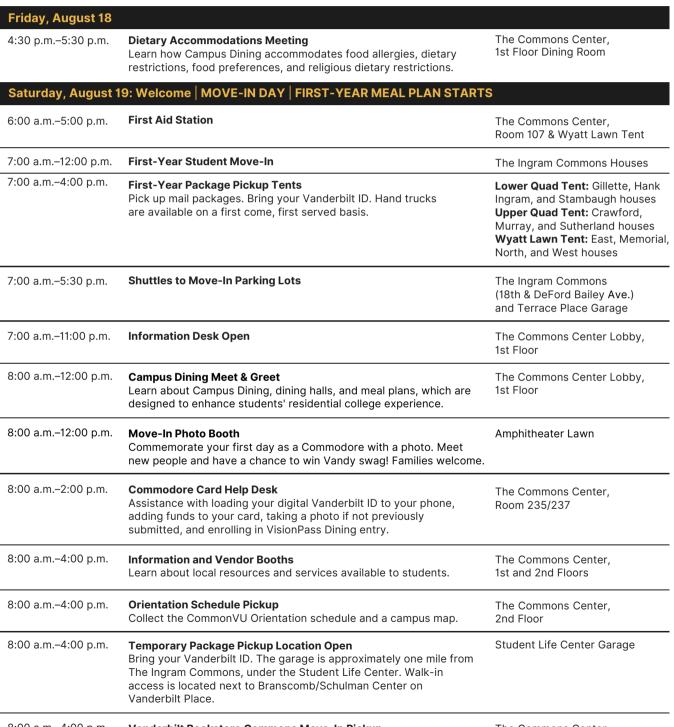
## **COMMONVU ORIENTATION SCHEDULE**

The required CommonVU Orientation program offers sessions that will help you learn more about your academic program, learn the norms and values of the Vanderbilt community, and get to know other members of the Class of 2027.

Any changes to the event schedule will be shared at **vu.edu/orientationupdates** and via Instagram **@ResColleges**. You are strongly encouraged to visit the website frequently for updates. For questions about the schedule, contact **commons@vanderbilt.edu**.



WELCOME TO

8:00 a.m4:00 p.m.	Vanderbilt Bookstore Commons Move-In Pickup	The Commons Center,
	Open for pre-ordered textbook pickup.	Room 235/237

8:00 a.m4:00 p.m.	Vanderbilt Bookstore Mobile Market Pop-Up Shop	Amphitheater Lawn
8:00 a.m4:00 p.m.	Vanderbilt Main Post Office Open (Station B)	Rand Hall
3:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.	Vanderbilt Bookstore Open	2525 West End Ave.
0:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Meet & Greet with Faculty Heads of House	South Patio Lawn Tent
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Crawford, East, Hank Ingram, Memorial, and Stambaugh houses Gillette, Murray, North, Sutherland, and West houses	
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.	Lunch at The Commons Center Dining Hall First-year students and guests are invited to enjoy a complimentary lunch provided by Campus Dining.	The Commons Center Dining Hall
11:00 a.m2:00 p.m.	<b>VUPS Safety Booth</b> Vanderbilt police officers will distribute safety information and offer bicycle and laptop registration. Please provide make, model, and serial number for the items being registered.	The Commons Center Lobby, 1st Floor
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	For International Students: Lunch with Your VUceptors (Mandatory) Connect with your student VUceptor and discuss your experience on campus so far while you enjoy lunch together. Families are invited.	South Patio Lawn Tent
2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	Black Cultural Center Family Welcome & Harambee March Join the annual Family Welcome & Harambee March. The event will begin in Sarratt Cinema and end at the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center. Meet at The Commons Center at 2:15 p.m. to walk over to the event.	Sarratt Cinema/Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center
2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	Multicultural Parent & Family Welcome The Student Center for Social Justice and Identity (SCSJI) welcomes Latin American and Hispanic, Native, Indigenous, and APIDA-identifying students and their families. All are welcome!	Multicultural Community Space (West End Neighborhood)
3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	<b>Campus Tours for Parents and Families</b> Take a walking tour of campus, learning about key resources.	Tours launch from The Commons Center, South Patio
4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	<b>University Resources and Services Fair</b> Representatives providing student services from across Vanderbilt will answer your questions one-on-one. This is a drop-in event.	Pavilion in front of Langford Auditorium Rain Location: Light Hall
5:00 p.m.	Farewells: At this point, parents and families are encouraged to say as students begin mandatory student-only programming at 5:30 p.m.	
	Parents and Family Orientation For parents and family members only	Langford Auditorium
::30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	Welcome and Remarks from Chancellor Daniel Diermeier	Parking is available in the 25th Avenue Garage.
6:00 p.m.–6:45 p.m.	Health, Safety, and Wellness: Communicating with VU and Your Student Representatives from Housing and Residential Experience, Student Affairs, Student Care Coordination, the University Counseling Center, and Vanderbilt University Public Safety will explain the roles their offices play.	Please <u>do not</u> park in VA Hospital parking. Directions to the garage are available at <b>vu.edu/orientationupdates</b> . This session will also be livestreamed and recorded for
3:50 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	Academics, Immersion, and Professional Development: Exploring the Student Experience This panel will provide information regarding the experience of current students as well as the many resources on campus to support student success at Vanderbilt.	those who wish to watch it virtually or at an alternate time.
7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.	Parents and Family Orientation Reception	Langford Auditorium Lobby

