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WELCOME WEEK
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

Happy Move In Day!

8:00 am - 1:00 pm    New Student Check-In    MEC Residence Hall Lobby
Welcome to Bluefield State! We cannot wait to see you on campus! Today’s Move In is scheduled for all new residents. Students are assigned specific times when to arrive to campus, so be sure to follow the directions in the emails you received to your BSU email address with your move-in instructions.

8:00 pm - 10:30 am    Breakfast    Dining Hall

11:00 am - 2:00 pm    Lunch    Dining Hall
Grab some lunch where a variety of specials are offered weekly! Don’t forget your student ID.

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm    Sir Blue Photoshoot    Brown-Gilbert Basic Science
Bluefield State’s very own Great Dane Mascot, Blue, will be greeting the Class of 2026 in the Lobby. Students and family members will be able to meet and take their photograph with America’s Best College Mascot!

*4:00 pm - 5:00 pm    Matriculation Ceremony    Brown-Gilbert BSB Auditorium
The New Student Matriculation Ceremony serves as the university’s official welcome to new students and celebrates academic excellence at the university. This event is required for all new residence hall and commuter students. Students will line up at the Patio of the Brown-Gilbert Basic Science Building to process into the Auditorium. Resident Assistant Staff will be escorting students and leading all new students into the formal program. Parents and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend this special program.

5:00 pm    T-Shirt Distribution & Official Class Photo    Ned Shott Gymnasium
All new students will be given the official 2022 Bluefield State T-Shirt immediately after the Matriculation Ceremony. Students can wear the official T-Shirt for the traditional Class of 2026 Photo.

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm    Dinner    Dining Hall
The Dining Hall is open, grab some dinner! Don’t forget your student ID.

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm    Walmart Trip    Medical Education Center Lobby
Forget something while moving in? Not to worry! Hop on the free Walmart Shuttle to pick up any last-minute items you need before classes begin on Monday. Signing up at check-in is strongly encouraged and students need to meet in the front of the Residence Hall to catch a van.
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm  Photo Scavenger Hunt

Win some terrific prizes at this year’s Photo Scavenger Hunt on campus and throughout the Bluefield Community! Students will be challenged to be the first to get an assortment of photographs throughout the evening.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 am - 9:00 am  Transfer Student Breakfast  Dining Hall

Meet other transfer students and get breakfast together at the Dining Hall. University staff & administration will be hosting the breakfast and all transfer students are encouraged to attend.

9:00 am - 11:00 am  Community Tour  MEC Residence Hall

Bluefield State University is located in one of America’s Great College Towns – Bluefield West Virginia! The “Gateway to Southern West Virginia” is an awesome place to call home, filled with easy access to healthcare, athletic programs, numerous churches, a wide variety of activities, terrific world-class outdoor recreation, and a beautiful nature to explore. Join staff on a guided van tour of the surrounding communities and specific places of interest as you begin your journey as a member of the Big Blue Nation! There will be two (2) tours at both 9:00 am and 10:00 am for our new students. Signing up at check-in is strongly encouraged and students will need to meet in the Residence Hall lobby to take the one-hour tour.

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11:00 am - 12:00 pm  Honor’s College Meeting  Student Union Conference Room

The mission of the BSU Honors College is to provide for its student’s exceptional educational opportunities with a dynamic community of faculty and students sharing a commitment to academic excellence. Student Members of the Honor’s College will be meeting with Dr. Sean Connolly to discuss plans and programs for the academic year. All Honor’s college students should be in attendance.

11:30 am - 1:30 pm  Campus Barbeque  Harris-Jefferson Student Union

Big Blue Dining will be preparing a terrific Campus Barbeque at the Student Union for all new students. Bring your photo ID and enjoy lunch along with games, music, and much more! Menu includes: BBQ Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, and Vegetarian BBQ Chicken Sandwiches with Coleslaw, Macaroni & Cheese, Home-Fried Chips, Cookies & Sweet Tea.

*1:30 pm - 3:00 pm  Mandatory Residence Hall Meeting  Brown-Gilbert BSB Auditorium

This is a mandatory meeting for all new Residence Hall students. Living in campus housing will involve being in a dynamic community of scholars that will augment your efforts to be a successful student at Bluefield State. All new Residence Hall students are required to attend this mandatory program to learn about policies, procedures, protocol, and community standards throughout your time as a residence hall student at the University. Attendance will be taken.

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Go Greek at Bluefield State  Brown-Gilbert BSB Auditorium

Joining a National Fraternity or Sorority is one of the best decisions a student can make at Bluefield State. The University is in the beginning stages of recognizing several nationally affiliated collegiate fraternal organizations. For students wanting leadership, scholarship, service, career connections, alumni engagement, and an amazing college experience, this program is for you!
WELCOME WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | 2022

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  Dinner
   Enjoy some dinner on campus!
   Dining Hall

6:00 pm  Bluefield Ridge Runners Game  Bowen Field
   Join your classmates for an evening of great Baseball at Bowen Field to watch Bluefield’s own collegiate summer baseball team – the Ridge Runners. Just around the corner from the MEC, students will sit together & enjoy refreshments and snacks while watching our Ridge Runners play great baseball in the Appalachian League. What better way to start of the school year & meet other new students?

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 am - 9:00 am  Breakfast
   Dining Hall

11:00 am - 1:30 pm  Lunch
   Grab some lunch! Don’t forget your student ID.
   Dining Hall

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Miniature Golf & More  Glenwood Recreational Park
   Glenwood Recreational Park is a popular regional attraction that includes a stunning 55-acre lake, picnic shelters, fishing, hiking, disc golf, and much more. Students will be transported to the park for miniature golf and paddle boating on the lake. A guided hike, disk golf, and outdoor games will be added attractions. Signing up at check-in is strongly encouraged and students will need to meet in the Residence Hall lobby to take a van to and from today’s activities.

