

Washington College  
Fall 2022 New Student Orientation Schedule

**MONDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:00am – 1:00pm COVID SCREENING, *Roy Kirby, Jr. Stadium***

Prior to being cleared to move into your residence halls, all students will be required to be tested for Covid. Before you go to your residence hall, please first report to Roy Kirby, Jr. Stadium for testing. Parking for testing is available in Lot B (behind Gibson Center for the Arts), Lot C (directly in front of Kirby Stadium) and Lot D (next to the Quad). ***Students are required to wear masks while waiting in line for your Covid test.*** Your results should be provided to you within 15-20 minutes. If your test result is negative, you may then proceed to the Casey Academic Center to pick up your welcome packet. Commuting Students are also expected to report to the Stadium to receive a Covid test and be cleared before checking in and participating in the full Orientation schedule.

**8:00am – 1:00pm Check-In, *Casey Academic Center***

Once you've received a negative Covid test result, students and their families can pick up your welcome packet and other important information at the Casey Academic Center. NOTE: You will need to present proof of your negative Covid test in order to begin the check-in process. Business Office staff will be on hand to meet with those students who have Business Office holds. Health Services will be on hand to meet with those students who have Health Services holds. All holds must be signed off on the main check-in packet before you can proceed to your residence hall and move in.

**8:00am – 1:00pm Residence Hall Move-In Time, *Residence Halls***

Students and families can then move their vehicle in the lots assigned to their residence hall. Once there, look out for tents staffed with Resident Assistants who will then give students their room key. They will also walk you to your room and be available to answer questions. Peer Mentors, Student Athletes, and other student leaders will be on hand to assist with move in.

**Unloading Locations:**

- **Residents of Reid, Queen Anne's, and Caroline**
  - Parking: To allow others to unload easily, please park temporarily in the lot behind Reid Hall to unload and then re-locate your vehicle to the parking lot behind the Western Shore dorms (behind the Baseball field) or by the Quad (Lot D).

- **Residents of Minta Martin**
  - Parking: To allow others to unload easily, please park temporarily in the roadway on the south side of Minta (right next to the building) to unload and then re-locate your vehicle to the parking lot immediately south of Minta Martin.
- **Residents of Kent or Other Dorms:**
  - Parking: To allow others to unload easily, please park temporarily on the roadway facing Cullen Hall and use the paths to move items over to Kent House. You cannot park on Washington Avenue or the Ca

**9:00am – 4:00pm Bookstore Open, Casey Academic Center, Lower Level**

**11:00am – 1:00pm Lunch, Hodson Hall Commons**

Lunch for incoming students and their families is free. Feel free to take your lunch out on the patio in front of Hodson Hall Commons, or walk over to the Campus Green to have a picnic!

**11:00am – 2:00pm Washington College Hillel (Jewish Student Union) Open House, Hillel House, 335 Washington Avenue (adjacent to Minta Martin Hall)**

Students, faculty, and staff members of WC's Hillel will have an open house to welcome new students and their families to campus. Stop by to say hello. Open to all!

**1:00pm – 2:00pm Washington Scholars Welcome Session, Intercultural Affairs Center, Minta Martin Hall, Lower Level**

Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion & Chief Equity Officer, Dr. Alisha Knight, along with Assistant Dean of Student Engagement & Success, Tricia Biles, and Director of Financial Aid, Jennifer Gallagher will welcome Washington Scholars and their families in this special session. Note: this session is for Washington Scholars and their families only.

**1:00pm – 2:00pm Student Athlete Parent's Meeting, Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts**

This meeting is for the parents of Student Athletes who play a Winter or Spring sport ONLY.

**1:00pm – 2:00pm Commuter Students Welcome, The Goose Nest, Hodson Hall Commons**

Commuting students will meet with Student Affairs staff to talk about the Orientation Schedule, how to access the Commuter Student Lounge, and best practices for success during the semester.

**2:15pm – 3:00pm President’s Welcome, Roy Kirby, Jr. Stadium (rain location Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts)**

New students and their families will be welcomed by President Michael Sosulski, Provost and Dean of the College Michael Harvey, Vice President for Student Affairs Sarah Feyerherm, and Mayor of Chestertown David Foster.

