

NORTHWESTERN WELCOMES YOU TO

**PARENT
AND FAMILY
ORIENTATION**

SEPTEMBER 9–10, 2025

8:30 a.m.–10:30 p.m.

Move-in day parking shuttle in operation

After unloading your vehicle, park in designated campus locations or the Ryan Field West Lot, which is about a mile northwest of campus. A free shuttle runs continually between the west lot and the center of campus. Staff will be at shuttle stops to assist families and answer questions. *See map for parking and shuttle stop locations.*

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Check-in for Wildcat Welcome and Parent and Family Orientation

Parents, family members, and students can pick up the Parent and Family Orientation schedule booklet. *Norris University Center, Louis Room (205)*

10 a.m.–Noon

Multicultural Center open house

Explore the MCC, learn about our resources and programs, enjoy light refreshments, and receive giveaways. *1936 Sheridan Road*

10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Gender and Sexuality Resource Center open house

Learn about the resources and support related to gender and sexuality that the GSRC provides. The space and programs are open to all. *Foster-Walker residence hall, northeast side of the first floor*

11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Complimentary lunch for parents and families

New students will swipe their Wildcards to use their meal plans. Family members may drop in anytime between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. *See map for dining hall locations.*

Noon–3 p.m.

Northwestern Medicine Student Health Service open house

Talk with staff at Northwestern Medicine Student Health Service and learn about the services

offered, including primary care, chronic disease management, and illness diagnosis. Light refreshments will be served. *Searle Hall, 633 Emerson Street*

3:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Family ambassadors will be available to walk family members from south campus to Ryan Fieldhouse for the president's welcome. *Meet at Weber Arch or in the lobby of Norris University Center.*

4–5 p.m.

President's welcome

While students start acclimating to their residence halls, President Michael Schill welcomes families to the University. *Ryan Fieldhouse and Wilson Field*

5–6:30 p.m.

President's reception

Enjoy a casual picnic dinner while mingling with other parents and families. Come as you are—we understand you've been helping your student move in today. *Cohen Lawn, east of Norris University Center*

7–8 p.m.

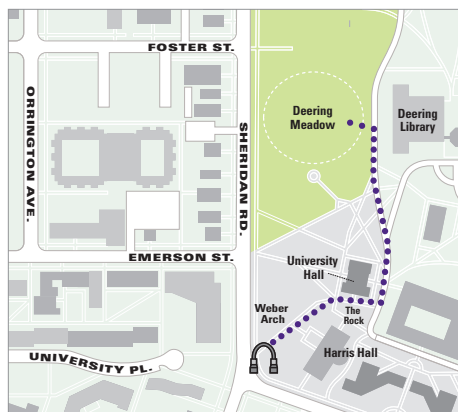
Dean of students' welcome and panel presentation

Dean Mona Dugo and other administrators welcome families and highlight campus resources and support systems. *Cahn Auditorium*

8:30–10 p.m.

"A Year in the Life"

Family ambassadors perform vignettes depicting typical first-year and transfer student experiences, followed by a Q&A session with current students. (This event is repeated at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Norris University Center.) *Cahn Auditorium*



10–11:15 a.m.

March Through the Arch

Cheer for the Class of '29 and new transfer students as they take their symbolic first steps at Northwestern!

At 9:30 a.m., families are invited to line the March Through the Arch route (shown above) while students assemble with their peer adviser groups.

At 10 a.m., led by the Northwestern University Marching Band, PA groups 1 through 193—all carrying numbered signs—start crossing Sheridan Road to take their walk through the Weber Arch to Deering Meadow for a pep rally with University and student leaders.

Note: March Through the Arch proceeds as planned, rain or shine. If unsafe weather forces cancellation, PAs will provide students with locations for their 10 a.m. PA-group meetings. Parent and Family Orientation will continue as scheduled, beginning with academic welcomes at 11:30 a.m.

