystery Night | Old Gill and Baker Memorial Chapel (Big Baker)

Team up with other students, gather clues, and grill the suspects to crack the case before the night is over.

Old Gill Acting on Stage and Off; Theatre Appreciation; Putin's Russia: Past & Present; Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate: Hooked on Caffeine; Gender, Literature, Culture; America's Game: Baseball; Rebels in Early America; Art on the Edge; Unseen Math in Puzzles & Games; Comics & Graphic Novels; Take It to the Streets!; Philosophy and Pop Culture; Running for Your Life

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FRIDAY
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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 Experience & Opportunity (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 2030 Picture** | Memorial Plaza (Red Square)

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

1-2 p.m. **Step Into Fall: Schedule Walk** | Hoover Library

Join your peer mentor for a guided walk-through of your fall schedule while getting to know important campus offices along the way. Meet on the steps of Hoover Library at 1 p.m.

12:30-2:30 p.m. **Learning Commons Open House** | Hoover Library

Join us for an open house in the Learning Commons @ Hoover Library! Meet student success coaches, librarians, STEM and writing center tutors, and the IT team.

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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** | ANW Quad and outside Gill Center

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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SATURDAY

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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! After a brief welcome from city officials, you'll explore Main Street's shops and restaurants or stop by the farmer's market. Whether finding treasures or tasty treats, be sure to cash in your complimentary voucher before heading back to campus.

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

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

Grocery Games | Naganna Forum

Join OSE for grocery games, where you will compete in fun challenges, win prizes, and stock up on snacks and everyday essentials for your residence hall.

1-2 p.m. Acting on Stage and Off; Theatre Appreciation; Putin's Russia: Past & Present; Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate: Hooked on Caffeine; Gender, Literature, Culture; America's Game: Baseball; Rebels in Early America; Art on the Edge; Unseen Math in Puzzles & Games; Comics & Graphic Novels; Take It to the Streets!; Philosophy and Pop Culture; Running for Your Life

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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. **Rip N' Dip Giant Waterslide and Ice Cream Social | Near soccer field**
Slide into fun with friends on the giant waterslide, and then treat yourself to something sweet from the ice cream truck.

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

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10 a.m.

Interfaith Prayer Service | Little Baker Chapel

Join us as Dr. Richard Smith, Professor of Sociology and College Chaplain, leads a meaningful interfaith prayer service. Come together in a spirit of unity, reflection, and worship.

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

Brunch Available | Englar Dining Hall

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.

2 p.m.

Meet the Greeks | Memorial Plaza (Red Square)

Curious about fraternities and sororities? Stop by to learn about each chapter, ask questions, and see if Greek life might be a good fit for you.

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.

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

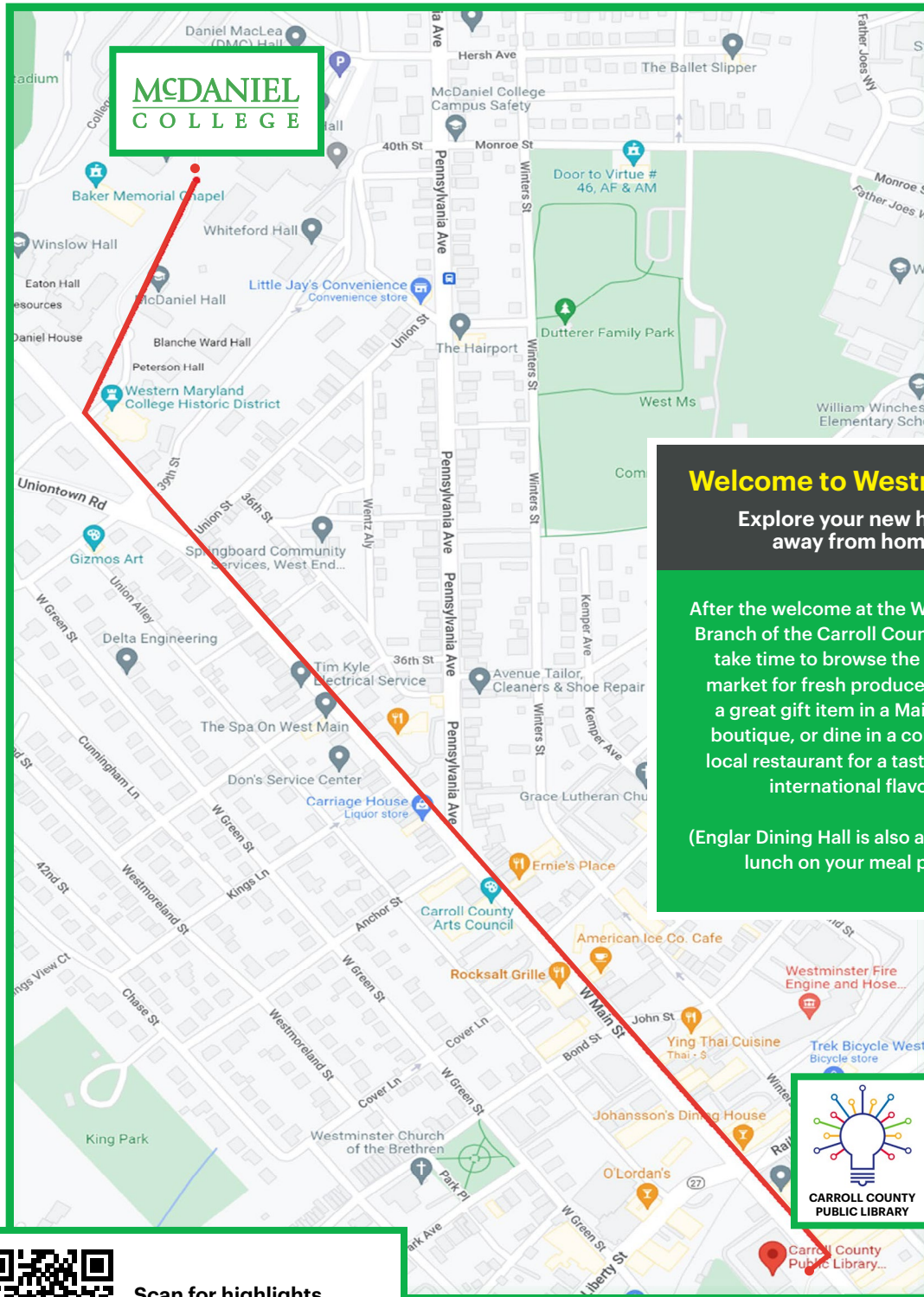
6-8 p.m.

