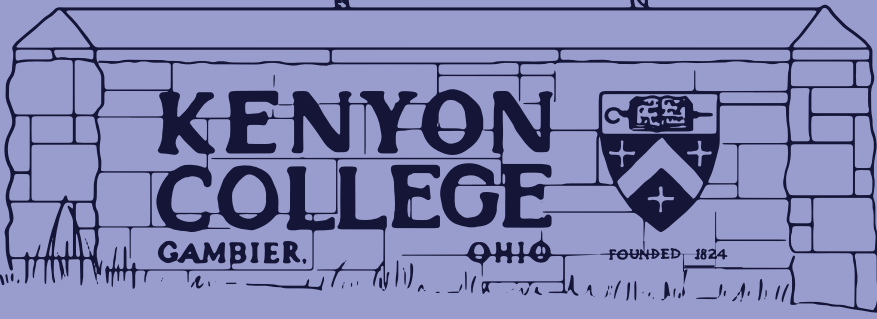
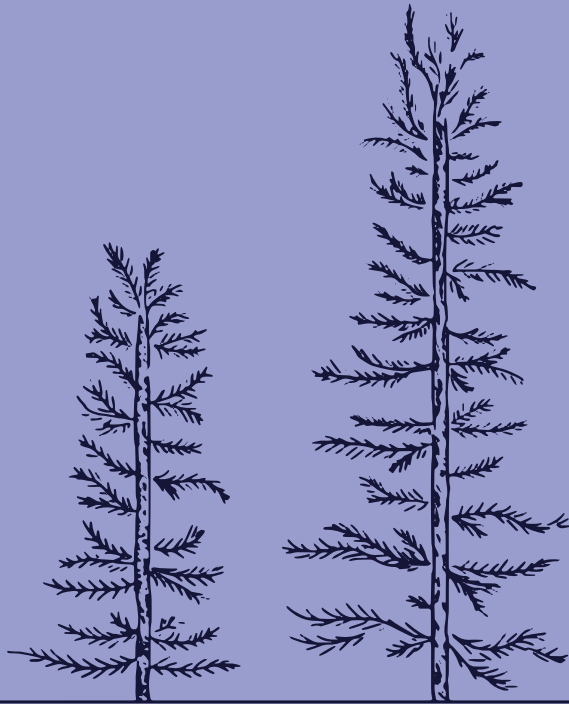


Class of 2026

SCHEDULE OF ORIENTATION EVENTS



Your Kenyon journey
starts here.

Saturday, August 20

9 a.m.–1 p.m. **New Student Check-In**

Check in for Orientation and pick up your room keys. *MAC, Lowry Center*

9 a.m.–1 p.m. **Taking Care of Business**

Learn about important support services at the following locations.

- Campus Mail Room (8:30 a.m.–Noon, 1–4 p.m.). *Gund Commons Lower Level*
- Financial Aid. *Lowell House, 104 College Drive*
- LBIS Technology Helpline. *Chalmers Library*
- Parking services. *MAC, Lowry Center*
- Student Accessibility and Support Services. *Chalmers Library, Room 220*
- Student Accounts. *Lowell House, 104 College Drive*
- Student Employment. *MAC, Lowry Center*
- Voter Registration (11 a.m.–1 p.m.). *Peirce Hall*

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. **Complimentary lunch in Peirce Hall**

2 p.m. **Orientation Kick-off**

Students and guests are welcomed to Kenyon by the deans. Learn what to expect through Orientation and beyond, both inside and outside the classroom.

