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PREPARE FOR NORTHWESTERN

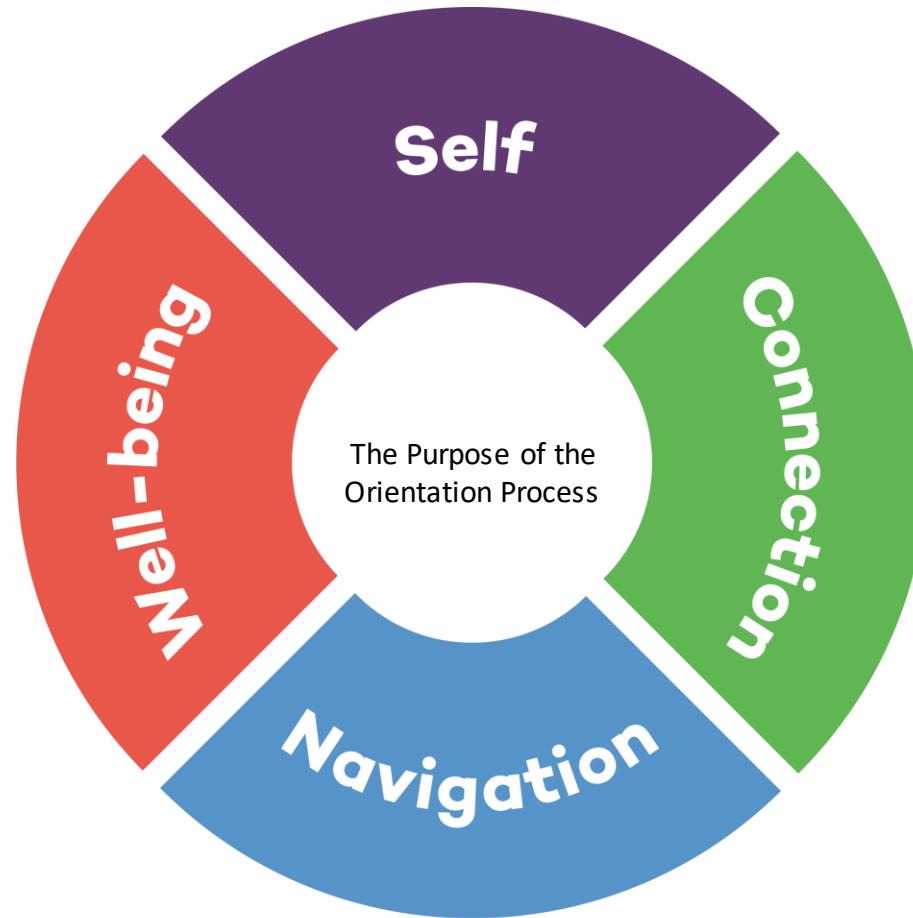
A WEBINAR FOR THE CLASS
OF 2027 AND THEIR FAMILIES

May 10, 2023
7 p.m. CDT

In This Session

- New Student Orientation Process
 - Purple Prep
 - Before the Arch
 - Wildcat Welcome
- Families Supporting Their New Student
- Planning Dates
- Connect with Other New Students
- Current Student Panel: Reflecting on your summer transition
- Q&A

Purpose of Orientation



Your New Student Orientation Process

Northwestern's orientation process consists of three components to successfully launch students into their first year.

1

Purple Prep

- **May 3-September 10, 2023**
- Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat
- Modality: Virtual

2

Before the Arch

- **Mid July-September 10, 2023**
- Optional opportunities to learn from current students about the emotional and social aspects of your transition
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Wildcat Welcome

- **September 11-18 & 23, 2023**
*International Students:
September 7-18 & 23*
- Take part in campus traditions, build connections, learn to navigate campus, and register for fall classes
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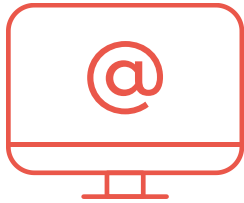
Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat

- Purple Prep provides foundational information and includes all summer tasks to complete, with a new set of deadlines each month.
- Tasks range from submitting your housing contract to immunization forms to virtual orientation modules.



