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Welcome to Marian University!
New Student Orientation | Summer 2024

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Welcome to Orientation!

Tyler J. Paul

Director of First Year Experience



Purpose and Goals of New Student Orientation



Our goal at Orientation is for you to find...

■ Connections

- Building community with fellow classmates, Orientation Leaders, faculty, and staff

■ Confidence

- Knowing you made a great choice for your education and seeing all of the ways you will be supported here

■ Comfort

- Settling into your new home and seeing what life as an MU student will be like.

Marian's Franciscan Heritage

Adam Setmeyer

Chief Mission Officer



Welcome from the President

Daniel J. Elsener

President of Marian University



Things to be aware of...

- Name tags
- Orientation Guidebooks
- Schedules
- Bookstore vouchers



Undergraduate Academic Colleges at Marian

- College of Arts & Sciences
- Exercise & Sports Science
- Klipsch Educators College
- Leighton School of Nursing
- Byrum School of Business
- Saint Joseph's College
- Witchger School of Engineering



Morning Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. **University Welcome** Alumni Hall
Learn about Marian's Franciscan heritage, hear from university leadership, and find out some important information you'll need for the rest of the day.
- 9:00 a.m. **Meet the Teams & Fearless First Year (only students)** Various Locations
Connect with your Orientation Leaders and groups, then head over to your first session, where you'll begin to take on the challenges of transitioning to college.
- 9:00 a.m. **Text me When you Get There (Parents & families)** Alumni Hall
Hear from the Director of Counseling how you can navigate separation anxiety and help your student with the challenges they will face as they transition into college.
- 9:45 a.m. **Money Matters** Alumni Hall
Learn the must-know information about Financial Aid and paying for college.
- 10:20 a.m. **Putting the MU in ComMUnity** Alumni Hall
Hear about where you'll live, what you'll eat, and how we'll keep you safe on campus.

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Meet your Orientation Leaders!

Time to get moving!

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Fearless First Year*

Parents & Families, Alumni Hall (you're already here!)

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Managing the Rollercoaster Ride of Your Student's First Year

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Marla Smith, Ph.D., HSPP
Director, Counseling and
Consultation Services

Do you like rollercoasters?

- Changes in the first semester of college can feel like an emotional rollercoaster ride for students and parents/guardians.
- This session will explore developmental changes first year college students experience, particularly with today's cultural influences, and discuss ways parents/guardians and University administrators can partner to help students manage the ride.



Who are they?

- Are college students **children** or **adults**?
- Do they consider themselves children or adults?
- Newer term - Emerging Adulthood (Arnett, 2000)
 - 18-25
 - Become more independent and explore various life possibilities

Factors that can Have an Impact on Emerging Adulthood

- “World’s Longest Umbilical Cord” –Dr. Richard Mullendore




4 Tasks in Establishing Identity as Emerging Adult

- Developing competence
- Managing emotions
- Moving through autonomy to interdependence
- Developing mature interpersonal relationships

Developing Competence

• Intellectual/Academic

- Go to class 
- Reading a syllabus – transfer assignments and tests in to a planner
- Establishing a relationship with faculty – attend faculty office hours
- Study habits and time management – find a consistent study spot, use a planner

• MU Academic Resources

- **Tutoring** – main floor of Library (shift from being the tutor)
- **Workshops** - time management, note taking, and course management
- **Writing Center** – main floor Library (help with critical writing skills)
- **Academic Support Services** – first floor Clare Hall

Interpersonal/Social Competence

- Adjustment to communal living away from home - Difference between siblings and roommates
- Successful communal living requires 3 C's:
 - **Civility**
 - **Communication**
 - **Compromise**
 - 4th Cleanliness is also important!
- Identity Development and “Sense of Belonging”
 - Need to establish a new friend group and support network (leaving long-term friendships)
 - Challenge to develop 3 Key Relationships: peer, role model, mentor
- Need to balance free time and get involved in productive ways

Managing Emotions

- Still growing into emotional maturity – brain is still developing into 20's
- Reminder of emerging adulthood
- One of the primary factors that leads to the conduct process
- Venting versus asking for help

