**Washington College**

**Fall 2021 Orientation Schedule**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD**

**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). 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,** *Residence Halls*

Once you’ve received a negative Covid test result, students and their families can begin the check-in process. More detailed information on where to check-in and park will be communicated upon your arrival. To expedite your check-in, please make sure you have satisfied all Heath Services, Business Office, and vaccine requirements prior to arrival.

**8:00am – 1:30pm Residence Hall Move-In Time**

Students and families will park their vehicles in designated locations to begin moving into their residence halls. Resident Assistants will be on hand to walk you to your room and to answer any questions. Peer Mentors, Student Athletes, and other student leaders will be on hand to assist with move in. ***We are requiring that all students and families are fully masked while you are moving around within indoor locations during move-in.***

**10:00am – 4:00pm Bookstore Hours,** *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 onto the patio out front of Hodson Hall Commons, or walk down to the Campus Green and have a picnic, or enjoy lunch back in your dorm room as you get settled in.

**12:30pm – 1:15pm Student Athlete Parent’s Meeting,** *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts*

This meeting is for parents of Winter and Spring Sport First-Year Students ONLY.

**1:30pm – 2:00pm President’s Welcome to Students and Families,** *Roy Kirby, Jr. Stadium (rain location Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts)*

New students and their families will be welcomed by the President of Washington College, Provost Michael Harvey, Dean of Students Sarah Feyerherm, and Chestertown Town Council Member Meghan Efland.

**2:00pm – 3:00pm Initial Student Meetings with Peer Mentors,** *Various Locations*

**2:00pm – 3.00pm Parent’s Program: Ready to Launch,** *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts*

This program will focus on supporting students as they go the transitional process of being successful college students. Content will be presented by Director of Counseling Dr. Miranda Altman and Interim Dean of Students Greg Krikorian.

**3:00pm – 3:30pm Class Photo,** *Roy Kirby, Jr. Stadium*

Peer Mentors will return with their students to the Stadium for a photo of the Class of 2025.

**3:30pm – 4:15pm Goodbye Time,** *Roy Kirby, Jr. Stadium/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!

**4:15pm – 5:00pm Intro to a Successful College Experience,** *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts*

A discussion by Student Affairs Staff and Public Safety about campus policies, the Honor Code, and how to successfully navigate the rights and responsibilities of our community.

**5:15pm – 6:25pm Dinner with your Peer Mentor,** *Hodson Hall Commons*

**6:30pm – 8:30pm Playfair!,** *Campus Green (rain location Johnson Fitness Center)*

Join us for the ultimate icebreaker, teambuilding experience for campus unity and school spirit. It’s the perfect way to make new friendships! ***Per the request of the Playfair facilitator, students will need to be fully masked during the event, both for the safety of the facilitator and the students.***

**8:30pm Residence Life Meetings,** *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.

**8:30pm Commuter Students Visit Commuter Lounge,** *Commuter Lounge, SGA Suite, Hodson Hall Commons*

Visit and learn more about the Commuter Lounge and pick out a locker for your use while you’re on campus.

**10:00pm – 11:00pm Ice Cream Sundaes with Peer Mentors,** *The Egg, Hodson Hall Commons*

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24th**

**7:30am – 9:30am Breakfast,** *Hodson Hall Commons*

**9:00am – 12:00pm Round Robin Conference Sessions with Peer Mentors,** *Smith Hall*

Learn more about various groups and affiliations on campus in sessions led by Peer Mentors. You’ll have the opportunity to attend multiple sessions during this time. See the table below to find out what sessions are offered and where:

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| * First Gen Students, *Smith 110* | * Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, *Smith 223* |
| * Campus Recreation, *Smith 111* | * LGBTQ+, *Smith 226* |
| * Community Service, *Smith 113* | * Health Services, *Smith 332* |
| * Greek Life, *Smith 222* | * Healthy Choices, *Smith 336* |

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

**1:30pm – 3:00pm Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – A Room Full of Unicorns: Finding Your Place at Washington College,** *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts*

We all bring a unique experience to college, and all want to be respected for who we are. This session will discuss how to create an inclusive and beloved community where everyone can thrive. Presented by Ted Lewis (they/them), Executive Director of Side By Side.

**3:00pm – 4:00pm Peer Mentor Meetings,** *Various Locations*

**4:00pm Women’s Soccer Scrimmage,** *Roy Kriby, Jr. Stadium*

**4:30pm – 6:30pm Dinner,**  *Hodson Hall Commons*

**7:45pm – 9:00pm “Making the Transition” with 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 – 9:30pm Peer Mentor Group Meetings,** *Various Locations*

**9:00pm – 10:00pm Event Sponsored by the Student Events Board,** *Hodson Hall Commons and Kent Lawn*

Come and enjoy an Arts & Crafts night and a DIY Succulent potting to start getting some fresh decorations in your dorm room. Lawn games will be available on the Kent Lawn and pool/gaming tables will be available in the Goose Nest.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25th**

