

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION: FAMILY MEMBER SCHEDULE

Between sessions, please stop by the hospitality areas located in the Quad. Enjoy bottled water, and light refreshments.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **New First-Year and Transfer Student Move-In**

Please report to your building

The New Student Orientation and Residence Life staffs welcome all first-year residential students to McKendree! Please report to your respective building. If you need help moving your student into their building, members from various campus student organizations will be available.

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Taking Care of Business**

Business Office and Financial Aid Office

The McKendree University Business Office and the McKendree University Financial Aid Office will be open during this time to address student account issues, receive necessary paperwork, and answer questions. The Business Office is located on the ground floor of Wildy Hall, and the Financial Aid Office can be found on the ground floor of Old Main.

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **New Student Orientation Check-In**

Quad Area West of Fountain

The NSO staff welcomes all first-year students to McKendree! Meet us at the tent just west of the fountain to confirm your student's registration and get information necessary for Orientation. Our rain location will be in Lower Deneen Center – The Lair.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Opening Convocation**

Updated Location: Melvin Price Convocation Center (MPCC)

The opening of the academic year is of great significance, not only to students, but to staff and faculty as well. Here students will take part in the signing of the Matricula, an important tradition for all McKendree students. The Matricula is an official University document that signifies the beginning of a student's academic career and marks their journey as part of a community of students and alums connected by their experiences and education at McKendree. **Business Casual attire is requested for this event.**

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Lunch On Your Own**

Quad Area

Students and families are welcome to dine on campus at Ames Dining Hall or 1828 Café. Additional dining destinations are available in Lebanon and the local area. Please check below for information on restaurants in the Bearcat Benefits Program offering discounts for our McKendree families, as well as others in the local area!

Need a place for lunch after Convocation? On campus options include: Ames Dining Hall and 1828 Cafe. There are a number of off-campus options in Lebanon, Shiloh, O'Fallon, and Fairview Heights, including several in the Bearcat Benefits Program! You can access that list here: <http://www.mckendree.edu/bearcatbenefits/>

Other Restaurant Options:

TripAdvisor List: https://www.tripadvisor.com/RestaurantsNear-g36250-d5789695-McKendree_University-Lebanon_Illinois.html

O'Fallon/Shiloh: <http://ofallonchamber.chambermaster.com/list/category/restaurants-66>

Fairview Heights: <https://www.zomato.com/fairview-heights-il/fairview-heights-restaurants>

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Pick a Session - Family Members May Select From the Sessions Listed Below:

The World is Waiting...

Piper Academic Center, Room 216

Learn more about the study abroad opportunities available to your student while they're a Bearcat. With over 80 different locations internationally, your Bearcat can spend a semester studying abroad and still graduate on time without missing a beat here on our campus!

- 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

First-Year Student Success

Piper Academic Center, Room 218

Join Jennifer Miller, Assistant Dean for Student Success as she discusses resources that are essential to First Year Student growth and development at McKendree University.

- 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Safety at McKendree University

Piper Academic Center, Room 222

Meet Ranodore Foggs, Director of Public Safety, who will share insights on campus safety. Learn about the campus email and text alert systems, local law enforcement, and how students can safeguard their own well-being and that of others.

- 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

McKendree University Parent Association – Notes from Home

Pearson Hall, 1828

Everything's moved in, convocation has ended, now it's time to join your fellow Class of 2023 parents and family members! Families can write notes of encouragement for their student, pick up Parent's Association t-shirt orders, and get tips on how to connect with your student while they are away from home.

- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Preparing Your Student for Career Success

Piper Academic Center, Room 220

How do you as a parent impact your student's success in their major and future career? Meet members of the Career Services Office and learn about the important tips, tools, and services they offer that can assist your Bearcat during their time at McKendree.

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Parent Keynote Speaker: Lenny Dave

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The college experience has a tremendous impact upon the lives of students, usually a very positive one. But, it has an equally significant impact upon the lives of parents and guardians. This interactive program prepares parents for what lies ahead.

5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Parent Good-Byes