



## AUGUST 2021 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION: STUDENT SCHEDULE

\*All Events for New Student Orientation are required unless specified.

\*Events for 2021 will be a combined experience of online and real-time (in-person) sessions.

\*Please note Arrival and Check-In Time periods for RESIDENT STUDENTS and COMMUTER STUDENTS. All attending may take care of any other campus business required.

\*All students will be contacted by their Group Leader (via text/email) with information and links for online sessions. Have you registered for New Student Orientation? Please visit [www.mckendree.edu/orientation](http://www.mckendree.edu/orientation) to register.

**Covid-19 Policy:** McKendree University guidelines will remain consistent with recent guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan.

Unvaccinated commuter students must bring a negative COVID-19 test that was taken within 72 hours of starting New Student Orientation (NSO) or forward a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination card to [lmauten@mckendree.edu](mailto:lmauten@mckendree.edu).

McKendree University's Covid-19 communications information may be viewed at: <https://www.mckendree.edu/news/coronavirus-2020.php>

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME EVENTS, DESCRIPTIONS, AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

### 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. RESIDENT STUDENT CHECK-IN

Welcome to all first-year resident students and their families! *\*Please see the Office of Residence Life web page (<https://www.mckendree.edu/reslife>) information for check-in information and move-in process.*

### 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION CHECK-IN (RESIDENT STUDENTS)

The Lair – Lower Deneen

The NSO staff welcomes all first-year RESIDENT students to McKendree! Meet us at The Lair (below the Bookstore) to confirm your registration and get information necessary for Orientation.

### 12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. BRUNCH/LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Various Areas

Students and families are welcome to dine on campus at Ames Dining Hall. Additional dining destinations are available in Lebanon and the local area. Students with a meal plan should be sure to bring their Student IDs to swipe in. Commuter students and students without meal plans may purchase dinner with cash, credit/debit, Flex Dollars, or Munch Money.

### 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION CHECK-IN (COMMUTER STUDENTS)

The Lair – Lower Deneen

The NSO staff welcomes all first-year COMMUTER students to McKendree! Meet us at The Lair (below the Bookstore) to confirm your registration and get information necessary for Orientation. Please remain on campus for Opening Convocation

### 3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. OPENING CONVOCATION

Front Lawn – South Side of Campus

**\*Student attendance requested for this event.**

The opening of the academic year is of great significance, not only to students, but to staff and faculty, as well. Here you 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 your academic career and marks your 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.**

### 4:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M. GROUP MEETING 1 (Required)

This is a brief get together to meet your Group Leader and Group Members following Convocation.

### 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. STUDENT DINNER AND PARENT GOOD-BYES

Students with a meal plan and eating at Ames Dining Hall should be sure to bring their Student IDs to swipe in. Commuter students and students without meal plans may purchase dinner with cash, credit/debit, Flex Dollars, or Munch Money.

### 8:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. CAMPUS CHILL-OUT (OPTIONAL)

Campus Quad Area

Spend a little time getting to know other classmates with music in the Quad, yard games, and free ice cream treats.

# THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

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## **8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS**

Please use available free time to complete any outstanding business, such as squaring away things at the Business or Financial Aid Offices, picking up your parking sticker, or visiting the bookstore.

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## **8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. UNI 101 – CLASS MEETING (Required)** **Various Locations (Required)**

This will be your first meeting with your UNI-101 Faculty, Peer mentor, and students in your group. Please check with your Group Leader for location.

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## **9:45 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. THE BEARCAT WAY - MCKENDREE STUDENT EXPECTATIONS** **Hettenhausen Center for the Arts (Required)**

What expectations do your advisor and other professors have of you as advisees and as students in class? What are various campus policies and community standards that you need to know? Find out here!

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## **10:45 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. STUDENT WELLNESS AND CAREER SERVICES** **Hettenhausen Center for the Arts (Required)**

Learn about the resources available for preventative care and physical and emotional health at McKendree University! Also, find out how to find part-time off or on-campus employment, or internships. It is not too early to start your career path!

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## **11:15 A.M. – 12:45 P.M. LUNCH AND FREE TIME** **Ames Dining Hall**

Students with a meal plan should be sure to bring their Student IDs to swipe in. Commuter students and students without meal plans may purchase dinner with cash, credit/debit, Flex Dollars, or Munch Money.

**Approximate times for student meals will be posted to allow for social distancing.**

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## **1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. C.L. LINDSEY: ALCOHOL, PARTIES, AND THE LAW/ SEX AND THE LAW** **Hettenhausen Center for the Arts (Required)**

In 1998, attorney C.L. Lindsay III left his practice in New York City to found the Coalition for Student & Academic Rights (CO-STAR). Since then, acting as its Executive Director, he has built CO-STAR into a national student rights organization that helps thousands of college students with their legal problems, free of charge, each year. C.L. is a nationally-recognized expert and leader in the field of student rights and academic freedom. He literally wrote the book on legal problems at colleges. [The College Student's Guide to the Law](#) has become the definitive authority used by students, university counsel, and as a textbook for master's and law courses nationwide.

## **3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. PLAYFAIR!** **Intramural Gym (Required)**

Take part in this team-building event! It's fun! It's entertainment! It's the perfect way to meet your classmates and to make new campus friendships!

