

# UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL-SPECIFIC EVENTS

# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Calendar of Events | **August 18 – August 25, 2025**

## INFORMATION

### NEW STUDENT RESOURCES FAIR AND CAMPUS EXPRESS CENTER

The New Student Resources Fair and Campus Express Center are in Houston Hall on Tuesday, August 19 and Wednesday, August 20, 10am-3pm. Visit this "one-stop shop" and explore resources offered by the following campus partners to simplify your start at Penn.

- AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER
- ALMANAC
- ALUMNI RELATIONS & PENN TRADITIONS
- ARTHUR ROSS GALLERY
- CAMPUS RECREATION
- CAREER SERVICES
- CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH & FELLOWSHIPS (CURF)
- CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE/ SPARC
- CIVIC HOUSE
- CLASS OF 1923 ICE SKATING RINK
- COLLEGE HOUSES & ACADEMIC SERVICES TECHNOLOGY
- CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTERS
- DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATIONS INITIATIVE
- FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
- FINANCIAL WELLNESS @ PENN
- FOX LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
- GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES (ISSS)
- KELLY WRITERS HOUSE
- KLEINMAN CENTER FOR ENERGY POLICY
- NETTER CENTER FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
- NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION & ACADEMIC INITIATIVES (NSOI)
- OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
- OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS & ETHNIC INTERESTS (OREI)
- OFFICE OF THE OMBUDS
- PEERS HELPING INTEGRATE NEW STUDENTS (PHINS)
- PENN ABROAD
- PENN ATHLETICS
- PENN LANGUAGE CENTER
- PENN LEADS THE VOTE (PLTV)
- PENN LIBRARIES
- PENN LIVE ARTS
- PENN MUSEUM
- PENN STUDENT AGENCIES
- PENN SUMMER ABROAD
- PENN SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE
- PERRY WORLD HOUSE
- PROGRAM ON OPINION RESEARCH AND ELECTION STUDIES (PORES)
- RED & BLUE ENGAGEMENT CENTER- OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS
- SHOP PENN
- SNF PAIDEIA PROGRAM
- STUDENT REGISTRATION & FINANCIAL SERVICES
- THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY (GAPSA)
- UNIVERSITY LIFE
- UNIVERSITY LIFE | SPACE AND EVENTS
- WEINGARTEN CENTER
- WELLNESS AT PENN
- WHARTON BEHAVIORAL LAB



## WELCOME FROM THE NSOI ORIENTATION STAFF!

The New Student Orientation & Academic Initiatives (NSOI) staff is committed to making your transition to Penn smooth, educational, and fun. NSOI will lay the foundation for your time at Penn, which we believe will be the most exciting and academically enriching time of your life. The 2025 NSOI schedule includes academic programs as well as cultural and social events that explore Penn, Philadelphia, and much more. We encourage you to take full advantage of the wide range of programs and opportunities offered to you during this week. Wishing you all the best of luck as you begin your Penn experience!

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### OFFICE OF NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION & ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

