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New Student Orientation
Schedule

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NSO 2023
Spelman College, a historically Black college and global leader in the education of women of African descent, is dedicated to academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and the intellectual, creative, ethical and leadership development of its students. Spelman empowers the whole person to engage the many cultures of the world and inspires a commitment to positive social change (Spelman College Mission Statement).

The mission of the New Student Orientation Program (NSO) complements the College’s mission as it introduces new students to the academic, social, and cultural community of Spelman College.

The NSO Program seeks to:
• facilitate the smooth transition of new students, including transfer, international, domestic exchange, and Pauline E. Drake scholars to the Spelman community;
• introduce all students to Spelman’s educational mission, history, and unique opportunities;
• provide academic advisement and course registration;
• aid students in understanding their responsibilities as members of the Spelman College academic and social communities;
• provide all new students with opportunities for social and recreational activities that develop sisterhood and supportive networks and that foster a sense of school pride.
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You are expected to attend all programs and activities; they will help you successfully navigate the Spelman College experience. All changes to the New Student Orientation schedule will be posted on the mySpelman portal under the tab New Student Orientation and in the NSO Guidebook.

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

10:00 am - 4:00 pm  New Honors Program Students Check-in

New Bonner Program Students Check-in
Living and Learning Center II Housing Office

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

7:00 am  Gate on Lee Street Opens

7:00 am - 4:00 pm  New Student Check-in and ID Photo Pick-Up
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center, Atrium

Representatives from the following offices are available.
In Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center:
- Housing and Residence Life
- Office of Undergraduate Studies
- Student ID Card Services
In Campus Offices:
- Financial Aid Office, Packard Hall
- Office of the Registrar, Packard Hall
- Student Account Center/Cashier, Packard Hall
- Student Health Services, MacVicar Hall

8:00 am - 10:00 am  Breakfast
Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall
Spelman students may enter with Spelman ID.

8:30 am – 4:00 pm  Bonner Program Orientation
Board community service vans at Camilla Olivia Hanks Cosby parking lot

9:30 am – 3:00 pm  Honors Program Orientation
Giles Auditorium, Room 106
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11:00 am - 2:00 pm  Lunch
Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall
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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 – 6:45 pm  Dinner
Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall
Spelman students may enter with Spelman ID.

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  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.

8:30 pm – 9:30 pm  Sister Chat - Meet Your PAL
Assigned PAL Rooms
In an interactive session, Peer Assistant Leaders (PALs) will address important student questions and concerns. This time will also be used to discuss the College’s history and traditions and to learn the Spelman Hymn in preparation for the Induction Ceremony. Students will also receive updates about New Student Orientation schedule changes, and they will be able to communicate any needs and/or challenges. New students are encouraged to check the mySpelman portal for information regarding their Peer Assistant leader, their contact information, and the assigned classrooms for future meetings.

Thursday, August 10, 2023

7:00 am - 10:00 am  Breakfast
Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall
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9:00 am - 11:00 am  Late Arrival New Student Check-in
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center, Atrium
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9:00 am - 11:30 am  Mathematics Placement Examinations (only for students who failed to complete the exam prior to the start of NSO)
The math placement exam is required of all first year and transfer students who are not transferring mathematics’ credits. Exceptions to this policy include Summer Science students (WISTEM); Spelman’s Early College Program students with college math credit; students who scored 3 or higher on the AP Calculus AB and BC Examinations; students who scored 5, 6, or 7 on the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Higher Level Examinations; and students who earned a score of 50 on the CLEP mathematics exam. Students need their Spelman College ID Card. Registration required. Login information will be sent once you have registered.

9:00 am - 10:30 am  Woodruff Library Orientation – Last Names A - F
***Students not taking the Math Placement Exam
Library staff will provide a tour of the Robert W. Woodruff Library and assist students with establishing their library accounts, which will enable students to check out materials and access electronic resources remotely.
PALs will meet students at the Greensferry Gate to accompany them to the library.

