

2024

First-Year Orientation

Welcome to Hollins

Here U Belong

Please note that Hollins University honors your commitment to your religious practices. Students' religious commitments and observations are an exception to participation in events.

Saturday, August 31, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Moody Center (#23 on campus map).

Check In. This one-stop check in will include opportunities to take care of important business with many campus offices. You will receive your student ID, your student handbook, and residential students will receive their room keys. As soon as you have checked in, move in may begin!

Due to the number of students checking in, it is recommended that students living in Tinker A and Randolph 1 check in between 8:30 – 10 a.m., those in Tinker B and Randolph 2 between 10 – 11:30 a.m., and those living in Tinker C and Randolph 3 between 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Commuter Students are encouraged to check-in between 12:30 and 1 p.m.

11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Moody Center, Main Dining Room. (optional)

Lunch. \$10 per guest. Hollins students will be able to eat lunch in the dining hall.

12 – 5 p.m., Wetherill Visual Arts Center (#41 on campus map). (optional)

Eleanor D. Wilson Museum. Stop by and explore the three exhibits currently on display in the Wilson Museum. There is no cost for admission and all are welcome.

1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Moody Center, the RAT. (optional)

Commuter Student Reception. While residential students are moving into their rooms on campus, commuter students and their guests are invited to get to know one another and student leaders.

2:15 – 2:45 p.m., Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Niederer Auditorium (optional)

Meet the Student Success Coaches. Devon Lineberry-Jennings (she/her) and Alison Sibol (they/she) work to support students in all aspects of college life. From tips on how best to study and manage time to becoming more cognizant of social and emotional learning, Devon and Alison can help you overcome many hurdles that may impede your path to collegiate success!

3 – 4 p.m., duPont Center, Chapel.

Welcome to Hollins. New students officially begin their journey at Hollins with family and friends (students, please meet on the duPont Center Lawn; rain location, will be the East building front porch). President Mary Dana Hinton, Student Government Association President Jillianne Junio '25, will help welcome all new students to Hollins. Students should line up on the duPont Lawn by 2:50 p.m. to process as a group into the chapel.

4 p.m.

Family Farewell.

This is the time we say goodbye to families.

4:15 p.m. Seminar Classrooms

Meet your Student Success Leader and O-Team Leader

Students will meet their Student Success Leader (SSL) and Orientation (O-Team) Leaders for the first time. The team leaders will then escort students to their seminar classrooms. SSLs and O-Team Leaders are upper-class Hollins students who will help you with your transition into Hollins.

5 – 6:30 p.m., Moody Center, Main Dining Room.

Dinner.

7 – 9 p.m., Beale Garden, rain location: Botetourt Reading Room

New Student Social (optional)

Come meet your new classmates and make new friends at this dance party in the Beale Garden on campus featuring lawn games, a DJ, and photo booth.

Sunday, September 1, 2024

7:30 – 9 a.m., Moody Center, Main Dining Room.

Breakfast. Get your day started by meeting your SSLs and/or O-Team Leaders in the dining room.

10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Three Concurrent Sessions. During this time, your SSL and O-Team Leader will escort you to these rotating sessions:

1) Residence Hall Meetings. *Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Niederer Auditorium (#41 on campus map).*

Residential students will have the opportunity to meet their residence hall staff, professional staff, and learn more about what it means to live in community.

Commuter Student Panel. *Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Room 111 (#41 on campus map).* Students who commute to campus will have the opportunity to view the commuter student lounge and hear from current Hollins commuter students.

2) Here to Help: Safety and Support Resources at Hollins *Dana Science Building, Babcock Auditorium (#12 on campus map).*

This session will introduce intimate partner violence resources that exist for the campus community, explain the mandated reporters system, and identify for students various types of support from offices such as the Roanoke Sexual Assault Response and Awareness office, the Hollins Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and the Hollins University Safe Haven program.

3) Student Support Fair. *Moody Center, Ballator Gallery*

While browsing this fair, you'll have the opportunity to meet with several offices on campus that provide resources for your success including health services, career and life design, the dining hall staff, undergraduate research opportunities, and more.