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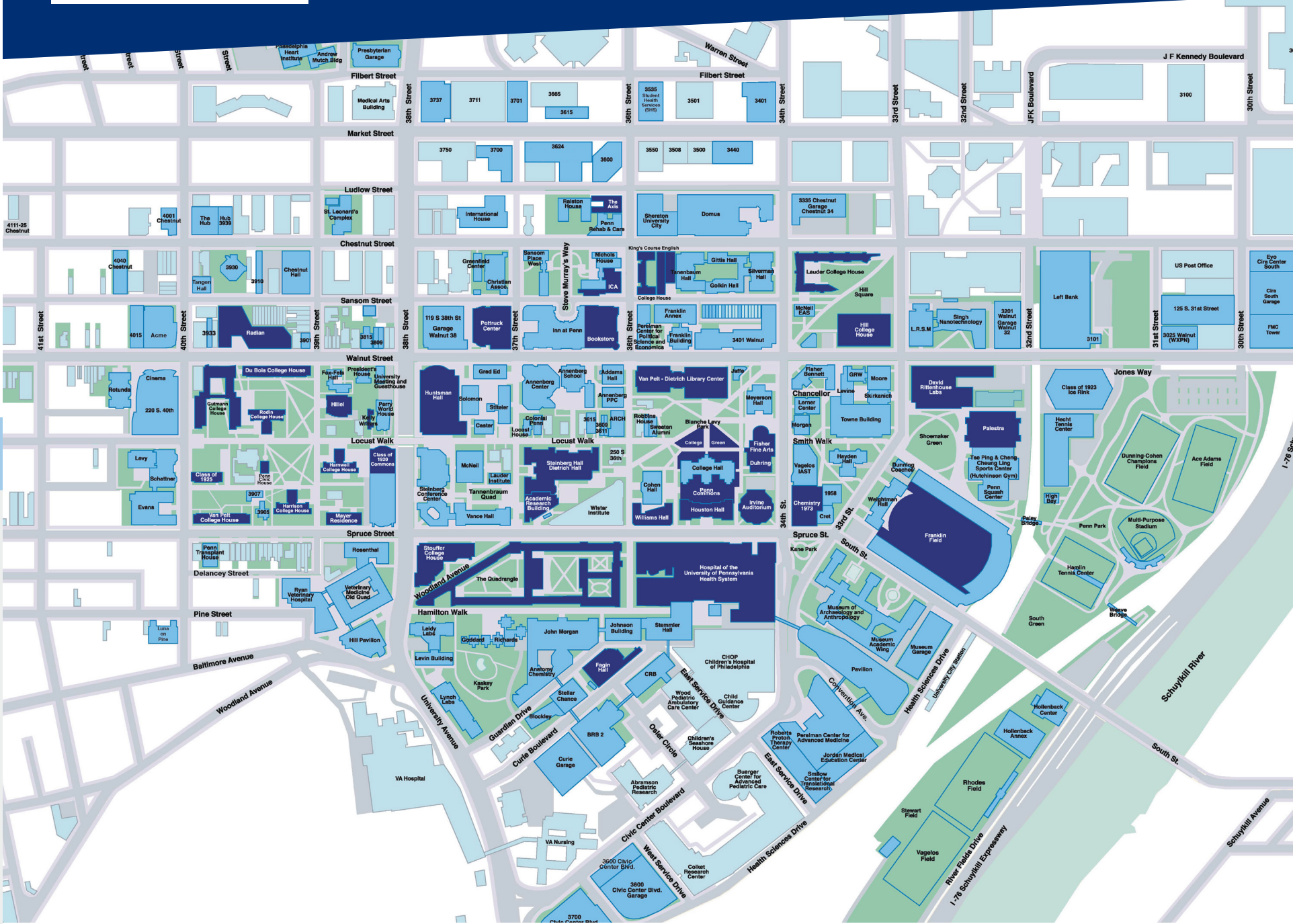
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## CAMPUS MAP

To view and search the complete interactive campus map, see [www.facilities.upenn.edu/maps](https://www.facilities.upenn.edu/maps).

■ NSOI Locations ■ Penn Buildings

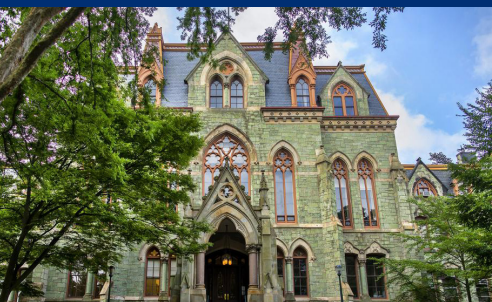


### NSOI CALENDAR

# 2025

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### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



College Hall

### SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING



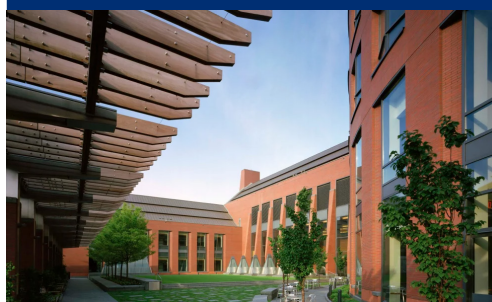
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### SCHOOL OF NURSING



Claire M. Fagin Hall

### WHARTON SCHOOL



Jon M. Huntsman Hall

### ALL SCHOOL EVENTS ARE MANDATORY

#### Monday, August 25

##### 11am-1:30pm EXPLORE THE COLLEGE: THE TRANSFORMATIVE YEARS AHEAD

Peter Struck, Stephen A. Levin Family Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will moderate a conversation about the value of a liberal arts education and what it means to fully explore the College's academic offerings.  
Location: Irvine Auditorium

##### 11am-1:30pm COLLEGE ACADEMIC FAIR & PICNIC

Enjoy a picnic lunch, explore the unique majors, minors, and programs the College has to offer, and meet our advising team!  
Location: Shoemaker Green

##### 1:30pm-4:15pm DIG DEEPER WITH THE COLLEGE

Join faculty, staff, and students for panel discussions delving into aspects of the College experience.  
Location: Irvine Auditorium

