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New Student Orientation Parent and Family Schedule
Undaunted by the Fight
2023 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.

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

8:00 am - 10:00 am  Breakfast  
*Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall*

11:00 am - 2:00 pm  Lunch  
*Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall*

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Granddaughters Club Welcome Reception  
*Albert E. Manley College Center, June Gary Hopps Atrium*  
An informal “Meet and Greet” to take a break from the summer heat! We know it’s 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.

4:00 pm – 6:45pm  Dinner  
*Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Cafeteria Dining Hall*
When and Where I Enter
Sisters Chapel
Overflow: Science Center 134, NASA Auditorium
Dr. Helene D. Gayle will officially welcome new students into the Spelman community during this exuberant, opening program, which illuminates the history, traditions and talents of Spelman students.

Thursday, August 10, 2023

10:00 am – 3:00 pm  AUCC Student Health and Wellness Center Open House
455 Lee Street SW, 3rd Floor, Suite 300A
Take a moment to walk up Lee Street to learn about valuable health and wellness services available to Spelman students. The open house will give you an opportunity to interact with practitioners and staff of the center to help your student proactively manage her health and wellness needs.

All information sessions will take place in Sisters Chapel with overflow seating in Science Center 134, NASA Auditorium, unless otherwise noted.

11:00 am – 11:30 am  Welcome
Dr. Helene Gayle, President
Dr. Pamela E. Scott-Johnson, Provost

11:30 am – 12:30 pm  Spelmanish: A Diversity and Inclusion Dialogue
Join Dr. Darryl Holloman, Vice President of Student Affairs, in a conversation about the wide range of diverse thoughts, actions and perceptions that are found at Spelman College. This session will explore the various student experiences at Spelman, including students’ roles, student engagement, inclusion efforts and the impact of spirituality.

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  Lunch
Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Cafeteria, Upper Level
À la carte dining venues open on the Lower Level of the Manley College Center

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  Closing Celebration: And Now Her Journey Begins
Spelman College Oval – Rain or Shine
Each student enters the gates of Spelman to begin the next phase of their journey 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.

This is a standing event with limited seating available for elderly or disabled individuals.

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