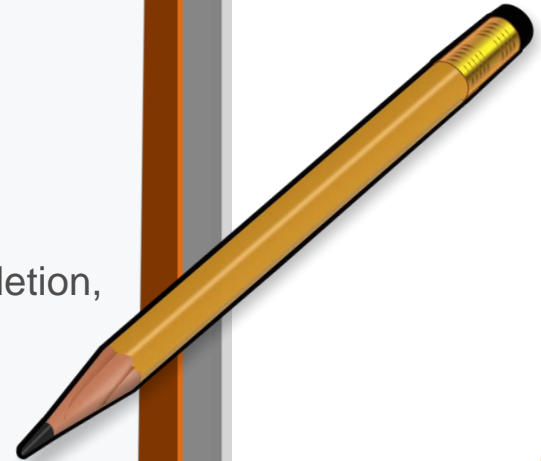


Managing Emotions

- Need to understand, accept, and express emotions
- Difficulty of face-to-face communication and impact of technology
 - **Stream of consciousness for the whole Internet**
- Dealing with anxiety, depression, and/or other mental health concerns
 - **Sometimes difficult to differentiate between need for improved coping skills vs dealing with larger mental health issue.**
 - **If you are concerned about your child, talk to them, and seek help before the situation worsens--CCS@marian.edu**
 - **Tell them it is okay to ask for help**

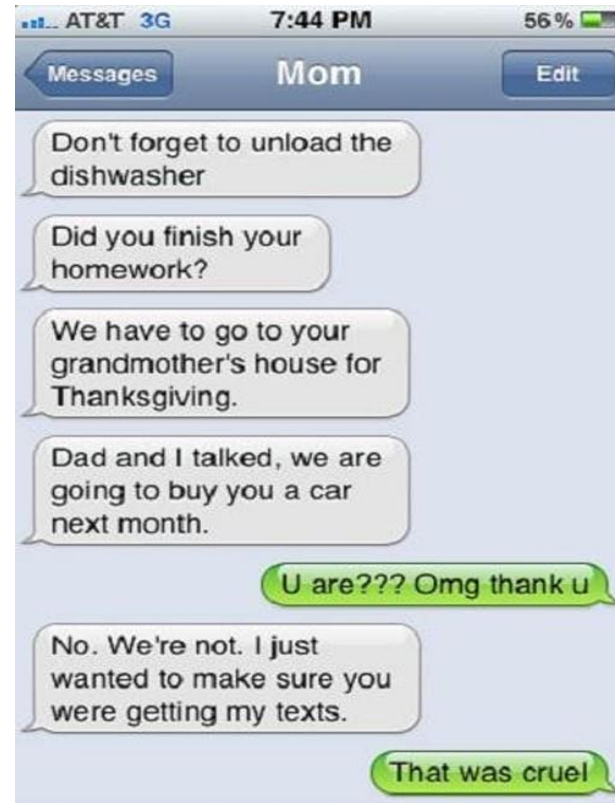
Stress Check – Signs of a Problem

- Significant Changes in Behavior
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Changes in eating patterns/weight loss or gain
- Decline in academic performance
- Increased frequency of headaches
- Recurring colds and minor illness
- More disorganized than usual
- Increased difficulty in concentration, task completion, decision making
- Increased generalized frustration and anger
- Increased exhaustion/fatigue



Moving Through Autonomy Toward Interdependence

- They are now in charge of their schedule full time
- For many of you, this used to be your job
- They have to begin navigating their own challenges with your support and guidance



How to Support Your Student



- **Stay in Touch** – **Set up communication expectations** - *text messages, phone calls, emails, cards, care packages!*
- **Encourage them** – *celebrate victories, encourage when they struggle, remind them of end goal and there is something to be learned from every experience*
- **Don't let them quit too easily** – *help them help themselves. Remind them of past triumphs, how strong they are, that things will get better. Remind them to reach out to resources.*
- **Explore with them** – *when you don't know the answer, learn with them, help them better advocate for him/herself.*

How to Support Your Student

- **If your student calls you for help** - resist the urge to immediately step in - walk them through the problem solving process:
 - **Ask them to explain the problem**; LISTEN don't interrupt
 - **Offer cues and brainstorm resources**: How can I be helpful? What do you think you should do? What options are you considering? Gently remind them of resources in MU Community.
 - **Help your student evaluate their choices**, but don't choose for them.
 - If they still seem stuck, ask, **“What do you imagine my advice would be?”**
 - **Help them practice conversations**
 - **Assure them with supportive words**, “I think you can handle this”, “No matter what, I am here for you”
- **Parents/guardians are powerful referral agents**



Texts Parents Send - Remember Me?

