NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION:
GUEST AND PARENT GUIDE
WELCOME!

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Columbia College Chicago community and today’s New Student Orientation. As a parent or guest of a new Columbia student, we are pleased you have joined us today. This final event solidifying your student’s enrollment at Columbia is an important step for everyone. We want you to know we will provide you and your student with the resources you all need to be successful within the Columbia College community.

ABOUT TODAY

This is a full-day orientation program. Students and guests will participate in separate programming for most of the morning, but will come together for lunch.

While you are in your sessions, your students will be introduced to their new college community through a guided, interactive exercise with the Student Life staff. They will then move into their Academic Experience and registration sessions. Your sessions will consist of presentations from different college representatives who will share information about how we support your student at Columbia. Feel free to ask questions during your sessions!

During lunch, you and your student can explore the New Student Expo tables on the eighth floor featuring resources and information from our campus departments and student organizations.

As we finish the day, you and your student will have the opportunity to make a one-on-one appointment with someone from Student Financial Services (SFS). The Orientation Leaders will guide everyone to 600 S. Michigan, where you can meet your student’s SFS advisor. College advisors will be available in 623 S. Wabash/Room 300, if necessary.

ENGAGE COLUMBIA PROGRAM

During New Student Orientation, we will introduce your student to the Engage Columbia program. Engage Columbia is a seven-week series of events offered in the fall semester designed to introduce new students to the college’s resources, and to reinforce specific ideas that encourage student success. Starting today, we will begin to introduce Engage Columbia topic areas that include: Community, Resources, Health and Safety, Diversity, Career, and Finance. We believe if students can incorporate these areas into their daily activities, they are more likely to experience academic success and gain life skills that will enhance their overall development.

An added feature of Engage Columbia is that students can participate in the event attendance incentive component of the program. By attending events based on the Engage Columbia topic areas, students can compete for an opportunity to win one of six scholarships. There will be two $1,500; two $1,000; and two $500 scholarships awarded at the end of the Engage Columbia program.

As we move closer to fall semester, students will find all the Engage Columbia programming on the college’s event calendar. At the end of the seven-week program we celebrate Columbia Weekend.

• Save the date and come back to visit on October 18 - 19
• Attend the crawl, student performances, and activities led by academic departments and student organizations
• Meet faculty and key administrators

Columbia Weekend registration begins in September. Visit colum.edu/columbiaweekend for additional details.
GUEST CHECK-IN
1104 S. Wabash, 1st Floor, Glass Curtain Gallery

BREAKFAST
1104 S. Wabash, 1st Floor, Conaway Center

WELCOME TO COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO
1104 S. Wabash, 1st Floor, Conaway Center

THE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE
1104 S. Wabash, 8th Floor Film Row Cinema
In this session, you will meet with leadership from the Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs. The content in this session is not identical but it is very similar to the content delivered during the student Academic Experience session. Guests are encouraged to ask questions about academic support services, graduation requirements, and the registration process.

COLUMBIA RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUTER LIFE
1104 S. Wabash, 8th Floor, Film Row Cinema

JOINING A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY
1104 S. Wabash, 8th Floor Film Row Cinema
Meet staff from Safety and Security and the Dean of Students Office who will provide support, resources and services as students navigate Columbia in pursuit of their academic and personal goals. Offices such as the Counseling Center, Student Health and Support, Services for Students with Disabilities, Student Relations, Equity Issues, and Health Education will present you with information for when the unexpected happens. Additionally, Safety and

COMMUNITY: LIFE AS A STUDENT, PANEL
1104 S. Wabash, 8th Floor, Film Row Cinema
Joining Columbia College Chicago is not only a commitment to academic success and career exploration but also a commitment to personal development through the collaboration of different ideas, concepts and perspectives. Guests will engage with our Student Panel in a highly interactive session, while exploring students' responsibilities as members of a diverse and creative community.

LUNCH
1104 S. Wabash, 8th Floor

NEW STUDENT EXPO
1104 S. Wabash, 8th Floor
Browse tables with fun giveaways and important information while you talk with current students and staff about resources, services and opportunities for community engagement at Columbia College Chicago!

LET’S TALK MONEY
1104 S. Wabash, 1st Floor, Conaway Center
Do you have questions about the financial aid process? Are you wondering how to make a payment on your student account? This session will provide an overview of where you should be and your next steps.
THE ROADMAP TO YOUR SUCCESS:
CAREER DEVELOPMENT STARTS NOW
1104 S. Wabash, 1st Floor, Conaway Center
The Career Center develops programs and services to provide Columbia College Chicago students with self-knowledge, experience, and industry connections to develop career confidence, enhance employability, and pursue meaningful career-related experiences.

1:45 - 2:15 P.M. - 2:15 P.M.
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CAMPUS CARD PICK UP
1104 S. Wabash, 1st Floor, Conaway Center

END OF DAY ACADEMIC SUPPORT
623 S. Wabash - Room 300
If you still have questions about your student’s first-semester schedule, Academic Advisors will be available to answer questions and assist with making schedule modifications. Stop in!

