MARCH TO THE ARCH

SEPTEMBER 2017
Find us on Social Media

Add us on Snapchat for BTS (behind-the-scenes) peeks throughout Wildcat Welcome, and you may even find a geofilter or two!

Taking pretty pics on Instagram of your move-in, goodbyes, hellos, and everything else during Wildcat Welcome? Share them with us!

#NU2021 #NUtransfers #WW17
You can also share moments with us on Twitter or see larger updates on Facebook!

Facebook Group: Connect with others in your class
FACEBOOK.COM
Like Wildcat Welcome on Facebook to find reminders for you and content we’ve created
FACEBOOK.COM/NUWILDCATWELCOME
Of course we’ll be showing some stunning campus photos throughout the summer along with some classic #TBTs
INSTAGRAM.COM/WILDCATWELCOME
Add us to get insider pics and videos throughout the summer; we’ll even be highlighting ‘Cats across the globe every Friday
SNAPCHAT.COM/ADD/WILDCATWELCOME
Follow, and interact, with us on Twitter for info, fun facts, and photos galore.
TWITTER.COM/WILDCATWELCOME
You are so close!

There are only a few more days until you travel to Evanston to begin your new journey as a Wildcat. The moment you have been waiting for is close, and for that exact reason we have created a truly phenomenal orientation process. Wildcat Welcome will be a glorious eight days of programming to help you adjust to life at Northwestern, learn about the academic rigor, select classes for fall quarter (if you haven’t already), and become acquainted with other new students. Some Wildcat spirit at your first home football game (as a student) with your Peer Adviser group (along with a new student dash across the field) and an evening at Six Flags Great America, shut down just for us, are just two ways we’ve prepared the best week ever.

For family members, we have an entire PARENT AND FAMILY ORIENTATION SCHEDULE to prepare you for the Northwestern experience. As you meet with the Dean of Students, undergraduate schools, University President Schapiro, and even view the March Through the Arch tradition for new students, you will truly understand what it is like to be a Wildcat. All Parent and Family Orientation sessions run concurrent with the student orientation schedule, so time with your student will be limited if you choose to stay for events on Monday, September 11 and Tuesday, September 12.

A short 30 minute time period on Deering Meadow called Kiss’n’Bye will occur on Tuesday morning following March Through the Arch, but if you are hoping for a longer goodbye, you’ll want to plan to build that break in on Monday before 4:45 p.m. or after 9:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you in a very short 9 days. We’ve been waiting for you and we are more than ready to welcome you to the outstanding Northwestern community.

Go ’Cats!
The Office of New Student and Family Programs,
the student Board of Directors, Peer Advisers, and Family Ambassadors
# Upcoming Deadlines

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## Students Not Living On Campus

Students not living on campus for Fall 2017 received an email informing them of a mandatory orientation event on Sunday, September 10. You must RSVP. Students will receive all necessary Wildcat Welcome materials and discuss living off-campus as a new student. Questions? Contact ORIENTATION@NORTHWESTERN.EDU.

**Time:** Sunday, September 10 from 2 - 4p.m.

**Location:** Norris University Center, Wildcat Room 101

**Parking:** Available at the South Parking Garage (campus ticketing will not occur on Sunday)

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**MASTER LIST**
See the online master SUMMER CHECKLIST

**REMININDER**
You will be unable to register for fall quarter classes until these are completed
Your Wildcat Welcome Experience

In just 9 days you’ll arrive on campus to be a part of Northwestern’s greatest tradition of them all: Wildcat Welcome (there is certainly no bias in that statement). Your friends at semester-based schools may have told you about their orientation and welcome week experiences, but Wildcat Welcome is neither of those two singular items. Wildcat Welcome is an 8-day orientation process that will provide you with a fantastic start to Northwestern while giving you an opportunity to meet so many other new students. Take a look at 2021’s AUGUST ISSUE OF MARCH for a brief overview of Wildcat Welcome. Want to see more? Not to worry, you’ll receive your personalized schedule book (along with your class shirt and other items) when you check into your Wildcat Welcome Center on September 11.

A FEW EVENTS TO PEEP

If you identify as low-income, first-generation college, LGBTQIA, and/or a student of color we encourage you to check-out the following events during Wildcat Welcome!

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS OPEN HOUSES
Throughout Wildcat Welcome Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA) will host Open Houses showcasing the Multicultural Center, the Black House and the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center. These distinct spaces provide many students with a home away from home.

CHI-TOWN POP-UP
(Tuesday night) We are bringing the Chicago lights, sounds, food right to you. Enjoy live music from NU alums PREZ HARRIS, THE SYNDICATE and current student DEBBIE-MARIE BROWN in addition to yummy Chicago-style foods. This event is co-sponsored by several Black-student groups.

