CORNELL UNIVERSITY

FAMILY ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

AUGUST 21–22, 2015
WELCOME!

All new students are required to attend New Student Orientation in August from Friday, August 21, through Tuesday, August 25. While families are not required to attend Orientation, many families who accompany their students spend time on campus and in the community for family orientation events on Friday, August 21, and Saturday, August 22. We suggest you make arrangements to depart on Saturday afternoon or by the morning of Sunday, August 23. On Friday and Saturday, there are optional information sessions and tours that are intended specifically for families of new students. Many of the colleges also plan events for families who are on campus; all college events are listed at the end of each day’s schedule.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING: Those with accessible parking license plates/placards from their home municipality can utilize any accessible parking spaces on campus from Friday, August 21, through Sunday, August 23. Please note that accessible placards can only be used in spaces marked for accessibility; they cannot be used in spaces marked as “reserved.”

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION: Please contact the orientation staff at cu_orientation@cornell.edu or 607.255.5808 for disability accommodation such as sign language interpreters, c-print captioning, and print materials in alternate formats. To ensure that accommodation requests can be met, please provide two weeks’ advance notice. Information regarding campus accessibility can be found at cornell.edu/disability.

LOCATING EVENTS: When you arrive on campus, campus maps will be readily available. Each event listing in this guide is followed by a grid reference to the large printed campus map.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

■ UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED ORIENTATION EVENTS

THROUGHOUT THE DAY: GETTING AROUND

Free shuttle buses will take you between North and West Campuses and New Student Check-In (Friday only). We encourage you to park your car as directed by transportation and use these shuttles.

MOVE-IN: DESIGNATED TIME

First-year and transfer students should plan to move into their residences on Friday, August 21, 2015. Due to the large number of students checking in to North Campus, Collegetown (Cascadilla and Sheldon Court), and West Campus (including 122 McGraw Place and 625 University Avenue) on that day, students assigned to those communities are given a move-in time based on the first letter of their last name.

IF YOUR STUDENT’S LAST NAME BEGINS WITH: ARRIVE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF:

A–G  8:00am–11:00am
H–O  11:00am–2:00pm
P–Z  2:00pm–5:00pm

Your student will need to print a copy of his or her Move-In Day Unloading Permit from the To Do list on newstudents.cornell.edu prior to arrival. To facilitate a smooth move-in experience for everyone, students who arrive early will NOT be able to move in before their assigned move-in time.

Transfer students assigned to 112 Edgemoor and Schuyler House may move in any time between 8:00am and 5:00pm on Friday, August 21.
8:00am–5:00pm: New Student Check-In • Barton Hall • D5
Staff members from more than 30 university departments will be available to answer questions and share information about the wealth of programs and services offered at the university. Families are welcome. Students are required to attend New Student Check-In to pick up their Cornell ID Card. If your student’s move-in time is 2:00pm–5:00pm, plan to attend New Student Check-In before moving in.

8:00am–6:00pm: The Cornell Store Back-to-School Computer Event • The Cornell Store, Ho Plaza • C5
All students are invited to evaluate or purchase computer hardware and software at exclusive academic discounts. Learn about The Cornell Store’s back-to-school promotions and how you can trade in your used or broken electronic devices for a Cornell Store gift card. The event is hosted by The Cornell Store’s Technology Connection, the authorized campus source of technology products from Apple, Dell, Adobe, and Microsoft.

8:00am–6:00pm: Room Essentials Tent Sale • The Cornell Store, Ho Plaza • C5
Get everything your student needs for their new room from bedding and storage containers to hangers, hooks, and more at The Cornell Store’s tent sale, featuring products from Bed Bath & Beyond. The tent is located outside The Cornell Store on Ho Plaza.

11:30am–12:30pm: Career Services Already? • HEC Auditorium, 132 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
Absolutely! Come learn why students might want to look to the future . . . now. You and your student can learn about the many programs that Cornell Career Services offers to help students clarify career interests, explore options, and land internships, jobs, or spots in graduate school.

1:00pm–2:00pm: Just for Families • 305 Ives Hall • D5
Led by Dr. Christine Schelhas-Miller, retired Human Development faculty member and author of Don’t Tell Me What to Do, Just Send Money: The Essential Parenting Guide to the College Years, this program will help families anticipate changes and adjust along with new students. In this popular annual lecture, she uses humorous dialogues from her book answering the following questions: What is the parent’s role now? What kind of support can a family offer from afar? After the program, Dr. Schelhas-Miller will sign copies of her book at The Cornell Store.

