Welcome to TU 2016

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Events on Thursday, August 25, Friday, August 26 and Saturday, August 27 are required for all freshmen, including commuters and those students enrolled in the Towson University Freshman Transition Program (FTP).

Events on Friday, August 26 are required for all transfer students.

Thursday, August 25

8:00am-5:00pm  Residence Hall Move-In for New Students
Across Campus/Residence Halls
All new students will need to move into their residence halls during this time period. Please arrive during the time that corresponds with the first letter of your last name in order to help minimize congestion. For more information please visit www.towson.edu/housing.

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8:00am-6:00pm  Welcome to TU Check In
Across Campus
Freshmen, Transfer and FTP students will pick up their New Student Guide, academic planner and other free goodies they will need during the Welcome to TU weekend. Students will need to bring their OneCard in order to check in. Students living on-campus must check in for Welcome to TU after moving into their residence halls. Check-in tents for on-campus students will be located on West Village Commons Lawn, at the Glen Complex and on Newell Lawn. **ONLY Freshmen commuters will be allowed to check in at the University Union, Loch Raven Room.**
11:00am-4:00pm  Library Carnival
Albert S. Cook Library
Presented by the Albert S. Cook Library
New students and their families are invited to stop by Cook Library to test their skills for prizes and refreshments or simply to enjoy the cool air conditioning. In the library, students can pose for carnival themed photos with their new friends. Outside the library, under the “big top,” students can learn about the library through Pokémon themed carnival games. Librarians will be on hand to answer student and parent questions as well as give library tours as requested.

3:00pm-5:00pm  Family Send Off
University Union, 2nd Floor, Potomac Lounge
After a long day of helping your student get all settled in, stop by the Union for some free food, a cash bar and the opportunity to meet with campus administrators for a chance to relax before the journey home.

6:00pm-8:30pm  Residence Hall Community Meetings
Residence Halls
With living on campus, comes new policies that all residential students must know and abide by. All students living in residence halls MUST attend their floor’s community meeting. New residential students should check with their Resident Assistant (RA) upon moving in to clarify exact times.

6:30pm-8:30pm  Freshman Commuter Welcome
University Union, PAWS Pavilion
As a commuting student, it can be a little more difficult to get connected to other students and start the process of building new and lasting friendships. Come join us for the opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow commuting freshman students and enjoy refreshments.

8:30pm-10:30pm  Hypnotist
Stephens Hall Auditorium
Do you believe in magic? What about hypnotism? Come watch the world of hypnosis unfold before your eyes as you and your friends are taken on the psychological journey of a lifetime. Please note that this is a ticketed event. Arrive early to ensure that you get a seat.

8:30pm-10:30pm  Charm City Trivia Night
University Union, Chesapeake Ballrooms
Presented by Charm City Trivia
Do you consider yourself a knowledgeable person? Do you like answering random questions about the world around you? Do you want to have a good time with friends? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come join
us for a night of trivia and fun with Charm City Trivia and get a taste of what Trivia Thursdays will be like during the semester.

9:00pm-11:00pm  **Glow in the Dark Arcade**  
*West Village Commons, Ballrooms*  
They say party starts when the lights go out. Join us for the opportunity to play your favorite games in the dark. Games include corn hole, darts, foosball, ping pong and shuffleboard. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

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**Friday, August 26.**

8:00am-9:30am  **Breakfast**  
*Various Dining Halls*  
Come enjoy your first college breakfast with your new floormates! **All students are encouraged to eat breakfast prior to Convocation.**  
**Breakfast must be paid for with a student's meal plan and/or personal funds.**

9:00am-4:00pm  **Transfer Sessions – MANDATORY for ALL Transferring Students**  
*SECU Arena*  
As a transferring student, there is certain information that is required for you to know. In this session, transfer students will attend convocation and complete all the mandatory Title IX sessions that are federally required for them. Boxed lunches will be provided.

9:00am-10:00am  **Walk to Convocation**  
As the lead up event to the New Student Convocation, members of Towson's community have come together to demonstrate our engaged campus and show off our Tiger pride.

10:00am-11:00am  **Convocation**  
*SECU Arena*  
New Student Convocation marks the official welcome and beginning to a student’s academic experience and is a required event for all new students, including Transfer students and Freshmen Commuter students. **All new students must bring a notepad and pencil, their New Student Guide, their Academic Planner and must wear their “We are Towson” t-shirts.**

11:30am-1:00pm  **Freshman Lunch**  
*University Union*  
There’s no better way to stay fueled throughout the day than with food. Come grab some lunch on the go before heading to your academic advising sessions.
11:30am-1:00pm  Transfer Lunch  
_Towson Center_
There’s no better way to stay fueled throughout the day than with food. Come grab some lunch on the go before heading to your academic advising sessions.

