WELCOME!
Your student is embarking on an amazing academic journey, and Cornell views parents and family members as essential partners in supporting your student’s success here.

We invite you to join us for Family Orientation programming on Friday, August 18, and Saturday, August 19. Students are required to attend New Student Orientation, from Friday, August 18, through Monday, August 21; classes begin Tuesday, August 22.

PARENTS ONLY: Events listed in this schedule are open to families and their new Cornell students, except those marked ☀️, which are for parents and family members only.

LOCATING EVENTS: Campus maps are readily available on campus. Each event listing in this guide is followed by a grid reference to the large printed campus map.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING: Those with accessible parking license plates/placards from their home municipality can utilize any accessible parking spaces on campus from Friday, August 18, through Sunday, August 20. Note that accessible placards can be used only in spaces marked for accessibility; they cannot be used in spaces marked as “reserved.”

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION: Contact the office of Residential and New Student Programs (cu_orientation@cornell.edu; 607.254.7233) by August 4 if you need disability accommodation. Visit disability.cornell.edu/visitors.cfm for information on campus accessibility.
UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED ORIENTATION EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY: GETTING AROUND

Free shuttle buses will take you between North and West Campuses and New Student Check-In (Friday only). We encourage you to park your car as directed by Transportation Services and use these shuttles.

MOVE-IN: DESIGNATED TIME

First-year and transfer students should plan to move into their residences on Friday, August 18, 2017. Due to the large number of students checking in to North Campus, Collegetown (Cascadilla and Sheldon Court), and West Campus (including 122 McGraw Place and 625 University Avenue) on that day, students assigned to those communities are given a move-in time based on the first letter of their last name.

LAST NAME BEGINS WITH: ARRIVE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF:

A–G    2:00pm–5:00pm
H–O    8:00am–11:00am
P–Z    11:00am–2:00pm

Remember to print a copy of your move-in day unloading permit from the to-do list on newstudents.cornell.edu prior to your arrival. To facilitate a smooth move-in experience for everyone, students who arrive early will NOT be able to move in before their assigned move-in time. If your student cannot check in during their move-in time, they should contact the Housing Office prior to Orientation at housing@cornell.edu.

Transfer students assigned to 112 Edgemoor and Schuyler House may move in any time between 8:00am and 5:00pm on Friday, August 18.

8:00am–4:00pm: New Student Check-In • Barton Hall

At New Student Check-In, students will pick up their Cornell ID card. Staff members from across the university will be available to answer questions and share information about the wealth of programs and services offered to Cornellians. Students who are assigned a 2:00pm to 5:00pm move-in time are expected to attend check-in before moving into their residence hall.

Throughout Orientation and the First Week of Classes: The Cornell Store Back-to-School Events • The Cornell Store, Ho Plaza

The Cornell Store is an authorized dealer for Apple, Dell, and Microsoft. Purchase computer hardware at exclusive academic discounts. Textbooks, school supplies, and Cornell gifts and clothing for friends and family are available. Extended hours are Friday, August 18, through Friday, August 25, from 8:00am to 7:00pm; Sunday, August 20, from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Room essentials for your student’s room, including bedding and storage containers, hangers, hooks, and more, can be found under the tent outside the Cornell Store.
1:00pm–2:00pm: Just for Families • 305 Ives Hall
Join Dr. Christine Schelhas-Miller, retired Human Development faculty member and author of *Don’t Tell Me What to Do, Just Send Money: The Essential Parenting Guide to the College Years* for this popular annual lecture. Dr. Schelhas-Miller will provide some helpful (and humorous) tips on navigating your relationship with your college student. After the program, Dr. Schelhas-Miller will sign copies of her book at the Cornell Store.

3:00pm–4:00pm: Student Disability Services Information Meeting and Reception • 105 Robert Purcell Community Center
This event is an opportunity for students and families to learn about disability services at Cornell and to meet the SDS staff. The office will share information about their mission, types of services provided for various disabilities, and the accommodation process at Cornell. The SDS staff will offer information on campus resources that support a student’s transition to college, student health and well-being, and academic achievement.