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 you proactively manage your health and wellness needs.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm  Woodruff Library Orientation – Last Names G - N
Library staff will provide a tour of the Robert W. Woodruff Library and assist students with establishing their library accounts, which will enable students to check out materials and access electronic resources remotely.
PALs will meet students at the Greensferry Gate to accompany them to the library.

11:00 am – 2:00 pm  Lunch
Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall
Spelman students may enter with Spelman ID.

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  Woodruff Library Orientation – Last Names O - Z
Library staff will provide a tour of the Robert W. Woodruff Library and assist students with establishing their library accounts, which will enable students to check out materials and access electronic resources remotely.
PALs will meet students at the Greensferry Gate to accompany them to the library.

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
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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 reserved for elderly and disabled individuals.*

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm  **Dinner**
*Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall*
*Spelman students may enter with Spelman ID.*

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  **Sister Chats**
*Assigned PAL Rooms*

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm  **Sisterhood is Global/Leadership Night: Civically Engaged, Academically and Socially Empowered**
*Sisters Chapel*
An introduction to Class Council, Collaborative Greek Council, Miss Spelman and Her Court, PULSE Programming Board, Residence Hall Association (RHA), and Student Government Association (SGA) roles on campus. Meet Spelmanites from across the globe.

9:30 pm - 11:00 pm  **Residence Hall Building Meetings**
*Locations Posted in your Residence Hall*
Join your resident director (RD) and resident advisors (RA’s) for essential information about living on campus and making the most of your residential experience. This session will provide helpful advice for becoming accustomed to residence hall life and making the transition to the Spelman sisterhood a little easier. You will also learn about opportunities for leadership and involvement within your residence hall community.

**Friday, August 11, 2023**

7:00 am - 8:50 a  **Breakfast**
*Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall*

9:00 am - 9:50 am  **Meet the First Year Dean**
*Sisters Chapel*
Dean Baxter will address any questions students may have regarding advising, their advisor and first year at Spelman College.

10:00 am - 10:50 am  **Student Success – First-Year Study Groups**
*Sisters Chapel*
Join the Student Success Program staff and study group leads for an engaging presentation about First Year Study Groups. First Year Study Groups are offered to all first-year students and allow students an opportunity to attend weekly sessions centered
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around course support and mentorship. The weekly sessions are led by an upper-class student. During the last two years, students who attended weekly sessions earned higher grade point averages! Students who attend this presentation will also receive an “Introduction to the Navigate App” and can then use the app to schedule a strategic success advising appointment with the Student Success Program staff!

11:00 am - 11:50 am  
Free Thinking Women: Learning to Question African Diaspora and the World  
Sisters Chapel  
Learn about the Spelman College signature interdisciplinary program as faculty discuss the role and importance of free-thinking women in the development of intellectual community.

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Lunch  
Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Advising (Group)  
Advisor Designated Locations  
Meet your academic advisor to learn valuable information about core and divisional requirements and to discuss your individual course schedule.

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Language Placement Examinations  
All students who did not take an online placement exam in Chinese, or French, or Spanish, should use this link to create an account and take the online exam as soon as possible. You will be notified via email on what steps to take next. The language placement process closes August 18, 2023.

The contact list below with meeting room numbers is designated only for Friday, August 11, from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, for students who already took a Chinese, or French, or Spanish online exam and for those students who wish to be placed in Japanese, or Latin, or Portuguese.

Spanish  
Paulina Canales, M.Ed.  
peanales@spelman.edu  
Selected students who are taking the Spanish oral interview will meet in Cosby building room 446 (4th floor)  
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Last name A-L  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Last name M-Z

Chinese  
Dr. Richard Lu  
Email : zlu@spelman.edu  
Students taking the Chinese oral interview will meet in Cosby room 439 (4th floor)

French  
Dr. Anne Carlson  
Email: acarlson@spelman.edu
ALL STUDENTS WHO DID NOT COMPLETE THE ONLINE FRENCH PLACEMENT EXAM PRIOR TO ARRIVAL ON CAMPUS MUST COMPLETE A WRITTEN EXAM
Students taking the written portion of the French placement exam will meet in Cosby building room LL 27 (Lower-Level floor) Must bring a lap-top.