12:00pm-6:00pm  Burdick Hall Open Hours  
_Presented by Campus Recreation Services_

1:00pm-4:00pm  ORIE 305  
_Various Academic Buildings_
Every freshman student is assigned a first-year advisor to help guide them through their academic transition from high school to college. During this meeting you will meet your first-year advisor, review your first term class schedule, learn about the CORE curriculum and develop a plan for academic and personal success. ORIE 305 locations are listed on your academic schedule.  
**STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR PLANNER, NEW STUDENT GUIDE, AND ACADEMIC SCHEDULE TO THIS MEETING!**

1:00am-4:30pm  Transfer Information Sessions – MANDATORY for ALL Transferring Students  
_SECU Arena_
As a transferring student, there is certain information that is required for you to know. Transfer students will learn through Social Action Theatre, Diversity and Inclusion, StrengthsQuest, and Academic Achievement and Library presentations.

4:00pm-5:00pm  Taking Care of Business  
_Across Campus_
Need to talk with a campus office before classes begin? Here's your opportunity! New students are encouraged to use this time to visit various offices to make sure their paperwork is turned in and/or to get their questions answered. New students can also use this opportunity to complete their To-Do list if need be.

5:00pm-7:30pm  Commuter and Off-Campus Living Cookout  
_University Union PAWS Pavilion_
_Presented by Off Campus Student Services and New Student Programs_
Commuter, off-campus and transferring students are invited to join Off Campus Student Services for a high-energy, fun-filled, block-party themed cookout. Learn about amazing events and resources on and off campus, meet your fellow commuters, and enjoy novelties, entertainment and free food too! RSVP at [http://www.eventbrite.com/e/off-campus-commuter-cookout-tickets-26785882295](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/off-campus-commuter-cookout-tickets-26785882295)
6:00pm-9:00pm  **Hillel’s Shabbat**  
*University Union, Patuxent Lounge*
Join Hillel, the Jewish Community on campus, in celebrating the Sabbath.

6:45pm-8:00pm  **First Look Get Involved Fair**  
*SECU Arena*
Curious about getting involved on campus? For the first time ever, Freshmen and Transfer students have their own, personal fair! Interact with 100+ Towson University student organizations, check out student group performances, take pictures with new friends and your favorite TU athletes and grab some FREE FOOD sponsored by OrderUP and New Student Programs! Prizes will be available for the first 500 students. Be sure to stick around afterwards for the Roar Rally!

8:00pm-9:00pm  **Roar Rally**  
*SECU Arena*
Join us for the BIGGEST spirit event of Welcome to TU! Introductions from Towson University Athletes and the first debut of the 2016 Football Promotional Video. Root for other students or compete yourself in Tiger Challenges, with prizes for the winners of course. Live DJ and MC who are determined to up your snapchat followers. The Roar Rally promises to be THE hype event to start off Fall 2016.

9:00pm-11:00pm  **TU Takeover**  
*University Union*  
*Presented by SGA*
The night is still young, and there is no need for it to end! Join SGA in playing various games, inflatables, and arts and craft activities throughout the Union. Giveaways and food too!

9:00am-6:00pm  **Burdick Hall Open Hours**  
*Presented by Campus Recreation Services*

10:00am-5:30pm  **Success Starts Here**  
*Various Locations Across Campus*  
*Presented by Student Conduct, Campus Life, Towson University Police Department, Health and Counseling Center, and the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Prevention Center*
Learn what it means to be a successful student at Towson by attending these required educational sessions with your residential floor. If you miss them, you will be required to make them up at a later date. Times for your
rotations will be provided by your RA. **Students MUST bring their OneCard!**

**8:30pm-9:30pm**  
**NPHC Stroll Off**  
*Freedom Square (Rain Location – University Union, Susquehanna Terrace)*  
You may have heard of strolling, you may have even seen it before. But nothing compares to seeing it live. Come join us in discovering who runs the yard at Towson University.

**8:30pm-11:30pm**  
**Live Band Karaoke**  
*West Village Ballrooms*  
Are you a person who loves singing along to the lyrics of songs? Do you enjoy making people smile, laugh and clap? Do you love being on stage? Come join us for a fun night of karaoke with a live band as your instrumentals!

**9:30pm-11:00pm**  
**Everybody Dance Now**  
*University Union, 1st Floor, PAWS*  
Wouldn't it be amazing to just dance the night away? Come join us for dancing with friends as the night slowly comes to an end. Light refreshments will be provided.

