



ST. JOHN'S  
UNIVERSITY

2023

# FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ORIENTATION

## Schedule | OVERNIGHT PROGRAM

### DAY 1

**9–10:30 a.m.**

#### **Check-In and University Tour**

Upon your arrival to campus, check in and receive your StormCard. On the campus tour, orientation leaders 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 New Student Orientation and orientation leaders as we 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**

Much of your time during New Student Orientation is spent in peer groups led by orientation leaders. These leaders serve as a resource for you. This is also a time to meet other students who will experience college life with you. Please take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions of your orientation leaders about their experiences at the University.

**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.

**1–2 p.m.**

#### **Lunch with Faculty**

**2:15–5:50 p.m. Rotating Sessions**

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

Campus Ministry welcomes all religious traditions. As a community of faith, service, and friends, Campus Ministry takes seriously its unique role in expressing St. John's distinctive identity as a Catholic and Vincentian institution as embodied in the University's mission. You gather at the heart of the campus, St. Thomas More Church, where you meet our campus ministers. They share the many opportunities to be involved in faith, service, social justice, leadership, and the community.

#### **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.

#### **From First Year to Career—You've Got This!**

At St. John's, career readiness happens everywhere, all the time, led by a team of dedicated career advisers who design dynamic programs and deliver digital resources available 24/7. Whether you are exploring your options or ready to dive into a specific profession, our career advisers can guide you as you consider the boundless possibilities. In this session, you learn about the programs, resources, and opportunities available as you discover career interests, develop skills, gain experience, and build the foundation of your professional future.

#### **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**

To help you build a strong foundation, the Center for Student Success is your primary resource as you navigate your first year at St. John's University. The Center is a one-stop hub for first-year students, inclusive of academic and career advising, academic skill development resources and tutoring, mentoring, and other first-year transition programs. Each student is unique and creates their individual pathway. We're excited to help you navigate YOUR personal Johnnie's Journey to Success.

**6–7:15 p.m.**

#### **Dinner/House Rules**

**7:15–8:30 p.m.**

#### **Free Time**



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**8:35–9:35 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!

**9:45 p.m.–12:15 a.m.**

### **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.

## DAY 2

**8:45–10 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.

**10:10–11:10 a.m.**

### **Friends: The College Years—Student Wellness**

"Johnnies look out for Johnnies" as we promote a culture of upstanders who step in when they see a peer in distress. In this session you have the opportunity to explore hard to discuss yet essential topics for college students: alcohol use, sexual violence, and mental health concerns, as well as learn about the services within Student Wellness including Wellness Education and Prevention; the Center for Counseling and Consultation; Sexual Violence, Outreach and Response (SOAR); Student Health Services; the Office of Disability Services; and Campus Recreation.

**11:20 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

### **Think Fast**

ThinkFast brings together everything you 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!

**12:30–12:45 p.m.**

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

On behalf of the 2023 Summer Orientation staff, we thank you for attending our program. We hope you leave with a better understanding of what makes St. John's distinctive 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.

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