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WELCOME TO THE PARTY, HAPPY YOU'RE HERE.

In the fall of 2012, I stepped onto this campus as a freshman. Like many of you might be today, I was nervous, excited, thrilled, and anxious. I had no clue what to expect — from college, from AU, from myself, or from God.

That first semester, I went to events — wearing cowboy boots at West Fest, throwing cornhole bags on the Front Lawn, and worshipping at BCM back when it used to be in Merritt Theater. I ate meals with people I barely knew. I tried to adjust to a brand new schedule that had lot of independence, a brand new room with two girls I'd only just met, and a brand new town where I had to GPS to the closest Starbucks. I found myself laughing at things I don't even remember now and walking to class with people who would eventually

become some of my closest friends.

Even then, when people asked me what I loved most about Anderson, the answer was simple: the people. Something was different here. I couldn't really explain it then but I felt seen, cared for, and loved in a way I had never experienced.

Thirteen years later, now as a staff member, I get to walk this campus again but from a different perspective. And you know what still remains? Often, when I ask students today what their favorite thing about Anderson is, they say the same thing I said all those years ago — the people. I've been thinking about that a lot this summer. How in the world can that still ring so true this much later? I'm convinced that that kind of con-

sistency doesn't happen by accident. The buildings change (ask me where the softball field used to be). The styles (thankfully) change. The names on class rosters definitely change. But the heart of this place? It has stayed the same. Only God could do that.

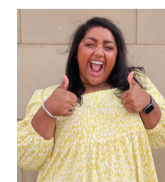
Only God could knit together a community where thousands of people over generations feel like they truly belong here. Where strangers become friends, roommates become family (and then their actual family becomes family to you too), and staff members like me get the pleasure of watching it all happen year after year. So as you step into Welcome Week, whether you're nervous, excited, thrilled, anxious, or somewhere in between, I want to be sure you know this: you've found a good place.

More importantly, you've found some good people. And most of all, you've found a place that God loves. He has been kind to Anderson University, and we can look back on years of His faithfulness to prove it.

The names change, but the stories don't — what God does here has continued generation after generation, and this time, you're part of it.

Welcome to Anderson, welcome home. We really are so happy you're here.

By **BRENNA MORRIS**,
Director of Student Activities



HEAD TO @AU411 ON INSTAGRAM TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THINGS STUDENT ACTIVITIES!

WELCOME HOME!

YAY! YOU'RE FINALLY HERE!

WELCOME WEEK OFFICIALLY STARTS... NOW!

DETAILS INSIDE!

WELCOME WEEK 2025



FRIDAY | 08.15

9:00am – 4:00pm

New Resident Student Move-In

Residence Halls

Welcome to AU! We cannot wait to see you on campus. Please be sure to arrive at your scheduled move-in time, details are in your inbox for an email from Residence Life.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CARS WILL NEED TO BE MOVED FROM MAIN CAMPUS TO THE ATHLETIC CAMPUS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE TROJAN TRANSIT IS AVAILABLE TO GIVE YOU A RIDE BACK TO YOUR RESIDENCE HALL.

11:00am – 2:00pm

Lunch

Student Center

Grab a bite to eat by heading to the Culinary Center or to a local spot (check out the Local Eats handout if you need a suggestion)!

NEW COMMUTER STUDENT CHECK-IN

5:00pm – 5:30pm

New Commuter Student Check-In

**Chapman Multi-Media,
Thrift Library**

Welcome to AU! All first-year AU students who are commuting will check-in with Student Life. At check-in, you will have the opportunity to connect with the Office of Commuter Engagement.

5:30pm – 6:30pm

New Commuter Student Meeting and Panel Discussion

**Chapman Multi-Media,
Thrift Library**

New commuting students will learn some tricks of the trade from current commuter students, all while meeting your fellow classmates. You will also learn about where to eat on campus, where to park on campus, and how to navigate this transition.

ALL STUDENT EVENING ACTIVITIES

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Dinner

Student Center

Grab a bite to eat at the Culinary Center or at a local spot (check out the Local Eats handout if you need a suggestion)!

