



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

parent and family program



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

- 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. Families may pick up resource information and purchase tickets for tonight's Opening Days Picnic.
- 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, storage containers, 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 – 3:15 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.
- 3:15 – 4:15 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.
- 4:15 – 5 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.
- 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 on site in Goudy Commons during the day and in Jackson Plaza once the picnic begins. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a special welcome from our Opening Days leaders.
- 7 - 8 p.m. **Opening Convocation**
Quad
Join the faculty and administration as we officially open the 2026-2027 academic year.
- 8 - 9 p.m. **Families Depart & Goodbyes**

MORE FAMILY RESOURCES

Academic Calendar



willamette.edu/go/calendar

Family Website



willamette.edu/go/parents

Sign Up for Willamette Family Connection Newsletter



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Opening Days Student Schedule

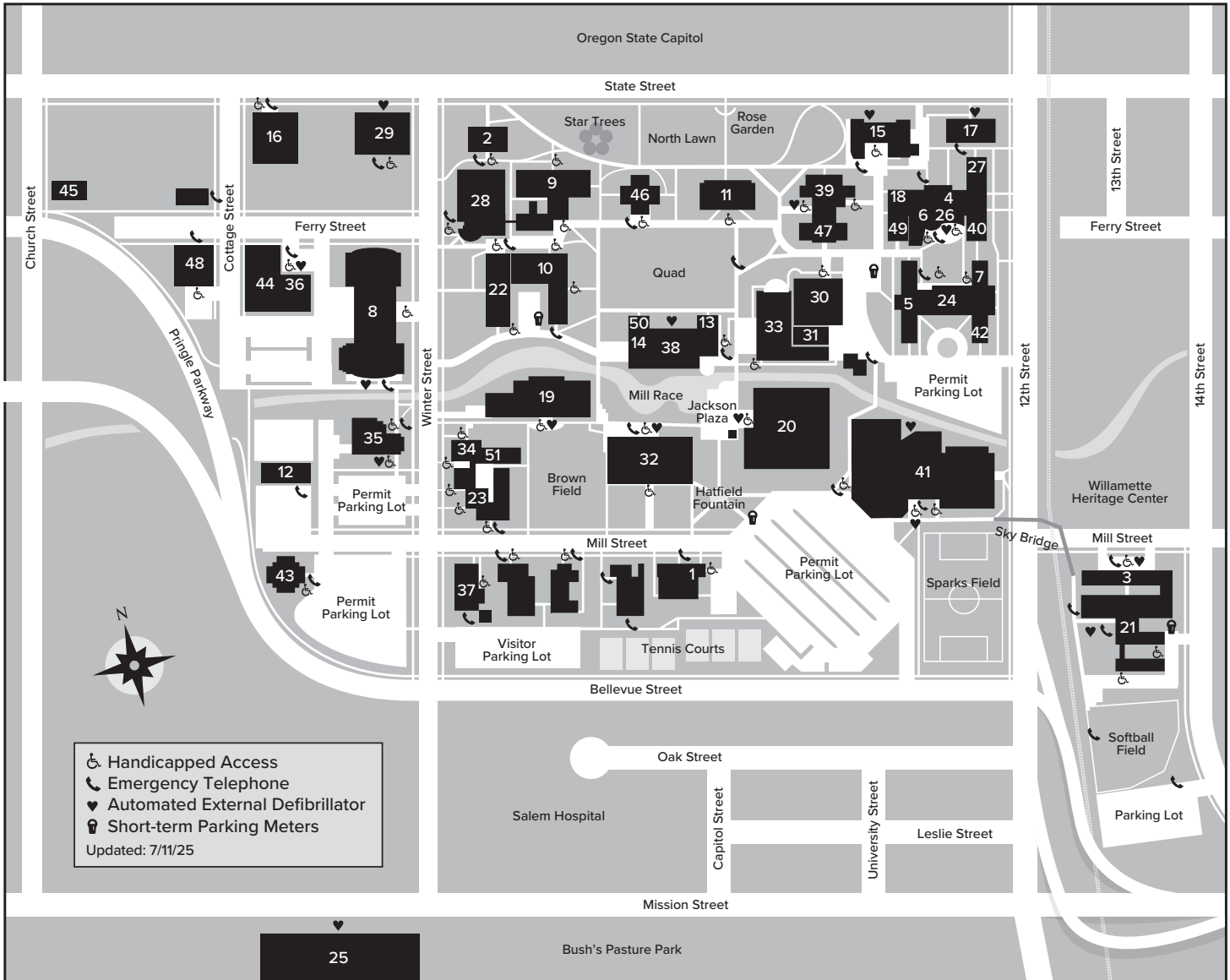


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Family Weekend October 2 – 4, 2026



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- 1 Admission Office (undergraduate)
- 2 Art Building
- 3 Atkinson Graduate School of Management (Kaneko Hall)
- 4 Baxter Hall
- 5 Belknap Hall
- 6 Bishop Wellness Center (Student Health)
- 7 Cascadia House
- 8 College of Law (Truman Wesley Collins Legal Center)
- 9 Collins Science Center
- 10 Doney Hall
- 11 Eaton Hall
- 12 Facilities Maintenance
- 13 Fine Arts East
- 14 Fine Arts West
- 15 Ford Hall
- 16 Hallie Ford Museum of Art
- 17 Gatke Hall
- 18 Global Learning Center
- 19 Goudy Commons

- 20 Mark O. Hatfield Library
- 21 Kaneko Commons
- 22 Lausanne Hall
- 23 Lee House
- 24 Matthews Hall
- 25 McCulloch Stadium and Athletics Complex
- 26 Montag Center
- 27 Northwood Hall
- 28 Olin Science Center
- 29 Oregon Civic Justice Center
- 30 M. Lee Pelton Theatre
- 31 Physical Plant East
- 32 Putnam University Center
- 33 Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center (including Hudson Hall)
- 34 Renjen Center (Student Center for Equity and Empowerment)
- 35 Seely G. Mudd Building
- 36 Service Center (including Campus Safety)
- 37 Shepard House

- 38 Smith Auditorium
- 39 Smullin Hall
- 40 Southwood Hall
- 41 Lestle J. Sparks Athletic Center
- 42 Terra House
- 43 University Apartments
- 44 University Services Building
- 45 University Services Annex
- 46 Waller Hall
- 47 Walton Hall
- 48 West Annex
- 49 Westwood Hall
- 50 Willamette Academy
- 51 York House

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