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  Dinner
   Build your own pasta bar with Garlic Bread is today’s featured meal. Enjoy some dinner on campus!
   Dining Hall

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  Minute to Win it Games  MEC Residence Hall
   Student teams will be organized by the RA staff for the Minute to Win it Games. Teams will compete in fun and challenging competitions for great prizes and to see what team will be victorious for the top prize!

*8:30 pm  RA Wing Meetings  MEC Residence Hall
   This is a mandatory meeting for all residence hall students. At your wing meeting you will meet your floormates, get important information on policy & procedures, and find out more about living and learning at Bluefield State University. Check with your RA for details.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

1st Day of Classes  Recommended Attendance for All Students!
8:30 am - 9:30 am  Dean’s Meetings
Get ready to begin your academic journey with your new classmates while meeting and learning more about the college you belong to. During these meetings, you will hear from the Dean of your School and other faculty and staff as they introduce you to the various opportunities available to you and share valuable information about your scholarly journey on the Hill. Students scheduled for class should attend class and not the Dean’s Meeting.

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8:00 am - 11:00 am  Academic Advising & Class Registration  305 Conley Hall
Uncertain of your major or your fall classes? Stop by during drop-in hours and chat with an academic advisor to make sure you are ready for the fall semester.

11:00 am - 2:00 pm  Student Engagement Fair  Harris-Jefferson Student Union
Curious about a student club? Interested in joining one of our awesome campus organizations? Want to get involved in the Bluefield Community? Think you would make a great Fraternity Man or Sorority Woman? Think you can take on a student leadership role on campus? Bluefield State University recognizes that getting involved with activities outside of the classroom is an extremely important part of the college experience. This relaxed and informal event will set you at ease to meet new people, join new groups, and learn more about what might be a good fit for you during your time in Bluefield. All students are strongly encouraged to attend!

11:30 am - 1:30 pm  President’s Welcome Picnic  Harris-Jefferson Student Union
Enjoy a meal and mingle with community members, students, and staff at this informal gathering hosted by President Capehart. Students can use their meal plan for lunch at today’s Picnic.

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Hiking Trip  Pinnacle Rock State Park
Pinnacle Rock State Park is a 374-acre day use state park close to campus and is known for the 3,100-foot sandstone formation that gives the park its name. The park has great hiking trails and is a favorite photo spot for visitors. Join your classmates for a guided 3-mile hike before the semester gets hectic. Signing up at check-in is strongly encouraged and students will need to meet in the Residence Hall lobby to take a van to and from the Park. Appropriate footwear is encouraged and bottled water will be provided to all participants.

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  Financial Aid & Work-Study Orientation  Library Lounge
Come get your questions answered about financial aid and learn more about the student employment program. This orientation will answer your general questions about working on campus and financial aid opportunities as a new undergraduate at BSU.
**WELCOME WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | 2022**

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Dinner**  
Dining Hall  
*Enjoy some dinner on campus!*

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
**Bowling Party**  
Mountaineer Bowling Lanes  
*Join your classmates at the popular local 28-lane bowling center that is equipped with automatic scoring, a snack bar, billiard tables, pro shop, game room and more. The Resident Assistant staff will be organizing teams on each floor and wing for friendly competition. Join your classmates for Pizza, drinks, and FREE prizes!*

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**TUESDAY - FRIDAY**

**Tuesday, August 9th**
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
**Pool Party**  
Ned Shott Swimming Pool  
*Join your classmates for the Welcome Week Pool Party in the College Natatorium, located in the Ned Shott Physical Education Building. At the campus Olympic size pool, there will be games, giveaways, music, and more!*

**Wednesday, August 10th**
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
**Game Night**  
Student Center Game Room  
*Chill out with your new friends and classmates during the first week of the academic year at the Harris-Jefferson Student Union & Game Room. Students can enjoy billiards, ping pong, darts, air hockey, corn hole, board games, and more. Free snacks and refreshments will be provided before the semester official begins at BSU!*

**Thursday, August 11th**
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
**Outdoor Movie & Axe Throwing**  
Student Center  
*Enjoy a great movie and chill out with your new friends at the Student Union. Axe throwing will be this year’s special attraction event for everyone in attendance. A Kona Ice Truck will be at the Union for free shaved ice with lots of fantastic flavors!*

**Friday, August 12th**
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
**Big Blue Bingo**  
Student Union  
*One of the most popular campus events each semester, students play for terrific prizes and just plain bingo fun in the Student Union. Bring your new friends to enjoy snacks, music, and more!*

*Friday’s Matriculation Ceremony, Saturday’s Residence Hall New Student Meeting, and Sunday’s RA Wing Meeting are mandatory events for all new students. Freshman commuter students can receive complementary tickets for meals throughout the Welcome Weekend & Parents of new students can receive complementary tickets for Friday’s lunch by contacting the Office of Student Activities at 304.327.4323. Please arrive 15 minutes early to attend these important required programs. GO BIG BLUE!*
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Fan Fest 2022
Chicory Square

BSU Athletics is pleased to host Fan Fest 2022 for all members of the Big Blue Family. Members of each team will be signing posters and taking pictures with fans. There will be games, music, and a special appearance from our Mascot Blue!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

1:00 pm
Big Blue Women’s Soccer Team vs. Mount Olive Trojans

Bluefield State will host the Trojans on August 16th and all new students are especially encouraged to attend. All students get free admission to the East River Soccer complex.

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