2:00pm–3:00pm: Meet the Greeks • Lewis Auditorium, G67 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
Cornell is host to one of the nation’s largest and most notable fraternity and sorority communities. Approximately one-third of the undergraduate student body belongs to a chapter. This session is an opportunity to learn more about these organizations, as well as how you can support your son or daughter through the decision whether to join. Meet current student leaders in the Greek community and staff members from the Office of Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living.

2:00pm–3:00pm: Money Matters • Uris Auditorium, G01 Uris Hall • C5
This informative presentation will address topics ranging from bursar bills, student employment, and Big Red Bucks to general financial aid questions. This session is also offered Saturday at 2:00pm.

3:00pm–4:00pm: Student Disability Services Reception • First Floor Conference Room, 105 Robert Purcell Community Center • E2
Meet the staff of Student Disability Services (SDS) as they share information about disability services and the accommodation process at Cornell. Knowing about and using disability services often contributes to a successful transition to college. The SDS staff will also offer information on ways parents can support their student during this transition and will provide information on campus resources that promote academic achievement. Representatives from students groups that promote disability awareness and assistance to students with disabilities will be available to meet and talk with new students and parents.
4:00pm–5:00pm: President’s Welcome Reception • Tent on Rawlings Green • E3
Students and families are invited to meet President Elizabeth Garrett under the big tent on Rawlings Green, which is located near Court-Kay-Bauer Hall and Helen Newman Hall on North Campus. Enjoy light refreshments at this casual reception with the president, other university administrators, and faculty and staff members.

5:00pm–7:00pm: The Cornell Shabbat Experience • Multipurpose Room, 218 Robert Purcell Community Center • E2
Relax after move-in and get your first taste of the Cornell Shabbat experience. Enjoy a Shabbat meal and an a cappella performance, meet lots of new people, and hear from upper-level students about their experiences at Cornell. Dinner will be catered by 104West!, Cornell’s kosher/multicultural dining hall. Parents and families are welcome! RSVPs preferred; walk-ins accommodated. Please visit our website, hillel.cornell.edu, to reserve a spot. There is a fee associated with this program.

7:30pm–8:30pm: Cornell Parenting 101 • Bailey Hall • D4
Join university officials to learn about Cornell’s commitment to support your new Cornellian. We will discuss the academic, social, and health support systems on campus and answer your questions about what to expect as Cornell parents.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

■ COLLEGE-SPOONRED ORIENTATION EVENTS

■ COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES
5:00pm–6:30pm: Parents Welcome Reception • G10 Biotechnology Building • DE5
The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences invites you to join them for this informal reception with the CALS dean, faculty, and staff to relax and enjoy a selection of hors d’oeuvres as well as local products produced by the college and alumni, including local wines and beer.

■ SCHOOL OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION
5:30pm–7:00pm: Parents of SHA Students Welcome Reception • Beck Center Park Atrium, Statler Hall • CD6
The School of Hotel Administration invites you to join them for an evening event hosted by Dean Michael Johnson and Jill Kobus Johnson. This is an opportunity for parents to mix and mingle with the school’s deans, faculty members, and administrators, as well as with other parents. Hors d’oeuvres and beverages will be served. Casual attire is suggested. An invitation will be sent in late July.

■ COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOCLOGY
6:00pm–7:30pm: For Human Ecology Parents Only—Reception and College Presentation • Martha Van Rensselaer Commons • DE4
The College of Human Ecology invites you to join them for informal conversation with Student and Career Development staff members and deans as they welcome you with hors d’oeuvres and a selection of local wines, beers, and soft drinks.

■ ILR SCHOOL
5:00pm–7:00pm: For ILR Parents Only • ILR Courtyard • C5
Join Dean Kevin Hallock and ILR faculty and staff for an informal reception to welcome you to the ILR community. Hors d’oeuvres and beverages will be served. An invitation will be sent in late July.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED ORIENTATION EVENTS

7:45am–8:45am: Alumni Families and Legacy Reception • Tent on Rawlings Green • E3
Family members who are Cornell alumni, new students, and students who have any Cornell ancestors are all cordially invited for juice, coffee, and pastries before New Student Convocation.

