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Koala Welcome

CAMPUS GUIDE FALL 2024

Introduction

Welcome to Koala Nation!

The Koala Welcome is a campus programming initiative designed to provide each student with a strong start from their first day as a Koala that will sustain them through degree completion and beyond. Our #1 goal is to enhance their overall education experience through activities, events, and programs that foster a sense of belonging and connection to the Koala Nation.

How do we accomplish the Mission 1854 Objective? With you, of course! Since 1854, we have put students first. We are excited to welcome you and empower you *to change the world with Courage for Innovation, Commitment to Social Justice, Confidence through Service, and Competence in Leadership.*

We challenge you to learn more about what Columbia College has to offer. Studies show that individuals experience many benefits when they actively and regularly participate in their new community during the first 8 weeks. These benefits include a deeper connection with the campus community, greater satisfaction about making the choice to join the community, and more confidence in classroom performance.

In your first 54 days, there will be at least one program every day to ensure you have plenty of chances to show up, be seen, be heard, and feel proud about your decision and new adventure.



Koala Welcome & Mission 1854



Celebrate our campus diversity and the collective culture it shapes.



Create a sense of belonging and introduce our newest members to the unity within our campus community.



Boost opportunities for intellectual and social connections.



Provide a memorable and enjoyable experience for students.



Support students holistically through programs that involve the 8 dimensions of wellness.



Residential Move-In Directional Map



To access our Interactive Campus Map, visit <https://www.columbiasc.edu/map>





Koala Welcome

Thursday, August 22, 2024

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM: WELCOME TO COLUMBIA COLLEGE!

(Check-in from your car at the corner of Claredon Street and Russell Avenue)

- Move-in for cleared students (McNair and Hogan Square, 9 am - 1:15 pm)
- Support for not cleared students (Godbold Center - Porter Gymnasium)
- Commuter students (Godbold Center - Porter Gymnasium, 1-3 pm)

12:00 PM: LUNCH ON YOUR OWN! (STUDENT UNION DINING HALL)

Meal plan swipes can be used starting today, or individual meals can be purchased for \$12.75 each.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: COMMUTER STUDENT CHECK-IN (GODBOLD)

Afternoon Drop-In Sessions: Take a break from setting up your room.

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM: FERPA AND THE FAMILY (DINING HALL)

Drop in to learn all about FERPA and healthy student-family information-sharing practices. You'll leave with peace of mind, knowing how the College utilizes emergency contact forms and our campus notifications system. Mini sessions are offered every 30 minutes at 3 PM, 3:30 PM, and 4 PM.

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM: WELCOME RECEPTION WITH THE FIRST FAMILY (DINING HALL)

Enjoy light refreshments and time with the Doziers, Columbia College's First Family. They understand the mixed feelings that move-in day brings for new students and their loved ones. Experience our southern hospitality station of sweet tea, lemonade, popcorn, and boiled peanuts as you find comfort in knowing you will have support from your new extended koala family.



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5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: DINNER AND FINAL COUNTDOWN (DINING HALL)

Dinner is optional for families to attend. Guests, including children, must purchase a meal ticket from Sodexo Dining Services for \$12.25. As Family and Friends begin their farewell to students, be sure to visit our photobooth in the Dining Hall and pick up your Family & Friends save-the-date surcie. Family & Friends Weekend will be here before you know it, and we look forward to seeing them back on campus again.

Students only from this point on!

6:30 PM – 7:00 PM: AREA COORDINATORS, RESIDENT ASSISTANTS, & PEER MENTOR INTRODUCTIONS (DINING HALL)

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM: MEET & GREET AT YOUR FIRST RESIDENCE HALL & COMMUNITY MEETING (RESIDENCE HALLS)

Meet your Resident Advisor (RA) and get to know your roommate, suitemates, and hallmates a little better as you set your hall expectations. Then take those expectations to your Building Community Meeting where you will meet the building community, including the Area Coordinators and other Resident Assistants, and build community by sharing expectations for your entire building.

