

WEEK OF WELCOME 2023 -West Campus Schedule

Students living at the West Campus Village will follow this schedule

Wednesday, August 16

7 – 11 a.m. MOVE-IN DAY - Assigned Apartment

If living at the West Campus Village, you will begin your residential experience at Georgia College & State University by moving into your assigned apartment. A variety of community members and returning students will be on hand to welcome you and move your belongings into your room. These individuals are available to assist you by providing directions and answering questions. Move-in details are available online at gcsu.edu/housing.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. MEET YOUR COMMUNITY ADVISOR (CA) - Assigned Apartment

Come together with your CA and your fellow floor mates to be introduced to your new community. Your CA will share important information you need to know about living in University Housing. Your CA will review the Week of Welcome schedule, distribute your Class of 2027 t-shirt for GCSU Gives Day and help you meet your new neighbors.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. WEST CAMPUS PICNIC - Wellness & Recreation Center

Unwind on your first night with a picnic on West Campus. Enjoy food, music, and fun while you get to know your Village neighbors.

Thursday, August 17

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. BARNES & NOBLE VIP PARTY – Downtown on Hancock Street

Come to Barnes & Noble at Georgia College & State University to be welcomed to campus in style at our VIP Event! Pick up your books, get your GCSU gear, get free swag, and learn more about winning a semester of free books!

11 a.m. 2 p.m. UNBOXING YOUR COMMUNITY – Wellness & Recreation Center

Students will be split into two groups and will concurrently attend lunch and Unboxing Your Community based on your residence hall. Please check with you CA for your scheduled time.

As a student at GCSU, you're now a part of the Bobcat Nation! But just who makes up our community? In this interactive session, you'll have an opportunity to learn more about your fellow Bobcats - beyond what you might see on the surface or assume about them based on stereotypes.

12:30 - 2 p.m. LATE FALL SEMESTER ORIENTATION - Arts & Sciences Auditorium

The orientation session is designed for transfer and freshmen students who were **unable to attend** one of the June or July programs. Check in will be held between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. in the Arts & Sciences Auditorium and the orientation program will conclude by 2 p.m. Students may register online at gcsu.edu/orientation or contact the office of New Student Programs at 478-445-0948.

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. DINNER – The Max

7 p.m. – 10 p.m. WELCOME & RECFEST- Wellness & Recreation Center

Join members of the campus community as you are officially welcomed to Georgia College & State University. There will be games inside and outside for all skill levels. Come try some of the fitness equipment- take a few laps on the track- or climb the climbing wall! Join in on a game on one of our courts or come watch all the action. Learn about all the resources that GCSU has to offer to keep you healthy and well. There will be plenty of food and fun. This is one event that you do not want to miss! Welcome Home to Georgia College & State University.

Friday, August 18

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST – The MAX

9 – 10 a.m. FIRST-YEAR CONVOCATION– Centennial Center

Appropriate dress required - no jeans or caps. Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to get swiped in.

Convocation is your official induction into the Georgia College & State University family, and, in many ways, marks the beginning of your collegiate journey. Convocation will feature a welcome from our President, SGA President, and keynote speaker. Here you will also receive your class pin which serves as a tangible symbol of your membership in the Georgia College & State University Class of 2027. In receiving and putting on your pin, you are not only joining a list of Georgia College community members that stretches back 130 years, you are also demonstrating your bond to your classmates and commitment to our shared principles of “Reason, Respect, and Responsibility.”

Check in by 8:15 a.m. – Foundation, Parkhurst, Sanford

Check in by 8:30 a.m. – Adams, Napier, Wells, Bell

Check in by 8:45 a.m. – Village

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. COLLEGE MEETINGS – Locations announced at Convocation

Meet leadership, faculty and other students in your college of choice. Georgia College has four academic colleges: College of Arts & Sciences, College of Business & Technology, College of Education, and College of Health Sciences. Learn about all the opportunities afforded by being a GCSU Class of 2027 member.

11:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 – 3:45 p.m. CONCURRENT PROGRAMS – Students will receive an email with specific location

From 1:00- 2:15 pm and then from 2:30 – 3:45 pm, you will be rotating through your GCReads microseminar sessions and GCSYou and Your Health sessions. If you are signed up for a 1pm GCReads session, then you will attend GCSYou at 2:30pm. If you are signed up for a 2:30 pm GCReads session, then you will attend a 1pm GCSYou session.

GCSYou and Your Health Session

Join members from Wellness & Recreation, Women’s Center, Counseling and Student Health in this interactive session to learn about all the resources you have available here on campus and hear how you can help other Bobcats to stay safe and healthy.

GC Reads Microseminar Sessions

To ensure a good start to your academic experience, you get to participate in one of our GCReads Microseminars! These seminars offer an informal introduction to college-level discussions and an opportunity to explore a subject of mutual interest with a subject matter that you selected from the summer reading essays. Get a preview of a classroom setting at Georgia College & State University and have a discussion about compelling themes with those that share a similar interest. Students will receive an email prior to this session with their assigned classroom.

GCSYou & Your Health – Russell Auditorium
GC READS – campus classrooms

4:00 – 5:15 p.m. CONNECTING WITH YOUR FIRST YEAR GUIDE - Students will receive an email with specific location *Depending on your specific first-year seminar, you will either meet with your FYG from 4 – 4:30pm or from 4:45 – 5:15pm.* During this small group interactive session, you'll get to know a first-year guide, be introduced to GC Journeys, and discuss your specific GCSU Gives Day project.

****There will be open office hour opportunities in the library as well during this time.****

5:30 – 8 p.m. DINNER & FORMING YOUR COMMUNITY– Assigned Residence Hall or Apartment

Students will attend their floor meeting at their scheduled time. They may eat dinner in the Max prior to that meeting or afterwards depending on their schedule.

Join your fellow floor mates and share your experiences from your first day of Week of Welcome. Your CA will also work with you to form community expectations for the year.

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m – Village floor meeting

6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m – Adams, Napier, Wells, Bell floor meeting

7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. – Foundation, Parkhurst, Sanford floor meeting

8:30 – 9:45 p.m. FEARLESS INSIDE WITH DARRYLL BELLAMY – Centennial Center

For first-year students, new people, places, and experiences can be both exhilarating and daunting. Join international phenom Darryll Bellamy as he teaches you practical ways to embrace discomfort and step out of your comfort zone to welcome a sense of belonging, while fully engaging in all that college has to offer. This is one event that you do NOT want to miss.

Saturday, August 19

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. GCSU GIVES – Milledgeville/Baldwin County (locations to be announced)

Students will serve at different times based on their first-year seminar

Being a student at Georgia College & State University is more than excelling in the classroom – it's about becoming a servant leader too. Join fellow members of the Class of 2027, faculty, staff, and community members as we come together to serve your new community. Food, water, and transportation to different service sites in the surrounding community will be provided. *Be sure to wear your class shirt and closed-toe footwear as most locations will be outdoors.* Let's give back and be the change which you want to see in the world!

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. LUNCH – The MAX

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – BINGO– The Den in Maxwell Student Union

Join the Campus Activities Board in the Den to unwind with low-key games, snacks and fun with your fellow Bobcats. Prizes will be given.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. DINNER – The MAX

7 – 9:30 p.m. SILENT DISCO – Centennial Center

The Resident Student Association (RSA) invites you to their annual Silent Disco! Silent Disco is a unique way of experiencing music. Guests wear wireless headphones, and a silent atmosphere instantly transforms in to a high-energy musical performance. Enjoy the work of a professional DJ or make requests for your favorite tracks, the choice is yours. Tune in to up to three channels and different types of music and create the party you would prefer.