8:45am–10:00am: New Student Convocation • Schoellkopf Stadium • D6
This will be your official welcome from President Elizabeth Garrett, as well as from the student body president and other key student leaders in Schoellkopf Stadium. Please note that it takes 30 minutes to walk to Schoellkopf Stadium from North Campus and 20 minutes from West Campus; plan accordingly. If you are notified after you arrive that convocation has moved indoors because of inclement weather, report to the following bad-weather locations based on your college affiliation:

- Bailey Hall: Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Barton Hall: Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and ILR
- Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall: Human Ecology
- Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall: Architecture, Art, and Planning and Hotel Administration

10:00am–4:00pm: Dump and Run Sale • Helen Newman Hall • E3
This annual sale is a green way to stock up on items for your student’s room. Consider shopping here first and see what you can reuse to reduce harm to the environment. All proceeds go to charity.

8:00am–6:00pm: The Cornell Store Back-to-School Computer Event • The Cornell Store, Ho Plaza • C5
All students are invited to evaluate or purchase computer hardware and software at exclusive academic discounts. Learn about The Cornell Store’s back-to-school promotions and how you can trade in your used or broken electronic devices for a Cornell Store gift card. The event is hosted by The Cornell Store’s Technology Connection, the authorized campus source of technology products from Apple, Dell, Adobe, and Microsoft.

8:00am–6:00pm: Room Essentials Tent Sale • Cornell Store, Ho Plaza • C5
Get everything your student needs for their new room from bedding and storage containers to hangers, hooks, and more at The Cornell Store’s tent sale, featuring products from Bed Bath & Beyond. The tent is located outside The Cornell Store on Ho Plaza.

1:00pm and 3:00pm: Take a Hike with Friends of the Gorge • Meet outside the Tatkon Center, Beebe Lake side • D3
Cornell’s campus is known for its natural beauty, but many students and visitors never get the chance to fully appreciate all the gorges have to offer. Join Friends of the Gorge on a scenic walk around Fall Creek Gorge and Beebe Lake. Come relax, meet some new people, explore the campus, and enjoy the beautiful weather.

1:00pm–3:00pm: Sibling Orientation • Court-Kay-Bauer Quad, North Campus • DE2
Calling all siblings of new Cornell students! Your brother or sister shouldn’t be the only one having a blast, so come out to the Court-Kay-Bauer Quad for an afternoon of games, activities, and fun in the sun! This event is recommended for siblings from ages 7 to 14. The rain location is the Tatkon Center in South Balch Hall.
2:00pm–3:00pm: Money Matters • Uris Auditorium, G01 Uris Hall • C5
This informative presentation will address topics ranging from bursar bills, student employment, and Big Red Bucks to general financial aid questions.

2:00pm–4:00pm: Cornell Chimes Tours • McGraw Tower • C5
Take in breathtaking views of Cornell and its surrounding community while checking off #4 on “150 Things Every Parent of a Cornellian Should Do.” Join students from the Orientation Steering Committee and climb all 161 steps to the top of McGraw Clocktower. Once you make it to the top, you’ll be able to request your favorite songs, see panoramic views of campus and downtown Ithaca, and sign your name in the welcome book. This event is one you won’t want to miss!

3:00pm–4:00pm: Meeting with Lee Laoshi • Wendy Purcell Lounge, 203 Robert Purcell Community Center • E2
Frances Yufen Lee Mehta will host this special meeting for Asian students and parents. This will be a great chance to find out about the dynamic activities of the Asian community at Cornell. Frances Yufen Lee Mehta is a faculty member in the Department of Asian Studies and a Faculty Fellow in the High Rises.

4:00pm–5:00pm: First Lecture Series: The First American University • Uris Auditorium, G01 Uris Hall • C5
What’s the one class every Cornellian must take? Easy. The First American University. Get a special sneak peek of every student’s favorite course as Professor Corey Earle ’07 spills every Cornell secret and takes you through this university’s amazing history. See for yourself why every senior is enrolled in this seminar. Plus, check off #70 on “150 Things Every Parent of a Cornellian Should Do.”

4:00pm–6:00pm: Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives and the Intercultural Center Orientation and Parents’ Panel • Robert Purcell Community Center Auditorium • E2
The Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI) and the Intercultural Center at 626 Thurston welcome new students and their families to the Cornell University community! You are invited to attend this special session to learn about the many resources they provide to build community and support for your student’s academic success. Join us as we come together to honor your student’s momentous new beginning!

