

Begin YOUR journey to...Become that
Someone.

New Student Orientation 2017 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 23 International Students Arrival and Orientation

Thursday, August 24: Welcome Day

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast on your own – Torvian Dining Hall open.

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Resident Check-In – Stokes Athletics Center

All new resident students should report to Stokes to begin New Student Orientation and the school year. Everything a new student needs to get you started on your college career—all under one roof! Make sure you pick up your FREE SFU Spirit T-shirt to wear to the Bell Ceremony and President's Welcome, compliments of your SFU Student Government Association!

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Lunch on your own– Torvian Dining Hall open.

12:00 p.m. - Mass – Immaculate Conception Chapel

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. - Parent & Family Reception – JFK Center Lounge

Come on over to JFK, grab a seat, relax, and enjoy the air conditioning and a cool treat, courtesy of the SFU Faculty, Staff, and Administration. Let us serve you while you get to know other parents and family members and celebrate the beginning of an exciting new chapter for your students and families! Please note: This session will be offered again at 2:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. - Commuter Check-In - Stokes Auxiliary Gym

All new commuting students should report to Stokes to begin New Student Orientation and the school year. Everything a new student needs to get you started on your college career—all under one roof! Make sure you pick up your FREE SFU Spirit T-shirt to wear to the Bell Ceremony and President's Welcome! **Reminder:** Commuter Information Session in the JFK Lounge at 6:00pm TONIGHT!

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. - Parent & Family Reception – JFK Center Lounge

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3:30 p.m. - The Bell Tower Ceremony—Campus Mall @ the Bell Tower

All members of the Class of 2020 should meet at the Bell Tower wearing the new Saint Francis t-shirt you received at Check-In. The Bell Tower is located directly across from Torvian Dining Hall. The Bell Tower Ceremony is a tradition at Saint Francis in which all students pay homage and respect to those who've come before them. ***Parents can meet their students at DeGol Stadium for the President's Welcome address.***

4:00 p.m. - President's Welcome – DeGol Field (Rain location: Stokes DeGol Arena)

We invite all new students and their families to meet with Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Saint Francis University President, and members of the University community for the official welcome and opening of New Student Orientation.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Family Time – Residence Halls

Grab dinner, get unpacked, set-up your room, and say “See you later” to Mom and Dad, and the rest of your family, and begin your new independent life as a college student.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Commuter Information Session—JFK Center Lounge

Many commuter students make JFK their home while on campus or hang out at other locations. Learn about the services offered to commuter students. **ALSO—plan to attend the Commuter Social at 8 p.m. tonight in the JFK Lounge!**

7:00 p.m.– 7:50 p.m. - Orientation Opening Session - JFK Center Auditorium

The Saint Francis University Orientation program can help you “**Become that Someone...**” and make your college experience everything you want it to be! You’ll meet the Orientation Counselors (aka OCs) who will serve as your guides for the next four days as you begin your college journey as a member of the Class of 2021. We’ll introduce the New Student Orientation program and explain your group assignments. There will also be time for questions. **Please bring your Orientation Schedule (provided at Check-In)**

8:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. - Residence Hall Meetings – Residence Halls

Meet your new neighbors and learn what it’s like to live in a residence hall. This initial floor meeting is an opportunity to meet the RAs and students on your floor, as well as to review residence hall policies and procedures.

8:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. - Commuter Social – JFK Center Lounge

Enjoy some refreshments compliments of the Student Government Association and meet your fellow commuter classmates.

9:00 p.m.— 9:50 p.m. - Student Expectations as Members of the Saint Francis Community – JFK Center Auditorium

As a member of the Saint Francis University learning community, your new home comes with great expectations and responsibilities designed to keep you on the path to success. Lynne Banks, Associate Dean of Students, will review the Student Code of Conduct and share the keys to success at SFU!

10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. - Speaker: Justin Jones -Fosu—JFK Auditorium

Do you know of some students on your campus lacking focus or motivation? Do you ever feel like you have misplaced the passion for why you chose to go to college in the first place? What would it look like to have more students on campus that are focused, motivated, and committed to meaningful success? Justin is ready to inspire you toward that reachable reality, and to keep you effectively engaged while doing so!

