

*Westfield State University*

# FALL ORIENTATION



**ORIENTATION LEADER:**

**TEAM NUMBER:**

**SCHEDULE GROUP: A**

# A Letter from the Coordinator

Welcome Home!

My name is Matt Dellea, and I am the Director of Student Activities, Involvement, and Leadership (SAIL). On behalf of the New Student Orientation Team, it is my privilege to welcome you to the Westfield State community.

Whether you have decided to commute or live on campus, are coming to Westfield State with a few college credits in place, have decided on your major or are taking time to explore your options, the New Student Orientation Program is designed to help you learn about your new home away from home.

Our program is designed to be your official welcome to life at Westfield State University. By attending all sessions in our program schedule, you will learn everything that you need to be a successful student here. Sessions are designed to assist you in understanding policies and procedures, discover ways to be an involved student, and create meaningful connections with your peers.

You will be led through the program by an energetic Orientation Leader, who will be with you every step of the way as you attend sessions to learn about important campus resources and get a feel for the Westfield State University community. This returning student leader will be your best point-of-contact throughout your first year, and it is our hope that you attend their events throughout the fall semester.

This packet includes your schedule for the next several days. You will also find our Welcome Week program schedule at the end of this packet. Please use this to stay on track or feel free to find all these events on Westfield Involve, so you can have it electronically.

We are excited to have you at Westfield State and encourage you to reach out if you have any questions.



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**Welcome to Westfield State!** We hope that you enjoy the programming that we have set up for your Orientation. Please remember that your presence is expected at the events and workshops over the next couple of days, as it will help for a smooth transition to Owl Nation. All attendance at events will be tracked for completion.

## *Sunday, August 31*

8 a.m.–1 p.m.

### **Residential Student Move-In**

Horace Mann Center and all Residence Halls

Move-in during your assigned time slot and get settled into your new space for the fall.

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10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### **Opening Day Events**

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1 p.m.

### **Commuter Check-In Tent**

Campus Green

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2 p.m.

### **Find Your Orientation Leader (OL)**

Campus Green

Students should find their OL group on the Campus Green. Once leaders have students, the entire class will walk to Woodward for the Westfield State University Welcome.

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2:30p.m.

### **Depart for Woodward**

The parade to Woodward will begin and all students will head down for the welcome.

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3 p.m.

### **Westfield State University Welcome**

Woodward Center

Welcome to Westfield State University with official greetings!

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3:30p.m.

### **Orientation Leader Welcome Meetings**

Campus Locations

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5 p.m.

### **Welcome to WSU Dinner**

Campus Green

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7 p.m.

### **Residence Hall Community Meetings**

Residence Halls

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7–7:30 p.m.

### **Commuter Student Welcome Meeting**

Scanlon Banquet Hall

A community meeting for Commuter Students to answer questions, introduce Commuter Council, and talk about life as a commuter student.

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8–11 p.m.

### **Carnival Lights and Delights**

Campus Green

The biggest night of programming ever!



# Monday, September 1

7 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

## Open Breakfast

Dining Commons

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10–10:30 a.m.

## Orientation Leader Morning Meetings

Campus Green

Students to meet with their Orientation Leader and review events.

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10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

## Belonging

Dever Stage

Understand what it means to truly belong in this campus community.

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12–12:45 p.m.

## Lunch

Dining Commons

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1–1:30 p.m.

## First Year Programs

Scanlon Banquet Hall

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1:30–2:15 p.m.

## Title IX and Bystander Intervention

Scanlon Banquet Hall

Mandatory Title IX session to learn about the Title IX purpose and processes.

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2:15–3 p.m.

## Community Expectations

Scanlon Banquet Hall

What does it mean to be a positive member of our community?

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3–3:30 p.m.

## Orientation Leader End of Day Meeting

Group Meeting Spot

Process events of the day and ask lingering questions.

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3:30–5:30 p.m.

## Owlympics

Campus Green

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5:30 p.m.

