Fall 2019 New Student Orientation

**Wednesday, August 21**

**Move In to Residence Halls***
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

New and transferring students who are members of the Honors College are permitted to move-in to their campus assignment on Wednesday, August 21.

**Lunch on Your Own in Towson***

**Orientation Check-in and Tears & Cheers***
4:45 p.m.
West Village Commons (WVC), Fourth Floor Lobby

Check in for Honors Orientation. Parents and families can spend some final time with their students during this informal program before the separate Parent/Family Session and Feast of Nations events begin. This is your opportunity to say “goodbye for now” as students will be in student-only sessions the remainder of the event.

**Honors Parent/Family Orientation Panel Session***
5:15 - 6:30 p.m. WVC, Third Floor Meeting Rooms

The Honors Parent and Family Orientation Panel is a great way for parents and family members to learn about ways to support their motivated student at TU. Parents of current Honors students share insight and advice about their changing roles as they raise emerging adults. TU administrators and student staff will also be on hand to answer questions. Families will depart after this session.

**Feast of Nations**
5:15 p.m., WVC, Fourth Floor Lobby and Ballrooms

Kick off Honors Orientation with the Feast of Nations dinner. Join us to celebrate the culture and food of India and Morocco and get to know your orientation group.

**Icebreakers**
6:15 p.m., WVC, Fourth Floor Ballrooms

Let’s take some time to get to know each other and engage in some friendly competition with a few challenges from the Honors staff.

**After Hours in Douglass**
8:00 p.m., Douglass House

Meet others in Douglass House with a variety of activities. There will be games, snacks, room décor making, and a movie. Commuters are encouraged to attend but not required.

* Family members may participate in these events.

**Thursday, August 22**

All of the activities on Thursday are required for new members of the Honors College. Students are expected to attend the entire day.

**Breakfast**
8:45 a.m., WVC, Fourth Floor Ballrooms

Eat breakfast with your orientation group members and view a video created by an Honors student.

**Orientation Welcome**
9:15 a.m., WVC, Fourth Floor Ballrooms

Honors College Rector, Dr. Terry Cooney, opens orientation with a welcome to all of our new students and an overview of the principles and values of Honors education at Towson University. The Honors Towson Seminar will also be discussed.

**Academic Interest Meet-Ups**
9:45 a.m., WVC, Fourth Floor Ballrooms

Meet with fellow students from the same major, college, or academic interest in the following locations:
- College of Liberal Arts - Ballroom A
- Fisher College of Science and Mathematics - Ballroom B
- College of Health Professions - Ballroom C
- College of Fine Arts and Communications - 304
- College of Business and Economics - 305
- College of Education - 306
- Still deciding - 307

**Book Discussion**
10:25 a.m. WVC, Fourth Floor Ballrooms

Students discuss this year’s Honors College Read, What the Eyes Don’t See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City, with Towson University faculty members. The introductory discussion will be led by Dr. John Sivey, Associate Professor of Chemistry.

**Lunch & Resource Fair**
12:00 p.m. WVC, Fourth Floor Ballrooms & Lobby

Representatives from various campus partners and organizations will present their office or program to students at their tables. Fill out the quiz for some Honors College swag! Participants include: the Writing Center, the Career Center, the Tutoring & Learning Center, the Academic Advising Center, Disability Support Services, Cook Library, Study Abroad, Civic Engagement & Social Responsibility, The Towerlight, and Honors College student organizations.
Thursday, August 22 (continued)

Success in Honors Workshops
1:45 – 3:00 p.m., WVC Third and Fourth Floors

Workshop 1 - 1:45 – 2:20 p.m.
Workshop 2 - 2:25 – 3:00 p.m.

‘Success in Honors’ is a conference style program where you will choose from a series of topics that are linked to skills or resources you will need to thrive as a member of the Honors College. You will attend two 35-minute workshops. All workshops are offered at both time slots.

- **Self-care in Honors**
  Rachael Daudelin

- **The Involved Commuter**
  Haley Flanders & Brittany Rotolo

- **Student Opportunities at TU Panel**
  Nina Bundy & Panel of Honors OMs

- **Thinking Globally, Acting Locally**
  Melissa Flint & Study Abroad Office

- **Undergraduate Research Panel**
  Claire Hageman & URC members

- **Serve Outside the Box! Making the Most of Service & Philanthropic Opportunities at TU**
  Sydney Baucum & Honors Helping Hands

Honors Games
3:15 p.m., WVC, Fourth Floor Ballrooms

Orientation groups will compete against each other and the clock in a series of activities and games.

Orientation Closing
5:00 p.m., WVC, Fourth Floor Ballrooms

Wrap-up Honors Orientation with your groups.

Residence Hall Floor Meetings
6:00 p.m., Residence Halls

On-campus students will meet with your RA and floor-mates.

Welcome to TU
August 22-26
You are encouraged to attend Welcome to TU events. Events can be found on the Welcome to TU guide within TU Events Guidebook app.

Workshop Descriptions

**Self-Care in Honors**
College is stressful enough with just classes, but this is also a time where new students have to adjust to living on their own. It’s unreasonable to expect perfection from yourself, especially if you’re stressed, tired, unhealthy, and unhappy. Self-care is the most important skill you can develop in college, and it will help you succeed in so many other ways. Come discuss some ideas for keeping yourself happy, healthy, and relatively stress free, and think about what you need to pay extra attention to so that you’re as successful as possible! **Ballroom A**

**The Involved Commuter**
Planning to commute to campus and wondering how you can maximize your time on campus while minimizing your time sitting in rush hour traffic? Learn useful tips on how to be involved on campus and the resources available to you as a commuter student here at TU, and through the Honors College. Commuters can be just as active and present on campus as residents! **304**

**Student Opportunities at TU Panel**
TU is home to over 350 student clubs, organizations, and teams. How do you determine which organizations to join and how to balance co-curriculars with academics without feeling overwhelmed? Join us in discovering how to maximize your college experience by joining fulfilling organizations that allow you to personally grow in both the short and long term. Be proactive in finding a healthy balance between your social, professional, academic, and athletic lives so that you can create your own signature experience at Towson! **Ballroom B**

**Thinking Globally, Acting Locally**
Studying abroad offers the chance for you to expand your global competence: an acquisition of understanding of international issues, an appreciation and ability to work with others of diverse backgrounds, proficiency in foreign languages, and skills to function. Learn how you can actualize your study abroad experience! **306**

**Undergraduate Research Panel**
In the Honors College research is for everyone: from dance majors to the physics majors and everyone in between. This panel introduces you to current students who have found success in conducting and presenting research in various fields. It’s never too early to start! **305**

**Serve Outside the Box! Making the Most of Service & Philanthropic Opportunities at TU**
Serving others means also serving yourself. An intersection of our passions and most valued causes result in some of the most rewarding service opportunities. Learn what TU can offer you in satisfying your passion to help others. **Ballroom C**

“The eyes don’t see what the mind doesn’t know.”
- Adapted from D. H. Lawrence