



## Friday, August 22 – Monday, August 25

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 2025!

**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 22

**Schedule Key:** Events in **red** are **required** for first-year students  
Mandatory events for transfer students a★ indicated by

| Dining Venues    | Hours of Operation – Friday, August 22:   | Kent Campus Center                        |
|------------------|---|---|
|                  | Millies Coffee Shop: 7:15am-5:30pm<br>Sub Connection: 8:30am-8:00pm<br>Tyler's Grill: 11:00am-11:00pm<br>Pfeiffer Dining Hall: 7:00am-9:00pm  |   |
| 8:00am – 12:00pm | <b>Welcome Home, Storm!</b> <i>Detailed move-in information:</i><br><a href="https://www.simpson.edu/life-at-simpson/housing-dining/">https://www.simpson.edu/life-at-simpson/housing-dining/</a> | Barker/Kresge                             |
| 10:00am – 4:00pm | <b>A Simpson Tradition: The Simpson Couch!</b><br><i>Take a picture with your family/guests to mark your start at SC</i>  | Pedestrian Plaza Sculpture                |
| 8:30am – 5:00pm  | <b>Mailroom Open</b>  | Kent Campus Center                        |
| 11:30am – 1:00pm | <b>Alumni Legacy Luncheon – By Invite Only</b><br><i>Contact Mady Nachtman with questions: mady.nachtman@simpson.edu</i>  | Kent Campus Center<br>Principal Black Box |
| 11:45am – 1:00pm | <b>Softball Family Meeting</b>  | Kent Campus Center<br>Hubbell II          |
| 1:45pm – 2:00pm  | <b>Transfer Student &amp; First-Year Commuter Student Check-In</b><br><i>Transfer students and incoming students who are living off campus, should check in here.</i>                             | Kent Campus Center<br>Atrium              |

**1:15pm**



★ **Meet your SC Leader (SCL) |** *It is 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: <https://www.simpson.edu/life-at-simpson/indianola-campus/>*

| Professor           | SC Leader (SCL) & Meeting Location  |
|---------------------|---|
| Bardwell            | SCL Rowen: Kent Campus Center west entrance (outside – doors that face Buxton/Picken) |
| Benoit              | SCL Alyssa: Kent Campus Center east entrance (outside – doors that face Kresge)       |
| Brodie              | SCL Gracie B.: Pedestrian Plaza by sculpture  |
| Brownen             | SCL Lauren: Kresge courtyard – grass area between Kresge & Mary Berry                 |
| Busby/Whalen        | SCL Cam: Dunn Library outdoor seating area  |
| Doling              | SCL Brandon: Fire Pit between Barker & Kresge   |
| Griffin             | SCL Gracie C.: Grass area between Buxton Park and Kresge                              |
| Livingstone         | SCL Mason: Barker Basketball Court (library side)                                     |
| Magalhaes           | SCL Erica: Kresge circle drive  |
| Meyers              | SCL Jacob: Buxton Park Fountain   |
| Nostrala (Jennifer) | SCL Makynna: Grass area by Carse Hall/Hopper Gym                                      |
| Nostrala (Justin)   | SCL Frank: Buxton Park Gazebo   |
| Peck                | SCL Ava: Kent Parking Lot   |
| Rehmeier            | SCL Ellie: Buxton Park Playground   |
| Sessions            | SCL Lorelei: Barker Basketball Court (Buxton Park side)                               |
| Stevens             | SCL Amanda: Buxton Stadium ticket booth (by weight room)                              |
| Timm                | SCL Skyler: Buxton Stadium ticket booth (by weight room)                              |
| Vance               | SCL Memphis: Pedestrian Plaza (by sculpture)  |
| Walker              | SCL Will: Pedestrian Plaza (by sculpture)   |
| Transfer Students   | SCL Zach: Kent Campus Center Atrium   |

## Friday, August 22 - continued

1:45pm



★ **Let the Storm Begin!** | Join the Simpson College community as we officially welcome you into the Simpson family! This special tradition marks your entrance into college life, as new students walk through the campus gates for the first time. You'll walk through them again at graduation—this time as Simpson graduates. All new students are expected to attend. Families are encouraged to join and witness this memorable moment.