In this inspiring and personal keynote, Justin challenges students to identify or reconnect with your why (purpose) and to live it out now (passion) in order to achieve meaningful success. Too much focus on the “why” can lead to great reflection with little to no action. Too much focus on the “now” can lead to impulsive and ultimately bad decisions. Learn how a clarifying blend of both can lead to you to be a more engaged student, impactful leader, and ultimately a thoughtful global citizen.

11:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Block Party & Pizza – JFK Center

Join your Orientation Counselors (OC's) at JFK for a block party, including free food, games, and music!

Friday, August 25: Academic Day

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. - Breakfast on your own – Torvian Dining Hall

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. - First-Year Academic Convocation—JFK Auditorium

During this convocation, students will be welcomed into the academic community, a community of scholars. Watch for more information about the keynote speaker.

10:00 a.m. - 12:50 pm - Department Meetings (which will include a staggered departmental-organized, see below)

Please report to your assigned locations.

You will meet with faculty members of your department in the rooms listed below. It is extremely important that you bring your class schedule with you. All new students are required to attend.

School of Arts and Letters—Dr. Timothy Whisler, Dean

Communications – Scotus 102

Education - Sullivan 202A

History and Political Science - Scotus 210

(Includes History, Political Science, Pre-Law)

Literature & Languages - Scotus 206

Philosophy/Religious Studies - Scotus 211

Psychology - Scotus 207

Sociology and Criminal Justice - Scotus 208

Social Work - Scotus 209

Environmental Studies— Sullivan 112

School of Business—Dr. Randy Frye, Dean

Schwab Hall—Room 106

Accounting

Economics

Finance

Management

Management Information Systems

Marketing

Business Administration (Exploratory Business Majors)

School of Health Sciences—Dr. Donald Walkovich, Dean

Exercise Physiology - Padua 111

Health Care Studies/Public Health - DiSepio 211

Nursing - Sullivan 204

Occupational Therapy - Raymond 218

Physician Assistant Sciences - DiSepio 213/214

Physical Therapy - Stokes 221

School of Sciences—Dr. Charles MacVean, Dean

Biology - Science Center 101 (includes Biochemistry, Environmental Science, Marine Biology, Medical Technology, Molecular Biology, Pharmacy, Podiatric Science, Pre-Professional, Secondary Education)

Chemistry - Science Center 230 (Includes Chemistry, Forensics, Pre-Professional, Pharmacy, Biochemistry, Secondary

Education)

Mathematics, Engineering and Computer Sciences - Science Center 024 (Includes Actuarial Science, Computer Science, Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Mathematics, Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering)

Exploratory Majors—Ms. Renee Bernard, Director of Academic Success & Retention - JFK Lounge

Lunch with your Faculty —Torvian Dining Hall

Lunch Group A - 11:00 am - 11:50 am—School of Health Science and School of Business

Lunch Group B - 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm—School of Science, School of Arts & Letters, and Exploratory

11:15 a.m. - Confessions—Immaculate Conception Chapel

12:00 p.m. - Mass —Immaculate Conception Chapel

1:00-2:30 pm - Summer Reading Discussion

We hope you did your homework! Students will meet with their advisor to discuss the summer reading project. The book for this year is The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks “tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew. It’s a story inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the birth of bioethics, and the legal battles over whether we control the stuff we’re made of.”

(<http://rebeccaskloot.com/the-immortal-life/>)

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - What is the True Cost of Underage Drinking? - JFK Center Auditorium

The true cost of underage drinking is much more than purchasing the alcohol, dealing with the hangover or paying for the damages you may have done. Hear straight from District Judge John Prebish Jr.; Liquor Control Enforcement representative, Officer Michael Mirabella; Associate Dean of Students, Ms. Lynne Banks; Director of Residence Life, Mr. Don Miles, and head of University Police, Sargent Chris Lytle, as to what is truly at stake for you.

4:00--5:00 - QUANTITATIVE LITERACY PRE-TEST (Groups as Assigned)

This exam is for all new students. **VERY IMPORTANT!! Please remember to bring a calculator. Cell phone calculators are not permitted.**

5:00 p.m.—6:45 p.m. - Dinner on your own—Torvian Dining Hall

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. - Playfair – DeGol Field (Rain Location: Stokes—DeGol Arena)

The world’s largest icebreaker! PLAYFAIR is the most popular campus attraction in history for New Student Orientation Programs. PLAYFAIR is totally unlike anything else you have ever experienced. It’s entertainment! It’s fun! It’s the perfect way to make new campus friendships! And PLAYFAIR is more than just an entertainment event – it is a team-building experience that has a long-lasting effect on the campus community.