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5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	<b>Floor Community Building Dinner (Mandatory)</b> Start getting to know the people you will be living with, including your RA, over dinner. Dinner discussion will cover house policies and give you an idea of what programs you can expect over the year.	Your RA will give you the precise location.
8:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.	Welcome to the Block, Commodores! Relax, get to know your new classmates, and enjoy a treat.	Commons Lawn Tent
Sunday, August 20	: Who We Are	
8:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	<b>Catholic Welcome Mass and Open House</b> Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, followed by an Open House at the Frassati House.	Cathedral of the Incarnation (2015 West End Ave.) Frassati House (2004 Terrace Place)
8:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	Vanderbilt Chabad Meet, Greet, and Eat	Chabad House (111 23rd Ave. N)
8:30 a.m7:00 p.m.	Vanderbilt Bookstore Open If you did not pick up your pre-ordered textbooks yesterday, please stop by today. Show your Vanderbilt ID to a team member at the online pickup area located on the second level.	2525 West End Ave.
8:45 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	Hillel Bagel Brunch	Schulman Center
9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.	The Commons Center Dining Hall Open	
9:00 a.m11:00 p.m.	Information Desk Open	The Commons Center Lobby, 1st Floor
9:30 a.m.–9:40 a.m.	Episcopal Worship and Eucharist Service Invocation for new students and families.	Benton Chapel
10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Class T-Shirt Pickup: For Visions Groups 1-47 (Mandatory) This t-shirt is required for the Class Photo and Commodore Kickoff.	The Commons Center Lobby, 1st Floor
10:00 a.m1:00 p.m.	<b>Commodore Card Office Open</b> Available to aid with loading your digital card to your phone, adding money to your card, and VisionPass Dining entry enrollment.	184 Sarratt
10:00 a.m4:00 p.m.	Temporary Package Pickup Location Open	Student Life Center Garage
10:00 a.m4:00 p.m.	Vanderbilt Main Post Office Open (Station B) If you did not pick up your mailed packages yesterday, make sure to do so today. Bring your Vanderbilt ID.	Rand Hall
10:30 a.m.–1:45 p.m.	Vanderbilt Visions: Introductions, Expectations, and the Campus Reading: For Visions Groups 1-47 (Mandatory) Meet your VUceptors and share lunch with your group. Please arrive on time. All groups will move elsewhere after meeting.	Peabody Lawn
11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	<b>Class T-Shirt Pickup: For Visions Groups 48-93 (Mandatory)</b> This t-shirt is required for the Class Photo and Commodore Kickoff.	The Commons Center Lobby, 1st Floor
11:30 a.m.–2:45 p.m.	Vanderbilt Visions: Introductions, Expectations, and the Campus Reading: For Visions Groups 48-93 (Mandatory) Meet your VUceptors and share lunch with your group. Please arrive on time. All groups will move elsewhere after meeting.	Peabody Lawn
3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	House Meetings and the Community Creed (Mandatory) Gather with your housemates, faculty head, and resident advisers to examine the significance of entering a community of scholars.	Various Locations (Your RA will give you the precise location.)