**Smith Chapel  
Outdoor Steps**

2:00pm

**See You Soon, Storm Parents!** | As Welcome Week kicks off, it's time to say goodbye—for now! Join fellow students and their families for a casual send-off with lemonade and cookies. Take a moment to say farewell and get ready for an exciting week ahead at Simpson College.

**Tent by Mary Berry Hall**

3:00pm – 4:00pm



**Residence Hall Floor Meetings** | Connect with your Residence Hall floor and Community Advisor (CA) to talk about what it means to live in a first-year community.

**Connect with your CA to find out where your floor will meet.**

**Commuter and transfer students can join current students on the Smith Chapel Patio for fun and conversation!**

4:00pm – 5:00pm

**Settle in, Storm!** | Use this time to get comfortable in your new room—you've got an exciting evening ahead! Already unpacked? Head over to the Intramural Games between Barker and Kresge and hang out with the Simpson College Leaders (SCLs)!

5:00pm – 7:30pm



★ **Pizza on the Plaza** | Build community with your fellow classmates and SC President!

**At 5pm meet your SCL – they will provide you with the location**

**Red Group: Benoit, Stevens, Peck, Doling, Busby/Whalen, Rehmeier, Magalhaes, Justin Nostrala, Brodie, Transfers**

5:00pm – 6:00pm: Pizza from our favorite Indianola pizza places

6:00pm – 7:00pm: Break / Games with your Foundations class

**Gold Group: Griffin, Meyers, Brownen, Sessions, Livingstone, Vance, Bardwell, Timm, Walker**

5:00pm – 6:00pm: Break / Games with your Foundations class

6:00pm – 7:00pm: Pizza from our favorite Indianola pizza places

8:30pm

**Intramural Games!** | Between Barker and Kresge, IM games will be available throughout Welcome Week!

**Lawn between Barker and Kresge**

9:00 pm



**Hypnotist Zach Pincine** | Hosted by Campus Activities Board

**Kent Campus Center  
Black Box**

### Offices Open on Friday, August 22 – 8:00am-4:30pm

Admissions – College Hall  
Business Office – Hillman Hall  
Office of Financial Aid – College Hall  
IT – 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 23

### Dining Venue Hours

Millie's: 9:30am – 2:30pm | Pfeiffer Dining Hall: 7:00am – 9:00pm

### Pfeiffer Dining Hall

9:15am – 9:45am



**SCL Meeting** | *Meet with your Foundations class and SCL to learn the essentials of student life at Simpson. This is your chance to ask questions, get helpful tips, and start building connections that will support you throughout your college journey.*

**Connect with your SCL to find out your meeting location**

10:00am – 1:30pm



★ **Building Community** | *Start your morning by connecting with your classmates and learning what it truly means to be part of the Simpson community. Together, we'll explore our shared values, traditions, and the importance of building a strong, supportive campus culture.*

**Dialogue: Hubbell Hall  
Lunch: Dining venues  
Service Project: Cowles Gym**

#### Group 1: Benoit, Stevens, Peck, Doling, Busby/Whalen

10:00am – 11:30am: Community Dialogue

11:30am – 12:30pm: Lunch

12:45pm – 1:45pm: Storming through Simpson - Scavenger Hunt

#### Group 2: Rehmeier, Magalhaes, Justin Nostrala, Brodie, Meyers

10:00am – 11:30am: Community Dialogue

11:40am – 12:40pm: Storming through Simpson - Scavenger Hunt

12:45pm – 1:30pm: Lunch

#### Group 3: Brownen, Griffin, Jennifer Nostrala, Livingstone, Vance, Bardwell, Timm, Walker

10:00am – 11:00am: Storming through Simpson - Scavenger Hunt

11:00am – 11:45am: Lunch

12:00pm – 1:30pm: Community Dialogue

1:45pm – 2:45pm

**Break** | *Take time to reset, meet new friends, or set up your room!*

2:45pm

**Meet your CA** | *It is required that you meet your CA at this time in order to attend the following required event.*

**Connect with your CA**

3:00pm



★ **Playfair** | *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!*

**College Hall Gates**

4:15pm



**Class Photo** | *Help us bring back this old Simpson tradition and stick around after Playfair for the Class of 2029 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!*