2:30 - 4:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES
ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS
600 S. Michigan, 3rd Floor
Join SFS for a detailed explanation of your student’s account. In this personalized session, you’ll work one-on-one with SFS consultant to navigate your account information on the student portal.

2:30 - 4:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
RESIDENCE LIFE TOURS
Tour One:
Departing from Conaway (2:30pm)

Tour Two:
Departing from Tour Center 600 S. Michigan (4:00pm)

Be sure to check out some campus spaces for shopping and resources:

OPEN FOR SHOPPING

CAMPUS BOOKSTORE
624 S. Michigan, 1st Floor
Open until 4:00 p.m. during Orientation days
Stop by and learn more about your books for the semester from the experts. Also be sure to grab Columbia swag like sweatshirts, stickers, coffee mugs, headphones and more!

SHOPCOLUMBIA
619 S. Wabash
Open Monday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Art, jewelry, clothing, music, notebooks, and more all made by Columbia students and alumni, with proceeds going right back to the artists. Visit ShopColumbia to see and learn more.

THE LIBRARY
624 S. Michigan, 1st Floor
It’s not technically shopping but they have books, music, sheet music, movies, art, archives, and coffee. Get to know the Library through and through and become a real Columbia insider.
STUDENT RESOURCES

Campus Card
312.369.7140
colum.edu/campuscard

Career Center
312.369.7280
careercenter@colum.edu
colum.edu/careercenter

College Advising Center
312.369.7645
collegeadvising@colum.edu
colum.edu/advising

Counseling Services
312.369.8700
counselingservices@colum.edu
colum.edu/counselingservices

Dean of Students Office
312.369.8595
students.colum.edu/dean-of-students

Department of Exhibition and Performance Spaces
312.369.6650
cspaces@colum.edu
colum.edu/deps

Fitness, Athletics, and Recreation
312.369.6920

Global Education/Study Abroad
312.369.7726
aiipoffice@colum.edu
students.colum.edu/internationalprograms

Information Technology/Client Services
312.369.7001
clientservices@colum.edu
students.colum.edu/information-technology

The Academic Center for Tutoring
312.369.8130
tutoring@colum.edu
colum.edu/tutoring

Student Diversity & Inclusion
312.369.7569
colun.edu/sdi
inclusion@colum.edu

Trio Conaway Achievement Project
623 S. Wabash, Room 304
312.369.8135
triocap@colum.edu

New Student Programs
312.369.8675
newstudents@colum.edu
students.colum.edu/new

Equity Issues
312.369.8595
titleIX@colum.edu
colum.edu/titleIX

Columbia Central
312.369.7140
registrar@colum.edu
columbiaentral@colum.edu
www.colum.edu/columbia-central

Residence Life
312.369.7803
residencelife@colum.edu
colum.edu/residencelife

Services for Students with Disabilities
312.369.8296
ssd@colum.edu
colum.edu/ssd

Student Employment
312.369.8521
studentemployment@colum.edu
colum.edu/studentemployment

Student Health Center
312.369.6830
shc@colum.edu
colum.edu/healthcenter

Student Organizations and Leadership
312.369.6924
leadership@colum.edu
students.colum.edu/student-leadership

Student Financial Services
312.369.7140
colum.edu/sfs

Student Government
312.369.6657
sgasecretary@colum.edu
students.colum.edu/student-leadership/SGA

Student Programming Board
spb@colum.edu
students.colum.edu/student-leadership/SPB

Student Relations
312.369.8595
ADStudentRelation@colum.edu
colum.edu/studentrelations

Undergraduate Admissions
312.369.7030
admissions@colum.edu
colum.edu/admissions
AFTER TODAY

What should parents and family members know about how to support their student once the academic year begins? It is always helpful to empower your student to problem solve and allow them to troubleshoot their own challenges. Each new student will receive a New Student Handbook that lists all of the pertinent information they will need to navigate Columbia’s resources. It even has a datebook in the back to help keep them organized during the academic year. Encourage your student to use the New Student Handbook to find key resources along with emails, phone numbers, and office locations of people who can help them through difficulties. The New Student Handbook also contains important policies and procedures your student should know in order to remain in compliance at Columbia.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY (FERPA)

Columbia College Chicago complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). We provide this information to students in the New Student Handbook and on colum.edu. Parents should know that in order to have access to a student’s academic and/or financial information, an Authorization to Release Information Form should be filled out and submitted by their student in person to the Registrar’s office at 600 S. Michigan, Room 611. Your student should present a valid student I.D. at the time of submission. The Authorization to Release Information Form can be found on colum.edu/registrar.

STAY INFORMED

The College’s website is an excellent resource for your student to stay informed or find assistance. Bookmark colum.edu and you will be connected to Columbia’s mission, faculty and administration, policies, resources, current events and much more.

If you need further information about your student’s transition into Columbia after today, please email newstudents@colum.edu or call New Student Programs at 312.369.8675. We look forward to helping your student navigate Columbia as they begin their educational experience.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for attending Orientation and for supporting your student’s choice of Columbia College Chicago to further their educational goals.