##### 1:30pm-4:30pm THIRD SPACE AT THE COLLEGE

Join us for Philly treats, activities, and time to get to know your peers in the College. This space will be available through the afternoon for you and your friends to drop in and cool off.  
Location: Irvine Caf   58

##### 1:30pm-2:15pm WORK STUDY & UNDERGRAD RESEARCH

Campus jobs and undergraduate research can help students build their skill set, network, and provide more financial security during college years. In this session you'll hear from the Student Financial Aid Office, the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, and our Office of Academic Excellence and Engagement about working on campus.  
Location: Irvine Auditorium

##### 2:30pm-3:15pm AI & A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

How do Penn faculty and students approach Artificial Intelligence in their courses? Faculty will share their excitement about the potential of AI and their recognition of the limits of its use, and current students will share their experiences of navigating AI in the College classroom.  
Location: Irvine Auditorium

##### 3:30pm-4:15pm INTRO TO STEM @ PENN

Hear about the many ways Penn faculty structure their STEM courses and advice they have for note taking, study strategies, and engaging with the material. Participants will learn about the range of pedagogical approaches used in our science courses and strategies for approaching the different types of class structures.  
Location: Irvine Auditorium

#### Monday, August 25

##### 9:30am-9:45am MEET YOUR OPA!

Meet your OPA at the designated spot to walk over together to the Dean's Meeting.  
Location: Check with your OPA

##### 10am-10:30am PENN ENGINEERING DEAN'S MEETING

Meet the Dean and administrators from Office of Academic Services as you are welcomed to Penn Engineering. This information meeting will introduce you to Penn Engineering and provide you with an overview of the School.  
Location: Zellerbach Theatre, Annenberg Center, 3680 Walnut St

##### 10:30am-11:15am FUN ACTIVITY WITH YOUR OPA

Location: Check with your OPA

##### 11:30am-12pm PENN ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTAL MEETING

Meet departmental faculty and staff in the major or program you plan to pursue at Penn. Locations will be announced at the Dean's meeting, or ask your OPA for details.  
Location: Check the Dean's Meeting Schedule, Canvas, or your OPA

##### 12pm-1pm LUNCH WITH OPAS AND DEPARTMENTAL FACULTY

Get to know the faculty and students in your department, major, and program over lunch.  
Location: Check Canvas or Dean's Meeting Schedule

##### 1pm-4pm FACULTY ADVISING MEETINGS

Faculty Advisors will be assigned to you at the beginning of NSOI. Meet with your Faculty Advisor at the designated meeting dates and times.  
Location: Faculty offices or check Canvas for exact locations



#### Monday, August 25

##### 10am REGISTRATION

Check in and pick up your swag bags.  
Location: Carol Ware Lobby, Fagin Hall

##### 11am-11:30am DEAN'S WELCOME

Dean Antonia Villarruel and the Office of Academic Affairs staff welcome the BSN Class of 2028 & BSN/NHCM Class of 2029 and provide an overview of the School, support services, and student life.  
Location: Claire Fagin Hall Auditorium

##### 11:30am-12pm SETTING THE STAGE FOR YOUR LEARNING: PROFESSIONALISM

Dr. Selena Gilles, Associate Dean for School and Community Engagement.  
Location: Claire Fagin Hall Auditorium

##### 12pm-1pm IF I KNEW THEN WHAT I KNOW NOW...

Current Nursing students share helpful hints for being successful and making the most of your Penn Nursing experience. After the panel, there will be time for open Q&A.  
Location: Claire Fagin Hall Auditorium

##### 1pm-2pm RESOURCE FAIR AND WELCOME LUNCH

Get to know your classmates and the Penn Nursing Peer Advisors during this lunch celebrating the Class of 2029 & 2030!  
Location: Carol Ware Lobby, Fagin Hall

##### 2pm-3pm CAMPUS TOUR WITH PEER ADVISORS

Join Nursing Peer Advisors for a tour of campus and tips about campus and Philly favorites.  
Location: Meet in Carol Ware Lobby, Fagin Hall

### NOTE FOR DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS

Students in Huntsman, LSM, M&T, and Nursing Healthcare Management will attend a mix of both School's events. Please speak with your Cohort Director and/or your Peer Advisor for more information about your program's specific NSOI schedule.



