

2018 New Student and Transfer Orientation Schedule



University of Pittsburgh
Johnstown

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00 AM—11:00 AM	Residential Student Move-In <i>All new students will receive their Student ID, meal ticket for lunch, and all other orientation materials at the residence hall check in desk. Volunteers will be on site to help you move things in to your new home. Be patient, wear comfy shoes, and remember to not over pack!</i>	
7:00 AM– 7:00 PM	Book Center Open	Student Union
11:00 AM—1:00 PM	Campus & Community Luncheon <i>Take a break from unpacking and enjoy a meal in the Student Union. Tickets for the meal are distributed at the check-in tables. Please watch the location and time for your meal on your ticket. Our food service is cooking up the student favorites for this welcome meal!</i>	Union Dining Hall
12:30—1:30 PM	Commuter Student Check-in <i>Stop by and grab your nametag, orientation schedule, and meal ticket for lunch! You will also find out your orientation group for the weekend (orientation is three days) and connect with the men and women in Student Affairs who will be your go-to team for the year.</i>	Blackington Lobby
1:30 PM	Students assemble for procession <i>Please note that students will not be returning to their rooms until after orientation activities end that day. Parents/Families should bring all necessary items from the students' rooms in order to depart after the Campus Welcome from our University President, Dr. Jem Spectar.</i>	Residents – lobbies; Commuters – gazebo
1:45 PM	Everyone seated in Sports Center	Sports Center
2:00 PM	Campus Welcome <i>All new students, faculty, staff, and administration enjoy this annual welcome to start the academic year. This this event is the official start to the new student orientation experience! We will commit to academic excellence and integrity and share the importance of involvement and community at Pitt-Johnstown. We are also excited to welcome Michael Lauf, Class of '93 back to campus for a few remarks.</i>	Sports Center
3:30 PM	Families Depart & Orientation begins <i>Take a minute to wish your families and students well! This is a time of celebration and next steps – and begins with joining your orientation group and actively participating in new student orientation.</i>	Sports Center
3:45 PM—6:30 PM	Orientation Group Time & Dinner <i>Your orientation leader will review all of the expectations for the weekend, bring you to dinner, and help you get started for the first day.</i>	Classrooms/ Union Dining Hall
7:00 PM	Residence Life Meeting <i>All students living on campus will learn about on campus living in this important session. Your Resident Assistant will have the details.</i>	In residences

7:00 PM	Commuter Student Meeting	131 Blackington	<i>Not living on campus? No problem! Join us in Blackington for a conversation about off-campus living. We will talk about the commuter assistant program, talk through how to learn about campus life, and you will get a tour of the facility where you can hang out, study and spend time between classes.</i>
8:00 PM—10:30 PM	Vegas Night & Ice Cream Social	Student Union	<i>Blow off some steam and enjoy some time with student leaders from various areas of campus as we play some games, eat snacks, and relax with our new friends. You have made it through day one!</i>
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24			
7:00 AM– 7:00 PM	Book Center Open	Student Union	
8:00 AM-10AM	Breakfast	Union Dining Hall	<i>Your meals are covered for orientation, so join your orientation leader or grab a roommate or new friend and grab an all you can eat meal in the Dining Hall. Get fueled for all the day has in store.</i>
8:30 AM– 9:30 AM	Schedule Adjustments	Blackington Hall Lobby	<i>Have some concerns about your academic schedule since Academic Planning Days? This optional session is for those students who need to talk through some schedule changes with the academic units.</i>
9:00 AM	Foreign Language Placement Exam	118 Krebs	<i>If you were not able to take the placement exam during Academic Planning days and would still like to do so, now is your chance! This is an optional session. Bring photo ID and No. 2 pencils.</i>
9:00 AM	Financial Literacy Session	Blackington138	<i>Eager to learn how to manage your money now that you are a college student? Hear from our friends at Somerset Trust about college student life and how the choices you make in college can positively or negatively impact your financial future.</i>
10:00 AM	Orientation Group Time: Academic Success	Classrooms	<i>Your OLs are going to share some tips from current students on how they are academically successful. Bring your questions about academic resources and have a conversation about college classes and expectations. Good stuff from a fellow Mountain Cats!</i>
10:30 AM—11:30 AM	Academic Success with Dr. Stephen Kilpatrick	PPAC	<i>Join our Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs for a session designed from the faculty on how to get the most out of your college experience. This humorous session will bring some of the best stories from the faculty perspective while also offering you all that you need to define academic success for yourself. Members of the Academic Affairs team will also be present during the presentation.</i>
11:30 AM—3:00 PM	Lunch, Group Time & Walk your schedule	Student Union Dining Hall & Campus	<i>Not only will you have a great meal and have some free time this afternoon, but your OLs will show you the ropes on how to locate your classrooms in our academic buildings. Download your academic schedule to your phone and find the places you will need to go during that busy first week. You will be able to learn more about what is housed in each of the buildings and get to know more about where things are located on campus.</i>
3:00 PM	Real World of Difference with Sherdina Harper	PPAC	<i>A sense of belonging in any community is very important and we take community seriously at Pitt-Johnstown. Sherdina Harper is the Cross Cultural Programming Coordinator and Advisor at The</i>

