WELCOME!

Your student is embarking on an amazing academic journey, and Cornell views parents and family members as essential partners in supporting your student’s success here.

We invite you to join us for Family Orientation programming on Friday, August 19, and Saturday, August 20. Students are required to attend New Student Orientation, from August 19 through 22; classes begin August 23.

PARENTS ONLY: Events listed in this schedule are open to families and their new Cornell students, except those marked ☑, which are for parents and family members only.

LOCATING EVENTS: Campus maps are readily available on campus. Each event listing in this guide is followed by a grid reference to the large printed campus map.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING: Those with accessible parking license plates/placards from their home municipality can utilize any accessible parking spaces on campus from Friday, August 19, through Sunday, August 21. Note that accessible placards can be used only in spaces marked for accessibility; they cannot be used in spaces marked as “reserved.”

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION: Contact the office of Residential and New Student Programs (cu_orientation@cornell.edu; 607.254.7233) by August 5 if you need disability accommodations. Visit disability.cornell.edu/visitors.cfm for information on campus accessibility.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED ORIENTATION EVENTS

THROUGHOUT THE DAY: GETTING AROUND
Free shuttle buses will take you between North and West Campuses and New Student Check-In (Friday only) between 7:30am and 5:00pm. Park your car as directed by Transportation and use these shuttles.

MOVE-IN: DESIGNATED TIME
Students need to accomplish only two important things before Friday night: move in to the residence hall and attend New Student Check-In.

MOVE-IN INFORMATION
Due to the large number of students checking in to residence halls on Friday, students assigned to those communities are given a move-in time based on the first letter of their last name.

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Transfer students assigned to 112 Edgemoor, Schuyler House, or 122 McGraw Place may move in any time Friday between 8:00am and 5:00pm.

8:00am–4:00pm: New Student Check-In • Bartels Hall • E5–6
At New Student Check-In, students will pick up their Cornell ID card. Staff from university departments will provide information and answer questions. You may attend check-in any time Friday; students who are assigned a 2:00pm to 5:00pm move-in time are expected to attend check-in before moving into their residence hall.
All day Friday and Saturday: The Cornell Store Back-to-School Events • The Cornell Store, Ho Plaza • C5

Join The Cornell Store for all your new-to-Cornell shopping. Cornell Store’s Technology Connection, authorized dealer for Apple, Dell, Adobe, and Microsoft, helps evaluate or purchase computer hardware and software at exclusive academic discounts and offers trade-in promotions on used and broken electronic devices.

The Cornell Store partners with Bed, Bath, and Beyond, to offer everything for the residence hall including bedding and storage containers, hangers, hooks, and more. (Hours: 8:00am to 7:00pm)

10:00am–4:00pm: Tour of Willard Straight Theatre • Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Hall • B5

Enjoy a tour of Willard Straight Theatre, home of Cornell Cinema, the acclaimed campus film exhibition program showing a wide variety of films, both classic and contemporary, in a classic movie theatre.

11:30am–12:30pm: Career Services Already? • HEC Auditorium, 132 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4

Absolutely! Come learn why your student might want to look to the future . . . now. You’ll learn about the many programs that Cornell Career Services offers to help students clarify career interests, explore options, and land internships, jobs, or spots in graduate school. Although students have just arrived, it’s not too early to start.

1:00pm–2:00pm: Just for Families • 305 Ives Hall • D5

Join Dr. Christine Schelhas-Miller, retired Human Development faculty member and author of Don’t Tell Me What to Do, Just Send Money: The Essential Parenting Guide to the College Years for this popular annual lecture. Dr. Schelhas-Miller will provide some helpful (and humorous) tips on navigating your relationship with your college student. After the program, Dr. Schelhas-Miller will sign copies of her book at The Cornell Store.

2:00pm–3:00pm: Meet the Greeks for New Students and Families • Lewis Auditorium, G76 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4

Cornell is host to one of the nation’s largest and most notable fraternity and sorority communities. This session is an opportunity to learn more about these organizations and meet current student leaders in the Greek community and staff members from the Office of Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living.

