



## 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!

### Pillars of the First-Year Experience

These pillars help us to connect all of the exciting Welcome Week activities with the Why?! You will see these symbols throughout Welcome Week 2024!

**Academic** – The Academic Pillar includes components of the First-Year Experience in the classroom/ Foundations sections. This pillar also includes events and programming that help students prepare for success in the classroom.

**Social** – The Social Pillar is specifically for individual peer interaction and relationship building.

**Connections** – The Connections Pillar includes connections that students are developing on campus (campus departments/clubs/organizations, etc.) & off campus (jobs, internships, service).

**Development** – The Development Pillar is specific for events and programming that helps the student in the area of personal development.

### 4 PILLARS

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE



ACADEMIC



SOCIAL



CONNECTIONS



DEVELOPMENT

# Friday, August 23

## Schedule Key:

Events in **red** are **required** for new first-year students  
Mandatory events for new transfer students are indicated by

7:15am – 3:00pm	Millies Coffee Shop Open	Kent Campus Center
7:00am – 9:00pm	Pfeiffer Dining Hall Open	Pfeiffer Dining Hall
8:00am – 12:00pm	Residence Hall Move-In! <i>Detailed move-in information:</i> <a href="https://simpson.edu/campus-life/residence-life/move-information">https://simpson.edu/campus-life/residence-life/move-information</a>	Barker/Kresge
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 – <i>By Invite Only</i> <i>Contact Mady Nachtman with questions:</i> <i>mady.nachtman@simpson.edu</i>	Kent Campus Center Principal Black Box
11:00am – 11:00pm	Tyler’s Grill Open	Kent Campus Center
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Softball Family Meeting	Kent Campus Center Hubbell I
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** - *It's time to meet your SC Leader and your Foundations class! Student participation is required. Look for your SCL or Foundations professor's name to find your meeting location! If you need assistance, staff will be in the Kent Atrium to assist you.*  
*A campus map can be found at: [www.simpson.edu/about-simpson-college/maps-and-locations](http://www.simpson.edu/about-simpson-college/maps-and-locations)*

Professor	SC Leader (SCL) & Meeting Location
Arnold	SCL Will: Kent Campus Center west entrance (outside – doors that face Buxton/Picken)
Bardwell	SCL Ava Carder: Kent Campus Center east entrance (outside – doors that face Kresge)
Berger	SCL Jacob: Pedestrian Plaza by sculpture
Callan	SCL Delanee: Kresge courtyard – grass area between Kresge & Mary Berry
Griffin	SCL Lizzy: Dunn Library outdoor seating area
Doling	SCL Memphis: Fire Pit between Barker & Kresge
Keairnes	SCL Gracie: Grass area between Buxton Park and Kresge
Lerseth	SCL Cam: Barker Basketball Court (library side)
Meyers	SCL Makayla: Kresge circle drive
Nostrala	SCL Lorelei: Buxton Park Fountain
Points	SCL Morgan: Grass area by Carse Hall/Hopper Gym
Proctor	SCL Fred: Buxton Park Gazebo
Raphaeli	SCL Jeri: Kent Parking Lot
Rehmeier	SCL Ellie: Buxton Park Playground
Ruelas	SCL Jack: Barker Basketball Court (Buxton Park side)
Sasser	SCL Amanda: Buxton Stadium ticket booth (by weight room)
Siebert	SCL Frank: Buxton Stadium ticket booth (by weight room)
Smith	SCL Ava Carnes: Pedestrian Plaza (by sculpture)
Steffen	SCL Lauren: Pedestrian Plaza (by sculpture)
Timm	SCL Skyler: Kent Campus Center Atrium
Vance	SCL Abby: Kresge Circle Drive