Sunday, August 20

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. BRUNCH – The MAX

Sleep in and then head to The MAX for your first brunch of the year.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. HILLEL BAGEL BRUNCH – The Hillel House

Hillel is the Jewish student organization at GCSU. Whether you are Jewish or Jew-*ish*, or just want to meet new friends, all are welcome. *321 N. Clarke St.*

11 a.m. WELCOME (BACK) COMMUNITY BRUNCH – TBD

Join us for a warm and inclusive gathering as LGBTQ+ Programs at GCSU hosts its annual "Welcome [Back] Community Brunch" on Sunday, August 20th at 11 a.m. This event marks the perfect kickoff to the Fall semester, bringing together students, staff, and faculty as we celebrate our LGBTQ+ community at GCSU! To receive the event location, please RSVP by noon on Friday (8/18) through [GC Connect](#). Only those who RSVP will be emailed with the location details the day before the event.

3:00 p.m. CAMPUS PROWL (Guided Classroom Tours – Atkinson Hall

Join the first-year guides (FYGs) for a 45 minute guided tour of our most common classroom buildings. You'll get a chance to figure out where all of your classes are before they start this week. Meet the FYGs in the first floor lobby of Atkinson Hall (the building behind the bobcat head on front campus)

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – KICK-OFF TOAST with Coke– Front Campus

Through a partnership with Milledgeville Coca-Cola, we will officially welcome the Class of 2027 to campus with a coke toast.

5:00 -8:00 p.m. DINNER – The MAX

Monday, August 21

7:45 a.m. – 4 p.m. BOBCAT BRIGADE – Make-a-Wish Fountain (next to A&S)

Need to know where your class is located? Not sure where the Financial Aid Office is? Want to learn more about Bobcat Spirit? Bobcat Brigade won't throw shade – they're here for you! Even if you don't have a question, stop by and meet members of our campus community who make up the Bobcat Brigade. Administrators, faculty, staff and students will be on-hand to answer any questions you might have, provide a tasty treat, and hand out cool GCSU swag as you make your way across campus.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. TECH HELP LOUNGE – Library Lab 119

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4 p.m. – 5 p.m. MSU GRAND OPENING – Maxwell Student Union

Join campus and community partners as we officially open the newly renovated MSU

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. POP-UP EVENT IN THE DEN – MSU Den

Join the Student Engagement staff for a pop-up event in the Den for food and fun

Wednesday, August 23

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. POSTER SALE - Make-A-Wish Fountain (next to A&S)

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7 – 9 p.m. BLOCK PARTY – Greene Street

You are cordially invited to the 5th Annual Block Party! Come out and enjoy music, activities and fun. Student organizations will be on hand to provide information on how to get involved on campus. Now that you are on campus, remember the Student Engagement Challenge: *Get involved in at least one organization or team in the first month on campus.* You will even have an opportunity to enter a drawing for prizes including a semester of free books! You don't want to miss out!

7 – 9 p.m. T-SHIRT UPGRADE (while they last) – Greene Street

Bobcat fans will have the opportunity for a T-shirt upgrade during the Block Party. Bring in a shirt with any other college logo on it, no matter the condition, and swap it for a brand-new Georgia College & State University shirt! Milledgeville is Bobcat territory. It can be the Georgia Tech shirt you do yard work in with the yellow pit stains, or it can be the Georgia shirt that your pet bulldog got a hold of and tore to shreds. We'll take any shirt, no questions asked.

Thursday, August 24

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6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. THINKFAST TRIVIA – Magnolia Ballroom

Do you know a lot about nothing? Movies? Sports? Science? Pop Culture? History? Join the Office of Health Promotion for a fun night of trivia. There is a \$200 Amazon gift card prize! Bring your friends! Free food!

9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. THURSDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING - TBD

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1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. GET CONNECTED AT GCSU – MSU Patio and Student Engagement suite

Event to help students find opportunities to get connected on campus. Kona Ice will be there.

7 p.m. – 9 p.m. MEET THE GREEKS – The Hub

Come by and talk all things Greek with the members of the NPHC fraternities and sororities.

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