8:45 p.m.—9:30 p.m. - Red Flash Rally - Stokes — DeGol Arena

It is so awesome that here in the tiny town of Loretto, our University is recognized as one of the smallest NCAA Division-I athletics programs. SFU is home to one of the most successful student-athlete programs in the country. Any athletic team is only as good as the fan-support behind them...come learn more about your SFU #FlashFam and how you can show your #FlashFever to lead our teams to V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!!!

9:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. - Bonfire and S'Mores – Campus Ministry Center

We're all meeting at Campus Ministry for hot dogs, mountain pies, and S'Mores! Sponsored by Campus Ministry.

Saturday, August 26: Student Life Day

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. - Become that Someone...through Transformational Experiences – JFK Center Auditorium

Saint Francis University is inspired by the life and values of St. Francis of Assisi. Because of this the University believes in educating the whole person, which means an SFU education will help you develop not only intellectually, but also socially, morally, and spiritually -- helping you to truly "become that someone" God is calling you to become. A big way in which we help you grow outside of the classroom is through our 6 Transformational Experiences, which include Campus Ministry, Community Service, Internships, Leadership, Research, and Study Abroad. Hear from various campus leaders about the opportunities that are available for you and learn about how the University will record your experiences for you to use after you graduate to help you secure placement in your top-choice graduate school or to secure the professional employment opportunities you are working hard to prepare for!

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Servant Leadership through ROTC —JFK Center Auditorium

SFU is proud to be recognized as a "Military Friendly Institution" for being in the top 15% of all colleges, universities, and trade schools nationwide for the certifications, programs, policies, and financial efforts it uses to recruit and retain military students. One program in particular that supports our efforts is the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program that we are proud to participate in through the US Army.

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. - Brunch on your own - Torvian Dining Hall

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Campus Safety – JFK Center Auditorium

Safety is a top priority of the Saint Francis community. Discover how you can stay safe throughout your college experience by learning about campus policies, procedures, and other tips that promote a safe campus environment. Don Miles, Director of Residence Life, and Sargent Chris Lytle, head of University Police, will address campus safety concerns and offer valuable advice about campus safety.

1:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m. - "Would you like a Cup of Tea?" - JFK Auditorium

Being away at college should be a happy, fun, and memorable experience. Saint Francis University prides itself on providing all students with fairness, advocacy, and respect...especially when it comes to promoting a safe and healthy social environment. Join Don Miles, Director of Residence Life, as he reviews important resources that are available to students.

2:00 p.m.—2:50 p.m. Ice Cream Social – JFK Lounge, Upper Level, JFK Center

Join Eric Horell, Director of Alumni Engagement and members of the SFU National Alumni Association to enjoy a cool treat.

3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Orientation Small Group Session—JFK Center

Meet with your orientation group to review the Orientation sessions and clear up any questions you may have.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Dinner on your own – Torvian Dining Hall

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - He Said, She Said

Women: JFK Auditorium Men: Frankie's, JFK Center

This is your opportunity to get answers to all your questions regarding socialization and interaction with your new campus community. This open forum (where male students will meet with male staff members and female students meet with female staff members) includes discussions on creating and maintaining healthy relationships.

8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - Student-Athlete Snow Cone Social - Stokes Auxiliary Gym

The official welcome of student-athletes by the Athletics Department Administration, this is a great opportunity for new students to meet teammates and fellow student-athletes.

8:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. - Your Orientation Counselors present “SFU Student Life 101”

- JFK Center Auditorium

Make these next few years the “best of your life” through smart and positive decisions. There are many opportunities for fun and excitement at Saint Francis and in the surrounding area. Learn about the many activities available and fun things to do from current Saint Francis students. In their own unique way, the Orientation Counselors will have you rolling in the aisles while you learn more about the opportunities available to get you involved at SFU.

10:00 p.m.—1 a.m. Class of 2021 Dance!—JFK Lounge

Sunday, August 27: Transition Day

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. "Walk a Mile (or two) in My Shoes"—at Campus Ministry

Enjoy nature, meet new friends, and explore your new surroundings during this short hike across our campus nature trail. Join us for this two mile along this scenic trail. A great way to start your last day of orientation!