RAINBOW ALLIANCE BONFIRE
(Thursday night) Meet with members of Rainbow Alliance, Northwestern’s largest LGBTQ+ organization, for a bonfire and s’mores.
WELCOME DINNER FOR BLACK AND HISPANIC ENGINEERS
(Friday) Two student groups are hosting a free dinner to meet with new and returning engineering students who identify as Black or Latinx.

AAIV HOUSE PARTY
(Friday) Hosted by Asian American InterVarsity, an organization of students passionate about their Christian faith, this event has games, food, and more.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT SERVICES OPEN HOUSE
(Monday, 11:30am-3:30pm) Students and families are invited to stop by this office to pick up welcome packets and discover resources to help students from first-gen and low-income backgrounds thrive.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT SERVICES WORKSHOP
(Wednesday) This workshop focuses on the stories and experiences of first-generation and low-income students and explores ways to take advantage of important opportunities and resources across campus.

Info To Prepare For Your Arrival On September 11

STEP 1: SIGN UP FOR AN UNLOADING PERMIT
If you have not yet signed up for an unloading permit from the August 14 email you received from Residential Services, you need to do so immediately if you are planning to bring your items in a car. This is a 45-minute block in which you will park near your residence to unload your vehicle. Be sure to print your permit to display in your car; this permit contains important information regarding your unloading zone and time for move-in. If you did not see the email prompt to sign up for a move-in time, contact Residential Services at HOUSING@NORTHWESTERN.EDU or by calling 847.467.4663.

Whether or not you’re driving to campus, you can begin checking into your residence as early as 8 a.m., even if you are scheduled to unload from your car at a later time.
Note: Construction means that there are new and great things coming, but when it gets in the way of traffic it is a bit stressful, right? We want to give you a heads up that the City of Evanston will be doing a lot of construction on Sheridan Road (running through campus) so please add in a few extra minutes to your travel to get to your residence. Once you are finished with your unloading time, you’ll park in the assigned lot which may not be close to your building.

**STEP 2: MOVE INTO YOUR RESIDENCE**
You’ll need to be sure you have your permit displayed and that you have brought a government-issued ID for this step. Your permit provides direction on where exactly to go for unloading. Once you have arrived, you will quickly have a number of students approach your car to begin taking boxes and bags. Don’t worry, they are our Peer Advisers; they’ll be doing much of the heavy lifting for you. You will head inside to pick up your room key/Wildcard (this is why the government-issued ID is important) and begin setting up your new room!

**STEP 3: CHECK IN AT YOUR WILDCAT WELCOME CENTER**
Don’t worry about getting your room perfectly set up on day 1, you’ll have an entire week to get things situated. Once you have items in your room (but before 5 p.m.), you will head over to your assigned Wildcat Welcome Center to check in for orientation and pick up your personalized Wildcat Welcome schedule book, class T-shirts (which must be worn Tuesday), and more. If you have your WW Fast Pass (received in your September 1 email) pulled up on your mobile device or printed, you’ll use that here to quickly get checked in!
Schedule of Move-In Day

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Move into your residence
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Check in at your Wildcat Welcome Center
1 – 3 p.m.: Res College Faculty Chairs’ Reception for Families
4 – 5 p.m.: Res College Faculty Chairs’ Welcome for New Students
4 – 9:30 p.m.: Family members attend the President’s Welcome, Academic Dean’s Welcome, President’s Reception, and “A Year in the Life” skits and student panel.
5 – 9:30 p.m.: Students have first residence meeting with RA followed by Northwestern 101: Living (required)

REMEMBER: STUDENTS HAVE PROGRAMMING BEGINNING AT 7 A.M. THE NEXT MORNING SO CATCH SOME Z’S AFTER A LONG MOVE-IN DAY!

Parent and Family Orientation

While students’ orientation schedule begins at 4:45 p.m. on Monday, the Parent and Family Orientation schedule begins at 4 p.m. with President Schapiro’s welcome for family members. View the FULL SCHEDULE ONLINE.

Check-in for Parent and Family Orientation will be at the Wildcat Welcome Center, the same place students must visit after checking into their residence hall.

Please note that family programs run concurrent with the student orientation schedule. Though a 30 minute Kiss’n’Bye is set aside following March Through the Arch on Tuesday, if you are hoping to plan a longer goodbye you will need to identify a time on Monday. Time periods students will have available on Monday for a longer goodbye are prior to 4:45 p.m. or after 9:30 p.m.