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## **4:45 P.M. – 5:15 P.M. BE SMART, BE SAFE, BE A BEARCAT** **Hettenhausen Center for the Arts (Required)**

Hear from McKendree University's Public Safety officers and City of Lebanon Police Officers, with insights on personal safety in the community, college life and relationships. Learn about the campus email and text alert systems, local law enforcement, and how to safeguard your own well-being and that of others.

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## **5:15 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. GROUP MEETING 2 (Required)**

Meet with your group to discuss events of the day and schedule updates.

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## **5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. STUDENT DINNER AND FREE TIME** **Ames Dining Hall**

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## **8:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. EVENING PROGRAMMING** Various evening events and opportunities for students to socialize.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

### 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Please use available free time to complete any outstanding business, such as squaring away things at the Business or Financial Aid Offices, picking up your parking sticker, or visiting the bookstore.

### 8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. CLASS OF 2025 PHOTO

Meet with your New Student Orientation group leader outside the Hettenhausen Center of the Arts. Following the meeting, the Class of 2025 photo will be taken at Leemon Field. If there is bad weather, the photo will be taken at 11am in The Hettenhausen Center for the Arts

### 9:15 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. GTC DRAMATIC DIALOGUES: YOU. ME. WE.

[Hettenhausen Center for the Arts \(Required\)](#)

*You. Me. We.* begins with a monologue that exposes the often-unintentional ugliness of prejudice, setting the stage for a lively discussion of diversity. Then, in two scenes, we follow students as they attempt to navigate. During talk-backs, students the sometimes-difficult terrain of multicultural campus relationships. Attendees can confront the characters and voice their own opinions on issues of *race, sex, sexual orientation, and gender*.

### 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. LUNCH AND FREE TIME

[Ames Dining Hall \(Please note the time change\)](#)

Students with a meal plan should be sure to bring their Student IDs to swipe in. Commuter students and students without meal plans may purchase dinner with cash, credit/debit, Flex Dollars, or Munch Money.

### 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. SOCIAL BOWLING at ST. CLAIR BOWL (OPTIONAL)

Have a ball! Meet with your classmates and group leaders for music, bowling, and fun! Buses will meet at 1pm at The Hettenhausen Center for the Arts, Circle Drive. **(Please note the time change)**

### 4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. STUDENT DINNER AND FREE TIME

[Ames Dining Hall](#)

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### 6:30 P.M. – 8:15 P.M. SEX SIGNALS: DATING, RELATIONSHIPS, AND CHOICES

[Virtual Session - Online \(Required\)](#)

Through the use of humor, the show explores how mixed messages, gender role stereotypes, and unrealistic fantasies contribute to misunderstandings between the sexes. Although the message is a serious one, the show uses humor throughout to engage audiences in candid discussions about interpersonal relationships. Seasoned actors and educators, the performers strike a balance between laughing about the differences between men and women, and clearly communicating some serious messages about how we treat one another. **Adult language and content will be used in this program. Content may be sensitive for some viewers. Policy Discussion will immediately follow Sex Signals.**

### 8:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. EVENING PROGRAMMING – HEADPHONE DISCO

[Statham Gymnasium](#)

Imagine a dancefloor where one half of the crowd are singing along to a Top 40 jam while the other half are raving to Skrillex! To a soundtrack that only they can hear! Bizarre, mind-blowing but most of all a huge amount of fun.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

### 8:10 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: INTO THE STREETS

[\(Various Locations\)](#)

- Students will meet in the gym at MPCC at 8:10am.
- This annual highlight of Orientation affords students an opportunity to serve our neighbors in our local community. In this experience, you will learn about the diverse populations in the area, deepen new college friendships, and have a lot of fun in the process. This event is sponsored by the Lyn Huxford Center for Community Service.
- Clothing: Due to the nature of the work, participants should wear an old t-shirt without holes, old blue jeans or shorts, and athletic or hiking shoes. Please do not wear sandals, tank tops, or cut-off shorts.

### 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. STUDENT LUNCH AND FREE TIME

[Ames Dining Hall](#)

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### 4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. STUDENT DINNER AND FREE TIME

[Quad Area/Ames Dining Hall](#)

Stop by the Quad for a picnic style dinner and a variety of games and activities.  
\*FOOD SERVICE WILL END AT 6:00PM.

### 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. MCKENDREE ATHLETIC SCRIMMAGES

[Leemon Field/Statham Gymnasium](#)

Students are encouraged to catch the Bearcat Football Scrimmage (6pm at Leemon Field) and McKendree Women's Volleyball exhibition game (Time TBA at Statham Gymnasium).

### 8:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. MENTALIST, CHRISTOPHER CARTER (OPTIONAL)

[Hettenhausen Center for the Arts](#)

Christopher Carter's show *Theater of Thoughts* proves to audiences why he is recognized as one of the world's most skilled, creative, and original thought readers. Amazing? Yes.

# SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

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**10 A.M. – TBA**      **NSO IN-PERSON WELCOME CHAPEL SERVICE (OPTIONAL)**  
*Bothwell Chapel*

Join us for a special NSO Welcome Chapel service.

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**11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.**      **BRUNCH**  
*Ames Dining Hall*

**1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**      **CLASSROOM TOURS (OPTIONAL)**

Not quite ready for classes on Monday? Meet with NSO staff members to find out where your classes meet.