University of Pittsburgh whose session is a favorite during orientation. We invite you to join us for a great conversation about inclusion and respect.

- 4:30 PM-7:00 PM Dinner, Group Time, and I AM FROM Activity Union Dining Hall and Classrooms
Group time tonight allows us to “unpack” the messages from the day and learn more about one another in our group. Students will participate in an interactive activity that allows us to understand the Class of 2022.
- 7:30 PM HOORAY & Don't Just Stand There! Sports Center
Our friend, David Coleman is back on campus to facilitate another campus favorite! Hooray! Is a high-energy activity where all students will meet people beyond their orientation groups. Prepare to move around (sneakers might be best!) and have a great laugh! This session will be followed by a great presentation regarding taking care of one another at Pitt-Johnstown. We will talk about choices in college and how we can find support in our community. Topics such as alcohol/drugs, hazing, and sexual assault resources will be discussed.
- 9:30—11:00 PM Tom Deluca, Hypnotist (and a snack!) Sports Center
We are blessed to have this campus entertainer on campus this year! Tom Deluca has been entertaining college students for years as he hypnotizes volunteers (and often times your resident assistants and orientation leaders!). Join us for a lot of laughs after day two! Snacks provided on the concourse.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

- 9:30 AM Grab and Go Breakfast Blackington Lobby
It's the weekend, so brunch is offered on campus and we are heading out! So, if you haven't snagged something at home or in your rooms, so head up by the Mountain Cat statue and grab some food for the road.
- 10:00 AM—6:00 PM Book Center Open Student Union
- 10:00 AM Board buses for Johnstown Blackington
All bus trips at Pitt-Johnstown depart from the Blackington Hall drive. Your RAs and OIs will have information on which bus you need to board to help us serve the Greater Johnstown community. Please make sure you have your Pitt-Johnstown @Your Service shirt on with closed toed shoes. It is recommended that any unnecessary items such as backpacks, etc are not brought on the trip as we are not guaranteed to be on the same buses returning to campus. If you are a commuter, you need to drive to campus to grab the shuttle to your service site.
- 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Pitt Johnstown @Your Service activities Greater Johnstown Area
We are working with our friends and community partners at Discover Johnstown and the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority in serving the community this morning. Use your punch-card to visit the nine area businesses who have a little something for you after your project is complete. Johnstown is our last name after all... so it's time to give back!
- 12:30 PM Lunch & PJ@YS Wrap Up Pasquerilla Conference Center
Our meal today is in the city and welcomes local dignitaries some of which are Pitt-Johnstown alumni! Enjoy a meal after working hard outside. Enjoy a welcome from the Johnstown Symphony and the Camara Dance & Drum company.
- 2:30 PM Depart for Campus return to Blackington
Get cleaned up and get ready to wrap up the educational sessions for orientation.

- 4:30 PM Group Time: Healthy U & Service Reflection Classrooms
Your orientation leaders are eager to have a conversation about the impact we made today and to also offer techniques for taking care of yourselves and others as a member of our community. This is the last session to be counted for the large prize giveaway!
- 5:30 PM –7:00 PM Dinner Union Dining Hall (and Cambria)
Grab your friends and grab a meal. You are going to want to prepare for the Mountain Cat Cup by wearing a white shirt (that you don't mind getting splattered with paint!) underneath your hall/commuter shirts! We will compete in the various activities before the color war and we want you to be prepared! So fun!
- 7:30 PM Mountain Cat Cup and Color War Intramural Field
Students are PUMPED to watch each of the various communities compete for the coveted Mountain Cat Cup! This year, there is \$300 on the line to be used in your living area or for resources/activities for commuters! Bring your game people!
- 9:30 PM Orientation Dance and Fireworks Intramural Field
The Pitt-Johnstown Program Board welcomes you to campus with a blacklight glow dance party! Rock those splattered paint shirts from the color war and enjoy some great music and fireworks with your new friends. They are serving up snacks and great music – join us at the last official activity of new student orientation. YOU DID IT! All prizes announced at the beginning of the dance!