March Through the Arch will be live streamed at 10 a.m. CDT on Wednesday, September 10, at bit.ly/NU-PFO. The recording will be available at bit.ly/NU-PFO by September 12.

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Academic welcomes for families

Learn about your student's school and hear from faculty and staff. Family ambassadors will be available to walk families from Deering Meadow to these sessions.

Bienen School of Music

*Ryan Center for the Musical Arts, Room 1-190,
McClintock Choral and Recital Room*

McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science

Technological Institute, Ryan Family Auditorium

Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications

McCormick Foundation Center, Forum

School of Communication

Wirtz Center for the Performing Arts, Louis Theater

School of Education and Social Policy

Annenberg Hall, G02

Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences

Cahn Auditorium

12:30–1:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own

Dining options are available on the lower level of Norris University Center as well as on Noyes Street and in downtown Evanston. See downtownevanston.org/eat-drink for a list of local restaurants.

12:30–3 p.m.

Campus tours

Family ambassadors give 1½-hour walking tours of campus. Tours leave at 12:30, 1, and 1:30 p.m. *Tours begin in front of the Rock, near Harris Hall.*

FAMILY AMBASSADORS

These student leaders wearing distinctive royal blue T-shirts will be on campus Tuesday and Wednesday to greet you, give directions, answer questions, and share their unique style of Wildcat hospitality.

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Parent and family resource fair

Talk with University staff to learn about the resources and support services that Northwestern provides for students throughout the year in areas such as student activities, academic support, global learning, health, and career guidance. *Norris University Center, Louis Room (205)*

3:30–5 p.m.

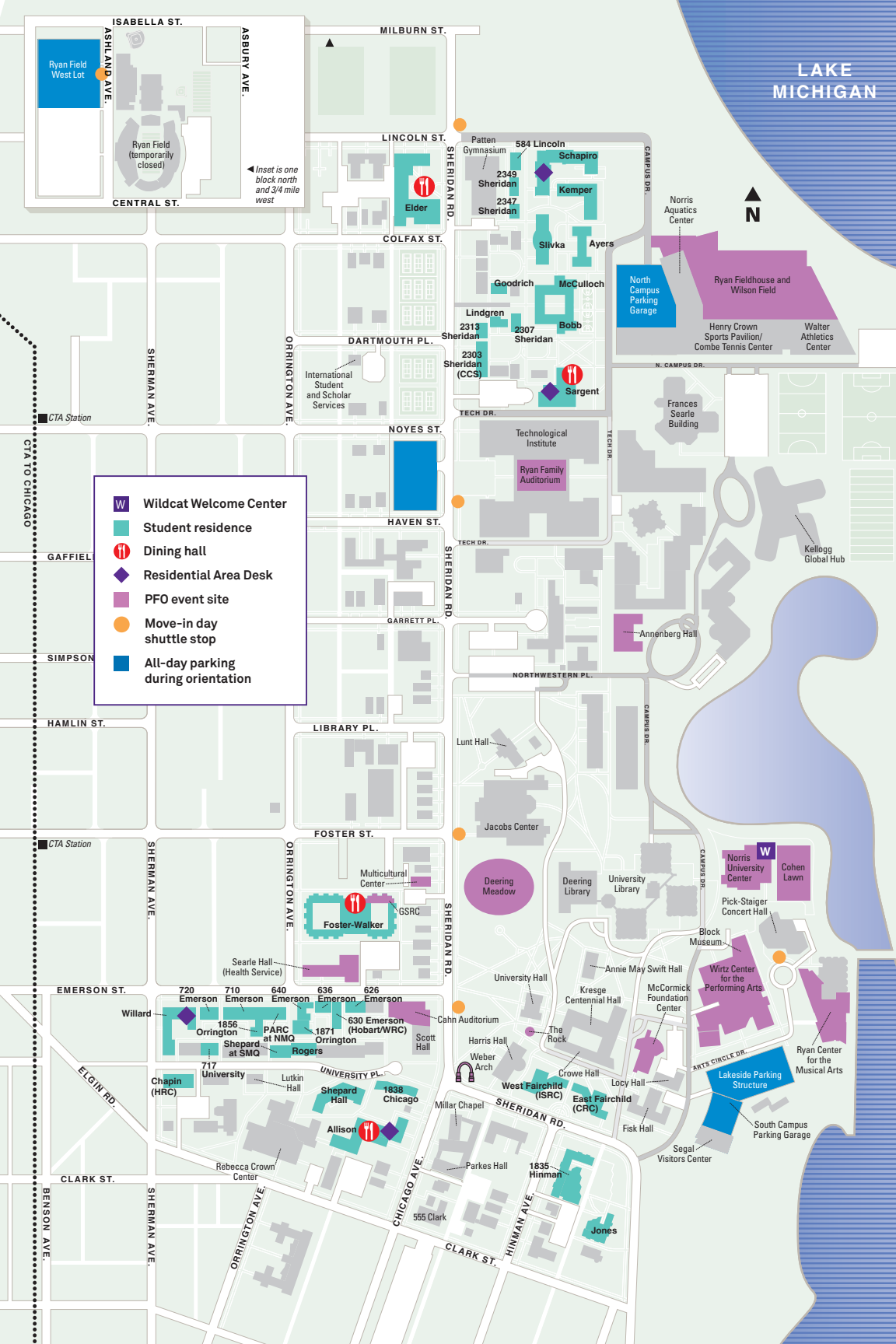
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Norris University Center, McCormick Auditorium