#### Monday, August 25

##### 9:30am-10:15am MEET YOUR COHORT

Students will meet with their cohort leaders and fellow cohort members.  
Location: Various locations as specified below:

Dinar	Academic Research Building (ARB) Room 140
Dollar	Academic Research Building (ARB) Room 240
Euro	Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall (SHDH) Room 107
Peso	Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall (SHDH) Room 109
Rand	JMHM Room 340
Rupee	JMHM Room 345
Shekel	JMHM Room 350
Yen	JMHM Room 360
Yuan	JMHM Room 365

##### 10:15am-11:15am WHARTON TOUR

Join student leaders for a tour of Wharton buildings so you can become familiar with class spaces, study spots, event locations, and resource offices.  
Location: Various locations

##### 11:15am-11:45am WHARTON WELCOME

Dean Erika James, Vice Dean Cait Lambertson, and student leaders will formally welcome the Class of 2029 and transfer students.  
Location: Zellerbach Theatre, Annenberg Center

##### 11:45am-12:30pm COHORT LUNCH

Have lunch and learn all about the cohort program and ways to get involved.  
Location: Same as "Meet Your Cohort" rooms

##### 12:30pm-1:45pm WHARTON "CIRCLES" COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Join student leaders for this interactive dialogue about academic and co-curricular life at Wharton.  
Location: Same as "Meet Your Cohort" rooms

##### 1:45pm-3pm WHARTON FIRST-YEAR FESTIVAL

Enjoy games, great food, and giveaways. Make connections with your classmates, student leaders, and staff and learn about various Wharton centers and initiatives.  
Location: Tannenbaum Quad and Hoover Lounge



# PLACEMENT EXAMS

### NON-LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAMS

#### BIOLOGY

Thursday, August 21 from 10am-2pm in Leidy 10

#### CHEMISTRY

Chem 1012: Friday, August 22 from 8am-10am in Chemistry Building 102

Chem 1022: Friday, August 22 from 5pm-7pm in Chemistry Building 102

#### MATHEMATICS for credit

Thursday, August 21 from 5pm-7pm in Meyerson B1

### LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAMS

#### ARABIC

Friday, August 22 from 8am-10am in Williams 29

#### CHINESE (WRITTEN EXAM)

Friday, August 22 from 8am-10am in David Rittenhouse Laboratory A1

#### CHINESE (ORAL EXAM)

Monday, August 25 from 8am-10am in Williams 23

#### FRENCH & ITALIAN

Friday, August 22 from 8am-10am in Meyerson B1

#### GERMAN

Friday, August 22 from 5pm-7pm in Cohen 402

#### HEBREW

Thursday, August 21 from 8am-10am in Williams 723

#### JAPANESE

See website for details: <https://web.sas.upenn.edu/japanese/placement>

#### KOREAN

Thursday, August 21 from 8am-10am in David Rittenhouse Laboratory A4

#### LATIN/ANCIENT GREEK

Friday, August 22 from 8am-10am in Cohen 402

#### MAKE-UP EXAMS (FRENCH, ITALIAN, & SPANISH)

Monday, August 25 from 8am-10am in Meyerson B1

#### RUSSIAN (OPTION 1)

Friday, August 22 from 5pm-7pm in Williams 23

#### RUSSIAN (OPTION 2)

Sunday, August 24 from 8am-10am in Williams 23

#### SPANISH

Thursday, August 21 from 8am-10am in Meyerson B1



# PENN PARENTS & FAMILY ORIENTATION

## MONDAY, AUGUST 18

**10am-3pm**  
**NSO HOSPITALITY BOOTHS**  
Swing by to get your questions answered and enjoy a cold drink!  
Location: 34th St & Walnut St; 37th St & Locust Walk; College Green

**11am-4:30pm**  
**LUNCH FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

**5pm-8pm**  
**DINNER FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**  
For students and families who do not identify with a specific population, or prefer an alternative option, dinner is available in the dining cafés.  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons (Halal options available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

**5:30pm-7:30pm**  
**WELCOME RECEPTION**  
Enjoy light refreshments and meet other students who are first-generation and/or limited-income, as well as faculty and staff supporters. Family members are also welcome!  
Location: Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA), 118 S 36th St

## TUESDAY AUGUST 19

**10am-3pm**  
**NSO HOSPITALITY BOOTHS**  
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Location: 34th St & Walnut St; 37th St & Locust Walk; College Green

**10am-3pm**  
**NEW STUDENT RESOURCES FAIR & CAMPUS EXPRESS CENTER**  
See Tuesday's description for details.  
Location: Houston Hall

**10am-3pm**  
**PENN PARENTS INFO STATION**  
Meet the Penn Parents team and get your questions answered.  
Location: Reading Room, Houston Hall

**11am-4:30pm**  
**LUNCH FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, Lauder, Kings Court English House (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

**5pm-8pm**  
**DINNER FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**  
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## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

**10am-3pm**  
**NSO HOSPITALITY BOOTHS**  
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**10am-3pm**  
**NEW STUDENT RESOURCES FAIR & CAMPUS EXPRESS CENTER**  
See Wednesday's description for details.  
Location: Houston Hall