## Friday, August 23 - continued

<b>2:00pm – 3:00pm</b>	<b>Parent to Parent Panel</b> <i>Engage with a panel of Simpson faculty and staff who have sent a student to college.</i>	<b>Kent Campus Center Hubbell Hall II</b>
<b>3:15pm – 4:00pm</b> 	 <b>Welcome Service</b> <i>Join the Simpson College community as we officially welcome you to the Simpson family! All new students are expected to attend.</i>	<b>Smith Chapel Outdoor Steps</b>
<b>4:00pm – 5:00pm</b>	<b>Time to Say Goodbye</b> <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>	<b>Tent outside of Mary Berry Hall</b>
<b>5:00pm – 7:30pm</b>  	 <b>Community Building &amp; Pizza on the Plaza</b> <i>Meet President Byers, mingle with classmates, and eat pizza from a few of our favorite local pizza places!</i>  <b>Red Group: Arnold, Bardwell, Berger, Callan, Griffin, Doling, Keairnes, Lerseth, Meyers, Nostrala, Transfers</b> 5:00pm – 6:00pm: Enjoy dinner from our favorite pizza places from around Indianola! 6:00pm – 7:00pm: Break / Games with your Foundations class  <b>Gold Group: Points, Proctor, Raphaeli, Rehmeier, Ruelas, Sasser, Siebert, Smith, Steffen, Timm, Vance</b> 5:00pm – 6:00pm: Break / Games with your Foundations class 6:00pm – 7:00pm: Enjoy dinner from our favorite pizza places from around Indianola!	<b>At 5pm, meet your SCL in the same location you met them before the Welcome Service</b>
<b>7:30pm</b> 	<b>Residence Hall Floor Meetings</b> <i>With your Residence Hall floor and CA, you will discuss aspects of living in the first-year community.</i> <b>Commuter students and transfer students can join current students on the Smith Chapel Patio for fun and conversation!</b>	<b>Connect with your CA to find out where your floor will meet.</b>
<b>8:30pm</b> 	<b>BINGO</b> <i>BINGO is a tradition at Simpson. Join this unique new-students-only BINGO event! Hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB).</i>	<b>Kent Campus Center Hubbell Hall</b>

### 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
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## Saturday, August 24

<b>7:00am – 9:00pm</b>	<b>Pfeiffer Dining Hall</b>	<b>Pfeiffer Dining Hall</b>
<b>9:30am – 2:30pm</b>	<b>Millies Coffee Shop</b>	<b>Kent Campus Center</b>
<b>9:15am – 9:45am</b> 	<b>SCL Meeting</b> <i>Spend time with your Foundations class and SC Leader learning the ins and outs of being a Simpson student.</i>	<b>Connect with your SCL to find out your meeting location</b>
<b>10:00am – 1:30pm</b>  	<b>★Building Community</b> <i>Spend the morning engaging in a service project with Meals from the Heartland, conversations with classmates, and building community during lunch.</i>	<b>Dialogue: Hubbell Hall</b> <b>Lunch: Dining venues</b> <b>Service Project: Cowles Gym</b>
	<b>Group 1: Arnold, Bardwell, Berger, Callan, Griffin &amp; Transfers</b> 10:00am – 11:30am: Community Dialogue (Hubbell Hall) 11:30am – 12:30pm: Lunch 12:45pm – 1:45pm: Service Project (Cowles Gym)	
	<b>Group 2: Points, Proctor, Raphaeli, Rehmeier, Ruelas, Doling</b> 10:00am – 11:30am: Community Dialogue (Hubbell Hall) 11:40am – 12:40pm: Service Project (Cowles Gym) 12:45pm – 1:30pm: Lunch	
	<b>Group 3: Keairnes, Lerseth, Meyers, Nostrala, Smith, Steffen, Timm, Vance, Siebert, Sasser</b> 10:00am – 11:00am: Service Project (Cowles Gym) 11:00am – 11:45am: Lunch 12:00pm – 1:30pm: Community Dialogue (Hubbell Hall)	
<b>1:45pm – 2:45pm</b>	<b>Break</b> <i>Take time to reset, meet new friends, or set up your room!</i>	
<b>2:45pm</b>	<b>Meet your CA</b> <i>It is required that you meet your CA at this time in order to attend the following required event.</i>	<b>Connect with your CA to find out where your floor will meet.</b>
<b>3:00pm</b>  	<b>★Playfair</b> <i>It's time for the ultimate icebreaker! Join us for this one-of-a-kind opportunity to meet your fellow classmates. Meet your CA at the location where you had your floor meeting. CAs will help make sure you get to the right place!</i>	<b>College Hall Gates</b>
<b>4:15pm</b> 	<b>Class Photo</b> <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>	<b>College Hall Gates</b>

5:00pm – 7:00pm



**Dinner & Outdoor Activities**

Join SCLs and your fellow classmates at any of the following activities!

