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New Student Orientation on July 19



BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University is proud to welcome more than 150 new students and their families to campus for the third Summer Orientation Session on Tuesday, July 19! The Orientation will provide new students a chance to meet and connect with classmates, familiarize themselves with the campus, meet Gardner-Webb faculty and administrators, get to know academic advisors and financial planning officers, and even review class schedules.

This is the first year the University has offered a series of summer Orientation sessions rather than one large session in the fall before classes begin. “In years past, fall Orientation has been extremely large and a bit overwhelming for students. They’re moving in, they’re trying to learn a completely new campus and grasp tons of information, and they have to do all that while also getting ready to start classes in only a few days,” said Karissa Weir, director of new student orientation. “Now that there are multiple sessions, the student groups at each session are smaller and more intimate, and students also have more time to make the adjustment to college before the stress of moving in and starting classes heats up.”

With Orientation behind them, Weir says students can look forward to a more relaxed move-in weekend this fall. A variety of fun activities are planned for the fall Week of Welcome, including an action-packed game show, a concert, and several other social events to help students meet their classmates.

While Tuesday is the final summer session for new students, first year students who live more than five hours from campus and unable to attend a summer session, as well as new transfer students, should sign up for the Aug. 22 session.

For those attending Tuesday’s Orientation: check-in will be held in the Dover Theater, inside the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center complex. Be sure to have filled out all the forms, satisfied testing requirements, and completed the items on the checklist in the Admissions folders sent earlier this summer. During Orientation, make sure to wear comfortable clothing and bring your MYWEBB username and password, a picture ID, spending money for the Campus Shop, immunization information, questions and concerns, and a positive attitude and an open mind.

Welcome to Gardner-Webb!