New Parent & Family Webinar
August 24 | Final Details

Northwestern | FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
Agenda

- Move-In
- Wildcat Welcome
- Parent & Family Orientation
- Q & A
- Wrap Up
Move-in Process
Early Arrivals

- Must be approved and begin as early as September 6th
- Arrive any time 24/7 and in almost all cases move to their Fall Quarter assignment
- $50 a night
- Students check in with the emailed Self-Check In link
  ✓ Stop by your Area Desk if you need a Wildcard, to check out a moving cart, or for general assistance
Move-In Process – September 11

- Print the move-in permit and place on your dashboard (if you are driving)
  - Permits are scheduled to be emailed at the end of August

- Complete the Self-Check In Form that will be emailed a few days before your move-in appointment

- Arrive to your designated unloading zone at the time on the move-in permit (if driving) or go straight to your building if not in a vehicle
Move-In Process – September 11

▪ Professional movers will meet you at your vehicle and move items to the room
  ▪ Once unloaded, one person must move your vehicle to a long-term parking location
    ▪ North Campus Parking Garage, South Campus Parking Garage, South Campus Parking Structure
    ▪ Ryan Field (shuttle)
      ▪ *Peer Advisers will hand you a map while you are unloading*

▪ Quickly meet RAs or other team members at your building lobby and complete the Self-Check In if you have not yet done so

▪ **Tap your card on your door, wait 60 seconds, then tap again**

▪ Go to your room and unpack
  ▪ No time limit, but events start at 4:00 p.m.

▪ Visit the Wildcat Welcome Center

▪ Need assistance? Talk to a Resident Assistant or visit your Area Desk.
What Move In Looks Like
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Parking After Unloading

Only park in the north end of the lot in areas designed for visitors.
First Day Programming

- 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - Move In
  - Pick up materials at their assigned Wildcat Welcome Center

- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Residential College Welcome Events

- 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
  - Community meetings and dinner with Resident Assistants

- 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - First Night Northwestern events
First Night Northwestern
Answer to Pre-Submitted Questions

Family members and friends can assist with move in – no limits on numbers; you can come back to visit (with roommate approval).

No move-in assistance is provided outside of the 11th (moving carts are available); area desks are open 24/7 for assistance.

Consider shopping in the area or ship items to arrive on or after August 28.

Bike storage is only available at Ayers Hall, Bobb Hall, East Fairchild, Kemper Hall, and Slivka Hall.

Must bring items: a fan, headphones.

Storage is not available outside of the student room; summer storage is available through a vendor.

Shipping to campus – USS and Litterbox are the only NU vendors who can place items into student rooms prior to arrival.

Floor plans not published due to safety and security concerns; cannot tour before move in.

Food service begins at lunch on 9/11/23.

Bunking and lofting requests due 8/25.

https://tinyurl.com/NUNewStudentMoveIn2023
Wildcat Welcome
Orientation Overview

1 Purple Prep
- May 3-September 11, 2023
- Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat.
- Modality: Virtual

2 Before the Arch
- July -September 10, 2023
- Optional opportunities to learn from current students about the emotional and social aspects of your transition
- Modality: Virtual

3 Wildcat Welcome
- September 11-18, 2023
- International Students: September 7-18
- Take part in campus traditions, build connections, learn to navigate campus, and register for fall classes.
- Modality: In-person, on-campus
Wildcat Welcome

• Reflect on yourself and interests within various orientation meetings
• Receive support from peer mentors:
  • Peer Adviser (PA)
  • International Peer Adviser (IPA)
  • Resident Assistant (RA)
• Build connections through Peer Adviser Group, Residential area, & Social-based programs
• Understand academic requirements through academic advising & fall quarter course registration
• Take part in campus traditions
• Learn to physically navigate campus
The First 2 Days
Monday, September 11

STUDENTS

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Move into campus residence
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Report to assigned Wildcat Welcome Center
2-3 p.m. Student Enrichment Services Open House
4-5 p.m.: Residential College Welcomes
5-8 p.m.: Residential Space Navigation
5-7 p.m. Dinner on your Own
8-10 p.m.: First Night Northwestern