4:30pm: Cornell University Chorus and Glee Club Concert • Sage Chapel • C5
Take this opportunity to hear the Cornell University Chorus and Glee Club in concert. These student-governed choral ensembles will perform a diverse choral repertoire as well as a rousing set of Cornell songs. Enjoy this great opportunity to immerse yourself in Cornell’s musical tradition.
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■ COLLEGE-SPONSORED ORIENTATION EVENTS

■ COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES
10:30am–11:30am: Dean’s Welcome and Information Session for Transfer Students and Their Families • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall • D5
11:00am–12:00pm: Dean’s Welcome and Information Session for all First-Year Students and Their Families • Bailey Hall • D4
3:30pm–4:30pm Bio Parent Briefing • Call Auditorium, Kennedy Hall • D5
Biology advisors will provide information to parents about the first-year biology experience and give advice on how parents can best support their son or daughter.

■ COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, ART, AND PLANNING
10:30am–11:15am: Dean’s Convocation • Abby and Howard Milstein Auditorium • C3–4
Join the college for this welcome reception for new students and parents. Meet the dean, college faculty, and staff, as well as other new AAP students. Reception will follow.

■ COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
10:30am–11:15am: Dean’s Convocation • The Tent on the Arts Quad • C4
All new Arts and Sciences students and their families will be welcomed by Dean Gretchen Ritter.
1:00pm–2:30pm: Parents’ Briefing • The Tent on the Arts Quad • C4
Advising deans will provide to parents an overview of the first-year Arts and Sciences experience.

■ COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
10:30am–11:45am: Dean’s Welcome for New Engineering Students and Families • Barton Hall • D5
All new Engineering students and their families will be welcomed by Dean Lance Collins. A complete schedule of Engineering-specific Orientation events, including rooms and locations for all sessions, will be distributed at this event. First-year students will be dismissed and escorted to their academic briefings by the Engineering Orientation Assistants at 10:45am. Family members will remain in Barton Hall for the family briefing until 11:45am.
1:30pm–3:00pm: Engineering Dessert Reception and Major Information Fair for New Students, Families, Faculty and Staff Members, and Administrators • Duffield Hall Atrium • C6
Enjoy dessert and conversation with administrators, faculty and staff members, and students from the college. Gather information about the undergraduate majors, co-curricular opportunities, and college resources that are available to undergraduate Engineering students.

■ SCHOOL OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION
10:30am: Dean’s Welcome • Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall • C5–6
All new School of Hotel Administration (SHA) students and family members will be welcomed by Dean Michael Johnson and introduced to the school’s deans, faculty members, and administrators. Dean Johnson will offer an overview of what parents and families can expect as their student acclimates to the School of Hotel Administration and Cornell University.
11:30am–12:30pm: Parent Information Session • Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall • C5–6
Parents will get information about the advising process at SHA and learn more about what the SHA student’s first year will be like. Light refreshments will follow in the Park Atrium.
1:00 pm: School of Hotel Administration and Statler Hotel Tours • Statler Hall World Atrium • C5–6
Tours will be conducted by School of Hotel Administration Ambassadors for new students and parents. Meet in the Statler Hall World Atrium where you will begin your tour.

**COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY**

10:30 am: Multicultural/EOP Orientation for Students and Parents • 280 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall • DE4
For new students from diverse cultural backgrounds and their families; meet with college advisors.

1:00 pm: Dean’s Welcome • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall • D4–5
Welcome event for new students and families by Alan Mathios, dean of the College of Human Ecology.

2:00 pm: Parents’ Department Meetings • Locations Available at the Dean’s Welcome

**ILR SCHOOL**

10:30 am: Dean’s Welcome • G01 Auditorium, Uris Hall • C5
All new ILR students and their families will be welcomed by Dean Kevin F. Hallock. An overview of what parents and families can expect as their students transition to ILR and Cornell University will also be presented.

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**FIRST-YEAR PARENTS’ WEEKEND**

**OCT 30–NOV 1, 2015**

Each fall, Cornell University and the Ithaca community open their doors to the families of first-year and transfer students. Parents’ Weekend (FYPW) helps Cornell families learn how to support their students and provides an opportunity to explore the campus and the local community. Please join us to share students’ experiences and learn about Cornell’s academics and student life.

**REGISTRATION:** Online in September 2015. All participants must register for the weekend.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** We highly recommend that you make your reservation for overnight accommodations as soon as possible. Please check visitithaca.com for information.

**FYPW INFO:** [dos.cornell.edu/residential-new-student-programs/families-new-students](dos.cornell.edu/residential-new-student-programs/families-new-students)