

Westfield State University

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



ORIENTATION LEADER:

TEAM NUMBER:

SCHEDULE GROUP: A

A Letter from the Coordinator

Welcome Home!

My name is Matt Dellea, and I am the Director of Student Activities, Involvement, and Leadership and serve as the Coordinator of New Student Orientation. On behalf of the New Student Orientation Team, it is my privilege to welcome you to the Westfield State community.

Whether you have decided to commute or live on campus, are coming to Westfield State with a few college credits in place, have decided on your major or are taking time to explore your options, the New Student Orientation Program is designed to help you learn about your new home away from home.

Our program is designed to be your official welcome to life at Westfield State University. By attending all sessions in our program schedule, you will learn everything that you need to be a successful student here. Sessions are designed to assist you in understanding policies and procedures, discover ways to be an involved student, and create meaningful connections with your peers.

You will be led through the program by an energetic Orientation Leader, who will be with you every step of the way as you attend sessions to learn about important campus resources and get a feel for the Westfield State University community. This returning student leader will be your best point-of-contact throughout your first year, and it is our hope that you attend their events throughout the fall semester.

This packet includes your schedule for the next several days. You will also find our Welcome Week program schedule at the end of this packet. Please use this to stay on track or feel free to find all these events on The Nestwork, so you can have it electronically.

We are excited to have you at Westfield State and encourage you to reach out if you have any questions.



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Welcome to Westfield State! We hope that you enjoy the programming that we have set up for your Orientation. Please remember that your presence is expected at the events and workshops over the next couple of days. All attendance at events will be tracked for completion.

Sunday, September 1

8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Residence Hall Move-In

Horace Mann Center and all Residence Halls

Move-in during your assigned time slot and get settled into your new space for the fall.

10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Campus Life Fair

Campus Green

Join us on the green for inflatables, lawn games, photo booth, refreshments, and our Solutions Tent!

3 p.m.

Orientation Leader Meeting and Travel to Woodward

Campus Green

Students should find their OL group on the Campus Green. Once leaders have students, the entire class will walk to Woodward for the Welcome Session.

4 p.m.

Westfield Welcome

Woodward Center

Welcome to Westfield State with official greetings!

4:45 p.m.

Farewells

Woodward Center

Students and Families say goodbye and head into their evening activities.

5 p.m.

Parent Reception

2nd Floor Woodward Center

Parents and families are invited to grab a refreshment at our social event.

5 p.m.

First Night Dinner

Campus Green

An outdoor meal with music, games, and other fun activities.

7–7:45 p.m.

Residence Hall and Commuter Student Community Meetings

See email for your assigned location.

Students to interact with their living communities to make further connections, hear about expectations, and get info on upcoming programs and events.

8 p.m.–12 a.m.

Sunday Night Social Events

Campus Green

Exciting social events to include: live music, board breaking, stuff a plush, bungee trampoline, zip line, video game truck, food trucks, lawn games, s'mores, movie night, and a sensory free station.



Monday, September 2

8–10 a.m.

Breakfast

Dining Commons

10 a.m.

Orientation Leader Welcome Meetings

Campus Green

Students to meet with their Orientation Leader and review events, participate in ice breakers, and enjoy some small group activities.

11 a.m.

Scavenger Hunt and Tour

Entire Campus

Students to work in their Orientation Group to complete a scavenger hunt around campus.

12:30 p.m.

Title IX

Scanlon Banquet Hall

Mandatory Title IX session to learn about the Title IX purpose and processes.

1:15 p.m.

Lunch

Dining Commons

2:15 p.m.

Community Expectations

Scanlon Banquet Hall

What does it mean to be a positive member of our community?

3 p.m.

Campus Technology

Scanlon Banquet Hall

A quick review on the important software and tech information students should know about.

3:30 p.m.

Say What?!

Dever Stage

Students to participate in a session focused on principles of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

5 p.m.

Orientation Leader Closing Meetings

Various Locations

Process events of the day, ask lingering questions, and complete daily evaluation.

5:30 p.m.

Dinner

Dining Commons

6 p.m.–12 a.m.

Monday Night Social Events

Campus Green

Lawn games, airbrush tattoos, food trucks, and the annual glow/paint dance party.





Tuesday, September 3

8–10 a.m.

Breakfast

Dining Commons

10 a.m.

Orientation Leader Welcome Meetings

Campus Green

Students to meet with their Orientation Leader and review events, participate in Ice Breakers, and enjoy some small group activities.

10:30 a.m.

Bystander Intervention

Scanlon Banquet Hall

Students participate in activities to learn what it means to be a Bystander in a number of difficult situations.

