

Welcome Week & Student Life Orientation 2023

Events with two asterisks () are mandatory. Events with one asterisk (*) are strongly encouraged. All other events are optional.**

Please check in with your Orientation Leader daily in case any changes have been made to the schedule.

Students moving in on Thursday will receive move-in and lunch time slots from Residence Life.

Thursday, August 24

Breakfast (for students who have moved in prior to Thursday):

7:45am-9:45am

Rockland Marketplace

Scholars Sessions

For new students in any of the Scholars programs:

Honors

9:30am-10:30am, Claire Moore Room (Garrison Hall)

Service & Leadership

10:45am-11:45am, Rockland Banquet Room (Rockland Center)

Lunch (for students who have moved in prior to Thursday):

10:00am-2:00pm

See your Orientation Leader for your group's time.

Commuter Kick-Off

Commuter Lounge, Caves

1:00pm-2:00pm

Meet fellow commuter students, learn about being part of campus life, & enjoy snacks and games.

****Meet Your Orientation Group & First Year Seminar Instructor (Freshmen)**

2:10pm – 3:30pm

Meet on the Apartment Quad (behind Ratcliffe Community Center)

Welcome to Stevenson! This is an opportunity to meet with your entire Orientation group for the first time. Orientation groups are based on major and First Year Seminar courses. Your Orientation Leader will review important Orientation information and you will get to know the others in your group. Orientation Leaders will be lined up in alphabetical order by first name. Your OL will communicate with you in advance about logistics, so make sure to be checking your Stevenson e-mail in the days leading up to Welcome Week.

***Meet Your Orientation Group (Residential Transfer Students)**

2:45pm-3:30pm

Meet in the Garrison Quad (in front of Garrison Hall)

Welcome to Stevenson! This is an opportunity to meet with your Orientation Leader and group for the first time. Commuters are also welcome to join.

****Convocation**

4:00pm-5:00pm, Owings Mills Gym

Convocation is a formal ceremony that marks the beginning of the academic year and symbolizes the start of the Stevenson experience for new students.

**** Class of 2027 Photo**

5:15pm-6:00pm

Mustang Stadium

***Transfer Student Dinner & Networking**

5:00pm-7:00pm, Meet in the Rockland Lobby

We're so excited to welcome our new transfer students to the Mustang community! Join us for dinner, an opportunity to meet your peers, and a chance to get connected with the campus community.

Dinner

5:00pm-8:20pm, Rockland Marketplace

See your Orientation Leader for your group's time.

***Playfair – The Ultimate Icebreaker**

8:30pm-9:30pm, Owings Mills Gym

It's your first day at Stevenson and you probably don't know many people. This fun and entertaining session is the easiest way to meet your new classmates. You don't want to miss this!

****RA Floor Meetings**

9:45pm-10:15pm

Various Locations

If this is your first night on campus, make sure to attend your floor meeting to learn what it means to be part of a residential community, where to find Residential Life policies, and meet the other residents on your floor.

SU After Dark

Join in our tradition of SU After Dark and get a taste for campus life at Stevenson. There will be something for everyone! See options below. Feel free to stop by each event or just pick one you're really excited about!

Skate Party

9:30pm-12:30am

Rockland Banquet Room

Karaoke

9:45pm-11:15pm

Pandini's Patio

Cookies & Connections

9:45pm-11:15pm

Ratcliffe Community Center

Meet the Student Government Association, learn about some ways to get involved, and enjoy some Insomnia Cookies!

Friday, August 25

Breakfast

7:00am-9:00am, Rockland Marketplace

See your Orientation Leader for your group's time.

****Opioid Education: A Personal Story**

10:00am-10:50am, Owings Mills Gym

"I sat through many talks about drugs and alcohol in high school and college ... Many of the talks were from police, fireman or individuals in prison - none I could relate to. They never touched me, as they only shared about the end of the story - death, jail and homelessness. I tell the start of the story and how easily an addiction can start with just trying to fit in, early childhood trauma and trying to be a part of a crowd. My story is filled with lost and regained hope from beginning to end." - Tim Weber

****Being a Responsible Mustang**

11:00am-12:00pm, Owings Mills Gym

Learn the basics about Stevenson's conduct process, important policies, staying safe on campus, and other ways to be a responsible citizen of the Stevenson community.

Lunch

12:00pm-1:30pm, Rockland Marketplace

See your Orientation Leader for your group's time.

***Shot of Reality**

1:45pm-2:45pm

Shot of Reality is an interactive alcohol awareness presentation that stresses the need for education and responsibility in situations involving alcohol. A complete alternative to a lecture, the show is presented in an interactive, engaging, and humorous format. There will be gift card prizes throughout the event (**Space is limited.**)!

BIPOC Social

2:45pm-3:45pm, Center for Diversity & Inclusion, Caves

Join fellow BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) students and faculty/staff for fun, music and snacks. This is a great chance to make new friends you might not meet through other orientation activities and hear about a few of the clubs offered on campus like the African Student Union, Black Student Union, Organization for Latin American Students, and Muslim Student Association.