**7:30am – 9.00am Breakfast,** *Hodson Hall Commons*

**9:00am – 10:00am 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 101*

Engineering – *Daly 107*

Pre-Law – *Daly 218*

Pre-Health (includes Nursing/ Pharmacy, Pre-Dental, Pre-Medical, Pre-Vet, Pre-Optometry, and Pre-Podiatry) - *Norman James Theatre, Smith Hall*

**9:00am – 12:00pm Optional Swim Test,** *Casey Swim Center*

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

**9:00am – 11:00am Intercultural Affairs Open House,** *Minta Martin House, Ground Level*

Are you interested in learning more about how you can get involved in diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives on campus? Then swing by the Office of Intercultural Affairs where the Director of Intercultural Affairs, Carese Bates, will be on hand to talk more about the office and upcoming activities you can get involved in this year.

**10:00am – 12:00pm Global Education Office Open House,** *Foster House, 409 Washington Avenue*

Are you curious about study abroad opportunities while you’re a student at WC? Visit the Global Education Office during their open house to learn more about study abroad opportunities, and how you can get involved to support visiting exchange students while they’re here in Chestertown.

**10:30am – 12:00pm Get to Know the Johnson Fitness Center,** *Johnson Fitness Center*

Get a tour of the weight room, the fieldhouse, and learn all about what the fitness center has to offer. During this tour you will also get short tutorials on how to use the different equipment housed in the weight room.

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

**1:15pm – 1:45pm All You Need to Know About Health Services,** *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts*

The director of Health Services, Lisa Marx, CRNP, will be presenting information on the resources available for students in the Health Center, how to book an appointment, and the Health Center staff.

**2:00pm – 3:00pm Office of Academic Skills Presentation,** *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts*

This session will cover all the academic resources that are available to students. Staff members from the Office of Academic Skills will be present to talk about these resources, along with information about tutoring, the Quantitative Skills Center and the Writing Center.

**3:45pm – 4:15pm First Year Advisor & Students Initial Meetings,** *Various Locations*

Students will be meeting in groups to be introduced to their First Year Advisors. These meetings will take place in the same room students meet with their Peer Mentors.

**4:30pm – 5:45pm Taste of the Eastern Shore Dinner,** *Hodson Hall Commons.*

Students, First Year Advisors, and the Peer Mentors are invited to come together to enjoy a dinner that will showcase some of the culinary delights of Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

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

An interactive, educational, entertaining program. The presenters use a combination of audience interaction, improv exercises, and thoroughly researched information to break down walls and have a frank, difficult, but needed conversation about sex. The program will conclude with a review of college resources and policy.

**7:30pm – 8:00pm Peer Mentor Meetings,** *Various Locations*

**8:00pm – 9:30pm Kahoot! Trivia Game, sponsored by the SGA,** *Goose Nest, Hodson Commons*

Test your trivia skills with your new friends in this exciting, interactive game experience. Who knows, maybe you’ll walk away with some amazing prizes? Be sure to download the Kahoot! App in order to participate from your phone.

**9:30pm – 11:00pm Welcome to the Flock Dance, sponsored by the SGA** *The Egg, Hodson Hall Commons*

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.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26th**

**7:30am – 9:00am Breakfast,** *Hodson Hall Commons.*

**9:00am – 12:00pm Optional Swim Test,** *Casey Swim Center*

**10:30am – 1:00pm WC Resource Fair,** *Miller Library Terrace (rain location Hodson Hall Commons)*

Get to know all the different resources available to ensure your success at Washington College! Be sure to grab a punch card from the Student Engagement table. You’ll receive a punch for each table you visit. If you fill your card, you’ll be able to enter a special raffle. Join the faculty and staff for prizes, snacks, and fun!

**11:30am – 1:00pm Lunch,** *Hodson Hall Commons*

**1:00pm – 2:15 pm Rose O’Neill Literary House Social & Print Shop Demo,** *Rose O’Neill Literary House*

The Lit House welcomes the Class of 2025. Learn about campus publications and writing groups. Try your hand at letterpress printing and connect with like-minded students and arts faculty.

**2:30pm – 3:30pm Mental Health and Resiliency: Introduction to Counseling Services,** *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts*

This presentation by the Director of Counseling Services, Dr. Miranda Altman, will cover the various counseling services available to WC students, explore the ways students can be mindful of their mental health and wellbeing, and discuss resiliency in your first months at college.

**3:30pm – 4:30pm Get the Scoop on 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 scoop of ice cream!

**3:30pm – 4:30pm Academic Planning for Transfer Students,** *Hotchkiss Recital Hall, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts*

Provost Michael Harvey will be on hand to discuss the specific academic issues important to transfer students, including typical interactions with faculty members, the ins and outs of the senior thesis, and developing a positive relationship with your academic advisor.

**3:30p – 5:00pm Pick-up Kickball Game,** *Campus Green*

Blow off some steam with friends for a kickball game on the Green! You’ll also have a chance to chat with the Campus Recreation Coordinator to learn more about Intramural Sports opportunities this Fall.