Samuel Mather Lawn (Rain Location: Toan Track, Lowry Center)

2:45–4 p.m. **Orientation Group Meeting**

Your first opportunity to get to know other new students and your Orientation Leaders (OLs). Your OLs will review the Orientation schedule, answer your questions and get you ready for your Kenyon experience as they mentor you through your first steps at Kenyon. *Locations Vary*

5–7 p.m. **Dinner for Students in Peirce Hall**

5–7 p.m. **First Steps Dinner and Panel**

First-generation college students and their families are invited to dinner with members of the Division of Student Affairs and the campus community to discuss resources that can ease the transition to Kenyon. RSVP required. Kenyon defines first-generation students as students whose parents or legal guardians didn't graduate from a four-year institution. *Peirce Pub, Peirce Hall*

7 p.m. **First Floor Meeting with Your Community Advisor**

First-year and transfer students meet Community Advisors (CAs) and other floor residents and learn important information about living on campus.

- First-Year Community Advisor Meeting: *Locations vary*
- Transfer Community Advisor Meeting: *112 Farr Hall*

8:15 p.m. **S'mores and More: Building Your Kenyon Connections**

Your opportunity to meet other students in your residence hall and surrounding community accompanied by s'mores and music. *First-Year Quad*

Sunday, August 21

8:30–10:15 a.m. Breakfast

Students and their families are welcome to join the Kenyon community for a complimentary breakfast before Opening Convocation. Complimentary coffee will be available all morning. *Peirce Hall*

9 a.m. Mass on the Grass

Join chaplain Rachel Kessler '04 and Harcourt Parish Episcopal Church for a brief service on the lawn. Light refreshments will be provided. *Church of the Holy Spirit lawn (Rain site: Inside the church)*

9 a.m. Pre-health Professions Advising

Students interested in pursuing a health profession will meet with the Health Professions Advising Committee to learn how to prepare for health professional school and to get advice for selecting courses this semester that will set them up for success. Preparing for a health profession requires careful planning, and this session is designed to get students started on the right track and answer any questions they may have. Students who wish to attend Mass on the Grass should contact Maureen Tobin (tobinm@kenyon.edu) to make alternative plans to learn about preparing for health professions during Orientation. *Community Foundation Theater, Gund Gallery*

10 a.m. Pre-Convocation Meeting

Meet your CA at 10 a.m. on your floor to walk to the Middle Path to line up for Convocation. *Residence halls*

10:15 a.m. Convocation Line-Up along Middle Path

10:30 a.m. Opening Convocation

This annual tradition for new students includes remarks from Acting President Bowman and the Student Council president, among others. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend. *Samuel Mather Lawn (Rain site: Toan Track, Lowry Center)*

11:30 a.m. Student and Family Farewells

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Lunch for Students in Peirce Hall

12:45–1:30 p.m. Individual Transfer Student/Faculty Advising Appointments

Meet your faculty advisor and start thinking in-depth about how you want your first semester and year to progress. *Faculty offices*

12:45–1:30 p.m. Orientation Group Meeting

1:45–3:15 p.m. Faculty Advising: Student Group Advising Session

Meet your faculty advisor and start thinking in-depth about how you want your first semester and year to progress. *Locations vary*

1:45–3:15 p.m. Transfer Student Academic Transition Tips

This session for transfer students gives you the tools you need to transition successfully into a new academic atmosphere and learn how the College is different from your former institution. *Community Foundation Theater, Gund Gallery*

3:30–3:45 p.m. Orientation Group Meeting

4–5 p.m. Language Placement Exams

- Arabic: *Ascension 114*
- Chinese: *Ascension 125*
- French: *Alumni Dining Room, Peirce Hall*
- German: *Ascension 126*
- Italian: *Ascension 202*
- Japanese: *Ascension 225*
- Latin: *Ascension 326*
- Russian: *Ascension 201*
- Spanish: *Thomas Hall, Peirce Hall*

5:15–7:30 p.m. Dinner in Peirce Hall

7:45–8:20 p.m. Orientation Group Meeting

8:30–10 p.m. Kenyon Arcade

Join new students for an evening of arcade games, sweet treats, music and prizes. *Gund Commons*

