Great Beginnings 2016

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*(Residential Colleges)* All residence halls are open to students with approved early arrival for move-in. Students moving in will receive their MSU Racer ID when you check into your Residential College.

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10 A.M. – 4 P.M. Housing Office Open
(1st Floor, Roy Stewart Stadium) Housing will be answering questions and providing information on the different residential halls. Also further assistance will be provided for any complications or concerns.

11 A.M. – 4 P.M. Lunch
(Winslow Dining Hall) Lunch available for new students and parents at our “all you can eat” on campus dining hall.

3:30 P.M. – 4 P.M. Farewell to Parents
(Residential Colleges) Parents, it’s time to say goodbye to your new college students. You don’t have to go home, but you can’t stay with them. While your son/daughter dives into the Great Beginnings activities we have planned, you are invited to sit in on information sessions just for parents.

3:30 P.M. MPAC General Body Meeting I
(Office of Multicultural Affairs, Curris Center) The Office of Multicultural Affairs will be hosting a Multicultural Parents Advisory Council (MPAC) General Body Meeting. MPAC serves as a forum to exchange ideas and experiences related to the success of multicultural students and Murray State University (MSU). The Council also serves as a support group for parents and students. MPAC supports other Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) endeavors throughout the year. For more information or to join MPAC contact us at 270-809-6836 or via email at msu.oma@murraystate.edu.

4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. Great Beginnings Leader Meet and Greet
(Your Residential College) This is your first don’t-miss event! Residential and commuter students report to your residential college. This will be your first official meeting with your Great Beginnings Leader (GBL). You’ll be spending a lot of time with them during Great Beginnings, so take this opportunity to meet everyone.

4 P.M. – 5 P.M. Parent and Family Reception
(Curris Center Ballroom) We will have special guests Dr. Bob Davies, MSU’s 13th President along with Dr. Robertson, Vice President of Student Affairs, as well as appetizers and beverages for you to enjoy!
6 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. Explore Murray

*(CFSB Center)* This is another don’t-miss event! Businesses from all over Murray will have information tables set up and will be giving away loads of coupons and freebies. We will also have a photo booth and a caricature artist so that you can begin all your Racer memories! After this event you’ll know where to go for anything and everything. We’ll keep you going with a live concert as well! *Dinner from MSU Catering will be served at Explore Murray!* Reminder: that *Winslow Dining Hall is closed this evening.*

7 P.M. - 9 P.M. Lawn Party sponsored by UCMA

*(Hart College)* Join us for lawn games including bocce ball, volleyball, washer pitchin’, cornhole, and many other activities. We will also have drawings for prizes provided by the campus ministries. This will be a great time to connect with your fellowship freshman, students from the campus ministries, and campus ministers for fellowship and fun.

8 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. Grocery Madness

*(Meet at Curris Center)* Our buses will provide shuttle services to Wal-Mart and Kroger so that you can stock that new mini-fridge or grab anything you did not bring with you. Be sure to make your shopping list before you go!

11 P.M. – 1 A.M. Midnight Pancake Cookout sponsored by the Baptist Campus Ministry

*(Elizabeth College Amphitheater)* Who doesn’t like breakfast food at night?! Join the BCM as they serve pancakes to the community.

**Sunday, August 14**

8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Non-Denominational Worship Service sponsored by UCMA

*(Hart College)* This will be a time for students to come together in worship as a campus as we start the new school year. Leadership will be from among the campus ministries. Come and join us as we start the new school year focusing on God.

10 A.M. – 2 P.M. Brunch

*(Winslow Dining Hall)* Brunch will be available for new students and parents at our “all you can eat” on campus dining hall.

10 A.M. – 4 P.M. Move-In Mania!

*(Residential Colleges)* All residence halls are now open to upperclassmen.

10 A.M. – 1 P.M. Pay It Forward

*(Residential Colleges)* Pay it forward and assist the returning students with their move-in. This is what Racer Nation is all about...giving back!

1:00 P.M. – 2:15 P.M. Dude, Where’s my Class?!