**3:00pm – 3:15pm Class Photo, Roy Kirby, Jr. Stadium**

Members of the Class of 2026 will remain in the stadium to take their class photo.

**3:00pm – 3:45pm Parent’s Program: Ready for Takeoff, Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts**

This program will focus on supporting your student as they go through the transitional process of becoming successful students at Washington College. Presented by Dean of Students, Greg Krikorian, and Assistant Dean of Student Engagement and Success, Tricia Biles.

**3:15pm – 3:45pm Introduction to Peer Mentor Groups, Martha Washington Square**

Students will be introduced to their Peer Mentor Groups and participate in brief introductions.

**3:45pm – 4:45pm Goodbye Time, Martha Washington Square**

This is a time for parents and families to say goodbye to their students, make promises to stay in touch, and get on the road!

**4:45pm – 6:00pm Peer Mentor Meetings, Martha Washington Square**

Students will regroup back in Martha Washington Square with their Peer Mentor groups and head to their specified meeting locations to have their first full group meeting.

**6:00pm – 7:00pm Dinner with your Explore! Group, Hodson Hall Commons**

**7:00pm – 8:00pm Get to Know Your Explore! Groups, Various locations**

Students will get to know the members of their Explore! Groups and go over the schedule of events for the next few days.

**8:00pm – 9:00pm Residence Hall Meetings – Meet Your Area Coordinator’s and RAs,**  
*Residence Halls*

All new students who are living on campus are required to attend this meeting where Residence Life staff will discuss the responsibilities of community living.

**9:00pm – 10:00pm Welcome to WAC Mixer,** *Minta Martin Hall Lounge, Lower Level*

Join your new classmates, Peer Mentors, Residence Assistant's, and other student leaders for ice cream and fun as you start to settle into life at WAC.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:00am-10:00pm Explore! Activities**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00am – 10:00pm Explore! Activities**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00am – 12:00pm Explore! Programs Wrap-up**

**12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch,** *Hodson Hall Commons*

**1:00pm – 2:00pm Peer Mentor Meetings,** *Various Locations*

Students will re-group with their original Peer Mentor groups, talk about their Explore! experiences, and go over the rest of the Orientation schedule.

**2:00pm – 3:00pm, DEI Talk,** *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts*

Washington College alum Obella Obbo '14 will deliver a unique presentation on diversity, equity, and inclusion. He will highlight how each student plays a vital role in strengthening and celebrating every single person in our community during their time at WAC.

**3:00pm – 4:00pm Meet Washington College’s Affinity Groups, *Various Locations***

Students will have the opportunity to attend two, 20-minute sessions with one of Washington College’s Affinity Groups. They will be able to learn how those groups support students on campus, along with information about events and activities they can look forward to during the upcoming school year. The following groups will be present:

Black Student Union/Cleopatra’s Sisters – Daly 106

Latinx Student Union – Daly 106

LGBTQ+ Groups (EROS & SAGE, LGBTQ+ Athletes) - Daly 107

Community Service – Daly 108

First Gen College Students -Daly 211

Greek Life – Daly 212

Faith on Campus (InterVarsity, Hillel, 100% Triumph, Quakers, Muslim Student Union) -Daly 218

**3:00pm – 4:00pm Special Academic Program Meetings, *Various locations***

All new students who are interested in the following academic programs should plan to attend the appropriate meeting listed below:

- Elementary & Secondary Education, *Goldstein Hall, Rm. 101*
- Engineering, *William Smith Hall, Rm. 111*
- Pre-Law, *William Smith Hall, Rm. 110*
- Pre-Health (includes the areas listed below), *Norman James Theatre, William Smith Hall*
  - Premedical (Premedical, Pre-Dental, Pre-Optometry, Pre-Podiatry)
  - Pre-Nursing
  - Pre-Pharmacy
  - Pre-Allied Health (includes Pre-PA, Pre-PT, Pre-OT, Pre-Athletic Training and many more)
  - Pre-Veterinary

**4:00pm – 5:00pm Post-DEI Talk Peer Mentor Meetings, *Various locations***

**5:00pm – 6:00pm Dinner with Peer Mentor Groups, *Hodson Hall Commons***

**6:00pm – 7:30pm Playfair!**, *Campus Green (Rain Location, Johnson Fitness Center)*

Join your Peer Mentors for this time-honored Washington College tradition. It's the ultimate team building and icebreaker experience for campus unity and school spirit, and fantastic way to make long-lasting friendships!

