



Schedule

First-Generation College Student Track

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

8:30 a.m. Breakfast (Students)

Grab your breakfast and join us for conversation and connection.

Location: Founders Room, Kerr Student Center

8:45 a.m. Coffee and Pastries with the Westmont Parents Council (Guests)

Parents and other guests enjoy some breakfast treats and mingle with faculty, staff, and members of the Westmont Parents Council.

Location: Physics Patio, Winter Hall, 3rd floor

9:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions 1 (Students & Guests)

10:35 a.m. Concurrent Sessions 2 (Students & Guests)

Students and guests select from one of the four options below for each of the two sessions. Each session will be offered twice.

Financial Aid and Budgeting Tips & Tricks

A representative from Student Financial Services will go over some financial aid essentials and discuss ways to make college more affordable (scholarships, work-study, etc.). Come hear advice about how to stretch your funds and use what you have wisely.

Location: Winter Hall 106

Spanish interpretation is available for Session 1 only

Academic Planning & Career Readiness

We will have representatives to share about general education, majors, graduation requirements, global education, and the Cove (Career Opportunities and Vocational Exploration).

Location: Winter Hall 206

Spanish interpretation is available for Session 2 only

Thriving in Your Classes

Hear from one of your student success coaches (SSCs) how to not just survive but to thrive in your academic work. This session will focus on practical and proven strategies for college success. Some of the topics will include: syllabus review, navigating Canvas, note-taking, seeking support and communicating with professors, time management, and study skills.

Location: Winter Hall 212

Cultural Transitions

A faculty member with experience living abroad will lead us in a discussion about transitioning into a new culture. How do I retain and celebrate important elements of my culture and upbringing in this new place? How do I appropriately embrace aspects of this new culture? How do I have conversations about these topics with classmates who may not know how to do so? And how do I do it all with grace and mercy for those around me and for myself?

Location: Winter Hall 216

11:30 a.m. First Connections Closing (Students & Guests)

Come and be encouraged as you are launched into this new journey of higher education, focused on the end goal of graduation and attaining your degree.

Location: Winter Hall Lawn

You will then join the all-student orientation. Check in at the Welcome tent on Kerrwood lawn and make sure to get your Student ID photo taken.