Unlock your Wellness Era | Baker Memorial Chapel and grassy area between the fountain and Red Square

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, create a self-care kit, and pick up some giveaways.

Look Ahead: Once Orientation ends, the fun continues throughout the week. Join us for the First Day of Class Bash and campus-wide Involvement Fair.

Your Downtown Westminster, MD



Welcome to Westminster

Explore your new home
away from home

After the welcome at the Westminster Branch of the Carroll County Library, take time to browse the farmer's market for fresh produce, hunt for a great gift item in a Main Street boutique, or dine in a convenient local restaurant for a tasty local or international flavor!

(Englar Dining Hall is also available for lunch on your meal plan.)



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of cafes, restaurants,
shops, and more.

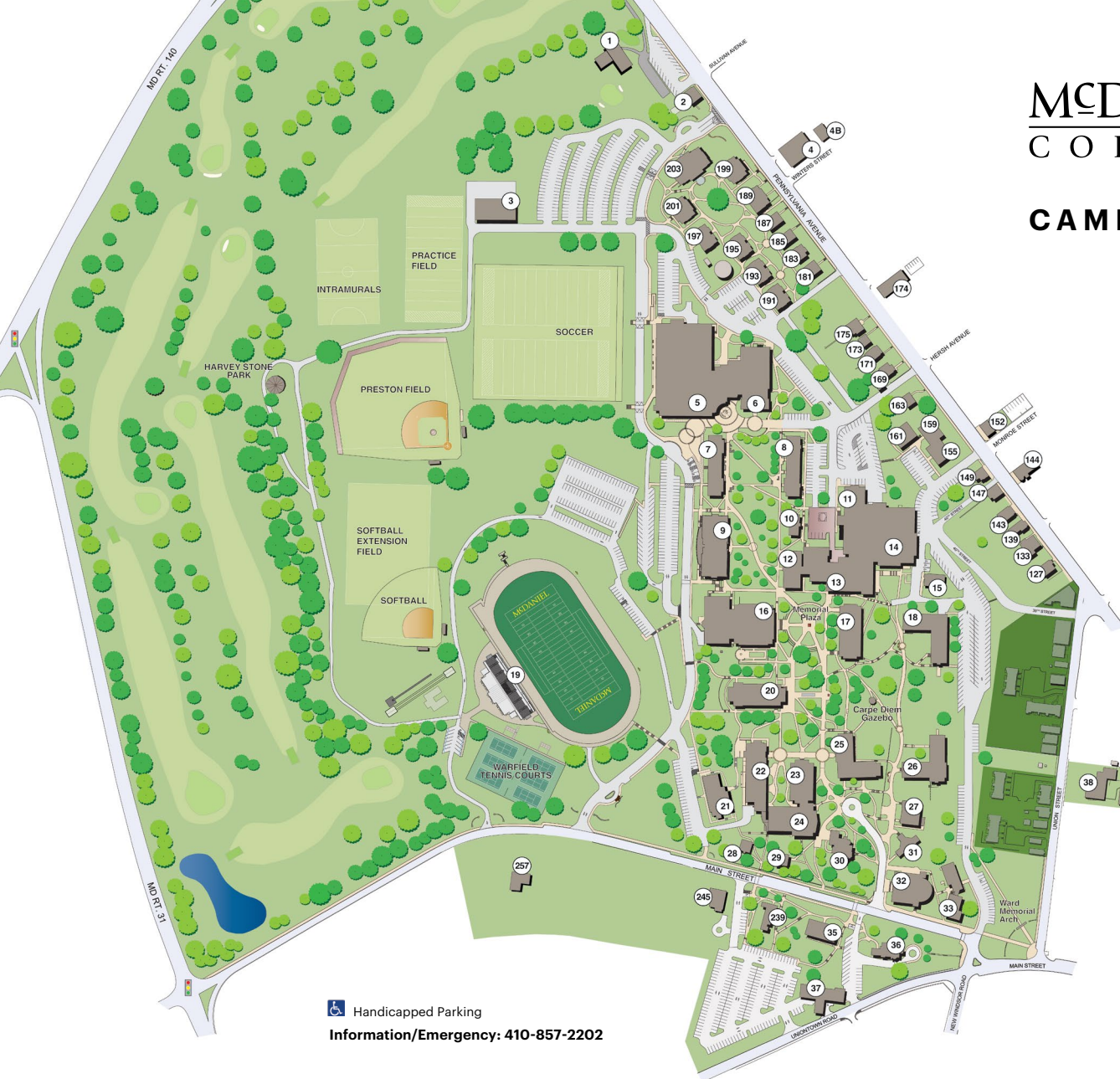
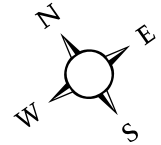
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