

## Overview of Family Orientation Programs – Summer Sessions

On each day of the orientations sessions, students and parents will have an opportunity to do programs together and separately.

### Day 1

**Support Your Student Academically:** A discussion of resources and programs that support academic success. Join representatives from the Academic Advising & Planning Center and the Center for Student Learning as they provide an overview of the services they offer and answer your questions.

**Student Safety:** A representative from the Campus Public Safety Office, will discuss the many safety programs at the College of Charleston.

**Computing and Technology Tips for Parents:** Critical information about using computers on campus, computer technology requirements, and tips for purchasing computer equipment. This session is also a chance for parents to learn about MyCharleston, Cmail, and OAKS.

**College Students in Transition:** The transition to college can be emotionally challenging for young people and families. Representatives from the Counseling Services will offer advice and guidance on supporting your student, as well as the services available to students.

**Parents as Career Coaches:** Tips from Career Services to help your student with choosing a major, searching for a job, and planning for a career.

**Lunch:** On your own or use the lunch ticket that is included as part of the family orientation fee at the Liberty St. Fresh Food Co.

### **Home Away from Home: Fraternity/Sorority Life:**

Fraternities and sororities provide students meaningful experiences in the pursuit of a well-rounded college education and are based on principles that foster academic achievement, student involvement, leadership development, community service, and life-long friendships.

It is our hope that your student may find a home away from home by joining our Greek community. Family member are invited to attend this session with the Office of Greek Life staff to learn about the realities and benefits of membership in a Greek organization, information regarding the recruitment and new member processes, and ways to best support your incoming student during their Greek experience.

**Pre-Professional Health Session:** What does it mean to be a pre-professional student at College of Charleston?

This session provides an overview of the preparation and the corresponding timeline required for students interested in pursuing careers in the areas of: medicine, dental medicine, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, optometry, nursing, and allied health. Students will learn how to choose the best major based on career goals, academic strengths, and personal interests. Families may attend to learn about pre-professional options.

**Campus Tour:** Take an in depth campus tour and learn about the campus from an orientation intern. The tour will provide family members with insights about their student's campus experience.

**Student Roster Athlete Session:** A mandatory information session for student-athletes and parents (families welcome). Meet with athletics administrators and coaches. Topics include insurance, academic course selection, NCAA Clearinghouse/Compliance, financial aid, and athletic physicals. Only Recruited Scholarship and Walk-on Student-Athletes should attend. All attendees must have clearance from head coaches to attend this event

**Hear from representative about the following offices about important information for the families for students**

- Student Health Services
- Office of the Treasurer
- Dining Services
- College of Charleston Bookstore

**Center for Disability Services:** Learn about SNAP (Students Needing Access Parity) services, entry requirements, and support systems for students with learning disabilities, attention deficits, and physical or psychological disabilities.

**Provisional Session:** (Only family members of provisionally admitted students)  
Students in the provisional program may attend this session to meet the program director, sign their contract, and learn about other campus resources. Parents are encouraged and welcomed to attend this session with their student.

**How to be a Successful Transfer Student:** Transfer students and their families can learn from College of Charleston transfer students on how they made a successful transition by getting involved on campus, finding jobs, and making the most of the academic support services.

**Honors College Information Session:** An opportunity for parents of Honor College students to ask the Honors College faculty and staff questions.

**Study Abroad Panel for Students and Parents:** A question and answer session for students and families with representatives from the FYE Abroad program and the Center for International Education. The session will include information about study abroad options and how to prepare for studying abroad during your time at the College of Charleston

**The Basics of Living on Campus:** (Mandatory for On Campus Residents; family members may attend) A question and answer session with the orientation interns about how to have a successful on-campus experience in the residence halls and move-in information.

## Day 2

**Breakfast buffet/ History of CofC:** Enjoy a tasty breakfast and coffee with other parents. You will also hear a brief overview of the history and traditions of the College.

**Small Group Discussions for CofC Parents:** In small informal groups, you will have a chance to talk about your concerns with staff and faculty, as well as other College of Charleston family members.

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**Ask the Experts; Intern Panel:** Do you want to know what it is like in and out of the classroom for College of Charleston students? This is your opportunity to hear from current students about their experiences and ask questions about how your student can be successful.

**Ask a Dean; Faculty Panel:** An opportunity for parents to hear from College of Charleston professors about life in the classroom

**Financial Aid 101:** Tips on educating your student about financial aid, receiving and keeping scholarships, and suggestions on making good financial choices.

**Student Involvement on Campus:** Was your student involved in student activities in high school? Is your student looking to get involved in college? Come hear student orientation interns share their experiences with getting involved on campus.

**What can the Cougar Card do for you?:** Learn about the features and benefits of the campus ID card, including security and Cougar Cash. This session will address how family members can assist students in managing their Cougar Cards.

**Technology Tips from CofC Students:** College of Charleston students will discuss how they use technology in classroom, useful apps and programs and take your questions about technology at the College of Charleston.

**Orientation Information Fair:** On Rivers Green (behind the Addlestone Library), learn about student clubs, campus organizations, and campus offices as well as local banks!