WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU’RE JOINING THE WELLESLEY COMMUNITY!

During New Student Orientation you’ll meet classmates, staff and faculty, and get started on what will be a memorable and important time in your academic and professional journey. The next few days are designed specifically for you. Our goal is for you to participate in as many programs as possible—particularly those that feel meaningful to your Wellesley experience. This is your opportunity to meet your sibs, try something new, get a feel for campus and have fun! Look for the flower buds throughout the schedule indicating events that the Orientation Team thinks you might really enjoy. The New Student Orientation team, in addition to numerous other student leaders and campus support resources, are available to answer any questions you may have.

For the most up-to-date information, double check Wisr for event updates (if you have an iPhone, be sure to download the WisrCommunity app!). As you enjoy the activities, use #wellesleycollege, #Wellesley2026, and #daretoflourish on your Social Media!

DARING WITH YOU,
THE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION TEAM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOVE-IN & ORIENTATION

Please check your International Student Orientation schedule for event details.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

8am–12pm Domestic Student Move-in
First stop: move into your new home! Please refer to the campus map for residence hall locations and designated drop-off areas. Student leaders and professional staff will be available to greet and assist with key distribution, finding your room, and getting settled in.

11:30–2pm Lunch in the Dining Halls

Guests are invited to eat lunch in the dining halls with their student. To avoid increased crowding in the dining halls, families and students are expected to eat in the dining hall that corresponds with the students’ residence hall. Guests and students who would like a kosher or halal meal may go to the indicated dining hall (see below).

Munger, Cazenove, Beebe, Pomeroy, Shafer: Bae Pao Lu Chow (4th floor Campus Center)*
Stone Davis: Stone Davis Dining Hall**
McAfee & Bates: Bates Dining Hall
Tower, Claflin, Severance: Tower Dining Hall

*Halal **Kosher

2–3pm Wellesley Welcome Ceremony

Families and students are invited to this New Student Orientation opening event. During the first part of this session you will hear from President Johnson, as well as Sheila Shaw Horton, Dean of Students, and Shannon Mokoro, First-Year Dean. Next, we’ll have a panel of leaders from offices across campus who will answer the questions their department hears the most.

3:15–4pm Res Hall Hello and Family Farewell
Families and students will have the opportunity to connect with their Residence Hall leadership team and hear a bit about the community. Afterwards, families should plan to say goodbye to their students, as students will head to meet with their RA and their hall at 4pm.

Residence Hall Meeting Locations:
Stone Davis: Stone Davis 1st floor Living Room
Bates & McAfee: McAfee Dining Hall
Claflin & Severance: Claflin Living Room
Cazenove & Beebe: Cazenove Green Room
Tower: Tower Great Hall
Pomeroy & Shafer: Pomeroy Living Room
Munger: Munger Living Room

4–5pm [Students] RA + Hall Connect
Various Residence Halls
Students will have the opportunity to meet their hallmates and connect with their RA.

4–5pm [Families] Farewell Reception
Alumnae Ballroom
This Farewell Reception is for families only. It’s an opportunity to meet other parents and families, chat with staff from across the College, and have some light refreshments before leaving campus and heading home.

5–7pm Dinner with Orientation Mentor Groups
Various Dining Halls (determined by OM)
New students meet over dinner with their Mentor groups and continue to get to know each other. Be sure to check your email or Wisr group for instructions on where to meet your Orientation Mentor.

7–8:30pm New Student Welcome
Alumnae Hall Auditorium
Welcome to Wellesley, we are so excited to see you! As your Orientation Team, we have spent months planning for your arrival, and now you’re finally here. Get ready to learn all about student-led resources available on campus and what makes your class just so special!

8:30–10pm First-Year All Hall Gathering
Various Residence Halls
Students return to their residence halls for Residential Life programs.
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:30–10am Breakfast
Bates, Tower Court, Stone Davis and Lulu
Chow Wang Campus Center Culinary Centers

A Continental breakfast will be available 7–7:30am.

