

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION: FALL 2026

Wednesday, August 19, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
8:00a – 11:00a	New Student Move-In	Residence Halls
11:30a – 12:30p	New Student & Family Welcome Session	PLC Arena
12:30p – 1:45p	Welcome Lunch	PLC IM Rooms
1:45p	New Commuter Student Orientation Session	Breen Student Union Student Lounge, 2 nd Floor
*TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS		
Set up your room, grab your laptop during an IT session, pick up your mail key, or visit the library! Use this time to take care of extra business around campus.		
1:00p – 4:00p	Parent Coffee Connection Sponsored by: PNC Bank	Rock Quad (located outside the Student Union)
1:00p – 3:00p	Imago Dei Ice Cream Social	STEM Patio (Rock Quad)
2:00p – 3:00p	*Laptop Distribution Session #1	Staley Hall
3:15p – 4:15p	*Laptop Distribution Session #2	Staley Hall
4:30p 4:30p – 5:30p	Parents Depart *Students will be scheduled the rest of the evening/week. Meet OB Community Groups	The Quad
5:30p – 6:45p	Dinner with Community Groups 5:30 PM: Groups 1-16 6:00 PM: Groups 17-32	Hicks Café
7:00p – 7:45p	Meet with your Resident Assistant	Resident Hall Locations
8:00p – 10:00p	Graffiti Dance	IM Rooms

*Look for an email from the IT Help Desk, or on myGCC, about signing up for your session time.

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Thursday, August 20, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00a – 8:30a	Breakfast (Optional)	Hicks Café
9:00a – 10:10a	Session #1: “President’s New Student Meeting”	PFAC Ketler Auditorium
10:20a – 11:45a	Session #2: “Campus Life @ GCC”	PFAC Ketler Auditorium
12:00p – 1:45p	Lunch 12:00 PM: Groups 1-16 12:30 PM: Groups 17-32	Hicks Café
1:30p – 3:45p	Campus & Community Resource Fair Departments/Groups: Academic Resource Center/Disability AHN GCC Athletics Campus Safety Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation Christian Formation Residence Life Global Programs Grove City PD Imago Dei Center Institute for Faith & Freedom Music Department Orientation Board PNC Bank Student Involvement Council Superior Urban Trail Coffee Admissions Alumni Office AWARE Career Services Center for Rural Ministry Counseling Center Media Services Grove City Fire Henry Buhl Library IMPACT Mercer County EM Operations Parkhurst Dining Student Government Association Student Recreation Theatre Program Zerbe Health Center	Rock Quad
1:30p – 4:00p	Language Placement Testing	Staley Hall, Room 204
2:15p – 3:15p	Laptop Distribution Session #3	Staley Hall
4p – 5p	Session #3: Career & Calling	PFAC Ketler Auditorium
6:00p – 7:30p	Dinner Meetings: Freshman Connection Groups 6:00 PM: Groups 1-16 6:30 PM: Groups 17-32 Transfer Dinner Commuter Dinner	Hicks Café Old MAP Café Student Union, Great Room
8:00p – 10:30p	Evening Under the Stars	Lincoln Lawn

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Friday, August 21, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00a – 8:00a	Sunrise Worship, feat. Collage Coffee	The Quad
7:00a – 8:30a	Breakfast (Optional)	Hicks Cafe
8:00a – 9:15a	Transfer Student Laptop Session #1	SHAL 110
9:15a – 10:00a	Session #4: “Academic Life at GCC” <i>Dr. Peter Frank, Provost</i>	PFAC Ketler Auditorium
10:15a – 11:00a	Session #5: “Academic School Meetings”	Hopeman Calderwood Winklevoss Ketler Harbison Sticht
11:30p – 1:00p	Lunch 11:30 AM: Groups 1-16 12:00 PM: Groups 17-32	Hicks Café
1:15p – 3:15p	Session #6: “Meet Your Major”	*Various Locations
3:00p – 4:00p	Transfer Student Laptop Session #2	SHAL 210
3:00p – 4:15p	Happy Hour @ Urban Trail Coffee, live music by TBD	Buhl Library Patio
4:30p – 5:30p	Session #8: Spiritual Formation at GCC “Chapel” *Chapel Credit for New Students	Harbison Chapel
6:00p – 7:30p	Dinner 6:00 PM: Groups 1-16 6:30 PM: Groups 17-32	Hicks Café
8:00p – 10:00p	Carnival	SHAL Courtyard

*See the room locations list.