**4:30pm – 5:00pm Student Employment Information Session,** *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts*

Join staff from the Financial Aid Office to learn more about student employment opportunities on campus, how to navigate the Job Board, and apply for a job.

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

**6:30pm – 7:30pm Peer Mentor Meetings,** *Various Locations*

**7:30pm – 8:30pm Bring Your Lawn Chair & Hang Out,** *Kent Lawn*

Feel free to bring your lawn chairs to hang out with friends. Lawn games like Cornhole and Spikeball will be available for play.

**9:00pm – 11:00pm Outdoor Movie Sponsored by the Student Events Board,** *Kent Lawn*

**9:00pm – 11:00pm Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag Sponsored by the SGA,** *Campus Green*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 27th**

**7:30am – 9:00am Breakfast,** *Hodson Hall Commons*

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

**1:00pm – 2:00pm Tour of Chestertown with Peer Mentors**

Join your Peer Mentor group to go on a walking tour of Chestertown. You’ll see all the sites like Fountain Park, Stam’s Luncheonette, Play it Again Sam’s, the Custom House and Hynson-Ringgold House, and end at the waterfront.

**2:00pm – 4:30pm First-Year Carnival,** *Wilmer Park*

Enjoy a carnival on the waterfront! Games and activities will be available for you to have a fun afternoon with your friends. Explore Wilmer Park, the Hyson Pavilion, the Hodson Boathouse, and Semans-Griswold Hall (Center for Environment & Society). Students will also sign up for their Explore! programs. Explore! is a post-orientation experience designed to engage small groups of first-year students in experiential, scholarly outings. At sign-ups you choose the experience that best matches your interest and availability. Water activities will be available for students who have passed their swim tests.

**4:30pm – 6:30pm Dinner,** *Hodson Hall Commons*

**7:00pm Men’s Soccer Scrimmage,** *Roy Kirby, Jr. Stadium*

**8:00pm – 10:00pm Bonfire Host by the Student Events Board,** *Firepit (located between Dorchester House and Kirby Stadium Parking Lot)*

Join us at the fire pit for a night of music and s’mores! This is a great chance to hang out with people you’ve met and to meet those you haven’t! Is it even possible to turn down a s’more?

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28th**

**7:30am – 10:30am Breakfast,** *Hodson Hall Commons*

**10:30am – 11:30am First Year Student & First Year Advisor Meeting,** *Peer Mentor Meeting Locations*

Students will meet with their First Year Advisors. One on one appointments for students and their First Year Advisors will follow, as needed.

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

**1:00pm Field Hockey Scrimmage,** *Roy Kirby, Jr. Stadium*

**1:00pm – 4:00pm We Love This Place! – First Year Community Service Projects,** *Various Locations*

New Washington College students will converge on the campus and Chestertown for community service projects. Start 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.

**4:00pm – 5.00pm Ice Cream Social,** *Fountain Park*

Meet up with friends and local community leaders to enjoy some ice cream and socializing after your “We Love This Place” community service projects are completed.

**3:30pm – 7:30pm Dinner,** *Hodson Hall Commons*

**7:00pm – 9:00pm Mobile Gaming Theatre,** *Roy Kirby, Jr. Stadium Parking Lot*

Calling all gamers! Come on down and enjoy the Next Level Gaming theatre experience. 5 big screen TVs with Xbox Series X’s, Nintendo Switches, and PlayStation 5’s will be available for you and a group of friends to battle it out playing your favorite games. Single play and group play (up to 4 players) will be available.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th**

**8:00am – 3:00pm Upperclassmen Move-in**

**10:30am – 1:00p Brunch,** *Hodson Hall Commons*

**3:30pm – 5:00pm New Student Convocation,** *Decker Theatre, Daniel Z. Gibson Center for the Arts*

Students, faculty, and staff will gather to formally celebrate the beginning of the school year.

**5:00pm – 7:00p All Campus Picnic,** *Hodson Hall Commons/Kent Lawn*

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

**Other Important Dates**

**Monday, August 30 – First Day of Class & Mandatory Residence Hall Meetings**

**Tuesday August 31 – Off Campus Residents Mandatory Meeting,** 7:00pm, Norman James Theatre, Smith Hall

**Friday, September 3 – Chestertown First Friday,** 5:00-7:00pm, Downtown Chestertown

**Wednesday, September 8 – Club Fair,** 11:00am – 3:00pm, Kent Lawn/Hodson Hall Commons

At this annual event designed to acquaint new students with the wide variety of extra- and co-curricular activities at Washington College. Various clubs and organizations will have tables set up along with music, food, and games and other fun activities.

**September 17-19 – Fall Family Weekend**

**October 14-15 – Fall Break, No Classes**

**November 24-26 – Thanksgiving Break**

**Friday, December 10 – Reading Day, No Classes**

**December 13-17 – Final Exams**

**December 22-January 2, 2022 – College Offices Closed**