9–9:45am Wellness Break: Mindfulness Meditation
Chapel
Join Buddhist Chaplain, John Bailes, for a
guided mindfulness meditation to nurture
yourself as you begin your time at Wellesley.
All are welcome!

10–11am Dare to Flourish: Faculty Perspectives on the Liberal Arts
Alumnae Hall Auditorium
Dean Michael Jeffries and a panel of expert
faculty members will provide guidance on
how to make your first academic choices, try
out new fields of study, and take advantage
of all that Wellesley’s academic curriculum
has to offer.

11am–2pm Campus Tours with OM Groups
Meet-up location determined by your OM
Come along as your Orientation Mentor
takes you to explore the campus. You’ll see
where your classes might be, get exposed
to some Wellesley lore, see the beautiful
nature Wellesley has to offer, and more!
Be sure to check in with your OM to learn
where your group will be getting started.

11:30am–2pm Lunch with OM Groups
Various Dining Halls (determined by your OM)
While the Dining Halls are open from
11:30–2pm for lunch, you will work with
your OM leader to determine if lunch
should happen before, in the middle, or
after campus tours.

1–2pm Campus Tours with OM Groups
Campus Tours continued! Check out any last
locations and enjoy the outdoors with your
OM Group!

2–4pm Academic Advisor Meetings
Location determined Faculty Advisor
First-Year Students will meet with
assigned faculty advisors, to consult about
how you can make a great start at Wellesley.
Please check your Wellesley email for
information from your faculty advisor
about meeting locations.

Transfer & Exchange students, check your
Wellesley email for information about your
meeting during this time.

4pm–5pm Wellness Break: Make Your Own Self-Care Kit
Alumnae Ballroom
As a college student, you have a lot on your
plate! Between classes, time with friends,
homework, org meetings, and all that’s in
between—it can be hard to know where
to start to balance your wellbeing. Join
Student Wellness as we explore a balanced,
holistic approach to your self-care. We will
also have items to build your own self-
care kit, including ear plugs, sleep masks,
sunscreen, tea, journals, and more!

5–7pm Dinner with your floor community
(led by your RA + ASC)
Various Dining Halls
Spend some time eating in community with
your RA and ASC! Meet for dinner in your
corresponding dining hall. Your RA & ASC
will create an area that’s easy for you to find
and meet up!

7–8:30pm Welcome to Blue Nation: Field Hockey Game
Field Hockey Field
Cheer on your Wellesley Sibs in Field
Hockey’s home opener against Framingham
State! Stop by one of the dessert trucks
(Dels & Kettle Corn!) for a snack before
finding your seat. First 200 attendees will
receive a water bottle.

7–10:30pm KSC Night
KSC Field House and Pool
Come and PLAY with PERA! The Night at the
KSC will have mini golf, pick up volleyball
and info tables about our programming and
upcoming special events. Take a tour of the
fitness center and be the first to experience
our new instruction based cardio equipment
zone. Bring your bathing suits and float
around at our Dive In Movie featuring
Finding Nemo! We can’t wait to see you at
the KSC—you may even leave with some
special swag!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30–10am Breakfast
Bates, Tower Court, Stone Davis and Lulu
Chow Wang Campus Center Culinary Centers
A Continental breakfast will be available
7–7:30am.
ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND SKILL BUILDING WORKSHOPS

9am–12pm Science Center: Hub Focus & Classrooms

These workshops are specifically designed to prepare you for your time at Wellesley! See the schedule below for workshop details. We recommend looking over the descriptions and determining which workshops you’d like to attend in advance.

SESSION 1: 9:00–9:50AM

Workshop 1: It’s About Time!
Location: H105

Learn easy, practical and flexible time management tips from Wellesley’s peer coaches, the ASCs (Academic Success Coaches). The ASCs will help you determine how to plan and schedule time for your coursework, how to set up your calendar so you never miss an important due date, and still have time for friends, family and fun!

Workshop 2: Learning in Community: The Power of Our Internal Messages
Location: H403

You have joined a diverse and inclusive community. Deepen your understanding of the implicit bias we all carry and its impact on others to strengthen your relationships.