## Dinner

Dining Commons

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6–11 p.m.

## Monday Night Programming

Campus Green

The Annual Glow Party on the Campus Green. Paint dance party with DJ, glow-up swing sets, and food trucks.

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## *Tuesday, September 2*

7–9:45 a.m.

**Open Breakfast**  
Dining Commons

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10–10:30 a.m.

**Orientation Leader Welcome Meetings**

Campus Green

Students to meet with their Orientation Leader and review events.

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10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Counseling and Substance Abuse**

Please ask your OL for specific location

Students participate in activities to raise awareness surrounding alcohol use on campus.

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12–1 p.m.

**Lunch**

Dining Commons

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1–2 p.m.

**Orientation Leader End of Program Meeting**

Group Meeting Spot

Process events of the day and ask lingering questions.

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2–3:15 p.m.

**Meet Your Academic Department**

Please ask your OL for specific location

Students will meet with Faculty in their Academic Department.

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4:30 p.m.

**Welcome Back BBQ**

Campus Green

Dinner on the Green for everyone to celebrate the start of the 2025–2026 Academic Year!

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8–10 p.m.

**Tuesday Night Social**

Campus Green

Food trucks, lawn games, music, and drone show.

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**≡ *First day of classes is tomorrow!* ≡**

**BEST OF LUCK TO YOU IN THE UPCOMING YEAR! GO OWLS!**

# ≡ Welcome OWLS Week ≡

*Sunday, Aug 31*

8–11 p.m.

## **Carnival Lights and Delights**

Campus Green

The biggest night of programming ever!

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*Monday, Sep. 1*

6–8 p.m.

## **Glow Up**

Campus Green

Come out and join the fun to get ready for the big event at 8 p.m.

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8–11 p.m.

## **Glow Party**

Campus Green

Westfield State's 5th Annual Glow Party! Come join the fun!

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*Tuesday, Sep. 2*

4:30–8 p.m.

## **Outdoor BBQ**

Join Administrators, Faculty, and Staff for the Annual Welcome Back BBQ.

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6 p.m.

## **Volleyball vs. Coast Guard Academy**

8 p.m.

## **Drone Show**

Campus Green

Run to the green and find your spot as we welcome students back with an amazing light show in the sky. Food Trucks and other activities will also be happening!

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*Wednesday,*

*Sep. 3*

7:30–10:30 a.m.

## **First Day Energy**

Wilson Hall

*Nutrition First* will be on campus with OLS to provide Energy Tea Drinks to students on the first morning of class.

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4 p.m.

## **Women's Soccer vs. University of New England**

6–10 p.m.

## **Laugh and Lounge**

Campus Green

Join us for a Comedy Show featuring Eric O'Shea followed by a series of relaxation activities including: Oxygen Bar, Massage Chairs, Glass Etching, Smoothies, and more!

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*Thursday, Sep. 4*

8 p.m.–12 a.m.

## **Once Upon a Late Night**

Dining Commons

Late Night Breakfast in the Dining Commons with DJ, Black Light Mini Golf, Axe Throwing, games, and DIY Street Signs.

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*Friday, Sep. 5*

5–9 p.m.

## **Friday Night Adventure**

Campus Green

Friday Evening programs for the adventurous including Bungee Jumping, Rock Climbing Wall, and inflatables.

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9:30–10:30 p.m.

## **Friday Night Bingo**

Scanlon Banquet Hall

Traditional Bingo Night with larger than normal prizes.