When you question why they are texting you...



*When they recognize how much **you** miss them...*





Trust the Process!

Survival for Parents

- **Recognize that feelings of ambivalence about your child's leaving home are normal**
- **Be prepared and allow yourself to feel your own emotions – whatever they may be**
- **Plan a day of fun for yourself following move in day** 🤗

Counseling and Consultation Services

Clare Hall
Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30
317-955-6150
CCS@marian.edu

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Money Matters Presentation
Fall 2024 Semester

Alice Shelton
Director of Business Svcs

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Starting on the KNIGHT path!

Our Philosophy and Our Partnership

A student should be able to start class each semester without concerns about how and when their University business is completed.

We work with families to support this outcome!

The Marian Business Office, Financial Aid and Knight Quest Teams

Let's leave no question that you have today unasked...and if we do, call us and we'll talk!!

Financial Aid Office:

317.955.6040 or finaid@marian.edu

Business Office:

317.955.6020 or busoff@marian.edu

Knight Quest:

knightquest@marian.edu

Important Dates for your Calendar....

Tuition Due Dates:

Fall 2024	July 15, 2024
Spring 2024	December 15, 2024
Summer 2025	First Day of Summer Session in May 2025 <u>**Use of financial aid in Summer Terms</u>

Bills Available on the MUHub:

Fall 2024	Mid May 2024
Spring 2025	Mid November 2024
Summer 2025	Early April 2025

Other Dates to Remember:

January 31, 2025	Deadline to receive IRS Form 1098-T [available in MUHub]
April 15, 2025	2025/26 FAFSA Priority filing date for Indiana

Information about costs, due dates and payment options are on Marian's website

Step One: Access for Success

Using the MUHub



- Student Access to information
- Parent and/or other Person access to information

Paying the Marian University Semester Bill

- Enrollment Deposit & Housing Deposit
- Application of state, federal and Marian grants and scholarships
- Federal and Private loan disbursements and loan fees
- Payment and Payment Plan Options through MUHub
- Making payment using work study wages
- Private Scholarship payments
- 529 College Savings Plan Payments
- Other outside payment funding sources

Steps to Using Federal Student Loans

Complete This Steps **Annually when using Loans:**

1. Accept Direct Loan award(s) in the MUHub

Complete These Steps at studentaid.gov **One Time Only:**

1. Complete Entrance Counseling
2. Complete Master Promissory Note

Establish Refund Method

Refunds can happen when.....

- Financial aid exceeds billed costs
- Housing Deposits are released



Just in case, set up your direct deposit information in the MUHUB now!

Reminder about Education Tax Credits and Forms

What is a 1098-T form?

Who gets a 1098-T form?

When is a 1098-T form available?



What is a W-2 Form?

Who gets a W-2 Form?

When is a W-2 Form available?

Where do I get these forms? **The MUHUB! Opt In TODAY!**

Tuition Insurance through Grad Guard

- Opt in or out of coverage through the MUHUB.
- Coverage must be secured and paid by day 1 of class each semester
- Family or student elects amount of coverage
- Information and quotes for tuition and renter's insurance:

***** gradguard.com *****



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college life protected[™]

We want you to be KNIGHT READY!!

Paid Enrollment Deposit
Final Official Transcripts
Complete Financial Aid
Complete On or Off Campus Housing
Satisfactory Bill payment

Registration for class is an assumed
part of Knight Quest



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Business Office:

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Knight Quest:

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Karen Candlish, JD '12
Dean of Students

The Marian Promise

At Marian, we promise that students will experience “challenging academic programs *supported by a vibrant and caring community* that guides students in achieving excellence.”

Two Key Take-Aways from the Marian Promise

1. You will be supported by faculty and staff.
2. You will be part of a vibrant and caring community.

Support

- Dean of Students Role:
 - Advocacy
 - Assistance
 - Accountability

Vibrant Community

- Student Activities
- Residential and Commuter Life
- Dining Services

Caring Community

How will you contribute to a caring and supportive community at Marian University?

Scan the QR code to answer the question. Here are some things your classmates said at the first two orientation programs:

- I commit to making Marian a safe place for all.
- I commit to welcoming and including others.
- I commit to being open-minded about other points of view.
- I will try to be the light of Christ on campus.
- I commit to being gracious and kind to others.