**8:00pm – 9:00pm “Making the Transition” featuring the Peer Mentors**, *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts*

This popular program features Peer Mentors in an amusing but thought-provoking dramatic interpretation of the academic and social differences between high school and college.

**9:00pm – 10:30pm Paint Night & Movie Screening**, *The Goose Nest & The Egg, Hodson Hall*

Join new friends for a relaxing evening in the Student Center after a busy day of Orientation activities. Grab a canvas and some paints to create a piece to decorate your dorm room, or you can enjoy a movie screening in the Goose Nest! Sponsored by the Student Events Board

**9:00pm – 10:30pm Kickball/Capture the Flag**, *Roy Kirby Jr. Stadium (rain location Johnson Fitness Center Fieldhouse)*

Let off some steam with new friends in a good old-fashioned game of Kickball and Capture the Flag under the stadium lights!

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast**, *Hodson Hall Commons*

**9:00am – 12:30pm Charting Your Course for Academic Success**, *Various locations*

Students will take a full tour of campus, learning about all the academic resources that are available to them during their time as students at WC. Whether it be help with writing a paper, learning how to find specific materials in the library, signing up for tutoring sessions, or finding help to choose a study abroad program, students will have a chance to learn about the services they can use to be successful in the classroom. Students will also get the chance to learn more about WC's Centers of Excellence: the CV Starr Center for the American Experience, the Center for Environment and Society, and the Rose O'Neill Literary House.

**12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch**, *Hodson Hall Commons*

**1:30pm – 2:30pm First Year Advisor Meetings with Peer Mentor Groups, *Various locations***

**2:30pm – 3:15pm Get the Scoop with Career Development, *Center for Career Development***

Swing by the Center for Career Development and chat with staff to learn more about the career development services and networking opportunities students can access, while enjoying a refreshing cold treat!

**3:30pm – 4:15pm Health, Wellness, and Safety Session, *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts***

In order for new students to learn more about the support systems available to them outside of the classroom, staff members from Health Services, Counseling Services, and Public Safety will be interviewed by Director of Student Engagement, Antoine Jordan.

**4:15pm – 5:00pm Honor Code & Community Expectations, *Decker Theater, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts***

Dean of Students Greg Krikorian, and Honor Board Chair Gage Mandrell, will give a short presentation on the Honor Code, explain its importance to Washington College, and give students essential information about what is expected of them while being a member of the WC community.

**5:00pm – 6:00pm Dinner, *Hodson Hall Commons***

**6:00pm – 7:30pm Consent and College Policy on Title IX, *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts***

Attendees will be provided with key information related to healthy relationships and sexual violence. This will include a nationally recognized program focused on understanding consent, along with a review of college resources and policy.

**7:30pm – 8:00pm Standards and Expectations Peer Mentor Group Meetings, *Various locations***

**9:00pm – 11:30pm Welcome to the Flock Dance, *Miller Library Terrace***

Polish up all those TikTok dances you learned during the pandemic because we want to see you show em' off! Come enjoy some good tunes, snacks, and friends as you begin this new chapter of life at WC. Sponsored by the SGA.

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00am – 4:00pm Upperclassman Move-in**

**10:00am – 2:00pm Brunch, *Hodson Hall Commons***

**10:00am – 12:00pm Optional Swim Tests, *Casey Swim Center***

Lifeguards will be on duty to administer swim tests, which are necessary to take out kayaks, paddleboards, and canoes from the WC Boathouse on the Chester River waterfront.

**10:00am – 11:30am InterVarsity Meeting, *Faculty Lounge, Hodson Hall Commons***

Join members of the InterVarsity, a non-denominational faith group for a worship and fellowship meeting. Open to all students.

**10:30am – 11:30am ShoreFit Intro Session & Workout, *JFC Dance Studio***

Join members of ShoreFit, a student-run wellness club for a fun and inclusive workout. ShoreFIT is a student-run fitness organization whose mission is to create a safe, inclusive, and non-judgmental zone for students to feel comfortable in the athletic centers. They strive to provide opportunities for members to connect with and support each other. ShoreFit does this by delivering programs and hosting collaborative events with other organizations that contribute to the empowerment of our members, making sure everyone's needs are met, and fostering a ShoreFIT community throughout our campus.