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Students taking the written portion of the French placement exam: last name A-L.

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Students taking the written portion of the French placement exam: last name M-Z.

Japanese
Dr. Xuexin Liu
Email: xliu@spelman.edu
Students taking the Japanese placement exam will meet in Cosby building room 440 (4th floor)

Latin
Dr. Gerard Pendrick
Email: jpendrick@spelman.edu
Students taking the Latin placement exam contact Dr. Pendrick via email.

Portuguese
Dr. Fernanda Guida
Email: fernandasilvaguida@spelman.edu
Students taking the Portuguese placement exam should contact Dr. Guida via email.

NOTE: STUDENTS WHO SCORE HIGH ON THE PLACEMENT TEST IN ALL LANGUAGES WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN ORAL EXAM. NOTIFICATION OF TIME AND LOCATION WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL.

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Glee Club Auditions
Living Learning Center II Auditorium
For more information and to sign up for an audition, visit spelman.edu/gleeclub
The Spelman College Glee Club is the premier performance organization for the College and sings for most campus events. Students who are interested in becoming a member of the Spelman College Glee Club must audition. Auditions are evaluated by the Director of the Glee Club, as well as selected music faculty.
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3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Computer Literacy Exemption Examination – INTERESTED STUDENTS ONLY
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All students interested in testing for computer literacy exemption should be familiar with
vocabulary, concepts, word processing, and spreadsheets (e.g., Microsoft Suite, included
Access).
https://forms.office.com/r/tS8mK5jCFd

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Health Careers Program Orientation and Welcome Dinner
Science Center 134, Nasa Auditorium
Dinner will be available in Science Center Lobby.
All students interested in any of the medical professions are required to attend. This
informal gathering will provide an opportunity for you to register with the office, gain
information on the pre-requisites for various health professional schools and meet the
team of advisors/peer mentors that will assist you along your journey. Learn about early
acceptance programs with affiliate graduate and professional schools.

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Dinner
Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall

5:30 pm
Induction Ceremony Auditions
Sisters Chapel
Students who are interested in displaying their talents and performing at the Induction
Ceremony should attend auditions at this time.

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Sister Chat
Assigned PAL Rooms

Saturday, August 12, 2023

12:00 am - 6:00 am
The Wake-Up
Student Leaders will join new students for a special sunrise program. It could happen
anytime during this period, so be prepared……

6:00 am - 9:00 am
Breakfast
Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall

9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Stepping into Service - Community Service at Spelman
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center, Auditorium
The Bonner Office of Civic Engagement will provide an overview of community service
expectations to new students.
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Registration is required.  https://givepul.se/myepiw

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

11:00 am - 1:00 pm  Induction Performance Practice  
*Sisters Chapel*
Student performers selected to perform at the Induction Ceremony will rehearse with a representative from SGA.

11:00 am - 1:00 pm  Glee Club Auditions  
*Living Learning Center II Auditorium*
The Spelman College Glee Club is the premier performance organization for the College and sings for most campus events. Students who are interested in becoming a member of the Spelman College Glee Club must audition. Auditions are evaluated by the Director of the Glee Club, as well as selected music faculty.

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  Focus on Community Safety and Security  
*Sisters Chapel*
Spelman College Public Safety officers will provide an overview of topics all new students need to know to be safe. Highlights include campus emergency procedures, traveling safely in the AUC community and using public transportation or ride shares, situational awareness and simple, but effective practices to increase your safety.

3:00 pm - 5:30 pm  Dinner  
*Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall*

5:15 pm - 5:45 pm  AUC Operation Olive Branch Processional  
*Student leaders will meet students at the Greensferry Gate.*

6:30 pm  AUC Operation Olive Branch  
*Frank L. Forbes Arena*
An empowerment program designed to introduce students to the unique history and pride of the Atlanta University Center Consortium institutions. All new students from Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College will have an opportunity to meet and hear from AUC Student Leaders while enjoying entertainment in a social atmosphere that encourages AUC unity, camaraderie, and the ideals that we collectively value: advocacy, service, civility, and personal responsibility.

