

Washington College  
Fall 2023 New Student Orientation Schedule

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21st**

**8:00am – 11:00am Check-In, Roy Kirby Jr. Stadium**

Students will check in at Roy Kirby Jr. Stadium, where they'll be given a welcome packet and specific move-in instructions. Students and their families should report here first *before* proceeding to their Residence Hall. Any students who have holds on their account will be instructed to address those holds before they are allowed to move in. Business Office staff will be on hand to meet with those students who have Business Office holds. Health Services staff 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 – 11:00am Residence Hall Move-In Time, Residence Halls**

Once you have finished at check-in and resolved any holds, students and their families can then move their vehicle(s) to the lots/parking areas 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, other student leaders, along with members of the Faculty and Staff 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 may not park on Washington Avenue or the Cater Walk to move into Kent House.

Once you've finished unloading, please relocate your vehicle to the Quad lot or behind the Western Shore dorms (behind the Baseball field).

**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!

**10:00am – 1:00pm Open House & Meet and Greet, Various Locations**

A number of special offices will be open for students and their families to visit to learn more about what they offer the campus community. Feel free to stop by any to meet fellow students, faculty, and staff members who support the wonderful contributions these offices make to our campus:

- Intercultural Affairs Center, *Lower Level, Minta Martin Hall*
- Hillel House (Jewish Student Union), *313 Washington Avenue (next to Minta Martin Hall)*
- Miller Library
- Johnson Fitness Center

**10:30am – 11:30am 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 Vice President of Student Affairs, Sarah Feyerherm, 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.

**12:00pm – 12:30pm 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.

**12:00pm – 1:00pm First Year Seminar Luncheon with Peer Mentors**

Peer Mentors will meet with First Year Seminar advisors to plan interactions during Orientation week and the upcoming semester.

**12:00pm – 12:30pm Student Athlete Parent’s Meeting, Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts**

This meeting is for students who play a Winter or Spring sport ONLY. Those students and their parents should plan to attend this important session.

**1:00pm – 1:45pm President’s Welcome, Cain Gymnasium**

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

**1:45pm – 2:00pm Class Photo, Cain Gymnasium**

Members of the Class of 2027 will remain in the stadium to take their class photo.

**2:00pm – 2:30pm Introduction to Peer Mentor Groups, Martha Washington Square**

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

**2:00pm – 2:30pm Parent’s Program: Ready for Takeoff, Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts**

While students are meeting in their Peer Mentor Groups, parents and family members have their own session. Presented by Dean of Students, Greg Krikorian, and Assistant Dean of Student Engagement and Success, Tricia Biles, *Ready for Takeoff* will focus on supporting your student as they go through the transitional process of becoming successful students at Washington College.

**2:30pm – 3:00pm 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!

**3:15pm – 4:00 “How to Fail Successfully at Washington College”, Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts**

Students will regroup back in Martha Washington Square with their Peer Mentor groups and then enjoy their first official welcome to Washington College with a keynote lecture from Elena Deanda-Camacho, Professor of Spanish and Black Studies, Director of the Black Studies Minor.

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

After the keynote lecture, students will have their first full meetings with their Peer Mentor Groups where they'll go over the Orientation Schedule and discuss expectations for the rest of the week.

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

Students will have dinner with their Peer Mentor groups.

**6:00pm – 7:30pm Playfair!, *Campus Green***

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 Residence Hall Meetings – Meet Your Area Coordinator's and RAs, *Residence Halls***

All new students living on campus must attend this meeting. Residence Life staff will discuss the responsibilities of community living.

**9:00pm – 10:00pm “Fire and Ice” Welcome Bonfire, sponsored by Residence Life, *Quad Firepit***

After your Floor Meetings, join your new floormates and fellow students for a welcome bonfire to finish off your first day at WAC. Enjoy music, smores, Rita's Italian Ice, and be sure to pick up some glow-in-the-dark swag!