**9:00am – 12:00pm Getting to Know Chestertown, *Downtown Chestertown***

Getting to know all the wonderful sights and scenes of Chestertown is a central part of every student's experience while at WAC. Small groups will meet in Martha Washington Square with Peer Mentors and other student leaders to take walks into town. Enjoy some local produce from the Chestertown Farmers Market or grab iced coffee and a famous "Sun Bun" from Evergrain



Bakery (trust us, they're the best!). Explore the waterfront from the foot of High Street over to Wilmer Park, through the Hynson Pavilion to the Hodson Boathouse and Semans-Griswold Hall. There is so much to see and explore in town, so take some time to get to know your new home on the Eastern Shore!

**12:00pm – 12:30pm Peer Mentor Meetings, *Various Locations***

**12:30pm – 4:00pm We Love This Place! -- First Year Community Service Projects, *Various locations***

New Washington College students will converge on campus and around Chestertown for community service projects. Make new friendships while revitalizing the community with fun and laughter. "We Love This Place!" is an exciting opportunity designed to connect students with our fellow community members through service projects. Sponsored by the SGA.

**5:00pm – 7:00pm Dinner, *Hodson Hall Commons***

**8:00pm – 10:00pm Bingo Night & Bonfire, *The Goose Nest, Hodson Hall***

Feeling lucky? Join the Student Events Board for this first of what is by far one of the most popular student events at WAC: Bingo Night! Enjoy fun with friends while winning some outstanding prizes, and then gather around for a welcome back bonfire with new and returning students. Sponsored by the Student Events Board.

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00am – 4:00pm Upperclassman Move-in**

**10:00am – 2:00pm Brunch, *Hodson Hall Commons***

**12:00pm – 4:00pm Quiet Activities, *The Goose Nest, Hodson Hall Commons***

Enjoy some quieter activities with new classmates in The Goose Nest. Board games, crafting materials, and gaming tables will be available for use.

**12:00pm – 4:00pm WAC Scavenger Hunt, *Various locations on campus and in Chestertown***

Get to know your new home on the Eastern Shore of Maryland with this unique and fun scavenger hunt. Track down clues across campus and even in town to finish the hunt. This can be completed on your own or with a group of friends. Submit your completed Scavenger Hunt to the Student Engagement office for a chance to enter a raffle of prizes.

**12:00pm – 4:00pm Boathouse Open, *Hodson Boathouse, 375 S. Cross Street***

Head down to the waterfront to enjoy all the boathouse has to offer. Kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddleboards will be available for students to use. A reminder that all students need to complete a Swim Test at the Casey Swim Center in order to participate in activities on the water.

**1:00pm – 4:00pm Optional Swim Tests, *Casey Swim Center***

Lifeguards will be on duty to administer swim tests, which are necessary to take out kayaks, paddleboards, and canoes from the WC Boathouse on the Chester River waterfront.

**1:00pm – 3:00pm Residence Life Neighborhood Block Party, *Lawn between Reid and Minta Martin Halls***

Join Residence Life for a welcome back block party! Grab your roommates and new friends to have some fun and meet new and returning students.

**4:30pm – 5:00pm Peer Mentor Meetings, *Various locations***

**5:00pm – 7:30pm Welcome Back Dinner, *Hodson Hall Commons, Hodson Hall Green***

An annual WAC tradition. Hang out with old friends, meet new classmates, and enjoy a special dinner as we close Orientation Week and prepare for a new school year.

**Other Important Dates**

**Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Classes & Mandatory Residence Hall Meetings**

**Monday, August 29 – Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Week Activities – SEB/SGA**

**Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – Off Campus Residents Mandatory Meeting (online), 7:00pm-8:00pm**

**Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – Convocation, Gibson Center for the Arts**

**Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Friday, *Downtown Chestertown***

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Club Festival, *Martha Washington Square***

**September 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – Fall Family Weekend**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> – Inauguration Weekend**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – Fall Break, No Classes**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> – Advising Day, No Classes**

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>-November 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break, No Classes**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> – Reading Day, No Classes**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – Final Exams, No Classes**