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM: FIRST NIGHTS @CCOFSC GAME SHOW (DINING HALL)

Don't miss out on this chance to get to know your peers better and maybe be the team to win bragging rights AND the \$200 Grand Prize!

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Friday, August 23, 2024

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: BREAKFAST (STUDENT UNION DINING HALL)

Join your Orientation group for your first breakfast as a college student.

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: PURPLE POWER HOUR PARADE (DINING HALL AND OUTDOORS)

Wake up to the most energizing morning ever! School spirit, surcies, and your first Purple Friday all commemorated with a parade featuring YOU! Parade begins at 9 AM in front of McNair and ends at Cottingham Theater for the official Koala Welcome Ceremony.

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT DOZIER AND CC101 (COTTINGHAM THEATER)

Now that the whole campus is awake, join President Dozier for a welcome to campus and a rundown of everything you need to know about Columbia College.

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM: OVERVIEW OF KOALA WELCOME (COTTINGHAM THEATER)

The next 48 hours will be jam-packed but we hope you agree with us that it is all worth it and fun too. In this brief session, we will go over the schedule for the rest of the Koala Welcome Weekend and will answer your questions.

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM: THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT & REAL PEOPLE TOO (COTTINGHAM THEATER)

In this session, you will meet the people behind the screen and learn all you need to know to get started with Information Technology at CC. We listen to our students and make regular updates to technology applications on campus. This is your opportunity to speak with the professional staff in functional areas that support Canvas, Get CBORD, Koala Connection, Navigate, and RAVE.

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM: BREAK

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM: GETTING INVOLVED IN CAMPUS LIFE & THE COLUMBIA COMMUNITY (COTTINGHAM THEATER)

Meet student leaders and peer mentors to hear how they got involved in campus life. Participants will also have an opportunity to ask questions about specific activities, organizations, and traditions.

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM: LUNCH (DINING HALL)



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Friday, August 23, 2024

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM: WE CHOOSE HONOR: 10 WAYS TO GET KICKED OUT OF COLLEGE (COTTINGHAM THEATER)

Learn about the principles of living and learning in our community of honor.

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM: GETTING THE JOB (COTTINGHAM THEATER)

3:15 PM – 5:00 PM: PERSONAL TIME

During your personal time, be sure to dress for dinner and evening fun.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: DINNER (DINING HALL)

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM: FIRST NIGHTS @ CCOFSC: I-SCREAM SOCIAL (HUDSON LOBBY, FRONT PORCH, AND AP GREEN/QUAD)

You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream! Celebrate the end of your first official full day on campus with an Ice Cream Social... And you probably guessed it–this event will be loud, so come prepared.



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Saturday, August 24, 2024

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM: CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (DINING HALL)

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM: CLASS PHOTO (DINING HALL)

This tradition has many years of history. You will look back on this group photo and cherish the memories made on your first weekend as a Columbia College Koala.

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: DAY OF SERVICE (DINING HALL)

Please wear purple or a Columbia College shirt. Each project is unique and will provide you with an opportunity to contribute to our Mission and legacy of giving back to our community.

- 9:00 AM: Day of Service Overview and Instructions
- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Columbia College Day of Service Projects
- 11:30 AM: Debrief at Service Site

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: BRUNCH & SERVICE REFLECTION (DINING HALL)

**1:00 PM – 3:30 PM: LA 100 PEER GROUP MEETINGS
(BUSH SCIENCE CENTER AND BREED CLASSROOMS)**

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM: PERSONAL TIME

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: PRESIDENT DOZIER'S NEW STUDENT DECADES DINNER
CELEBRATION (DINING HALL)**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM: FIRST NIGHTS @ CCOFSC: DECADES PARTY
(MCNAIR COURTYARD AND LOBBY)**

