



Franklin College

# WELCOME WEEK 2023

## WEDNESDAY, AUG 23

Bookstore hours\*: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

1:00-4:00 p.m.	<b>Residential Student Move-In</b>
3:45-4:15 p.m.	<b>Commuter Student Check-In</b>
4:30-5:00 p.m.	<b>Student &amp; Family Welcome</b>

**RESIDENCE HALLS**  
**NSC ATRIUM**  
**SPURLOCK CENTER**

Begin your Welcome Week journey here! Listen to welcome remarks from college leadership, get pertinent updates and suggestions on how to get the most out of your Welcome Week experience, and find out how to stay connected with us all year long.

5:00-8:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner</b>
5:00-6:30 p.m.	<b>Commuter dinner and discussion</b>

**NSC DINING HALL**  
**NSC BRANIGIN ROOM**

Beginning with tonight's dinner through August 28, all meals will be provided for commuter students, regardless of their meal plan status. During dinner, join other new students and Launch Mentors and chat about life as a commuter student at FC.

8:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>Residence Life meeting</b> (residential students only)
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**NSC BRANIGIN ROOM**

## THURSDAY, AUG 24

Bookstore hours: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

6:30-9:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b>
9:00-10:30 a.m.	<b>Launch Lab &amp; group advising</b>

**NSC DINING HALL**  
**LAUNCH LAB CLASSROOMS**

Connect in-person with fellow Launch Lab classmates, your Launch Mentor, and your First-Year Advisor.

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	<b>Be Resourceful</b>
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**CAMPUS OFFICES**

Stop by important campus offices to accomplish last-minute errands, meet staff and faculty, and learn where important resources are located. Get your Be Resourceful Guide stamped to be entered into a bookstore raffle.

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00-5:00 p.m.	<b>Be A Good Neighbor</b>

**NSC DINING HALL**  
**NSC BRANIGIN ROOM**

Hear from Student Development staff members about the expectations and benefits of being part of our Franklin College community.

5:00-6:30 p.m.	<b>Dinner</b>
6:30 p.m.	<b>Launch group meet-up</b>

**NSC DINING HALL**  
**NSC ATRIUM**

Walk with your Launch Mentor and Launch Lab classmates to the Artcraft Theatre in downtown Franklin.

7:00-10:00 p.m.	<b>Movie at the Historic Artcraft Theatre, hosted by President and Mrs. Prather</b>
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**HISTORIC ARTCRAFT THEATRE**  
**IN DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN**

Join President and Mrs. Prather for a night of introductions and entertainment at the Historic Artcraft Theatre in downtown Franklin. Enjoy a free movie, popcorn, and soft drinks along with the opportunity to win prizes!





## FRIDAY, AUG 25

Bookstore hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

6:30-8:00 a.m.

**Breakfast**

**NSC DINING HALL**

8:30-9:00 a.m.

**Line up for Bell Ceremony**

**NSC PATIO/SIDEWALK**

9:00-9:30 a.m.

**Opening Convocation and Bell Ceremony**

**DAME MALL ELLIPSE**

Celebrate the official opening of the 188<sup>th</sup> Franklin College academic year with a welcome from President Prather, college leadership, returning students, faculty, and staff.

9:30-9:45 a.m.

**Class picture**

**NSC STEPS**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Be Inclusive Launch Lab**

**LAUNCH LAB CLASSROOMS**

Start living our core institutional value of inclusivity through activities and conversations designed to help you communicate across differences and foster a culture of respect within our community.

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Lunch**

**NSC DINING HALL**

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Class schedule tours (optional)**

**LEAVING FROM HAMILTON  
LIBRARY**

Let the Launch Mentors help you find your classes, explore campus on your own, or enjoy some down time. This is also a great time to head to the book store to purchase your textbooks.

11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Individual advising meetings (optional)**

**ASSIGNED LOCATIONS**

Meet 1-on-1 with your first-year advisor to get to know more about them and how you will be working with them throughout the year.

1:30-3:00 p.m.

**Modern Language confirmation exam**

**HAMILTON LIBRARY 309**

Check your Welcome Week schedule sticker to find out if you need to attend this session, which is only for those who must confirm placement into a 210 level or higher modern language course or who have been asked to complete the placement exam.

2:45-3:30 p.m.

**Modern Language Welcome Reception (optional)**

**HAMILTON ONE**

Enjoy a snow cone and chat with members of the Modern Language department about the benefits of continuing your French or Spanish education and participating in the Modern Language House.

3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Be Connected (bring your laptop)**

**NSC BRANIGIN ROOM**

Begin connecting with the technology that will help power your academic success. You'll learn how to navigate our academic software programs, how to access free online versions of Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Cloud, and how to contact our Information Technology team for help with your tech needs.

5:00-8:00 p.m.

**Launch Lab Dinner**

**ASSIGNED LOCATIONS**

Enjoy a group dinner and spend the evening getting to know your Launch Team and fellow classmates.

5:00 p.m. Launch groups A, B, C, D

5:10 p.m. Launch groups E, F, G

5:20 p.m. Launch groups H, I, J, K

5:30 pm. Launch groups L, M, N

8:30-9:00 p.m.

**Tower Tradition**

**DAME MALL ELLIPSE**

Your official induction into the Franklin College student body will be a memorable twilight tradition that connects you to the proud, resilient history of our campus and to the values upheld by our community.