6:00pm

Matriculation | 1st Service

Abney Athletic Center

Bring your family and join us for an unforgettable time of worship as we celebrate this AU tradition that starts your journey! **This service is for students who arrived on campus Friday morning and August Base Camp students.**

7:00pm

Archway Walk

The Front Lawn

We love a tradition around here. Incoming students symbolically begin their AU journey with the archway walk prior to their first year, and then, on graduation day, they will once again participate in the archway walk as they finish their time at Anderson University. Families and guests attending the second matriculation service should gather on the Front Lawn. **Students attending the second service should gather at Thrift Library no later than 6:45 p.m.** We can't wait to celebrate with you.

7:30pm

Matriculation | 2nd Service

Abney Athletic Center

immediately following the Archway Walk

Bring your family and join us for an unforgettable time of worship as we celebrate this AU tradition at the start of your journey! **This service is for students who arrived on campus Friday afternoon and for commuter students.**

***THIS CONCLUDES SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR PARENTS & GUESTS.
DON'T FORGET THAT ALL CARS NEED TO BE MOVED FROM THE MAIN CAMPUS TO THE ATHLETIC CAMPUS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE TROJAN TRANSIT IS AVAILABLE TO GIVE YOU A RIDE BACK TO YOUR RESIDENCE HALL.***

9:30pm

Late Night Mixer

Student Center Plaza

Welcome home! Come meet some new friends and grab a popsicle from Common Pops!

SATURDAY | 08.16

8:00am – 9:30am

Breakfast

Culinary Center

The Culinary Center is open, grab some breakfast! **Don't forget your student ID.**

9:00am – 4:00pm

Returning Student Move-In

Various Locations

Welcome home! We're so glad to have you back! Be sure to sign up for your move-in time via your email from Residence Life.

9:00am – 10:30am

First Year: Meet Your Alpha Group

The Quad

Alpha Groups are an important part of the First Year Experience! Your Alpha Group will be led by an upperclassman student leader who will help as you transition to life at Anderson. Meet us for the **required** session to link up with your group and get to know your fellow classmates.

10:30am – 3:00pm

First Year: Checklist

Various Locations

Your Alpha will guide you through some important First Year required checklist items, like getting your iPad, picking up your textbooks, and completing a CEP credit. You'll enjoy lunch with your group during this time too! This session is **required**.

11:00am – 2:00pm

Lunch

Student Center

The Culinary Center is open, grab some lunch! Don't forget your student ID.

THE AFTERNOON IS YOURS! THE POOL IS OPEN FROM 2:00 – 6:00PM, AND THE SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT IS OPEN ALL DAY. THE ATHLETIC CAMPUS GYM IS ALSO OPEN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAY SOME PICKUP BASKETBALL. AT ANY OF THESE PLACES, YOU CAN CHECK OUT WHAT INTRA-MURALS OR FITNESS CLASSES YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR THIS YEAR.

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Dinner

Student Center

Head to the Student Center to grab a bite to eat — the Culinary Center and Chick-fil-A are open. Don't forget your student ID.

5:00pm

Picnics on the Lawn

The Front Lawn

Bring your dinner to the Front Lawn, and come hang out with Student Activities! We'll have picnic blankets, lawn games, and dessert!

7:00pm

Opening Ceremony

Henderson Auditorium

First year students, join the incoming class for this fun and memorable kick-off to your time as an Anderson University student!

SUNDAY | 08.17

Be sure to check out one of the many local churches in Anderson! If you need suggestions, check with your Alpha Leader, AU101 classmates, or your RA!

8:00am – 9:30am

Breakfast

Culinary Center

The Culinary Center is open, grab some breakfast! Don't forget your student ID.

11:00am – 2:00pm

Lunch

Culinary Center

The Culinary Center is open, grab some lunch! Don't forget your student ID.

THE POOL IS OPEN FROM 3:00–7:00PM, AND THE AC GYM AND THE SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT ARE OPEN ALL DAY. OR HEAD TO THE STUDENT CENTER TO ENJOY SOME VIDEO GAMES, PING PONG, AND MORE. HAVE FUN!

4:00pm or 6:00pm

Residence Hall Meet-Up for First Year Students

Various Locations

Join us for an intentional time of getting to know your neighbors on your hall and in your building; specifics for which meet-up and where you gather can be found below. Dress comfy and come ready to snack! This session is **required**.

