

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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Wednesday, August 19, 2026

8 am–1 pm

Orientation Check-in and Move-in, *Thomas Commons*

Drive through the Thomas Commons circle to pick up your ID, key, and move-in packet with a map to your residence hall drop-off point. Then, you can move your belongings with help from student and staff volunteers (available until Noon)

Optional activities for students and families:

Family Selfie Station

Ulysses present from 10–11 am & Noon–1 pm

Campus Tours

Noon and 1 pm, *Thomas Commons Lobby*

Parent/Guardian Academic Intro

2:15–2:45 pm, *Hall-Perrine*

Parent/Guardian Orientation Session

3–3:45 pm, *Hall-Perrine*

Lawn games

9 am–3 pm, *Tri-Hall Lawn (behind Allee Chapel)*

Postcards to your students

9 am–3 pm, *Hallway near Hall-Perrine*

10:30 am–1:30 pm

Lunch, *Hilltop Café*

Students use your meal plan for lunch (bring your college ID)

Families may eat with their students at no cost

1–2 pm

Language Placement Exams (option 1), *Smith Dining Hall, Thomas Commons*

2:30 pm

Commuter Students and Fall-Athletes:

Orientation Check-In, *Thomas Commons Lobby*

3 pm–3:45 pm

All Students: Meet your First Year Seminar (FYS) professor, *FYS Assigned Classrooms (listed on nametag)*

4 pm

All: Convocation & Family Farewells, *McLennan College Hall Lawn*

4:45 pm

First Flock Group Meeting, *Ped Mall*

5–6:30 pm

Dinner with Flock Groups & Tours of the Commons, *Thomas Commons*

6:45–7:30 pm

Required Floor Meetings, *Meet in your residence hall space*

7:30 pm

Autobiography + Identity Bead Activity, *Thomas Commons*

8:30 pm

Evening Entertainment (Hosted by Student Senate), *Thomas Commons*

Thursday, August 20, 2026

7–8:30 am

Breakfast, *Hilltop Café*

7–10 am

Fall Athletics practice

Free time for non-athletes, optional activities available in residence hall lounges and Thomas Commons

9–10 am

Language Placement Exams (option 2), *Smith Dining Hall, Thomas Commons*

10 am

Flock Group Meeting

10:30 am–11:45 am

Academic Welcome & FYS introduction, *FYS classrooms*

11:45–12:45 pm

Lunch, *Hilltop Café*

12:45–2:30 pm

Group Advising, Stellic and Self-Service, *assigned classroom*

Details and locations subject to change



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2:30–4:45 pm

Group Rotations with Flock groups

Individual Advising Appointments (*Faculty Offices*)

Community & Campus Life (*Hall Perrine*)

Ebersole Health & Wellbeing (*Kimmel*)

4:45–6 pm

Get to Know Your Community, *Mount Vernon*

6–7 pm

Dinner, *Hilltop Café*

6–7 pm

Coloring with PAAC (optional), *Orange Carpet*

7–8 pm

Flock Group Meeting, *Assigned student lounges (PR, DWS, TR)*

8–9:30 pm

Night Games hosted by Intercultural Life, *the SAW*

Friday, August 21, 2026

7–8:30 am

Breakfast, *Hilltop Café*

7–10 am

Fall Athletics practice

Free time for non-athletes, optional activities available in residence hall lounges and Thomas Commons

10 am

Flock Group Meeting

10:30 am–Noon

FYS Session: Transitioning to College Learning, *Assigned FYS Classrooms*

12:10 pm–12:50 pm

Lunch, *Hilltop Café*

Dimensions Luncheon, *Smith Dining Room*

Engineering Luncheon, *Ringer Dining Room*

Pre-Law Luncheon, *MLK Room*

1–4:45 pm

Group Rotations and Advising Times

Individual Advising, Alcohol Safety, Ebersole (*Ebersole Center*), Berry Career Institute (*Thomas Commons*), and Campus Safety (*location is TBD*)

5–6:30 pm

Dinner, *Hilltop Café*

5–6:30 pm

Shabbat Dinner, *Ringer Dining Room, Thomas Commons* (All are welcome!)

6:30–7 pm

Flock Group Meeting

7–9 pm

BINGO hosted by PAAC, *Orange Carpet*

Saturday, August 22, 2026

7–8:30 am

Breakfast, *Hilltop Café*

9:30–10 am

Flock Group Check-in/Planting Your Seed, *West Science Greenhouse*

10–11:30 am

Taste of Culture Celebrations Week, *Tri Hall Lawn*

11:30–Noon

Final Flock Group Meeting

12–1 pm

Lunch, *Hilltop Café*

1–5 pm

Free Time

5–7 pm

Dinner, *Hilltop Café*

7–8 pm

Mission Improvable hosted by PAAC, *Orange Carpet*

Sunday, August 23, 2026

11 am–1 pm

Lunch, *Hilltop Café*

1 pm–4 pm

Grocery Shuttle, Walmart, *RSVP required*

5–7 pm

Dinner, *Hilltop Café*

8–9 pm

Block Ready with Res Life, *Residence Halls*

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