- **5pm: Fraternity House Tours** – Leaving from Kent Atrium
- **5pm: Sorority Round Tables** – Hubbell Hall II
- **Ice Cream with RLC!** – Smith Chapel Patio –
  - 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**
  - Human Foosball & 9 Square: Lawn between Barker and Kresge
  - Crossnet & Sand Volleyball: Next to the baseball field (by 907 North E Street)
- **Hydration Product Sampling!**
  - Vitamin Water and Flash IV will be available for sampling as well as a first-year giveaway! Enter your name and number to win – winner will be drawn concluding Outdoor Activities!
- **Kickball** – Field between KKG & Fraternities

7:00pm



**Summer Nights Live – Concert on the Square!**

**Indianola Town Square**

*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!*

8:00pm



**Hypnotist Evan Gambardella**

**Black Box**

*Hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB)*

10:00pm



**S'mores with the Greek Community**

**Fire Pit between Barker and Kresge**

*Join the Greek Community at the fire pit!  
Hosted by Fraternity and Sorority Life*

## Sunday, August 25

If you are interested in area worship services, contact Chaplain  
Mara Bailey at [mara.bailey@simpson.edu](mailto:mara.bailey@simpson.edu)

<b>7:00am – 5:00pm</b>	<b>Pfeiffer Dining Hall Open</b>	<b>Pfeiffer Dining Hall</b>
<b>9:30am – 2:30pm</b>	<b>Millies Coffee Shop</b>	<b>Kent Campus Center</b>
<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> 	<b>SCL Meeting</b>	<b>Classrooms – check with your SCL for your meeting location</b>
<b>10:30am – 11:30am</b>   	<b>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Simpson College</b> <i>Attend this required session about diversity, equity, &amp; inclusion.</i>	<b>Check with your SCL for your meeting location</b>
<b>10:30am – 5:00pm</b> ★ 	<b>Transfer Orientation</b> <i>Meet fellow transfer students and learn about Simpson resources. Required for transfer students only.</i>	<b>Hubbell II</b>
<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> 	<b>Lunch</b> – <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>	<b>Campus Dining Venues</b>
<b>12:30pm – 4:45pm</b> <b>Shopping Trips</b> During the break time for each group, SCLs will be providing a shuttle to Wal-Mart, Goodwill & Dollar Tree. Final return trip returns at 4:45pm <u>Vans will depart campus at:</u> 1:00, 1:30, 3:40, 4:00pm. Shuttle will leave from the Kresge circle drive.	<b>MVP Training &amp; Afternoon Activities</b> <i>Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) aims to inspire leadership by empowering bystanders to confront and challenge norms that support abusive, bullying, and discriminatory behaviors. Help us create a culture of respect at Simpson! This session is required.</i>  <b>Group 1: Barker Residents</b> <i>12:45pm – 2:45pm: Mentors in Violence Prevention Training</i> <i>3:00pm – 3:30pm: IT Training – Hubbell Hall</i> <i>3:30pm – 5:00pm: Break</i>  <b>Group 2: Kresge Residents &amp; Commuting Students</b> <i>12:45-2:15pm: Break</i> <i>2:15-2:45pm: IT Training – Hubbell Hall</i> <i>3:00pm – 5:00pm: Mentors in Violence Prevention Training</i>	<b>Check with your CA to learn where your floor will meet for Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Training</b> 
<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Women's Soccer vs. Illinois Wesleyan</b>	<b>Bill Buxton Stadium</b>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Smith Chapel</b>
<b>5:30pm – 7:00pm</b> 	<b>Back Together Block Party</b> <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>	<b>Pedestrian Plaza</b> <i>All dining locations are closed for dinner.</i>
<b>5:30pm – 9:30pm</b>	<b>Choral Program &amp; Speed Dating Tonight! General Auditions</b>	<b>Amy Robertson Music Center – Duncan Hall</b>
<b>8:00pm</b> 	<b>Stand Around</b> <i>The Annual Stand Around is a campus-wide celebration at the start of the school year hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB).</i>	<b>Pedestrian Plaza</b>

