Welcome Weekend
AUGUST 24–26, 2019

#ACGatorGram
Welcome Weekend Schedule

Welcome to Allegheny!

We are excited that you are joining our community of scholars and leaders. We encourage you to connect with new and returning students, discover the value of the Allegheny experience, and engage in the vast curricular and co-curricular programs, activities, and services. The Welcome Weekend schedule is your guide to the events our faculty and staff have planned to connect and engage with you over the next few days. Take advantage of all programs and activities as they will be informative, helpful, and fun! Our goal is to help make your transition as smooth as possible as you learn to navigate the Allegheny College experience successfully. Welcome and GO GATORS!

Saturday, August 24

9:00 am – 1:00 pm        Move-in to Residence Halls

9:00 am – 3:00 pm        Information Tables
  Henderson Campus Center
Questions about Welcome Weekend? Please stop by the Henderson Campus Center lobby to connect with Welcome Weekend volunteers at the Information table.

10:00 am – 2:00 pm      College Resource Fair
  Campus Center Lobby
Representatives from the following offices and organizations are available.
  • PNC Bank
  • CATA
  • Financial Services/Student Accounts
  • Financial Aid
  • Counseling & Personal Development Center
  • Information Technology (at InfoDesk at Pelletier Library)
  • Winslow Health Services

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11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Alumni Affairs Welcome Tent
Gator Quad
Take a break from the summer heat! Come sip a cool drink and enjoy a snack with alumni of Allegheny College. Get your photo with Chompers!

10:30 am – Noon
Exploring Campus Employment (Parents and Families Welcome)
*Required for Work-Study Students; also offered at 10:30 am
Shafer Auditorium
Come learn about part-time, on-campus jobs and how to apply regardless of financial need. Students do not need to apply for financial aid to be considered for available campus positions.

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Pre-Law/Law & Policy Information Session (Parents and Families Welcome)
Tippie Alumni Center, Tillotson Room
This is a session to introduce first-year students to the Pre-Law and Law & Policy Program. Please register for this event at the information table in the Campus Center Lobby.

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Education Studies Information Session and Reception (Parents and Families Welcome)
Campus Center Room 301/302
This is a required session for first-year students interested in the education program. Students will meet the advisor and learn about education program requirements. Please register for this event at the information table in the Campus Center Lobby.

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Pre-Health Professions Information Session and Reception (Parents and Families Welcome)
Vukovich Center for Communication Arts
Allegheny is especially well known for the undergraduate preparation of successful health professionals. Our graduates do more than gain admission to professional school; they perform exceptionally well once there, and they flourish in their careers. Our Pre-Health advisor will provide an overview of the Pre-Health Professions program, including resources to help students prepare for careers in the medical, dental, and veterinary professions. There will be time for participants to ask questions about the program. Please register for this event at the information table in the Campus Center Lobby.

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3:15 pm – 4:30 pm
We Are Gators Assembly — Class of 2023 Photo — Line-up and Processional
*Required Meeting
Wise Center Performance Gym
Welcome to your new global community, where you will engage in learning, living, and laughing in a diverse community. Be prepared for some serious fun!!! We will be taking our class photo at this event! Students will line up and process to the Academic Convocation and Matriculation Ceremony. (Students can meet parents/guardians and families after the ceremony.)
Saturday, August 24, cont.

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm  Academic Convocation and Matriculation Ceremony  
(Parents and Families Welcome)  
*Required Meeting  
Shafer Auditorium  
Students will be welcomed by the president, provost and dean of the college, and dean of students, and learn more about the College’s expectations and commitment to community and civility. The ceremony serves as the official welcome into our community of scholars.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  Dinner at Brooks  
Brooks Dining Hall  
Free for Students with ID  |  Parents, Families, & Guests $9.00

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm  Catholic Mass and Picnic (Parents and Families Welcome)  
Ford Memorial Chapel  
The Newman Association invites incoming students and their families to attend the first Mass of the year and to remain afterward for a light supper to meet our Catholic campus minister and Newman students.