PRIDE Social

2:45pm-3:45pm, Caves Commuter Lounge

Join fellow students and faculty/staff who identify with the LGBTQ+ community. This is a great chance to make new friends you might not meet through other orientation activities and hear about the Q Group and LGBTQ+ Ally Trainings.

Cultural & Religious Diversity Social

3:00pm-4:00pm, Rockland A

Is your culture and/or faith tradition something you'd like to connect with other students/faculty/staff about? This is a great chance to make new friends you might not meet through other orientation activities. Students of all faith traditions and cultures are welcome.

First Generation Social

3:00pm-4:00pm, Rockland B

All students who identify as a first-generation college student are welcome to join us in celebrating this significant milestone and meet fellow first-generation college students and faculty/staff.

***Wellness Fair**

3:00pm-4:30pm, Garrison Quad (Inclement weather location: Rockland Banquet)

Come learn about different resources for staying healthy this year: physically, mentally, and emotionally! Everyone who attends will be entered into a raffle to win an Apple Watch. We'll have some other giveaways and snacks too!

***Sex Ed Bootcamp**

4:45pm-6:15pm , Owings Mills Gym

In a funny, engaging, and interactive discussion, Dr. Joni and Esther talk about how to navigate intimate relationships and enjoy sexual exploration in the college environment with responsibility and safety. You won't want to miss this campus favorite! Make sure to stop by the Wellness Fair earlier in the day to grab a voucher for a free t-shirt (supplies limited).

Dinner

6:15pm-7:45pm, Rockland Marketplace

See your Orientation Leader for your group's time.

Hypnotist: Eric Mina

8:00pm-9:00pm, Owings Mills Gym

Back by popular demand, Eric Mina brings his comedy hypnosis routine to Stevenson. Eric's show will dazzle and amaze. Sit back and relax while Eric hypnotizes your fellow classmates to do outrageously hilarious activities.

SU After Dark: Glowdeo

9:30pm-11:30pm

What do you get when you mix glow golf & a mechanical bull? A glowdeo! We'll also have a mac n cheese bar. Come stop by for some fun before wrapping up a busy day.

Saturday, August 26

Breakfast

7:30am-9:00am, Rockland Marketplace

See your Orientation Leader for your group's time.

****Residence Life & Housing Building Meetings**

10:00am-11:30am, Rockland Banquet Room

Meet your Residence Director & learn more about expectations for living on campus.

Herring Run (264): 10:00am-10:30am

107 Wakefield (265): 10:30am-11:00am

Susquehanna (203): 11:00am-11:30am

Brunch

10:00am-2:00pm, Rockland Marketplace

See your Orientation Leader for your group's time.

***Walk Your Schedule**

1:00pm-4:00pm, See your Orientation Leader for your group's time and meet-up location

Worried about getting lost trying to find your classes? Join your group for a classroom tour so you feel prepared for your first few days. Your Orientation Leader will also point out some other important spots on the way.

Dinner

6:00pm-7:30pm, Rockland Marketplace

See your Orientation Leader for your group's time.

What I Wish I Knew: Q&A with Upperclassmen

7:00pm-8:00pm, Claire Moore Room

Have a question about life on campus? Living with a roommate? Relationships? Join us for this students-only session where new students can ask anything they want and get advice from experienced Mustangs.

SU After Dark: School Spirit Block Party

8:00pm-10:00pm, Garrison Quad (Inclement Weather Location: Rockland Banquet)

Get ready to show your Stevenson pride! There will be prizes, food, music, games, and more!

Ice Cream Social

10:00pm-12:00am, Garrison Parking Lot

End your night with a sweet treat from one of our local favorites, The Cow Ice Cream truck!

Sunday, August 27

Self-Care Sunday

Mental health and self-care are very important to our campus culture. Today is all about resting, having fun, taking care of yourself, and setting a plan for your self-care throughout the year.

Morning Meditation

10:00am-10:30am, Rockland, Conference Room A

Did you know that meditation can include physical and emotional benefits such as building skills to manage stress, reducing negative emotions, and focusing on the present? Join us for a brief meditation to set an intention for the day and the year ahead.

Walk Around Campus

10:30-11:30am, Meet in front of the Rockland Center.

Join your fellow Mustangs for a brief walk around campus. Check some physical activity off your list and make some friends along the way!

Brunch

10:30am-1:30pm, Rockland Marketplace

See your Orientation Leader for your group's time.

Bubble Soccer

1:30pm-3:30pm, Apartment Quad

Academic Prep Time

On your own

Make sure to take some time to get ready for your first day of classes. Gather your supplies, double check your schedule, class locations, and e-mail, and most importantly, take a few minutes to breathe and relax.

Dinner & Group Reflection

5:00pm-7:00pm, Rockland Marketplace

See your Orientation Leader for your group's time.

Welcome Week Survey Power Hour

6:00pm-7:00pm

Complete your Welcome Week survey by 7:00pm for a chance to be entered into a raffle for big prizes! Make sure to follow @su_studentactivities on Instagram to see the announcement of winners.

Paint Jam

8:00pm-9:30pm, Rockland Banquet

Come listen to live music by Nelly's Echo & create your own work of art by painting a canvas to brighten up your living space.

Have an amazing semester! Welcome to the Stevenson family!