10:00 a.m. - Mass - Immaculate Conception Chapel

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Brunch on your own—Torvian Dining Hall

11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.—All Christian Praise and Worship Service—Frankie's

1:15 p.m.—2:15 p.m. - Orientation Closing Ceremony—JFK Auditorium

The Saint Francis University Peer Ministers will guide you through the closing ceremony as you sign a pledge to uphold the Franciscan Goals of Higher Education and become official Saint Francis University students.

2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. - Orientation After-Party—JFK Center Back Patio

Celebrate the conclusion of the New Student Orientation experience with food, music games and fellowship. Sponsored by Campus Ministry.

2:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. - Looking to get involved at SFU?! - JFK Lounge

Are you interested in getting involved at SFU? This session will introduce you to clubs and organizations, leadership opportunities and ways to become part of the SFU community.

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Laptop U – Groups as assigned.

This is your ONLY opportunity to receive your new laptop and ask any questions about using the network.

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - CIRP Survey – Groups as assigned.

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Dinner on your own—Torvian Dining Hall

6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m. - Walmart Shopping Trips – Departing from the JFK Lounge

Forgot something? We'll be taking a last-minute trip to Ebensburg to the local Walmart. Stock up on laundry supplies, H & B (health and beauty), or stuff for your room. Three trips will be offered: 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m., 7:15 p.m.—8:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. Maximum 18 people per trip. Sign up at the JFK Information Desk.

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - Student Mass – Immaculate Conception Chapel

Tuesday, August 29

12: 15 p.m. - Mass of the Holy Spirit—Campus Mall (Rain location: Immaculate Conception Chapel)

To mark the opening of the academic year, St. Francis University celebrates its annual Mass of the Holy Spirit. The Mass will be celebrated by our President, Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R. on the first day of School. It will be held in the University Mall in the center of the campus, weather permitting, or in the University Chapel in the event of inclement weather. The Mass of the Holy Spirit gathers together the entire University family to invoke God's blessing for inspiration, guidance and wisdom on the new school year. It helps us to rededicate ourselves to our Catholic, Franciscan mission. This Mass is a time to renew friendships, welcome our new students to the University community, and voice our desire to be a Spirit-filled community. The Mass of the Holy Spirit is open to all members of the SFU community.

Friday, September 1st — Saturday, September 2nd

The 2017 Welcome Weekend Celebration!!!

The annual Welcome (Back) Weekend Celebration is the perfect way to begin a new school year with tons of games, food, activities, and prizes to help you enjoy an extra weekend of summer fun with all your classmates and #FlashFam! Welcome Weekend is coordinated by the SFU Student Activities Organization (SAO).

Watch for updates on OrgSync with details about the weekend's events and activities!

Wednesday, September 6

5:30 p.m.—6:30p.m. — Student Involvement Fair —Campus Mall (Rain location: JFK Lounge)

(CES Credit is available!)

It's that time again - time for the annual STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR! The Involvement Fair is one of the best opportunities to get involved in campus life at SFU. Organization members will be available to share their experiences and invite you to join. The co-curricular experience is one of the most important parts of having a successful college career! You will make friends, learn all about SFU, and develop invaluable skills you will use in life beyond your years in Loretto. There are over 80 clubs, organizations, club sports, and special interest groups to choose from. Wondering where to start YOUR SFU Student Life? Start at the Involvement Fair! The Student Involvement Fair is sponsored by the Center for Student Engagement and the Saint Francis University Student Government Association.

Friday, September 15—Sunday, September 17

The 2017 Family Weekend Celebration!!!

The annual Family Weekend Celebration is one of SFU's oldest traditions where parents, siblings, and other family members of our students can return to campus for a weekend full of fun and exciting activities and events for the whole family to enjoy together! Family Weekend is coordinated by the SFU Student Activities Organization (SAO).

Go to francis.edu/family-weekend for more details or check for schedule updates on OrgSync!

Thursday, October 26—Saturday, October 28

The 2017 Homecoming Celebration!!!

Truly the event of the year! #FlashFever will rise and all things S-F-U will get RED HOT! Gear up, get out, and Go Red Flash!!!

Go to francis.edu/homecoming for more details or check for schedule updates on OrgSync!

There is much more to come so check OrgSync, your campus email, or your phone for text alerts about all the awesome events and opportunities available for you to enjoy! Remember to get involved, make new connections, and create memories!

YOUR SFU Experience is at your fingertips!