Scholars Orientation - April 5-6, 2020

**Tentative Schedule**
*updated 2/27/20*

**Day 1 Activities**

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Check-in – Colvard Student Union**
Welcome to Scholars Orientation and Mississippi State University! Check-in and receive your Orientation schedule, info packet and T-shirt.

**Organization Fair – Colvard Student Union**
A number of MSU’s most prominent student organizations will be on hand to share information regarding academic, honorary, Greek, and service opportunities at Mississippi State.

**Immunizations**
Students who have not submitted the student immunization form may do so at this time.

5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

**General Assembly – Bettersworth Auditorium**
Enjoy a special university welcome from MSU administrators and faculty, an overview of the Orientation schedule, and general announcements.

5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

**Student Session: Dawg Talk**
Meet with your Orientation Leader to discuss Mississippi State and Starkville living, with emphasis on campus services, student involvement and student life in general.

**Parent Session: Parent Services & Crucial Issues**
Hear from our Dean of Students and learn about your student’s time here and decisions that you as a parent may face.

**Sibling Session (9th – 12th grade siblings only)**
Siblings of incoming freshman who are attending orientation, and are in the 9th – 12th grade, are invited to join Orientation Leaders for a special session!

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Dinner**

**Optional Evening Breakout Session:**

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Greek Life & Student Involvement**
Meet with Fraternity & Sorority Life staff to learn more about Greek Life at MSU including recruitment/intake, membership requirements, and chapter opportunities.
Optional Morning Breakout Sessions:

7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.  College Ready Presentation
Students who are interested or have been selected to participate in this program will have the opportunity to meet with program representatives to discuss their transition to MSU.

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.  Day One Leadership Presentation
Meet with representatives from MSU’s Day One Leadership Program, a living/learning community for freshmen which promotes service, academic success and strong character.

8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  New Maroon Camp
Participate in an interest meeting and learn how you can be involved!

Day 2 Activities:

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Student Session: “Maroon & Write”
All students will participate in our “Maroon & Write” writing assessment.

Parent Session: Student Success Presentation
Hear from the Office of Student Success and learn ways for your student to be successful at MSU, as well as ways to support your student and encourage them while they are here!

Sibling Session

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Student Session: Dawg Talk
Meet with your Orientation Leader to discuss Mississippi State and Starkville living, with an emphasis on campus services, student involvement and student life in general.

Parent Session: Student Health & Well-being Panel
Participate in a Q&A with representatives from Health & Wellness, University Recreation, Holmes Cultural Diversity Center, University Police, and Disability Support Services.

Sibling Session
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Lunch

**Barnes & Noble**
Browse through Barnes & Noble bookstore to get a taste of what MSU’s premier campus bookstore has to offer. Barnes & Noble at Mississippi State is your one-stop-shop for MSU apparel, information about textbook pre-orders, and more.

**I.D. Cards—Campus Card Office, 108 Allen Hall**
Students may have their official MSU identification card made during this time if they have not already done so.

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  Academic Meetings
Representatives from your intended college will provide you with an overview, guidelines, and suggestions as you prepare to register for classes.

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Shackouls Honors College Advising Tips
Get tips from the Dean of the Shackouls Honors College about scheduling your Honors Classes!

2:15 p.m. – Until  Students Only: Course Scheduling – Various Locations
Students will create their schedule for the upcoming semester.

Sibling Session
**After students are finished registering for classes they are more than welcome to participate in the following afternoon activities.**

**Day 2 Afternoon Activities:**

**2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Parent Session: Student Services Panel**  
Participate in a Q&A with representatives from Housing, Dining, Career Center, Parking Services and Barnes & Noble bookstore.

**3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**  
**Parent Session: Money Matters Presentation**  
While students are registering for classes, parents have the opportunity to learn how the University billing system works. Watch a demo of how to become an authorized payer, how to log-in to see your students account detail, and how to complete an online payment. During this session, parents will also hear from representatives from the Office of Financial Aid, Admissions & Scholarships, and Account Services.

**3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**  
**Campus Services & Programs Fair – Colvard Student Union**  
Enjoy this opportunity to learn information and ask questions regarding a variety of student services, including the Dean of Students, Information Technology Services, Longest Student Health Center, and Student Life.

**Housing Preview**  
Preview three different residence halls, each of which represents the different amenity levels offered on campus.