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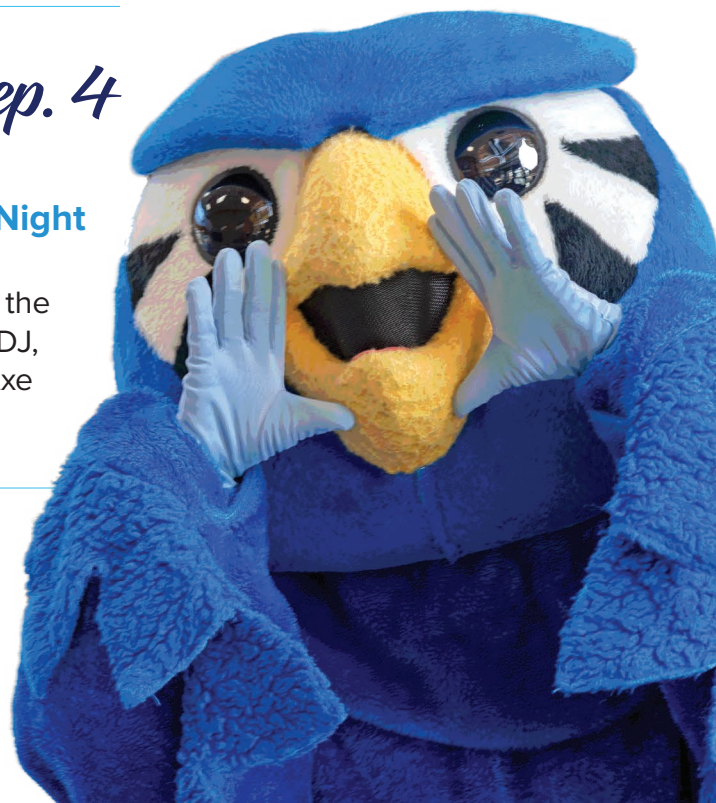
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## **Late Night Food**

Scanlon Banquet Hall

Late Night Fiesta Fun Buffet in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

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## Saturday, Sept 6

1–4 p.m.

### First Home Football Game

Join us at the first home football game and cheer on our Owls!

3:30–7:30 p.m.

### Hoot N' Hang

The City of Westfield is hosting a Welcome Back event for students. Food Trucks, Vendors, Live Music, DJ, Lawn Games, and more! The first 100 students to show up will receive a FREE Westfield State Blanket.

8–11 p.m.

### Screens on the Green

Students can play video games on one of eight 12ft screens outside, play Just Dance on the 25' screen on the green, or watch the movie on the green. Food and Fire Pits with S'mores will be available as well.

## Sunday, Sep. 7

1–5 p.m.

### Sports Tournaments

Students will be able to sign-up to compete in one of three tournaments. We will offer 3v3 Soccer, 3v3 Basketball, and 4v4 Volleyball.



WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING  
ON EVERY DAY AT WSU?

**Westfield Involve**  
is the ultimate connection to all  
things happening on campus

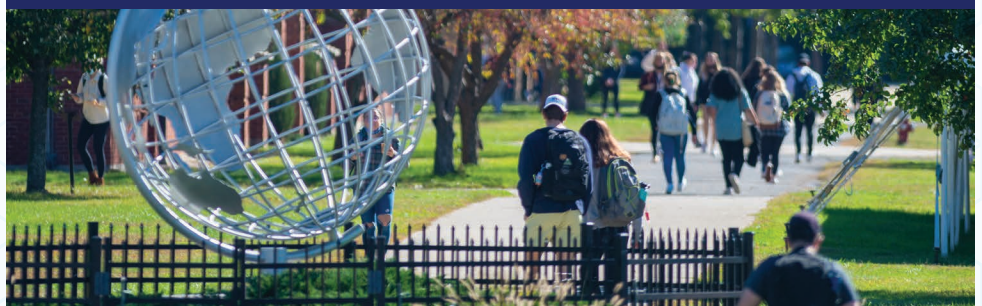
*Did you know a group of owls is called a parliament?* Here at Westfield State, we know that any time Owls gather, we're sure to find a spirit of community, understanding, and adventures filled to the brim with fun! And now, we want to invite you and your family to be part of it all!

Westfield Involve is a digital tool that provides a campus calendar, event check-ins, student organization information, and opportunities. It's open to all Owls – including families – with new additions and features being added all the time.



Download the app!

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Hoot  Hoot!



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