

Welcome Week

Moving In, Meeting Up, Making Friends Fast

Welcome Week Schedule

Friday, August 20

Residence Halls open for Move-In
First Generation Celebration
Community Living Expectations 1
Succeed in the Classroom
Roller Skating sponsored by GSG

Saturday, August 21

"STEP UP!" to Community
Community Living Expectations 2
Orientation "Kick-Off"
Late Night Movie

Sunday, August 22

Returning Student Move-In
Sunday Morning Worship
House Meeting for New Students
A.L.I.C.E. Training
Ice Cream Treats
Matriculation Ceremony
Meet Your Instructors
Afterglow Sunday Night Worship
COSA Presents: The Hypnotist

Monday, August 23

First Day of Classes

Tuesday, August 24

Non-Traditional Student Orientation
Clubs and Organizations Fair
First House Meetings

Wednesday, August 25

S'mores with the Chaplains
COSA/IMs Presents: House Games
COSA Presents: "Suicide Squad"

Thursday, August 26

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Friday, August 27

The Hook-Up Resource Fair
COSA Presents:
Linden Street Block Party

Saturday, August 28

Women's Soccer Home Game
Men's Soccer Home Game
Football Home Game

By Emma Coleman

Welcome Week 2021 went by, according to some, "hard and fast." What felt like 24 hours was actually seven days!

It started with House Presidents moving to campus in early August, followed by the fall student athletes, house council members and international students. Next, on August 20, first-year and transfer students moved in to start their "Graceland Experience." Apartment residents and returning residence hall students came back to the hill were the last to move in, the weekend before the start of classes. In less than three weeks, over 800 students had made their beds and made Graceland their home.

The move was a struggle for many first-year students who overestimated what they needed and underestimated their space. What they brought was largely determined by how they traveled to Lamoni. Those coming by air brought a lot less. It was made easier by the Graceland football team. They met students and parents in the parking lots to help with the heavier items.

"I had a good experience during move in day! Everyone from my hall was super helpful getting my things up to my room quickly, and it made it easier to adjust to a new living situation. Once I got all my stuff moved into my room, it made it easier for me to enjoy the fun activities organized for new students," said Kailynn Byrne, freshman.

Once students got settled they would have only a couple of hours before the "fun" began. For many, this "fun" included a day full of required trainings, meetings and completing online checklists. Classes started on Monday, August 23. The nights of Welcome Week gave students opportunities to see old friends and make new ones. Abby Dodd, a senior, said "For me, the last Welcome Week and move-in day were bittersweet. I've been a part of Residence Life my last two years, so I've been able to facilitate some of what I remember most fondly from my first two years. This year especially, I took the time to step back and appreciate how the excitement set the tone for the rest of the year. I'm so grateful for the activities and people that make the week and move-in possible."

Incoming freshmen received a warm welcome and a helping hand with scheduled events that introduced the students to class options, professors and campus life.

Holly Jessen handled several items during move-in day such as the two boxes including a repacked Target box. Holly worked with many other students during move in, including Mallory Van Oster and Lilly Meier.

(Photo by Emily Hill)



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Manuel Quintero '21, an admissions specialist intern, helps carry heavy items onto Aponivi in Walker Hall. (Photo by Emily Hill)



Khiyah goes to the Linden Street Block Party during Welcome Week. Their HOCO was well represented with six officer. Angel Arthur was one of many students who sang karaoke. They sang two songs, "Lost Boy" by Ruth and "My Once Upon a Time" from Disney's "Descendants 3."



Salume Osakue and Vedrana Radosavljevic represent the International Club at the Clubs and Organizations Fair on August 24. The event highlighted the many student clubs, standing organizations, and student media offered.

(Photo by Kyla Cox)



Harrison Lee participates with his house, Tiona, at COSA Presents: House Games, referred to as "Muddy Games," and for good reason. It took hours to clean all of the mud off. (Photo by Kyla Cox)



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