5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.	<b>Founders Walk Picnic (Mandatory)</b> Enjoy a picnic dinner with your classmates before lining up for Founders Walk.	Commons Lawn Tent
7:15 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	Founders Walk (Mandatory) This event formally welcomes the first-year class into our community. Each house will be welcomed by staff and faculty before hearing remarks from university leadership. Please dress for this special occasion; recommended dress is business casual.	Alumni Lawn
9:30 p.m.	Founders Walk Dessert Social (Mandatory) Join your classmates to celebrate the formal beginning of your Vanderbilt journey.	Commons Lawn Tent
Monday, August 21	: What We Do	
BLAIR SCHOOL OF	MUSIC (Mandatory)	
8:30 a.m.–9:25 a.m.	Meeting with SEGUE Mentors	Blair School Ingram Hall Lobby
9:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Music Library Orientation and Keyboard Harmony Placements Interviews	Blair School, as assigned
11:00 a.m1:00 p.m.	Lunch Available for Pickup	Blair School Turner Hall Lobby
1:15 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Advising Meeting for All Students	Blair School Turner Hall
2:10 p.m.–2:50 p.m.	Small Group Meetings with Academic Advisers	Blair School, as assigned
3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.	Instrument/Voice/Composition Area Meetings with Faculty	Blair School, as assigned
COLLEGE OF ARTS	AND SCIENCE (Mandatory)	
9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Welcome from the Dean Student Panel: If I Knew Then What I Know Now	Langford Auditorium
10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	AXLE Essay (selected students only)	Location TBD
1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	Group Meetings with CASPAR Advisers	Various Locations
	E (Mandatory)	
9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	Orientation	Wyatt Center Rotunda
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Wyatt Center Lobby (2nd Floor)
12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	Meetings with Faculty Advisers	By appointment
SCHOOL OF ENGIN	EERING (Mandatory)	
9:00 a.m9:45 a.m.	Engineering Dean's Convocation for New Undergraduates	Student Life Center Ballroom
10:00 a.m11:00 a.m.	<b>Group Meeting with Your Faculty Adviser</b> All first-year School of Engineering students attend. Notice of adviser and room assignments will be sent by August 20 to your Vanderbilt email address.	Featheringill Hall
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.	<b>Lunch with V-Squared Ambassadors</b> Notice of group and room assignments will be sent by August 19 to your Vanderbilt email address. Student groups will be formed based on VUSE major.	Featheringill Hall, Adams Atrium
		Featheringill Hall
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Learn about Minors and VUSE Student Organizations Details to be distributed at Convocation.	
1:00 p.m2:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m3:00 p.m.		Faculty Adviser's Office

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3:45 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	<b>Community Commitments Ceremony (Mandatory)</b> Please arrive on time, as all groups will move elsewhere after the initial meeting. Dinner is included. <b>Please dress for this special</b> occasion; recommended dress is business casual.	Your student VUceptor will give you the precise location.
3:45 p.m.–6:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.–6:15 p.m. 5:15 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	Visions Groups: 1-30 Visions Groups: 31-62 Visions Groups: 63-93	
8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Academic Night: Profs in the House (Mandatory) From silly to serious, professors from the four undergraduate colleges will answer all your questions in this informal Q&A. Learn more about academic life, meet housemates in your same college, and ease your first-day-of-class jitters.	The Ingram Commons Houses (Students will be notified of the location via email.)
9:15 p.m.–10:30 p.m.	Floor Meetings with Resident Advisers (Mandatory) Floors and roommates will discuss expectations they have of one another to build and maintain community. Residential Colleges staff will share programming initiatives and leadership opportunities.	The Ingram Commons Houses (Your RA will give you the precise location.)
Tuesday, August 2	2: How to Get Help	
7:00 a.m10:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast Available</b> Plan to get breakfast before or after your required Visions session.	The Commons Center Dining Hall
8:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	Getting to Know Your Visions Group (Mandatory) Spend time with your Visions group as you learn about one another.	Peabody Lawn
8:15 a.m.–9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	Visions Groups: 48-93 Visions Groups: 1-47	
10:30 a.m11:00 a.m.	<b>Class Photo (Mandatory)</b> Wear your Class of 2027 T-shirt for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take part in the iconic "2027" photo.	Lower Quad Lawn
11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	<b>Proud to be First</b> If your in-home parent or guardian did not graduate high school or attended a 2-year higher education institution, whether in the U.S. or internationally, come learn about resources to support you!	The Commons Center, Room 235/237
1:00 p.m.–5:45 p.m.	<b>Class Schedule Walkthrough (Mandatory)</b> Don't you wish that all the buildings on campus didn't look the same? Join your VUceptor for a tour of where your classes will take place.	Your student VUceptor will give you the precise meeting location.
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m. 3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m.–5:45 p.m.	Visions Groups: 48-69 Visions Groups: 70-93 Visions Groups: 1-23 Visions Groups: 24-47	
1:00 p.m.–5:45 p.m.	<b>Time Management for Wellbeing (Mandatory)</b> Center for Student Wellbeing coaches will provide frameworks and tools to support your skills development.	Student Life Center Ballroom
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m. 3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m.–5:45 p.m.	Visions Groups: 70-93 Visions Groups: 48-69 Visions Groups: 24-47 Visions Groups: 1-23	
1:00 p.m.–5:45 p.m.	<b>True Life Presentation and Discussion (Mandatory)</b> This program honestly examines questions of identity, social integration, and wellness. Afterwards, groups will reflect and discuss their shared responsibility to engage in strengthening our community.	Langford Auditorium
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m.–5:45 p.m.	Visions Groups: 1-47 Visions Groups: 48-93	

