

2022 Simpson College Welcome Week

Friday, August 26 – Monday, August 29

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!

Schedule Key:

Events in **red** are required for new first-year students

Mandatory events for new transfer students are indicated by

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 2022!

4 PILLARS

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE



ACADEMIC



SOCIAL



CONNECTIONS



DEVELOPMENT

Academic – The Academic Pillar includes components of the First-Year Experience in the classroom/ SC110 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.) and off campus (jobs, internships, service).

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

Open Offices 8am-4:30pm – Friday, August 26

- Admissions – College Hall
- Business Office – Hillman Hall
- Financial Assistance – College Hall
- Holy Grounds (8am-3pm) – Dirlam Lounge, Smith Chapel
- Information Technology Services – McNeill Hall lower level
- Mailroom – Kent Campus Center
- Registrar's Office – Hillman Hall
- Storm Cellar Bookstore – Kent Campus Center (open 10am-4pm)
- Student Development – Kent Campus Center 2nd floor

It is important to know your Foundations Professor's name, as well as your SC Leader. Can't remember the name of your Foundations I professor? Log into SC Connect and look at "My Actions". Click "Academic Profile". Then click "My Class Schedule". Then choose "Fall 2022" as the term and click "submit". The next screen will display your class schedule, showing your professors names, classes, and class locations.

A campus map can be found at: www.simpson.edu/about-simpson-college/maps-and-locations

Friday, August 26

7:15am – 3:00pm: Millie’s Coffee Shop Open

Kent Campus Center

8:00am – 1:00pm: Residence Hall Move-In and Welcome Week Check-In



Detailed move-in information for new and transfer students can be found here: <https://simpson.edu/campus-life/residence-life/move-information>. Make sure to look over the contents of your packet thoroughly as it contains your mailbox combination, room combination, student ID, and other important documents.

10:00am – 4:00pm: Take a picture with the Iconic Simpson Red Couch!



Pedestrian Plaza Sculpture – Rainsite: Kent Atrium

Take a picture with your family/guests to mark your start at Simpson College. A Simpson tradition!

11:00am: Tyler’s Grill Open

Kent Campus Center

11:00am: Pfeiffer Dining Hall Open

Students will receive a free meal ticket to eat at Pfeiffer. Guests are welcome to join! Cost for guests is: \$8.49.

11:30am – 1:00pm: Alumni Legacy Luncheon – By Invite Only



Kent Campus Center – Principal Black Box

Contact Andy English with questions at andy.english@simpson.edu

12:00pm – 1:00pm: Welcome Softball Players & Families



Hubbell Hall I

Contact Brent Mathias with questions at brent.mathias@simpson.edu

1:00pm – 1:15pm: New First-Year Commuter Student Check-In



Kent Campus Center Atrium – Make sure to look over all the contents of your packet thoroughly as it contains your student ID and other important items.

1:15pm – 1:45pm: Meet your SC Leader and Foundations Professor



Meet your SC Leader (SCL) and your Foundations class. Look for your SCL or Foundations professor’s name below to find out your meeting location. Staff will be located in the Kent Atrium to help you find the right location.

SCL	Location	Foundations Professor	Rain Location
Aleah Casebeer	Kent Campus Center west entrance (outside). This is the side that faces Buxton, Picken and the Fraternities.	Rehmeier	Blank Performing Arts Center 201
Angel Schewe	Kent Campus Center east entrance (outside). This is the side of Kent Campus Center that faces Kresge Hall.	Bardwell	Mary Berry Hall 115
Aryss Forbes	Pedestrian Plaza by sculpture	Berger	McNeill Hall 106
Elise Boulton	Kresge courtyard – grass area between Kresge & Mary Berry	Harrigan	Smith Chapel 103
Hailey Cooper	Fire Pit between Barker and Kresge	Carponelli	McNeill Hall 107
Maddie Hays	Dunn Library outdoor seating area (between Dunn & Mary Berry)	Nutgrass	Wallace Hall 204
Morgan Rosenbeck	Bill Buxton Stadium ticket booth (by the weight room)	Woldt	Wallace Hall 402
Nadia Murobyi	Grass area between Buxton Park and Kresge Hall	Lyons	Wallace Hall 103
Robbie Wagner	Barker basketball court (Dunn Library side)	Livingstone	Wallace Hall 101

