

# Spring 2023

## New Student & Family Orientation



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### Friday, January 20

**8:00 am - Offices Available**

**5:00 pm** Student Health Center, McLeod-Tyler Wellness Center\*

(then closed Bursar's Office, Blow Hall, Room 108\*

until Monday, Financial Aid, Blow Hall, Room 124

January 23) University Registrar, Blow Hall, Room 240

Student Accessibility Services, Sadler Center, Room 181\*\*

*\*Student Health Center and Bursar's Office close at 4 pm until Mon, January 23.*

*\*\*Student Accessibility Services will provide extended hours on Friday and remain open until 7 pm.*

**8:30 am - Residential New Student Orientation Check-In**

**12:00 pm** *Sadler Center, Atrium*

Residential new students should plan to arrive at the Sadler Center at your designated residence hall appointment time. You will begin with the orientation check-in process and receive your Tribe (Student ID) Card\* before moving on to Residence Life. Once you have successfully checked in with Residence Life, students will be able to begin moving their belongings into their residence hall space.

*\*Students should bring a valid picture ID with them to receive their Tribe (Student ID) Card and pick-up their residence hall room key.*

**11:00 am - International Students, Scholars & Programs (ISSP) Welcome Table**

**4:00 pm** *Sadler Center, Atrium*

This is an opportunity for new international students & families to meet International Students, Scholars & Programs (ISSP) staff, and learn about available resources for international students at W&M.

**11:30 am - Lunch**

**2:00 pm** *The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

Meals during orientation are provided for all new spring semester students. Move-in helpers are welcome to join their new students through the line, as well, for this meal using the wristband provided to them during their student's orientation check-in.

**1:30 pm - New Student & Family Connections Fair**

**3:30 pm** *Sadler Center, Atrium*

W&M has numerous resources to help students be successful throughout their university experience. Various campus representatives will be available in one convenient area so you can pursue the information you want to ensure a positive start to your W&M experience.

**1:45 pm - Off-Campus/Commuter New Student Orientation Check-In**

**2:15 pm** *Sadler Center, Atrium*

Off-campus and commuter new students should plan to arrive at the Sadler Center Atrium anytime during this timeframe to check-in for orientation and receive your Tribe (Student ID) Card before the program begins.

*\*Students should bring a valid picture ID with them to receive their Tribe (Student ID) Card.*

- 2:30 pm - Celebrating Your William & Mary**  
**3:00 pm** *Sadler Center, Chesapeake Rooms*  
 Together new students, parents, families and student supporters will officially be welcomed to the Tribe family!

## FOR PARENTS & FAMILIES

- 3:15 pm – Welcome to the Family! Success at William & Mary**  
**3:55 pm** *Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*  
 A thoughtful and interactive program about your student’s experience, W&M expectations, and parental support during the college transition.
- 4:00 pm – The Liberal Arts Vision: A Look into Academic Success**  
**4:40 pm** *Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*  
 We will highlight what makes our liberal arts education distinctive and describe the course planning and enrollment process.
- 4:45 pm – A Commitment to Wellness & Flourishing**  
**5:25 pm** *Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*  
 W&M focuses on promoting health and wellness for all students. Join us to discuss how we strive to accomplish this mission.
- 5:30 pm – A Chat with the Dean of Students**  
**6:10 pm** *Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*  
 Chat with W&M’s Dean of Students about how the college journey can be an exciting and challenging time for students and families. Find out more about the supports and opportunities available.
- 6:15 pm Dinner**  
*The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*  
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*This concludes the Spring 2023 Family Orientation program. Please travel safely.*

## FOR NEW STUDENTS

- 3:15 pm - Foundations & New Beginnings**  
**4:15 pm** *Sadler Center, Atrium*  
 Meet your Orientation Aides (OAs) and other students in your orientation group.
- 4:30 pm - Academic Success: Planning Your Path**  
**5:15 pm** *Sadler Center, Chesapeake A*  
 Learn about our Liberal Arts curriculum while considering your future academic plans. The transfer credit process will be covered, and students will have the opportunity to work in smaller groups to prepare for course registration and meeting with their faculty advisor.



**5:20 pm - 6:10 pm**      **Your New Tribe Home for Residential New Students**  
*Sadler Center, Chesapeake A*  
 Learn about on-campus life, opportunities for engagement, and your rights and responsibilities.

