



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

parent and family program



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

- 7 – 10 a.m. **Breakfast** *Goudy Commons*
- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Opening Days Headquarters Open**
*Office of Student Engagement & Leadership,
Putnam University Center, 2nd floor*
- 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. **New Student & Family Check-In**
Matthews Hall
Students pick up their Opening Days packet, keys to their residence hall and mailbox and student ID card.
- 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Student Settling-In Activities**
Campus-wide
Your student should refer to the *Settling-In Checklist* in their packet for activities that may be accomplished during this time. Activities are divided by those that must be done today and those that can be done at their discretion.
- 10 a.m. – noon **Panhellenic Council Rummage Sale**
Jackson Plaza
Hosted by the Willamette sorority community, you'll find items commonly needed for college life including mini fridges, hangers, alarm clocks, lamps and much more! All of the items have been donated by students who have lived in the residence halls.
- 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Goudy Commons Open for Lunch**
Students will use their dining plan. Parents and family members may use credit card or cash in Goudy Commons.
- 1:30 & 3:30 p.m. **Parent & Family Campus Tours**
Jackson Plaza
Meet an admission tour guide at the clock tower in Jackson Plaza at 1:30 or 3:30. The tour is intended for parents and family members; students will receive a tour from their Opening Days leader at a different time.
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Supporting Your Student**
Hudson Hall, Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center
Learn about tips for supporting your student through this transition. Walk away with strategies and resources to support your students' success as an educational partner. Hear from Willamette staff who are parenting or have parented college students.
- 3:30 – 4 p.m. **Sharing Your Wisdom with the Willamette Community**
Hudson Hall, Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center
Leave notes for students to take what they need as they start the year! Parents, family, and student supporters can leave notes with a word, message, quote, drawing, etc. for students to take as they need while settling in at Willamette.

4 p.m.

Family Ties

Hudson Hall, Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center
This program is for all parents and family members of new students. You'll be able to ask a panel of Willamette students, administrators, parents/families and counselors about the transition to college and their experiences.

5 – 6:30 p.m.

Opening Days Kick-off Picnic

Brown Field (south of Goudy Commons; if rainy, seating available in Goudy Commons and Putnam University Center) Line starts at Hatfield Fountain
A picnic dinner for new students and their families. During dinner, students will sign up for Passport to Salem. Parents and family members will need a ticket, students will use their dining plans. Tickets will be available for purchase in Goudy Commons. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a special welcome from our Opening Days leaders.

MORE PARENT RESOURCES

Academic Calendar



willamette.edu/go/calendar

Parent Website



willamette.edu/go/parents

Sign Up for Willamette Family Connection Newsletter



willamette.edu/go/wfc

Opening Days Student Schedule



willamette.edu/go/odays-schedule

Family Weekend October 3-5, 2025



willamette.edu/go/fw