**10am-3pm**  
**PENN PARENTS INFO STATION**  
Meet the Penn Parents team and get your questions answered.  
Location: Reading Room, Houston Hall

**10am-11am**  
**ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND DISABILITY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**  
See Wednesday's description for details.  
Location: Weingarten Center

**10am-11:30am**  
**"BEST OF THE PENN MUSEUM" TOUR**  
See Wednesday's description for details.  
Location: Meet at the Front Entrance to the Penn Museum, inside the Japanese Gates

**11am-4:30pm**  
**LUNCH FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, Lauder, Kings Court English House (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

**12pm-2pm**  
**PENN LIBRARIES SHOWCASE**  
See Wednesday's description for details.  
Location: Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center

**12pm-2pm**  
**ARTHUR ROSS GALLERY SHOWCASE**  
See Wednesday's description for details.  
Location: Arthur Ross Gallery, Fisher Fine Arts Library

**1pm-2pm**  
**INTRODUCTION TO PENN'S VIBRANT CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTERS**  
See Wednesday's description for details.  
Location: Irvine Auditorium and Café 58

**2:30pm-3:30pm**  
**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW: HELPING PENN PARENTS AND FAMILIES WITH THE TRANSITION TO COLLEGE**  
See Wednesday's description for details.  
Location: Irvine Auditorium and Café 58

**4pm-4:45pm**  
**PRESIDENT AND PROVOST'S FAMILY WELCOME**  
See Wednesday on Main Calendar for details.  
Location: College Green  
Rain Location: Irvine Auditorium

**5pm-8pm**  
**DINNER FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, Lauder, Kings Court English House (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

# MONDAY AUGUST 18

**All Day**  
**SPECIFIC POPULATIONS WELCOME ACTIVITIES**  
Welcome activities for Exchange at Penn (EAP), IGSP, FGL, International, and Transfer students. Please see the appropriate calendar insert or online calendar for additional information.  
Location: Various Locations

**10am-3pm**  
**NSO HOSPITALITY BOOTHS**  
Swing by to get your questions answered and enjoy a cold drink!  
Location: 34th St & Walnut St; 37th St & Locust Walk; College Green

**11am-4:30pm**  
**LUNCH FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons (Halal options available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

**5pm-8pm**  
**DINNER FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**  
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Location: Hill, 1920 Commons (Halal options available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

# TUESDAY AUGUST 19

**10am-3pm**  
**NSO HOSPITALITY BOOTHS**  
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Location: 34th St & Walnut St; 37th St & Locust Walk; College Green

**10am-3pm**  
**NEW STUDENT RESOURCES FAIR & CAMPUS EXPRESS CENTER**  
"One-stop shop" for essential resources and services for all Penn students. Opportunity to meet and engage with Penn resources and get your questions answered.  
Location: Houston Hall

**11am-4:30pm**  
**LUNCH FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, Lauder, Kings Court English House (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

**5pm-8pm**  
**DINNER FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, Lauder, Kings Court English House (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

## DINING INFORMATION

The dining schedule reflects your NSO Dining Plan. Fall 2025 Dining Plans begin on Tuesday, August 26. If you have dietary restrictions or questions about nutrition and healthy eating habits, please reach out to Penn's Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Sarah Gaff (gaffs@cafebonappetit.com).



**M** Mandatory Events  
**H** Highlight Events

# WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20

**7am-10am**  
**BREAKFAST FOR STUDENTS ONLY**  
Location: Hill and 1920 Commons.

**10am-3pm**  
**NSO HOSPITALITY BOOTHS**  
Swing by to get your questions answered and enjoy a cold drink!  
Location: 34th St & Walnut St; 37th St & Locust Walk; College Green

**10am-3pm**  
**NEW STUDENT RESOURCES FAIR & CAMPUS EXPRESS CENTER**  
"One-stop shop" for essential resources and services for all Penn students. Opportunity to meet and engage with Penn resources and get your questions answered.  
Location: Houston Hall

**10am-11am**  
**ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND DISABILITY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**  
Whether you're looking for academic guidance, accessibility accommodations, or just want to learn more about what's available, this is your chance to get informed and inspired. Come curious, leave empowered!  
Location: Weingarten Center

**10am-11:30am**  
**"BEST OF THE PENN MUSEUM" TOUR**  
Worlds of wonder await at the Penn Museum—join us for an inspiring tour and discover why this extraordinary place is a source of pride worth sharing with all your friends!  
Location: Meet at the Front Entrance to the Penn Museum, inside the Japanese Gates