Workshop 3: Building Resilience: Understanding Stress vs. Distress
Location: H101

This workshop focuses on differentiating between stress and distress. You will explore, and work through, stress management techniques through experiential learning and journaling.

Workshop 4: First to Flourish
Location: H401

Support for First-Gens through the Office of Student Success.

Workshop 5: Getting Your Zzz’s to Get Your A’s, Rest Relax Refresh!
Location: H305

Join Student Wellness to learn how sleep can set you up for success! Sleep impacts our immunity, focus, memory, mood and much more... and while being a college student can provide some barriers to regular sleep, we will explore strategies to help you get more rest for a more refreshed you!

SESSION 2: 10:00–10:50AM

Workshop 1: Start Smart
Location: H105

Join the Wellesley College ASCs in this hands on session and learn how to organize your course materials, create a success plan for each of your courses, connect with faculty and other students in your classes and use the college catalog, course browser and your course syllabi as tools to help you start the semester off right.

Workshop 2: Involvement Matters: Take the Leap!
Location: H401

Learn from student leaders and campus partners about exciting traditions and events that happen throughout the year. Find out how to get involved in student organizations and campus wide opportunities that will connect you with your fellow sibs.

Workshop 3: Designing Your Wellesley: Exploring Paths to Reach Your Goals
Location: H403

Hoping to make the most of your Wellesley experience? Need help finding your way? This Career Education workshop will help you explore different paths to achieve your goals, both big and small, and help you learn how to navigate any rough terrain along the way.

Workshop 4: Embracing Challenge, Curiosity, and Courage: Faculty Perspectives on Flourishing at Wellesley
Location: H101

At Wellesley, you might find yourself being pushed out of your intellectual, socio-emotional, and cultural comfort zones in many, or even all of your courses. Hear from faculty about why this may not only be normal, but even beneficial for your ultimate goals of intellectual and personal fulfillment. In this panel, faculty share tips and advice on the many paths to flourish at Wellesley—and how these paths are almost always bumpy and frustrating yet can be simultaneously engaging and rewarding!

10am–2pm Language Fair: Flourishing in Wellesley’s Languages
Location: HUB Focus

Stop by our tables and meet faculty from Wellesley’s language departments and programs to learn about our amazing offering of courses, internships, and study abroad programs.
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4–5:30pm  Wellness Break: Kickin’ it  
KSC Upper Field  
Join College Government, ResLife and the Athlete Mentors as we kick off the weekend with tie dye, lawn games and kickball!

5–7pm  Dinner with Campus Groups @ 5:30pm  
Various Dining Halls  
Looking for someone to eat with? Look no further! Starting at 5:30, meet student leaders from orgs and departments across campus! Join them for dinner and conversation in the designated dining halls below—they look forward to meeting you!

**Peer Health Educators (PHEs):**  
Stone-Davis Dining Hall  
**First-Gen & Office of Student Success (OSS):**  
Bates Dining Hall  
**Athletic Mentor Program (AMPs):**  
Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center  
**Cultural Inclusion Facilitators (CIFs):**  
Tower Dining Hall

5:30–6:30pm  Shabbat Dinner  
Billings 200  
Get to know your classmates and other members of the campus Jewish community as we welcome in Shabbat over a delicious kosher meal.

7–8pm  Substance Use Harm Reduction  
**Bates, McAfee, and Freeman residents:**  
Collins Cinema  
**Stone Davis residents:**  
Stone Davis Living Room  
**Beebe, Cazenove, Munger, Pomeroys, and Shafer residents:**  
Jewett Auditorium  
**Clafin and Severance residents:**  
Pendleton East Room 239  
**Tower East and Tower West residents:**  
Pendleton East Atrium  
House Presidents will lead this session discussing harm reduction strategies, covering basics on alcohol and substances, as well as bystander intervention tips to help a fellow sib in need. We will conclude with pour demonstrations to try your hand at measuring drink pours for safer use!