*(Residence Halls)* What?! Classes start on Tuesday? Meet up with your GB Leaders at your residence halls, and don’t forget to bring your schedule with you. We’re going to show you exactly where you need to be for all of your classes.
2 P.M. – 3 P.M. Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) Connected Orientation

*(Dance Lounge, Curris Center)* Get Connected to OMA! The Office of Multicultural Affairs is holding its Connected Orientation. This is for any new Freshmen and transfer students who would like to get involved with the OMA Office and join our Mentoring Program. Students will receive valuable information on a variety of topics that affect college freshmen by current students and our staff who want to see you become successful at Murray State University. Please call 270-809-6836 or email us at msu.oma@murraystate.edu if you have any questions.

3 P.M. – 4 P.M. Residential College Meeting

- Clark College (Stables/Patio, Curris Center)
- Elizabeth College (Elizabeth College Lobby)
- Hart College (Theater, Curris Center)
- Hester College *(Freed Curd Auditorium, I&T Building)*
- Regents College *(Wrather Auditorium)*
- Richmond College *(Blackburn Science-Rm 228)*
- Springer Franklin College *(Large Ballroom, Curris Center)*
- White College *(Mason Hall Auditorium)*

4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. PLAYFAIR

*(CFSB Center)* PLAYFAIR is totally unlike anything else you have ever experienced. It's entertainment! It's fun! It's the perfect way to make new campus friendships! Join us for one of the largest team building experiences and meet other members from the Class of 2020!

6 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. Residential College Meals

*(Residence Halls)* Be sure to check with Great Beginnings Leaders for your dining location. Whether it is at Winslow Dining Hall or a Cookout by your residential college...you do not want to miss out! *Winslow Dining Hall meal plans begin.*

7 P.M. Racer Band Concert!

*(Lovett Auditorium)* It is the Annual end of Band camp concert. Join us as the Band sets up on the steps of Lovett. Music selections include 2015 music selections learned in the past 4 days. Audience members are encouraged to bring a blanket or Lawn Chair. Concert is free to the public.

8 P.M. – 10 P.M. Waterfield Wired

*(Waterfield Library)* Join us in Waterfield Library for Waterfield Wired! Enter to win prizes, play video games, glow mini golf, Minute to Win it Games, and more!

8 P.M. – 10 P.M. Bingo Night

*(Small Ballroom, Curris Center)* Come play a few rounds of Bingo for a chance to win prizes from local restaurants and businesses. BINGO!

8:00 P.M. Honors College Ice Cream Social

*(Curris Center Dance Lounge)* Current HC upperclassmen, council leaders, and faculty will be there to welcome and get to know all incoming students in the Honors College to campus.
Monday, August 15

8 A.M. – 9 A.M.  Assessment for Developmental Course Requirements

(*fl. Lowry Center) Developmental Studies Placement testing will be offered in the morning. Students who have not already taken a test in English, Math or Reading can be seated for one test at 8:00 am. No appointment is needed. Call 270.809.2666 for additional information.

9 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.  Blurred Lines: When the fun turns into the fast and furious – The Five R’s of Title IX


11 A.M. – 12 P.M.  Honors College Academic Orientation

(Location TBA) Mandatory for all incoming Honors College students. This will be a succinct but critical overview of HC requirements, activities, and strategies for success. You will also have a chance to meet and talk with HC upperclassmen in your discipline.

12:00 P.M. – Reader’s Theatre Program

(Lovett Auditorium) Words. Words mean everything. Our Reader’s Theatre program will touch on those crucial topics that affect college students every day and discuss your place in the Murray State community. Take this opportunity to learn more about the resources provided to our students and hear this from some fellow Racer leaders!

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.  Taking Care of Business

Step 1: Get to campus. Step 2: Panic. Forget Step 2 and get on top of your on-campus errands. Use this time to get your RacerCard, parking pass, city sticker, as well as grab those prepackaged textbooks so that you can relax and prepare for the ride that MSU will take you along during your time in Murray.

2 P.M.  New Student Auditions for Music Students

(Performing Arts Hall) Students needing to audition should meet in the Performing Arts Hall on the 2nd Floor, Old Fine Arts. This event is for students who have registered as Music majors or minors, but have not yet auditioned for the department. Those who have already auditioned and have been accepted need not re-audition. Music Business majors do not need to audition because they do not take private lessons.