Sarah Roberts	Kresge circle drive	Shields	Wallace Hall 401
Morgan Sorenson	Buxton Park Fountain	Freyberg	McNeill Hall Pioneer Room
Tempest Allred	Grass area between Buxton Park and Kresge Hall	Hahn	Smith Chapel 101
Caleb Geer	Buxton Park Gazebo	Magalhaes	Wallace Hall 201
Corbin Truitt	Kent Parking Lot	Downey	McNeill Hall 109
Ethan Humble	Kent Campus Center Patio (by Tyler's Grill)	Timm	Mary Berry Hall 120
Kyle Werner	Buxton Park Playground	Sweet	Blank Performing Arts Center 203
Marcus McCray	Barker Basketball Court (Buxton Park side)	Meyers	Wallace Hall 203

1:15pm-1:45pm: Parent to Parent Panel

Kent Campus Center – Hubbell Hall II

Engage with a panel of Simpson faculty and staff who have sent a student to college.

2:00pm – 2:30pm: Welcome Service for New Students and Guests

College Hall Gates

Join the Simpson College community as we officially welcome you to the Simpson! All new students are expected to attend. Rainsite: Cowles Gym

2:45pm – 3:45pm: Family Farewell – Time to Say Goodbye

It is time to say goodbye and prepare for Welcome Week festivities! Join fellow students and guests by the fire pit (between Barker & Kresge) for lemonade and cookies as you say your goodbyes.

3:45pm – 5:00pm: Community Building with your Foundations Class

Connect with your Foundations class! You'll meet in the same location where you met before the Welcome Service.

5:00pm – 6:45pm: Pizza with the President – Sigler House

Students will walk to President Marsha Kelliher's house for Pizza with the President!

- Group 1 – Meyers, Sweet, Timm, Downey, Magalhaes, Hahn, Bardwell, Freyberg
 - Leave campus at 4:45pm with your SCL group
- Group 2 – Rehmeier, Berger, Harrigan, Carponelli, Nutgrass, Woldt, Lyons, Livingstone, Shield
 - Leave campus at 5:45pm with your SCL group

7:00pm – 7:30pm: Residence Hall Floor Meetings

With your Residence Hall floor and CA, you will discuss aspects of living in the first-year community. Connect with your CA to find out where your floor will meet.

7:00pm – 7:30pm: Transfer and Commuter Student Get Together

Smith Chapel Patio

Mix and mingle with your fellow transfer and commuter students. Learn more about Simpson's commuter lounge!

8:30pm: Outdoor Movie – hosted by Religious Life Community (RLC)

Smith Chapel

Bring your own blankets and join RLC and First-Year Experience for an outdoor movie! Popcorn and candy will be provided. The first 50 students to arrive will be entered to win a Simpson College lawn blanket!

Saturday, August 27

7:30am – 9:00am: Breakfast

Pfeiffer Dining Hall



9:00am – 10:30am: Community & Inclusion at Simpson College

Engage with Simpson College students in a small group discussion about how our diversity helps us create an inclusive and welcoming community.

Professor	Location
Bardwell	Mary Berry Hall 115
Timm	Mary Berry Hall 120
Berger	McNeill Hall 106
Carponelli	McNeill Hall 107
Downey	McNeill Hall 109
Freyberg	McNeill Hall Pioneer Room
Hahn	Smith Chapel 101
Harrigan	Smith Chapel 103

Professor	Location
Livingstone	Wallace Hall 101
Lyons	Wallace Hall 103
Magalhaes	Wallace Hall 201
Meyers	Wallace Hall 203
Nutgrass	Wallace Hall 204
Shields	Wallace Hall 401
Woldt	Wallace Hall 402
Rehmeier	Blank Performing Arts Center 201
Sweet	Blank Performing Arts Center 203

10:00am – 4:00pm: Storm Cellar Bookstore Open

Kent Campus Center



10:30am – 12:00pm: First Years Shop the Square! Explore the town and get to know your community! Check out Indianola's shops and restaurants on the square with your Foundations class. Look for Where's Thunder at participating Indianola businesses. These shops will have deals and giveaways for our first-year Simpson students. The first 100 students will receive a Simpson College tote bag!

11:30am – 1:00pm: Tailgate

Pfeiffer Dining Hall & Barker/Kresge Lawn



Join us in lawn games, food, music, and more as we tailgate before the annual Simpson College Football Scrimmage!