8:30pm  A Very Wellesley Block Party  
SCH Tennis Court  
Come get to know your new neighborhood! Get a taste of what’s on the menu at local restaurants, cheer on your new classmates as they show off their talents, compete in lawn games for the chance to win raffle prizes, and dance to music played by student DJs.

8:30–10pm  Dare to Create  
Multifaith Center  
Dare to Create? Join us for a crafty and creative orientation event! We’ll be making different flower-themed crafts like origami, paper lanterns, and bracelets!

9–11pm  Movie Night  
Collins Cinema  
Join us for a showing of The Parent Trap and plenty of popcorn and drinks!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

10:30am–2pm  Brunch  
Bates, Tower Court, Stone Davis and Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center Culinary Centers  
A Continental breakfast will be available 8:30–10:30am.

10am–12pm  Flourishing Outside  
Munger Meadow (If inclement weather, held in Davis Plaza tent)  
Join the Wellesley Botanic Gardens and Paulson Initiative to get to know our beautiful campus! Tour our outdoor gardens and discover hidden spots, enjoy a scavenger hunt in the Global Flora greenhouse, and get crafty with plant materials to dye yarn, make postcards, and create art! Meet student representatives from these organizations and learn how to get involved with plants, nature, and the outdoors on campus!

12–2pm  Lunch w/ OM Groups  
Various Dining Halls (determined by your OM)

2–4:30pm  Let Me Speak  
Alumnae Hall Auditorium  
Upperclass students speak out about Wellesley College and about how they continue to grow, dream, and discover themselves and others every day. Students will attend this program with their Mentor Groups, and have a time for discussion + reflection after the program.
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<td>Join this important Wellesley tradition of taking a photo with your class sibs! First-year students are asked to wear their class t-shirt for this photo. After Orientation, you may order this photo for yourself at panfoto.com. Transfer and exchange students should also plan to attend and will participate in a separate group photo (no specific clothing is required).</td>
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7–8pm  Destress with Aromatherapy!  
Pendleton East Atrium  
Have tea and chat with the Balance Health Educators and Active Minds peer health leaders to learn about on-campus wellness, while relaxing over a DIY aromatherapy activity.

8:30–11pm  Dare 2 Dance  
Alumnae Ballroom  
Join us for a night of fun and dancing at Dare 2 Dance! There will be scrumptious food (sushi, wings, chips and dips, fruits, cupcakes, mochinuts, and sparkling drinks), a Bachata* instructor and the opportunity to get polaroids at our photo booth!  
*Dance lessons will take place 9-9:30pm!

8:30–9:30pm  Dare to Destress  
Tishman Commons  
Dare to Destress? Want to relax before your Wellesley journey begins? Come join us with many different destressing stations such as tote bag decorations, paint by numbers, slime asmr tub, and puzzles! There will be a mystery box with little goodies waiting for you at your arrival!

8:30–10pm  We’re Not Really Strangers  
Davis Museum Plaza  
Join us to play the popular card game with one of your new friends or even a complete stranger. Warning: You may leave this event with a new best friend!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Classes Begin
Welcome Week Event:  
First Day Photo White Boards  
12:30–2:30 pm  
Tishman Commons

Convocation  
5pm  
Hay Outdoor Theater  
Details regarding Convocation will be emailed to students in advance.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Welcome Week Event: Tie Dye  
12:30–3:30 pm  
Lulu Campus Center Event Lawn

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Welcome Week Event: Bingo  
7 pm  
Tishman Commons

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Headphone Disco  
9 pm – 12 am  
Lulu Campus Center Event Lawn

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Organizations Fair  
2–4 pm  
Severance Green

Welcome Week Event:  
S’Mores Saturday  
7–8 pm  
Lulu Campus Center Outdoor Fire Pit

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Welcome Week Event:  
Lawn Games  
12–4 pm  
Lulu Campus Center Lawn

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Wellesley Tradition Event:  
Flower Sunday  
10:30–11:30 am  
Chapel
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