**Finding Your New Tribe Home as an Off-Campus Student**

*Sadler Center, James Room*

Learn about life as an off-campus student, your rights and responsibilities, and the various opportunities for engagement.

**6:15 pm**      **Dinner**  
*The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*  
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**7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**      **Community Connection ... S'mores Galore!**  
*Sadler Center, Terrace (Rain Location: Sadler Center, Lodge 1)*  
 Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

## Saturday, January 21

**7:00 am – 9:00 am**      **Breakfast**  
*The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*  
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**9:00 am – 9:50 am**      **Cultivating Authentic Excellence**  
*Sadler Center, Chesapeake A*  
 This program explores the Plateau Effect, the tendency for people to stay “stuck at good”, and how the college transition can be a critical time for either breaking that pattern or cementing it further. Students will learn about the Authentic Excellence Initiative, designed to move us beyond the Plateau Effect and enhance productivity, fulfillment, and resilience.

**10:00 am - 10:50 am**      **Student Success in the W&M Community (Group Green)**  
*Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*  
 Understanding the community you are joining is a key to success. Join members of the Student Success staff and the Honor & Conduct Councils to learn more about how to successfully thrive in your new community.

**Community Connection ... Getting Crafty (Group Gold)**

*Sadler Center, Chesapeake BC*

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**Noon -  
1:20 pm**

**Lunch***The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

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**1:30 pm –  
2:20 pm**

**We Enhance Your Campus Experience***Sadler Center, Chesapeake A*

Learn more about how Auxiliary Services works with products and services like the W&M Spirit Shop & Bookstore, Tennis Center, Parking & Transportation, Tribe Card Services, Dining, and more to make your campus experience the best it can be!

**2:30 pm –  
3:20 pm**

**On Our Honor ... (Classes of 2025 & 2024)***Wren Building, Great Hall and Hearth: Memorial to the Enslaved*

Join members of the W&M Honor and Conduct Councils to learn about our community standards, followed by the taking of our W&M Honor Pledge. Then, affirm your commitment to our community values with members of W&M Student Assembly.

**Building a Liberal Arts Experience for What is Next ... (Class of 2026)***Sadler Center, Chesapeake A*

All degree-seeking Class of 2026 students will be introduced to two campus resources that support a successful spring semester transition: the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs and the Office of Career Development & Professional Engagement.

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**Snack Break***Sadler Center, Atrium*

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**Engaging Across Difference Through Better Arguments***Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*

Being a college student requires an open mind and a willingness to respect conflict and its place within the university experience. Learn the five principles of a "better



argument" and hear from faculty, staff and administrators as they set in motion a framework for the year ahead.

**6:00 pm - Dinner**

**7:30 pm** *The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

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**7:30 pm - Community Connection ... Exploring Merchants Square & DOG Street**

**10:00 pm** *Consult your OAs for Meeting Location*

Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

## Sunday, January 22

**7:00 am – Breakfast**

**9:00 am** *The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

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**11:00 am – Lunch**

**1:30 pm** *The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

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**11:00 am – Being a W&M Student Veteran**

**1:00 pm** *Sadler Center, York Room*

Non-Traditional Aged and Veteran new students are highly encouraged to join current students for a frank conversation about overcoming first-semester hurdles and how the student veterans group can support you through your university experience.

**1:30 pm - Community Connections ... Academic & Wellness Supports**

**2:20 pm** Attend the session that feels most applicable to your current transition situation. All will repeat during the 2:30 pm time block.

[www.wm.edu/reescenter](http://www.wm.edu/reescenter)

**Strategies for Academic Success**

*Sadler Center, Tidewater A*

Join us for a look into the variety of academic resources and supports offered by Academic Wellbeing. Whether it is helping you plan for a successful semester or guiding you through the bumps along the way, we're here to help!

Visit Academic Wellbeing online: [www.wm.edu/academicwellbeing](http://www.wm.edu/academicwellbeing)

**Writing Resource Center**

*Sadler Center, York Room*

Learn about the Writing Resource Center and the support services provided to students through their office including resources, workshops and individual support.

Visit the Writing Resource Center online: <https://www.wm.edu/as/wrc/>

**2:30 pm - Community Connections ... Academic Support & Explorations**



**3:20 pm** Attend the session that feels most applicable to your W&M transition. All are repeats of the 1:30 pm time block.