## Monday, August 26

**9:45am – 10:20am Foundations Class**

*Meet with your SCL and Foundations Professor!*



**10:30am – 11:00am** ★ **Navigating your SC Life**

**11:10am – 11:40am** *Check out these 30-minute sessions with Simpson staff and faculty.*

*You get to choose which sessions to attend.*

*Each topic will be offered during both sessions:*



<b>Session 1: 10:30-11:00am, Session 2: 11:10-11:40am</b>	<b>Location</b>
<p><b>Let's Taco 'Bout Mental Health – Jenny Vargas, Director of Counseling Services</b>  <i>This session will review the FREE counseling services available to Simpson students. We will also explore ways to track where we are with our own mental health and identify coping strategies to use to navigate the struggles.</i></p>	Pioneer Room – McNeill Hall
<p><b>First Exam Survival Kit – Amy Jeffrey-Kennel, Director of Academic Coaching</b></p>	Jordan Lecture Hall – Carver Science
<p><b>Time Management – Michelle Peirce, Career Advisor</b>  <i>POV: You're starting your first semester at Simpson, and you are ready to experience college life, but you don't know how to manage your new schedule. Join your classmates and learn how to manage your time effectively to be successful in college!</i></p>	McNeill 108
<p><b>Out of State Social – Admissions Team</b>  <i>Calling Iowa your new home state? You are not alone! Come meet other students from out of state and resources needed to have a successful transition.</i></p>	Carver Science 121
<p><b>Navigating Simpson as a non-Christian – Mara Bailey, Chaplain</b>  <i>For our non-Christian (including nonreligious, humanist, atheist, or agnostic) students, you might wonder if there's a place for you at a college connected to a Christian denomination. Stop by to ask questions and learn more about how Simpson is working to support all religious, spiritual, and secular identities on campus.</i></p>	Carver Science 233
<p><b>Q&amp;A with Financial Aid – Tracie Pavon, Assistant VP for Enrollment &amp; Financial Aid</b></p>	McNeill 107
<p><b>Multicultural &amp; Diverse Resources – Ashley Parker – Counselor</b>  <i>A multicultural meet and greet. Open to any student with questions/concerns about inclusivity on campus: students of color, LGBTQ+, allies, alternately abled, and intersectional identities. Let's get to know each other!</i></p>	McNeill 106

**11:40am – 12:50pm Lunch**

**All Dining Venues Open**

**Work Study Meetings for the following offices are taking place during lunch.**

*Please check your emails from your supervisors to learn more about your work study training.*

- **Admissions Work Study:** 12-12:45pm Matthew Simpson Room (second floor College Hall) – supervisor Alison Swanson and Kimberly Grimm
- **ITS Staff:** 11:45-12:45pm – Great Hall (grab food at Pfeiffer and head upstairs to the conference hall to eat while you get trained) – supervisor Rita Watson and Diane Overturf

**1:00pm – 2:30pm**

**Ken Nwadike Jr. – Welcome Week Keynote Speaker**

*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*


**Pote Theatre – Black Performing Arts Center**

<b>2:30pm – 3:30pm</b>	<b>Reception with Ken</b> <i>Join this optional session with Ken</i>	<b>Blank Performing Arts Center Atrium</b>
<b>Voter Registration Details</b>	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.	<b>Keep an eye out for the big red Culver Center pop-up tent outdoors and tables inside Kent.</b>
<b>2:30pm – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Faculty Office Hours</b> <i>Need to change your class schedule? Stop by your Foundations I professor’s office!</i>	<b>Faculty Offices</b>
<b>2:00pm – 5:00pm</b>	<b>Choral Program &amp; Speed Dating Tonight! General Auditions</b>	<b>Duncan Hall</b>
<b>3:00pm – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Simpson Showcase</b> <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>	<b>Black Box</b>
<b>4:00pm – 5:00pm</b>	<b>TRIO Student Support Services Orientation</b> <i>New TRIO students</i>	<b>Hubbell Hall</b>
<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b>	<b>TRIO Student Support Services Kick-Off Welcome</b> <i>All TRIO students</i>	<b>Hubbell Hall</b>
<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Men’s Soccer vs. Grandview</b>	<b>Bill Buxton Stadium</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Simpson Productions Open House</b>	<b>BPAC Main Lobby</b>
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Blessing of the Athletes</b> <i>Meet on the track at 6:30pm</i>	<b>Smith Chapel</b>

## Tuesday, August 27

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

## Wednesday, August 28

<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Convocation</b> <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. Meet at 12:30 p.m. to attend with your SCL/Foundations section.</i>	<b>Smith Chapel</b>
		
<b>4:30pm – 6:00pm</b>	<b>Speech &amp; Debate Meeting</b>	<b>McNeill Hall Pioneer Room</b>
<b>6:00pm – 9:00pm</b>	<b>Choral Program &amp; Speed Dating Tonight! General Auditions</b>	<b>Duncan Hall</b>
<b>6:30pm – 7:30pm</b>	<b>SGA Information Meeting</b> <i>Learn more about being involved in Student Government Association!</i>	<b>Senate Room</b>



## Thursday, August 29

4:30pm – 6:00pm	<b>Multicultural &amp; International Student Reception</b> <i>Join us for the Multicultural &amp; 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>	<b>Black Box</b>
5:30pm – 7:00pm	<b>Culver Fellows Opening Picnic - Culver Fellow only</b>	<b>Culver Center Backyard</b>
8:00pm	<b>Trivia Night – Hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB)</b>	<b>Black Box</b>

## Friday, August 30

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

## Saturday, August 31

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

### Announcements

**Sorority Recruitment: September 20-22 – Sign up for activities:** [simpcopanhellenic.mycampusdirector2.com](https://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>