KEEP CALM AND ORIENTATION ON

Welcome Week 2013
Welcome to Mount Mercy University!

The Mount Mercy community is excited to welcome you as the newest member of our family. Welcome Week is the perfect time to meet new people, learn about the university, and have some fun! New students are expected to participate in the activities scheduled during the next few days.

The theme of this year’s Welcome Week is “Keep Calm and Orientation On”.

Starting college is both exciting and stressful so it will be important for you to figure out how you will keep calm through all the new changes. Participating in the orientation programs during Welcome Week is the perfect way to figure out how to keep your calm! Becoming a member of a club, singing in the choir or participating in a service trip are just a few of the new experiences you can have at Mount Mercy. All of this starts now during Welcome Week. Don’t miss out on your opportunity for you to make unforgettable memories!

As an added incentive for attending the Welcome Week events, you will have a chance to enter your name in a drawing that will include prizes such as two $750.00 room credits for campus housing for the 2014-2015 school year. To be eligible for the drawing you should take the punch card received in your Welcome Week packet to the events denoted by the “” and get it punched.

Winners’ names will be drawn at Club Friday on August 30. You must be present to win.

Enjoy your Welcome Week experience and if you have any questions about the program please direct them to:

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The Orientation Leaders are a group of returning students who are here to help all new students make the transition to life at Mount Mercy as easy as possible. They are happy to answer any questions you might have and are looking forward to participating in the orientation activities with you!
Saturday, August 24

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Move In & Orientation Registration

University Center Commons
Resident students will receive an orientation schedule, keys, parking stickers, and ID cards. After check-in students are able to move into their residence hall.

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Student Financial Services
Warde Hall
The Student Financial Services office will be open during this time.

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Campus Store
University Center
The Campus Store will be open during this time.

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Buffet Lunch
Dining Room, University Center
Resident student board plans begin with this meal (students will need to show their IDs). Non-board students, parents, and guests may purchase lunch for $6.50.

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Tours of Cedar Rapids
Need to know where Walmart is? How about the nearest Dairy Queen? Hop on the trolley and get a tour of your new town. Tours of Cedar Rapids will be leaving from the front of Regina Hall at 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Seating is limited so sign-up and check-in at the Information Desk.

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Commuter Student Check-in
Information Desk, University Center
Commuter students will receive an orientation schedule, parking stickers, and ID cards.
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
**Opening Session & Blessing**
*Chapel of Mercy, Busse Center*
Sister Shari Sutherland, Executive Director for Mission & Ministry; and Aaron Lacy, Student Government Association President will each offer their welcome to the newest members of the Mount Mercy community.

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**Families**

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
**Family Reception**
*Library Atrium, Busse Center*
Family members are invited to a reception with members of the Mount Mercy community. Light refreshments will be served.

This concludes the family portion of orientation!
Thank you for coming.

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**Students**

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
**Orientation Groups**
The next four years will be an exciting adventure filled with many new people. Start meeting those people now! Gather with the other members of your orientation group and meet your Orientation Leaders.

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
**New Student Picnic**
*University Center Patio*
Enjoy your first meal on campus while sitting outside with other members of the Mount Mercy community.

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
**Mandatory Resident Student Floor Meetings**
*Stello Performance Hall, Warde Hall*

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
**Commuter Student Meeting**
*Room 4, Lower Level Lundy*
8:00 p.m.

**Evening Entertainment**

**Stello Performance Hall, Warde Hall**

Meet up with your orientation group at the location you determined during your first meeting to go over any questions about everything that has happened today, get last minute details about tomorrow’s activities, and then head to tonight’s M²AP Board event featuring magician Norman Ng.

**Don’t miss it!**

**Immediately following performance**

**Ice Cream Social**

**University Center**

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**Sunday, August 25**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Interfaith Service**

**University Center Commons**

People of all faiths are welcome.

9:35 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

**Information Sessions**

**Groups 1 - 5: Library Basics**

**Main Desk, Busse Library**

To survive academically you will need to navigate the campus library. The library staff is eager to show you all the services they have to offer.

**Groups 6 - 10: Safety On Campus**

**Donnelly Room 300**

Find out the facts that will keep you safe as you navigate through college life. Public Safety staff members will provide you with important information as you start your college career.
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Information Sessions
Groups 6 - 10: Library Basics
Main Desk, Busse Library

Groups 1 - 5: Safety On Campus
Donnelly Room 300

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Lunch
Dining Room, University Center

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
All First Year Students Required Meeting
Stello Performance Hall, Warde Hall
College is a time for new experiences and figuring out how to handle different situations. Students will be informed of issues they may face and educated on how to deal with those situations.