4:00pm–5:00pm: President’s Reception • Tent on Rawlings Green
Families are invited to meet university administrators under the big tent on Rawlings Green. Enjoy light refreshments at this casual reception with the university president, administrators, and faculty and staff members.

7:30pm–8:30pm: The College Transition for Parents: Beginning Your Journey • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall
College is finally here, after months of anticipation. Your child may be the one beginning a new adventure, but we know that the college transition can impact the whole family. Join Dean of Students Vijay Pendakur to talk about how to approach the coming weeks of your student’s first year at Cornell, as you begin to experience your child’s development at a distance. Students may find that new friendships, challenging academics, and changing family dynamics make this a time of success and struggle, happiness and frustration, sometimes all on the same day. Learn how to embrace your student’s increasing independence, the role you can play in fostering a great college experience for them, and what you can do for yourself to make this a smooth transition.
COLLEGE-SPONSORED ORIENTATION EVENTS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

5:30pm–7:00pm: Family Welcome Reception • G10 Biotech
Join the college for this informal reception with the CALS dean, faculty, and staff to relax and enjoy a selection of hors d’oeuvres as well as local products produced by the college and alumni, including wine, beer, and punch.

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, ART, AND PLANNING

5:30pm–7:00pm: Family Welcome Reception, Milstein Dome
The College of Architecture, Art, and Planning welcomes you to an informal reception hosted by Kent Kleinman, the Gale and Ira Drukier Dean, faculty, and staff. A selection of hors d’oeuvres, local wine, and beer will be served.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

5:30pm–7:00pm: Family Welcome Reception • Human Ecology Building Commons
The College of Human Ecology invites you to join them for informal conversation with Student and Career Development staff members and deans as they welcome you with hors d’oeuvres and a selection of local wines, beers, and soft drinks.

ILR SCHOOL

5:30pm–7:00pm: Parents of New Students Welcome Reception • The Harry C. Katz Courtyard
Join Dean Kevin Hallock and ILR faculty and staff for an informal reception to welcome you to the ILR community. Hors d’oeuvres and beverages will be served.

SC JOHNSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS–CHARLES H. DYSON SCHOOL OF APPLIED ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

5:30pm–7:00pm: Dyson Parents Welcome Reception • 401 Warren Hall
Join parents and families of other new Dyson School students at this informal reception as you are welcomed by Dean Lynn Wooten. Other Dyson faculty and staff will also be on hand for you to meet.

SC JOHNSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS–SCHOOL OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION

5:30pm–7:00pm: Family Welcome Reception • Beck Center Park Atrium, Statler Hall
Join us for this event hosted by Dean Kate Walsh. This is an opportunity for families and parents of new students to mix and mingle with the school’s deans, faculty, and administrators, as well as with other parents.
SATURDAY AUGUST 19

UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED ORIENTATION EVENTS

8:45am–10:00am: New Student Convocation • Schoellkopf Field
This will be your official welcome from university administrators, the student body president, and other key student leaders. Note that it takes 30 minutes to walk to the stadium from North Campus and 20 minutes from West Campus; plan accordingly. If you are notified after you arrive that convocation has moved indoors because of inclement weather, report to the following locations based on your student’s college affiliation:
Bailey Hall: Agriculture and Life Sciences and SC Johnson College of Business–Dyson School
Barton Hall: Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and ILR
Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall: Human Ecology
Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall: Architecture, Art, and Planning and SC Johnson College of Business–School of Hotel Administration

8:30am–5:00pm: Dump and Run Sale • Helen Newman Hall Gymnasium and East Parking Lot
This annual sale is a green way to stock up on items for your student’s new room. Consider shopping here first, and see what you can reuse to reduce harm to the environment. All proceeds go to charity.

