

Fall 2026 Tentative Orientation Schedule

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<u>Saturday, August 8</u>	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation Check In Drive Thru (Residential and Commuter Students) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Main Hall, Circle Drive • Residence Hall Check In (Residential Students) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Your Assigned Residence Hall • Obtain Comet Card (Residential and Commuter Students) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location Raney Dining Room, Foyer • Verify or Complete Cottey Safety Forms (Residential and Commuter Students) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location Raney Dining Room, Foyer
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
10 a.m. - Noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chellie Club Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Shop Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel
11 a.m. - Noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Chapel Front Steps
1 – 2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellness Center Open House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Student Wellness Center
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library
2 – 2:15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Welcome with Dr. Stefanie D. Niles (<i>For Students, Parents, and Guests</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
2:20 - 4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Your Mentor and Orientation Group (<i>For Students Only</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Outside of Hinkhouse • Community Builder with Mr. Chris Niles (<i>For Students Only</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Hinkhouse, Main Gym
2:15 – 3:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and Guests Information Session (<i>Center for the Arts, Auditorium</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2:15 p.m. The College Transition: Supporting Your Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Landon Adams ○ 2:45 p.m. How to Help Your Student Succeed Academically <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Karla McCain ○ 3:15 p.m. Getting to Know P.E.O. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Office of Institutional Advancement
3:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents of Student-Athletes Information Session with Dr. Maryann Mitts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
5 – 7 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
5 – 6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convocation Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal time to prepare for Convocation <p style="text-align: center;">**Dressy attire required for Convocation**</p>
6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New to Cottey Class Photo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Chapel Front Steps
7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convocation Line-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Missouri Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 143rd Opening Convocation and Signing of the Cottey Book <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium <p style="text-align: center;">**Reception to follow at the President’s House** 738 West Cherry Street, East of Campus</p>

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<u>Sunday, August 9</u>	
9 - 11 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chellie Club Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel
9 - 10:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student-Athlete Information Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Shop Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library
10:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legacy Meet and Greet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Raney Dining Room, Alcove
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Raney Dining Room • Obtain Comet Card <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Raney Dining Room, Foyer
11 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Chapel Drive
11:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walmart Shuttle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Chapel Drive
1 - 2:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New and Returning Student Mixer <i>(For All Students)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Chellie Club, Lower-Level Chapel
3 - 4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory Housing Meeting for New and Returning Students <i>(Residential Students Only)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
4 - 5 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title IX Training for New and Returning Students <i>(Mandatory for All Students)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
5 - 6 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Lobby
6:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Night at the Lodge (Sponsored by SGA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: BIL Lodge <p style="text-align: center;">**Shuttle rides available. Buses will pick up and drop off in the Center for the Arts parking lot**</p>
8:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor movie (Sponsored by Campus Activities) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: BIL Hill Lodge

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<u>Monday, August 10</u>	
7 - 9 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library
9 - 10 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Missouri Recital Hall
10 a.m. - Noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources Expo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Foyer
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chellie Club Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel
1:10 - 3:10 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Sessions (three rotating sessions, 40 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Your Academic Success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Location: Rubie Burton Academic Center, Room 109 ○ Technology Set Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Location: Rubie Burton Academic Center, Room 158 ○ Cottey Portals: MyCottey and Canvas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Location: Rubie Burton Academic Center, Room 107
3:15 - 4:50 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quackademic Splash <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library
5 - 7 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Raney Dining Room

<u>Tuesday, August 11</u>	
6:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Sunrise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Main Hall, Front Steps
7 - 9:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library
8 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes Begin
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Activities Giveaway Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Outside Robertson Hall
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
6 - 8 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grill and Chill (Sponsored by Dining Services, Athletics, and Campus Activities) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Outside of Hinkhouse
7 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpha Psi Omega Ice Cream Meet and Greet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Lobby

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<u>Friday, August 14</u>	
TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor Concert<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Location: Center for Campus Life, Amphitheater
<u>Sunday, August 16</u>	
7 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Step-Sing<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Location: Main Hall, Front Steps
<u>Tuesday, August 18</u>	
7 - 9 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theatre Auditions<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
<u>Wednesday, August 19</u>	
TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lodge Night<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Location: BIL Hill Lodge
7 - 9 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theatre Auditions<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
<u>Sunday, August 23</u>	
TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday Screening<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Location: Fort Scott Cinema
<u>Tuesday, August 25</u>	
TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comets Day of Service<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Location: TBA