2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Cookies and Conversation with the Sisters of Mercy
Sacred Heart Convent
Groups 1 - 5: 2:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.
Groups 6 - 10: 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where Can You Find . . .
Donnelly Room 300
Life outside the classroom can be full of questions and the members of the Student Affairs staff are just the people who can help you find the answers!
Groups 6 - 10: 2:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.
Groups 1 - 5: 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.
Work-Study Meetings
All students employed by dining services should meet in the dining room (have a copy of your class schedule with you). Students employed in other areas should contact your supervisor to schedule your first meeting.

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Mass
Chapel of Mercy
People of all faiths are welcome.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Dinner
Dining Room, University Center

7:15 p.m.
Walk About
Students should meet outside of Regina Hall
Did you know there is a city park, a great restaurant and a Dairy Queen all in walking distance of campus? Join the Wellness staff for a walking tour of the neighborhood.

8:30 p.m.
Speed Friends
University Center Commons
You have heard of speed dating, but have you heard of speed friends? Plan to participate in this fast paced way of making new friends. You never know when you might meet your new best friend!

Monday, August 26

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast
Dining Room, University Center
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Service Project**

**Meet at Busse Library Atrium, Busse Center**

The department of Campus Ministry has organized an opportunity for you to join your classmates in a project that will help out the Cedar Rapids community.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Lunch**

**Dining Room, University Center**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Academic Network**

**Stello Performance Hall, Warde Hall**

You know how to create your social network, but do you now how to build your academic network? Find out how you can succeed in the classroom from the experts! Valuable tips will be shared and your questions will be answered to help you successfully create your academic network.

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Faculty Advisor Meetings**

Your advisor is waiting to meet you! This will be one of the most important relationships you make during your academic career. Take this chance to go over any questions you might have about your class schedule, your major, or anything else you might want to know. You will find your advisor’s name on your course schedule and office location in this booklet.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Founders’ Convocation**

**Chapel of Mercy, Busse Center**

Immediately following Convocation

**Tunnel Signing**

Follow the orientation leaders into the tunnels where you can leave your signature on the wall forever!

**Class Tree Planting Ceremony**

Be a part of this annual tradition that will add to the beauty of the campus and leave a lasting monument to the Class of 2017.
**Mount Mercy Clubs & Organizations Fair**
University Center Plaza
Mount Mercy has over 30 clubs and organizations for you to get involved in. Come and find out which ones interest you. Lots of free stuff and fun!

**Dinner**
Dining Room, University Center

**All Athletes Required Meeting**
Chapel of Mercy, Busse Center
Information about eligibility requirements, the Midwest Collegiate Conference, and the NAIA will be shared with you at this time.

**Tuesday, August 27**

**Classes begin!**
If you aren’t sure where one of your classes is, stop by the Information Desk for assistance.

**Campus Ministry Open House and Ice Cream Social**
Campus Ministry, Busse Center
All campus is invited to the Campus Ministry Open House.
Wednesday, August 28

5:30 p.m.
Men’s Soccer vs. University of Saint Francis
Lower Kingston Stadium
Grab some friends and go cheer on the Mustangs!

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Oh The Places You Could Go!
Betty Cherry Heritage Hall
There are several opportunities to experience other places while you are a student at Mount Mercy. Find out how you can be a part of one of these exciting experiences.

← Freshmen turn in your punch card at this event.
Prize drawing will be held on August 30 during Club Friday.

Thursday, August 29

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Pool Party
Sisters of Mercy Villa
S.T.E.P.S. is hosting a pool party! $2.00 will cover all the treats you can eat and games you can play.
Friday, August 30

3:00 p.m.

Club Friday
University Center

MMUANS, the Mount Mercy nursing club, is hosting the first Club Friday of the year so make sure you don’t miss it!

5:30 p.m.

Mustang Gallop
Jones Park

This is the only home meet for the Cross Country team so come out and cheer them on to victory!

6:35 p.m.

Cedar Rapids Kernels Baseball vs. Kane County Cougars
Veteran Memorial Stadium, Cedar Rapids

The first 75 students can pick up a free ticket to the game from the Information Desk and celebrate ‘Fan Appreciation Night’ with a spectacular post-game fireworks show!
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