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
Dryden Hall
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.

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**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**  
Dryden Hall  
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!

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3:15 - 3:30 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.

3:30-4:00 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.

4:00 - 4:15 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.

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