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm  Getting Acquainted in the Residence Halls  
*Required Meeting  
Individual Residence Halls  
Connecting with students and cultivating friendships and bonds with other students is a natural part of the college experience. Meet your resident advisor (RA) and other members of your hall and learn about community expectations.

9:00 pm – 10:30 pm  Gator Activities Programming Presents “Survival Bingo!”  
Campus Center Lobby  
Come join the Gator Activities Programming (GAP) Board for Survival Bingo! Join members of the Class of 2023 as everyone tries to beat the odds and win prizes throughout the night, including a T.V. or Bluetooth speaker!

Sunday, August 25

10:00 am – 2:00 pm  Late Check-in and Information Table  
Campus Center Lobby

9:00 am – 10:30 am  Ecumenical Chapel Service (Parents and Families Welcome)  
Ford Memorial Chapel  
A service of morning prayer, followed by continental breakfast, introduces students and their families to our Chapel Congregation and Christian life on campus.

9:00 am – 10:30 am  Hillel Bagel Breakfast (Parents and Families Welcome)  
Jewish Community Center  
Allegheny Hillel hosts this opportunity for new students and their families to meet Jewish students, faculty, and community members.

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9:00 am – 10:30 am  Prayer and Meditation Retreat Breakfast *(Parents and Families Welcome)*
Red two-story house located next to Arter Hall
All are invited to visit our PAM Retreat, which has designated Muslim and Hindu prayer rooms, along with a meditation space. This continental breakfast is hosted by the Islamic Cultural Association, Society of Buddhist and Hindu Students, and Meditation Club.

10:00 am – 11:30 am  Brooks Brunch
*Brooks Dining Hall*
Free for Students with ID  |  Parents, Families, & Guests $7.75

11:30 am – Noon  Dean of Fun
*Required Meeting*
*Shafer Auditorium*
Meet with April Thompson, Vice President of Student Life/Dean of Students, and her Student Life team. Learn about expectations for Allegheny students, interesting programs and events for the semester as well as unique Allegheny traditions. Ask questions to the Student Life team and take a group selfie with Dean Thompson!

Noon – 1:00 pm  What’s that Honor Code Stuff About? Talking About Community Standards
*Required Meeting*
*Shafer Auditorium*
The Honor Code and Code of Conduct supports learning and fosters credibility and academic development of our students. Students will learn about campus expectations and support for living in community.

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm  Meadville Community Bus Tours *(Parents and Families Welcome)*
*Campus Center, Second Floor*
Tours will depart from the Highland entrance of the Campus Center at 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm, lasting approximately 45 minutes.

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm  #What’sYourStory
*Required Meeting*
*Shafer Auditorium*
#What’sYourStory highlights the diversity we all bring to the Allegheny community through the art of storytelling. It provides incoming students an opportunity to listen and learn from experiences that current Allegheny students have lived.

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm  Dinner
*Brooks Dining Hall*

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  Speak About It!
*Required Meeting*
*Shafer Auditorium*
Speak About It! is a performance-based presentation about consent, boundaries, and healthy relationships using a combination of humorous yet provocative skits, interactive dialogue, and powerful monologues. The skits address consent, sexual assault, and bystander intervention.

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8:00 am – 8:45 am  Breakfast  
*Brooks Dining Hall

9:00 am – 10:15 am  FS 101 Courses Meet  
*Required Meeting  
Meet with your FS 101 course instructor and class to discuss academic advising expectations. Your FS 101 meeting location is on the label on your Welcome Weekend folder. Your FS 101 course instructor will also be available from 10:15 to 11:00 am in their office. Go to allegheny.edu/employeedirectory to search for your instructor’s office location.

10:30 am – Noon  Career Planning Starts Now  
*Schultz Dining Hall  
Meet with the Dynamic Career Education team to start your exploration of the numerous, exciting possible career paths that await you. It's never too early to begin thinking about where you’d like to go and the preparation that it will take to get there.

10:30 am – Noon  Mathematics Consultations  
*Professor Rachel Weir, Arter Hall, Room 114A  
For students who have questions about mathematics placement or mathematics courses.

