

# COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

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## NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

### Overview of Family Orientation Programs

On each day of the orientations sessions, students and parents will have an opportunity to do programs together and separately.

#### Day 1

**How to Be a Supportive College of Charleston Parent:** Victor Wilson, the Executive Vice President of Student Affairs, will discuss how you can support your student during the important transitions of the first year of college.

**Ten Questions You Should Ask Your Student:** Kay Smith, the Associate Vice President for the Academic Experience, will present directed questions you should be asking your student to find out more about their first year college experience.

**Student Safety:** Chief Paul Verrecchia, the Director of Public Safety, will discuss the many safety programs at the College of Charleston.

**Introduction to the Liberal Arts Experience:** A faculty representative will provide an overview of the benefits of a liberal arts education and the faculty expectations for students in and out of the classroom.

**Academic Advising:** Alison Hopkins, the Director of the Academic Advising and Planning Center, will discuss the role of academic advising in the lives of the College of Charleston students and discuss topics students should think about before their academic advising session on the second day of orientation.

**Honor System and Code of Conduct:** Dr. Jeri Cabot, the Dean of Students, will discuss the College of Charleston Code of Conduct and Honor System that students participate in as members of the College of Charleston community.

#### Hear from representative about the following offices about important information for the families for students

Student Health Services  
Office of the Treasurer

Dining Services  
College of Charleston Bookstore

**Information Fair:** Drop in at the fair on George Street in front of Stern Student Center. Meet representatives and collect information from local banks, student clubs, campus organizations, and campus offices.

**Pre-Professional Health Session:** What does it mean to be a pre-professional student at College of Charleston? This session provides an overview of the preparation and the corresponding timeline required for students interested in pursuing careers in the areas of: medicine, dental medicine, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, optometry, nursing, and allied health. Students will learn how to choose the best major based on career goals, academic strengths, and personal interests. Families may attend to learn about pre-professional options.

**All About Greek Life:** Students who are interested in joining a fraternity or sorority should attend. You will hear from active members and alumni about the benefits of Greek life. Greek organizations offer social, service, academic, and leadership opportunities! Families are welcome.

**Campus Tour:** Take an in depth campus tour and learn about the campus from an orientation intern. The tour will provide family members with insights about their student's campus experience.

**Get a Job!! All you need to know about Student Employment:** Representatives from the Career Center will offer tips and suggestions will be given on finding on and off-campus, part-time jobs. You will also learn how to navigate *CISTERN Online*, the system used for online job/internship posting.

**Involvement:** Was your student involved in student activities in high school? Or, is your student looking to be more involved in college? Come hear student orientation interns share their experiences with getting involved on campus.

**Student Roster Athlete Session:** (Families Welcome) A mandatory information session for student-athletes and parents. Meet with athletics administrators and coaches. Topics include insurance, academic course selection, NCAA Clearinghouse/Compliance, financial aid, and athletic physicals. ***Only Recruited Scholarship and Walk-on Student-Athletes should attend. All attendees must have clearance from head coaches to attend this event.***

**Center for Disability Services:** Learn about SNAP (Students Needing Access Parity) services, entry requirements, and support systems for students with learning disabilities, attention deficits, and physical or psychological disabilities.

**Support Your Student Academically:** A discussion of resources and programs that support academic success. Join representatives from the Academic Advising & Planning Center and the Center for Student Learning as they provide an overview of the services they offer and answer your questions.

**How to be a Successful Transfer Student:** Transfer students and their families can learn from College of Charleston transfer students on how they made a successful transition by getting involved on campus, finding jobs, and making the most of the academic support services.

**Honors College Information Session:** An opportunity for parents of Honor College Students to ask the Honors College faculty and staff questions.

**Provisional Student Information Session:** (Families Welcome) A mandatory information session for students in the provisional program. Meet with the director of the program. Topics include program requirements, support services and new student mentors.

**The Basics of Living on Campus:** (Mandatory for On Campus Residents; family members may attend) Representatives from the Department of Residence Life and Housing and Fire and Life Safety will present the basics of living on-campus. Come learn how to have a successful on-campus residence hall experience. Information regarding move in will also be presented.

**Community Information Session:** A great session for students and families of students who may live off campus. Learn from current off campus students about the housing search and meet other students who are looking for roommates.

## Day 2

**Family Breakfast Buffet:** Enjoy a light breakfast (bagels, fruit coffee and orange juice) with other parents and College of Charleston faculty and staff. During breakfast hear a brief overview of the history and traditions of the College of Charleston. Students should not attend; a breakfast buffet for students is available in the lobby of the Lightsey Center.

**Small Group Discussions:** In small informal groups, you will have a chance to talk about your concerns with staff and faculty, as well as other College of Charleston family members.

**Campus Tour:** Take an in depth campus tour and learn about the campus from an orientation intern. The tour will provide family members with insights about their student's campus experience.

**Financial Aid 101:** Tips on educating your student about financial aid, receiving and keeping scholarships, and suggestions on making good financial choices.

**College Students in Transition:** The transition to college can be emotionally challenging for young people and families. Representatives from the Counseling Services will offer advice and guidance on supporting your student, as well as the services available to students

**Addlestone Library Tour:** The Addlestone Library welcomes the families of C of C's newest students. You will meet the friendly library staff, see all of the great places for your student to study, and learn about the library collections, services, and electronic resources.

**Parents as Career Coaches:** Tips from Career Services to help your student with choosing a major, searching for a job, and planning for a career.

**Academic Q&A Intern Panel:** Do you want to know what it is like in the classroom for College of Charleston students? This is your opportunity to hear from College of Charleston students about their academic experiences and ask them questions about how your student can be successful.

**What can the Cougar Card do for you?:** Learn about the features and benefits of the campus ID card, including security and Cougar Cash. This session will address how family members can assist students in managing their Cougar Cards.

**Computing and Technology Tips for Parents:** Critical information about using computers on campus, computer technology requirements, and tips for purchasing computer equipment. This session is also a chance for parents to learn about Cougar Trail, Webmail, and WebCT.

**Closing Session:** Staff will be available in the Addlestone Library, Room 227 or the Robert Scott Small, Admissions Information Center to answer your last minute questions.