12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch. *Moody Center, Main Dining Room.*

12:15 – 1:15 p.m., Moody Center, Main Lobby. (optional)

Voter Registration Table.

Would you like more information on how to register to vote? Stop by the table to get information and assistance with registering to vote within any of the states.

1:45 – 2:30 p.m.

Meet Your Advisor/First-Year Foundations Professor. *First-year Foundation Classrooms.*
At this time you will be introduced to basic information about the first-year foundations course.

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

How to College – with Devon and Alison. *Location TBD (optional)*

Student Success coaches Alison Sibol (they/she) and Devon Lineberry-Jennings (she/her) inform students about techniques needed to succeed at Hollins. Join us for an informative and interactive presentation.

4 p.m., *The Rock (#31 on campus map).*

New Student Photo. Please walk yourself over and meet your classmates at The Rock.

5 – 7 p.m., *Moody Center, Main Dining Room.*

Dinner.

7 – 8:30 p.m., *TBD. (optional)*

Pool Party and Game Night.

Join us for two evening social opportunities. Students may come and go between activities. The pool party will take place at the Northern Swimming Pool in the Athletic complex. Board games will be available in the RAT in the lower level of Moody Center.

Monday, September 2, 2024

7:30 – 9 a.m., *Moody Center, Main Dining Room.*

Breakfast.

10 – 10:45 a.m.

Connecting with Classmates. *Across Campus. (optional)*

Are you looking to connect with other new students who share your interests? Students are encouraged to select topics of interest and join a group led by the Student Success and Orientation Team Leaders. Students are encouraged to check out multiple sessions as they wish. Topics and locations will be shared with students Sunday morning.

10:45 – 11:30 a.m., *Theatre*

What the heck is DEIB?

The executive director of the diversity, equity, and inclusion office Dina Hackley-Hunt is excited to welcome you to campus.

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., *Moody Center, Main Dining Room.*

Lunch

11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., *Presser Hall, Choral Rehearsal Room (211) (#26 on campus map). (optional)*

Choir Interest Meeting.

Do you like to sing? If so, we have a place waiting for you here in the Hollins choirs! We have three groups: Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, and Talmadge Singers. There's a spot for everyone from the most advanced performer to someone just joining their first choir. Everyone is welcome! Come to the interest meeting to find out more details. For more information, contact choir@Hollins.edu or 540-362-6541.

12 – 1 p.m., *First-Year Foundations Classrooms*

Getting involved on campus.

Students are welcome to bring their lunch and meet your O-Team Leader for conversation regarding getting involved with the Hollins community. You'll be able to gain an understanding of all the opportunities to belong in different clubs and organizations on campus as well as viewing the calendar for the fall Hollins Discovery Days.

1 – 2 p.m., First-Year Foundations Classrooms

First-Year Foundations Meeting. Meet your SSL and FYS professor to review and discuss your summer assignment.

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m., Dana Building, Babcock Auditorium.

Hollins Student Employment Program (HSEP) Orientation. All new students who have been assigned a student employment position for the year must attend this orientation.

2:15 – 4:15 p.m., Front Quad (rain location: Botetourt Reading Room, #6 on campus map)

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE.

Students are welcome to attend as many of the following options as they would like.

- CASA Open House - duPont Center, C.A.S.A. Office (#1)
 - The Coalition Against Sexual Assault invites all new students to meet the members of C.A.S.A. and discuss how they support the Hollins community.
- Athletic Complex Open House – Athletic Complex Lobby
 - Learn more about the Hollins University Athletic Complex and how you can utilize it as a student.
- Crafting – Front Quad (rain location: Botetourt Reading Room)
 - Stop by and craft with Manager of Student Activities Zoë Thornhill.
- Learn about HU Traditions – Moody Center, Janney Lounge
 - Want to learn more about the traditions we have on campus? Stop by at 2:30, 3, or 3:30 p.m.
- Riding Center Open House – Riding Center
 - The riding center is open for tours, to answer your questions, and to help you meet the horses.
- Boba on Back Quad – Back Quad
 - Join Dean Chanelle Sears for boba tea (while supplies last) on Back Quad.

5 – 6:30 p.m., Moody Center, Main Dining Room.

