



# ◆ CELEBRATE



## A Parents' Guide to Orientation 2009



# ◆ Parents' Schedule at New Student Orientation

## *Welcome to Davidson College and New Student Orientation 2009*

Orientation is designed to help you make connections with the people who will play important roles in the life of your student—professors, advisers, and friends.

This guide provides easy reference to orientation activities for parents. Please bring it with you to campus and keep it with you throughout the Orientation program. You may also refer to the schedule on the Davidson Web site.

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## Wednesday, August 19

**8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**  
**College Bookstore open**  
Alvarez College Union

**5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner available**  
Cash or checks—Vail Commons or Alvarez College Union Café  
(Café closes at 8:00 p.m.)

**6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.**  
**Optional Early Move-In**  
Residence Halls

You may choose to ease the busy pace of Orientation by placing your student's belongings in the residence halls during these hours. Please observe the signs that will direct you to the unloading area closest to your student's residence hall. New students will not sleep in the residence halls until Thursday night, August 20. Please park in Baker parking lot when you return Thursday morning.

**Helpful Hint:** Cars will not be allowed to line up for unloading prior to 6:00 p.m., and the line tends to be at its longest at the start of the evening. You may prefer to enjoy a leisurely dinner and queue up later in the evening (move-in ends at 9:00 p.m.).

**Warehouse open**  
For pick-up of shipped items: 209 Ridge Road

## Thursday, August 20

**7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.**  
**Breakfast available**  
Cash or checks—Vail Commons or Alvarez College Union Café  
(Café opens at 8:30 a.m.)

**8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**  
**College Bookstore open**  
Alvarez College Union

**8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.**  
**Parent Registration**  
Alvarez College Union, Atrium Level  
Amphitheatre Entrance

Register first at the Alvarez College Union to receive important information and schedules. Your student will be involved in registration on the third and fourth levels for up to 45 minutes. Plan to meet your student after registration either at the Orientation Fair on the atrium level of the college union or in his or her residence hall. In order to minimize congestion and confusion at student registration, we ask that parents remain on the atrium level.

**Orientation Fair**  
Alvarez College Union, Atrium Level

After you register, you and your student may want to visit with representatives from different college departments and programs who will be available to answer questions and describe their services. Some of the participating departments include Dining Services, Business Services, Computer Services, CatCard Services and area banks.

**Move-in continues**  
Residence Halls

Hall counselors will distribute room keys and important information to incoming students who have registered at the college union. For students who move in Thursday morning, please follow the signs that direct you to the unloading area closest to your residence hall. Please register at the Union before unloading your car.

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**11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**  
**Picnic Lunch**  
Chambers Lawn  
Rain location: Baker Sports Complex

Take a break from moving in and sit under the shade trees for lunch. First-year halls will sit together. Come meet your student's new friends and neighbors!

**1:00 p.m.**  
**Opening Session**  
Baker Sports Complex

**2:00 p.m.**  
**Academics at Davidson**  
Duke Family Performance Hall, Knobloch Campus Center  
Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Thomas Shandley; Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Clark Ross; and Registrar and Professor Hansford Epes address parents. Question and answer session follows.

**3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.**  
**Workshops for Parents**

Parents are invited to attend workshops designed to answer common questions regarding college programs and resources. Workshops last approximately 45 minutes.

**3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.–4:45 p.m.**  
**Student Athletes at Davidson College**  
Tyler-Tallman Hall, Sloan Music Center  
Director of Athletics Jim Murphy talks about what to expect for your student athlete.

**3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.–4:45 p.m.**  
**Parenting College Students**  
Hance Auditorium, Fourth Floor of Chambers Building  
Professionals from the Student Counseling Center address what to expect now that you have a college student in the family and suggest ways parents can be most helpful to college-age sons and daughters.

**3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.–4:45 p.m.**  
**Davidson and the World—An International Perspective**  
Duke Family Performance Hall, Knobloch Campus Center  
Representatives from the Dean Rusk Program and Study Abroad Office discuss ways Davidson students encounter the world beyond Davidson.

**3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.–4:45 p.m.**  
**Beyond Davidson? But We Just Got Here!**  
Room 313, Knobloch Campus Center  
It's never too early to start thinking about life after Davidson. Career Services personnel help parents understand the four-year process students should use for life planning and how Career Services can help.

**5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner available**  
Cash or checks—Vail Commons or Alvarez College Union Café  
(Café closes at 8:00 p.m.)

**7:30 p.m.**  
**President's Convocation**  
Davidson College Presbyterian Church  
Students and parents learn about Davidson traditions and hear from President Thomas W. Ross '72.

## Friday, August 21

**7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.**  
**Breakfast available**  
Cash or checks—Vail Commons or Alvarez College Union Café  
(Café opens at 8:30 a.m.)

**8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**  
**College Bookstore open**  
Alvarez College Union

**9:00 a.m.**  
**Group meetings with your student's faculty adviser**  
Faculty advisers' names and locations for these meetings will be distributed at parent registration on Thursday, August 20.

**10:00 a.m.–Noon**  
**Reception for Parents**  
President's House, hosted by Tom and Susan Ross  
Rain location: Lilly Family Gallery, Chambers Building

**12:30 p.m.**  
**Farewell Picnic Lunch**  
Chambers Lawn  
Rain location: Baker Sports Complex  
Be our guest for lunch under the trees with your student before heading home.