1:00pm: Hike with Friends of the Gorge • Meet outside the Tatkon Center, Beebe Lake side
Cornell’s campus is known for its natural beauty, but many never get the chance to fully appreciate its spectacular gorges. Join Friends of the Gorge, Cornell Outdoor Education, and Cornell Botanic Gardens on a scenic walk into Fall Creek Gorge. Come relax, meet new people, explore the campus, and enjoy the beautiful weather.

1:00pm–2:00pm: The First American University: Cornell’s History • G76 Goldwin Smith Hall
Ever wonder how Cornell chose its school colors? How Ezra Cornell made the fortune he used to found Cornell? Or which Cornell alum was responsible for the creation of the chicken nugget? Join Cornell alumnus and Cornell history expert Corey Ryan Earle ’07 as he shares surprising history and fun facts about Cornell.

1:00pm–2:00pm: Career Services Parent Information Session • Uris Hall Auditorium
Learn about the many programs that Cornell Career Services offers to help students clarify career interests, explore options, and land internships, jobs, or spots in graduate school.
1:00pm–3:00pm: Sibling Orientation • Court-Kay-Bauer Quad, North Campus
Calling all siblings of new Cornell students—it is your turn to join in the Cornell fun!
Come out for an afternoon of games, activities, and fun in the sun. Recommended for siblings ages 7 through 14. The rain location is Balch Hall, Unit 1 lounge.

2:00pm–4:00pm: Welcome to Cornell Dining • Robert Purcell Community Center • 1st Floor Lounge and Room 103
Meet and greet chefs, managers, and students from one of the best campus dining operations in the country. Learn about the variety of foods Cornell Dining offers while snacking on cupcakes, vegan desserts, Cornell Dairy milk, and other delicious treats. Information about sustainability, food allergies, student employment, and the Student Assembly Dining committee will be available.

2:30pm–3:30pm: Meet the Greeks for Parents • Uris Hall Auditorium
This session is an opportunity to learn more about Cornell’s sororities and fraternities. Find out how you can support your son or daughter if they are considering participating in Greek Life and meet current student leaders in the sorority and fraternity community and staff members from the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life.

3:00pm–4:00pm: Meeting with Lee Laoshi • Wendy Purcell Lounge, 203 Robert Purcell Community Center
Frances Yufen Lee Mehta will host this meeting for Asian students and parents. Find out about the dynamic activities of the Asian community at Cornell. Frances Yufen Lee Mehta is a faculty member in the Department of Asian Studies and a faculty fellow in the High Rises.

3:00pm–5:00pm: The Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives and Intercultural Center Student Orientation and Parents’ Panel • Robert Purcell Community Center Auditorium
The Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI) and the Intercultural Center at 626 Thurston welcome new students and their families to the Cornell community. You are invited to attend and participate in this special panel discussion to learn about the many resources OADI provides to build community and support your student’s academic success. Join the network of diverse students, faculty, and staff as they come together to honor your student’s momentous new beginning.

3:30pm–4:30pm: Bio Parent Briefing • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall
Biology advisors will provide information to parents about the first-year biology experience and give advice on how parents can best support their student.
4:00pm–5:00pm: All Things Cornell: Students Answer Your Questions at the Tatkon Center for First-Year Students • Tatkon Center
Get the scoop straight from experienced students about all things Cornell from student staff at the Tatkon Center, a support and resource center for first-year students. This informal panel will present on a broad array of topics of interest to parents: from academic support services to campus clubs and opportunities, to Ithaca’s winters, and much more. Come hear from students eager to pass on their knowledge of how to make a smooth transition into college and maximize the Cornell experience. Bring your questions!

4:00pm–5:00pm: Choral Showcase with Cornell University Chorus and Glee Club • Sage Chapel
Two of Cornell’s nationally renowned choirs join together for a brief concert in beautiful Sage Chapel, right in the center of campus. Come hear repertoire from around the world plus favorite Cornell songs. It’s a great opportunity to immerse yourself in Cornell’s musical tradition!
COLLEGE-SPONSORED ORIENTATION EVENTS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

10:30am–11:30am: Dean’s Welcome and Information Session for Transfer Students and Their Families • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall
Make sure you come early to secure a seat and enjoy a pre-session conversation with special guests beginning at 10:15am.