Contact Information

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Dean of Students and Title IX Coordinator

Clare Hall, Room 122

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kcandlish@marian.edu

www.marian.edu/title-ix

Housing, Dining, and Campus Safety Staff



Kate Doty
Director, Housing
Clare Hall 141
(317) 955-6318



Scott Jayne
Director, Dining
Clare Hall 121
(317) 955-6343



Robert Richardson
Chief, MUPD
Norman Center
(317) 955-6789

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUTER LIFE

Your home on campus.

Goals



- Live the Franciscan values
- Promote equity, safety, and engagement
- Provide resources and encouragement to students

Staff

- Area Coordinators
 - Resident Assistants
 - Hall Assistants
- Assistant Director
 - Commuter Assistants
- Director
- Student Affairs Specialist



First Year Student Tips and Tricks

- Two residence halls
 - Caito-Wagner and Doyle
- Places to hang out
- What is there to do?
- The shuttle is fantastic!



Which is better: on campus living or off campus living?



- Dependent on each person's circumstances
- Financial resources
- Proximity to campus
- Campus involvement

Apply for on- or off-campus housing

- Apply each year
- Applications are online



Housing Contract

- Fill out each spring for the following academic year
- Break Closings
 - Thanksgiving Break
 - Winter Break
 - Spring Break
 - Summer break
- Lasts for a year
- Signing a lease elsewhere does not exempt you



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events, procedures, and campus
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Website: marian.edu/housing

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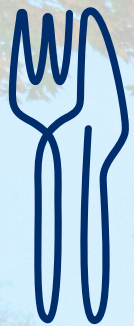
Phone: (317) 955-6318

Email: housing@marian.edu



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marianuniversityhousing Who's ready for s'more Fall weather? These pals are after the Doyle Hall Bon(d)fire this week. Have a great weekend, Knights!



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Dining Locations

The Dining Commons

South side of Clare Hall

- All inclusive dining for unlimited variety
- Check out our limited time offers, pop-up events and themed meals throughout the semester



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Alumni Hall



Paul J. Norman Center



Evans Center for
Health Sciences



Alumni Hall



Residential Meal Plans



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DEFAULT
PLAN

ALL ACCESS DINING

Unlimited meals
\$300 FLEX dollars
5 guest meals

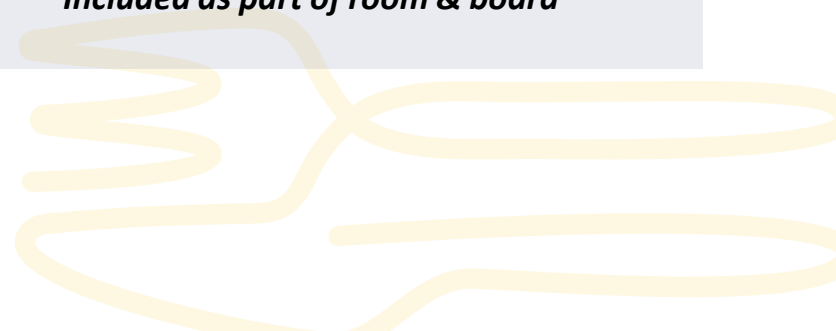
Included as part of room & board

10-11
MEALS
PER WEEK

RESIDENTIAL BLOCK 175

175 meals
\$550 FLEX dollars
5 guest meals

Included as part of room & board



Commuter Plans



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REQUIRED
PLAN

COMMUTER PLAN

\$200 FLEX Dollars

\$200 per semester

\$8.71
PER MEAL

KNIGHT 35 PLAN

35 meals per semester

\$200 FLEX Dollars

**Optional upgrade to the Commuter
Plan*

\$540 per semester

\$7.15
PER MEAL

MU 65 PLAN

65 meals per semester

\$350 FLEX Dollars

**Optional upgrade to the Commuter
Plan*

\$870 per semester

Important Dates

AUG
19

MEAL PLANS BEGIN
for fall semester

SEP
01

**LAST DAY TO
CHANGE**

DEC
15

MEAL PLANS END
for fall semester

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Website: marian.edu/campussafety

Office: Norman Center, First Floor

Phone: (317) 955-6789

Hours: 24/7, 365 days a year



TIME FOR PRIZES

Question 1

How old do you have to be to live off campus, not at your parent or guardian's home?

Answer 1

You must turn 21 by August 31 of the academic year you are applying to live off campus.