Wednesday, Augu	st 23: CLASSES START	
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Writing Studio & Tutoring Services Open House Drop by, grab a frozen treat, and get to know our writing consultants and STEM tutors. Visit our websites for directions: vanderbilt.edu/writing and vanderbilt.edu/tutoring.	The Writing Studio & Tutoring Services Office (1801 Edgehill Ave., Suite 112)
2:00 p.m4:00 p.m.	<b>Tea Up Your Career Exploration</b> Grab bubble tea while you begin exploring with staff from the Career Center. Learn how to find internships and more through the online platform, <i>Handshake</i> .	The Commons Center, Room 235/237
5:30 p.m.–6:45 p.m.	<b>Greek Life Information Session</b> Learn about the Vanderbilt fraternity and sorority community, opportunities for involvement, and benefits of membership. The governing councils (IFC, IGC, NPHC, and Panhellenic) will provide information and answer questions.	Langford Auditorium
8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	House Programming Advisory Council Interest Meeting Students interested in obtaining a position on their House Programming Advisory Council <b>must</b> attend the meeting to be eligible to participate.	The Commons Center, Room 235/237
Thursday, August	24	
11:00 a.m2:00 p.m.	<b>SCSJI Fall Block Party</b> Join the Student Center for Social Justice & Identity to meet students and learn about resources. The event includes food trucks & SCSJI swag.	Multicultural Community Space (West End Neighborhood)
4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<b>VUTheatre Auditions for Fall Shows</b> Open auditions; you need only attend one session.	Neely Auditorium
6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	<b>The Multicultural Affair</b> Co-hosted by the Multicultural Leadership Council (MLC) and Residential Colleges. There will be performances from student groups, free food, t-shirt printing, and other MLC swag items!	Commons Lawn Tent
7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	<b>STEM-C Meet &amp; Greet</b> First-year students considering STEM-related degrees and who identify as Black and/or Latinx are invited to join Students Transforming Experiences through Meaningful Communities (STEM-C).	Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence Backyard
Friday, August 25:	How to Get Involved	
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	<b>Black Cultural Center Welcome Back Luncheon</b> This event is a great opportunity to informally interact with faculty, staff, and upper-division students.	Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center
3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	<b>Student Involvement Fair</b> Discover opportunities to get involved by connecting with over 300 student organizations and various university programs. Co-hosted by Student Organizations, Leadership, and Service and the David Williams II Recreation and Wellness Center.	David Williams II Recreation and Wellness Center
4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<b>VUTheatre Auditions for Fall Shows</b> Open auditions; you need only attend one session.	Neely Auditorium
5:00 p.m7:00 p.m.	<b>Black Cultural Center Common Bonds</b> Enjoy music, food, and fellowship; and make new friends! Co-hosted by the Black Cultural Center, Black Student Association, African Student Union, and Caribbean Student Association.	Upper Quad Lawn

