



Friday, August 23 – Monday, August 26

Welcome to Simpson College! The entire Simpson Community is excited to finally have you on campus. Below is the schedule for Welcome Week, along with a key indicating which sessions and activities are mandatory (though we would love to see you at everything).

Have a wonderful week and academic year!

Friday, August 23



7:15am – 3:00pm	Millies Coffee Shop Open	Kent Campus Center
10:00am – 4:00pm	A Simpson Tradition: The Simpson Couch! <i>Take a picture with your family/guests to mark your start at SC</i>	Pedestrian Plaza Sculpture
8:30am – 5:00pm	Mailroom Open	Kent Campus Center
11:30am – 1:00pm	Alumni Legacy Luncheon – By Invite Only <i>Contact Mady Nachtman with questions: mady.nachtman@simpson.edu</i>	Kent Campus Center Principal Black Box
1:45pm – 2:00pm	Transfer Student & First-Year Commuter Student Check-In <i>Transfer students and incoming students who are living off campus, should check in here.</i>	Kent Campus Center Atrium
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Meet your SC Leader	Black Box
3:15pm – 4:00pm	Welcome Service <i>Join the Simpson College community as we officially welcome you to the Simpson family! All new students are expected to attend.</i>	Smith Chapel Outdoor Steps
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Time to Say Goodbye <i>It is time to say goodbye and prepare for Welcome Week festivities! Join fellow students and guests for lemonade and cookies as you say your goodbyes.</i>	Tent outside of Mary Berry Hall
5:00pm – 7:30pm	Community Building & Pizza on the Plaza <i>Meet President Byers, mingle with classmates, and eat pizza from a few of our favorite local pizza places!</i> 5:00pm – 6:00pm: Enjoy dinner from our favorite pizza places from around Indianola! 6:00pm – 7:00pm: Break / Games with your Foundations class	At 5pm, meet your SCL in the same location you met them before the Welcome Service
7:30pm	Commuter & Transfer Student Mingle <i>Commuter students and transfer students can join current students on the Smith Chapel Patio for fun and conversation!</i>	<i>Connect with your CA to find out where your floor will meet.</i>
8:30pm	BINGO <i>BINGO is a tradition at Simpson. Join this unique new-students-only BINGO event! Hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB).</i>	Kent Campus Center Hubbell Hall

Offices Open on Friday, August 23 8:00am-4:30pm

Office of Admissions – College Hall
 Business Office – Hillman Hall
 Office of Financial Aid – College Hall
 Information Technology – McNeill Hall, lower level
 Spirit Shop – Kent Campus Center

Registrar's Office – Hillman Hall
 Student Development – Kent Campus Center
 Holy Grounds – Dirlam Lounge, Smith Chapel
 Mailroom – Kent Campus Center, 10am-3pm

Saturday, August 24

7:00am – 9:00pm	Pfeiffer Dining Hall	Pfeiffer Dining Hall
9:30am – 2:30pm	Millies Coffee Shop	Kent Campus Center
10:00am – 1:30pm	Building Community <i>Spend the morning engaging in a service project with Meals from the Heartland, conversations with classmates, and building community during lunch.</i> 10:00am – 11:30am: Community Dialogue (Hubbell Hall) 11:30am – 12:30pm: Lunch 12:45pm – 1:45pm: Service Project (Cowles Gym)	Dialogue: Hubbell Hall Lunch: Dining venues Service Project: Cowles Gym
4:15pm 	Class Photo <i>Help us bring back this old Simpson tradition and stick around after Playfair for the Class of 2028 photo by the gates! If you haven't seen the old class photos hung up in College Hall, be sure to go check out those historical pictures!</i>	College Hall Gates
5:00pm – 7:00pm 	Dinner & Outdoor Activities Join SCLs and your fellow classmates at any of the following activities! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5pm: Fraternity House Tours – Leaving from Kent Atrium • 5pm: Sorority Round Tables – Hubbell Hall II • Ice Cream with RLC! – Smith Chapel Patio – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drop in to meet student leaders in the Religious Life Community and learn about our programs for the year. Enjoy an ice cream sundae and pick up this year's free t-shirt! • Intramural (IM) Games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Human Foosball & 9 Square: Lawn between Barker and Kresge ○ Crossnet & Sand Volleyball: Next to the baseball field (by 907 North E Street) • Kickball – Field between KKG & Fraternities 	
7:00pm	Summer Nights Live – Concert on the Square! <i>Join the Indianola community on the square for Summer Nights Live! Trainwreck will be performing on the Southwest corner of the square from 7-10pm. Rock out while enjoying delicious food and drinks from local merchants. Gates open at 6pm. Meet your SCL and walk to the square as a group!</i>	Indianola Town Square
8:00pm	Hypnotist Evan Gambardella - Hosted by Campus Activities Board	Black Box
10:00pm	S'mores with the Greek Community - Join the Greek Community at the fire pit!	Fire Pit between Barker and Kresge

Sunday, August 25

*If you are interested in area worship services, contact Chaplain
Mara Bailey at mara.bailey@simpson.edu*