1:00pm – 2:30pm: Football Scrimmage

Bill Buxton Stadium – Wear your red and gold and cheer on the Storm!



1:00pm – 2:30pm: Afternoon Activities – so many options!



- Check out the Esports Arena – located at the Physical Plant (#42 on the campus map – 410 North 1st Street). Play games, mingle with friends, and learn more about Simpson Esports!
- Intramural (IM) games will be available at the following locations:
 - Sand Volleyball (located behind 901 North E House, by the baseball field)
 - 9 Square & Cross Net (located between Kresge Hall and Buxton Park)
 - Spike Ball (located in front of Kent Campus Center)
- RLC Ice Cream Social @ Smith Chapel
- BYO Tie Dye – bring your own items, we'll provide the tie dye! (located in front of Kent Campus Center)
- Have you completed your online trainings? Now is a great time to do so!
 - Safe Colleges – a specific link found in your email sent from Elyse Morris
 - Alcohol Training – a specific link found in your email sent from Elyse Morris
 - Student Handbook Quiz – found on your SC Connect checklist
- Your Barker/Kresge CAs have some fun programs planned. Ask your CA for more information!

1:00pm – 3:00pm: Mailroom Open

Kent Campus Center

2:45pm – 3:00pm: Meet your CA and get ready for an afternoon of fun!

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

Group	Location
Residential Students living in Barker/Kresge	Ask your CA where they want to meet your floor
Commuter Students	Smith Chapel Patio

3:00pm – 4:30pm: Playfair

Pedestrian Plaza (in front of Kent Campus Center)



Playfair promises an engaging, fun opportunity for new students to build numerous connections with one another. Meet your CA at the location where you had your floor meeting. CAs will help make sure you get to the right place!

5:30pm – 7:00pm: Dinner – all venues open



Join members of RLC student staff members for lawn games after dinner by the fire pit.
RLC – Religious Life Community

7:00pm: Men's Soccer Scrimmage vs. Alumni



Join the Men's Soccer team as they take on Simpson Soccer Alumni! The first 50 students to arrive at the stadium will get a free Simpson giveaway! Pay attention to where you sit – the cheering sections are Barker vs. Kresge! Free ice cream treats are available.

7:00pm: Esports



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8:00pm: BINGO – sponsored by Campus Activities Board (CAB)

Hubbell Hall



9:00pm: Bonfire at the Fire Pit – Sponsored by Fraternity and Sorority Life

Fire Pit between Barker and Kresge

Sunday, August 28

9:00am: Breakfast

Pfeiffer Dining Hall

9:30am – 2:30pm: Millie's Coffee Shop Open

Kent Campus Center

10am-4pm: Storm Cellar Bookstore

Kent Campus Center

If you would like to use free time on Sunday morning for worship, there are a variety of churches in the Indianola community who would love to welcome students. Here are just a few worship times at local congregations. If you would like to hear about additional faith communities in the Indianola community or need assistance connecting with communities from a variety of religious traditions, reach out to Chaplain Mara Bailey at mara.bailey@simpson.edu:

St. Thomas Aquinas (Catholic): 8am – Text 515-689-5079 to catch a ride and join other students attending the service.

First United Methodist: 9am (Contemporary)

Redeemer Lutheran (ELCA): 9:30 am

Mount Calvary Lutheran (LCMS): 8am (liturgical)

Trinity United Presbyterian (PCUSA): 9:30 am

New Heights Church: 9am

Crossroads UCC: 10am (meets in Smith Chapel on campus)



10:30am – 12:30pm: Foundations Time

Spend time with your Foundations class and SC Leader where you will review campus resources, find where your classes are located, and learn more about Moodle & SC Connect.

12:30pm: Lunch at Pfeiffer

12:00pm – 3:00pm: All Transfer Student Orientation

Kent Campus Center – Hubbell Hall II

Upon checking in, commuter transfer students will receive a Welcome Week packet. Make sure to look over all the contents of your packet thoroughly as it contains your student ID. This event is for transfer students only.



