

WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY



Champions Program Guide

ORIENTATION FOR WESTFIELD STATE
STUDENT SUPPORTERS

DATES

FAST TRACK

SESSION A | JUNE 11
SESSION B | JUNE 14
SESSION C | JUNE 17
SESSION D | JUNE 20
SESSION E | JUNE 23

This program starts with check-in at 9:30am and finishes at 8:00pm. Your student will need to remain in the program until the end of Day Two.

FULL PROGRAM

SESSION A | JUNE 11-12
SESSION B | JUNE 14-15
SESSION C | JUNE 17-18
SESSION D | JUNE 20-21
SESSION E | JUNE 23-24

This program starts with check-in at 9:30am and finishes at 4:00pm on the second day.

WHAT IS A CHAMPION?

Whether you are a parent, a guardian, a family member, or an ally of a first year student, you have the special role of serving as a champion for your student.

With your student now entering into an exciting new life at the University, we can promise that we will do our best to provide them the resources they need to be safe and successful here.

FEES

Fast Track = \$30/pp
Full Program = \$50/pp

HOUSING

Champions are housed in air-conditioned furnished apartments. Married couples or pairs of Champions will share a private bedroom within a shared common space. For concerns about housing, please our office directly.

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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Once your student has registered for the program, they will be able to see the Champions Program registration form in the same menu they found the student form. It is very important to note that the registration will NOT be seen until a student's registration has been submitted. They will need to pay the fee at this time as well. This registration can be completed at any time, as Champions are placed in the same session as the student.

Make sure when completing the registration form, that the section labeled, "EMERGENCY CONTACT TYPE: ORIENTATION GUARDIAN ATTENDEE" is the information for the Champion attending the program.

FAST TRACK

Held on Day One of each session, this program is designed to cover the basics.

CHECK-IN

9:30 am - 10:30 am | Ely Campus Center

CAMPUS TOUR

10:30 am - 11:00 am | Leaves from Ely Campus Center

WELCOME TO WESTFIELD STATE

11:15 am - 12:00 pm | Scanlon Banquet Hall

FINANCIAL AID & BILLING

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm | Scanlon Banquet Hall

LUNCH

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Tim & Jeanne's Dining Commons

FACULTY BREAKOUT

2:15 pm - 3:00 pm | Various Campus Locations

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES COFFEE HOUR

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm | Ely Campus Center; Garden Lounge

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm | Ely Campus Center; Owl's Nest

PUBLIC SAFETY

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Ely Campus Center; Owl's Nest

DINNER WITH THE DEANS

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Tim & Jeanne's Dining Commons

LAST CALL Q&A

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm | Tim & Jeanne's Dining Commons

DESSERTS WITH DINING SERVICES

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm | New Hall; 2nd Floor Lounge

FULL PROGRAM

Champions attending the full, overnight program will attend all presentations on Day One in addition to the following sessions on Day Two:

BREAKFAST/CHECK-OUT

7:40 am - 8:30 am | Tim & Jeanne's Dining Commons

THE SEND OFF

8:45 am - 9:30 am | Ely Campus Center; Owl's Nest

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

:: OR ::

COMMUTER LIFE

9:30 am - 10:30 am | Scanlon Banquet Hall

BOOKSTORE

10:45 am - 11:00 am | Ely Campus Center; Owl's Nest

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

11:00 am - 11:30 am | Ely Campus Center; Owl's Nest

LUNCH & LEARN

11:30 am - 12:15 pm | Tim & Jeanne's Dining Commons

INCLUSIVITY & TITLE IX

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm | Ely Campus Center; Owl's Nest

CHECK-OUT

1:15 pm - 1:45 pm | Ely Campus Center; SAIL Window

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm | Ely Campus Center; Owl's Nest

STUDENT AFFAIRS Q&A

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Ely Campus Center; Owl's Nest

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm | University Hall Lobby

If you have questions about the schedule or individual sessions, please contact our office directly.

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NOTE: Fast-Track Champions are welcome to attend the Campus Connections session to ask specific questions of campus offices like Financial Aid, Housing, & More!

PROGRAM FAQs

Are Champions required to attend?

No, Orientation is only mandatory for the students. But, if you would like to learn more about our nest we would love to have you!

How much interaction will I have with my student at Orientation?

Students and Champions will be separate for the majority of the program. There will be some overlap during mealtimes and at the welcome speeches, but otherwise groups will be completely separate.

Which program do you recommend?

Generally, we recommend the Fast Track program to Champions who have already sent a child or other dependent to college. This program covers basic information relevant to Westfield State student supporters and is only one day in length.

If this is your first time helping a student transition to college, we would encourage you to attend the Full Program. This comprehensive overnight program will provide you with an indepth look at the campus community, tools to support your student, and advice from other parents.

I don't want to stay on campus, do you have hotel recommendations?

We recommend the Holiday Inn Express of Westfield. Ask about special rates for Westfield State University visitors when you book!

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

This spring, the City of Westfield launched a major two-year construction project to make updates to Western Ave, the main roadway connecting to campus. This project will continue throughout the summer, possibly interfering with campus traffic.

As you are making travel plans for Orientation, please keep these projects in mind and check the university's website for up-to-date roadwork information.



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