WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



STAND OUT!

ORIENTATION LEADER:

TEAM NUMBER:

SCHEDULE GROUP: \triangle

A Letter from the Coordinator...

Welcome Home!

My name is Matt Dellea, and I am the Director of Student Activities, Involvement, and Leadership and serve as the Coordinator of New Student Orientation. On behalf of the New Student Orientation Team, it is my privilege to welcome you to the Westfield State community.

Whether you have decided to commute or live on campus, are coming to Westfield State with a few college credits in place, have decided on your major or are taking time to explore your options, the New Student Orientation Program is designed to help you learn about your new home away from home.

Our program is designed to be your official welcome to life at Westfield State University. By attending all sessions in our program schedule, you will learn everything that you need to be a successful student here. Sessions are designed to assist you in understanding policies and procedures, discover ways to be an involved student, and create meaningful connections with your peers.

You will be led through the program by an energetic Orientation Leader, who will be with you every step of the way as you attend sessions to learn about important campus resources and get a feel for the Westfield State University community. This returning student leader will be your best point-of-contact throughout your first year, and it is our hope that you attend their events throughout the fall semester.

This packet includes your schedule for the next several days. You will also find our Welcome Week program schedule at the end of this packet. Please use this to stay on track or feel free to find all these events on The Nestwork, so you can have it electronically. A personalized workshop schedule will be provided to you by your Orientation Leader at your Sunday Morning Team Meeting.

We are excited to have you at Westfield State and encourage you to reach out if you have any questions.

Get ready to "Stand Out" at Westfield State University!

High Five!

Matt Dellea

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DAY 1: 9/2

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

CHECK-IN AND MOVE-IN

9:00am - 2:00 pm | Horace Mann Center and Residence Halls

UNIVERSITY RESOURCE FAIR

10:00am - 3:00pm | Ely Campus Center

ORIENTATION TEAM MEETING

4:00pm | Team Meeting Location (Teams line up beginning at Courtney Hall)

WELCOME TO WESTFIELD STATE

4:30pm | Campus Green

WELCOME BBQ

5:00pm - 6:00pm | Campus Green

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

6:00pm - 6:45pm | Residents (Residence Hall) | Commuters (Scanlon Banquet Hall)

EVENING PROGRAMMING

7:00pm | First Home Football Game | Alumni Field

7:30pm | Ice Cream Social with President Thompson | Woodward Center

7:30pm | Gameside Party | Woodward Center

8:30pm | Movie Night | New Hall/Davis Hall Green

Welcome to Westfield State!

We hope that you enjoy the programming that we have set up for your Orientation. Please remember that your presence is expected at the events and workshops over the next couple of days. All attendance at events will be tracked for completion.

Enjoy your first few days at your new home!

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

OPEN BREAKFAST

7:30am - 9:00am | Dining Commons

TEAM MEETING WITH YOUR OL

9:00am | Team Meeting Location

MEET THE CLASS OF 2026

9:30am | Campus Green

WHICH LIVES MATTER

11:00am | Scanlon Banquet Hall

LUNCH

12:15pm | Dining Commons

TITLE IX AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

1:15pm - 2:00pm | Wilson Savignano Auditorium

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION

2:00pm | Various Locations - Ask OL

CAMPUS TOUR

3:30pm | Westfield State Campus

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS

4:30pm | Scanlon Banquet Hall

TEAM MEETING WITH YOUR OL

5:00pm | Team Meeting Locations

DINNER

5:45pm - 6:45pm | Dining Commons

EVENING PROGRAMMING

7:30pm - 10:00pm | The Hall Crawl | Davis Hall, Courtney Hall, Lammers Hall, and University Hall

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

OPEN BREAKFAST

7:30am - 9:00am | Dining Commons

TEAM MEETING WITH YOUR OL

9:00am | Team Meeting Location

WORKSHOP BLOCK 1

9:30am | Please check your supplemental schedule

WORKSHOP BLOCK 2

10:30am | Please check your supplemental schedule

WORKSHOP BLOCK 3

11:30am | Please check your supplemental schedule

LUNCH

12:15pm | Dining Commons

WORKSHOP BLOCK 4

2:15pm | Please check your supplemental schedule

WORKSHOP BLOCK 5

3:15pm | Please check your supplemental schedule

WORKSHOP BLOCK 6

4:15pm | Please check your supplemental schedule

DINNER

5:00pm | Dining Commons

TEAM MEETING WITH YOUR OL

6:00pm | Team Meeting Location

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 $6:\!30pm \ and \ 8:\!00pm \ | \ ASK \ RD \ FOR \ ASSIGNED \ TIME \ | \ Wilson \ Hall \ Savignano \ Auditorium$