**College Hall Gates**

4:30pm – 8:00pm

**Choir Auditions!** | Sign up: <https://bit.ly/SimpsonChoir>  
One-one-one hearing for voice placement and possible invitation to Chamber Singers. All students will be admitted into College Choir. See link or email Dr. Jon Arnold at [jon.arnold@simpson.edu](mailto:jon.arnold@simpson.edu)

**Dr. Arnold's Office: Amy Robertson Music Center (ARMC) #257**

5:00pm – 7:00pm



**Dinner & Activities** | Join SCLs and your fellow classmates at any of the following activities!

- **5pm: Fraternity House Tours** – Leaving from Kent Atrium | *Come and learn more about our Fraternities on campus as we tour the houses, meet members, and answer any questions you have for them about being in a Fraternity. They will give a short overview of their organization and values. The tours will meet in the Kent Atrium at 5pm, then we will head to Kappa Theta Psi, our local gender inclusive fraternity, then heading to Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and ending with Lambda Chi Alpha.*
- **5pm: Sorority Round Tables** – Hubbell Hall II | *During the Sorority Round Table, you will get to talk to current members of our national sororities, Tri-Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Pi Beta Phi. You will learn more about sorority recruitment, leadership opportunities as a sorority member, academic support each sorority offers, etc. Bring any questions you have for our sorority members; potential topics can include benefits, financial obligations, balancing being a member with other commitments, and any other things that you are curious about.*
- **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** | 9 Square & Crossnet: Lawn between Barker and Kresge | Sand Volleyball: Next to the baseball field (by 907 North E Street)
- **Kickball** – Field between KKG & Fraternities

6:00pm – 8:00pm



**Storm the [Theme] Houses!** | *Check out the Simpson College Theme Houses by stopping by to learn more, get free food, and play games!*

**Victory Voices (903 North E Street): Chip & dip bar + yard games + sand volleyball**

*Victory Voices is focused on female athlete empowerment. Our goal is to create a more collaborative space for the female athletes to come together in groups that are broader/different from just their initial team groups. We want to give females a voice on campus as well as a space to be heard and talk about challenges.*

**Simpson Athletics (901 North E Street): Pizza, pasta, and positively fun yard games**

*The Simpson Athletics Theme House is committed to creating lasting connections and breaking barriers between athletes and non-athletes at Simpson College, creating a more inclusive and united student population. Our goal this year is to bring the student population together, along with the community, to gain understanding of each other, and become more supportive and involved in each other's journeys.*

**La Casita (707 North D Street): Refreshments, board games, and vision boards.**

**Women's & Gender Resource Center - WGRC (705 North D Street): desserts, desserts, and more desserts!**

*Women's and Gender Resource Center aims to provide accessible resources, advocate for a more gender inclusive society, promote equality, and create a safe space for all individuals. By enacting our mission, we aim to prosper a community committed to maintaining the diverse community Simpson College encompasses, enhancing the current mission statement at hand.*

8:00pm



**BINGO – a Simpson tradition!** | Hosted by CAB

**Kent Campus Center  
Hubbell Hall**



10:00pm



### S'mores with the Greek Community

Join our fraternity and sorority members at the firepit between Barker and Kresge to celebrate the start of a new school year by making s'mores.

Hosted by Fraternity and Sorority Life

Fire Pit between Barker and Kresge

## Sunday, August 24

If you are interested in area worship services, contact Chaplain Mara Bailey at [mara.bailey@simpson.edu](mailto: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 – 11:30am

SCL Meeting

Classrooms – check with your SCL for your meeting location



10:30am – 5:00pm



**Transfer Orientation** | Meet fellow transfer students and learn about Simpson resources. Required for transfer students only.

