



ST. JOHN'S  
UNIVERSITY

2022

# FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ORIENTATION

## Schedule | OVERNIGHT PROGRAM

### DAY 1

#### 9–10:30 a.m. Check-In and University Tour

Upon your arrival on campus, check in and receive your overnight housing assignment and StormCard. The orientation leaders bring you to the Residence Village to leave your belongings in your room before starting the campus tour. They discuss why they call this campus home, while identifying important campus locations critical to your transition as a first-year student at St. John's.

#### 10:30–11:15 a.m. University Welcome

Receive a warm welcome from the Division of Student Affairs and orientation leaders as they introduce you to St. John's University and what it means to be a part of our community.

#### 11:25–11:50 a.m. Meet Your Orientation Leaders

Get to know other first-year students who are going through this experience with you. Your orientation leaders help break the ice and share their experiences at St. John's.

#### Noon–12:50 p.m. Academic Connections: Faculty Tips for Success

Learn from University faculty members who help familiarize you with the collegiate environment and academic expectations. Faculty demonstrate how intellectual experiences within the classroom connect to your future goals and life beyond St. John's.

#### 1–1:50 p.m. Lunch

#### 2–5:35 p.m. Rotating Sessions

##### Share the TEA!

Learn about the Teachings for Empathy and Awareness (TEA), which are essential for cultivating cultural competency skills. Representatives from the Office of Multicultural Affairs explain their role in creating an inclusive and affirming campus environment.

##### Ignite the Fire, Catch the Spirit

Campus Ministry welcomes all religious traditions. As a community of faith, service, and friends, this office takes seriously its unique role in expressing the University's distinctive identity as a Catholic and Vincentian institution as embodied in the University's mission. Gather in

St. Thomas More Church to meet campus ministers who share the many opportunities to be involved in faith, service, social justice, leadership, and the community.

#### REaDy for Success, Red is in Demand

Learn how University Career Services teaches you essential skills and encourages personal responsibility to explore and achieve career goals. Career peers, who are fellow students, show you the path to success through résumé building, practice interviews, and internship and job fairs, which can help develop your professional network and open doors to a dream career.

#### SJ You Experience

You have plenty of opportunities to explore your interests through a variety of clubs, programs, and activities. Orientation leaders share their experiences and discuss how getting involved helped them acclimate to life at the University.

#### Navigating Your First Year

There is so much to know about being a first-year college student. University Freshman Center advisors play an essential role in helping plan your academic experience. They provide academic and personal support during your transition period and are knowledgeable about course scheduling and the requirements for your major. Be sure to take advantage of their expertise.

#### 5:45–7 p.m. Dinner/House Rules

#### 7–8:10 p.m. Free Time

#### 8:20–9:20 p.m. St. John's Riff-Off

A musical challenge you may recognize, St. John's Riff-Off is an opportunity for you to get to know your peers and face off in a musical battle. Be sure to bring your best singing voice!

#### 9:30 p.m.–Midnight Johnnies' Social

School spirit and traditions are a part of the college experience. This is your first official St. John's spirit-filled activity to get you ready for the upcoming year. Join us for fun, games, dancing, and refreshments.



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### DAY 2

**8–9:20 a.m.**

#### **Breakfast**

Rise and shine! Gather in Montgoris Dining Hall and enjoy a hot breakfast with your group. Your orientation leaders then assist you with completing the social media competition requirements. You can also use this opportunity to discuss your college expectations and get answers to any questions you may have from previous sessions.

**9:30–10:20 a.m.**

#### **Student Wellness**

St. John's is dedicated to being one of the healthiest college campuses in the country. Learn how the Student Wellness team engages and collaborates with students and the campus community to deliver programs and services that increase awareness of issues and support students living a healthy and balanced life.

**10:30–11:40 a.m.**

#### **ThinkFast**

ThinkFast brings together all of the components from the past two days in a fun, interactive, game show-style setting, complete with music, trivia, and lots of prizes!

**11:40 a.m.–12:05 p.m.**

#### **Surveys, Giveaways, and Check-Out**

On behalf of the 2022 Summer Orientation staff, we thank you for attending our program. We hope you leave with a better understanding of what makes St. John's unique and what we have to offer to help make the next years of your life memorable. Before receiving your giveaway, please complete the survey and provide us with feedback to help improve our program.