Purple Prep

May 3-September 10, 2023



Purple Prep Website

- Find everything you need to know.
- The one-stop location for details about summer tasks and information you need to know prior to starting in the fall

northwestern.edu/purple-prep



Purple Prep Checklist

- Keep track of requirements
- A personalized tool for managing all your summer tasks



Purple Prep Email

- Get bi-monthly updates and reminders
- Delivered the first and third Tuesday of each month, with info on upcoming tasks and noting any updates or changes to your entry

Purple Prep

May 3-September 10, 2023

ASAP

Activate your Northwestern email account

**June 1
5 p.m. CDT**

Submit your housing contract
**Parent/Guardian task for those under 18*

June 1

Submit disciplinary disclosure form;
submit SAT/ACT score reports

Schedule time to review tasks for the summer with your family

Before the Arch

Mid July-September 10, 2023

- Virtual, optional opportunities to hear from current students about the social and emotional aspects of transition
- Delivered weekly through the Class of 2027 Canvas Course, including videos, webinars, podcasts, and more
- Class of 2027 Canvas Course to launch in July
- Prompted to learn more in Purple Prep email



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- Begins when you move to campus
- Programs to build connections with others, learn about Northwestern, and take part in campus tradition
- Advising and fall quarter course registration during this orientation component



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International Students

- September 7: International student move-in day
- September 8-11: International Student Orientation
- September 11-18 & 23: Wildcat Welcome



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What to expect during Wildcat Welcome

- New student move-in day (September 11)
- Support from peer mentors:
 - ✓ Peer Adviser (PA)
 - ✓ International Peer Adviser (IPA)
 - ✓ Resident Assistant (RA)
- Build connections through PA Group, Residential area, & social-based programs
- Academic advising & fall quarter course registration
- Campus traditions: March Through the Arch, Wildcat Dash, Class Photo
- Campus tour

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Timeline for Learning the Schedule

June

Programming time blocks released
(event details not included)

August

Programmatic overview released

September

Personalized schedule released



After Orientation

Transition does not end after the first week.

- The Office of Student Transition Experiences continues to support you as a student past orientation.
 - ✓ Monthly cohort emails with important dates, upcoming events, and highlighted resources relevant to important topics that quarter
 - ✓ Additional events and programs each year that will lead you through common experiences, such as learning how to rent housing off campus, leadership building, and celebrating milestones



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Family Overview

Office of Family Engagement

- Family Engagement provides resources, communication, and programming for parents and family members.
- We help with the transition of new Wildcat families.
- We support families throughout their students' undergraduate experience.
- We provide training and leadership development opportunities for current students (Family Coordinators & Family Ambassadors).



Family Overview

Communication

- **Family Engagement Website**
 - ✓ bit.ly/NU-Family
- **Parent & Family E-mail List**
 - ✓ go.dosa.northwestern.edu/parentlist/
- **Family Engagement Email Address:** family@northwestern.edu
- **New Parent & Family Webinar Series**
- **Parent and Family Virtual Resource Guide**
- **Wildcat Family Recap**
- **Official Northwestern University Parents & Families Facebook Page**
 - ✓ www.facebook.com/northwesternfamilies
 - ✓ Facebook has disabled our page – if you work for Facebook, we need your help!



Planning Dates

September

- 7** International student move-in day
- 8-11** International Student Orientation
- 11** New student move-in day
- 11-12** Parent & Family Orientation
- 11-18, & 23** Wildcat Welcome
- 19** First day of class

October

- 20-22** Family Weekend

November

- 22-26** Fall Break

December

- 4-9** Final Exams
- 9** Halls close for winter break @ 12pm

Dates are subject to change. View the [Purple Prep website](#) for the up-to-date calendar.

Connect with Your Class

Follow @wildcatwelcome on social media



Class of 2027 Finsta

- [Instagram.com/northwesternu2027](https://www.instagram.com/northwesternu2027)

Your Peer Adviser Group

- Coming in July/August



Student Panel

- **Olivia Alexander**
 - **Hometown: Little Rock, AK**
 - **Major: Journalism & American Studies**
- **Jhil Patel**
 - **Hometown: Bartlett, IL**
 - **Major: Economics & Theater**
- **Davida Yalley**
 - **Hometown: Lawrenceville, GA**
 - **Major: Communication Studies**



Q & A



THANK YOU!

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