Hubbell II



11:30am – 12:30pm

Lunch

Campus Dining Venues

12:00pm – 4:45pm

### Shopping Trips

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. Vans will depart campus at: 1:00, 1:30, 3:40, 4:00pm. Shuttle will leave from the Kresge circle drive.

### MVP Training & Afternoon Activities

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.

Check with your CA to learn where your floor will meet for Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Training



#### Group 1: CA Drew, Maddie, Kaylee and Lupe's students

12:00-1:15pm: MVP

1:30-2:00pm: IT Training

2:00-5:30pm: Break

#### Group 2: CA Eric, Sophie, Sam, Dionni and Emmy's students

12:00-12:45pm: Break

12:45-1:15pm: IT Training

1:30-2:45pm: MVP

2:45-5:30pm: Break

#### Group 3: CA Elizabeth, Christian, William & Paw's students

12:00-12:45pm: Break

12:45-1:15pm: IT Training

1:15-2:45pm: Break

3:00-4:15pm: MVP

4:15-5:30pm: Break

5:00pm

Mass


Smith Chapel

5:30pm – 7:00pm






**Stormin' Back Block Party** | Join returning students, staff, and faculty as we host our first kick-off event for the 2025-2026 school year! Games, prizes, and food!

**Pedestrian Plaza**  
All dining locations are closed for dinner.



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| 5:30pm – 8:00pm  | <b>Choir Auditions!</b>   Sign up: <a href="https://bit.ly/SimpsonChoir">https://bit.ly/SimpsonChoir</a><br>One-one-one hearing for voice placement and possible invitation to Chamber Singers. All students will be admitted into College Choir. See link above or email Dr. Jon Arnold at <a href="mailto:jon.arnold@simpson.edu">jon.arnold@simpson.edu</a> for more details. | Dr. Arnold's Office: Amy Robertson Music Center (ARMC) #257 |
| 8:00pm<br> | <b>Stand Around</b>   <i>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 25


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| 9:45am – 10:20am  | <b>Foundations Class</b>   <i>Meet with your SCL and Foundations Professor!</i>  |   |
| 10:30am – 12:00pm<br>  | <b>★ Navigating your SC Life   Keynote Speaker – Ken Nwadike Jr.</b><br><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.</i><br><i>Co-hosted by TRIO and New Student Programs</i> | Pote Theater  |
| 12:00pm   | <b>Lunch</b>   TRIO students are invited for a special continued session with Ken – this is required as part of your TRIO orientation. TRIO lunch is in Hubbell Hall.  | All Dining Venues Open  |
| 1:00pm  | <b>TRIO Orientation</b>  | Great Hall  |
| 1:00pm – 2:30pm   | <b>Work Study Training</b>   A training will be held for students who have been hired to work on campus for the fall semester. This training will allow students to complete necessary paperwork, interact with supervisors, and learn about what is expected of them as employees of Simpson College.   | Pote Theater  |
| <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.  | Keep an eye out for the big red Culver Center pop-up tent outdoors and tables inside Kent.  |
| 2:30pm – 4:30pm   | <b>Faculty Office Hours</b>   <i>Need to change your class schedule? Stop by your Foundations I professor's office!</i>  | Faculty Offices   |
| 3:00pm – 4:30pm   | <b>Simpson Showcase</b>   <i>Stop by Black Box to get resources from various campus departments such as Student Development, Career Development, Financial Aid, Admissions and more! This event is come and go as you need.</i>  | Black Box   |
| 5:00pm – 6:00pm   | <b>Simpson Productions Open House</b>  | BPAC Main Lobby   |
| Time TBD  | <b>Blessing of the Athletes</b>   <i>Required for student athletes</i>   | Outside Smith Chapel  |