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm  Olive Branch  
*Morehouse College hosts - New Students ONLY*
*Ray Charles Performing Arts Center*
The event will conclude with music, fun and dance. Food will be available for purchase.
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Sunday, August 13, 2023

***PLEASE WEAR YOUR WHITE ATTIRE FOR ALL EVENTS TODAY***

7:00 am - 9:30 am  Breakfast
Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall

8:45 am  Joint Convocation Processional
PALs will meet students at the Lee Street gate.

10:00 am - 11:30 am  Joint Convocation with Morehouse College
King Chapel, Morehouse College
Speaker: Dr. David A. Thomas, President, Morehouse College

11:00 am - 1:00 pm  Lunch
Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Sister Chat - History and Traditions
Assigned PAL Classrooms
Along with introducing new students to Spelman's history and traditions, these sessions provide a unique opportunity for alumnae to share generational experiences and lessons learned during their years as students and as alumnae.

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  Dinner
Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall

7:05 pm - 8:35 pm  Induction Ceremony
Sisters Chapel
Students will be welcomed by the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC). In addition, students will participate in an induction ceremony, which is a traditional ceremony developed by first-year students. The ceremony serves as the official induction into the illustrious Spelman sisterhood.

Monday, August 14, 2023

7:00 am - 9:00 am  Breakfast
Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall

11:00 am - 12:30 pm  Academic Departments and Academic Support Services Fair
Wellness Center Gymnasium, and other designated locations
The Fair provides an opportunity to meet faculty in academic departments and learn more about the requirements, benefits and opportunities related to your area of interest. Additionally, representatives from academic support services (the Language Resource
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Lab, Student Success Center, Comprehensive Writing Center, and Mathematics Lab) will be available. All departments will be in the Gymnasium in Wellness Center at Read Hall, except the departments listed below.

- Biology – Cosby Center Atrium
- Psychology – Giles 106
- Health Science – Science Center Atrium

11:30 am - 1:30 pm  Lunch
Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Academic Advising (First-Year Students)
Advisor Designated Locations
Meet your academic advisor to learn valuable information about general education core and divisional requirements and to discuss your individual course schedule.

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  Get Engaged: Registered Student Organization Fair
Wellness Center at Read Hall, Gymnasium
Join us to learn about all the campus organizations in which you can participate and make a difference.
Wear your Class T-shirt.

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  SGA Voter Registration Drive
Wellness Center at Read Hall, Gymnasium

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  Dinner
Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  Music Department Auditions (majors and minors only)
Living and Learning Center II Auditorium
All interested music majors and minors are required to participate in the Music Department’s auditions. Auditions are evaluated by the music faculty and will last between 10-20 minutes.

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  Music Theory and Keyboard Skills Test
Living and Learning Center II, Breakout B
Music Majors and Minors

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  First Year Class Council Information Session
Science Center 134, NASA Auditorium
All students interested in pursuing a leadership position with the Freshman Class Council are required to attend this mandatory information session. SGA’s Election Commissioner will provide students with important dates and campaign guidelines for the Freshman Class Council elections. Students will have the opportunity to speak with current SGA members and inquire about any additional campaigning concerns.
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7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  Living the Spelman Sisterhood
Sisters Chapel
Join Residence Life for an interactive program about living in community in your residence hall and how to positively address conflicts that may arise with roommates/suitmates or neighbors on your floor. At the end of the program, you will complete roommate/suitmate agreements to outline agreed upon behaviors in your room.

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

7:00 am - 9:00 am  Breakfast
Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall

9:30 am – 10:30 am  Title IX & Violence Prevention & Intervention at Spelman
Sisters Chapel
This introductory session is designed to educate and raise awareness about sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and other related issues on college campuses. Students will also learn how to be active bystanders, report violations and identify where to get support and assistance on and off campus. Stay connected on socials @spelman.titleix.

