



New Student Orientation Guest Program

9:00 - 9:30 AM

WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S!

Soda Center, Moraga Room

Join us for a warm welcome to our Saint Mary's community from College leaders!

9:30 - 10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMICS

Soda Center, Moraga Room

Learn about the Saint Mary's core curriculum and gain an understanding of the College's general education requirements.

10:45 - 11:45 AM

TRANSITIONING TO COLLEGE FAMILIES

Soda Center, Moraga Room

Starting college is a transition for families of college students. This interactive program includes topics such as effective communication and family dynamics.

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

LUNCH

Soda Center, Claeys Lounge and Lafayette Room

Time for a break! Enjoy lunch with other Gael families. Gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options available.

12:30 - 1:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION I

Choose one to attend. Orientation Leaders will guide you to the appropriate location.

FIRST IN THE FAMILY

Soda Center, Moraga Room

Is your student the first in the family to attend college? This session covers tips and tricks for supporting your first generation college students.

GAEL HEALTH & WELLNESS

De La Salle Hall, Hagerty Lounge

Learn about the compassionate and confidential care provided by the Health & Wellness Center, CARE Center, and Counseling and Psychology Services. Learn about our holistic approach to a healthy mind, body, and spirit.

SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Delphine Lounge

This session covers information on academic programs that require special planning: Integral (4-year Great Books Curriculum), the teaching credential program, School of Science programs, and the Honors Program.

1:30 - 2:15 PM
HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Soda Center, Moraga Room

Learn about living on campus and what your students can expect as they join our vibrant community, hosted by Campus Housing and Residential Experience.

2:30-3:15 PM
BREAKOUT SESSION II

Choose one to attend. Orientation Leaders will guide you to the appropriate location.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

Soda Center, Moraga Room

This session is an overview of the academic support resources available at Saint Mary's, including the Student Success Office, Tutoring and Academic Skills Center and more.

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

De La Salle Hall, Hagerty Lounge

Learn about the variety of services and resources available to your students in their search for internships, part- and full-time jobs and preparing for graduate school.

STUDY ABROAD

Delphine Lounge

Dive into the study abroad opportunities with the staff from the Center for International Programs.

CAMPUS TOUR

Leave from Soda Center Plaza

Join the Orientation Leaders for a walking tour of our beautiful campus!

3:15 - 3:45 PM
ENGAGE WITH SMC

Soda Center Plaza

Students return to the Soda Center, where you can both enjoy an afternoon break with iced coffee and snacks! Representatives from Campus Recreation, Community Life, Residential Experience, Student Involvement and Leadership will be on hand to help students learn about ways to get involved outside of the classroom.

3:45 - 4:15 PM
FINANCING THE COMING YEARS

Soda Center, Moraga Room

The Office of Financial Aid and the Business Office will assist students and their guests in explaining the financial aid process, billing process, and payment options.

4:15 - 4:30 PM
TIPS AND TRICKS FOR THE CLASS OF '26

Soda Center, Moraga Room

End your day with tips from College leadership and a preview of the adventure that awaits your student.