



2025 FIRST-YEAR FAMILY & GUEST ORIENTATION SCHEDULE



Students will follow a **separate schedule** guided by their Orientation Leader. The sessions that families/guests are together with their student are highlighted in **Teal**. Students will not finish until **at least 8:30 pm** on day one.

This schedule is subject to change.

DAY 1 (MONDAY/WEDNESDAY)

7:45 am – 9:00 am	Check-in at Loggerhead Hall Park in Hewlett lot (next to Loggerhead Hall), Schwartz lot, the Visitor lot, or Central Deck. Shuttles will run from Pelican Hall to the Burney Center from 7:45 am – 9:15 am.
8:00 am – 9:30 am	Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 9:50 am	Welcome, New Seahawks!
10:00 – 10:30 am	Assisting Your Student with the Transition to College Going to college is a big transition for both students and families. During this session, guests will gain practical tips to help their students succeed in the transition to college.
10:45 – 11:45 am	Financial Matters: Services, Expenses, and Accounts Learn about financial aid, scholarships, student accounts and billing, parking, meal plans, and more!
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Living the College Life - Housing and Residence Life staff will review details of the move-in process and living on campus.
12:15 – 1:15 pm	Lunch Eat at one of the following options: Chick-fil-A, Jole Mole, Panda Express, Subway
1:20 – 2:20 pm	Shared Responsibilities Hear from the Student Health Center, Counseling Center, Office of the Dean of Students, University Police, and the Disability Resource Center about the resources UNCW offers to help keep students healthy and safe.
2:40 – 3:10 pm	Explore, Prepare, Succeed: Thriving Academically at UNCW This session provides an overview of the undergraduate curriculum, the advising experience, and academic expectations.
3:30 – 4 pm	Academic College Overview Learn more about the programs and academic opportunities available to students once they declare a major.
4:20 – 5:05 pm	Learning Beyond the Classroom Staff from Undergraduate Research, Education Abroad, Campus Life, and the Career Center will share the many ways students can enrich their undergraduate experience and prepare for a career.
5:15 – 5:45 pm	Military Affiliated Services & Support Staff from Military Affairs and Scholarships and Financial Aid will review resources and benefits for military dependents.

DAY 2 (TUESDAY/THURSDAY)

Park in the Visitor Lot or Central Deck. Students must check out of Pelican Hall by 8:15 am.

By 8:15 am	Guest Overnight Housing Check-Out Guests without a vehicle can drop-off luggage in the Burney Center between 8:15 – 8:30 am. Shuttles will run from Schwartz Hall and the Visitor Lot to the Burney Center from 8:00 – 9:00 am. Guests staying in Schwartz Hall will be given a breakfast meal ticket for the Shore Dining Hall to utilize starting at 7am.
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8:15 – 9:15 am	Campus Resource Fair Engage with staff from the following offices: Business Services (Bookstore, Parking), Campus Dining, Campus Life, Campus Recreation, CARE, Career Center, Center for Academic Advising, Center for the Support of Undergraduate Research & Fellowships, Counseling Center, Disability Resource Center, Education Abroad, Honors College, Housing and Residence Life, Military Affairs, Scholarships and Financial Aid, Student Accounts, Student Health Center, Technology Assistance Center, University Learning Center.
9:20 – 10:00 am	Staying Engaged as a UNCW Family Learn how to access information, stay connected and engaged with UNCW throughout your student's college experience, and explore the Seahawk Family Hub for timely updates and resources.
10:00 – 10:45 am	Reality 101 This session will test your assumptions of college life and provide suggested tips and conversations to have with your student about making healthy choices. Content Advisory: <i>This session includes sensitive topics such as sexual assault, harassment, relationship abuse, stalking, and substance use. Parental discretion is advised.</i>
10:45 – 11:25 am	Student Panel Orientation Leaders will answer your questions and share reflections on their Seahawk student experience. This is a family favorite session not to be missed!
11:30 am – 11:50am	Break Out Sessions: Choose the session that caters best to your needs! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First to Fly: Supporting First Generation College Students At UNCW, a student is first-generation if neither parent/legal guardian graduated from a four-year college/university in the U.S. If your student is the first in the family to attend college (even if a sibling has already completed a degree), this session will provide easy steps you can take to support your student's transition. • Fraternity and Sorority Life Learn how your student can join one of the 30+ fraternities and sororities on campus. • Student Involvement & Leadership Learn about the many opportunities for your student to get involved and meet new friends through student organizations and campus life programming. • Technology Assistance & Services Staff from the Technology Assistance Center will review technical support available to your student, discounts and more.
11:30 am – 1:15 pm	Lunch at the Shore Dining Hall Shuttles will run from Burney to the Shore from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Next Steps
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Honors College Meeting This session is required for all students who have been accepted into the University Honors College at UNCW.

OPTIONAL SESSIONS/ACTIVITIES

2:00 – 3 pm	Residence Hall Showrooms Stop by any of the residence halls below during this time to see a showroom. NOTE: Students will not be able to see their assigned room for the fall. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belk Hall (similar to Graham-Hewlett Hall) • Cornerstone Hall (similar to Keystone and Innovation House) • Loggerhead Hall (similar to Terrapin Hall) • Schwartz Hall
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