10 p.m. Service of Night Prayers

Christian night prayers led by the Community of the Holy Spirit, Kenyon's Episcopal student organization. *Church of the Holy Spirit*

Monday, August 22

7–9 a.m. Breakfast in Peirce Hall

9 a.m. Orientation Group Meeting

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Individual Transfer/ Faculty Advising Appointments

9:20 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Academic Department Presentations

Meet professors and students from Kenyon's academic departments and programs so you can start thinking about what courses you may want to take this semester. Grab and go drinks and snacks will be available on Middle Path from 11:10-11:20 a.m. Attend at least four presentations from the five blocks offered below. You will receive the list of available presentations at the Orientation group meeting on Sunday evening. (Tip: Be sure to review your First Things First book to learn about diversification requirements and academic departments.)

- 9:20–9:50 a.m., block one
- 10–10:30 a.m., block two
- 10:40–11:10 a.m., block three
- 11:20–11:50 a.m., block four
- Noon–12:30 p.m., block five

12:30 –1:30 p.m. Lunch in Peirce Hall

12:30–1:30 p.m. Science and Mathematics Lunch

A drop-in opportunity to learn about the departments in math and the sciences and meet program faculty. *Alumni Dining Room, Peirce Hall*

1:45 p.m. Orientation Group Meeting

2:15–5:15 p.m. Faculty Advising

At your assigned time, meet one-on-one with your faculty advisor to discuss your academic direction and goals and review your Plan Ahead for first semester courses. Immediately after your advising appointment, meet with your OL to review and finalize your Plan Ahead, which is due by 8 p.m. *Faculty offices*

5–7:30 p.m. Dinner in Peirce Hall

7:15 p.m. Orientation Group Meeting

7:30–8:30 p.m. New Student Sing Rehearsal (Optional)

Another great Kenyon tradition. Learn the four songs that you will sing at the conclusion of Orientation as well as during senior week before graduation. This event is NOT mandatory. *Rosse Hall*

8:30 p.m. Think Fast!!!!!!!

Don't miss this interactive game show. You will work with your team to test your knowledge of facts and trivia. You can win Kenyon swag and cash! *Thomas Hall, Peirce Hall*

Tuesday, August 23

7–9 a.m. Breakfast in Peirce Hall

8:30–9 a.m. Plan Ahead Adjustments

You will receive an email from the registrar if you need to make any adjustments to your Plan Ahead schedule before it is processed.

9 a.m. Orientation Group Meeting

9:30–10:50 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

Orientation Groups 1 - 10: Speak About It

In this session you will meet Samantha Hughes, civil rights/Title IX coordinator, and Kevin Peterson, civil rights/Title IX deputy coordinator, and learn about the resources their office provides. This interactive program will provide information and strategies for cultivating healthy relationships in college. This training will address issues related to gender, flirting, substances, mental health, consent and bystander intervention. *Great Hall, Peirce Hall*

Orientation Groups 11-20: Library and Support Services

Meet the faculty and staff available to support you and learn about all of the resources and support services located in the new Chalmers Library, including Library and Information Services and the offices of academic advising, the registrar, academic support services, and career development. *Chalmers Library*

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11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Lunch in Peirce Hall

1:30 p.m. Orientation Group Meeting

1:40– 3 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

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3:10 p.m. Orientation Group Meeting

Meet in your Orientation group to learn about your fall semester schedule.
Locations vary

3–4 p.m. Faculty Office Hours

Your faculty advisor will be available in their office to assist you in selecting courses if you need to make any adjustments to your schedule. *Faculty offices*

3–4:30 p.m. Course Change Central

Staff from the offices of academic affairs, the registrar and first-year experience will be available to assist with the process of adding classes/adjusting your schedule.
Chalmers Library

5–7:30 p.m. Dinner in Peirce Hall

8 p.m. Orientation Group Meeting

8:30 p.m. Outdoor Movie

Join the Social Board for a screening of the classic “10 Things I Hate About You.” Popcorn and soda provided. Free blankets for the first 200 students. *First-Year Quad*

