Parent & Family Program

Friday, July 13, 2018
8:00-8:30  Orientation Registration—Campus Center
We invite you to help yourself to breakfast and mingle with current students, new students, parents and guests. Visit the Otterbein Bookstore for your cardinal apparel—open today from 8am—5pm.

8:45-9:15  Welcome to Otterbein—Cowan Hall
Otterbein University President, Dr. John Comerford, will welcome you to Otterbein as you help your student “Prepare to S.O.A.R.”

9:20-9:40  Parent & Family Welcome and Student Affairs Overview—Cowan Hall
Presented by James Prysock, Director, Office of Social Justice & Activism, and Dr. Kathy Ryan, Director, Counseling Center

9:50-10:35  Interest Sessions: Block #1
Otterbein University Police: Keeping You Safe at Your Home Away from Home—Roush 114
Learn about the services that the Otterbein University Police Department provides on campus, such as 24 hour campus patrol, late night escorts, motorist assistance, educational programs, lock out assistance, vehicle and bicycle registration, Red Alert Emergency Notification, and campus fire safety.
Presented by Larry Banaszak, Chief of Police

Living and Dining on Campus—Riley Auditorium, Battelle Fine Arts Center
Living on campus is a unique and valuable experience. This session will focus on roommate relationships, moving in, how residence halls support learning, dining services for students and many other questions.
Presented by Tracy Benner, Director, Residence Life

Study Abroad: Go Away!—Science 104
Just as you are settling in to your new life at Otterbein, it is time to begin planning opportunities for going away. This session will discuss opportunities for study abroad through yearlong, semester and faculty-led programs during January term or summer session. Credits do transfer. It is not as expensive as you may think. No foreign language is necessary.
Presented by Michelle Dippold, Center for Student Success Coordinator

You Know You're the Parent of a College Student When. . . —Towers 112
Wondering how to guide your new students while still allowing them to manage experiences on the path to independence? This session will address development issues, campus resources, and strategies for addressing common college challenges. This is a great opportunity to think through situations with staff who will be here to assist your student.
Presented by Dr. Judy Guion-Utsler, Chaplain, and Julie Saker, Associate Dean of Students

10:45-11:00  Taking Care of Business—Cowan Hall
We will review everything you need to know about doing business with Otterbein—how and when to pay your bill, accept financial aid, and more.
Presented by Mark Moffitt, Executive Director of Admission

11:00-11:45  It's Not 13th Grade: What Faculty Want You to Know About Getting the Most Out of Your Otterbein Education—Cowan Hall
Though it might seem like you're "just doing more school," Otterbein is significantly different from high school or your previous institution and in this session you'll learn how to best prepare for those differences. What do professors expect from their students in class? What obstacles do students encounter and how can you prepare yourself for responding to difficulties and setbacks? What is the value of courses outside your major? Learn the answers to these, and many more questions at this interactive session.
Presented by Dr. John Tansey, Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Dr. Kristy McCray, Professor of Health and Sports Sciences

11:45-12:05  Refreshment Break—Hosted by the Academic Deans—Roush Plaza

12:15-1:00  Interest Sessions: Block #2 Descriptions of repeated sessions are listed above
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Study Abroad: Go Away!—Towers 110
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1:15-2:15 Lunch—Campus Center Cardinal’s Nest

2:25-3:10 Interest Sessions: Block #3

Current Student and Parent Panel: The Real Otterbein Experience—Towers 110
Hear from Otterbein students & parents about life on campus. Ask any questions about living on campus, the academic classroom and more.
Facilitated by Ashley Secord, Assistant Director Programming, Center for Student Involvement

Computer Information and IT—Riley Auditorium, Battelle Fine Arts Center
Here’s your opportunity to discover all of Otterbein’s technology resources. Find out about Microsoft software at no cost along with deep discounts on other software. Learn how to connect to the network, prep your technology for campus, and get tips on buying a new computer. Best of all, find out how students get free tech support on campus!
Presented by Tahsha Harmon, Director of Technical Support and Training

Flight Basics: Preparing to Launch—Roush 114
Learn about the services and resources available to students in the Center for Career & Professional Development. We will discuss strategies for major and career decision making and address the importance of internships and practical experience as part of the career development process.
Presented by Ryan Brechbill, Director, and Taylor Sutton, Assistant Director, Center for Career & Professional Development

Parents Are Transitioning Too—Towers 112
Come hear about steps you can take to help yourself and your student gradually transition to this new adventure called college. Dr. Kathy Ryan, Director, Counseling Center, will also talk about the psychological services and support we offer for your students.
Presented by Dr. Kathy Ryan, Director, Counseling Center

3:20-4:05 Interest Sessions: Block #4 Descriptions of repeated sessions are listed above

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4:15-5:00 Interest Sessions: Block #5

Health Services—Towers 112
This session offers the opportunity to ask specific questions about how health care needs may be met either at Otterbein’s Student Health Center or in the Westerville community.
Presented by Susie Cook, RN, Director of Student Health Services

Commuter Connections—Roush 116
This session is designed to provide important information about Otterbein, student support services, rhythms of college life, unique challenges for commuter students and many other topics. Highlights include parking, technology and dining options. Finally, the session will include ways for your student to get involved and stay connected on campus.
Presented by James Prysock, Director, Office of Social Justice & Activism

So, You Have a Student Who’s Going to be an Intercollegiate Athlete at Otterbein. What’s Next?—Riley Auditorium, Battelle Fine Arts Center
The focus of this session will be to inform parents of athletes about policies and procedures that may affect their student while participating at Otterbein University. Attention will be given to insurance practices and an overview of care, along with department policies regarding a competitive, intercollegiate athletic program.
Presented by Connie Richardson, Associate Athletic Director and Women’s Basketball Coach

4:00-6:00 Campus Resource Fair—Campus Center Lobby
Tour Otterbein campus resources and ask questions of staff and current Otterbein students. Plan to meet your students here at this time.

4:00-6:00 Residence Hall Room Tours—Scott Hall
While we are not able to show you every residence hall on campus, you are welcome to tour a sample room in Scott Hall while you are on campus today.
**Dates to Remember**

**New Student Move-In**  
*Wednesday, August 15*  
All Check-ins will be in the Campus Center Lounge  
9:30-11am

**Commuter Check-In**  
*Wednesday, August 15, 3pm*

**New Student Week: First Flight**  
*Wednesday, August 15—Sunday, August 19*

**Common Book Assignment Due**  
*Thursday, August 16*

**Classes Begin**  
*Monday, August 20*

**First Friday Festival**  
*Friday, August 24*

**Homecoming and Family Weekend**  
*Friday, September 21—Sunday, September 22*

**Important Phone Numbers**

- Otterbein Information Line: (614)-890-3000
- Academic Affairs: (614)-823-1556
- Admissions Office: (614)-823-1500
- Athletic Department: (614)-823-3529
- Business Office: (614)-823-1150
- Campus Center Office: (614)-823-3202
- Campus Dining: (614)-823-1116
- Career & Professional Development: (614) 823-1456
- Center for Student Success: (614)-823-1624
- Chaplain's Office: (614)-823-1409
- Counseling Center: (614)-823-1333
- Financial Aid: (614)-823-1502
- Health Center: (614)-823-1345
- Otterbein Police Department: (614)-823-1222
- Registrar's Office: (614)-823-1350
- Residence Life: (614)-823-1250
- Student Affairs: (614)-823-1250
- VP/Dean of Students: (614)-823-1250

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