

Fall 2026 Tentative Orientation Schedule

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Saturday, August 8	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	• Orientation Check In Drive-Thru (Residential and Commuter Students) ◦ Location: Main Hall, Circle Drive • Residence Hall Check In (Residential Students) ◦ Location: Your Assigned Residence Hall • Obtain Comet Card (Residential and Commuter Students) ◦ Location Raney Dining Room, Foyer • Verify or Complete Cottey Safety Forms (Residential and Commuter Students) ◦ Location Raney Dining Room, Foyer
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	• Salad & Sandwich Luncheon ◦ Location: Raney Dining Room ▪ \$10/adults & \$7/child (6-12)
10 a.m. - Noon	• Chellie Club Open ◦ Location: Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	• Spirit Shop Open ◦ Location: Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel
11 a.m. - Noon	• Campus Tour ◦ Location: Chapel Front Steps
1 – 2 p.m.	• Wellness Center Open House ◦ Location: Student Wellness Center
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	• Library Open ◦ Location: Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library
2 – 2:15 p.m.	• Presidential Welcome with Dr. Stefanie D. Niles (<i>For Students, Parents, and Guests</i>) ◦ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
2 – 5 p.m.	• Returning Student Check In and Move In ◦ Location: Your Assigned Residence Hall
2:20 - 4 p.m.	• Meet Your Mentor and Orientation Group (<i>For Students Only</i>) ◦ Location: Outside of Hinkhouse • Community Builder with Mr. Chris Niles (<i>For Students Only</i>) ◦ Location: Hinkhouse, Main Gym
2:15 – 3:45 p.m.	• Parents and Guests Information Sessions (<i>Center for the Arts, Auditorium</i>) ◦ 2:15 p.m. The College Transition: Supporting Your Students ▪ Dr. Landon Adams ◦ 2:45 p.m. How to Help Your Student Succeed Academically ▪ Dr. Karla McCain ◦ 3:15 p.m. Getting to Know P.E.O. ▪ Members from the Office of Institutional Advancement
3:45 p.m.	• Parents of Student-Athletes Information Session with Dr. Maryann Mitts ◦ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
5 – 7 p.m.	• Cottey Favorites Buffet ◦ Location: Raney Dining Room ▪ \$14/adults & \$10/child (6-12)
5 – 6:45 p.m.	• Convocation Preparation ◦ Personal time to prepare for Convocation **Dressy attire required for Convocation**
6:45 p.m.	• New to Cottey Class Photo ◦ Location: Chapel Front Steps
7:00 p.m.	• Convocation Line-Up ◦ Location: Center for the Arts, Missouri Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.	• 143rd Opening Convocation and Signing of the Cottey Book ◦ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium **Reception to follow at the President's House** 738 West Cherry Street, East of Campus

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<u>Sunday, August 9</u>	
9 – 10:30 a.m.	- Student-Athlete Information Session - Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
9 – 11 a.m.	- Chellie Club Open - Location: Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel
9 a.m. - Noon	- Returning Student Check In and Move In - Location: Your Assigned Residence Hall
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	- Spirit Shop Open - Location: Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	- Library Open - Location: Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library
10:30 a.m.	- Legacy Meet and Greet - Location: Raney Dining Room, Alcove
10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	- Brunch - Location: Raney Dining Room \$14/adults & \$10/child (6-12) - Obtain Comet Card - Location: Raney Dining Room, Foyer
11 a.m.	- Campus Tour - Location: Chapel, Front Steps
11:30 a.m.	- Walmart Shuttle - Location: Chapel, Front Steps
1 – 2:30 p.m.	- New and Returning Student Mixer <i>(For All Students)</i> - Location: Chellie Club, Lower-Level Chapel
3 – 4 p.m.	- Mandatory Housing Meeting for New and Returning Students <i>(Residential Students Only)</i> - Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
4 – 5 p.m.	- Title IX Training for New and Returning Students <i>(Mandatory for All Students)</i> - Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
5 – 6 p.m.	- Pizza Dinner - Location: Center for the Arts, Lobby
6:30 p.m.	- Night at the Lodge (Sponsored by SGA) - Location: BIL Lodge **Shuttle rides available. Buses will pick up and drop off in the Chapel Drive**
8:30 p.m.	- Outdoor movie (Sponsored by Campus Activities) - Location: BIL Lodge

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<u>Monday, August 10</u>	
7 – 9 a.m.	• Breakfast ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	• Library Open ○ Location: Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library
8 a.m. - Noon	• Individual Academic Advising Appointment **More information provided following arrival on campus**
10 a.m. - Noon	• Resources Expo ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Lobby
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	• Welcome Lunch Buffet ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	• Chellie Club Open ○ Location: Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel
1:10 – 3:10 p.m.	• Academic Sessions (three rotating sessions, 40 minutes each) ○ Your Academic Success ▪ Location: Rubie Burton Academic Center, Room 109 ○ Technology Set Up ▪ Location: Rubie Burton Academic Center, Room 158 ○ Cottey Portals: MyCottey and Canvas ▪ Location: Rubie Burton Academic Center, Room 107 **More information provided following arrival on campus**
3:15 – 4:50 p.m.	• Quackademic Splash ○ Location: Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library
5 – 7 p.m.	• Dinner ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
7 – 8:30 p.m.	• Student Athletes Round Table Discussion ○ Location: Hinkhouse Center, Gymnasium

<u>Tuesday, August 11</u>	
6:30 a.m.	• Senior Sunrise ○ Location: Main Hall, Front Steps
7 – 9:30 a.m.	• Breakfast ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.	• Library Open ○ Location: Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library
8 a.m.	• Classes Begin
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	• Lunch ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
6 – 8:30 p.m.	• Grill and Chill (Sponsored by Dining Services, Athletics, and Campus Activities) ○ Location: Outside of Hinkhouse
7 p.m.	• Alpha Psi Omega Ice Cream Meet and Greet ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Lobby

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<u>Wednesday, August 12</u>	
TBD	• Duck-oration Day ○ Location: TBD
<u>Friday, August 14</u>	
8 p.m.	• Andrew Hoyt Outdoor Concert ○ Location: Center for Campus Life, Amphitheater
<u>Sunday, August 16</u>	
7 p.m.	• Step-Sing ○ Location: Main Hall, Front Steps
<u>Tuesday, August 18</u>	
7 – 9 p.m.	• Theatre Auditions ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
8 p.m.	• College Essentials BINGO ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
<u>Wednesday, August 19</u>	
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	• President’s Social ○ Location: Raney Dining Room
7 – 9 p.m.	• Theatre Auditions ○ Location: Center for the Arts, Auditorium
<u>Thursday, August 20</u>	
TBD	• Activities Expo ○ Location: Raney Dining Room, Alcove
<u>Sunday, August 23</u>	
TBD	• Sunday Screening ○ Location: Fort Scott Cinema
<u>Tuesday, August 25</u>	
All Day (Campus Wide)	• Comets Day of Service ○ Location: TBD