Dinner.

6:30 p.m., Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Niederer Auditorium.

Mock Senate. (optional)

Senate is the legislative arm of the Student Government Association and is a good way to get involved in student government. Get a taste for how weekly student Senate meetings are conducted. You can also get more information on how to run for an open first-year class cabinet position.

7:15 p.m., Upper level Moody Center, Ballator Gallery.

Monday Bingo Bash. (optional)

A staple in the weekly social calendar of many Hollins students, join the office of student activities and members of the Hollins Activity Board for the first of our weekly bingo games. It's a great chance to meet other Hollins students and to win Hollins University apparel. This event is just for new Hollins students only please.

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Theatre.

Perception vs. Reality: What's happening on campus?

This fast-paced, humorous session will engage participants in thinking critically about what student life is really like at Hollins University. Audience members will use anonymous polling software to answer questions about vaping, alcohol, sexuality and other health issues relevant to Hollins students. Come prepared to laugh and learn.

11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Meetup locations to be determined by group.

Walk your Class Schedule.

Join your SSL and O-Team Leader as they help you find your route to class and walk your class schedule.

12 – 1:45 p.m., Front Quad (rain location: Moody Center, Main Dining Room.)

Community Lunch.

1:15 – 2:45 p.m., various locations on campus.

HU Community Connections Open House. (optional)

All new students are invited to meet the staff of the Wyndham Robertson Library, Center for Career Development and Life Design, Center for Learning Excellence, IT Help Desk, and Global Learning Hub, and the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum (Wetherill Visual Arts Center) in their areas to enjoy some snacks and learn more about their services.

3 – 4 p.m., Moody Center, Patio, lower level (optional)

Commuter Student Meet-Up.

All commuter students are welcome to join and meet other students. Refreshments and a giveaway while supplies last.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m., duPont Center.

Opening Convocation, Here U Belong. Start the semester off with one of our great Hollins traditions. New students will be welcomed into the campus community, seniors will process in their robes for the first time, and President Hinton will officially open the academic year.

5:35 – 7 p.m., Moody Center, Main Dining Room.

Dinner.

7 – 8 p.m., Bradley, Talmadge Recital Hall (#7 on campus map). (optional)

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Description will be available soon.

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

CLASSES BEGIN!

5:15 – 6:15 p.m., Moody Center, Janney Lounge. (optional)

Hollins Riding Information Session. Students interested in the Hollins riding program are welcome to attend. Please bring your dinner.

7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Moody Center, Main Dining Room. (optional)

Tinker Day Hat Decorating. Start preparing for one of our great traditions, Tinker Day, by decorating a Tinker Day hat (hats and supplies provided). All new students are invited and encouraged to attend!

Friday, September 6, 2024

4 – 10 p.m., Moody Plaza. (optional)

Shuttle to Downtown Roanoke, Target/Regal Cinema, and Valley View Mall.

Optional transportation service to the downtown Roanoke area, Target shopping plaza, and Valley View Mall. (Shuttle departs on the hour.)

6:30 p.m., Front Quad. (rain location: Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Niederer Auditorium). (optional)

Stuff a Critter.

Make your own stuffed animal while supplies last. Sponsored by the Hollins Activity Board (HAB).

7 p.m., Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Niederer Auditorium. (optional)

Movie Night: *Barbie*.

Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans.

Saturday, September 7, 2024

11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Wetherill Visual Arts Center (front patio facing Moody). (optional)

Roanoke Romp!

New students can sign up for this activity outside the Student Activities office on the upper floor of Moody beginning on Tuesday, September 3. A list of activities will be available for students to choose. Some activities may be limited. Meet your O-Team Leaders in front of the Visual Arts Center for a fun-filled afternoon adventure in the Star City. Stop at a restaurant to enjoy lunch provided for you. Please wear comfortable shoes to this event as there will be walking involved.

11 a.m. – 10 p.m., Moody Plaza. (optional)

Shuttle to Downtown Roanoke, Target/Regal Cinema, and Valley View Mall.

Optional transportation service to the downtown Roanoke area, Target shopping plaza, and Valley View Mall. (Shuttle departs on the hour.)