



Discoveries Schedule

Parents and Families - September 6-7, 2010

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*Below is a sample schedule for Discoveries at DU. **Please note that this schedule is subject to change.** You will receive a complete schedule when you check in on Monday, Sept. 6, 2010 including locations.*

Family members attending Parent and Family Orientation should plan to be on campus the Monday morning of Discoveries week to help your student move in and get settled. All day Tuesday will be sessions specially designed for parents and family members (separate schedule from your student).

Parents and family members attending Tuesday's session should plan travel to depart either Tuesday evening after 6 p.m. or early Wednesday morning.

Monday, September 6, 2010 (overview)

8:00am or 11:00am: Move-in to the residence halls or check-in for orientation.

Students moving into a room with an odd room number are able to move-in starting at 8:00am. Students with an even room number will be able to start moving-in at 11:00am. Students can check their room assignment by logging on to myWeb.du.edu and visiting the Housing section.

Parents and family members participating in Parent/Family Orientation should check-in at the tents outside of your student's residence hall. If you are parent/family of a commuter student (those living off-campus) please come to Driscoll University Center, Campus Commons, located on the lower level north side of the building to check-in for Parent/Family Orientation.

12:00 - 4:00 pm: Discoveries Orientation Resource Fair

Driscoll Ballroom, 2nd Floor of the Driscoll Student Center North

Join DU departments and local banks for the Discoveries Orientation Resource Fair. This is an opportunity for you and your student to chat with banks and with DU departments to learn more about the services that are offered and how they can assist your student's transition to DU and in their future academic and social endeavors.

DU departments who will be featured at the fair: Bursar's Office, Campus Safety, The Center for Academic and Career Development, The Center for Multicultural Excellence, Financial Aid, First Year Experience, Greek Life, Health & Counseling Center, Library, Parent Program, Rape Aggression Defense Program, Second Year Experience, Sexual Assault Response and Prevention, Student Employment and Study Abroad.

11:00am – 1:30pm: Lunch

Gates Fieldhouse, Ritchie Center

Take a break and have lunch compliments of Discoveries. Stay and eat or pick lunch up and take it with you!

11:30am – 1:30pm: African American Alumni Reception A⁴

Gottesfeld Room, Ritchie Center

New and current Black Scholars and their families are invited to a reception in their honor.

1:00pm – 5:30pm: Lamont School of Music New Student Orientation

Hamilton Recital Hall, Newman Performing Arts Center.

All music major students must attend this session. Families are welcome to attend.

2:45pm – 4:45pm: Living & Learning Community Orientation Receptions

See below for the location of your specific Living & Learning Community:

- Environmental – Village Commons, 1st Floor Driscoll North
- *Creativity & Entrepreneurship – Lindsey Auditorium, Sturm Hall
- *International – Sturm Hall 151
- *Social Justice– Olin Rotunda, Olin Hall
- *Wellness – Sidelines Pub, 1st Floor Driscoll North
- *Pioneer Leadership Program Orientation - Hamilton Recital Hall, Newman Center

5:30pm - 6:30pm: Honors Program Orientation

Lindsay Auditorium (Room 281), Sturm Hall

Students who are a part of the Honors Program need to attend this Orientation. Families are welcome.

7:00pm SHARP! Meet your Orientation Group!

All Students: Report to LaCrosse Field! (Outside the Ritchie Center)

Students need to report to the practice fields west of the Ritchie Center to meet their orientation leader. Students will meet and sit with their orientation groups for Pioneer Passage on Tuesday morning, so please make you are on the field to meet your group by 6:45 p.m.

7:30pm: Meet Our Academic Leaders

All Parents and Family: Gates Fieldhouse

Come join us for a dessert reception to meet Provost Gregg Kvistad and the undergraduate deans. This is a chance to learn about the value of DU's undergraduate education, and to learn from the deans about the majors and minors that your students may be considering.

8:15pm: Pioneer Pep Rally

Hamilton Gym, Ritchie Center

Come celebrate what it means to be a Pioneer at the University of Denver!

9:15 pm: Residential students meet in residence halls

Students living in the residence halls will have meetings on their assigned floors.

Office and Service Hours

Please note, due to Labor Day, most University offices will be closed. However, the following offices and services are available for your convenience:

8:30am - 6:00pm: Bookstore

Driscoll University Center, South End, Upper Level

9:00am – 6:00pm: Pioneer ID Card Office

Driscoll South, Lower Level

If students submit a Pioneer ID Card form with a picture, their card should be available during check-in at the residence halls. If you have questions, did not receive a card during check-in or

want to learn more about how the Pioneer ID card and flex accounts work, please stop by! There will be information sessions every 20 minutes starting at 9 a.m.

8:00am – 5:00pm: Transportation Office

Southwest Corner of Evans Parking Structure, corner of High and Evans

Visit this office to collect the RTD pass available to all students and for information on a variety of transportation solutions in and around Denver.

