

Virtual New Student Orientation

Spelman College, a historically Black college and global leader in the education of women of African descent, is dedicated to academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and the intellectual, creative, ethical and leadership development of its students. Spelman empowers the whole person to engage the many cultures of the world and inspires a commitment to positive social change (Spelman College Mission Statement).

The mission of the New Student Orientation Program (NSO) complements the College's mission as it introduces new students to the academic, social, and cultural community of Spelman College.

The NSO Program seeks to

- facilitate the smooth transition of new students to the Spelman community;
- introduce all students to Spelman's educational mission, history and unique opportunities;
- provide academic advisement and course registration;
- aid students in understanding their responsibilities as members of the Spelman College academic and social communities;
- provide all new students with virtual and limited opportunities for social and recreational activities that develop sisterhood and supportive networks and that foster a sense of school pride.

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“When and Where I Enter: Reimagining Intellectual Community ”

You are expected to participate all programs and activities; they will provide information that will help you successfully navigate the Spelman College experience. All changes to the New Student Orientation schedule will be posted on the mySpelman portal under the tab New Student Orientation.

All Events are Virtual

Friday, August 14, 2020

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Granddaughters Club Welcome Reception**
Meet and greet. The Granddaughters Club of Spelman College, the oldest student organization on campus, is comprised of students whose grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters and cousins attended Spelman.

Saturday, August 15, 2020

10:00 am – 12:00 pm **Virtual Community Service**
Advance Registration required. Information on the MySpelman NSO Portal.

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **When and Where I Enter**
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.

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Woodruff Library Orientation (tentative)**
Library staff will provide a tour of the Robert W. Woodruff Library and assist students with establishing their library accounts, which will enable students to check out materials and access electronic resources remotely.

Sunday, August 16, 2020

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm **History and Traditions**
Along with introducing new students to Spelman's history and traditions, these sessions provide a unique opportunity for alumnae to share generational experiences and lessons learned during their years as students and as alumnae.

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Induction Ceremony**
White Attire Required
Students will be welcomed by the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC) and the Student Government Association of Spelman College. In addition, students will participate in an induction ceremony, which is a traditional ceremony developed by first-year students. The ceremony serves as the official induction into the Spelman sisterhood.

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Monday, August 17, 2020

- 9:00 am – 4:00 pm **Honors Program Student Orientation**
For students admitted into the Honors Program ONLY. Information will be sent directly to the student.
- 9:30 am - 11:00 am **Mathematics Placement Examinations (only for students who failed to complete the online exam)**
The math placement exam is required of all first-year and transfer students who are not transferring mathematics' credits. Exceptions to this policy include Summer Science students (WISTEM); Spelman's Early College Program students with college math credit; students who scored 4 or higher on the AP Calculus AB and BC Examinations; students who scored 5, 6, or 7 on the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Higher Level Examinations; and students who earned a score of 50 on the CLEP mathematics exam.
- 11:00 am - 1:30 pm **Language Placement Examinations (only for students who failed to complete the online exam)**
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm **Meet Representative from the Academic Departments**
Meet representative from academic departments and learn about the curriculum and opportunities available for students.
- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Meet Representatives from Academic Support Services**
Meet representatives from the Language Resource Lab, Student Success Program, Comprehensive Writing Center and Mathematics Lab and learn about the services offered.
- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Advising (if needed)**
- 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Glee Club Auditions*** (Interested Students Only)
The Spelman College Glee Club is the premier performance organization for the College and sings for most campus events. Students who are interested in becoming a member of the Spelman College Glee Club must audition. Auditions are evaluated by the Director of the Glee Club, as well as selected music faculty. For more information, visit: spelman.edu/gleeclub
**All music ensembles will meet virtually for the Fall 2020 semester.*
- 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm **First-Year Class Council Information Session**
All students interested in pursuing a leadership position with the Freshman Class Council are required to attend this mandatory information session. SGA's Election Commissioner will provide students with important dates and campaign guidelines for the Freshman Class Council elections. Students will be provided the opportunity to speak with current SGA members and inquire about any additional campaigning concerns.

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Tuesday, August 18, 2020

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| 10:00 am – 10:45 am | Title IX & Violence Prevention & Intervention at Spelman
This introductory session is designed to educate and raise awareness about sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and other related issues on college campuses. Students will also learn how to be active bystanders, report violations and where to get support and assistance on and off campus. |
| 11:00 am – 11:50 am | The Life of the Mind – Spelman College’s Interdisciplinary Big Question Colloquia
Spelman faculty discuss their big question colloquia classes. |
| 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Advising (if needed) |
| 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm | SGA Voter Registration Drive |
| 4:30 pm – 5:10 pm | Emotional Wellbeing and Accessibility at Spelman
Students will learn how to navigate the transition to college by using services offered by the Counseling Center and the Student Access Center. The Counseling Center helps students cope with mental, personal, social, and emotional challenges. The Student Access Center teaches students how to effectively communicate and manage housing and academic accommodations at the college level. |

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

First Day of Class

Opening Convocation TBD