10:30 am - 11:30 pm  Navigating Your Career: Pathways to Employment and Graduate School Success
Sisters Chapel
Join the Office of Career Planning and Development as they discuss programs, events, services, resources, and activities that assist students in obtaining internships, research opportunities, campus jobs, part-time jobs, and exposure to professional development and graduate school preparation opportunities.

12:00 am – 2:00 pm  Lunch
Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Academic Advising (as needed)
Advisor Designated Locations

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm  Dinner
Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  First to Do It: Preparing First-Generation Students
To Be Determined
This meet and greet will allow all first-generation students an opportunity to meet with the Dean of Students to understand valuable resources on campus to support your success.

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  Contemporary Popular Music Ensemble Auditions
Living and Learning Center II Auditorium
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Interested in playing or singing blues, jazz, hip-hop, fusion, or other popular music? The Contemporary Popular Music Ensemble is open to all students (music majors and non-music majors) capable of performing music from various stylistic periods and genres. Students who are interested in becoming a member of the Contemporary Popular Music Ensemble must participate in an audition evaluated by the director of the ensemble.

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  Get to Know the Wellness Center Staff: Meet & Greet.
Wellness Center at Read Hall
Meet with staff from the Wellness Center, Health Services, and Counseling in a relaxed setting to discover resources and supports to help you navigate wellness barriers that might get in the way of reaching your highest potential! Meet other students who are making it happen!

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Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Fall Semester Classes Begin

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  P.U.L.S.E. Presents: Welcome Back Jam
Spelman College Oval
Welcome Back to the AUC sponsored by P.U.L.S.E. Students of the AUC have an opportunity to have some food and fun to kick-off the new academic year.

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm  Computer Literacy Exemption Examination – INTERESTED STUDENTS ONLY
Advanced Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up or use the link below.

All students interested in testing for computer literacy exemption should be familiar with vocabulary, concepts, word processing, and spreadsheets (e.g., Microsoft Suite, including Access).  
https://forms.office.com/r/rjYmj8y69B

Thursday, August 17, 2023

12 noon  Museum Walk-Through
Spelman College Museum of Fine Art – Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center
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Friday, August 18, 2023
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Spelman Dance Theater Auditions  
Wellness Center at Reid Hall, Studio A/B
Spelman Dance Theater is the college’s pre-professional dance company, and membership is open to all AUC students. Registration is by audition only. All interested dance majors and minors MUST attend the SDT audition. Students will meet the co-directors and choreographers, learn phrases, and engage in a creative process. Please be dressed to move. No preparation material is needed. Dancers from all backgrounds and experience levels are encouraged to attend. Successful first year auditionees will be invited to a callback audition on Wednesday, August 23 from 6:00 – 8:30 PM.

6:00 pm – 7:45 pm  
Spelman College Peloton Activation  
Spelman College Oval and Sisters Chapel
Take advantage of this opportunity to connect with other students! Join us for a transformative evening of mindfulness as we present a Peloton yoga and meditation experience followed by an engaging panel discussion featuring esteemed experts Dr. Chelsea Jackson Roberts and Kirsten Ferguson on physical and mental wellness as we kick off the academic year.

Wednesday, August 23, 2023
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Spelman Dance Theater Callbacks and Upper-Class Student Auditions  
Wellness Center at Reid Hall, Studio A/B
This audition is for all upper-class AUC students interested in joining Spelman Dance Theater AND first-year dancers who attended the audition on August 18th and received a call back. Students will meet the co-directors and choreographers, learn phrases, and engage in a creative process. Please be dressed to move. No preparation material is needed. Dancers from all backgrounds and experience levels are encouraged to attend. Successful auditionees will be notified of their acceptance into the company and will then register for SDAN 200 Dance Performance.

Thursday, August 24, 2023
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Opening Convocation featuring Dr. Helene Gayle President, Spelman College
**Required for first year students**  
**There is an abbreviated class schedule**
Classes that meet on Thursday from: Will meet from:
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8:00 am - 9:15 am
9:25 am - 10:40 am

8:00 am - 8:50 am
9:00 am - 9:45 am

(Students should go promptly to Sisters Chapel)

Classes will resume at 1:00 pm