4 - 5:30pm • Lawton & Rouse at Brashier Glade
• Pratt & Denmark at Front Lawn

6 - 7:30pm • Stringer & Whitaker, Village & Kingsley at Brashier Glade
• Boulevard at Front Lawn

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Tacos & Tapas Dinner

Culinary Center

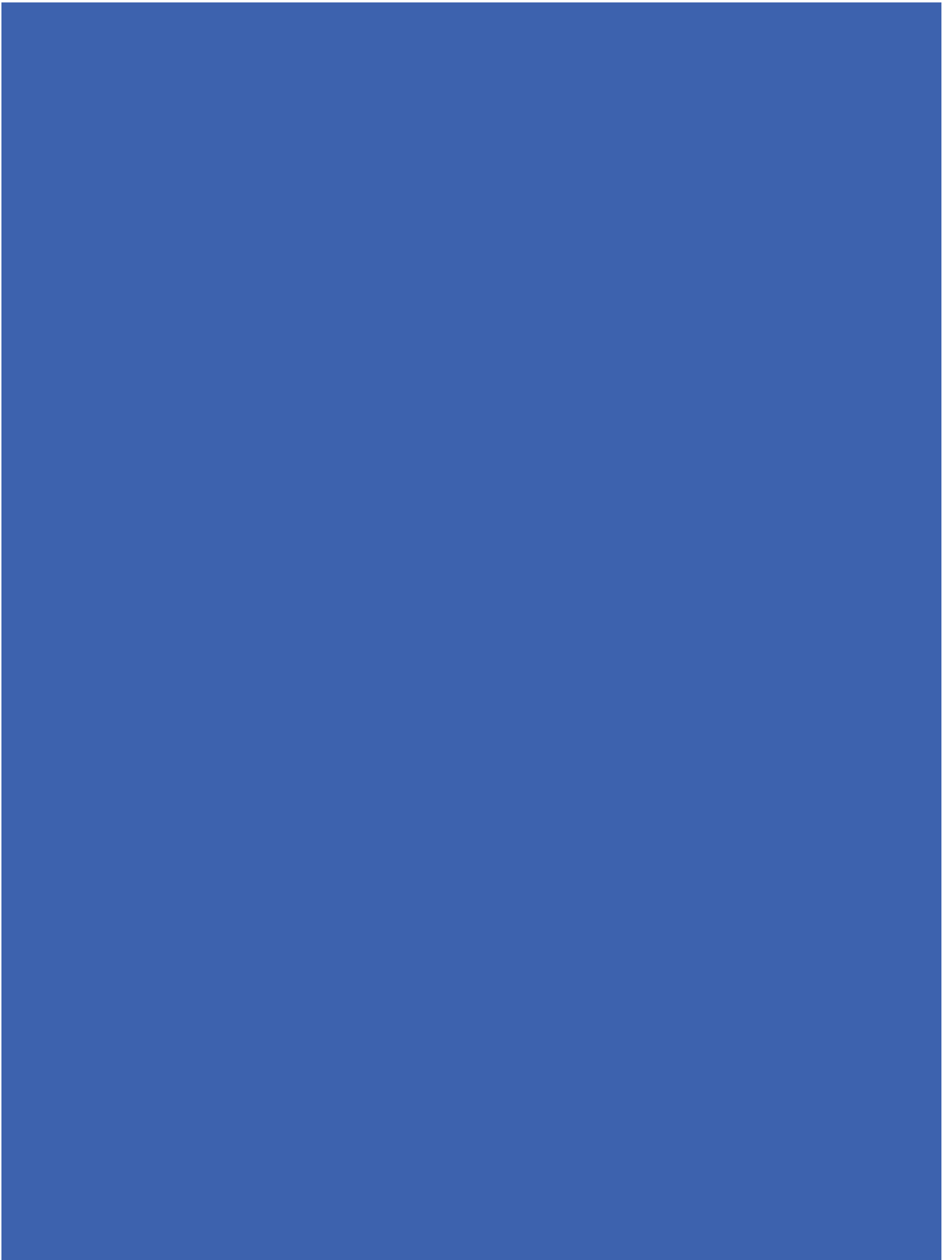
The Culinary Center is throwing a fiesta night with tacos and tapas! Think street tacos, tostadas, taco sliders, churros, and more. Enjoy! Don't forget your student ID!

