

Welcome Week

2026 SCHEDULE

A Time for Educating. A Time for Engaging. A Time for Energizing. A Time for Exalting.

Thursday, August 13

5:00-6:15 pm	Welcome Dinner <i>*New students eat free; guests may purchase a ticket in The Lex (SUB) throughout the day. Seating is available in the Brewer Dining Hall or Carl Grant Events Center.</i>		
6:15-6:30 pm	Students Meet with Welcome Week Leaders Buster Statue		
6:30-7:15 pm	Seminar for Parents and Guests Fred DeLay Gymnasium <i>Led by Dr. Ray and Mrs. Tammie Van Neste</i>	12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch with your RAs Brewer Dining Hall
6:30-7:15 pm	Welcome Week Small Groups I Small Group Rooms	1:00-2:00 pm	Life Group Fair (Groups 1-15) Carl Grant Events Center Local Church Fair (Groups 16-30) Small Gym
7:30-8:45 pm	Welcome and Worshiping as the Union Family Fred DeLay Gymnasium <i>Dr. Samuel W. "Dub" Oliver, President Programming for guests concludes.</i>	2:00-3:00 pm	Local Church Fair (Groups 1-15) Small Gym Life Group Fair (Groups 16-30) Carl Grant Events Center
8:45-9:45 pm	Welcome Week Show (Groups 1-15) Powell Theatre Refreshment Reception (Groups 16-30) PAC Fountain <i>Provided by the Office of Student Discipleship and Engagement</i>	3:00-5:00 pm	Time to Rest and Reflect
9:45-10:45 pm	Refreshment Reception (Groups 1-15) PAC Fountain <i>Provided by the Office of Student Discipleship and Engagement</i> Welcome Week Show (16-30) Powell Theatre	5:00-6:00 pm	Dinner with your Welcome Week Group Brewer Dining Hall
11:00 pm	Curfew	7:00-9:00 pm	Take Your Pick: Open Mic Night Barefoots Rec Night Small Gym Soccer Scrimmage Soccer Fields Curfew

Friday, August 14

9:00-10:00 am	Welcome Week Small Groups II Small Group Rooms	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Visit a Local Church
10:00 am-12:00 pm	Community and Academic Values Session Carl Grant Events Center	11:00 am-1:00 pm	Lunch Brewer Dining Hall
12:00-1:30 pm	Academic Department Lunch Brewer Dining Hall and Carl Grant Events Center	1:00-2:00 pm	Small Groups V Small Group Rooms
1:30-4:00 pm	Break	2:00-3:30 pm	Campus Life Fair Carl Grant Events Center
4:00-4:30 pm	Welcome Week Small Groups III Small Group Rooms	3:30-5:00 pm	Time to Rest and Reflect
4:30-5:00 pm	Class Photo Fred DeLay Gymnasium	5:00-6:00 pm	Dinner Brewer Dining Hall TCK/MK Welcome Dinner Chapman Dining Room
5:00-6:00 pm	Dinner Brewer Dining Hall	6:30-8:00 pm	Student Activities Council's Welcome Fest McAfee Commons <i>Sponsored by the Student Activities Council</i>
6:30-8:30 pm	Ice Cream at the Oliver's <i>The Oliver home; Depart from the Carl Grant Events Center</i>	8:00-9:30 pm	Songs and Stories Worship Service Carl Grant Events Center
9:00-10:00 pm	It's About to GLO Down Bowld Gym	11:00 pm	Curfew
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Saturday, August 15

9:00-10:00 am	Welcome Week Small Groups IV Small Group Rooms	8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast Brewer Dining Hall
10:00 am-12:00 pm	Rotating Sessions (Choose four) » Campus Recreation (Club Sports, Intramurals) Lobby of The Ethos Forum » GO Trips The Ethos Forum, Room 152 » Interfraternity Council (Fraternities) The Ethos Forum, Room 371 » Life Groups The Ethos Forum, Room 365 » Panhellenic Council (Sororities) The Ethos Forum, Room 319 » Student Activities Council (SAC) The Ethos Forum, Room 368	8:30-11:00 am	Take Care of Business (optional) <i>Visit Union Station, Student Financial Aid, Health Services, get your ID Card and Parking Pass, change your class schedule (if necessary), etc.</i>
		9:00-11:00 am	Honors Community Welcome Breakfast and Orientation Carl Grant Events Center
		11:00 am-12:00 pm	Welcome Week Small Groups VI Small Group Rooms
		12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch Brewer Dining Hall Transfer Student Welcome Lunch Chapman Dining Room
		1:30-4:00 pm	Time to Rest and Reflect
		4:00-5:00 pm	Life Group Roundup Residence Halls
		5:00-6:00 pm	Dinner with your Life Group Brewer Dining Hall
		6:30-8:00 pm	Howdy Party Great Lawn <i>Student Government Association</i>
		11:00 pm	Curfew