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# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21





Please stop by to pick-up your registration packets, event tickets and t-shirts. Representatives from the Parents Association and Study Abroad Office will have information available as well.



#### 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Campus Wellness Center Tours Manley College Center, Upper Concourse

Stretch your legs and take pleasure in a walking tour through campus or a personal tour of the Wellness Center to learn more about your student's home away from home.



#### 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lunch & Continuous Dining Alma Upshaw Dining Hall, Manley College Center

Everyone is invited to an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet. The Upshaw Dining Hall has a variety of options for everyone. Family members will pay \$14 and students will use their meal plans.



#### 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.| Museum of Fine Art Tour Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby, Ed.D. Academic Center

"We Say What Black This Is," an exhibition showcasing mixed media and watercolor paintings by MacArthur Award-winning artist Amanda Williams.

"We Say What Black This Is" challenges reductive definitions of Blackness, instead celebrating its diversity, resilience, and depth. The exhibition features works from Williams' series What Black is this, You Say?, was created in response to the 'Blackout Tuesday' social media moment in 2020. The exhibition includes a new abstract painting by Williams and student-written didactic labels. Each piece explores cultural, social and political dimensions of Black identity, particularly how Black spaces are formed, defined and erased.

Curated by Spelman's Curator in Residence Karen Comer Lowe, "We Say What Black This Is" will explore the richness of Williams' abstract paintings, featuring contributions from Spelman College students and the students from the Atlanta University Center Art Collective.

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#### 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Market Friday Spelman College Oval

Families can purchase products from t-shirts to custom jewelry from local vendors.

#### 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Paying for College Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Ed.D. Academic Center Auditorium

Parents and families can learn about scholarships and financial aid.



#### 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Intramural Volleyball Games (TICKET REQUIRED) Wellness Center

Intramural Sports are simply scheduled competitive and recreational sports, where students compete against each other. Participants may choose from individual or team sports. Our program provides most, if not all the equipment and

officials needed. The program offers league sports that can last between three and six weeks long, in addition to tournaments that can last between one and three days. The volleyball game will consist of two teams competing in a 6v6 match that is played through the best of three sets.



#### 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Family Weekend Mixer** (TICKET REQUIRED) \*\*Held at various locations on campus; please see registration info for your assigned reigional location\*\*

Welcome to Family Weekend! REEMERGENCE: RETURNING TO OUR ROOTS is this year's theme. We want to foster an

environment of connectedness by hosting regional mixers in locations on campus.



## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22



#### 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Check-In Manley College Center, Upper Concourse

Attendees can pick up pre-registration packets, pre-purchased paraphernalia, and event tickets.





Interim President Rosalind "Roz" Brewer, C'84, will give an overview of the College while parents and families enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet.

#### 11:30 a Parent Sisters Families



#### 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Parents and Family Association Meeting Sisters Chapel

Families are invited to gather with other members of the association and learn how to get more involved.

#### 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Campus Resource Panel Sisters Chapel

Parents and families will have the opportunity to ask questions about accommodations, mental health, health services, internships, academic support and post-graduate careers.



#### 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. A Choice to Change the World in Service of Others LLCII Auditorium (TICKET REQUIRED)

We invite Spelman students and their families to join us during this service event and learn about service at Spelman while we support Children's Healthcare of Atlanta - ranked among the

nation's top pediatric hospitals for 2020-21 by U.S. News & World Report's "Best Children's Hospitals" list. Join the Bonner Office of Civic Engagement in creating tutus for distribution to patients navigating extended stays due to serious accidents or illness.



#### 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. | Lunch on your Own Campus Locations: Upshaw Dining Hall, Spelman After Dark, Lower Manley, and Food Trucks

Embrace the spirit of Spelman College and enjoy food, fellowship and fun.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL OFF-CAMPUS DINING OPTIONS:

Frost Bistro (frostbistro.com) \$\$ | Bon Ton (bontonatl.com) \$\$ No Mas!/Adios Cafe (nomascantina.com) \$ | Slim & Husky's (slimandhuskys.com) \$ JD's Summerhill Variety Deli (https://nrsgo.com/jdssummerhill) \$\$

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23



#### 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Sunday Brunch **Alma Upshaw Dining Hall Manley College Center**

Everyone is invited to an all-you-can-eat brunch buffet. Family members may purchase tickets at the door for \$14 each while students use their meal plans.



#### 1 p.m. | Worship Service **Sisters Chapel**

Culminate your weekend by joining us for a nondenominational service with Rev. Dr. Neichelle R. Guidry.

Bio: Rev. Dr. Neichelle R. Guidry (she/her/hers) is a highly sought-after teacher, preacher, leader and commentator. Dr. Guidry currently serves as the Dean of the Chapel and the Director of the WISDOM Center at Spelman. A womanist homiletician and practitioner, she is the author of "Curating a World: Sermonic Words from a Young Woman Who Preaches."

She is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University (BA) and Yale Divinity School (M.Div.), where she was the 2010 recipient of the Walcott Prize for Clear and Effective Public and Pulpit Speaking, and the 2019 recipient of the William Sloane Coffin Alumni Award for Peace and Justice. She is also a graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, where she completed her Doctor of Philosophy (Liturgical Studies, Homiletics concentration). Her dissertation was titled, "Towards a Womanist Homiletical Theology for Subverting Rape Culture."

She is a member of the Society for the Study of Black Religion, the MLK Jr. International Chapel Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated.

#### BOOKSTORE

The Spelman College Bookstore is open during Family Weekend! Bookstore coupons are available at Registration.

BOOKSTORF HOURS OF OPERATION. Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Sunday - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### PARKING

There will be complimentary parking for all Family Weekend participants in the Spelman Parking Deck after 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, until Sunday, Feb. 23. 2025.



Parents, not a member of the Parents Association? Join TODAY! Follow the Link or Scan the QR Code: https://tinyurl.com/yc8f79sb

On behalf of the Spelman College Community, thank you for participating in Family Weekend 2025. We hope your time with us has been fun-filled and engaging!

We encourage you to join us again next year for Family Weekend 2026!



### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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A special acknowledgment goes out to all our outstanding presenters, whose knowledge and insights played a vital role in supporting our students through their journey of matriculation and beyond.

We are already looking forward to serving you again next year for Family Weekend 2026. Thank you for making this event a resounding success!





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