**11am-4:30pm**  
**LUNCH FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, Lauder, Kings Court English House (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

**H 12pm-2pm**  
**PENN LIBRARIES SHOWCASE**  
Explore the Penn Libraries' research materials, high-tech equipment, study spaces, and services that help students succeed. Plus, take the opportunity to explore the exhibit *Revolution at Penn*®, open through August 29.  
Location: Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center

**12pm-2pm**  
**ARTHUR ROSS GALLERY SHOWCASE**  
Join gallery staff and view the current exhibition "Hung Liu: Happy and Gay," which examines the role of children's book illustrations in the creation of national identity.  
Location: Arthur Ross Gallery, Fisher Fine Arts Library

**1pm-2pm**  
**INTRODUCTION TO PENN'S VIBRANT CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTERS**  
The college student experience is exciting because it is so multifaceted, ranging from academics and co-curricular engagement to residential life and alumni mentorship. Our Cultural Resource Centers offer a vibrant array of intercultural experiences, transformative learning opportunities, and meaningful leadership development as students learn about themselves, their peers, and the diverse communities in which they exist. Come hear from students and staff about how these spaces enrich students' lives.  
Location: Irvine Auditorium and Café 58

**2:30pm-3:30pm**  
**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW: HELPING PENN PARENTS AND FAMILIES WITH THE TRANSITION TO COLLEGE**  
Penn administrators will provide an overview of resources available to students and discuss how parents and families can help their students adjust to college life and succeed at Penn. Topics covered include community building and belonging, health and wellness, safety, and finances.  
Panelists include:  
► Kathleen Shields Anderson, Vice President for Public Safety  
► Benoit Dubé, Associate Provost and Chief Wellness Officer  
► Mariana Valdes-Fauli, Associate Vice Provost for Student Registration and Financial Services  
► Rev. Charles (Chaz) Howard, University Chaplain and Vice President for Social Equity & Community - Moderator  
► Karu Kozuma, Vice Provost for University Life  
Location: Irvine Auditorium and Café 58

**4pm-4:45pm**  
**PRESIDENT AND PROVOST'S FIRST-YEAR FAMILY WELCOME**  
First-year families join President J. Larry Jameson and Provost John Jackson at the steps of College Hall.  
Location: College Green at the Ben Franklin Statue  
Rain Location: Irvine Auditorium

**5pm-8pm**  
**DINNER FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, Lauder, Kings Court English House (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

**M 7:30pm**  
**COLLEGE HOUSE MEETINGS**  
Student attendance required for College House meetings and activities with House staff. Check with your RA or House Director for additional information.  
Location: Various Locations



# THURSDAY AUGUST 21

**PENN SPIRIT DAY**  
**PROUDLY WEAR RED & BLUE ATTIRE**

**8am-2pm**  
**PLACEMENT EXAMS**  
See first page for details.  
Location: Various Locations

**7am-10am**  
**BREAKFAST**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, and Kings Court English House (Halal available)

**11am**  
**LUNCH**  
Location: 1920 Commons from 11am-2pm, Hill, Lauder, Kings Court English House (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available) from 11am-4:30pm

**2pm-2:30pm**  
**CLASS OF 2029 CLASS PHOTO**  
First-year students head over to Franklin Field to receive their class shirt and take their class photo.  
Location: Franklin Field

**M 2:30pm-4:15pm**  
**WELCOME TO THE PENN COMMUNITY**  
Welcome to Penn — your home for the next four years! In this immersive session in the historic Palestra, you'll be welcomed as a member of the Class of 2029; learn about the university values that guide our community; and meet people here to help you. Students receive their NSO wristbands upon entry. Penn ID is required for entry. No bags permitted.  
Location: The Palestra

**H 4:30pm-6:30pm**  
**HIGHBALL TO HEY DAY**  
Join Penn Traditions and Alumni Relations to learn about Penn's traditions and history, play games, enjoy snacks, and get your exclusive Class of 2029 giveaway!  
Location: College Green

**5pm-8pm**  
**DINNER**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, Lauder, Kings Court English House (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

**H 7pm-9pm**  
**AN EVENING AT PENN LIBRARIES**  
Join us Thursday night to explore the libraries! You can dance at a Silent Disco, win at Quizco (Philly's trivia night), print and send a postcard, and visit the *Revolution at Penn*® exhibit.  
Location: Van-Pelt Dietrich Library Center