## Tuesday, August 26

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|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 9:00am – 2:00pm | <b>First Day Photos</b>   <i>Take your first day of school photos!</i>  | Kent Atrium |
| 9:00am – 2:00pm | <b>I Belong at Simpson Because...</b><br><i>Stop by Kent atrium to sign the belonging poster and share why you belong at Simpson!</i> | Kent Atrium |

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| <b>4:30pm – 6:00pm</b>  | <b>Speech, Debate &amp; Mock Trial Meeting</b>   Come learn more about Speech, Debate, and Mock Trial at Simpson! We welcome all students, regardless of experience levels, who are interested in public speaking, argumentation, and advocacy. Join us for a chance to learn more about our program and meet other team members!   | <b>McNeill Hall<br/>Pioneer Room</b>  |
| <b>6:30pm – 9:30pm</b><br><b>Audition Requirements &amp; Sign Up:</b> ↓<br> | <b>Auditions</b>   <i>Participation in Simpson Productions is open to all Simpson College students.</i><br><b>ANTHROPOLOGY</b> by Lauren Gunderson. Performances Oct. 3-5; Director, Ann Woldt<br><b>LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS</b> Books and Lyrics by Howard Ashman, Music by Alan Menken. Performances Nov. 14-17; Director, Jennifer Nostrala; Musical Director, Damon Stevens. | <b>Company Form (must be filled out before audition time):</b> ↓<br> |
| <b>8:00pm</b>   | <b>Karaoke &amp; CAB</b><br><i>Hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB)</i>  | <b>Black Box</b>  |

## Wednesday, August 27

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| <b>12:30pm</b><br> | <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, Debate &amp; Mock Trial Meeting</b>   Come learn more about Speech, Debate, and Mock Trial at Simpson! We welcome all students, regardless of experience levels, who are interested in public speaking, argumentation, and advocacy. Join us for a chance to learn more about our program and meet other team members!   | <b>McNeill Hall<br/>Pioneer Room</b> |
| <b>6:00pm – 7:00pm</b>  | <b>SGA Information Meeting</b>   <i>Learn more about being involved in Student Government Association!</i>  | <b>Senate Room</b>                   |
| <b>7:00pm – 8:00pm</b>  | <b>Speed Friending</b>   <i>Hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB) and the Director of Community &amp; Belonging</i>   | <b>Black Box</b>                     |

## Thursday, August 28

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| <b>4:30pm – 6:00pm</b> | <b>First Generation Student, Staff and Faculty Reception</b><br><i>Celebrating first-generation students! Join us as we build community, offer support, and connect you with first-generation staff and faculty.</i> | <b>Black Box</b>              |
| <b>5:30pm – 6:30pm</b> | <b>Culver Fellows Opening Picnic - Culver Fellows only</b>   | <b>Culver Center Backyard</b> |
| <b>8:00pm</b>          | <b>Canvas Painting</b>   <i>Hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB)</i>  | <b>Black Box</b>              |



## Friday, August 29

**12:30pm-2:30pm** ★ **Org Fest** | *Excited to get involved? Drop by to browse various student organizations that Simpson has to offer!*

**Hubbell Hall**

**7:00pm** **Men's Soccer vs. Augustana**

**Bill Buxton Stadium**

## Saturday, August 30

**8:00pm** **Movie Night (limited to first 50 students)**

*Hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB)*

**Black Box**

**4:00pm** **Men's Soccer vs. Illinois College**

**Bill Buxton Stadium**

## Announcements

### Primary Recruitment: September 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 14<sup>th</sup>

Sign up for more information by following the QR code!



### Fraternity Recruitment: August 26-September 18

Sign up for more information by following the QR code!



### Student Government Association (SGA)

SGA is seeking nominees to serve as first-year class president and four first-year class senators for 2025-2026. Please check your email for a link to sign-up and be placed on the ballot. An optional information session will be held August 27 at 6pm in the Senate Meeting Room in Kent Campus Center. Sign-ups end on August 28 and voting runs August 29 @ Noon through September 2 @ 8am. The person receiving the most votes will be named class president and the next four highest vote getters will be named 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> or scan the QR Code →