2:00pm–3:00pm: Money Matters • Uris Auditorium, G01 Uris Hall • C5

This informative presentation will address topics ranging from bursar bills, the CornellCard, and Big Red Bucks to general financial aid questions. Sponsored by the University Bursar, Student and Campus Life, and the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment. This session is also offered Saturday at 2:00pm.

3:00pm–4:00pm: Student Disability Services Reception • First Floor Conference Room, 105 Robert Purcell Community Center • E2

This reception is an opportunity for students and parents to meet the staff of Student Disability Services. Staff members will share information about disability services, the accommodation process at Cornell, and campus resources that promote academic achievement. Knowing about and using disability services often contributes to a successful transition to college. The SDS staff will also offer information on ways parents can support their student during this transition.

4:00pm–5:00pm: Welcome Reception • Tent on Rawlings Green • E3

Families are invited to meet university administrators under the big tent on Rawlings Green. Enjoy light refreshments at this casual reception with administrators, faculty, and staff.
5:00pm–7:00pm: The Cornell Shabbat Experience • 218 Robert Purcell Community Center
• E2
Families are welcome to relax after their student’s move-in and get a taste of the Cornell Shabbat experience. Enjoy a Shabbat meal and an a cappella performance, meet new people, and hear from upper-level students about their experiences at Cornell. Dinner will be catered by 104 West!, Cornell’s kosher/multicultural dining hall. RSVPs preferred; walk-ins accommodated. Visit the website hillel.cornell.edu to reserve a spot. There is a fee associated with this program.

7:30pm–8:30pm: Cornell Parenting 101 • Bailey Hall • D4
Join Ryan Lombardi, vice president for Student and Campus Life, as he discusses the academic, social, and health support systems on campus to support your student. He will answer questions about what to expect as Cornell parents.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

■ COLLEGE-SPONSORED ORIENTATION EVENTS

■ COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

5:30pm–7:00pm: Family Welcome Reception • Department of Communications, 451 Mann Library • E4
Join the college for this informal reception with the CALS dean, faculty, and staff to relax and enjoy a selection of hors d’oeuvres as well as local products produced by the college and alumni, including wine, beer, and punch.

■ COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, ART, AND PLANNING

5:30pm–7:00pm: Family Welcome Reception • Milstein Dome • C3–4
Join Gale and Ira Drukier Dean Kent Kleinman for an informal reception with AAP faculty, staff, and parents. A selection of hors d’oeuvres, as well as local wine and beer will be served.

■ SCHOOL OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION

5:30pm–7:00pm: Family Welcome Reception • Beck Center Park Atrium, Statler Hall • CD6
The School of Hotel Administration invites you for an evening event hosted by the Dean. This is an opportunity for parents to mix and mingle with the school’s deans, faculty members, and administrators as well as with other SHA parents. Hors d’oeuvres and beverages will be served. Casual attire is suggested. An invitation will be sent in late July.

■ COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

5:30pm–7:00pm: Family Welcome Reception • Martha Van Rensselaer Commons • DE4
The College of Human Ecology invites you to join them for informal conversation with Student and Career Development staff members and deans as they welcome you with hors d’oeuvres and a selection of local wines, beers, and soft drinks.

■ ILR SCHOOL

5:30pm–7:00pm: Parents of New Students Welcome Reception • The Harry C. Katz Courtyard • D5
Join Dean Kevin Hallock and ILR faculty and staff for an informal reception to welcome you to the ILR community. Hors d’oeuvres and beverages will be served. An invitation will be sent in late July.
UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED ORIENTATION EVENTS

7:45am–8:45am: Alumni Families and Legacy Reception • Tent on Rawlings Green • E3
Family members who are Cornell alumni, entering Cornellians, and students who have any Cornell ancestors are all cordially invited for juice, coffee, and pastries before New Student Convocation. This event is sponsored by Alumni Affairs and Development.

