PARENT & FAMILY WEEKEND

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WELCOME RECEPTION

5-6:30 p.m. | Naganna Forum, Roj Student Center

Parents and family members, join us to kick off Parent & Family Weekend 2026 at a special reception designed just for you! This complimentary event offers a great opportunity to connect with fellow McDaniel families over drinks and hearty appetizers while meeting campus partners who support your student's success.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

6 p.m. | Gill Center

Cheer on the team as they kick off their season by taking on Wilson College in the annual Rebecca Martin Memorial Tournament. The consolation and championship games will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7.

WHITE COAT CEREMONY

6:15 p.m. | Baker Memorial Chapel

Celebrate an important milestone for McDaniel's Nursing and Occupational Therapy students as they are recognized for their dedication, compassion, and commitment to their professions. This meaningful tradition marks their transition from classroom learning to clinical and fieldwork experiences, symbolizing the next step in their journeys toward becoming healthcare professionals.

REC LOUNGE OPEN HOUSE

8 P.M. - MIDNIGHT | ROJ STUDENT CENTER, POOL LEVEL

Relax, unwind, and enjoy time together with games, popcorn, and plenty of McDaniel spirit. Connect with other families, challenge your student to a game, and create lasting Parent & Family Weekend memories.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

ACADEMIC SHOWCASE

9:15-10:15 a.m. | Learning Commons @ Hoover Library

Kick off your morning at Hoover Library with President Julia Jasken, Provost Sherman, Dean Bendel-Simso, and Assistant Dean Irla. This informal, drop-in gathering offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with the academic leaders who shape the McDaniel experience while enjoying coffee, tea, and breakfast bites alongside students, faculty, staff, and fellow families.

CAREER TRACKS

10:15-10:45 a.m. | Wahrhaftig Room, Hoover Library

Wondering how your student can turn their passions into a career? Join McDaniel's Center for Experience and Opportunity (CEO) team for an inside look at the "Career Climb" and learn how students are supported every step of the way.

GOING GLOBAL: A WORLD OF LEARNING AWAITS

10:50-11:20 a.m. | Wahrhaftig Room, Hoover Library

At McDaniel College, every student can embark on an incredible journey abroad—whether for a few weeks, a summer, or a full academic semester! Studying abroad is a transformative experience that immerses students in new cultures, broadens global perspectives, and fosters academic and personal growth. From our vibrant campus in Budapest, Hungary, to more than 50 amazing locations worldwide, students can enhance their thinking with a global perspective gained through real-world experience.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

THE HILLTOP HUDDLE – A SUITE EXPERIENCE

11:30 a.m. – End of Game | Albrittain Suite, Kenneth R. Gill Stadium

Families who registered in advance for this special event will enjoy an exclusive football game-day experience with President Julia Jasken, college leadership, and members of the Parent & Family Council. Cheer on the Green Terror from a private suite while enjoying great food, beverages, and conversation with fellow McDaniel families, alumni, and friends.

Attendance is limited to guests registered in advance.

TAILGATE TENT FOR STUDENT BELONGING

11:30 a.m. – End of Game | Near the Caboose

Looking for a place to relax, connect, and enjoy a little community during Family & Parent Weekend? Stop by the Office of Student Belonging tent! Our tent is a welcoming space for all students to take a break, meet new people, and feel at home. Come hang out, connect with fellow Green Terrors, and meet our new Associate Director of Student Belonging. There's room for you here!

FOOTBALL

Noon | Rembert Field, Kenneth R. Gill Stadium

Cheer on the Green Terror as they close out the season against the Blue Jays of Johns Hopkins University. Fans can walk into the stadium for free or grab a closer parking spot for $20 per vehicle. Take in the game from the stands or bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the action from the hillside overlooking our unique bowl-style stadium. Whether you're a devoted fan or experiencing Green Terror football for the first time, it's a great way to celebrate school spirit and enjoy a beautiful fall afternoon on the Hill.

MEN'S SWIMMING & WOMEN'S SWIMMING

1 p.m. | Harlow Pool, Roj Student Center

Cheer on the Green Terror swimmers as they dive into competition against the Ursinus Bears in a conference meet.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2 or 4 p.m. | Gill Center

Come cheer on the team as they compete in either the championship or consolation game of the Rebecca Martin Memorial Tournament, depending on Friday night's outcome. No matter the matchup, bring the energy as the Green Terror battle for a strong finish in tournament play!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

MURDER MYSTERY BUFFET

6:30-9:00 p.m. | Naganna Forum, Roj Student Center

Grab your poodle skirt, slick back your hair, and get ready for a 1950s prom gone terribly wrong! When a shocking crime disrupts the festivities, guests must work together to uncover clues, question suspects, and solve the mystery. This immersive experience is a memorable way for families to spend an evening together.

As of this publication, tickets ($30 per person) are still available and can be purchased at the door.

SPIRITED CONVERSATION

9:00 p.m. - closing | Downtown Westminster

Keep the fun going! Meet up with new friends–or make a few more–for drinks and appetizers at one of Westminster's great hangouts: Covalent Spirits, Liquid Library, Lost Lion, O'Lordan's, Rock Salt, Serra on Main, and Collision Course.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS PARENT & FAMILY BRUNCH

10 a.m. | Baker Memorial Chapel

Conclude Parent & Family Weekend with one of McDaniel's most cherished traditions. This special celebration honors students for their achievements in academics, leadership, and service. Registered attendees will enjoy brunch, connect with fellow McDaniel families, and join us in recognizing the hard work, dedication, and accomplishments of our outstanding students. An inspirational Gospel Choir performance adds to this memorable event.

Attendance is limited to guests registered in advance.

WOMEN'S WRESTLING

1 p.m. | Gill Center

Support one of McDaniel's newer varsity programs as we host the Green Terror Quad, welcoming competitors from Bethany College, Alvernia University, and Fairmont State University. Experience the excitement of this fast-growing sport and cheer on our student-athletes as they showcase their strength, skill, and determination on the mat.