# FRIDAY AUGUST 22

**8am-10am; 5pm-7pm**  
**PLACEMENT EXAMS**  
See first page for details.  
Location: Various Locations

**7am-10am**  
**BREAKFAST**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, and Kings Court English House (Halal available)  
**M 9:45am-4:15pm**  
**PHINS PHRIDAY: PHINS ORIENTATION GROUP ACTIVITIES, SAFE LIVING AT PENN, & PENN VIOLENCE PREVENTION CONSENT CIRCLES**  
PHINS Orientation Group Activities allow first-years to meet with their orientation leader and members of their orientation group. As a group, first-years attend orientation events, meals, and more! Safe Living at Penn offers first-years a chance to hear from campus resources who provide support services throughout their undergraduate career. Speakers include representatives from Public Safety, Penn Wellness, and more! PVP Consent Circles build community, share resources, & normalize conversations on consent and supporting individuals who have experienced interpersonal violence. See PHINS box on right panel for details.  
Location: See [www.mymandatoryevents.com](http://www.mymandatoryevents.com) for times and locations

**11am-2pm**  
**LUNCH**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, Lauder, Kings Court English House (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

**5pm-8pm**  
**DINNER**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, Lauder, Kings Court English House (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher and Shabbat service available)

**5pm-7pm**  
**PENN BOOKSTORE SOCIAL**  
Welcome to Penn's comprehensive and comfortable bookstore—a great place to shop and hang out. Enjoy music, desserts, and raffle drawings in the 2nd floor café.  
Location: Penn Bookstore

**7pm-9pm**  
**NIGHT AT THE REC**  
Join Penn Campus Recreation for a fun Night at the Rec! Tour our 5 Fitness floors with many activities to learn and engage in the world of Campus Recreation. Join us for some studio tours, try the Rock-Climbing Wall, visit the newly renovated Sheerr Pool, learn more about our Sport Clubs at the Sports Club Expo, and so much more! Learn more about what Campus Recreation has to offer during your time on campus and speak with Campus Rec staff about how to stay healthy and active. Enjoy a live DJ, a photo booth and a chance to get a free t-shirt (limited quantities)!  
Location: Pottrick Health and Fitness Center

**9pm-11pm**  
**THE HOUSTON HURRAH!**  
Join us in Houston Hall for one of the biggest Hurrah's of the year for the RED & BLUE! Your student union will be hosting an open house extravaganza of events including a picture scavenger hunt, free ice cream and snow cones, arts and crafts, video games and board games, and you can make your own custom street sign to take back to your room. We will have the Penn Glee Club Band as our special musical guests. Enjoy the sweet treats, live musical performances and meet new friends as you explore Houston Hall together.  
Location: Houston Hall & Houston Hall Porch Facing College Hall

# SATURDAY AUGUST 23

**10am-2pm**  
**BRUNCH**  
Location: Hill and 1920 Commons (Halal available)

**H 10am-2pm**  
**NSO PRECEPTORIALS**  
Preceptorials are not-for-credit educational sessions designed to highlight the University's intellectual richness, foster a sense of belonging within our shared community, and help students shape their Penn experience. These sessions focus on these key areas: Academic Life, America 250, Civic Engagement, Community Building, Cultural Awareness, and Wellness.  
Location: See the NSO website for a complete list of offerings and registration information

**H 2pm-5pm**  
**PENNTRACKS: PHILADELPHIA WALKING TOURS**  
Join your fellow classmates for free guided tours throughout Philly and discover more about your new home.  
Location: Meet on College Green

**H 4:30pm-9pm**  
**AN EVENING AT THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART**  
This is the gala event of NSO that everyone talks about! Enjoy music, dancing, and free admission to the world-class galleries! Dinner is served at the museum. Wristbands and Penn IDs are required for entry.  
Location: Philadelphia Museum of Art

**9:30pm-11pm**  
**NSO SPEAKEASY**  
This open mic night features performances by the incoming class. Bring your poetry, your guitar, your award-winning essay and share your talents with your classmates. Or just come hang out, listen, and check out the Writers House.  
Location: Kelly Writers House

# SUNDAY AUGUST 24

**10am-2pm**  
**BRUNCH**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, Kings Court English House (Halal available)

**M 10am-3:00pm**  
**PENN READING PROJECT**  
The Penn Reading Project (PRP) introduces first-year students to the academic life at Penn. See right panel for details.  
PHINS Groups 1-60: 2pm-3:30pm  
PHINS Groups 61-120: 10am-11:30am  
Location: Irvine Auditorium

**5pm**  
**WOMEN'S SOCCER: PENN VS. MOUNT SAINT MARY'S**  
Show your Red & Blue pride! Come support the Quakers as they take on the Mountaineers in Women's Soccer.  
Location: Rhodes Field

**5pm-8pm**  
**DINNER**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, Kings Court English House (Halal available), and Falk Hillel (Kosher available)

