**NEW STUDENT AND TRANSFER ORIENTATION 2022 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, August 24, 2022**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Residential First Year Student Move-In**
You will receive email from Housing and Residence Life regarding move-in procedures. Also, please refer often to the website regarding move-in, what to bring, etc. We are so glad to have you here!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Polaroids with PJ and Legacy Photos**
Join members of our Alumni Board for a quick move-in day pic! And, if you are a Pitt or a Pitt-Johnstown family, we definitely want to take your legacy photo! This is casual and will be the first in your Pitt bookend – we will take one of you again at Commencement! Join us at the gazebo on University Square – come as you are – we can’t wait to meet you.

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Lunch**
You are welcome to grab a bite on campus while you are getting settled. At check-in, we will give you tickets for lunch

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. **Free time**
Unpack, visit local vendors or University Bookstore

*It is recommended that all loved ones depart campus no later than 3:30 p.m. so that new student programming may begin.*

4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Meet, Greet, and Eat**
Your Resident Assistants and Orientation Leaders will be in your halls at 4 p.m. to gather your groups and show you where you will be spending the next few days with new student orientation. You will also head to dinner together and have a Residence Life meeting to talk about what it is like to live in a residential community at Pitt-Johnstown. Complete details will be available at check-in.

*Please note that your meal plans will begin with this meal. You will need your student ID at all times.*

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**Live Music with John Rush/ Dessert/ Yard Games**
We absolutely love great music at Pitt-Johnstown. Join us in the University Square (near the gazebo) and enjoy the music of John Rush. John is a favorite among our students on campus and is the perfect person to welcome you on your first night. He is billed as the Human Spotify because he knows hours upon hours of songs. Come listen to John or even try your hand at a song or two! More information about John and this evening’s event is on the events calendar. Enjoy!
Thursday, August 25, 2022  ORIENTATION BEGINS
*denotes optional

7:30 a.m.- 10 a.m.  Breakfast
Your RA’s and OL’s will be on hand to travel with you to navigate breakfast.
Hot coffee and great eats.

8 a.m.- 8 p.m.  *University Bookstore hours
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  *University Offices Open

9 a.m.- 10 a.m.  Commuter Student Welcome Meeting  Blackington Hall 138
This session is for students (no guests please) who will be commuting to campus. At this session,
we will give you the tips and tricks to campus life both in and out of the classroom. Fellow
commuters will offer their success stories and how they overcame challenges within their first
year. It is during this session that you will receive your orientation group assignment and meet
your group!  We will distribute Student IDS for our commuter students at this time.

9 a.m.- 10 a.m.  *Morning Yoga  Campus Mall (if raining - ZOOM)
This morning recreation opportunity is provided to get us stretched and ready to tackle the day!

10:15 a.m.  Orientation Group Meeting  Classrooms in Biddle
Your Orientation Leaders will “scoop the groups” at 9:45 a.m. so we can all start on time in the
classroom. You will meet more people in your official Orientation groups, and your orientation
leaders will review the schedule of the day and talk to you about the importance of your choices
with regard to your physical health, mental health, brain health and academic success. So, bring
your positive vibes and your questions regarding Pitt-Johnstown. They are here to help!

11:15 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.  Leave No Doubt: David Coleman  Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center (PPAC)
One of our favorite speakers for new student orientation is back! Join us in welcoming David
Coleman as he shares his program "Leave No Doubt: Be the Team Captain of Your Life!" There is
no better way to kick off this program than with our friend, David!
David will share a message of student resilience, setting goals, owning your experience
academically and socially, and talk through how to serve as an active bystander on campus. We
will laugh, work together, and learn a lot!
Thursday, August 25, 2022 ORIENTATION CONTINUED
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12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.  BBQ & A  Campus Mall
Join us in the University Mall near the Mountain Cat for a great lunch with your orientation groups.

2 p.m. – 5 p.m.  Academic Success in a College Environment
Your Orientation Leader will provide you a student perspective on being successful in the classroom. Bring your class schedules with you (on your phone or a hard copy!) and we will walk your classes, introduce you to campus resources, and prepare you to achieve in your academic discipline. This session will cover all you need to know about finding resources, getting support in and out of the classroom, and learn how our students navigate life at Pitt-Johnstown regarding academic affairs.

You will interact with the Library Staff, check out the Academic Resource Center, and connect with Handshake so you are able to connect with internships when the time is right!
You will also travel to the Engineering and Science Auditorium and meet with members of our Pitt Police to learn how to keep yourself and others safe in your new environment. You may just win some prizes (including a parking pass!) at this event.

This session has a lot of info and really helps you understand how academic life is different in college than in high school- can't wait to help answer your questions!
We will also talk about safety on campus and how to protect yourself and others with campus resources.

