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Event Helps Prepare First-Year and Transfer Students for Start of Classes in August

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The preparations have been made...
the must-have items are checked off from lists... the months have
turned to weeks and the weeks have turned to days. The clock is winding down for many
teens as they prepare to leave the comforts of home in order to begin their new season of
life as full-time college students.

On May 29, before many have even graduated from high school, dozens of future students will take advantage of a GWU "Jump Start" day. Held prior to fall orientation, "Jump Start" is designed to help them finalize the details of their class schedule, housing assignments, and even billing to ensure a smooth transition before officially moving onto campus in August.

Parent Beth Marvin reported the Jump Start event was extremely beneficial to her and her daughter because they were able to get their questions answered and come away from the event with peace of mind as they planned for fall orientation.

"I think Jump Start really allows the students to have a more comfortable feeling and be more at ease and more at home because they will have been here and walked the campus, been in some of the buildings, met some of the students, met some of the faculty, so it really gives them a chance to just feel a part of Gardner-Webb before they actually come," she said.

Incoming students will follow the schedule below:

8:00-8:30 a.m. Morning Check-In (Residence Hall tours available upon request.)

8:30-8:45 a.m. Welcome

8:45-9:45 a.m. Faculty Open House

9:00-11:30 a.m. Personalized Appointments*

11:30-12:00 p.m. Afternoon Check-In

Noon Lunch

1:00-1:15 p.m. Welcome

1:15-2:15 p.m. Faculty Open House

2:00-4:30 p.m. Personalized Appointments*

*Appointments will be scheduled for each student with advising, financial aid, and student accounts.

Representatives from a wide array of academic areas and clubs will be set up on the first floor of the Dover Campus Center to offer students a glimpse into some of the programs and activities that may be part of campus life.

Other Jump Start days are planned on June 26 and July 24. For more information, contact the GWU Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 704-406-4498.

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