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**3:30 pm -  
5:00 pm**

**One Tribe, Many Stories**

*Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*

William & Mary students are diverse in talents, interests, backgrounds, and identities. Explore the rewards, obligations, and tensions associated with your commitment to our community.

**5:00 pm -  
7:00 pm**

**Dinner**

*The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

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**7:00 pm**

**Community Connection ... Ghost Tour of Colonial Williamsburg (CW)**

*Meet at Wren Building*

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## Monday, January 23

**7:00 am –**

**Breakfast**

**9:00 am**

*The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

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**8:00 am -**

**First-Generation & Limited Income (FGLI) College Student Breakfast**

**9:15 am**

*Sadler Center, Chesapeake BC*

Any student, new or returning, who identifies as a first-generation and/or limited income (FGLI) college student is invited to join STEP and the *First Generation Low Income at W&M* student organization for a semester kick-off breakfast. Enjoy breakfast and perhaps meet a few new folks along the way!

**9:15 am –**

**Community Connections ... Engagement & Tribe Pride (Block 1 of 3)**

**10:15 am**

Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.



**A Home Without Hazing – Prospective Member Training (Opportunity 1 of 3)***Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*

Are you interested in joining a fraternity, sorority, club sport, professional greek-letter organization AND/OR any other organization on this [list](#)? If so, W&M and the Commonwealth of Virginia require participation in a hazing prevention training PRIOR to joining (as a prospective member).

Learn more about Hazing Prevention at W&M online: [www.wm.edu/hazingprevention](http://www.wm.edu/hazingprevention)

**Center for Student Diversity: Welcome to the Tribe! We are Here for You! (Opp 1 of 2)***Sadler Center, Room 268P*

We welcome you to the W&M family and look forward to helping you have a dynamic experience. Stop by the CSD for casual conversation with students from diverse organizations, cultures, faiths and meet the dynamic CSD team.

**Fraternity & Sorority Life (Opportunity 1 of 1)***Sadler Center, Chesapeake A*

Here at William & Mary the tradition of fraternity remains strong and our Fraternity & Sorority Community plays a vital role on campus and in the community. Come learn about our chapters and engagement opportunities!

**10:00 am -  
2:00 pm**

**Academic Advising with your Assigned Faculty Advisor**

Each new student must meet with their advisor either in-person or via Zoom to review and plan a schedule for spring semester. Your meeting time will have been arranged during Saturday's academic planning session. Students will receive a PIN at the end of their meeting. This PIN is necessary to complete the registration process later today. Meetings typically last for 30 minutes.

**10:20 am –  
11:20 am**

**Community Connections ... Engagement & Tribe Pride (Block 2 of 3)**

Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

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**Getting Involved in Student Life at William & Mary (Opportunity 1 of 1)***Sadler Center, Chesapeake A*

Involved students from Student Assembly (your W&M student government) will share insights about student life and getting involved on campus and in student organizations. The panel discussion will be moderated by Student Leadership Development (the office that supports the 475+ recognized student organizations on campus). Every involvement journey is different but these connected students will share their wisdom, pro-tips and pitfalls to navigate!



**11:00 am - 4:00 pm**      **International Students, Scholars & Programs (ISSP) Welcome Table**  
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*The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*  
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**1:15 pm – 2:15 am**      **Community Connections ... Engagement & Tribe Pride (Block 3 of 3)**  
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**W&M Athletics (Opportunity 1 of 1)**

*Sadler Center, York Room*

Athletics is an integral part of the educational experience at William & Mary. Join us to learn how you can hone your Tribe Pride while cheering while classmates on to victory!

**2:45 pm – 3:45 pm**      **Ensuring Community at W&M**  
*Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium*  
 Building community is everyone's responsibility, and often requires the help of others. Hear from key campus partners about how W&M works to ensure a safe and welcoming campus environment.

**4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**      **Integrative Wellness Dialogue**  
*Consult OA*  
 Wellness is such a broad term and how we think about wellness is affected by our culture and our life experiences. We believe wellness is conscious, self-directed, and evolving; holistic and multidimensional; positive and affirming; and inclusive.