11:00am–12:00pm: Dean’s Welcome and Information Session for First-Year Students and Their Families • Bailey Hall
Make sure you come early to secure a seat and enjoy a pre-session conversation with special guests beginning at 10:45am.

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, ART, AND PLANNING

10:30am–11:15am: Dean’s Convocation • Abby and Howard Milstein Auditorium
Join the college for this AAP welcome event for new undergraduate students and their families. Meet the dean, college faculty, and staff, as well as other new AAP students. Reception will follow.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

10:30am–11:15am: Dean’s Convocation • Tent on the Arts Quad
Dean Gretchen Ritter and the Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education Rachel Bean will welcome new A&S students and their families.

1:00pm–2:30pm: Parents’ Briefing • Tent on the Arts Quad
Advising deans will provide an overview of the first-year A&S experience and describe how parents can best support their student.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

10:30am–11:45am: Welcome and Informational Briefing for Families of New Engineering Students • Barton Hall
The college administration will welcome families of new Engineering students, and the Assistant Dean of Student Services will provide an overview of the undergraduate program, highlight resources for assisting students, and discuss how families can support their new student in the transition from high school. A panel of faculty, staff, and current students will be available to answer questions and discuss opportunities for leadership and engagement in the college.

College of Engineering events continued on next page.
1:30pm–3:00pm: Engineering Dessert Reception and Major Information Fair • Duffield Hall Atrium
Enjoy dessert and conversation with administrators, faculty, staff, students, and families. Gather information about the undergraduate majors, co-curricular opportunities, and college resources available to undergraduate Engineering students.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY
10:30am: Multicultural/EOP Orientation for Students and Parents • 280 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall
Meet college advisors and learn about services and opportunities to enrich your transition and experience.

1:00pm: Dean’s Welcome • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall
Join the college for this welcome event for new students and families by Alan Mathios, dean of the College of Human Ecology.

2:00pm: Parents’ Department Meetings • Locations Available at the Dean’s Welcome

ILR SCHOOL
10:30am: Dean’s Welcome • G01 Auditorium, Uris Hall
All new ILR students and their families will be welcomed by Dean Kevin F. Hallock. An overview of what parents and families can expect as their students transition to ILR and Cornell University will also be presented.

SC JOHNSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS–CHARLES H. DYSON SCHOOL OF APPLIED ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
10:30am: Dean’s Welcome • Friedman Wrestling Center
All new Dyson School students and family members will be welcomed by the school’s administration. An overview of what parents and families can expect as their students transition to the Dyson School and Cornell University will be presented.
SC JOHNSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS–SCHOOL OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION

10:30am: Dean’s Welcome • Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall
New Hotel School students and families will be welcomed by the school’s executive leadership, faculty, and administrators. This event is an overview of Hotel School curriculum, academic expectations, and co-curricular programs at the Hotel School and Cornell University.

11:30am–12:30pm: For Families and Parents: Information Session • Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall
Learn how to best support your student through the critical first year of college. Light refreshments will follow in the Park Atrium where you will join the new students after their advising session.

FIRST-YEAR FAMILY WEEKEND
OCTOBER 27–29, 2017
Visit on First-Year Family Weekend when Cornell University and the Ithaca community open their doors to the families of first-year and transfer students. Family Weekend helps Cornell families learn how to support their students and provides an opportunity to explore the campus and the local community. Join us to share students’ experiences and learn about Cornell’s academics and student life.

REGISTRATION: Online in September 2017. All participants must register for the weekend.

ACCOMMODATIONS: visitithaca.com. We recommend you make overnight accommodations as soon as possible.

FYPW INFO: ccengagement.cornell.edu/families