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.  Dinner in shifts  PJ’s Dining Hall

7 p.m. – 10 p.m.  Casino Night “Welcome to Fabulous Pitt-Johnstown”  University Square
Join the early arrival students, faculty, staff, and students for a casino night under the stars! While we do not play for money, we do play for prizes, so bring a new friend with you and enjoy!
This event is truly social in nature and optional, but we would love to see you there!
Snacks provided. If it rains, we will be in the Wellness Center.
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Friday, August 26, 2022
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7:30 a.m.- 9 a.m.  Breakfast  PJ’s Dining Hall
8 a.m.- 8 p.m.    *Bookstore Open  Student Union
9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.  *University Offices Open  Division Offices
9 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.  *Schedule Adjustments

Need to ask about your academic schedule or make changes? We have carved out this time for you to address your questions with the academic divisions No appointment needed, but bring your Pitt ID.

9 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.  Career Exploration for Undeclared Students  Cambria Room
Are you a student still considering a major? This session is for you. You will learn fun stuff about your classes, your schedule, your mentors, and more! If you have decided on a major already, you need not attend.

9 a.m.- 10 a.m.  *Morning Yoga  Campus Mall

10 a.m.-12 p.m.  * Transfer student orientation session*  Blackington Hall 134
Are you joining us from another college or university? Join us for a session designed just for your specific needs. We know you know how to "do college" but we want to welcome you to Pitt-Johnstown and show you how to make your time here successful.

10 a.m.  * Foreign Language Testing
The foreign language placement exam is for either French or Spanish, it takes approximately one hour. Everyone opting in for this test should pre-register with their respective faculty member and bring their Student ID to the exam. The exam lasts approximately one hour.
French – Dr. Barbara Petrosky – Barbara.Petrosky@pitt.edu
Spanish – Dr. Alvaro Bernal – Alvaro.Bernal@pitt.edu

11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.  Lunch  Making Memories  Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center

2:00 p.m. -3:15 p.m.  Respect, Dignity, and MC Values  Monti Washington  PPAC
Help us welcome Monti Washington back to Pitt-Johnstown. Monti is going to share his message entitled “From the Streets to the Stage” and share the story of resilience and envisioning your goals in a diverse world.
Monti has appeared on a number of television stations including CBS and Spike TV, and stars in as Terrence in BET’s newest drama series titled Games People Play.
Friday, August 26, 2022 continued

*denotes optional

3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.  Academic Convocation  Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center (PPAC)
Join President Jem Spectar and his Cabinet for the official kick off to the academic year! The event is a campus tradition that will offer remarks from various members of Pitt-Johnstown administration as well as Student Government President, Lydia Jones. This is the first part of your academic bookend in college!

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.  Dinner

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.  HOORAY  Campus Mall/Wellness Center as rain site
Lonnie Scott, one of the developers of the Leadership Voyage program, is a dynamic speaker and trainer with an uncanny ability to relate to those he is speaking to. His commitment to leadership development and creating dynamic teams started at his undergraduate institution as a participant in the Hooray program. Now he travels the country speaking about student engagement on campuses and in the community. Get ready to meet more people and have a ton of fun! If possible, please wear closed toed shoes.

8 p.m. – 10 p.m.  First Year Festival  Campus Mall/Wellness
Inflatable games, music, and the Mountain Cat Cup! We will compete as halls and see which community comes out on top! This is one of our favorite parts of orientation!
Saturday, August 27

*denotes optional

7:30 a.m.– 9 a.m. **Grab and Go Breakfast**
Blackington Hall

9 a.m.
**Gather Your Groups and Board buses**
Blackington Hall

9:30 a.m.
**A Johnstown Welcome**
Join our community partners for an official welcome to the city. We will have presentations from local leaders on all there is to know about “our city.” Our community has a rich history and an amazing future – we can’t wait to share these opportunities with you!

10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. **Pitt-Johnstown at Your Service**
Mountain Cats for decades share in this same new student orientation experience where we offer a couple of hours per person of direct service to enhance an organization/community in the City of Johnstown.

We are offering coupons for lunch at eateries in the city. We will provide you with a list and addresses of the vendors participating in the coupon/passport. Learn what there is to eat and enjoy in our city and then enter your passport for a prize at the end of orientation! Our goal is for you to see the city as a part of your dining, studying, and entertainment/recreational options when you are not in class. You will also be able to visit many of our Pitt-Stop partners!

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Break**
Grab a shower/take a break!

3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. **FINAL ORIENTATION GROUP MEETING** - this is the info you have been waiting for!
Prizes for attendance, information about student engagement, clubs, jobs, living and learning at Pitt-Johnstown. Join us for this wrap up session and then have dinner and enjoy the kick-off to Weeks of Welcome! Congratulations! You did it!