**10:00pm-12:00am**  
**Glow in the Dark Mini Golf**  
*University Union, 2nd Floor, Potomac Lounge*  
*Presented by Housing and Residence Life*  
Join Housing and Residence Life in testing your skills to see if you can get a hole in one!

**10:00pm-12:00am**  
**Movie Night**  
*Speakers Circle*  
Come unwind, relax and laugh with friends at the outdoor showing of *Neighbors 2!*

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**Sunday, August 28**

**9:00am-10:30pm**  
**Baltimore Collegetown Network Shuttle**  
[www.baltimorecollegetown.org](http://www.baltimorecollegetown.org)  
Exploring Baltimore is easy and free! The Collegetown Shuttle is a free transportation service for students, staff, and faculty at seven participating schools in the Baltimore region. Simply use your college/university ID card to board the bus. On the “stops” page, you will find a list of places you can visit around each shuttle stop. Destinations range from restaurants to museums to your local coffee shop.

**9:00am-10:30pm**  
**Explore Uptown Towson**
City of Towson
Today would be a great day to explore the city of Towson. If you head north on York Road towards the circle, you will find many great places to check out! Like food? Uptown has Thai, Vietnamese, Cuban, Caribbean, Peruvian, Italian and Mexican food, as well as bagels, sushi, fro-yo, gourmet cupcakes, coffee, and more. Like shopping? Check out the Towson Town Center Mall located less than one mile away from campus! Be sure to view the OneCard website and app for places that accept retail points.

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12:00pm-11:00pm  Burdick Hall Open Hours
Presented by Campus Recreation Services

12:00pm-5:00pm  Academic Advising Open House
Lecture Hall
Got any questions about your academic schedule or how academics work in general? Come to the Academic Advising Open House where your questions will be answered and you can gain a better understanding of academic requirements here at Towson University.

12:30pm-4:30pm  Where’s My Class?
Freedom Square
Want to make sure you know where your classes are located? Worried that you might not have time to get from place to place? Join your Orientation Leaders for class location tours. Tours will depart every 30 minutes from Freedom Square.

5:00pm-8:00pm  Set It Off!
Tiger Plaza (outside College of Liberal Arts and Burdick Hall)
Presented by the Center for Student Diversity and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life
All new and returning students are invited to join us for food, music, performances, games, and prizes! Meet new friends, reconnect with old ones, and learn about multicultural student organizations and Greek Life.

5:00pm-8:00pm  Up, Up and Away
Towsontown Garage Field, near Burdick Hall and College of Liberal Arts
What better way to see your new home away from home than by getting a bird's-eye view of Towson's campus and the neighboring areas in a Hot Air Balloon Ride? Weather conditions will determine when flight times occur and we hope to accommodate as many passengers as possible over a three-hour duration between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. Each flight should last approximately 5 minutes. Space is limited, so be sure to sign-up early. Exact flight times will be posted on Facebook, Twitter and www.towson.edu/orientation, on the day-of the event.

7:30pm-9:30pm  Residence Hall Community Meetings  
*All residence halls & on-campus apartments*  
Exact times vary. All residential students, both new and returning, should check with their Resident Assistant to clarify exact times. Attendance at Community Meetings is expected.

**Monday, August 29**

7:45pm-11:00pm  Target Night  
*Buses depart at 7:45pm from West Village, Prettyman/Scarborough, and Glen Towers*  
This shopping event has everything essential for a great start to college! We’ll even get you there and back: all you need to do is show up! Bussing to and from Target will be provided for free, beginning at 8 p.m. and departing every 15 minutes from the following on-campus locations: West Village, Prettyman/Scarborough, and Glen Towers. **Last bus leaves campus at 10pm, and all students must leave Target at 11pm!**

**Tuesday, August 30**

11:00am-2:00pm  Part-Time and On-Campus Job Fair  
*University Union, 2nd Floor, Potomac Lounge*  
*Presented by the Career Center*  
**Need some extra income?** Come meet with local and on-campus employers. Bring copies of your resume, dress appropriately, casual but conservative, and come early! The first 25 students will receive a free T-shirt!  
To view the list of employers, log into [Hire@TU](https://www.towson.edu/portal/hiretu) with your NetID and password and click the Career Events tab. Questions? Contact the Career Center at 410-704-2233 or careercenter@towson.edu.

7:00pm-9:00pm  Taste of Towson  
*West Village Commons, West Village Lawn*  
*Presented by Housing & Residence Life and OrderUP*  
One of the many benefits of going to school at Towson is the awesome selection of local eateries situated just off campus! At Taste of Towson, you’ll have the chance to experience a small sample of all Towson’s culinary community has to offer. This is a new student exclusive event.