7:30pm

Grocery Bingo

The Quad

Bring your luck for some old-fashioned bingo with fun grocery prizes! What might those prizes be? Think toilet paper and Capri Suns.



We've been saving you a seat,

**WELCOME TO
ANDERSON**

MONDAY | 08.18

7:00am – 9:00am

Breakfast

Culinary Center

The Culinary Center is open, grab some breakfast! Don't forget your student ID.

9:00am – 11:00am

First Year: Rotating Sessions

Henderson Auditorium

As with any college campus, there are specific policies and requirements you must know for your time at AU. These sessions will ensure you have everything you need for success! Your Alpha Leader will keep you updated on when and where to meet with your group. This session is **required**.

11:30am

First Year: Class Picture

The Quad

Head to the Student Center Plaza with your Group for the class photo!

11:00am – 2:00pm

Lunch

Various Dining Locations

Head to the Student Center to grab a bite to eat! The Culinary Center and Chick-fil-A are open. Don't forget your student ID.

2:00pm – 3:00pm

First Year: Group Huddle

Various Locations

Meet with your Alpha Leader for a time to get to know one another and discuss your journey thus far! Be ready to share some of your story and how you got to AU.

3:00pm – 5:00pm

First Year: CEP Credits

Various Locations

Your Alpha Leader will guide you through the **required** First Year CEP credits.

5:00pm – 8:30pm

Dinner

Student Center

Head to the Student Center to grab a bite to eat! The Culinary Center and Chick-fil-A are open. Don't forget your student ID.

7:00pm

Block Party

Vandiver Lot

Join us for our annual Block Party! Live music, food trucks, and all the fun—what could be better?!



TUESDAY | 08.19

Classes start tomorrow, woohoo! AU Outfitters is open if you need to grab any last-minute supplies, and the Student Center is open if you've got to print anything (head to the 3rd floor). If we can do anything to help you prepare for your first day, please email us at studentlife@andersonuniversity.edu.

7:00am – 9:30am

Breakfast

Culinary Center

The Culinary Center is open, grab some breakfast! Don't forget your Student ID.

10:00am – 12:00pm

Athletic Orientation

Henderson Auditorium

All athletes must attend this session – you'll hear from your biggest fans and learn from them about AU requirements.

10:00am – 12:00pm

Department of Theatre and Dance Meeting

Belk Theatre

All theatre and dance majors must attend this department meeting for announcements, updates, and breakout meetings by major discipline. We can't wait to see you there!

11:00am – 2:30pm

Lunch

Various Dining Locations

All dining options are open, grab some lunch! Don't forget your student ID.

11:45am – 12:30pm

International Student Orientation

The International House

The Center for Global Engagement advises the International Student community, and we cannot wait to welcome you to campus. All international students are required to attend this session. This includes F1 students, transfers, and exchange students! The International House is located at 302 Williamston Road, which is easily accessible by Trojan Transit – just ask to be dropped off there.

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Music Major & Music Ensemble Auditions

Daniel Recital Hall Lobby

If you are interested in participating in instrumental, choral, or worship music ensembles and have not yet auditioned, please sign up for auditions during this time. Choral auditions do not require a prepared song, though instrumental auditions require a short, prepared piece of your choice. All students participating in commercial music ensembles are required to audition. All prospective music majors who have not yet auditioned must audition for the Music Department at this time with two contrasting pieces of your choice. Contact Dr. David L. Perry at dperry@andersonuniversity.edu to schedule your audition.

5:00pm

First Year: Find Your Way

Various Locations

Not sure where to find that classroom on your schedule? Alpha Leaders would love to help you find your way - they will be in touch about where to meet for a campus classroom tour. Bring your schedule along and have all your questions answered.

5:00pm – 8:30pm

Dinner

Various Dining Locations

All dining options are open (with the exception of P. Whitty's, they are not open for dinner). Don't forget your student ID.

6:00 pm

Women's Soccer Scrimmage

Spero Financial Field

Come cheer on the Trojans as women's soccer takes on North Greenville University!

8:00pm – 9:00pm

Trojan Tradition

The Front Lawn

Join us as new and returning students mark their place in the lineage of the AU family through a symbolic candle-lighting ceremony.