1:00pm – 3:00pm: Get settled! Time to unpack and take a break. Already settled in? Meet SC Leaders at the following locations for fun & games:

- Sand Volleyball (located behind 901 North E House, by the baseball field)
- 9 Square & Cross Net (located between Kresge Hall and Buxton Park)
- Spike Ball (located in front of Kent Campus Center)

Need a trip to Wal-Mart or Dollar Tree? A shuttle will leave the Kresge circle drive at the following times: 12:45pm, 1:00pm, 1:15pm, 1:30pm, 1:45pm, 2:00pm, 2:15pm, 2:30pm. The final return trip to campus will be at 2:45pm.

1:00pm – 3:00pm: Mailroom Open
Kent Campus Center

☐ 3:00pm – 5:00pm: Agents of Change: It's On Us Performance

This performance was developed by Simpson College students for Simpson College students. It is designed to raise awareness of sexual harassment and assault in an effort to create a safe and welcoming environment for all students. Contact Jenny Vargas at jenny.vargas@simpson.edu with questions.



3:00-3:30pm: Pre-Performance Meeting with your CA

Location: Check with your CA for your meeting location

3:30-4:30pm: Performance

Location: Blank Performing Arts Center, Pote Theater

4:30-5:15pm: Post-Performance Meeting with your CA

Reflect on the performance and gain knowledge of campus resources through discussion with a representative from SARA and an agent from the performance.

First-Year Residents: Check with your CA for your meeting location

All Commuter & Transfer Students: Blank Performing Arts Center Room 201 and 203

5:30pm – 7:00pm: Back Together Block Party

Pedestrian Plaza



Join returning students, staff, and faculty as we host our first kick-off event for the 2022-2023 school year! Games, prizes, and food! All dining locations are closed for dinner.

5:30pm – 9:00pm: Choir/Opera Auditions

Amy Robertson Music Center – Duncan Hall

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4CA8A92EA4F85-choir>

8:00pm – 10:30pm: Stand Around

Pedestrian Plaza

The Annual Stand Around is a campus-wide celebration at the start of the school year hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB).

Monday, August 29

9:30am – 10:30am: Foundations Class (Masks Required)

Meet your SC Leader and Foundations instructor in your SC110 classroom. This is required for all new students and SC Leaders.



10:40am – 12:05pm: Welcome Week Mini Sessions

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 session rotations.



Session 1: 10:40am-11:20am – **Session 2:** 11:25am-12:05pm

Session	Presenter	Location
How to Read in College & How to Take Notes on What You Learn – <i>You know how to read, but not all reading is the same. In college, understanding the words on the page is not enough — even though that task alone becomes much harder. In addition to understanding what you read, your instructors will want you to combine multiple perspectives and create new ideas out of the materials. So, how? In this session, I'll share with you some tricks, habits, and strategies to read and remember what you learn.</i>	Colin Payton, Writing Center Director	Wallace 101
Let's Taco 'bout Mental Health	Jenny Vargas, Director of Counseling Services	Wallace 103
First Generation Strategies for Success – <i>During this interactive and engaging session students will learn about common experiences of first-generation college students, as well as college resources and strategies to help them navigate college successfully. Discussion will include strategies for academic, career, and financial success!</i>	Stephanie Neve, Director Student Support Services --- <i>Though the session focuses on the first-generation student experience, the strategies and resources will also be helpful for Simpson Promise or Pell recipients!</i>	Wallace 201
How to Create Community in your First 6 Weeks – <i>Join in conversation for some ideas to help connect well across campus during your first 6 weeks. While this might feel overwhelming, taking small steps and making a few intentional decisions can make all the difference!</i>	Mara Bailey, Chaplain	Wallace 203
Out of State Student Meet & Greet – <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>	Admissions Team, SC Leaders	Wallace 204
What is a syllabus? What do you do with it?	Sal Meyers, Professor of Psychology & Director of Foundations and Sarah Davitt, Academic Coach	Wallace 401
Tips for Time Management – <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>	Michelle Pierce, Career Advisor	Wallace 402
All You Need to Know about Information Technology at Simpson College – <i>This session is an informal opportunity to learn about the information technology at Simpson College, ask questions, and have problems solved.</i>	Dan Sloan, Chief Information Technology Officer	McNeill 106
All You Need to Know about Campus Dining	Ben Nielsen, General Manager for Dining & Conference Services	McNeill 107

Multicultural and Diverse Resources – <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>	Tisha Carter-Smith, Associate Director of Multicultural and International Affairs	McNeill 108
Everything You Need to Know About Financial Aid	Tracie Pavon, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment and Financial Aid	McNeill 109

11:30am – 1:30pm: Voter Registration

Look for the Culver Center's Voter Engagement Team on the brick patio between Mary Berry and Dunn Library.