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

**8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast with Peer Mentor Groups, *Hodson Hall Commons***

**9:00am – 9:45am Honor Code & Community Expectations, Decker Theater, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts**

Dean of Students Greg Krikorian, Coordinator of Academic Integrity Prof. Sara Clark-De Reza, and Honor Board Chair Heather Fabritze 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.

**10:00am – 11:00am 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.

**11:00am – 12:00pm Community Standards, Post-Consent Talk, and Honor Code Signing Peer Mentor Meetings, Various Locations**

Students will regroup with the Peer Mentor groups, where they will discuss the College's community standards, debrief the Consent presentation, and ask/answer any questions about the Title IX policy, and sign the Washington College Honor Code.

**12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch with your Residence Hall Floor, Hodson Hall Commons**

Enjoy lunch while getting to know your roommates and other floormates, along with your RAs. Seating for your dorm and floor will be sectioned off in the dining hall. Be sure to find your RA for your specific table.

**1:00pm – 1:45pm Health, Wellness, and Safety Session, Hodson Hall Commons**

Staff members from Health Services, Counseling Services, and Public Safety will share information about their offices and answer questions about the health and safety support systems available to students at Washington College.

**2:00pm – 3:15pm, “The Big Opportunity: Taking Ownership of Your Identity”, Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts**

Washington College alum and DEI consultant 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.

**3:15pm – 4:00pm Post-DEI Talk Peer Mentor Meetings, *Various locations***

**4:00pm – 5:00pm Meet Washington College’s Affinity Groups, *Hodson Hall Commons Lobby***

Get to know Washington College’s Affinity Groups. Learn from student Affinity Group leaders how these organizations support student identity and belonging on campus. Gather information on how to get involved and what events and activities you can look forward to during the upcoming school year.

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

**8:00pm – 10:00pm WAC Game Night, sponsored by the SGA, *Hodson Hall Commons***

Are you ready for some friendly competition with your new classmates? Head over to Hodson Hall Commons to join in some fun evening games sponsored by the Student Government Association. Come for games and prizes, stay for loads of fun and making memories with new friends.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup>

**8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast with Peer Mentor Group, *Hodson Hall Commons***

**9:00am – 10:00am Academic Rotation A, *Various locations***

Through 4 different stops throughout the day, you’ll meet many of the resources and people on campus who will add so much to your academic experience. Stop by the Library to see all the resources and hear from the Starr Center for the American Experience about opportunities to get involved and branch out. Learn from our Writing Center, Office of Academic Skills, and Quantitative Skills Center about the tutoring resources that over half of our students use every single year. Learn from our advising staff more about the distribution requirements you will fulfill over the next four years, and all about navigating the administrative side of college. Finally, you will get a chance to meet with our Global Education Office to learn about study abroad, as well as opportunities for funded research and faculty led short-term trips.

**10:05am – 11:05am First Year Seminar Meetings**

**10:05am – 11:05am Transfer Student Meeting, *The Egg, Hodson Hall Commons***

Incoming transfer students will meet with faculty and staff to talk about academic expectations and making the transition to the learning environment here at WAC.

**11:10am – 12:10 Academic Rotation B, *Various locations***

**12:15pm – 1:30pm Lunch, *Hodson Hall Commons***

**12:15pm – 1:30pm Special Academic Program Lunches, *Hynson Lounge & Faculty Lounge, Hodson Hall Commons***

All new students interested in the following academic programs should plan to have lunch with faculty and staff members from each area. Learn about these programs and how they might impact your educational path while at WAC. Please reference the list below for available special academic programs and their meeting locations for lunch.

- Elementary & Secondary Education, *Hynson Lounge*
- Engineering, *Faculty Lounge*
- Pre-Law, *Faculty Lounge*
- Pre-Health (includes the areas listed below), *Hynson Lounge*
  - 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

**1:35pm – 2:35pm Academic Rotation C, *Various locations***

**2:40pm – 3:40pm Academic Rotation D, *Various locations***

**3:45pm – 4:30pm 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!

**4:30pm – 5:30pm “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.

**6:00pm – 7:30pm Dinner and Prep with your Explore! Group, Hodson Hall Commons**

Meet your Explore! Groups. At this dinner you will review your itinerary, meet your group leaders, learn how to prepare for your own unique experience, and get to know fellow members of your group.

