

CONNECT ORIENTATION & WELCOME WEEKEND 2026

Thursday, August 20th

8:30am –11:30am	New Resident Student Check In Experience – Wahlert Atrium Before moving into your residence hall room, ensure these items are completed: • 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	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> • Commuter Meet-Up - 1:00pm - <i>Commuter Lounge</i> • First-Gen Meet-Up - 2:00pm - <i>Alumnae Lecture Hall</i> • Parents Meet-Up - 1:00pm and 2:00pm - <i>Fabiano Conference Room</i> • Open Lounges for Gathering: ◦ Student-Athlete Lounge - <i>Allendorf Team Room</i> ◦ Faith & Spiritual Life - <i>Foley Lounge</i> ◦ Quiet Recharge Room - <i>Lion's Den</i> • Visit the Campus Store for supplies, apparel, coffee or energy drink, or help purchasing textbooks from the online textbook store!
3:00pm-3:30pm	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!
3:30pm-4:00pm	Family Goodbyes and Departure - Outside Keifer Building in the Wahlert Lot An informal time to grab some popsicles, say your goodbyes to friends/family, and meet our President and other Clarke Administrators, Staff, and Faculty!
4:00-6:00 pm	Playfair - Burrows Field
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner - Dining Hall
7:30pm	Residential Life Session, Required for all Residential Students - Jansen Music Hall All students arriving on this day are required to attend this meeting.
8:00pm	Residential Floor Meetings, Required for all Residential Students
8:30pm	After Dark Social – All Students Welcome - Burrows Field Kick back, meet new friends, and soak up the good vibes at the After Dark Social – the ultimate welcome event for new students! Enjoy snacks, lawn games, and music under the stars. Whether you're commuting or living on campus, this is your chance to have fun, connect, and kick off your CU journey in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

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Friday, August 21st

8:00am –9:00am	Breakfast - Dining Hall
9:00am-10:00am	Transfer Student CONNECT Check-In - Atrium
9:30am-10:15am	First Year More Than Your Major - Jansen Music Hall
10:15am-10:30am	Transfer CONNECT Opening Session - Jansen Music Hall
10:30am-11:00am	Transfer More Than Your Major - Jansen Music Hall
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
4:30-7:00pm	Free Time, Athletic Practice & CONNECT Hour • 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
4:30-7:00pm	International Student Orientation - Student Activity Center <i>*Required for all new incoming International students</i>
5:00-7:00pm	Dinner - Dining Hall
7:00pm-10:00pm	Off Campus Activities - Required for all New First Year Students - Meet in front of the Atrium • ImOn Arena Iceskating - <i>First trolley leaves at 7pm</i> • Derby Grange - <i>First trolley leaves at 7pm</i> • Cherry Lanes Bowling - <i>First trolley leaves at 7pm</i> • Beechers Ice Cream - <i>First walk over at 8 pm</i>

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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 • How to Build Your Circle at Clarke - <i>Jansen Music Hall</i> • Sodexo - Dining Services - <i>Fabiano Conference Room</i> • Mental Health & Asking for Help - <i>Lion's Den</i> • Faith & Service at Clarke - <i>LTC 4</i> • Identity Affinity Spaces (BIPOC, First-Gen, etc.) - <i>Atrium</i>
12:00pm -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>
5:00-7:00pm	Dinner - <i>Dining Hall</i>
7:30pm-8:00pm	Clarke Unplugged - <i>Jansen Music Hall</i>
8:00-10:00 pm	Bingo! - <i>Dining Hall</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: • 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	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 (Optional) - <i>Sacred Heart Chapel</i>
5:45-7:00pm	CONNECT Closing Dinner - <i>Dining Hall</i>

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