12:00pm: Lunch – All dining facilities are open!

1:00pm: Work Study Meeting

If you are a work study student, your supervisor will email you the location of your meeting.



1:00pm – 3:00pm: Faculty Open Office Hours

Want to chat with your faculty? Stop by their open office hours!

1:00pm: New Music Majors Meeting

Amy Robertson Music Center – Lekberg Hall

1:30pm: Theatre 001 Mandatory Meeting

Blank Performing Arts Center Lobby

2:00pm – 5:00pm: Choir/Opera Auditions

Amy Robertson Music Center – Duncan Hall

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4CA8A92EA4F85-choir>

2:00pm – 4:00pm: Org Fest

Kent Campus Center: Black Box



Excited to get involved? Drop by this fair to find a club or organization to join! Simpson College has more than 70 student organizations!

6:00pm: Student Support Services (SSS) New Participant Orientation

Hubbell Hall



6:00pm – 7:00pm: Simpson Productions Open House

Blank Performing Arts Center – Main Lobby

6:45pm: Blessing of the Athletes

Bill Buxton Stadium

8:00pm: Kick Off Comedian

Black Box

Maddie Wiener has 6.5 million views on Instagram and has been featured on NBC and Comedy Central. You won't want to miss her irreverent humor on campus! Doors open at 7:45pm. Hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB).

Tuesday, August 30

First day of class!!



Stop by the Kent Campus Center from 9am-1pm to get your first day of school photo!

We'll have someone there with first day of school balloons who can take your photo.

CAB & Chill – all day

Kent Campus Center Atrium

6:00pm – 9:00pm: Little Women Auditions

Blank Performing Arts Center – Pote Theatre

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4CA8A92EA4F85-little>

6:30pm – 8:00pm: Speech, Debate, and Mock Trial Kick-Off Meeting

McNeill Hall – Pioneer Room

Choose which meeting you prefer to attend. Another meeting is offered on 8/31 at 4:30pm.

Wednesday, August 31

1:00pm: Convocation

Smith Chapel



4:30pm – 6:00pm: Speech, Debate, and Mock Trial Kick-Off Meeting

McNeill Hall – Pioneer Room

Thursday, September 1

5:00pm: Women's Soccer vs. Illinois Wesleyan

Bill Buxton Stadium

5:30pm – 7:30pm: Culver Fellows Welcome Picnic

New first-year fellows and returning fellows should join the picnic fun at the Culver Center house.

8:00pm – 10:00pm: Canvas Painting

Let your artistic side run wild at our first all campus relaxation night of the year. Awesome art has a chance to get featured on CAB social media! Hosted by Campus Activities Board.

Labor Day Weekend

Be on the lookout for Residence Life events in Barker and Kresge!

Contact your CA for more information.

Friday, September 2

5:30pm: Bill Buxton Invitational Cross Country Meet

Pickard Park – Indianola

8:00pm: Kick Off Musician

Black Box

Carless VibeZ are one of CAB's favorite musicians. Come for awesome a cappella covers of your favorite hits and stay for incredible original music! Doors open at 7:45pm. Hosted by Campus Activities Board.

Saturday, September 3

10:00am – 4:00pm: Adventureland

Sign up for one free ticket to Adventureland/Adventure Bay! Shuttle leaves campus at 10am and pick up from Adventureland is at 4pm. RSVP is required by Wednesday, August 31 at 4pm. Email taylor.keitzer@simpson.edu with your reservation, questions, and transportation needs.

Women's Tennis vs. Coe College – time TBD

Monday, September 5 - **CLASS DAY!**

Things to do in at Simpson and surrounding community:

- Did you know you can rent bikes from the library? Email liz.grimsbo@simpson.edu for a 2-hour bike check-out.
- Memorial Park (and skate park!)
- Sand Volleyball; located by the baseball field
- Basketball courts; located by Barker Hall
- Explore the Summerset Trail
- Visit the square to shop and eat
- Visit Lake Ahquabi and enjoy the trail system around the lake
- Blank Park Zoo
- Adventureland