11:45a.m.

Lunch

Dining Commons

12:45 p.m.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Education

Wilson Savignano Auditorium

Students participate in activities to raise awareness surrounding alcohol use on campus.

1:45 p.m.

Orientation Leader Closing Meetings

Various Location

Students meet with their Orientation Leader and process events of the day, ask lingering questions, and complete daily evaluation. Groups then head to Convocation.

2:15 p.m.

Groups Gather for Convocation

Campus Green

Students find their OL on the green for the walk to Convocation.

2:30 p.m.

Convocation

Dever Stage

First Year Student Convocation Ceremony with Academic Affairs

6–9 p.m.

Tuesday Night Social Events

Campus Green

Exciting social events to include: bumper cars, rock wall, carnival games, dunk tank, giant games, music, and lawn games

≡ *First day of classes is tomorrow!* ≡

BEST OF LUCK TO YOU IN THE UPCOMING YEAR! GO OWLS!

≡ Welcome Week Schedule ≡

Sun., Sep. 1

10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Opening Day Fair

Campus Green

Hop on the Octagon Extreme, Race through the Turbo Rush, take a photo in our photo booth, and more!

8 p.m.–12 a.m.

Sunday Night Social

Campus Green

& New Hall Green

Live music, board breaking, Stuff-a-Plush, inflatables, bungee trampoline, zip line, video game truck, food trucks, fires with s'mores, and a movie night.

Mon., Sep. 2

10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Campus Life Fair

Campus Green

Hop on the Octagon Extreme, Race through the Turbo Rush, take a photo in our photo booth, and more!

6 p.m.–12 a.m.

Glow Big or Glow Home

Campus Green

Join us for the 4th Annual Glow Party, the hottest event of the year. Join us for pre-party activities from 6–9 p.m., or join us for the main event at 9 p.m.!

Tue., Sep. 3

5 p.m.

University-Wide Polynesian Dinner

Campus Green

6–10 p.m.

Summer Showdown

Campus Green

Adventure awaits at our bumper cars ride, rock climbing wall, and other carnival games.

Wed., Sep. 4

7:30–10:30 a.m.

First Day Kick-Start

Outside Wilson

& Bates Hall

Kickstart your day at one of our grab and go stations with energy drinks, teas, snacks, and more!

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

WOW Tent

Ely Campus Center

Need help or just looking for something quick to do between classes? Stop by our WOW Tent during the day!

2–6 p.m.

Zens-day Wednesday

Ely Campus Center

The first day can be stressful, so come Zen out. Bamboo plants, succulents, massage chairs, and refreshments.

7 p.m.

Comedian Eric O'Shea

Dever Stage

Thu., Sep. 5

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

WOW Tent

Ely Campus Center

9:30 p.m.

HOOT Scoot N' Boogie

Dining Commons

Grab your cowboy boots and hats to celebrate country style! Join us for a late-night pancake breakfast, complete with axe throwing, mechanical bull, and antique-style photos.

Fri., Sep. 6

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

WOW Tent

Ely Campus Center

6 p.m.

First Home Football Game

Alumni Field

Come cheer on the Owls as they fight for their first win of the season. Lawn games, street signs, trucker hats, and more!

10 p.m.

Bingo and Bites

Scanlon Banquet Hall

The FIRST CAB BINGO of the new year! Grab a bite while you play from our junk food bar!

10:45 p.m.

Late Night Nacho Bar

Scanlon Banquet Hall

Have a late night craving and not sure what to do? Run down to Scanlon for the Late Night Nacho Bar.

Sat., Sep. 7

1–5 p.m.

Wet and Wild Westie

Campus Green

Hop on one of the water attractions or sign a team up for one of our sports tournaments taking place.

8 p.m.–12 a.m.

Neon Nights

Trades Parking Lot

Rewind to the '80s with our blacklight roller skating rink and glow games all night long!

Sun., Sep. 8

1–5 p.m.

Sunday Swagger

Apartment Complex,
Courtney Hall, University
Hall, & Davis Hall

Stop by any of the four residence halls listed and get some SWAG! Water bottles, intention bracelets, resin key chains, and license plates are all available!



WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AT WESTFIELD STATE?

The Nestwork is the ultimate connection to all things happening on campus

Did you know a group of owls is called a parliament? Here at Westfield State, we know that any time Owls gather, we're sure to find a spirit of community, understanding, and adventures filled to the brim with fun! And now, we want to invite you and your family to be part of it all!

The Nestwork is a digital tool that provides a campus calendar, event check-ins, student organization information, and opportunities. It's open to all Owls – including families – with new additions and features being added all the time.



Download the app!

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