Question 2

Name three campus dining locations.

Answer 2

Dining Commons, Starbucks,
Subway, P.O.D. Market, Chick-fil-a

Question 3

Name the person whose office is in Clare Hall that can help advocate for you, respond to student issues, and assist with Title IX concerns.

Answer 3

Dean of Students
Karen Candlish '12, J.D.
Clare Hall 127

Question 4

Name one of the two meal plans that residential students have.

Answer 4

All Access Meal Plan or Block 175

Question 5

Name the hours and days that the Office of Campus Safety and Police Services is open.

Answer 5

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

QUESTIONS?

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Academic Success for Student-Athletes

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- Mr. Steve Downing
- Director of Athletics
- 2024 will be his 14th academic school year with the Knights

What We Will Cover...

- Who is Matt?
- Academic Success Coach
- Reasonable Expectations
- Sample Schedule of a Student-Athlete at Marian
- Eligibility
- Academic and Athletic Resources

Who is Matt?



Indianapolis Kid
Lawrence North HS
New Mexico Junior College
Taylor University
Olivet Nazarene University

Director of Tutoring Center
Academic Advisor
College and Career Counselor
Customer Success Manager



Academic Success Coach

- Success coaching sessions
 - Weekly or biweekly – as needed
 - Barriers to Success (self-advocacy, communication skills, time management, organization)
- Monitor academic progress of student-athletes
- Connecting student-athletes to campus resources
- Concussions/injuries
- SPARK alerts

Reasonable Expectations

Student ↔ Athlete ↔ Person

Reasonable Expectations

- TAKE OWNERSHIP
- GO TO CLASS!
- COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE!
 - Professors, staff, coaches - email, phone, meetings, etc.
- ACADEMICS **HAS** TO BE A FOCUS!

Being a Student-Athlete at Marian

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5:00							
6:00	Morning Lift	Morning Run	Morning Lift	Morning Run	Morning Lift		
7:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast		
8:00	Class	Work	Class		Class		
9:00	Class	Work	Class		Class		
10:00		Class		Class			
11:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Practice	Practice
12:00	Class		Class		Class	Practice	Practice
1:00		Class	Individual workout	Class	Work	Practice	Practice
2:00					Work		
3:00	Practice	Practice	Practice	Practice	Practice		
4:00	Practice	Practice	Practice	Practice	Practice		
5:00	Practice	Practice	Practice	Practice	Practice		
6:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
7:00	Study Tables	Work	Work	Study tables			
8:00	Study Tables	Work	Work	Study Tables			
9:00		Work					
10:00							

Eligibility Basics

1. Entering Freshman Eligibility

Based on HS GPA or ACT/SAT score

Enrolled in min 12 credits

2. Continuing Academic Progress/Academic Eligibility

Min GPA of 2.0

Min of 24 credit hours earned in two immediately previous semesters

3. Must be making normal progress toward a baccalaureate degree

4. Must meet transfer eligibility requirements (if applicable)

5. ****Hundreds** of Exceptions and Exemptions - Come and see me when in doubt!

Academic and Athletic Resources

- Academic:
 - Academic Commons (first floor of library)
 - Peer Tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, Writing Consults, Study Rooms, etc.
 - Academic Advisors & Academic Success Coaches
 - The Exchange (Career Development)
 - SPARK Alerts
- Athletic:
 - Coaches
 - Athletic Department Staff/Athletic Training Staff
 - Athletic Study Tables