EVENING PROGRAMMING

6:30pm - 9:00pm | Night on the Green | Campus Green

9:30pm | Cards Against Hypnosis | Scanlon Banquet Hall

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

OPEN BREAKFAST

7:30am - 9:00am | Dining Commons

TEAM MEETING WITH YOUR OL

9:00am | Team Meeting Location

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

9:30am | Please check your supplemental schedule

LUNCH

1:15pm | Dining Commons

MEET YOUR ACADEMIC DEAN

2:15pm | Ask your OL

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

3:15pm | Scanlon Banquet Hall

NAVIGATING TECHNOLOGY

4:00pm | Scanlon Banquet Hall

TEAM MEETING WITH YOUR OL

5:00pm | Team Meeting Location

DINNER

5:45pm | Dining Commons

CLOSING CEREMONY

6:45pm | Campus Green

EVENING PROGRAMMING

7:30pm - 10:30pm | Custom Room Decorations | Ely Campus Center

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES IS TOMORROW!

BEST OF LUCK TO YOU IN THE UPCOMING YEAR! GO OWLS!

WELCOME WEEK EVENTS

Tuesday, September 6th

FIRST YEAR CONVOCATION @ 4:30PM NEXT LEVEL GAMING @ 3PM - 9PM

Wednesday, September 7th

STUDENT OF COLOR RECEPTION @ 4PM CAB MEETING @ 5PM

Thursday, September 8th

FIRST GENERATION STUDENT RECEPTION @ 4PM WELCOME EVENT @ 8PM

Friday, September 9th

LGBTQIA PRIDE RECEPTION @ 4PM COMEDIAN ERIC O'SHEA @ 7:30PM WELCOME BACK GLOW PARTY @ 9PM - 11PM

Saturday, September 10th

WELCOME WEEKEND CARNIVAL @ 2PM - 6PM BROWN BAG BINGO @ 10PM

Monday, September 12th

STAY SHARP BARBERSHOP @ 4PM - 10PM

Tuesday, September 13th

RED SOX BUS TRIP @ 4:30PM FIRST SGA MEETING @ 5:30PM

Wednesday, September 14th

OPEN MIC NIGHT @ 7:30PM - 9:30PM

Thursday, September 15th

CLUB FAIR @ 4PM - 6PM LATINX HERITAGE MONTH KICKOFF @ 7:00PM

Friday, September 16th

CASINO NIGHT @ 8PM - 11PM

For more details on all these events and more, please visit westfield.presence.io/events

INTERFAITH CENTER SERVICES

Catholic Mass at the Interfaith Center

Sunday - 11:00AM

Central Baptist Church

115 Elm Street Sunday - 10:00AM

Congregation Ahavas Achim Services

The Interfaith Center
Friday, September 16 - 7:00 PM
Friday, November 4 - 7:00 PM
Saturday, November 19 - 10:00 AM
Friday, December 2 - 7:00 PM

Episcopal Church of the Atonement

36 Court Street Sunday - 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

First United Methodist Church

16 Court Street Sunday - 10:00 AM

High Holy Days

Rosh Hashanah Sunday, September 25 - 7:00PM Monday, September 26 - 10:00AM

Yom Kippur Tuesday, October 4 - 7:00PM Wednesday, October 5 - 10:00AM

UCC - Second Congregational Church

487 Western Avenue Sunday - 10:00 AM

Muslim Prayer

	Azaan	Iqama
Duhr	12:57 PM.	1:00 PM
Asr	4:55 PM	5:30 PM
Maghrib	8:12 PM.	8:12 PM

Horace Mann was a Massachusetts state representative and senator, becoming a champion of free, public, non-sectarian education for all men and women. In 1837 he became the first Secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Education. He established schools for Teacher Training and School District Libraries, winning public financial support for these initiatives. Some of his ideas were formed through a visit to the Prussian Education System. In 1848 he took the vacated seat of a U.S. Congressman, and in 1853 he assumed the Presidency of Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio which he held until his death in 1859.

THE FATHER OF AMERICAN EDUCATION

