Undaunted by the Fight
2021 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, including brunch, dinner, 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.

Thursday, August 12, 2021

7:00 am  
Campus Gates Open

7:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Cyber Café  
*Albert E. Manley Center, Lower Level*  
Need to check your email? Stop by the Cyber Café to access computers or Wi-Fi

7:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Parent Check-In  
*Albert E. Manley Center, Lower Level*

8:30 am – 9:50 am  
An Introduction to the Senior Team  
*Sisters Chapel (overflow – Science Center)*

10:00 am – 11:00 am  
Spelman College Faculty Panel Discussion  
*Sisters Chapel (overflow –Science Center)*  
What does it mean to be a part of an intellectual community? Spelman faculty discuss this question and the expectations for your student. Moderated by Michelle Hite, Director, Ethel Wadell Githii Honors Program

11:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Lunch  
*Oval*

1:15 pm – 4:30 pm  
Spelman 101 for Parents & Families  
*Sisters Chapel (overflow –Science Center)*
1:20 pm - 1:45 pm  
**Atlanta University Center Consortium (AUCC) Health and Safety Protocols**  
Representatives from the Atlanta University Center and Spelman College will discuss the Covid-19 protocols that are in place in the AUCC and Spelman College.

1:50 pm – 2:20 pm  
**New Crossroads: Accessing Health and Wellness for First-Year Students**  
A panel comprised of members from the Counseling Center, Student Access Center, the Wellness Center and Student Health Services will discuss what parents and students should expect in the first year of the Spelman College experience.

2:25 pm – 2:55 pm  
**Financial Aid/Student Accounts: Managing College Finances**  
Parents and families will learn about the resources available to students and the process of securing grants, loans and scholarships.

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
**Community Safety and Security**  
Spelman is a safe and secure community protected by a competent and committed staff of 30 professional law enforcement officers. The Public Safety Department works 24 hours a day patrolling the campus and adjacent streets and maintains the emergency communications center, parking, and offers education and safety programs. Parents and families will learn about Public Safety’s approach to maintaining a safe campus environment.

3:35 pm - 4:05 pm  
**Title IX and Sexual Violence Education & Prevention**  
This program will discuss issues concerning sexual violence in the college community. We will review facts, statistics and resources to help students gain awareness and an understanding of sexual violence and strategies to decrease victimization.

4:10 pm – 4:40 pm  
**The Academic Challenge**  
Parents and families will meet the Undergraduate Deans and learn about the process for registration, available academic support services such as the language lab, Student Success Program, writing center, math lab, and counseling services. Parents and families will also learn about Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines for interacting and communicating with parents and families.

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm  
**Dinner**  
*Oval*

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
**When and Where I Enter**  
*Sisters Chapel (overflow Science Center)*  
Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell will officially welcome new students into the Spelman community during this exuberant, opening program, which illuminates the history, traditions and talents of Spelman students and the Spelman College standards of excellence.
7:40 pm – 8:00 pm  

Closing Celebration: And Now Her Journey Begins  

_Oval_

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 student as they journey to become Spelmanites.