CHOOSE ONE EDUCATIONAL SESSION:

2:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.  All About the Money

(Mississippi Room, Curris Center) Start your college years off on the right foot financially. Come learn tips, tricks, and ways to help you make the most of your money. Door prizes will be given!

2:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.  Tips from Professors

(Theatre, Curris Center) Come get tips on how to succeed as a college student from the best resource, professors! Don’t miss this opportunity to receive insight on how to get the most out of your college career.
2:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M. I Need a Job & a Major!

(Career Services, Oakley Applied Science) Join Career Services for a conversation about steps to take and resources to utilize to proactively seek part-time jobs on and off-campus as well as explore major and career choices. Don't miss this opportunity to develop a plan to make the most of your college experience.

2:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M. Sexual Assault Response Panel

(Barkley Room, Curris Center) Murray State University takes our responsibility to respond to instances of sexual violence very seriously. In order to provide students comprehensive support and resources, the university has established a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) consisting of representative from Public Safety, the Title IX Office, the Counseling Center, the Women's Center, and the Purchase Area Sexual Assault Center. During this panel the SART members will answer questions about where students can get help, confidentiality, student rights, support services, and much more. Every student needs to know how and where they can access these services for themselves or for a friend. Join us to learn more about how SART responds to instances of sexual violence.

4:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Parade of Racers

(Curris Center) Meet your fellow Class of 2020 members and your Great Beginnings Leader outside of the Curris Center for your official march through campus to Lovett Auditorium. Get ready for a great experience as more awaits you!

5 P.M. – 6 P.M. Blue & Gold Celebration

(Lovett Auditorium) We are so excited to have you here and we are ready to celebrate you starting classes. Join us we celebrate and prepare you for the next few years of college at our 2nd Annual Blue & Gold Celebration.

7:30 P.M. – Honors College David and Goliath Lecture

(New Franklin Commons Area)

Tuesday, August 16

CLASSES BEGIN

7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. Beverage Boost

(Pogue Hall Commuter Lots) Need a quick pick-me-up? Stop by and get fueled for your day with a bottle of water!

7:30 A.M. – 12 P.M. Steering the Stampede

(Quad, Faculty Hall, Curris Center) Having trouble finding your way around campus? Get directions for class and get back on track at our Racer Tents located throughout campus.

5 P.M. – 7 P.M. Downtown Murray

(Main Street Square) Great Beginnings goes downtown! Come downtown to learn about the farmer’s market, great stores and restaurants in historic downtown Murray. You will also have the opportunity to win great prizes! Don’t miss out.
Floor Meetings with RAs

(Residence Halls) Be sure to attend this meeting to get updates and information from your Residential Advisor. **Times will vary so please check with your RA.**

Wednesday, August 17

8 A.M. – 12 P.M. Steering the Stampede

(Quad, Faculty Hall, Curris Center) Having trouble finding your way around campus? Get directions for class and get back on track at our Racer Tents located throughout campus.

5 P.M. – 7 P.M. TSA’s Cookout in the Quad

(Quad) All transfer students are invited to join the newly formed Transfer Student Association (TSA) in the quad for free food, t-shirts, giveaways, tailgate games, and hangout time.

8 P.M. Hypnotist

(Lovett Auditorium) What better way to wrap up the first day of classes than to have hypnotist, Tom Deluca put you into a deep, deep sleep. Come see the hilarity that ensues when your classmates are at Tom’s mercy.

Thursday, August 18

4:30 P.M. – 7 P.M. Welcome Back Dinner

(Winslow Dining Hall) Join the Division of Student Affairs as we welcome students to the Murray State Campus. There will be food and prizes...don’t miss out!! **MSU Racer ID is required!**

7 P.M. – 8 P.M. NPHC Open House: Meet the Divine 9

(Ballroom, Curris Center) The NPHC Open House will be a formal event where each National Pan-Hellenic Council chapter set up display tables and have small presentations to educate non-Greek students on the goals and values of their organizations. This will be a perfect opportunity for students to learn about each chapter in the NPHC. Non-Greek students will also have time for individual conversations with NPHC chapters to ask specific questions.

