

**TENTATIVE
FALL 2019 ORIENTATION**



**Northern Vermont
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Friday, 8/23/19

10:00 am-1:00 pm

Residential Student Check-In

Dewey Hall

Please check in to receive an Orientation packet and information to move into your residence hall.

11:30 am-1:30 pm

Lunch

Under the Tent

11:30 am-2:30 pm

Commuter Student Check-In

Dewey Hall

Please check in to receive an Orientation packet. Lunch will be served until 1:30 pm. Programming will begin at 3:00 pm in front of Dibden Center for the Arts.

2:30 pm

Family Farewells

On the Quad

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE THE LAST CHANCE FOR FAREWELLS BEFORE STUDENTS JOIN THEIR ORIENTATION GROUPS IN DIBDEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS TO BEGIN THE WEEKEND'S PROGRAMING. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE 3:00 PM INFORMATION SESSION BEFORE LEAVING CAMPUS.

3:00 pm

What Next? Parent & Family Information Session

Stearns Performance Space

Associate Dean of Students Michele Whitmore and Director of NVU-Johnson Wellness Center Kate McCarthy. Grab some light refreshments to sustain you on your drive home.

3:00 pm

NVU-Johnson Community Gathering/Getting Down to Business

Dibden Center for the Arts

The Class of 2023 will gather in individual Orientation Groups and then travel to Dibden for a welcome by Dean of Students Jonathan Davis and Student Government President Jesse Streeter. Margo Warden, Director of First-Year Experience will then introduce you to your orientation experience. Following, orientation groups will reconvene to get acquainted, review expectations, and Q&A.

4:30 pm

Commuter Student Reception

Dewey Commons

Are you a New Student, or a Transfer Student, who will be living off campus? Come to our commuter student reception and learn how you can get involved at NVU-Johnson. Meet other commuter students and find out about important programs and services.

Orientation Leaders will be on hand to answer your questions and join you for dinner.

4:30 pm

Unpack, Unwind & Settle-In

Residential students can take this hour to head back to their rooms to connect with roommates, and settle-in a little more.

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- 5:00 pm-6:30 pm **Floor Dinners/Floor Meetings**
Residence Halls/Stearns Dining Hall
Residential Students join RAs and floor mates for floor meetings and dinner in Stearns Dining Hall.
Commuter Students: will travel from the reception to dinner with their Orientation Leaders.
- 6:30 pm **The NVU-Johnson Connection: Campus Culture and Expectations**
Dibden Center for the Arts
- Beyond the Badge – Introduction to Public Safety with Director of Public Safety Mike Palagonia.
 - Wellness Center – Overview of services by Kate McCarthy, Director of NVU-Johnson Wellness Center.
- 7:00 pm **Last Call with Bill Ross**
Dibden Center for the Arts
“Last Call” will increase awareness and sensitivity to tough issues, answer questions and dispel myths, and locate health and educational resources in the NVU-Johnson community.
- 8:00 pm **Badger Bonfire and Candlelighting**
Closing the day together, we will celebrate our common values and our unique individuality. Connection, s’mores, music, and tradition!
- Saturday 8/24/19**
- 8:00 am-9:30 am **Breakfast**
Stearns Dining Hall
- 10:00 am **Community Meeting**
Dibden Center for the Arts
Wake up, get your bearings, learn about the day’s activities and events.
- 10:30 am **NVU-Johnson Common Reading Program and Going Beyond the Book**
Dibden Center for the Arts
All students participate in small discussion groups facilitated by NVU-Johnson faculty and staff members.
- 11:30 am-1:00 pm **Lunch**
Stearns Dining Hall
- 1:00 pm **Re-“Group” & Orange Band Initiative**
South Lawn
Break back into groups after lunch for a community activity and then participate in the Orange Band.
- 2:15 pm-2:30 pm **Badger Break**
Recharge and get ready for an afternoon of fun! If you have forgotten what activity you have selected for **Get Out!** or where to go, stop by the small white tent on the Quad. All sign-up sheets are posted on the board.

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- 2:30 pm-5:00 pm **Get Out!**
You've been working hard, so now it is time for some F-U-N! Participate in a wide range of smaller group activities like Tie Die, Frisbee Golf or Paint the Rock to name a few!
- 5:00 pm-6:30 pm **Major Mixer Dinner**
Stearns Dining Hall
Mix things up a bit! Join current and past students in your major for dinner to make new connections, ask questions, and gain insights. After dinner, head over to see John Cassidy.
- 7:00 pm **Matt LaVore**
Dibden Center for the Arts
Experience a miraculous world of magic, mind reading, and hypnosis from world class "Astonishment Artist" Matt LaVore. Don't miss this unique and entertaining show that is sure to capture your attention and imagination!
- 9:00 pm-11:00 pm **Big Top Dance Party**
On the Quad
DJ, mocktails, photo booth & more!
- Sunday, 8/25/19**
- 8:00 am-10:00 am **Breakfast**
Stearns Dining Hall
- 10:00 am-12:30 pm **Community Meeting with Greeting from President Elaine Collins followed by Faculty Speaker (TBD)**
Dibden Center for the Arts
Last orientation gathering for the Class of 2023, setting intentions and focus on the weeks, months, year ahead!
- Orientation Group Wrap-Up & A Good Look Ahead**
- Groups will reflect on the weekend and prepare for the week ahead.
 - Q & A
 - Offices are open and ready to help you with any additional business or questions.
- 10:00 am-1:00 pm **Returning Students Move In**
On the Quad
- 12:30 pm-2:00 pm **Lunch**
Stearns Dining Hall
- 1:30 pm **Sunday Afternoon Opportunities**
- Walk Your Schedule. Start your week off on the right foot. Take this opportunity to walk your schedule with an Orientation Leader.
 - Travel to Morrisville to shop at Big Lots and Dollar Store.
 - Explore the campus and check out some of the cool and special features (Library, walking trails, Lower Pond, Peace Garden).
- 4:00 pm **Learn the Alma Mater**
Bentley 207

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4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Dinner

Stearns Dining Hall

7:30 pm

Residence Hall Floor Meetings

New and returning students meet with floor Resident Assistants (R.A.)

8:00 pm

Community Event for New and Returning Students

TBA

Tuesday, 8/27/19

11:00 am

Opening Convocation

Dibden Center for the Arts

Class of 2023 will meet in SHAPE at 11:10am for procession.

12:00 pm

Community Picnic

Campus Quad

Immediately following convocation.

Monday through Friday

Welcome Week

There will be many activities planned during your first week that will help you make connections with your new campus community.