

Ben Beginnings Events Overview and Details

We are excited about the events and opportunities for our incoming students for the fall semester. Ben Beginnings provides an opportunity for our students to understand what it means to be part of the Benedictine community. Below is key information regarding Ben Beginnings events and details on those events. Those events listed in red are required for new students. All other additional events listed provide students the opportunity to understand and benefit from the interactions for the start of classes on Monday, August 31!

Ben Beginnings on the Fly (Virtual)

Tuesday, August 11 at 4:00 p.m. | Wednesday, August 12 at 12:00 p.m. | Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m.

This virtual session will provide a kick off to Ben Beginnings' programming to assist new students in understanding the purpose of the different events, how to RSVP, and answer any questions as we kick off Ben Beginnings!

Campus Connections (On Campus)

Weekdays, Monday, August 17-Friday, August 28 | 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

This on campus experience (limited to 7 new students per time slot) provides opportunity for new students to visit campus with up to two guests to receive their parking pass and student ID, walk campus to see the commitment that has been made for to our "six-foot campus," tour the resident hall for room layout, submit your health service paperwork or financial aid paperwork, and even visit the bookstore!

Understanding Your Technology Tools (Virtual)

Tuesday, August 18 at 12:00 p.m. | Tuesday, August 25 at 12:00 p.m. | Thursday, August 27 at 12:00 p.m.

These virtual sessions will allow our students to understand the different technologies that will be used for the upcoming fall semester. New students will be able to hear from our Information Technology staff to understand the tools such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and Desired2Learn that faculty and staff will be using throughout the fall semester. Also, new students will understand how to access their Office 365 Student Email and their MyBenU.

Bridge to Success Program (Virtual)

Wednesday, August 19, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Thursday, August 20, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Take an early advantage of the resources that are offered by our Academic & Career Enrichment Center Staff as key tools and tips will be discussed for a variety of topics that include Time Management, Selecting a Major, and Test Taking Strategies. Students can also hear from our licensed learning specialists in the key content areas of Writing or Math based on your placement for the fall semester. Students that sign up for one of these dates will receive more information about the session offerings available during that time of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BenU Healthy Relationships: Eagles Step Up (Virtual)

Monday, August 24-Friday, August 28 | 9:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

This session provides a guide on building healthy relationships among each other, demonstrates how we practice our values by engaging in violence prevention, and calls all of our students to be active bystanders.

BenU Service & Justice: Eagles Engage (Virtual)

Monday, August 24-Friday, August 28 | 10:00 a.m.

This session will start the conversation about race, inequities, and power. It will teach students about methods for starting a conversation about race. Students will be invited to see themselves as vital members of our Benedictine community, how we serve one another, and how we work for justice together.

Academic Preparation and Resources (Virtual)

Monday, August 24 at 1:00 p.m. | Friday, August 28 at 12:00 p.m.

Receive a general overview of the resources available to students to enhance their academic and professional growth through our Academic & Career Enrichment Center and Library. This session will provide an understanding of how to access these resources throughout the fall semester both on campus and virtually.

Stewards of Our Community (Virtual or On Campus Experience)

Monday, August 24 at 11:00 a.m. (On Campus) | Tuesday, August 25 at 3:00 p.m. (On Campus) | Wednesday, August 26 at 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. (On Campus) | Thursday, August 27 at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. (On Campus/Virtual) | Friday, August 28 at 11:00 a.m. (On Campus/Virtual)

This on campus experience will be limited to meet social distancing requirements (with select dates available for live virtual streaming), and will allow new students to understand the BenU Healthy Hallmarks Pledge "Protect Our Flock". This session will provide education and key information to prepare students for the start of the fall semester and their in-person classes.

Please note: On-campus sessions are capped at 40 students to allow for adequate social distancing.

New Freshman Student Residential Move In (On Campus Experience)

Thursday, August 27 | Friday, August 28

New Freshman Student Residential Move In will take place by appointments this year to practice safe distancing. A new student move in time will be communicated by University Housing through your housing portal.

University Welcome and Presidential Toast (Virtual)

Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m.

A toast to welcome our new students and their families to the Benedictine community from President Gregory.

Trivia Night presented by the Alumni Board (Virtual)
Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us as an individual or invite your entire family to partake in Trivia Night hosted by our Alumni Board. Test your trivia knowledge against other new students and families with the chance to win Benedictine prizes!

Student Orientation Group Conversation (Virtual)
Thursday, August 27 at 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 28 at 4:00 p.m.

New freshman students will check-in and engage in conversation with our Student Orientation Leaders and their Student Success Coach to discuss past and upcoming events as well as key information for the start of classes on Monday, August 31.

Summer Reading and Virtual Class Simulation (Virtual)
Friday, August 28 at 3:00 p.m.

This session is required of all new freshman students enrolled in WRIT 1101, LCOM 1105 & HNRS 1190 for the fall semester. Students will take part in an exercise on the assigned summer reading book, *The Glass Cage*. This session will also give a glimpse on understanding the use of Zoom for virtual class offerings.

Transfer Experience Make an Impact at Benedictine (Virtual)
Friday, August 28 at 3:00 p.m.

This virtual session is required of all new transfer students. In this virtual session, transfer students will discuss community building on campus with student leaders, understand how to make a positive impact in the Benedictine community and learn about the resources to help you attain your professional and career goals!

BenFest (Virtual)
Friday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual BenFest provides the opportunity for our new students to participate in virtual activities with our student orientation leaders and have some fun! More details to come!

Residential Student Programming
Saturday, August 29 at 9:00 a.m. | Sunday, August 30 at 9:00 a.m.

A morning of fun events and bonding with your new fellow residents awaits!

Welcome Back Bash (On Campus/Virtual Opportunities pending weather)
Saturday, August 29 at 5:00 p.m.

As we continue to adhere to safe social distancing, this on campus experience allows us to provide an opportunity for our students to engage on campus through fun activities in appropriate settings. More details to come!

Scholar's Programming (On Campus Experience)

Sunday, August 30 at 11:00 a.m.

New students that have been accepted to the University Scholar's Program will partake in on campus programming to prepare for the Scholar's program. Session is led by Dr. Vinkler.

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