

CONNECT ORIENTATION & WELCOME WEEKEND 2026

Thursday, August 20th

8:30am –11:30am	<p>New Resident Student Check In Experience – Wahlert Atrium Before moving into your residence hall room, ensure these items are completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete all Admission Checklist items and required forms • Meet with Student Financial Services: set up payment plan, speak with representatives about aid or loans • Complete any outstanding athletic paperwork, work study paperwork • Get Student ID photo/card • Pick up your residence hall move-in packet, key and door access fob, and move into your new home!
11:00am-Noon	Commuter Student Check-In Experience - Atrium
11:00am -1:00pm	Lunch Available - Dining Hall
11:00am-2:45pm	<p>Free Time & Meet Ups <i>Optional drop-in spaces designed to help you find your people, build community, and connect with others who share similar experiences or interests.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commuter Meet-Up - 1:00pm • First-Gen Meet-Up - 2:00pm • Parents Meet-Up - 1:00pm and 2:00pm • Open Lounges for Gathering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Student-Athlete Lounge ◦ Faith & Spiritual Life ◦ Quiet Recharge Room • Visit the Campus Store for supplies, apparel, coffee or energy drink, or help purchasing textbooks from the online textbook store!
3:00pm-3:30pm	<p>CONNECT Orientation & Welcome Week Kick Off - Jansen Music Hall Students and parents will hear welcome messages from Clarke administrators and orientation staff, and meet the CONNECT Orientation leaders. New students: please wear your CONNECT nametag and new shirt for a Class of 2030 photo!</p>
3:30pm-4:00pm	<p>Family Goodbyes and Departure- Keifer Building at Burrows Field (Wahlert Lot) An informal time to grab some ice cream and say your goodbyes to friends/family.</p>
4:00-6:00 pm	Playfair - Burrows Field
6:00-7:30pm	Dinner - Dining Hall
7:30pm	<p>Residential Life Session, Required for all Residential Students All students arriving on this day are required to attend this meeting.</p>
8:00pm	Residential Floor Meetings, Required for all Residential Students
8:30pm	<p>Chill & Grill – All Students Welcome - Burrows Field Kick back, meet new friends, and soak up the good vibes at Chill & Grill – the ultimate welcome event for new students! Enjoy snacks, hotdogs, lawn games, popcorn and a movie under the stars. Whether you’re commuting or living on campus, this is your chance to relax, connect, and kick off your CU journey in a fun and friendly atmosphere.</p>

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Friday, August 21th

8:00am –9:00am	Breakfast - Dining Hall
9:00am-10:00am	Transfer Student CONNECT Check-In - Atrium
9:30am-11:00am	First Year More Than Your Major - Various locations
10:00am-10:15am	Transfer CONNECT Opening Session - Jansen Music Hall
10:15am-11:00am	Transfer More Than Your Major - Various locations
11:00am -12:30pm	Lunch with Faculty - Dining Hall Find your academic major sign and join a table with program faculty and other interested students.
12:30-1:15pm	Orientation Group Meeting with Tuckpointers - Assigned Locations
1:15pm-2:45pm	CU Seminar Section Meeting with Instructors - Assigned Locations
3:00pm-4:30pm	New Student Convocation & Tree Planting - Required for all New Students - Terence Donaghoe Hall
4:30-7:30pm	Free Time, Athletic Practice & CONNECT Hour <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit your advisor's office• Take a photo with a faculty member• Locate ASC (Academic Success Center)• Introduce yourself to someone outside your floor• Find 3 campus landmarks• Attend a club preview table• Write a note on the Clarke Welcome Wall
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner - Dining Hall
7:30pm-10:00pm	Off Campus Activities - Required for all New First Year Students

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Saturday, August 22nd

8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast – <i>Dining Hall</i>
9:00am-10:00am	Orientation Group Meeting with Tuckpointers - <i>Assigned Locations</i>
10:00am-12:00pm	CONNECT & Grow: Choose your Own Breakouts - <i>Assigned Locations</i> Choose 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Build Your Circle at Clarke • Budgeting 101 for College Students • Time Management for Multi-Commitment Students • Mental Health & Asking for Help • Getting Involved Without Overloading Yourself • Faith & Service at Clarke • Transfer Student Meet Up • Identity Affinity Spaces (BIPOC, First-Gen, etc.)
12:00am -1:00pm	Lunch - <i>Dining Hall</i>
1:00pm-2:00pm	Meet with your Tuckpointers - <i>Assigned Room Locations</i>
2:00pm-3:00pm	Setting the Standard - <i>Jansen Music Hall</i>
3:00pm-7:30pm	U-Time Women's Soccer Game - <i>Burrows Field</i>
4:30-7:30pm	Dinner - <i>Dining Hall</i>
7:30pm-8:00pm	Clarke Unplugged - <i>Jansen Music Hall</i>
8:00-10:00 pm	Foam Party - <i>Hosted by Clarke Student Association</i>

Sunday, August 23rd

9:30am-10:30am	Tuckpointer Group Airband Practice - <i>Designated Locations</i>
10:30am-11:30am	From Orientation to Action - <i>Designated Locations</i> Students complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My weekly study schedule • One club I will attend • One faculty office hour I will visit • One person I will follow up with • One challenge I anticipate
11:30am-1:00pm	Brunch - <i>Dining Hall</i>
1:00pm-2:00pm	Optional Tours of Campus to find where your classrooms are located! Your Tuckpointers will show you around.
2:30-4:00pm	Airband - <i>Terence Donaghoe Hall</i>
5:00pm-6:00pm	All Campus Mass - <i>Sacred Heart Chapel</i>
5:45-7:00pm	CONNECT Closing Dinner - <i>Atrium Lawn</i>