FAMILIES

4-5 p.m.: President’s Welcome
5:30-6:30 p.m.: Academic Welcome
6:30-8 p.m.: President’s Reception
8-9:30 p.m.: “A Year in the Life” Skits
The First 2 Days
Tuesday, September 12

STUDENTS
8:30-9:30 a.m.: Native American & Indigenous Student Brunch
9:15-9:30 a.m.: Travel with RA
9:30-10 a.m.: Meet with PA Group
10-11:00 a.m.: MTTA

FAMILIES
9:30-10 a.m.: Find spot on pathway
10-11:00 a.m.: Observe MTTA

11:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.: Kiss’n’ Bye on Deering Meadow

11:15 a.m.-3 p.m.: Lunch on the Lake, Class Photo, & PA Group Campus Tour
3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Wellness Break
4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.: Dinner
8-9:30 p.m.: Purple Pride!

2-4 p.m.: Family Resource Fair
1 p.m.: Dean of Students Panel
2:30 & 3:45 p.m.: CAPS & MSA sessions
3:30-5 p.m.: “Year in the Life” Skits
Wildcat Welcome

A programmatic overview of the schedule from September 12-19 is on the incoming class Canvas Course.

Students will learn of their detailed, personalized schedule when they check-in on September 11.
Supporting Your Student

• Early stages of transition yields to quicker emotional drain
  • Wellness Break times listed throughout a student’s schedule + an index of recommendations
  • Programming does not begin before 9:00 a.m. and ends by 11 p.m.
• Building social connections in the first weeks feels challenging
  • It takes 60 hours to move from acquaintance to casual friendship & 100 hours to call someone a friend
  • Help manage expectations & utilization of residential area, PA Group, & programs
• Join them in navigating & discovering resources
  • Walk through websites together to help them continue learning how to navigate & access help
  • While you navigate together, ensure they take the lead to contact for support or with additional questions
Parent & Family Orientation
Parent & Family Orientation Program
Monday, September 11 – Tuesday, September 12

- To view the program schedule and register go to https://bit.ly/NU-PFO2023
- Families should pick up their schedule booklet when their student checks in for Wildcat Welcome
Monday, September 11

8:30 am – 10:00 pm  Move-In Day Parking Shuttles to Football Field
9:00 am – 5:00 pm  Wildcat Welcome (WW) Check-in (N. & S. Campus)
11:00 am – 4:00 pm  Complimentary lunch in dining halls
3:25 pm - 3:40 pm  FAs Walk Families from WW Center to Ryan Fieldhouse
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Welcome from President Schill (Recorded)
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  Academic Welcome for Families
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  President’s Reception
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm  “A Year in the Life” Skits and Panel Presentation
Tuesday, September 12

10:00 am – 11:15 am  March through the Arch & Kiss n’ Bye
   (Livestreamed & recorded)

11:30 am – 1:30 pm  Campus Tours
   (Leaves from “The Rock” located near Harris Hall)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  Dean of Students Welcome and Panel Presentation (Recorded)

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  Parent and Family Resource Fair

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm  Wellness in Community – Roundtables for Families of LGBTQ+ Students

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm  Wellness in Community – Roundtables for Families of Students of Color

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  “A Year in the Life” Skits and Panel Presentation with FAs
   – Repeat of Monday evening performance
Tuesday Lunch Options

- Families are welcome to eat in the Dining Halls and pay at the door with a credit card for $16.16 per person, all you can eat.
- Norris University Center also offers several dining options on the lower level.
- Dining is also available on Noyes Street and in downtown Evanston - https://downtownevanston.org/eat-drink
Helpful Resources to Prepare

**Prep Talk**
- Theory of transition, common phases, challenges, worries

**Parent & Family Orientation Webinar Series**
- Recordings of all webinars with PDF of slides with clickable links

**2023-2024 Parent & Family Guide**
- Details about how academics work at NU, student lingo, explanation of and contact information for key offices and resources – your go-to resource while your student is at Northwestern
Family Weekend 2023

Friday, 10/20 – Sunday, 10/22

- Families will receive an e-mail once it’s live and ready to go
- Tentative program schedule will be available with more to come this fall
- Programming starts at 11 am on Friday and ends around 1 pm on Sunday
Questions After the Webinar?

Purple Prep for Class of 2027

Purple Prep for Transfer Students

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