

Parent and Family Orientation



Sisters Chapel
August 13-14, 2025



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2025 Parent and Family Orientation Program

We welcome parents and families as partners in the educational process at Spelman College. Students and parents will participate in separate activities during New Student Orientation (NSO) and Parent and Family Orientation. There are a few events for both students and parents, interfaith service, and the Closing Ceremony.

Spelman College provides a Parent and Family Orientation Program to identify resources you need to support your student's transition and academic success while also identifying ways for you to engage effectively with Spelman College. In addition to basic information about academic life, student life, student services and many helpful tips, we provide an opportunity for Spelman parents and families to learn about the Spelman Parents and Family Association, Family Weekend, various activities and events, parent communications and newsletters, and some frequently asked questions.

Guest Wi-Fi will be available on August 13-14 for parents and families. To access, select the SpelGuest Network. No credentials are required.

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

6:00 am – 6:00 pm Student Move-In

Parents may explore the campus and have lunch on campus or explore Atlanta.

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Granddaughters Club Welcome Reception

Johnetta B. Cole Living and Learning Center II, Auditorium

An informal "Meet and Greet" to take a break from the summer heat! We know it is move-in day, so come as you are and pop in any time. The Granddaughters Club of Spelman College, the oldest student organization on campus, is **comprised of students whose grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters, and cousins attended Spelman.** A welcome program will be featured every 30 minutes so come to meet the members and enjoy some refreshments.

4:30 pm – 6:45pm

Dinner

Alma Upshaw Cafeteria

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

When and Where I Enter

Sisters Chapel

Overflow: Science Center 134, Auditorium

Student seating in Sisters Chapel will be prioritized

Spelman President Rosalind Brewer will officially welcome new students into the Spelman community during this exuberant, opening program, which illuminates the history, traditions, and talents of Spelman students.

Please click the link below to join the program remotely:

<https://spelman.zoom.us/j/94494320787?pwd=jsIK11cdJ4QLL2SXef7lB7j9U0eYfb.1>

Passcode: wwie25

Link to the program - [WWIE 2025.pdf](#)

Thursday, August 14, 2025

All information sessions will take place in Sisters Chapel.

9:50 am – 10:00 am **Gather in Sisters Chapel**

10:00 am – 11:50 am **Understanding Your Student's Academic Journey**

Dr. Mark Lee, Vice President for Academic Affairs, will share a welcome and thoughts on transitioning from high school to Spelman College. Dr. Lee's remarks will be followed by a faculty panel that will share the faculty expectations of students and how students can be successful in their college classes.

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm **Final Q & A with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies (Academic) and Dean of Students.**

The Deans will be joined by Dr. Rosalind Gregory Bass, Director of the Health Careers Program and Chair of the Environmental and Health Sciences Program.

12:35 pm – 2:00 pm **Lunch**

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Closing Celebration: And Now the Journey Begins**
Sisters Chapel

*Overflow Locations: Science Center 134,232,233, Tapley 130
Manley Center Atrium
Cosby Auditorium, Lower Level 31, Lower Level 32
Living Learning Center 2 Auditorium*

Each student enters the gates of Spelman to begin their next phase into adulthood. This program will celebrate the parent and student's transition to Spelman College. Parents and families will participate in a ceremonial commitment that proclaims their support of their Spelman students as they journey to become Spelmanites.

Link to the Closing Ceremony Program - [Closing Celebration 2025.pdf](#)

*****Parents and families should make sure that their student is with them for the closing celebration.***