

2012 Parent and Family Orientation Program ***“When and Where I Enter: Becoming a Global Citizen”***

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, Ecumenical Worship Service, and a Parting Ceremony.

Spelman College provides a Parent and Family Orientation Program to identify resources you need to support your daughter'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 Association, Family Weekend, various activities and events, parent communications and newsletters, and some frequently asked questions.

Please note that on Saturday and Sunday only students will be permitted in the residence halls after 5:00 p.m. Parent and Family participation in New Student Orientation will conclude at the close of the Parting Ceremony. Parents and families are asked to exit the campus so that we may continue with new student orientation activities.

Saturday, August 11, 2012

7:00 am **Campus Gate Opens**

7:00 am to 3:30 pm **Parent Check-In**
Cosby Center, Atrium
Representatives from the following offices will be available in the Cosby Academic Center Atrium and various other locations:

- Counseling & Disability Services
- Dean of Students
- Housing & Residence Life
- Intercollegiate Athletics
- Media & Information Technology
- Student Accounts/Cashier
- Student Life & Engagement
- Financial Aid
- Student Health Services
- Office of Undergraduate Studies

7:00 am to 2:00 pm **Spelman College Parents Association Hospitality Suite**
Albert E. Manley College Center, Upper Concourse

7:00 am to 8:30 pm **Cyber Café**
Albert E. Manley College Center, Lower Concourse
Need to check your e-mail, pay bills, or get a little computer time in? Parents and families can take advantage of computer access and WiFi in the Spelman College Cyber Café.

11:00 am to 2:00 pm **AUC Consortium Campus Tours**
Cosby Center, Lobby
Experience the historic campuses of Spelman College, Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University and the Morehouse School of Medicine on a campus tour. Campus tours will commence at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. Tours will last approximately 30-40 minutes.

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- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** **Exploring Banking Options for Students**
Albert E. Manley College Center, Upper Concourse
Representatives from Bank of America, Chase, Capital City Bank, and Wells Fargo will be on campus to assist students and parents with establishing bank accounts. Branches of these banks are located within walking distance of the campus.
- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm** **Brunch**
Albert E. Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall
Spelman students may enter with Spelman ID
Guests are charged \$6.50 per person
- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm** **Granddaughters Club Welcome to the Spelman Legacy Parents & Students**
Albert E. Manley College Center Atrium
Meet and greet...take a break from the summer heat! We know its move-in day, so come as you are. Come sip a cool drink and have a bite to eat with The Granddaughters of Spelman College. The Granddaughters Club, the oldest student organization on campus, celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2010. The Granddaughters Club is comprised of students whose grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters and cousins attended Spelman.
- 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm** **Getting Connected—How We Support Parents and Families!**
Cosby Center, Auditorium
A panel of current Spelman College Parents Association members and staff will discuss Key Issues in the First Year, and ways to support your student.
- 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm** **Dinner**
Alma Upshaw Dining Hall
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- 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** **When and Where I Enter: Becoming A Global Citizen Welcome to Spelman College**
Sisters Chapel
Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum officially welcomes new students into the Spelman community during this exuberant, opening program, which illuminates the Spelman standards of excellence.

Sunday, August 12, 2012

- 7:00 am to 5:00 pm** **Cyber Café**
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- 8:30 am to 10:00 am** **Ecumenical Worship Service**
Sisters Chapel
Sisters Chapel/WISDOM Center provides many opportunities for students who wish to pursue their spiritual development while at Spelman College. Students, parents and families are invited to attend Sunday worship and enjoy the Chapel Arts Ministry, including cultural expressions of spoken word, African, Mime and liturgical dance. Rev. Dr. Lisa D. Rhodes will offer an encouraging sermon focused on learning to lead with civility, spirit and wisdom, in addition to blessing the students and their families.
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm** **Brunch**
Alma Upshaw Dining Hall
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- 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm** **Introduction to Senior Administration**
Cosby Center, Auditorium
Parents and Families will meet with the President, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Vice-President for Student Affairs, Vice President for Enrollment Services, Vice-President for Business and Finance, and Vice-President for Media and Information to discuss and address questions regarding the state of the College, Strategic Plan 2015 and the Quality Enhancement Plan.
- 1:15 pm to 5:30 pm** **Spelman 101 for Parents & Families**
- **1:15 pm to 2:00 pm** **What Parents & Families Need to Know.....**
Cosby Center, Auditorium
Members of the Student Affairs staff and Spelman College Parents Association (SPCA) will discuss everything parents and families need to navigate their new role as Spelman College partners in the educational process.
 - **2:15 pm to 3:00 pm** **Financial Aid/Student Accounts: Managing College Finances**
Cosby Center, Auditorium
Last year, over eighty-five percent (85%) of our students received some form of financial assistance to support their enrollment and success. Regardless of your family income, there are programs available to help finance the cost of your education. The Office of Student Financial Services at Spelman College assists students, parents and families with finding ways to finance their college education. Parents and families will receive last minute guidance on how to make the college education affordable. In addition, parents and families will learn about various College resources that support our financial aid programs and the College expectations and guidelines for receiving future financial aid.
 - **3:15 pm to 4:00 pm** **Career Planning Starts Now!**
Cosby Center, Auditorium
Planning for a great career starts in the first-year of college. Students need to develop a four-year blue-print for their undergraduate years. This session will help you to understand the changes your students will experience in the first year, in addition to the steps she will need to take to ensure successful preparation for internships, cooperative education, graduate school and general career planning.

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- **4:15 pm to 5:00 pm The Academic Challenge**
Cosby Center, Auditorium
The Office of Undergraduate Studies will engage the parents in a discussion on the academic curriculum with emphasis on the core curriculum.

- **5:15 pm to 6:00 pm Community Safety and Security**
Cosby 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 crime prevention and educational services, and the Public Safety approach to maintaining a safe campus environment for our students.

- 5:00 pm to 6:45 pm Dinner**
Alma Upshaw Dining Hall
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- 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm Closing Celebration... And Now Her Journey Begins**
Oval
Each student entered the gates of Spelman College on yesterday to begin the next phase of her journey into adulthood. This program will celebrate the parent and student transition into Spelman College. Parents and families will engage in a ceremonial commitment to supporting their student as she embarks on a journey to becoming a Spelmanite, a woman of excellence

- 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm Celebrating You....**
Albert E. Manley College Center, Patio
Music, fun and refreshments with the faculty and staff in celebration of sending your student off to college and this new chapter in your life.

**Parents and families extend their final words of wisdom and comments to Spelmanites and prepare to depart for home. Spelman students will be engaged in a variety of orientation and welcome week activities to acquaint them with the College and its resources. We recognize that it may be difficult for you to leave, but we want you to know that many students will transition to the Spelman community just fine!*

There are occasional cases of homesickness, so we encourage you to partner with us and share critical information that will help us to better support your daughter during her tenure at Spelman. You may contact the Kimberly M. Ferguson, Dean of Students, at (404) 270-5133 or e-mail kfergu15@spelman.edu to share questions, comments, and/or concerns. We endeavor to make the Spelman experience a great one for students and their families.