WEDNESDAY | 08.20 | HAPPY FIRST DAY OF CLASS!

10:10am

Residence Hall Meeting | Extended Campus

Henderson Auditorium

All students who are living in extended campus housing are required to attend this mandatory meeting. This meeting is for students living in theme houses, College Parke, and Townhomes.

7:00pm

West Fest

Vandiver Lot

Dust off your cowboy boots and join us for some Western fun – animals, activities, and good snacks!



THURSDAY | 08.21

7:00pm – 8:00pm

BCM

Henderson Auditorium

BCM is a diverse group of students who join together every Thursday night to celebrate Jesus and His work in our lives. As the semester kicks off, come worship the Lord with us through music, studying God's word, and fellowship.

8:30pm

Silent Disco

Athletic Campus Gym

It's time for one of our classic, favorite events - Silent Disco! The playlists are ready, and the headphones are charged up. Wear your best neon, and lace up your dancing shoes.

FRIDAY | 08.22

Fridays at Anderson hit different — and it's not just the weekend vibes. Every Friday, we wear black and gold to rep our Trojan pride and show off what it means to be part of the AU family. Whether it's a jersey, hoodie, hat, or even just a pop of color, you're part of the tradition. Trojan Army, let's lead the charge.

10:10am – 11:00am

Campus Worship

Henderson Auditorium

Happy Friday! Start the day with Campus Worship.

5:00pm – 8:30pm

Beach Bash

Student Center Plaza

Enjoy a special tropical-themed meal in the Culinary Center from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. After dinner, join Dr. and Mrs. Whitaker on the Student Center Front Plaza starting at 6:00pm for dancing, games, and fun! Be sure to sport your best Hawaiian shirt!

SATURDAY | 08.23

HAPPY SATURDAY! THE POOL IS OPEN FROM 2:00 – 6:00PM, AND THE SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT IS OPEN ALL DAY. THE ATHLETIC CAMPUS GYM IS ALSO OPEN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAY SOME PICKUP BASKETBALL.

6:15pm

Men's Soccer Scrimmage

Spero Financial Field

Come cheer on the Trojans as they take on South Carolina United Heat, a semi-professional team in SC!

7:30pm

Big Welcome Event

Spero Financial Field

Whether it's your first semester here or your last semester here, we'll celebrate with fireworks and dessert! Come over to hang out and grab a treat, then enjoy an incredible fireworks show!

FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY AUG 15 | SC PLAZA | 9PM LATE NIGHT MIXER

SATURDAY AUG 16 | FRONT LAWN | 5PM PICNICS ON THE LAWN

SUNDAY AUG 17 | THE QUAD | 7:30PM GROCERY BINGO

MONDAY AUG 18 | VANDIVER LOT | 7PM BLOCK PARTY

TUESDAY AUG 19 | FRONT LAWN | 8PM TROJAN TRADITION

WEDNESDAY AUG 20 | VANDIVER LOT | 7PM WEST FEST

THURSDAY AUG 21 | AC GYM | 8:30PM SILENT DISCO

FRIDAY AUG 22 | SC PLAZA | 5PM BEACH BASH

SATURDAY AUG 23 | THE BANK | 7:30PM THE BIG WELCOME EVENT

TUESDAY AUG 26 | VANDIVER LOT | 6:30PM THE EXPO

SOCIAL REPORT

You're likely to take at least 328 pictures this week, and we want to see all of them (we mean that). We want to see your side of the party. Tag us (@AU411 and @AndersonUnivSC) in your posts so we don't miss them. Bonus points for creativity, good vibes, and sweat-proof smiles.

Plus, a few lucky winners that tag us during Welcome Week will win a basket full of fun things from our team — think AU swag, exclusive merch, and probably enough snacks to feed you and your besties for weeks. Winners will be announced throughout the week, so keep tagging us and stay tuned to see if you win. Let's make this feed look as fun as this week's gonna be. We can't wait.

WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast: Sunny, 75, and full of vibes.

Reality: It's actually 97. Hydrate accordingly.

Expect sweat, sunshine, and sky-high energy all week long. Hot? Yes. Fun? Also yes — major yes. AC is your friend, and so is water. So are the people around you. Welcome to the party, let's pretend it's breezy.