Saturday, August 20

10 P.M. Movie Night sponsored by SGA – Now You See Me 2

Sunday, August 21

7 P.M. – 9 P.M. Racing into Wellness

(Wellness Center) Come see what the Wellness Center has to offer. While you’re here you can join in on a game of basketball, or volleyball! **MSU Racer ID is required.**

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**Wednesday, August 24**

**11 A.M. – 2 P.M.  Racer Extravaganza**

*(Curris Center 2nd Floor)* Looking for a fun way to get involved at Murray State? Stop by the Racer Extravaganza to meet representatives from various student organizations.

**9 P.M. Dive into *The Shallows***

Dive into *The Shallows* at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center  Bring your friends and we will provide the inflatables and towels. In this 2016 release, young surfer Nancy travels to a secluded beach in search of a secret spot that her mother had discovered years earlier. While paddling out into the waves, she is hunted by a Great White from the deep. This dive-in movie is **FREE with student ID**. Current membership holders at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center are invited and non-members may purchase passes for $5 each at the front desk. Popcorn and popsicles will be available, but must remain in the lobby area. Bottled water will be available inside the pool area. Bleachers will also be provided for those who do not wish to stay in the water the entire movie. This showing is made possible by the Office of LGBT Programming and **all are welcome**!

**Friday, August 26**

**4 P.M. Murray State Women’s Soccer Home Opener vs. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga**

**7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. Silent Disco sponsored by Murray State Greek Life**

*(Curris Center Ballroom)* “No Books, Just Beats”...tonight you get to dance to your own beat at our Silent Disco event sponsored by our MSU Greek Life. At this event, you will have some headphones...you choose your DJ...and you dance the night away! Who cares if you are off beat because no one will know what music is playing in your headphones!!!

**Saturday, September 10**

**6 P.M.  Murray State Football Home Opener vs. Missouri State (Senior Night)**

**7:30 PM Poetry Slam**

*(Location TBA)* The Murray State University Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) will be holding its first-ever Title IX Poetry Slam. The Poetry Slam will be open to all Murray State students who are burgeoning poets, and/or those who just want to join in on the fun. The Poetry Slam themes will focus on the federal Title IX law, and the purpose of the Poetry Slam is to offer opportunities for Murray State students, the Office of IDEA and the campus community to learn more about Title IX through poetry, and prose. Please contact IDEA at (270) 809-3155 for more information.
Ongoing Services

**Racer Card Services open for student IDs**

- **Saturday:** 12 P.M. – 4 P.M.
- **Sunday:** 12 P.M. – 4 P.M.
- **Monday:** 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
- **Tuesday:** 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
- **Wednesday:** 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
- **Thursday:** 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
- **Friday:** 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

**Campus Technology Help Desk Support**
*(270-809-2346)*

- **Sunday:** 3 P.M. – 10 P.M.
- **Monday:** 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
- **Tuesday:** 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
- **Wednesday:** 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
- **Thursday:** 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
- **Friday:** 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

**Parking Tag Distribution**
*(Large Ballroom, Curris Center)*

- **Monday:** 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.
- **Tuesday:** 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.
- **Wednesday:** 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.

*(Public Safety Building)*

- **Thursday:** 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.
- **Friday:** 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.

**SGA Poster Sales**
*(Curris Center, 2nd Floor)*

- **Monday:** 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.
- **Tuesday:** 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.
- **Wednesday:** 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.
- **Thursday:** 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.
- **Friday:** 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.

**Winslow Dining Hall (Starting Monday, August 14th):**

- **Monday:** 7 A.M – 11 P.M.
- **Tuesday:** 7 A.M. – 11 P.M.
- **Wednesday:** 7 A.M. – 11 P.M.
- **Thursday:** 7 A.M. – 11 P.M.
- **Friday:** 7 A.M. – 8 P.M.
- **Saturday:** 8 A.M. – 8 P.M.
- **Sunday:** 8 A.M. – 11 P.M.

**University Bookstore:**

Prepackage Textbook pickup begins Wednesday, August 10 from 8-5

- **Thurs, 11th:** 8-5
- **Friday, 12th:** 8-5
- **Sat., 13th:** 9-6
- **Sun, 14th:** 9:30-6
- **Mon-Thurs, 15-18th:** 8-8
- **Fri, 19th:** 8-6

Then begin normal hours:

- **Sat:** 10-4
- **Sun:** Closed
- **Mon-Fri:** 8-5:30