The Family Engagement staff thanks you for being here! We look forward to seeing you back on campus October 17–19 for **Family Weekend** (details at bit.ly/NU-FW) and to staying in touch through our parent and family email list and social media. Safe travels to you!

Parent and Family Orientation events may be photographed and recorded. By attending, you grant Northwestern the right to capture and use your likeness in electronic, print, social, or any other media without further approval from or any payment to you. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Parent and Family Orientation event sites

Listed below from north to south, shown in violet on the map

- Ryan Fieldhouse and Wilson Field

Ryan Family Auditorium (inside the Technological Institute)

Annenberg Hall

Multicultural Center

Deering Meadow

Norris University Center

Cohen Lawn

Gender and Sexuality Resource Center (inside Foster-Walker complex)
- Searle Hall (Student Health Service)

Louis Theater (inside the Wirtz Center)

Ryan Center for the Musical Arts

Cahn Auditorium

The Rock

McCormick Foundation Center


Weber Arch

Student residences

Listed below from north to south, shown in turquoise on the map

- Schapiro Hall

584 Lincoln

Elder Hall 

2349 Sheridan

2347 Sheridan

Kemper Hall

Slivka Residential College of Science and Engineering

Ayers Residential College of Commerce and Industry

Goodrich House

McCulloch Hall


Bobb Hall


2307 Sheridan

Lindgren House

2313 Sheridan

2303 Sheridan | Residential College of Cultural and Community Studies (CCS) and GREEN House

Sargent Hall 

Foster-Walker Complex 

Willard Residential College

720 Emerson

710 Emerson

Public Affairs Residential College (PARC) at North Mid-Quads (NMQ)

640 Emerson

636 Emerson

630 Emerson | Hobart House/Women's Residential College (WRC)
- 626 Emerson

1856 Orrington

1871 Orrington

717 University Place

Shepard Residential College at South Mid-Quads (SMQ)

Rogers House


Chapin Hall | Humanities Residential College (HRC)

Shepard Hall

1838 Chicago

West Fairchild | International Studies Residential College (ISRC)

East Fairchild | Communications Residential College (CRC)

Allison Hall 

1835 Hinman

Jones Hall

Parking is free September 9–10 in all campus lots and garages; avoid parking in reserved spaces. Locations shown in dark blue will have the most spaces available. Note that most nearby residential street parking has a strictly enforced two-hour limit. Parking shuttles will not run on September 10; please park on campus.