

Begin YOUR journey to...**Become that Someone.**

# New Student Orientation 2019

## Schedule of Events

### **Tuesday, August 13** International Students Arrival and Orientation

### **Thursday, August 22: 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 Class of 2023 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 & Frankie's Campus Club are open.

**12:00 p.m.** Mass (*optional*) – 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 Class of 2023 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 2023 should meet at the Bell Tower wearing the new Class of 2023 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 2023 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: Kevin Snyder—JFK Auditorium**

Whether we are a new student in college or a corporate executive, there are times in life when the temptation to give up creeps into our minds and we begin to doubt ourselves. These are the most crucial moments when we need to develop grit, press onward, and break through the adversity we are facing. With the right type of mindset, our struggles can be used to develop our strengths and maximize our leadership development. This interactive presentation will reveal the amazing stories, leadership secrets and strategies from extraordinary leaders that Dr. Snyder discovered through his TEDx talk and has been shared with nearly 500,000 people in all 50 states.

**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 23: 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 lunch, 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.

### **Shields School of Business—Dr. Randy Frye, Dean**

*All Business school majors will meet in Schwab Hall—Room 106*

- Accounting
- Business Administration (Exploratory Business Majors)
- Communications
- Criminal Justice/Sociology
- Economics
- Finance
- Management
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing

### **School of Health Sciences & Education—Dr. Donald Walkovich, Dean**

- Education - Scotus 105
- Exercise Physiology - Padua 111
- Health Care Studies/Public Health - Library 206
- Nursing - DiSepio 201
- Occupational Therapy - Raymond 218
- Physician Assistant Sciences - DiSepio 213/214
- Physical Therapy - Stokes 221
- Psychology - Library 205
- Social Work - Library 203

### **School of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics—Dr. Pete Skoner, Interim Dean**

- Biochemistry—Science Center 237  
(includes Pre-Medicine)
- Biology - Science Center 101  
(includes Aquarium & Zoo Science, Ecology & Environmental Biology, Marine Biology, Medical Laboratory Science, Molecular Biology, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Pharmacy, Secondary Education)
- Chemistry - Science Center 230  
(includes Environmental Chemistry, Forensics, Nanochemistry, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Pharmacy, Secondary Education)
- Environmental Studies— Scotus 207  
(includes Fermentation Arts)
- History and Political Science - Scotus 210  
(includes Government Service, International Studies, Pre-Law, and Public Administration)
- Literature & Languages - Scotus 206  
(includes American Studies, English, International Business and Modern Languages, Spanish, and Women's Studies)
- Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science - Science Center 024  
(includes Actuarial Science, Aviation Concentration, Cybersecurity, Environmental Engineering, General Engineering, Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering, and 3-2 Engineering)

### **Exploratory Majors—Dr. Renee Bernard, Associate Dean of Instruction**

*All Exploratory majors will meet in the JFK Lounge*

## **Lunch with your Faculty —Torvian Dining Hall**

- **Lunch Group A - 11:00 am - 11:50 am—School of Health Sciences & Education**
- **Lunch Group B - 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm—Shields School of Business, School of STEAM, and Exploratory**

**11:15 a.m. Confessions (optional) —Immaculate Conception Chapel**

**12:00 p.m. Mass (optional) —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 *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid. *Exit West* follows two remarkable characters, Nadia and Saeed, living in a country teetering on the brink of civil war. When war erupts, familiar streets are turned into a patchwork of checkpoints and bomb blasts where violence escalates each day. They hear whispers of doors - doors that can whisk people far away, if perilously and for a price. Nadia and Saeed decide that they no longer have a choice. Leaving their homeland and their old lives behind, they find a door and step through. . . .They emerge into an alien and uncertain future, struggling to hold on to each other, to their past, to the very sense of who they are. Profoundly intimate and powerfully inventive, it tells an unforgettable story of love, loyalty, and courage that is both completely of our time and for all time. (Amazon)

## **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 Denny Smolko; Associate Dean of Students, Ms. Lynne Banks; Director of Residence Life, Mr. Don Miles, and head of University Police, Captain Eric Allen, 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. – 10:30 p.m. The Red Zone Tailgate (Student-Athletes ONLY) — DeGol Arena**

The official welcome of new student-athletes! This event is sponsored by the Student-Athlete Mentors (SAMs), the APPLE Leadership Team (ALT), and the NCAA CHOICES Grant! This is a great opportunity for new students to meet teammates and fellow student-athletes while learning more about the awesome programs and services available exclusively for student-athletes at SFU! Enjoy traditional tailgate foods, refreshments, and great giveaways, too!

## **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 24: Student Life Day**

### **10:00 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 U.S. Army 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 U.S. 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 Captain Eric Allen, head of University Police, will address campus safety concerns and offer valuable advice about campus safety.

### **1:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m. A Culture of RESPECT: It is on US - 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 Lynne Banks, Associate Dean of Students and Title IX Coordinator, as she 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 Campus Club, 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.

**8:45 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 2023 Dance!—JFK Lounge**

## **Sunday, August 25: Transition Day**

**10:00 a.m. Mass —Immaculate Conception Chapel**

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

**1:15 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Orientation Closing Ceremony—JFK Auditorium**

Upperclassman Student Leaders will guide you through the closing ceremony and challenge you to uphold the Franciscan Goals of Higher Education and truly live as members of the Saint Francis University community of student scholars.

**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, and backyard games. 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 & CIRP Survey – Groups as assigned.**

This is your **ONLY** opportunity to receive your new laptop and ask any questions about using the network. To be followed by the national CIRP Survey of college freshmen.

**4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. Transfer Student Welcome**

All Transfer Students are invited to this exclusive welcome and Q&A session. An optional campus tour will be offered.

**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’s Mass – Immaculate Conception Chapel**

## **Thursday, August 29**

**12: 00 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 University President, Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D. 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.

**NOTE: Classes will operate on a compressed schedule for Thursday, August 29.**

## **Friday, August 30th – Saturday, August 31st**

**The 2019 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 Engage with details about the weekend's events and activities!

## **Wednesday, September 4**

**5:30 p.m.—6:30p.m. — Student Involvement Fair —JFK Student Center  
(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 6**

**Grand Re-Opening of the Lower Level of JFK!!!**

Watch for emails and notifications for details!

## **Friday, September 13**

**Flash Outdoor Recreation Experience (Freshman Overnight Backpacking Trip)**

Register by September 3rd at <http://bit.do/sfucamping>.

## **Friday, September 20–Sunday, September 22**

**The 2019 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](http://francis.edu/family-weekend) for more details or check for schedule updates on Engage!

## **Thursday, October 24–Saturday, October 26**

**The 2019 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](http://francis.edu/homecoming) for more details or check for schedule updates on Engage!