All dimensions of wellness need our attention for us to truly flourish. There does not have to be a balance among all dimensions. Instead, the goal is to find a personal harmony with the dimensions that is most authentic for you. You cannot get there passively, it requires active awareness, acceptance, and commitment. It is our hope that the





following information about the eight dimensions of wellness will help you get started or refine your wellness plan.

**5:30 pm -**

**Dinner**

**7:00 pm**

*The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

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**7:30 pm -**

**Community Connection ... Sampling the Sadler Center**

**9:30 pm**

*Across the Sadler Center*

The Sadler Center is the university's centrally-located student union, and as such is the hub of student life. Get to know the building and the fun that can be had right here on campus. Use this time to get to know other students -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

- Atrium: Snack Break
- Union Central: Games and More!
- Lodge One: Bingo
- Chesapeake Rooms: Arts & Crafts
- Commonwealth Auditorium: Movie Screening

Use this time to get to know other students who are new to W&M -- or spend it focusing on your own well-being.

## Tuesday, January 24

**7:00 am –**

**Breakfast**

**9:00 am**

*The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

Meals during orientation are provided for all new spring semester students.

**9:00 am –**

**Course Registration Continues**

**9:30 am**

*Computer Labs or Personal Laptops*

Your OA will let you know where to meet. This timeframe has been reserved for new spring semester students only.

**9:45 am -**

**Explore Williamsburg Challenge**

**11:45 am**

*Meet in the Sadler Center, Chesapeake A*

Get to know your local community, connect with other students, learn how to get the most out of being a Williamsburg resident, and receive W&M swag. Sign up for the Explore Williamsburg Challenge, a civic scavenger hunt of Williamsburg, all within easy walking distance to campus.

**11:30 am -**

**Lunch**

**1:30 pm**

*The Food Hall at the Sadler Center*

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**1:00 pm**

**Ongoing Add/Drop Spring Semester Course Registration**

**1:00 pm -**

**W&M Spirit Shop & Bookstore Trips (Opportunity 1 of 3)**



- 2:00 pm** OAs will meet students at the couches in the Sadler Center Atrium to walk to W&M's Spirit Shop & Bookstore and explain the process for choosing and buying books.  
*Visit the W&M Spirit Shop & Bookstore online: [www.wm.edu/bookstore](http://www.wm.edu/bookstore)*
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** **Entrepreneurship Center Open House**  
*Tribe Square, The Hub*  
Every organization has a home on campus—the Hub at Tribe Square is ours! Come explore what the Entrepreneurship Center has to offer during our Open House!  
*Visit the Entrepreneurship Center online: <https://millercenter.mason.wm.edu/>*
- 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm** **Swem Library Tour (Opportunity 1 of 3)**  
OAs will meet students at the couches in the Sadler Center Atrium to walk to the Swem Library for a tour with library faculty.
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm** **Wrapping Up Your Academic Schedule Advising Zoom Drop-In Hours**  
*Zoom: <https://cwm.zoom.us/j/97835790323>*  
Students who have not registered for at least 12 credits can meet with an Academic Advisor via Zoom to discuss wrapping up their schedule.
- 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm** **W&M Spirit Shop & Bookstore Trips (Opportunity 2 of 3)**  
OAs will meet students at the couches in the Sadler Center Atrium to walk to W&M's Spirit Shop & Bookstore and explain the process for choosing and buying books.  
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- 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm** **Swem Library Tour (Opportunity 2 of 3)**  
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- 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm** **W&M Spirit Shop & Bookstore Trips (Opportunity 3 of 3)**  
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- 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm** **Swem Library Tour (Opportunity 3 of 3)**  
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- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm** **Dinner**  
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- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm** **Mid-Year Student Organizations & Activities Fair**  
*Sadler Center*  
The Office of Student Leadership Development (SLD) is pleased to offer the Mid-Year Student Organizations & Activities Fair. This event is intended to meet the needs of incoming students AND provide a mid-year opportunity to current students and organizations. SLD works to help students engage, elevate, and explore opportunities for leadership and involvement on campus. We hope you'll check it out!



## Wednesday, January 25

**All Day!**            **First Day of Classes**  
**7:00 pm**           **Winter Warm-up at the Wren**  
                         *Wren Building, Courtyard*

## NOTES & REFLECTIONS ...

