

SOAR 2021 Guest Overview

Welcome to Otterbein

Join us as we welcome you to Otterbein and help your student Prepare to SOAR

Parent & Family Welcome and Student Affairs Overview

It's Not 13th Grade: What Faculty Want You to Know About Getting the Most Out of Your Otterbein Education

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.

Campus Resource Fair - offered before or after your SOAR session depending on time of day
Tour Otterbein campus resources and ask questions of staff and current Otterbein students.

Interest Sessions*

**Family and guests will be able to attend up to three of the following sessions as they are offered. These sessions will also be available virtually to view after your SOAR day.*

Otterbein University Police: Keeping You Safe at Your Home Away from Home

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.

Living and Dining on Campus

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.

Cardinals Abroad: Beyond the Classroom

Just as you are settling in to your new life at Otterbein, it is time to begin planning to study abroad! This session will review the 5-step process, and discuss opportunities for study abroad through year-long, semester, faculty-led (May Term), and summer programs. It is more affordable than you may think!

You Know You're the Parent of a College Student When. . .

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.

Computer Information and IT

Here's your opportunity to discover all of Otterbein's technology resources. Find out about Microsoft software provided at no cost. 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!

Flight Basics: Preparing to Launch

Learn about the services and resources available to students at Student Success & Career 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

Parents Are Transitioning Too

Come hear about steps you can take to help yourself and your student gradually transition to this new adventure called college. Dr. Kathy Ryan will also talk about the psychological services and support we offer for your students.

Commuter Connections

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.