



New Student Orientation 2025

Sat. Aug. 16: Move-In Weekend

New Residential Students

10am – 2pm

Bookstore Open

The Bookstore will be open for you to shop and pick-up books.

12 – 5pm

New Resident Check-In

New residents may check into their residence hall by appointment during this time.

12 – 1pm

Lunch

Bears Den will be open for residential students to eat, using their meal plan.

4 – 6pm

Dinner

Bears Den will be open for residential students to eat, using their meal plan.

7pm

New Resident Progressive Ice Cream Party & Pick-Up Pickleball Hogan Hall

New residents who checked in today should plan on joining us in Hogan Hall! This is your first opportunity to meet your fellow classmates and our Residence Life staff.

Sun. Aug. 17: Move-In Weekend

New Residential Students

8am – 1pm

New Resident Check-In

New residents may check into their residence hall by appointment during this time.

9am – 10am

Breakfast

Bears Den will be open for residential students to eat, using their meal plan.

10am – 1pm

Offices Open: Take Care of Business

New residents can visit the Bookstore (open until 3pm), the Beckley Hub, Student Health Services, TRIO Student Support Services, the Library, and Student Success Center during this time.

11:30am – 1pm

Lunch

Bears Den will be open for residential students to eat, using their meal plan.

1 – 4pm

Free Afternoon for Residential Students

Choose from any of our afternoon activities or take some time to relax!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30 – 2:30pm Dorm Room Bingo: Learning Resource Center – Library Join your RAs for Bingo and win some fabulous prizes for your new room. • 2:30 – 4pm Walmart Shuttle: Leaves from Hogan Hall Need to grab a few things? Hop on our shuttle to Walmart. • Open Office Hours in Hogan Hall Do you have questions or need assistance? Stop by the Hogan Hall Office! We can help you with all of your questions.
4:30 – 6pm	Dinner Bears Den will be open for residential students to eat, using their meal plan.
7 – 9pm	Required New Resident Meeting and Mentalist Banachek Carter Hall Auditorium All new residents must attend our New Resident Meeting in Carter Hall. Following our meeting, you will want to stick around for Mentalist Banachek .

Mon. Aug. 18: New Student Orientation: DAY 1

All New Students

8 – 9:30am	Breakfast Bears Den will be open for residential students to eat, using their meal plan. All other students may purchase breakfast at a cost of \$8.63.
9:30 – 10am	Orientation Day 1 Check-In Carter Hall Front Lawn All new students should plan on checking-in between 9:30-10am. During this time, you will also meet your orientation group, begin meeting new students, and learn more about your 2-day orientation.
10am	Convocation Van Meter Gym Your formal welcome and introduction to WVU Tech. Join your new classmates as President Stuart welcomes you. After Convocation, find your Orientation Group on the Carter Hall Lawn.
10:45 – 11:25am	The Bear Necessities: Session 1 Groups 1-5: Get Your BEARings: Carter Hall Auditorium Groups 6-9: Bears Breaking the Ice Groups 10-13: Lunch: Bears Den (Make sure you have your ID with you to eat!)
11:35am – 12:15pm	The Bear Necessities: Session 2 Groups 1-5: Lunch: Bears Den (Make sure you have your ID with you to eat!) Groups 6-9: Get Your BEARings: Carter Hall Auditorium Groups 10-13: Bears Breaking the Ice: Meet outside Carter Hall
12:25 – 1:05pm	The Bear Necessities: Session 3 Groups 1-5: Bears Breaking the Ice Groups 6-9: Lunch: Bears Den (Make sure you have your ID with you to eat!) Groups 10-13: Get Your BEARings: Carter Hall Auditorium

1:15 – 1:45pm

Tech Talks 1 (Select one of the below sessions to attend)

- **Faculty Spotlight 1 with Dr. Kimberlyn Gray**
Stupid Question Safe Zone: Life Science 200
Do I really need the textbook? Do I have to go to class—every day? What the almighty heck are office hours? What if I’m really bad at it*? (whatever “it” may be)
- **First-Generation Student FAQs: Life Science 208**
If your parents did not graduate from college – you are a first-generation college student. This session is for you! Let us answer your questions, give tips for success, and introduce resources.
- **Commuter Students on Campus: Innovation 204**
Will be you commuting to campus? Join us to get the scoop on commuter life and learn about our Commuter Student Association. As a commuter, we want you to be involved in your campus – so join us to learn how you can do that!
- **Exploring Southern West Virginia: Innovation 110**
Beckley and our surrounding area have something for everyone. Learn about it all—from outdoor activities to local dining and entertainment. Make the most of your time at Tech and get involved in our community.