Wednesday, August 24

7:30–8:30 a.m. Breakfast in Peirce Hall

9 a.m. Orientation Group Meeting

9:30–11:30 a.m. Kenyon Monologues: Stories of Inclusion, Excellence and Success

Kenyon students will share their stories about how they found their place on the Hill, how Kenyon has changed them and how they have changed Kenyon. *Rosse Hall*

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch in Peirce Hall

12:45 p.m. Orientation Group

1 p.m. Campus Safety

During this session you will meet some of the Campus Safety officers who work to keep our community safe and learn how you play a part in that safety. You will also learn about your rights and responsibilities outlined in the student handbook and code of conduct. (Tip: Be sure you have downloaded the RAVE Guardian Alert app.)
Rosse Hall

2–3:30 p.m. Advancement Open House

Stop by and enjoy cookies and lemonade with the staff of the Advancement Division, which includes the alumni office. *Front Porch, College Relations Center (105 Chase Ave., next to the post office)*

2–5 p.m. Gund Gallery Open House

3 p.m. Books and classrooms

Pick up your books. *Kenyon College Bookstore*

Find your classrooms. Bring your new class schedule, and OLs will be available to direct you to your classrooms. *Tent on Peirce Lawn*

2:30–4 p.m. Registrar and Academic Advising Open House

Registrar's Office: Stop by to get answers to your questions, ask about AP and transfer credit, and meet the staff.

Academic Advising and Fellowships: Meet Dean Hawks and better understand the office's role offering guidance will all things academic.

Chalmers Library

3–4:30 p.m. KenyonFit

Explore all the Lowry Center has to offer. Activities include:

- 3–4:30 KenyonFit app registration and activation services
Fitness and recreation passport: First 75 people to complete their passport will receive a goodie bag.
- 3–3:15 Patterson Fitness Center tour #1
- 3:15–3:45 KenyonFit mini class: Zumba
- 3:30–3:45 Lowry Center building tour #1
- 3:45–4 Patterson Fitness Center tour #2
- 4–4:30 KenyonFit mini class: STRONG Nation
- 4:15–4:30 Lowry Center building tour #2
Second-floor lobby, Lowry Center

5:15 p.m. Orientation Group Meeting

5:30 p.m. New Student Sing Rehearsal (optional)

Learn the four songs that you will sing at the conclusion of Orientation as well as during senior week before graduation. This event is optional but encouraged if you plan to attend the New Student Sing event. *Rosse Hall Auditorium*

6 p.m. New Student Sing (optional)

A great Kenyon tradition! New students sing four songs which are embedded into Kenyon history at the conclusion of Orientation, Commencement, and other Kenyon events. This event is optional but encouraged. *Front Steps, Rosse Hall*

6:15 p.m. Final Orientation Groups

6:30 p.m. Convening Dinner

A final tradition to end Orientation, this banquet-style dinner is a Kenyon favorite. Featuring remarks from Acting President Bowman and a keynote speaker. *Toan Track, Lowry Center*

8–9:30 p.m. Weaver Wednesday: Welcome Back Bash

Join the Office of Student Engagement staff as we welcome all students back to the Hill. Come create string art, pick up Kenyon merch, make your own walking taco and take a chance at winning some supplies so you're ready for the first day of classes. *Weaver Cottage*

Saturday August 27

10:45 a.m. Pre-Involvement Fair Meet-Up

Join other students from your residence hall to walk down to the Student Involvement Fair. *Tent, Peirce Lawn*

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Student Involvement Fair and Lunch

Learn more about the many ways to get involved at Kenyon at the annual involvement fair. Representatives from various student organizations, offices and community partners will be on hand to help you find ways to enjoy life outside the classroom. The servery will be closed, and lunch will be served in the Lowry Center during this event. *Toan Track, Lowry Center*

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