7:00am – 5:00pm	Pfeiffer Dining Hall Open	Pfeiffer Dining Hall
9:30am – 2:30pm	Millies Coffee Shop	Kent Campus Center
10:30am – 5:00pm ★	Transfer Orientation <i>Meet fellow transfer students and learn about Simpson resources. Required for transfer students only.</i>	Hubbell II
11:30am – 12:30pm	Lunch – <i>During today's lunch in Pfeiffer, you will sit in groups based on interest areas. Find a table that sparks your interest and meet other students who share that same interest!</i>	Campus Dining Venues
1:00pm	Women's Soccer vs. Illinois Wesleyan	Bill Buxton Stadium
5:00pm	Mass	Smith Chapel
5:30pm – 7:00pm	Back Together Block Party <i>Join returning students, staff, and faculty as we host our first kick-off event for the 2024-2025 school year! Games, prizes, and food!</i>	Pedestrian Plaza <i>All dining locations are closed for dinner.</i>
5:30pm – 9:30pm	Choral Program & Speed Dating Tonight! General Auditions	Amy Robertson Music Center – Duncan Hall
8:00pm	Stand Around <i>The Annual Stand Around is a campus-wide celebration at the start of the school year hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB).</i>	Pedestrian Plaza

Monday, August 26

1:00pm – 2:30pm	Ken Nwadike Jr. – Welcome Week Keynote Speaker <i>Ken E. Nwadike Jr. is a peace activist, motivational speaker, and video journalist known as the Free Hugs Guy. He is one of the nation's top motivational speakers for colleges and universities. We are thrilled to have Ken spend time at Simpson College to inspire our students, faculty, and staff. Co-hosted by TRIO and New Student Programs</i>	Pote Theatre – Black Performing Arts Center
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Reception with Ken <i>Join this optional session with Ken</i>	Blank Performing Arts Center Atrium
Voter Registration Details	Student Ambassadors with the Culver Public Policy Center's nonpartisan Voter Engagement Team will be tabling throughout the day across campus to help students with voter registration and address updates.	Keep an eye out for the big red Culver Center pop-up tent outdoors and tables inside Kent.
2:30pm – 4:30pm	Faculty Office Hours <i>Need to change your class schedule? Stop by your Foundations I professor's office!</i>	Faculty Offices
2:00pm – 5:00pm	Choral Program & Speed Dating Tonight! General Auditions	Duncan Hall

3:00pm – 4:30pm	Simpson Showcase <i>Stop by Black Box to get resources from various campus departments such as Student Development, Financial Aid, Admissions and more! This event is come and go as you need.</i>	Black Box
4:00pm – 5:00pm	TRIO Student Support Services Orientation <i>New TRIO students</i>	Hubbell Hall
5:00pm – 6:00pm	TRIO Student Support Services Kick-Off Welcome <i>All TRIO students</i>	Hubbell Hall
4:30pm	Men's Soccer vs. Grandview	Bill Buxton Stadium
6:00pm	Simpson Productions Open House	BPAC Main Lobby
7:00pm	Blessing of the Athletes <i>Meet on the track at 6:30pm</i>	Smith Chapel

Tuesday, August 27

9:00am – 2:00pm	First Day Photos	Kent Atrium
6:00pm – 9:00pm	The Moors Auditions	Blank Performing Arts Center 202
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Speech & Debate Meeting	McNeill Hall Pioneer Room
8:00pm	Canvas & Karaoke with CAB	Black Box

Wednesday, August 28

12:45pm	Convocation <i>Join us for Simpson College's ceremonial beginning to the academic year. All-College Convocation includes welcomes from the college president and the student body president as well as the formal processional of the college faculty.</i>	Smith Chapel
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Speech & Debate Meeting	McNeill Hall Pioneer Room
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Choral Program & Speed Dating Tonight! General Auditions	Duncan Hall
6:30pm – 7:30pm	SGA Information Meeting <i>Learn more about being involved in Student Government Association!</i>	Senate Room

Thursday, August 29

4:30pm – 6:00pm	Multicultural & International Student Reception <i>Join us for the Multicultural & International Student Reception! This is a social gathering for new and returning multicultural students and those that support them. Open to any student wanting to connect with students of color, LGBTQ+ folx, students with disabilities, allies, and those holding other historically marginalized identities. Free food, and great people!</i>	Black Box
5:30pm – 7:00pm	Culver Fellows Opening Picnic - Culver Fellow only	Culver Center Backyard
8:00pm	Trivia Night – Hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB)	Black Box

Friday, August 30

12:30pm-2:30pm	Org Fest <i>Excited to get involved? Drop by to browse various student organizations that Simpson has to offer!</i>	Hubbell Hall
5:00pm	Women's Soccer vs. Illinois Wesleyan	Bill Buxton Stadium
5:30pm	Bill Buxton Invitational – Cross Country	Pickard Park
8:00pm	Mentalist Troy Peters <i>Hosted by CAB</i>	Black Box

Saturday, August 31

5:00pm	Women's Soccer vs. Concordia-Moorehead	Bill Buxton Stadium
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Monday, September 2 – Class Day!

Announcements

Sorority Recruitment: September 20-22 – Sign up for activities: simpcopanhellenic.mycampusdirector2.com

Fraternity Recruitment: August 24-September 22

Student Government Association (SGA)

SGA is seeking first-year class students to serve as class president or class senators for 2024-2025. Please check your email for a link to sign-up and be placed on the ballot. An optional information session will be held August 28 at 6pm in the Senate Meeting Room in Kent Campus Center. Sign-ups end on August 29 and voting runs August 30 @ Noon through September 2 @ Noon. Person receiving the most votes will be named class president and the next four highest vote getters will be names class senators. Candidates will be notified of results the afternoon of September 2 and those elected will be sworn in and begin serving in their role at the September 4 SGA meeting.

Campus Activities Board (CAB)

CAB partners with Swank Residence Life Cinema to provide a free streaming service to students, faculty, and staff. Our library includes hundreds of recent releases, timeless classics and much more. New movies are added each month. The service is geofenced, so to stream from this site you must be on campus and connected to the College network. <https://streaming.swankmp.net/simpsonrlc>

Want discounts? Check out the discounts offered to Simpson students!

<https://www.indianolachamber.com/simpson-college-discount-program>