**8:00pm – 10:00pm Kickball/Capture the Flag, sponsored by Campus Recreation, 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!

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**8:00am – 12:00pm Explore! Activities Wrap Up**



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

Reunite with your Peer Mentor Group for lunch and swap Explore! stories

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

**10:00am – 2:00pm Bookstore Open, Lower Level, Casey Academic Center**

**1:00pm – 3:00pm 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.

**2:00pm – 3:30pm 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.

**2:00pm 3:30pm Men's Soccer Scrimmage, Roy Kirby Jr. Stadium**

**3:00pm – 4:30pm Women's Volleyball Scrimmage, Cain Gymnasium**

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

**8:00pm – 10:00pm Bob Ross Paint Night & Movie Screening, sponsored by SEB, Hodson Hall Commons**

You don't have to be an artist to have fun with this event! Join your peers and members of the Student Events Board for our very first Bob Ross Pain Night, where "there are no mistakes, only

happy accidents.” Create some new artwork for your dorm room and enjoy snacks and fun. Paint Night will be followed by a movie screening in the Goose Nest.

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

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

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

**10:00am – 2:00pm Bookstore Open, *Lower Level, Casey Academic Center***

**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 – 5:00pm 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 must complete a Swim Test at the Casey Swim Center to participate in activities on the water.

**1:00pm – 3:00pm 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.

**4:00pm – 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 & Information

**Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Classes & Mandatory Residence Hall Meetings**

**Monday, August 28 – Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Welcome Week Activities Sponsored by SEB & SGA**

**Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – Fall Convocation, Gibson Center for the Arts**

**Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – First Friday & Ice Cream Social with Downtown Chestertown Association, 5pm –7pm *Fountain Park, Downtown Chestertown***

Join Mayor David Foster and WC President Sosulski as they formally welcome the College back to Chestertown.

**Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Club Festival, *Hodson Green & Kent Lawn***

**Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00pm – Off Campus Residents & Commuter Students Mandatory Meeting (virtual)**

**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Alcohol Training Program (mandatory for First Year Students), *Time and location TBD***

**October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming Weekend (formerly known as Fall Family Weekend)**

**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming Dance**

**October 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – Fall Break, No Classes**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – Advising Day, No Classes**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> – November 26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break, No Classes**

**December 8<sup>th</sup> – Reading Day, No Classes**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – Final Exams, No Classes**

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**Important Operation Hours for Fall 2023 Semester:**

### **Dining Hall**

- **Monday-Friday: Breakfast 7:30am-10:00am, Lunch 11:00am-2:00pm, Continental Mid-Meal 2:00pm-4:00pm, Dinner 4:30pm-8:00pm**
- **Saturday & Sunday: Brunch 10:00am-2:00pm, Dinner 4:00p-7:00pm**

**Java George**

- **Monday-Friday: 8:00am-3:30pm**

**Bookstore, Monday-Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm**

**Central Services (To Pick Up Packages & Mail), Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm**

**Johnson Fitness Center:**

- **Monday-Thursday: 6:00am-10:00pm**
- **Friday: 6:00am-7:00pm**
- **Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am-4:0pm**

**Miller Library:**

- **Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-10:00pm**
- **Friday: 8:00am-6:00pm**
- **Saturday: 12:00pm-6:00pm**
- **Sunday: 12:00pm-10:00pm**

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**Important Phone Numbers:**

**Public Safety: 410.778.7810**

**SafeRide: 410.810.RIDE (7433)**

**Financial Aid: 410.778.7214**

**Registrar's Office: 410.778.7299**

**Buildings & Grounds: 410.778.7210**

**Chestertown Police Department (non-emergency): 410.778.1800**

**UMD Shore Medical Center at Chestertown (hospital): 410.778.3300**