5:00am – 6:00pm: Coors Fitness Center

Ritchie Center

Residence Life, Orientation, and the Student Life Staff will be available throughout the day and evening to assist you with questions or concerns.

Tuesday September 7, 2010 (overview)

6:45am Breakfast

Centennial Halls or Nelson Hall Dining Rooms

Optional - Join your student for breakfast in the dining halls if you wish. Use your Parent/Family meal ticket provided by Discoveries.

7:30am – 8:00am Seating for Pioneer Passage

Hamilton Gymnasium, Ritchie Center

Come early to get seated for the 8:30am start of Pioneer Passage. (Student processional begins at 8am)

8:30am – 9:15am Pioneer Passage

Hamilton Gymnasium, Ritchie Center

Pioneer Passage is a celebratory event to welcome new students into the DU community. Please join us as the Student Body President, Chancellor Coombe, and continuing students introduce your students to the Pioneer Tradition.

9:25am – 10:25pm Student Life

Hamilton Gymnasium, Ritchie Center

The Student Life Division is a partner in student learning, and includes areas such as Academic Advising, Career Center, Campus Activities, Housing and Residential Education, Citizenship and Community Standards (judicial) and other programs that are designed to help your student have a successful experience at the University of Denver. The Associate Provosts of Student Life will share various perspectives on what to expect as a parent and how you can support your student through their first year of college, both in academics and in their life on campus.

10:40am – 12:10pm Campus Information Sessions, see below for locations

Each 40-minute session is offered twice so you can pick the two sessions according to the information that interests you most. See below for descriptions of each session. Remember to pick two of the three options. Don't worry if you miss something - the Parent and Family Handbook includes written information for every office offering a session.

10:40am – 11:20pm: 1st Round of Campus Information Sessions

Information Session Descriptions:

Study Abroad

Davis Auditorium, Sturm Hall

The University of Denver is committed to educating students for the global society in which they will live, work and learn. Options include a variety of sponsored study abroad programs including the new Cherrington Global Scholars program. Because DU believes so passionately in the value of a study abroad experience, we've made it affordable for our students. Opt for one of our sponsored programs and your student will study abroad at the same cost as a quarter on the DU campus. We even pick up travel expenses to and from the study site. Many liberal arts colleges and universities offer study abroad programs, but only a few ensure affordability the way DU does.

Health & Counseling

Lindsey Auditorium, Sturm Hall

What advice do you give to your student if they get sick and are far away from home? What if your student is struggling with personal issues or adjustment to college? The Student Health and Counseling Center is an outpatient, on-campus facility that provides a wide range of medical and mental health services. Physicians, nurses, psychologists, physician assistants, and other professionals are on staff at the center. The staff will present the services offered and answer your questions during this session.

Campus Safety

Driscoll Ballroom, 2nd Level of the Driscoll Student Center North

Safety is always a priority at the University of Denver. Come hear from Campus Safety about the programs and policies that continue to ensure that DU remains a safe campus. Find out how your student can utilize these programs and services on campus and ask any questions you may have about campus safety.

11:30am - 12:10pm: 2nd Round of Campus information Sessions

Study Abroad

Davis Auditorium, Sturm Hall

Please see above description.

Health & Counseling

Lindsey Auditorium, Sturm Hall

Please see above description.

Campus Safety

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Please see above description.

12:20pm – 1:15pm Lunch

Gates Fieldhouse, Ritchie Center

Join us for lunch while you visit with other parents and DU staff. Please note – students will be eating in the dining halls. This lunch is for parents and families. Please help us control lines and crowds by eating at the lunch with other parents.

1:30pm – 2:30pm Parenting Your College Student: The Challenge of a Changing Relationship

Gates Concert Hall, Newman Performing Arts Center

The leading authority on parent relations in higher education, Helen E. Johnson has more than 25 years of experience as a parents' program director, assistant dean of students, career center director, grant manager and writer. She founded and directed the first Parents' Program at Cornell University and has recently served as Interim Director of the Parents' Office at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Author of the critically acclaimed book, *Don't Tell Me What To Do, Just Send Money: The Essential Parenting Guide to the College Years*, she is a recognized expert in area of parenting emerging-adult children.

2:45pm - 3:45pm Q & A Session with Chancellor Bob Coombe

Gates Concert Hall, Newman Performing Arts Center

Join senior university officials, including Chancellor Coombe, as they welcome you to the University of Denver and answer your questions.

3:45pm - 4:15pm Book signing by Helen Johnson

Joy Burns Plaza outside of Gates Concert Hall, Newman Performing Arts Center

Have your copy of Helen Johnson's book signed. The book will be available for purchase during lunch.

4:30pm - 5:15pm All-Campus Lectures

See your schedule book for descriptions and locations

Attend one of the five different lectures offered by DU faculty. These lectures are designed to showcase the academic works of DU faculty and welcome new students to a community of learners.

5:30pm Dinner and/or Farewells!

Take your student out to dinner or join them in Nelson or Centennial Dining Halls. You may use your meal ticket provided and students should be able to use their Pioneer ID cards to access their meal plans.