Orientation 2016

Day 1, Part 1: all students and families together

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Orientation check-in at Valley II Residence Halls

9:30 to 11 a.m. Reading test, by invitation to test out of LS 1040, Residence Hall classroom.

10 to 11 a.m. Orientation Check-in and Individual Meetings in Valley II
   TRiO Student Success Program
   TRiO: Future Educators Success Program
   Lee Honors College (in Dining Hall)
   Broncos First (in Dining Hall)
   Multicultural Leader Scholarship Recipients (sessions 5 and 6)

10:15 to 11:45 a.m. Brunch in Valley II Dining

11:15 to 12:15 Browsing area in Bernhard Center Lobby

12:15 p.m. Welcome and Campus Introduction (Bernhard Center East Ballroom)
   President Dunn
   First-Year Experience Programs (transitions and next steps)
   Introduction to Billing and Student Accounts
   Safety on Campus
   Privacy Act and Authorized User Process
   Orientation Coordinator (meet the staff and dismissal)

1:30 p.m. Academic College Breakout Session (Sangren and Bernhard Center)
   Alpha Program (105 Bernhard Center)
   College of Arts and Sciences (1910 Sangren)
   College of Aviation (2730 Sangren)
   College of Education and Human Development [Teaching] (1730 Sangren)
   College of Education and Human Development [Non-Teaching] (1740 Sangren)
   College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (1920 Sangren)
   College of Fine Arts (2720 Sangren)
   College of Health and Human Services (210 Bernhard Center)
   Exploratory Advising / University Curriculum (Brown and Gold room BC)
   Haworth College of Business (208 Bernhard Center)

2:30 p.m. Student Orientation and Parent/Family Orientation separates
   Students return to East Ballroom and Parents/Families go to Sangren
Parent and Family Orientation

Day 1 Part 2

Parents and Families will be assigned to a group (A or B) when they arrive.

2:35-3:35 p.m. Parent and Family Connection and Transition I
Group A: Traveling the Road to and Through College (Sangren 1910)
Group B: On Campus Living and Campus Life (Sangren 1920)

3:30-4:20 p.m. Parent and Family Mixer with the Faculty and Staff (Sangren Atrium)

4:30-5:30 p.m. Parent and Family Connection and Transition II
Group A: On Campus Living and Campus Life (Sangren 1920)
Group B: Traveling the Road to and Through College (Sangren 1910)

5:45-6:30 p.m. Optional walking tour of campus. Meet in the Sangren Atrium.

Description of Parent and Family Sessions

Traveling the Road to and Through College is an interactive program led by WMU’s Director of Parent and Family Programs. We will explore the college experience through the eyes of both your student and your family, with emphasis on personal development and resiliency, to ensure a seamless and successful transition to WMU.

On Campus Living and Campus Life will discuss the student experience of living on campus and making connections. This will include details about fall move-in, dining plans, residence hall staffing, services and safety.

The Parent and Family Mixer is your opportunity to talk one-on-one with our academic faculty, staff members, and administrators while enjoying hors d’oeuvres provided by WMU Catering.

Day 2

Gilmore Theater Complex

8:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9 a.m. “The Bronco Way”
Featuring WMU students, “The Bronco Way” is a high energy theatrical performance bringing to life many of the key moments that students face in their first year and beyond. The show is student-conceived and presented by our award winning theatre department.

10:15 a.m. Orientation Student Leader Panel

10:40 a.m. “Financial Matters” (Accounts Receivable/Billing)

Noon Open Houses at select Academic Colleges.
Student Orientation

Day 1 Part 2

2:35 p.m.    Students return to Bernhard Center Ballroom
             Student Activities
             ROTC
             Career and Student Employment Services
             Financial Aid
             Residence Life

3:35 p.m.    Students meet their Orientation groups and leaders
3:40 to 6 p.m. Exploring Western (with presentations at various campus locations)
6:00 to 6:50 p.m. Dinner
7 p.m.        Involvement Zone
8:30 p.m.     “The Bronco Way”
10:30 p.m.    Walk back to Valley I

Day 2

7 a.m.        Breakfast in the Dining Hall (Valley II)
7:45 a.m.     Engineering Students meet outside to catch bus
8 a.m.        All other students meet outside
               Health and Human Services students will board the bus.
               All others will meet in a group and walk to Advising

8:30 a.m.     Academic Presentations, Advising, and Course Registration
Reconnecting Students and Families on day 2

On day 2 students meet with Academic Advisors and register for classes; while parents and families watch “The Bronco Way” and a student leader panel. After these activities, students will reconnect with their families.

The following students will finish registering for classes, and walk back to the Valley II residence halls: students that are studying in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education and Human Development, College of Fine Arts, or are undeclared and meeting with Exploratory.

The following Academic Colleges invite parents and families to join their students at the Academic College at the conclusion of Parent and Family Orientation activities: College of Aviation, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, College of Health and Human Services, and Haworth College of Business.

**College of Aviation** students will meet with their parents and families in Kohrman Hall, on day 2, at the conclusion of Parent and Family Orientation activities. Here you will have an opportunity to meet with faculty and staff for a pizza lunch. The event will conclude by 1:30 p.m., at which time students will return to the residence hall, collect their belongings and check out.

**College of Engineering and Applied Sciences** students will meet with their parents and families at the Parkview campus, on day 2, at the conclusion of Parent and Family Orientation activities. The address for the campus is 4601 Campus Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008. Students will have already checked out of the residence hall, and taken their belongings with them.

**College of Health and Human Services** students will meet their parents and families on the Oakland Drive campus, on day 2, at the conclusion of Parent and Family Orientation activities. The address for the Oakland Drive campus is 1101 Cass Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49008. Students will have already checked out of the residence hall, and taken their belongings with them.

**Haworth College of Business** students will meet their parents and families in Schneider Hall, on day 2, at the conclusion of Parent and Family Orientation activities. The event will conclude by 1:30 p.m., at which time students will return to the residence hall, collect their belongings and check out.

**All Other Students** (Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Education & Human Development, Fine Arts, and Lee Honors, as well as Exploratory/University Curriculum students) will meet their parents and families, on day 2, at the conclusion of Orientation activities, in the Valley 2 residence halls.
Noon: Gatherings at the Academic Colleges

Engineering: Students will checkout of the residence hall before they leave for advising. They will take their belongings with them. Parents and families will meet them at the Parkview campus for lunch and a tour.

Business: Students will go to advising like everyone else (leave belongings in their room). Parents and families will join their students at the Haworth College of Business for a lite lunch and conversation. Students will check out of residence hall afterwards.

Aviation: Students will go to advising like everyone else (leave belongings in their room). Parents and families will join their students in Kohrman Hall for a pizza lunch and information session. This event will conclude by 1:30 to allow students time to check out of the residence hall afterwards.

Health and Human Services: Students will checkout of the residence hall before they leave for advising. They will take their belongings with them. Parents and families will meet them at the College of Health and Human Services for a lite lunch and open house.