When and Where I Enter:
Imagining and Inventing Intellectual Community
2019 Parent and Family Orientation Program

We welcome parents and families as partners in the educational process at Spelman College. Students and parents will participate in separate activities during New Student Orientation (NSO) and Parent and Family Orientation. There are a few events for both students and parents, including brunch, dinner, interfaith service, and the Closing Ceremony.

Spelman College provides a Parent and Family Orientation Program to identify resources you need to support your student’s transition and academic success, while also identifying ways for you to engage effectively with Spelman College. In addition to basic information about academic life, student life, student services and many helpful tips, we provide an opportunity for Spelman parents and families to learn about the Spelman Parents & Family Association, Family Weekend, various activities and events, parent communications and newsletters, and some frequently asked questions.

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

7:00 am  Campus Gates Open

7:00 am - 5:00 pm  Cyber Café
*Albert E. Manley Center, Lower Level*
Need to check your email? Stop by the Cyber Café to access computers or to use Wi-Fi.

7:00 am - 3:30 pm  Parent Check-In
*Albert E. Manley Center, Lower Level*

7:00 am - 2:00 pm  Spelman College Parents Association Hospitality Suite
*Albert E. Manley Center, Lower Level*
Meet members of the Spelman College Parents & Family Association while enjoying refreshments and meeting other parents and families.

8:00 am - 10:00 am  Breakfast
*Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall, Upper Level*
Spelman students may enter with Spelman ID.
*Guests are charged $7.00 per person.*

10:00 am - 3:00 pm  Campus Tours
*Albert E. Manley Center, Lower Level*
Atlanta Center University walking tours are conducted by Ambassadors and will begin promptly on the hour. Transportation is not available for the campus tours.
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10:00 am - 4:00 pm  **Exploration of Banking Options for Students at Our Banking Center**
*Albert E. Manley College Center, Lower Level*
Representatives from Bank of America, Capital City Bank, and Wells Fargo will be on campus to assist students and parents with establishing local bank accounts. Branches of these banks are located within walking distance of the campus.

11:30 am - 2:00 pm  **Brunch**
*Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall*
Spelman students may enter with Spelman ID.
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2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  **Granddaughters’ Welcome Reception**
*LLC2 Auditorium*
Meet and greet…take a break from the summer heat! We know it’s move-in day, so come as you are at any time. The Granddaughters Club of Spelman College will offer a welcome program every 30 minutes so come to meet the members and enjoy some refreshments. The Granddaughters Club, the oldest student organization on campus, is comprised of students whose grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters and cousins attended Spelman.

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm  **The Campus Dining & Nutrition Experience**
*Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center, Lower Level 32*
Parents will meet with staff who are responsible for their student’s dietary well-being. The staff will provide information on menu cycles and on how students can improve their health and wellness and culinary palate while making the most of their Spelman experience.

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  **“Spelman-ish”: A Diversity and Inclusion Dialogue**
*Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center, Lower Level 32*
This session will introduce incoming parents to the range of diverse thoughts, actions and perceptions that are found at Spelman College. This session will also explore the various student experiences at Spelman and discuss topics related to college students. The session will explore the students’ roles, student engagement, inclusion efforts and the impact of spirituality.

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  **Dinner**
*Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall*
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7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  **When and Where I Enter**
*Sisters Chapel*
Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell will officially welcome new students into the Spelman community during this exuberant, opening program, which illuminates the history, traditions and talents of Spelman students and the Spelman College standards of excellence.

**Thursday, August 15, 2019**

7:00 am - 5:00 pm  **Cyber Café**

7:00 am - 10:00 am  **Breakfast**
*Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall*
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9:00 am - 11:00 am  **Late Check-in for Students**
*Cosby Academic Center Atrium*
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10:00 am - 11:00 am  Introduction to Senior Administration
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center Auditorium
Parents and families will receive an official welcome from the President and her senior team.

11:05 am - 12:00 pm  Spelman College Faculty Panel Discussion
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center Auditorium
What does it mean to be a part of an intellectual community? Spelman faculty discuss this question and the College’s expectations. Moderated by Michelle Hite, Director, Ethel Wadell Githii Honors Program.

11:00 am - 2:00 pm  Brunch
Albert E. Manley College Center Alma Upshaw Dining Hall
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1:15 pm - 6:00 pm  Spelman 101 for Parents & Families
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center Auditorium

1:15 pm - 1:45 pm  New Crossroads: Accessing Health and Wellness for First-Year Students
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center, Auditorium
A panel comprised of members of the Counseling & Student Access Center, the Wellness Center and Student Health Services will discuss what parents and students should expect in the first year of the Spelman College experience.

1:50 pm - 2:15 pm  Financial Aid/Student Accounts: Managing College Finances
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center, Auditorium
Parents and families will learn about the resources available to students and the process of securing grants, loans and scholarships.

2:20 pm - 2:50 pm  Career Planning Starts Now!
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center, Auditorium
Spelman’s Career Planning and Development Office provides a wide variety of career resources to help students jumpstart their career planning during the first year of college. This session will explore students’ role in the career planning process and lifelong career management skills. It will help you identify resources to help your student prepare for careers, summer internships, and graduate school.

2:55 pm - 3:25 pm  The Academic Challenge
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center, Auditorium
Parents and families will meet the Undergraduate Deans and learn about the registration process, and academic support services such as the counseling services, language lab, math lab, Student Success Program, and writing center. Parents and families will also learn about FERPA guidelines for interacting and communicating with parents and families.
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3:30 pm - 4:00 pm  Community Safety and Security
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center, Auditorium
Spelman is a safe and secure community protected by a competent and committed staff of 30 professional law enforcement officers. The Public Safety Department works 24 hours a day patrolling the campus and adjacent streets and maintains the emergency communications center, parking, and education and safety programs. Parents and families will learn about Public Safety’s approach to maintaining a safe campus environment.

4:05 pm - 4:45 pm  Title IX and Sexual Violence Education & Prevention
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center Auditorium
This program will discuss issues concerning sexual violence in the college community. We will review facts and statistics, as well as resources, to help students gain awareness and understanding of sexual violence and strategies to decrease victimization.

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  Dinner
Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall
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7:00 pm - 7:30 pm  Closing Celebration: And Now The Journey Begins
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Students enter the gates of Spelman to begin the next phase of their journey into adulthood. This program will celebrate the parents and students’ transition to Spelman College. Parents and families will participate in a ceremonial commitment that proclaims their support of Spelman students as they journey to become Spelmanites.

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm  Celebrating You….A Party for Parents & Families
Albert E. Manley College Center, Patio
You did it…. Your student is officially in college. We will celebrate our parents and family with great music and ice cream, cake and punch! Come join in the fun!