Contact Info

Matt Boling

Academic Success Coach for Student Athletes

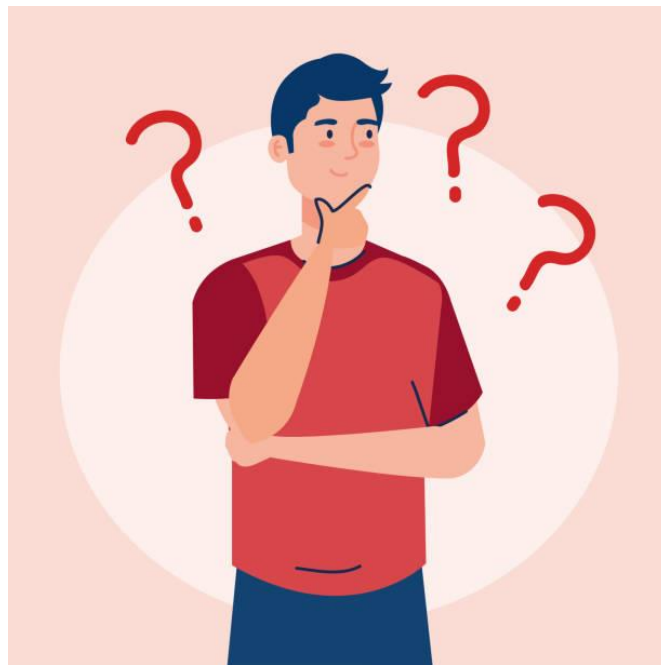
Clare Hall 145

mboling@marian.edu

Office: (317) 955-6471

Cell: (463) 701-1015

Questions?



Introduction to Academic Advising

Beth Tidball, Director of Academic Advising

What is Academic Advising?

At Marian University, advising is a collaborative process that encourages students to take ownership of their academic experience by exploring dreams, identifying goals, and developing meaningful academic plans.

Advising and Registration

- FERPA/MUHub Person Proxy
- Placement testing
- College credit (transfer, dual, AP, IB, etc.)
- Extracurricular plans/demands
- Be flexible

Advising and Registration

- Ask questions
- Review your schedule
- Consult advisor before making any schedule changes
- Connect with your advisor

Questions?

- Beth Tidball
- 317-955-6577
- btidball@marian.edu

This afternoon

- 1:30 p.m. **Academic Advising Rotation (only students)** Various Locations
For the rest of the day, your Orientation Leader will take you everywhere you need to be. You'll accomplish the following tasks with your OL before checking out:
- *Meet with your academic advisor and register for classes*
 - *Complete the program evaluation on your phone (marian.edu/orientation/survey)*
 - *Have your ID photo taken if you didn't do it in advance*
 - *Visit the bookstore to use your \$35 voucher*
 - *Reconnect with your family members at check-out*
- 3:00 p.m. **Check-Out** Alumni Hall
to 4:30 p.m. *After completing the Advising Rotation, you will visit Alumni Hall to sign out, collect your student ID, and ask any remaining questions.*
- 4:00 p.m. **Mass** St. Joseph Chapel (Caito-Wagner)
At the end of the day, we invite you to join us for a Mass in the St. Joseph Chapel.

Time to get moving!

Parents & Families – Alumni Hall (you made it!)

Students – Heading out with Orientation Leaders

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Staying Connected to MU

And must-know tips for MU families!



Get to know the Family Engagement staff



Staying Connected from Home



*Be part of
our new
Family
Portal!*

Welcome to The Marian University Family Portal!

A communication platform that keeps Marian University families informed and involved in their student's college journey.

Log in to get started or Sign Up

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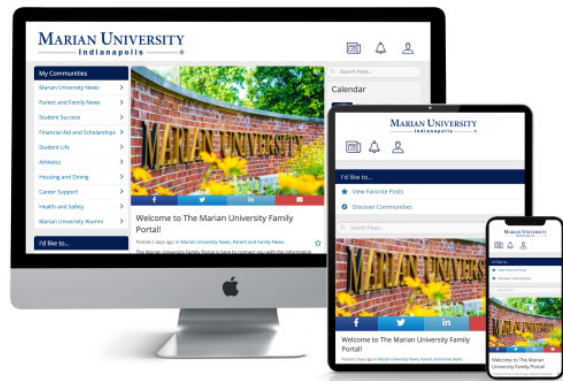


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The Check-In

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Hello, Knight families!

We are busily preparing for your student's arrival in August. At Marian University, we know that you and your student are experiencing not only excitement about the first year of college, but also some anxiety. To help alleviate some of that fear, we have created special summer newsletters specifically for our first-year families. Our goal is to connect you to the campus resources that will support your student through their Marian University journey.

This summer we have hosted two virtual SOAR orientation events with additional programs scheduled for June and July. The Marian University faculty, staff, and I have been enjoying getting to know the students and answering their questions. At this time, you can support your student by:

- Asking your student how they are progressing on their orientation Canvas course module. Students will need to complete all five modules before the start of the semester.
- Encouraging your student to complete their [online housing application](#) and review the precautions the university is taking to keep residential and commuter students safe in our dining facilities and residential buildings.
- Watching Dr. Maria Smith's "Text Me When You Get There" presentation and join us for a live Q&A on June 25 at 7 p. m. EST
- Familiarizing yourself with the [academic calendar](#). In late May, President Daniel J. Elsener shared that our academic calendar was being adjusted and that the fall semester will begin August 17, a week earlier than scheduled. Students attending Saint Joseph's College of Marian University will begin classes August 24.