9:15-10:30 p.m.

**THRIVE After Party**

**ARTHUR WILSON HOUSE**

As part of the ongoing THRIVE orientation program, new students of color are invited to gather at the Arthur Wilson House, one of our themed living communities, to socialize and relax after a long day of Welcome Week events.





## SATURDAY, AUG 26

Bookstore hours: 12:00-5:00 p.m.

8:30-9:30 a.m.

**Breakfast**

**NSC DINING HALL**

9:30-11:30 a.m.

**College & Class Connections with Hooray**

**SPURLOCK CENTER**

Hosted by the Center for Student Success, "Hooray" is an interactive program that will be a spirited kick-off to your time as a Grizzly as well as a time to get to know your peers.

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Tailgate and Cookout**

**CLINE WOODS**

Enjoy our time-honored tradition of grilling and games prior to supporting the Grizzlies on the field in Fought Stadium. Join new students and some of FC's student organizations under the trees behind Cline Hall.

1:30-4:30 p.m.

**FC Athletics scrimmages (optional)**

**TBD**

"Stand up and cheer for Franklin College!" Show us your Grizzly spirit by cheering on our athletics teams in their first contests of the season.

5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Dinner**

**NSC DINING HALL**

8:00-10:00 p.m.

**Griz Game Night**

**NSC ATRIUM & DAME MALL**

Get to know your fellow Grizzlies! Show off your skills playing yard games and trivia, or take on your friends in Mario Kart and Just Dance on a giant inflatable screen. Sign up for corn hole, shuffle board, pool, and euchre tournaments. You can even earn a chance to represent the first-year class in our annual Grizzly Grand Prix bed race! Or, just hang out, eat snacks, and listen to live music. Win great prizes and bragging rights!

## SUNDAY, AUG 27

Bookstore hours: 12:00-5:00 p.m.

9:00-11:00 a.m.

**Breakfast**

**NSC DINING HALL**

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Brunch**

**NSC DINING HALL**

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Center Yourself**

**ASSIGNED LOCATIONS**

Practice self-care by choosing among various activities that will focus on stress reduction, movement, and/or mindfulness. Activities include yoga, meditation, coloring mandalas, basketball open gym, and more.

1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Chill with the Greeks (optional)**

**NSC PATIO & DAME MALL**

Come and meet the Greeks while enjoying a cool treat and games! Questions about Greek Life on campus? Members will be there to tell you about their experiences and how you can get involved.

3:00-5:00 p.m.

**Shopping shuttles (optional)**

**LEAVING FROM HAMILTON  
PARKING LOT**

Need notebooks or pens for class on Monday? Want to stock up on snacks for your room? Catch a ride to our local Meijer on one of the shuttle vans leaving from the parking lot behind Hamilton Library.

5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Dinner**

**NSC DINING HALL**

7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Residence hall floor meetings**  
(required for residential students)

**LOCATIONS POSTED IN  
RESIDENCE HALLS**

## MONDAY, AUG 28

Bookstore hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.

**Classes begin**

5:00-8:00 p.m.

**Welcome Bash and Campus Picnic**

**NSC/DAME MALL**

Join the entire Franklin College community to celebrate the beginning of the year. Enjoy a night of inflatable activities, karaoke, giveaways, amazing food, and more!





## TUESDAY, AUG 29

Bookstore hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Religious Life Welcome Lunch (optional)**

**RICHARDSON CHAPEL PORCH/  
LOBBY**

Join the Office of Religious Life for a come-and-go lunch where you can meet Chaplain Hannah, the interfaith Religious Life Team, and local churches. We will have food, music, and casual conversation for students of any background and class year.

7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Meet S'more Grizzlies (optional)**

**NSC PATIO/FIRE PITS**

Hosted by Residence Life, this is a great opportunity to meet new friends and roast s'mores.

## WEDNESDAY, AUG 30

Bookstore hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Greeks with the Greeks (optional)**

**DAME MALL**

Grab some free pizza from Greeks Pizzeria and play games with members of FC's Greek organizations.

## THURSDAY, AUG 31

11-11:50 a.m.

**Launch Lab**

**LAUNCH LAB CLASSROOMS**

6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Be Engaged Fair**

**DAME MALL**

Student organizations, campus departments, and off-campus partners will be at this event, sharing information about avenues for involvement and resources to help you be successful. There are always lots of great giveaways, too!

## SEP 5-SEP 17

TBD

**Sorority and Fraternity Recruitment information sessions (optional)**

**TBD**

Interested in becoming a part of Greek Life? Want to learn more about recruitment? Be on the lookout for information regarding information sessions and events leading up to Recruitment, which will take place September 18-25.

Welcome Week is one component of several required elements in your Launch experience. The goals of Welcome Week include building meaningful relationships, developing core skills for academic and personal success, gaining confidence in your ability to navigate college resources, communicating across differences, and deepening a commitment to community. These goals are achieved through various types of programming scheduled throughout the week. Participation requires listening to presentations, engaging in small and large group discussions, reading written materials and handouts, using campus technology, and moving to various locations throughout campus. If you require accommodations for a disability in order to fully participate in Welcome Week, please contact the Center for Student Success at [studentsuccess@FranklinCollege.edu](mailto:studentsuccess@FranklinCollege.edu).

\* The bookstore is located in the NSC basement. You can also shop for books 24/7 on their website: <https://www.bkstr.com/franklinstore>