# MONDAY AUGUST 25

**8am-10am**  
**PLACEMENT EXAMS**  
See first page for details. Secondary/Make-up placement and departmental exam(s) options.  
Location: Various Locations

**7am-10am**  
**BREAKFAST**  
Location: Hill, 1920 Commons, and Kings Court English House (Halal available)

**M 9:30am-4pm**  
**SCHOOL-SPECIFIC EVENTS**  
All events coordinated by the Undergraduate Schools. See the first page for details.  
Location: Various Locations

**11am-2pm**  
**LUNCH WITH UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS**  
Check your Undergraduate School-specific schedule and contact your Peer Advisor, Cohort Leader, and/or OPA for details.  
Location: Various Locations

**M 7pm-9pm**  
**CONVOCATION & DESSERT RECEPTION**  
This formal ceremony inducts the Class of 2029 and new transfer students into the Penn community. Afterwards, enjoy a private reception for the class including music and a delicious dessert reception to celebrate. Penn ID is required for entry into the stadium. No bags permitted.  
convocation.upenn.edu  
Location: Franklin Field  
Rain Location: The Palestra



# PEERS HELPING INTEGRATE NEW STUDENTS (PHINS)

Friday, August 22 | **9:45am-4:15pm**



PHINS (Peers Helping Integrate New Students) Orientation Leaders are upper-level Penn students who you will see around campus during NSO wearing light blue shirts. On Friday, your PHINS Orientation Leader will take you on a tour of campus, escort your group to their PVP Consent Circle, and provide you with resources to help you navigate your first year at Penn. The PHINS are so excited to welcome you to the Penn Community and are eager to answer your questions! For more PHINS Orientation Group information and your personalized schedule of mandatory events, visit [mymandatoryevents.com](http://mymandatoryevents.com).

## PHINS PHRIDAY SCHEDULE

PHINS Group Number	PVP Consent Circles	PHINS Group Activities	Safe Living at Penn
1-30	9:45am-11:15am	11:30am-12:45pm	2pm-3:15pm
31-60	11:30am-12:45pm	9:45am-11:15am	2pm-3:15pm
61-90	1:30pm-2:45pm	3pm-4:15pm	10am-11:15am
91-120	3pm-4:15pm	1:30pm-2:45pm	10am-11:15am

# AN EVENING AT THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

Saturday, August 23 | **6:30pm-9pm**

Class of 2029, join your classmates for a fun and inspiring evening at one of the world's greatest art museums. Adventure through collections of Asian, European, American, and Contemporary art. Enjoy festive food (Kosher and Halal options available) while taking in a spectacular view of the Philadelphia skyline and tackling the famous Rocky Steps.

Please bring your Penn ID and wear your NSO wristband. Smart casual attire is recommended. Dinner and dessert will be served through 8:30pm. Free shuttle bus transportation will begin at 6:15pm and will run continuously between the museum and the pick-up/drop-off points listed below. The museum is also within walking distance of Center City and Penn's campus, and taxis/cabs/car-sharing services are readily available.

**Bus Stops**  
Between 37th St and 38th St on Spruce St (Upper Quad Gate)  
Between 33rd St and 34th St on Walnut St (Hill)

To learn more about this world-class institution and explore upcoming exhibitions and public programs, please visit [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org).

If you would like to request fully accessible transportation to the Philadelphia Museum of Art event, please contact Disability Services (see below).



## PENN READING PROJECT

Sunday, August 24 | **10am-3:30pm**

The Penn Reading Project (PRP) was conceived in 1990 as a shared experience that introduces students to Penn's vigorous intellectual life. This year, rather than a single book, our focus is *Revolution at Penn*®, an immersive exhibit in Penn's Van Pelt Library that examines the formation of the University; the debates that divided the school during the American Revolution; and the compromises that reorganized it as the University of Pennsylvania in 1791.

All first-year students were introduced to PRP through a preview module in Thrive at Penn (TAP). On campus, they are expected to experience the exhibit in person, including through our special celebration, An Evening at Penn Libraries on Thursday, August 21. There, visitors can view political pamphlets, broadsides, maps, prints, manuscripts, and a full-scale replica of a colonial coffee house!

Concluding the PRP will be the mandatory session in Irvine Auditorium, where Penn faculty and students will discuss the exhibit and the themes it centers: the sometimes-contentious formation of American history, and the ongoing questions about the place of universities in America, then and now.

**Session Times**  
PHINS Groups 1-60: 2pm-3:30pm  
PHINS Groups 61-120: 10am-11:30am  
For more details, visit [www.mymandatoryevents.com](http://www.mymandatoryevents.com)



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