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# WELCOME WEEK 2024

# FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

# Happy Move In Day!



8:00 am - 12:00 pm N

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 am - 10:30 am

**Breakfast** 

Dining Hall



10:00 am - 11:00 am

Sir Blue Photoshoot

MEC Residence Hall Lobby

Bluefield State's very own Great Dane Mascot will be greeting the Class of 2027 in the Lobby. Students and family members will be able to meet and take their photograph with America's Best College Mascot!



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.



\*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 college. **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 2024 Bluefield State T-Shirt immediately after the Matriculation Ceremony. Students can wear the official T-Shirt for the traditional Class of 2026 or 2028 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 Eduation 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.





6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Game Night

Join your fellow new students at the MEC for Game Night 2024. We'll have Cornhole, Spikeball, Giant Jenga, Crossnet, and much more! Of course, there will be snacks as well!!

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**



9:30 am - 11:00 am

**Breakfast** 

Dining Hall



10:30 am - 11:30 am Honor's College Meeting

Brown-Gilbert BSB Verandah

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. Sudhakar Jamkhandi 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. Enjoy a meal and mingle with community members, students, and staff and this informal gathering hosted by President Martin. Bring your photo ID and enjoy lunch along with games, music, and much more! Menu includes: Sliced Brisket, Grilled BBQ Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad, Corn Muffins, Cajun Homestyle Chips, Blue & Gold Cupcakes & 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. This program will be an opportunity to meet the recognized national fraternal organizations on campus, including a new colony. For students wanting an easy way to meet new friends, leadership, scholarship, service, career connections, alumni engagement, and an amazing college experience, this program is for you!



4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Dinner

Dining Hall

Enjoy some dinner on campus!





8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Laser Tag** 

Christian Acres Camp

Join your classmates for an evening to have some fun with laser tag! Just about 10 minutes from campus to Christian Acres camp for outdoor laser tag. Students needing transportation to and from campus will meet in the MEC lobby between 7:30 pm & 7:45 pm. What better way to start of the school year & meet other new students?

# SUNDAY, AUGUST 18



8:30 am - 10:30 am

**Breakfast** 

Dining Hall



11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Lunch

Dining Hall

Grab some lunch! Don't forget your student ID.



Noon - 3:00 pm

Water Park Cookout

Lincolnshire Park

Lincolnshire Park is a population regional attraction in Tazewell that includes a stunning lake where students can participate in several water sports including kayaking & paddleboarding. There is also an inflatable agua park at Lincolnshire, along with two baseball fields, a soccer field, two tennis courts, and a basketball court. Students should meet in the lobby of the MEC at 12:00 pm for a ride over to the park. Wear your swimsuit, and bring a towel! We'll bring the drinks and snacks to keep you cool & we'll bring you back to the MEC when the event is over.



4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Dinner

Dining Hall

Enjoy some dinner on campus!



\*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 19



1st Week of Classes Mandatory Attendance for All Students!



#### Regular Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Hours in the BSU Dining Hall begin today:

#### Monday - Friday

 Breakfast
 7:00 am - 10:00 am

 Light Breakfast (Continental)
 10:00 am - 10:30 am

 Closed
 10:30 am - 11:00 am

 Lunch
 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

 Light Lunch (Grill, Sandwiches, Salad Bar)
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

 Dinner
 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

#### **Saturday & Sunday**

Brunch - 10:00 am – 1:30 pm Light Lunch (Grill, Sandwiches, Salad Bar) - 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm Dinner - 4:00 pm



8:00 am - 4:00 pm 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.



1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Financial Aid & Work-Study Orientation 106 Conley Hall

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.



9:30 pm - Midnight Bowling Party *Mountaineer Bowling Lanes* 

Join your classmates at the popular local 28-laine 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!



# TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 23



#### Tuesday, August 20th

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Outdoor Movie & S'Mores** 

Student Union

Enjoy an evening of games, music & food beginning at 7:00 pm. As soon as it gets dark, we will start the movie & you can chill out with your new friends at the Student Union. Check our Instagram account for the movie title reveal.



#### Wednesday, August 21st

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Dodgeball Tournament

Ned Shott Gymnasium

Students are encouraged to join us for one of the most popular intramural events of the year! Residence Hall students needing transportation to the Gym should meet in the lobby of the MEC between 7:30 & 8:00 pm. Bring a team with you to play dodgeball or join a team when you arrive! Seven-person maximum per team (you cannot play for more than one team). A pre-registration link will be sent to your student email, but you can register at the door (the earlier you register, the earlier your team gets to play). Get ready for a super fun night. If you don't love dodgeball, come on out to cheer on your favorite team!



#### Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 pm - 10:00 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, music, karaoke, pool floaties, Crosssnet H20 tournament, and more! Residence Hall student transportation will be available in the MEC lobby between 7:30 & 8:00 pm.



#### Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 pm - 10:00 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. There will be twelve (12) prize packs along with food & drinks – so even if you're running late, come to the student union for some great fun. Residence Hall students who need transportation can meet in the MEC lobby between 7:00 & 7:30 pm.

\*Friday's Matriculation Ceremony, Saturday's Residence Hall New Student Meeting, and Sunday's RA Wing Meeting are mandatory events for all new students. Please arrive 15 minutes early to attend these important required programs. GO BIG BLUE!

# **EVENTS AFTER WELCOME WEEK | 2024**

# **SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**



6:00 pm

Big Blue Football Team vs. Winston Salem State Rams

Bluefield State will host the WSSU Rams on August 31st and all new students are especially encouraged to attend. All students get free admission to Mitchell Stadium. GO BIG BLUE!

# WE ARE SO EXCITED THAT YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER OF THE BIG BLUE FAMILY!!

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