8:45am–10:00am: New Student Convocation • Schoellkopf Stadium • D6
This will be your official welcome from university administrators and student leaders. Note that it takes 30 minutes to walk to Schoellkopf Stadium from North Campus and 20 minutes from West Campus; plan accordingly. If you are notified after you arrive that convocation has moved indoors because of inclement weather, report to the following locations based on your student’s college affiliation:
- Bailey Hall: Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Bartels Hall: Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and ILR
- Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall: Human Ecology
- Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall: Architecture, Art, and Planning and Hotel Administration

10:00am–6:00pm: Dump and Run Sale • Helen Newman Hall • E3
This annual sale is a green way to stock up on items for your student’s new room. Consider shopping here first and see what you can reuse to reduce harm to the environment. All proceeds go to charity.

1:00pm–3:00pm: Sibling Orientation • Court-Kay-Bauer Quad, North Campus • D2
Calling all siblings of new Cornell students—it is your turn to join in the Cornell fun! Come out for an afternoon of games, activities, and fun in the sun. Recommended for siblings ages 7 through 14. The rain location is the Tatkon Center, South Balch Hall.

1:00pm and 3:00pm: Take a Hike with Friends of the Gorge • meet outside the Tatkon Center, Beebe Lake side • D3
Cornell’s campus is known for its natural beauty. Join Friends of the Gorge on a scenic walk around Fall Creek Gorge and Beebe Lake. Come relax, meet new people, explore campus, and enjoy the beautiful weather.

2:00pm–3:00pm: Money Matters • Uris Auditorium, G01 Uris Hall • C5
See description in Friday, August 19 schedule.

2:00pm–4:00pm: Welcome to Cornell Dining! • Appel Fireside Lounge, Appel Commons • E3
Meet and greet with chefs, managers, and students from one of the best campus dining operations in the country! Cornell Dining is hosting a meet, greet, and decorate your own cupcake. Come and see what Cornell Dining has to offer while snacking on a cupcake or drinking some fresh Cornell Dairy milk. Information about sustainability, food allergies, and the Student Assembly Dining committee will also be available.

3:00pm–4:00pm: Meeting with Lee Laoshi • Wendy Purcell Lounge, 203 Robert Purcell Community Center • E2
Frances Yufen Lee Mehta will host this special meeting for Asian students and parents. This will be a great chance to find out about the dynamic activities of the Asian community at Cornell. Frances Yufen Lee Mehta is a faculty member in the Department of Asian Studies and a Faculty Fellow in the High Rises.
3:00pm–5:00pm: The Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI) and Intercultural Center Student Orientation and Parents’ Panel • Robert Purcell Community Center Auditorium • E2
The Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI) and the Intercultural Center at 626 Thurston welcome new students and their families to the Cornell University community. Come learn about the many resources they provide to build community and support your student’s academic success. Join the network of diverse students, faculty, and staff and come together to honor your student’s momentous new beginning.

3:30pm–4:30pm: Bio Parent Briefing • Call Auditorium, Kennedy Hall • D5
Biology advisors will provide information to parents about the first-year biology experience and give advice on how parents can best support their student.

4:00pm–5:00pm: First Lecture Series: The First American University • Uris Auditorium, G01 Uris Hall • C5
Ever wonder how Cornell chose its school colors? How Ezra Cornell made the fortune he used to found Cornell? Or which Cornell alum was responsible for the creation of the chicken nugget? Come join Cornell alumnus and Cornell history expert Corey Ryan Earle ’07 as he shares some surprising history and fun facts about Cornell.

4:00pm: Choral Showcase performed by the Cornell University Chorus and Glee Club • Sage Chapel • C5
Two of Cornell’s nationally renowned choirs join together for a brief concert in the beautiful Sage Chapel, right in the center of campus. Come hear repertoire from around the world, plus favorite Cornell songs—it’s a great opportunity to immerse yourself in Cornell’s musical tradition!