2 – 2:30pm

Tech Talks 2 (Select one of the below sessions to attend)

- **Faculty Spotlight 2 with Dr. Patrick Brown**
Medieval Times – Medieval Battles: Life Science 200
Pick up a sword, shield, or axe and join us for a discussion of the evolution of medieval battle tactics, weaponry, and swordsmanship, with demonstrations and instruction by WVU Tech’s award-winning Historical European Martial Arts club.
- **Student Athlete Academic Success: Life Science 208**
Will you be a student athlete this year? Then this session is for you. Join us as we discuss how you can succeed academically and athletically and what it takes to balance your time at Tech.
- **Student Government Association and Student Activities Board: Innovation 204**
Student leaders will be on hand for you to learn more about these important campus groups, what they do, and how you can get involved. Get involved – make sure you don’t miss out!
- **Exploring Southern West Virginia: Innovation 110**
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2:45 – 3:15pm

Tech Talks 3 (Select one of the below sessions to attend)

- **Faculty Spotlight 3 with Dr. Hasan El-Rifai**
Chemistry Magic Show: Life Science 200
Is it magic or is it chemistry? Find out with Dr. El-Rifai as he demonstrates some amazing magic (or chemistry?).
- **TRIO Student Support Services: Life Science 208**
TRIO SSS is a program for first-generation students that provides students with free services to succeed in college. Many students in the program will be the first in their families to earn a college degree. Learn more and see if you qualify by attending. Note: international students are not eligible for SSS.
- **Student Government Association and Student Activities Board: Innovation 204**
Student leaders will be on hand for you to learn more about these important

	<p>campus groups, what they do, and how you can get involved. Get involved – make sure you don't miss out!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do You Meet the Koalafications? Working on Campus: Innovation 110 Join the Office of Career and Professional Development to review the qualifications for working on campus, how to find campus jobs, and what opportunities are available right now! Have a copy of a resume? Bring it with you, and we'll do an on-site review.
3:30 – 4pm	Orientation Group Meetings Meet your OL in the ELab Parking Lot (near Innovation & Life Sciences) Join your OL for an important final group meeting of the day. They will take time to answer questions and preview Day 2 of Orientation.
4:30 – 7pm	Dinner Bears Den will be open for residential students to eat, using their meal plan. All other students may purchase dinner.
7pm	Movie Carter Hall Auditorium As your first day of Orientation winds down, make sure you join us for a new release movie in Carter Hall. We will have free popcorn, snacks, and drinks. Enjoy an evening with your new classmates and our Orientation Leaders as your wrap-up your orientation day.

Tues. Aug. 19: New Student Orientation: DAY 2

All New Students

7:30 – 9am	Breakfast Bears Den will be open for residential students to eat, using their meal plan. All other students may purchase breakfast.
9am – 9:15am	Orientation Day 2 Check-In Carter Hall Lawn All new students should plan on checking-in between 9-9:15am for Day 2 of Orientation. Once you are checked-in, you will re-join your Orientation Group and talk about the day.
9:30am – 10:30am	Clawing Your Way to Academic Success Groups 1-5: Carter Hall Auditorium Groups 6-9: Life Sciences 200 Groups 10-13: Life Sciences 208
10:45am	Golden Bear Goose Chase This isn't just a goose chase. This is your opportunity to find your way around campus, figure out where your classes are the first day, and compete to be the winner of our Golden Bear Goose Chase 2025! Goose Chases will be by Orientation Group immediately following our Academic Success sessions.
12 – 1:30pm	President's Cookout Bears Den & Bears Den Parking Lot President Stuart invites you to the President's Cookout as the official close of our Orientation

program. Enjoy lunch while having some fun outside of Bears Den. Make sure you have your ID with you so you can eat!

1:30 – 4pm

Afternoon Activities

Join us for any of the below optional activities this afternoon!

- **IT Helpdesk Open: LRC 319**

Do you need help connecting to the Wifi? Have questions about DUO? Maybe you need help with software on your computer? Visit the IT Helpdesk and get the help you need to start your year off strong.

- **Get Your Free YMCA Membership: 121 E. Main St.**

Do you know Tech students get free access to the Beckley YMCA? Visit them this afternoon to sign-up and see all that they offer. To sign-up, bring a copy of your class schedule and your Student ID with you. Learn more online: <https://www.ymcaswv.com>

- **Offices Open: Take Care of Business**

Visit any office you may need. The Beckley Hub, TRIO, Student Health Services, Student Success Center, Student Life, the bookstore, and more will be open.

4:30 – 6pm

Dinner

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5:30 – 6:30pm

City of Beckley Welcome Celebration

WVU Tech Administration & Extension Building (410 Neville St)

Join the City of Beckley and local community partners as they welcome all WVU Tech students, faculty, and staff as we start a new academic year. We will have live music, free samples from local restaurants, prizes, and more. Need a ride? Jump on our shuttle at 5:30pm from the Hogan Hall parking lot.