10:30 am – Noon  Foreign Language Placement Consultation and Make-up Exams  
Department of Modern & Classical Languages, Ruter Hall, Room 104  
Modern & Classical Languages faculty will be available to discuss courses and placement. Students who still need to take placement exams should email Reese Campbell (rcampbell@allegheny.edu) for instructions or drop by Ruter 104 during these hours.

10:30 am – Noon  Music Open House  
*Arnold Hall of Music, M106  
Music faculty and students will be available to answer general questions, as well as those regarding ensemble auditions, applied lessons, instrument loan and storage policies, and music theory diagnostic exams. Separate auditions for various ensembles will be held throughout the week.

11:00 am – 1:00 pm  Lunch  
*Brooks Dining Hall

Noon – 1:00 pm  Transfer Students and Language TAs Lunch with Faculty, Administrators  
*Required Meeting for Transfer Students  
Campus Center 206  
Transfer students and language TAs are invited to join various faculty members for a lunch. This is an opportunity to meet faculty, ask questions and learn more about the Allegheny experience.
Monday, August 26, cont.

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  Allegheny Listens Common Reading

* Required Meeting

* Shafer Auditorium

Allegheny Listens Common Reading is a shared learning experience designed to introduce new students to each other and to the academic community. New students will come together for a faculty panel and small group discussions that encompass a shared learning experience introducing them to diversity and academic discourse.

This year’s book is *Tales of Two Americas: Stories of Inequality in a Divided Nation* by John Freeman. This book examines life in a deeply divided America. The gap between the wealthiest and the poorest stretches to unimaginable chasms. Whether the cause of this inequality is systemic injustice, the entrenchment of racism in our culture, the long war on drugs, or immigration policies, it endangers not only the American Dream but our very lives. In *Tales of Two Americas*, some of the literary world’s most exciting writers look beyond numbers and wages to convey what it feels like to live in this divided nation. Their extraordinarily powerful stories, essays, and poems demonstrate how boundaries break down when experiences are shared, and that in sharing our stories we can help to alleviate a suffering that touches so many people.

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm  Schedule Changes & Questions — An Opportunity to Add Courses

* Faculty Offices (Various Locations)*

If you need to make adjustments to your course schedule for Fall 2019, you should use this time to speak with your academic advisor (if you have not already done so), and to speak with the faculty teaching courses about adding. You will need an “add card,” which you can get in Murray Hall. Once the add cards are signed, please visit the Registrar’s Office in Murray Hall to address additional questions or submit signed add cards. You may drop courses via WebAdvisor, but should only do so after consulting your academic advisor. Go to allegheny.edu/employeedirectory to search for your advisor’s office location.

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  Dinner

* Brooks Dining Hall*

Tuesday, August 27 — Classes begin!
Upcoming Fall Events & Programs

Celebration with President Hilary L. Link and Student Involvement Fair
August 29, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Gator Quad
Join Dr. Hilary L. Link at a special celebration as she begins her first year as Allegheny’s president. Enjoy entertainment by Imagine Circus and learn more about co-curricular programs and activities from student organizations and local agencies at the Student Involvement Fair.

Poster Sale
September 6, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Campus Center Lobby
Join us! This is your destination for great wall art for your residence hall room.

Opening Football Game
September 21, 1:00 pm
Frank B. Fuhrer Field
The Gators open their 2019 home schedule against Wabash. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to join in the celebration!

Make A Difference Day
October 19
Make A Difference Day is a special day every year where residents and students (from elementary through college) unite to work on service projects around the community.

Gator Day
October 29
Gator Day began as a day that is set aside to help students connect their curricular and co-curricular experiences at Allegheny and beyond. It is a day with no scheduled classes, athletic practices, or extracurricular activities so that students are free to take advantage of this opportunity to explore all that Allegheny has to offer.

Blue & Gold Weekend — A Homecoming and Family Celebration
November 1–3
Activities for students, their families, alumni, and the College community will include the Homecoming football game, the traditional tailgate luncheon, and more!