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Saturday, August 22, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00a – 8:30a	*Breakfast (Optional)	Hicks Café
9:00a – 12:00p	GCC Serve Day <i>*Required for all new students.</i> Students will sign up to serve at a designated serve site.	Check in at IM Rooms
12:15p – 2:00p	*Lunch (Optional)	Hicks Café
12:30a – 1:30p	Education Majors Lunch	Rathburn Hall Morledge Room
3:00p – 5:00p	OB Olympics	The Quad & Lower Campus
5:15p – 6:30p	*Dinner (Optional)	Hicks Café
8:00p – 10:00p	Bonfire	Lower Campus

*Meal plans begin – swipe to get in. Commuters should continue to sign in through the weekend.

Sunday, August 23, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
8:00a – 12:00p	Go to Church <i>*Check with your RA or OB CGL for a ride OR Ask about Local Church Shuttle Info!</i>	Various Locations
8:00p – 9:00p	Residence Hall Meetings	Residence Hall Locations

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Monday, August 24, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
CLASSES BEGIN! <i>*MAP Garage Opens for Late Night Meal Swipes!</i>		
11:00a-11:50p	SESSION #9A WORKSHOPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Fear, Failure, and the Faithfulness of God" <i>Ms. Mandie McCreddie, Director of Student Care</i> ▪ "Freshman Field Guide to Wellbeing: The Counseling Center's Top 10 Times for Student Success" <i>Ms. Cara Papay, Ms. Sheryl Anderson, & Ms. Christa Bupp</i> ▪ "¿Christian Formation in College?" <i>Dr. Don Opitz, Chaplain & Senior Director of Christian Formation</i> ▪ "Charting Your Course: Pathways to Academic Success" <i>Ms. Kathy Leonard, Director of Academic Advising, & Mr. Mike Robinson, Assistant Director of Academic Advising</i> 	SHAL 108 SHAL 110 SHAL 208 SHAL 210
1:00p – 5:00p	Career Services Fall Semester Kick-Off	The Rock Quad
8:00p – 10:00p	Hoedown Throwdown	SHAL Courtyard

Tuesday, August 25, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
4:00p	SGA Freshman Senator Interest Meeting	TBD
6:00p – 7:00p	Run-Hide-Fight Training <i>*Required for all new students.</i>	PFAC Ketter Auditorium
8:00p – 9:30p	All-Campus Worship	The Quad (Harbison Chapel)

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Wednesday, August 26, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
11:00a – 11:50p	Opening Convocation	Harbison Chapel
4:00p	SGA Freshman Senator Interest Meeting	TBD
6:00p – 7:00p	Academic Success Strategies w/ Dr. Susan Dreves <i>*Required for all new students</i>	PFAC Ketler Auditorium
7:00p – 9:00p	President's Ice Cream Social	President's House

Thursday, August 27, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
6:00p – 7:00p	"Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention" <i>*Required for all new students</i>	PFAC Ketler Auditorium
8:00p – 9:30p	New Student Talent Show	Crawford Auditorium

Friday, August 28, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
11:00a – 12:30p	Church & Campus Ministry Fair <i>(Chapel Credit Opportunity!)</i>	Rock Quad (Rain: IM Room)
6:00p – 8:00p	Fall Organization Fair	Rock Quad (Rain: IM Room)

Saturday, August 29, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
6:00p – 8:00p	Student Involvement Council Event	Breen Student Union
7:00p – 8:30p	OB: Off-Broadway	PFAC Ketler Auditorium

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Monday, August 31, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
11:00a-11:50p	SESSION #9B WORKSHOPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Fear, Failure, and the Faithfulness of God” <i>Ms. Mandie McCreadie, Director of Student Care</i> ▪ “Freshman Field Guide to Wellbeing: The Counseling Center’s Top 10 Times for Student Success” <i>Ms. Cara Papay, Ms. Sheryl Anderson, & Ms. Christa Bupp</i> ▪ “¿Christian Formation in College?” <i>Dr. Don Opitz, Chaplain & Senior Director of Christian Formation</i> ▪ “Charting Your Course: Pathways to Academic Success” <i>Ms. Kathy Leonard, Director of Academic Advising, & Mr. Mike Robinson, Assistant Director of Academic Advising</i> 	<p style="text-align: center;">SHAL 108</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SHAL 110</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SHAL 208</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SHAL 210</p>
12:00p – 2:00p	InterFraternity Council – Open House Come Meet the Fraternities	SHAL Courtyard

Thursday, September 3, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00p – 9:00p	Thursday Night Hang	Breen Student Union

Friday, September 4, 2026		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
8:00p – 10:00p	All-Campus Street Dance	HAL Courtyard

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