6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<b>SPOTLIGHT 2023</b> This extravaganza features performances from many of the diverse performing arts groups at Vandy. Free tickets available online, at the VPAC table at the Student Involvement Fair, and at the door!	Langford Auditorium
9:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.	<b>VPB Palooza</b> Vanderbilt Programming Board's signature welcome event will provide a night of activities, entertainment, giveaways, and free food.	Student Life Center Ballroom
Saturday, August 20	6	
Your faculty head will share the precise meeting time.	<b>Ten Houses, One Team</b> Connect with your house community as you prepare to cheer on the 'Dores in their first home football game.	The Ingram Commons Houses
1:00 p.m3:00 p.m.	<b>VUTheatre Open House</b> Come learn about Vanderbilt University Theatre.	Neely Auditorium
6:30 p.m.	Vanderbilt Football v. Hawaii	FirstBank Stadium
Sunday, August 27:	Supporting One Another	
9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	Vanderbilt Student Government Fair Learn about the branches of student government while earning free food! This is a great way to determine which branch is right for you!	Leadership and Service Space (2402 Vanderbilt Place)
12:00 p.m4:30 p.m.	<b>Community of Care: Addressing Alcohol and Other Drug Misuse</b> <b>and Sexual Misconduct (Mandatory)</b> In this interactive presentation, the Student Care Network and Project Safe will discuss Vanderbilt's community of care, debunk myths about alcohol and other drug use, share about effective consent and bystander intervention strategies, and discuss the importance of using campus resources while providing non-judgmental, science-based education on healthy behaviors.	Langford Auditorium
12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.	Crawford, East, Hank Ingram, Memorial, and Stambaugh houses Gillette, Murray, North, Sutherland, and West houses	
5:00 p.m.	<b>Commodore Kickoff</b> You've been welcomed to Vanderbilt as a new student, now Vanderbilt Athletics welcomes you as a new Vandy fan! <b>Note: The</b> <b>Commons Center Dining Hall will be closed for dinner this evening.</b>	David Williams II Recreation and Wellness Center Fieldhouse
7:00 p.m.	Soccer v. Belmont University Cheer on Vanderbilt soccer as they take on Belmont University.	Vanderbilt Soccer Lacrosse Complex
Monday, August 28		
5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.	<b>Interfaith Life</b> Co-sponsored by the Center for Spiritual and Religious Life and the Vanderbilt Interfaith Council.	Commons Lawn Tent
8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Vanderbilt Student Government Interest Meeting Student leaders will provide information on how to be involved in Student Government.	The Commons Center, Room 235/237
Tuesday, August 29	)	
12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	<b>Study Abroad Fair</b> Interested in studying abroad? Join the Office of Experiential Learning and Immersion Vanderbilt to learn more about program options directly from study abroad organizations.	Student Life Center Ballroom
6:00 p.m.–8:45 p.m.	House Cookie Receptions with the Career Center	Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence Backyard
6:00 p.m.–6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.–7:45 p.m. 8:00 p.m.–8:45 p.m.	Gillette House Stambaugh and West houses Crawford and Murray houses	

Wednesday, Augus	st 30	
7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	<b>FGLI Ice Cream Social</b> Are you the first in your family to attend or finish college? All who are first-generation students and/or who identify as low-income (FGLI) and allies are invited.	Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence Backyard
8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Lambda & Sutherland House's Cupcake Social Join us for the Class of 2027's Cupcake Social! All are welcome to meet other LGBTQIA+ students and learn about Queer life on campus!	Sutherland House Lobby
Thursday, August	31	
6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Greek Mystique Learn about Vanderbilt's National Pan-Hellenic Council and the historically Black Greek organizations that comprise it. Meet chapter leaders and hear about requirements and expectations for membership.	The Commons Center, Room 235/237
6:00 p.m8:45 p.m.	House Cookie Receptions with the Career Center	Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence Backyard
6:00 p.m.–6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.–7:45 p.m. 8:00 p.m.–8:45 p.m.	Hank Ingram House Memorial and Sutherland houses East and North houses	
Friday, September	r1	
8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.	<b>Class Celebration (Mandatory)</b> Co-hosted by Orientation Leaders and Residential Colleges	Commons Lawns
Thursday, Septem	nber 7	
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	Vanderbilt Libraries Fall Celebration Join us for games, snacks, and to meet the amazing librarians ready to make your time at Vanderbilt a success.	Central Library
6:00 p.m7:30 p.m.	<b>Preparing for a Career in the Health Professions</b> If you are interested in the health care field, plan to attend this session to fully understand the expectations of admissions committees for medical school and other health professions. A duplicate session will be held on September 14.	The Commons Center, Room 235/237
Sunday, Septembe	er 10	
4:00 p.m5:00 p.m.	<b>17th Annual Lawson Lecture featuring Kevin Wilson (Mandatory)</b> Join your VUceptors and hear directly from the author of the Campus Reading, as he explores, "The Great Escape: Embracing Constraint to Make Art and Stay Alive."	Your student VUceptor will give you the precise location.
5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	<b>Panhellenic Council Information Session</b> Learn about the Panhellenic sorority community and how to join!	The Commons Center, Room 235/237
Thursday, Septem	nber 14	
4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	<b>Commons Cup Kickoff</b> All first-year students and their house communities participate in an annual competition for The Commons Cup. Join us to learn more and start earning points for your house!	The Commons Center, South Patio
6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	<b>Preparing for a Career in the Health Professions</b> If you are interested in the health care field, plan to attend this session to fully understand the expectations of admissions committees for medical school and other health professions.	The Commons Center, Room 235/237