We are committed to assisting you and your student as you begin this exciting transition. We will continue to provide updates about the steps Marian University is taking to keep your student safe.

Take care and go, Knights!

Jennifer Plumlee
Executive Director
Center for Academic Success and
Engagement (CASE)



*When to
visit us!*



New Student Convocation

Friday, August 16th

- 8:00-2:00 pm, New Student Move-in
 - Some of you may be part of an early move-in group
- 3:00 pm, New Student Convocation
- 4:30 pm, President's Reception
- Grab dinner and say your goodbyes
- Welcome Week activities begin that evening for students!





Family Weekend

Sept. 13-14, 2024

When should my residential student visit home?

Good weekends for a visit home

- Labor Day (Aug 30-Sept 2nd)
- Fall Break (Oct 14-15) & Thanksgiving Break
- Weekends without home football
 - Other events/activities tend to be stacked up with home games

Bad weekends for a visit home

- The first weekend (Aug 16-18th)
 - Beware: HS Football nostalgia
- Family weekend (Sept 13-14th)
- Every weekend
 - Leads to a tougher time connecting and finding their people @ MU

*A hello from the
Personalized
Learning Center*

Some assorted tips all MU families should be aware of!

Drive with Pride

- Any Indiana driver can get one
- \$25 of your purchase goes straight to our scholarship fund
- 1,349 active MU plates today



My student is not yet 18. What do I need to know?

- Your student will need a signed waiver by a parent or legal guardian to participate in certain activities or to access some campus resources.
 - Health Center, University sponsored travel (athletics, trips, etc.)
- FERPA is designed to protect your student's educational records, including their grades. Even though your child is under 18, they are still protected by FERPA.
- Does this apply to you? We'd love to talk more.

Should you bring a car to campus?

Reasons you might want to bring a car first semester

- You're coming from out-of-state
- Your student is a commuter
- Your student has an off-campus job they'll be continuing
- Your student will have clinicals this semester (Nursing/Education)

If none of these apply to your student, have a conversation about why they want to bring a car and what it'll be used for.

Mailing something to campus?

Here's the address you'll use to mail something. Take a photo!

Student first & last name
Building & room number
3200 Cold Spring Road
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Don't pay for Microsoft office! It's free for MU students



Health Forms!

- **Student Health registration form**
- **Student Health immunization form**
- Both forms found online
 - Student login required
- Questions? (317) 955-6154



Thank you!

*Reach us year-round at families@marian.edu
Find more info online at marian.edu/families*

Letters to your student

- Coming to college is a huge transition for every student. During their first weeks at Marian, they'll make memories that will last a lifetime, but also moments of doubt, fear, and stress.
- Please take the next 10 minutes to write a letter of encouragement to your student, that we will deliver during midterm week in October.
- Ideas to get those pens moving
 - “I’m so proud of you because...”, “We know you can do this because...”
 - “We’re so excited for you to...”, “We’ll always be here for you when...”
 - “We love you because...”, “We’ll miss you at home because...”
- Want to include a family member who isn’t at Orientation today? You can also email us a letter to fye@marian.edu. We will print and deliver it.

Family Engagement Panel

Your opportunity to ask all those nitty-gritty questions without worrying about embarrassing your new Knight

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A final reminder from us

- We're here to support you during this transition and throughout your student's journey at MU.
- You're always welcome to give us a call or send us an email if you're worried, nervous, or uncertain about something.
- We want to partner with you to ensure your student is successful at MU and able to overcome any road blocks.

Quick notes about the halls before we go!

- Rooms in both Doyle and Caito-Wagner are about 12'x16'
- Wooden furniture included
 - 2 Beds, mattresses (twin XL)
 - 2 Dressers, Desks, chairs
- Beds can be lofted up to 3 feet or bunked.
- Both building have free laundry, a kitchen, and small mail boxes.
- Students have access to each others lobbies.
- Today we'll see
 - Caito-Showroom, fully set up
 - Doyle-Showroom, fully set up
 - We cannot see the bathrooms because the buildings are lived in.

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