**8:00 - 10:00 PM: LATER NIGHTS @ CCOFSC: OPEN GAME PLAY
(STUDENT UNION LOUNGE AND RESIDENCE HALL LOBBIES)**



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Sunday, August 25, 2024

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: OPTIONAL FIRST SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
(SPEARS CONCERT HALL)**

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: BRUNCH (STUDENT UNION DINING HALL)

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: CLASSROOM FINDER TOURS (STARTS IN THE DINING
HALL)**

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: PERSONAL TIME

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: DINNER (STUDENT UNION DINING HALL)

**6:00 PM – UNTIL: FIRST CLASS DAY EVE (YOUR RESIDENCE HALL & STUDENT
UNION LOUNGE)**

Welcome Weekend Activities

1

PARADE

A colorful and lively parade featuring YOU! This tradition celebrates the newest members of the campus community.

2

DECADES PARTY & COSTUME CONTEST

For actual decades, students have celebrated the first night in the residence halls with a Decades Party and costume contest with exciting prizes.

3

LIVE MUSIC

Join our campus activities board (CCAB) as they kick off the year with Wild Out Wednesday, a signature event with DJs, food, and plenty of dancing fun.

4

KOALA SPIRIT

Every Friday is Purple Friday at Columbia College, and once a month, we make the day extra special with a Koala Pep Rally!

5

EXPLORE COLUMBIA

There are monthly off-campus excursions, and we start the year off right with Shopping Shuttles so you can get all your last minute needs before classes start.

6

KOALA COOLDOWN

On Thursday, August 29, join your Koala Community poolside for our annual Koala Cooldown complete with activities, games, music, and prizes.

7

CULTURAL EXCURSIONS

Study Abroad is not the only cultural opportunity our students have. We are located in the city center where regular cultural celebrations take place. Mark your calendar for the Minority Student Welcome on September 6.

8

FAMILY & FRIENDS - SAVE THE DATE

This weekend is our way of recognizing the people in your life you wish to share your new CCoFSC journey! Your family and friends are invited to join you on campus on September 27-29.



Need Assistance?

Below is a roster of Columbia College staff members in Student Affairs available to assist you.

Chaplain Services

Rev. Fadetra Boyd

Chaplain

fboyd@columbiasc.edu | 803.786.3032

- Spiritual Counseling
- Religious Life Programming
- Community Service Opportunities

Counseling Services

Mila Burgess-Conway

Director of Counseling Services

mconway@columbiasc.edu | 803.786.3603

- Individual Short-Term Counseling
- Services are Completely Confidential and FREE
- Referrals for Medication Management, Psychiatric Assessments, and other Mental Healthcare Needs

Student Affairs

Dr. Sandra Rouse

Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students

srouse@columbiasc.edu | 803.786.3856

- Advocate for Student Needs
- Student Government Association
- Campus Policy Development for a Safe & Diverse Learning Environment
- Parent & Family Programs

Dr. Melissa Brannen

Associate Dean of Students for Community Engagement

mbrannen@columbiasc.edu | 803.786.3886

- International Student Programs
- Community Engagement
- Student Leadership

Sherrigan Feaster-Johnson, M.S.

Associate Dean of Students for Student Development

sfjohnson@columbiasc.edu | 803.786.3160

- Residence Life and Housing

Donte' Mackey

Director of Student Affairs

dmackey@columbiasc.edu | 803.786.3296

- Campus Events & Traditional Programs - Including Family Weekends
- Explore Columbia Trips
- 50+ Student Organizations and Leadership Development Programs

Ashton Peterson

Director of Multicultural Affairs & Community Resources

apeterson@columbiasc.edu | 803.786.3039

- Multicultural Programs & Involvement
- International Student Support
- Liaison to Medical & Community Resources



Windell Harris

Director of Public Safety

wharris@columbiasc.edu | 803.786.3343

- SC Criminal Justice Academy trained officers
- 24/7/365 campus patrol
- Parking decals and ID cards

Emergency Number: 803.786.3333

Non-Emergency Number: 803.786.3343