5:00pm–6:00pm: Welcome and Resource Session for DACAmented Students • Robert Purcell Community Center Auditorium • E2
We welcome students who have DACA status or are themselves undocumented and their families to this session where you will meet the advisors and resource people who can assist with financial aid, employment, visa, and other important questions for your student’s successful adjustment, support, and thriving here at Cornell. Sponsored by the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

■ COLLEGE-SPONSORED EVENTS

■ COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES
10:30am–11:30am: Dean’s Welcome and Information Session for Transfer Students and Their Families • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall • D5
Make sure you come early to secure a seat and enjoy a pre-session conversation with special guests beginning at 10:15am.

11:00am–12:00pm: Dean’s Welcome and Information Session for First-Year Students and Their Families • Bailey Hall • D4
Make sure you come early to secure a seat and enjoy a pre-session conversation with special guests beginning at 10:45am.

■ COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, ART, AND PLANNING
10:30am–11:15am: Dean’s Convocation • Abby and Howard Milstein Auditorium • C3–4
Join the college for this welcome for new students and parents. Meet the dean, college faculty, staff, and other new AAP students and families. Reception will follow.
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

10:30am–11:15am: Dean’s Convocation • Tent on the Arts Quad • C4

1:00pm–2:30pm: Parents’ Briefing • Tent on the Arts Quad • C4

Advising deans will provide an overview of the first-year Arts and Sciences experience.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

10:30am–11:45am: Welcome and Informational Briefing for Families • Newman Arena, Bartels Hall • E5–6

Families of new Engineering students will be welcomed by the college administration. The Assistant Dean of Student Services will provide an overview of the undergraduate program, highlight resources for assisting students, and discuss how families can support their new college student. A panel of faculty, staff, and current students will answer questions and discuss leadership and engagement opportunities for students.

1:30pm–3:00pm: Engineering Dessert Reception and Major Information Fair • Duffield Hall Atrium • C6

Enjoy dessert and conversation with administrators, faculty, staff, students, and families. Gather information about the undergraduate majors, co-curricular opportunities, and college resources available to undergraduate Engineering students.

SCHOOL OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION

10:30am Dean’s Welcome • Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall • C5

All new School of Hotel Administration (SHA) students and family members will be welcomed by the school’s executive leadership, faculty, and administrators. An overview will be offered describing curriculum and academic expectations as well as opportunities for new students at SHA and Cornell University.

11:30am–12:30pm: Parent Information Session • Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall • C5

Parents will get information about the advising process at SHA and learn more about what the SHA student’s first year will be like. Light refreshments will follow in the Park Atrium.

1:00pm: School of Hotel Administration and Statler Hotel Tours • Statler Hall • C5

Tours will be conducted by School of Hotel Administration Ambassadors for new students and parents. Meet in the Statler Hall World Atrium.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

10:30am: Multicultural/EOP Orientation for Students and Parents • 280 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall • DE4

Meet college advisors and learn about services and opportunities to enrich your students’ transition and experience.

1:00pm: Dean’s Welcome • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall • D5

Join the college for this welcome event for new students and families by Alan Mathios, dean of the College of Human Ecology.

2:00pm: Parents’ Department Meetings • Locations Available at the Dean’s Welcome

ILR SCHOOL

10:30 am: Dean’s Welcome • G1 Auditorium, Uris Hall • C5

All new ILR students and their families will be welcomed by Dean Kevin F. Hallock. An overview of what parents and families can expect as their students transition to ILR and Cornell University will also be presented.
FIRST-YEAR PARENTS’ WEEKEND

OCTOBER 21–23, 2016

Cornell University and the Ithaca community open their doors to the families of first-year and transfer students. Parents’ Weekend (FYPW) helps Cornell families learn how to support their students and provides an opportunity to explore the campus and the local community. Join us to share students’ experiences and learn about Cornell’s academics and student life.

REGISTRATION: Online in September 2016. All participants must register for the weekend.

ACCOMMODATIONS: visitithaca.com. We recommend you make overnight accommodations as soon as possible.

FYPW INFO: dos.cornell.edu/residential-new-student-programs/families-new-students/first-year-parents-weekend