

## ORIENTATION SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

**8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**  
**Move-in for all resident students**  
*Check-In at the assigned residence hall*

**12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**  
**Lunch** – *Student Center Dining Hall*

**1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**  
**Resident Parent Program – An Introduction to Services**  
*Alumni Theatre*

**Student Program – Wing Meetings with Resident Assistants**  
*Mother Joseph Residence Hall and Dominican Hall*

**3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**  
**Parents' and Students' Free Time and Farewell**

**5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Caldwell Cantonese Party with DJ Clem** –  
*Student Center Dining Hall*  
**FREE Food and Drinks!**

**5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**  
**Discovering Caldwell** – *Mother Joseph Lower Lounge*

**8:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.**  
**Coffee & Dessert** – *Dominican Hall Lounge*  
**Game Night** – *Dominican Hall Lounge*

## ORIENTATION SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

**8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.**  
**Breakfast** – *Student Center Dining Hall*

**9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.**  
**Mass** – *Student Center Gym*

**9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**  
**The following offices will be open:**  
*Financial Aid, Campus Store, Security (for IDs & Parking)*

**10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.**  
**Registration** – *Student Upper Lounge*

**10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**  
**Welcome & Convocation** – *Newman Center Gym*

**11:30 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.**  
**Lunch** – *Student Center Dining Hall*  
**Student Services Showcase** – *Hall of Flags*

**1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**  
**Parent Program – FERPA, Security, Faculty Expectations & Your Student's First Year** – A-K: *Alumni Theatre* • L-Z: *Lecture Hall*

**Student Breakout Sessions with Orientation Leaders:**  
**Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Caldwell College and Each Other!**

**AND**

**Ultimate Road Trip: Campus to Career**  
*All Students Gather in Student Center Dining Hall*

**2:45 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**  
**President's Reception** – *Newman Center Lobby*

**3:30 P.M.**  
**Parents' Farewell**

**4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**  
**Casino Night and Dinner** – *Student Center Gym*

## ORIENTATION MONDAY, AUGUST 31

**8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.**  
**Continental Breakfast** – *Student Center Dining Hall*

**8:35 A.M.**  
**Welcome**  
**Dr. Paul R. Douillard, V.P. and Dean for Academic Affairs**  
*Newman Center Gym*

**8:50 A.M. – 10:50 A.M.**  
**TSD Class Session**

**11:00 A.M. – 11:40 A.M.**  
**Faculty Expectations**

TSD GROUPS	LOCATION
1 and 2	Werner Hall 202
3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Alumni Theatre
8 and 9	Faculty Dining Room
10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15	Lecture Hall
16	Newman Center Meeting Room

**11:45 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**  
**Blackboard Technology**

TSD GROUPS	LOCATION
1-7	Lecture Hall
8-16	Alumni Theatre

**12:05 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.**  
**Human Machines** – *Newman Center Gym*

**1:00 P.M. – 1:50 P.M.**  
**Lunch** – *Student Center Dining Hall*

**2:00 P.M.**  
**Cyber Harassment** – **Dr. Lori Harris-Ransom** – *Alumni Theatre*

**3:00 P.M.**  
**President's Ice Cream Social** – *President's House*

**8:00 P.M.**  
**Karaoke Night** – *Dominican Hall Lounge*

## CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

**11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**  
**Commuter Lunch** – *Cougar Den (Located in Newman Center)*

**9:30 P.M.**  
**A Pizza Pie-Off** – *Campus Ministry Office*  
*(Located in Mother Joseph Residence Hall)*

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**4:30 P.M.**  
**Campus Block Party** – *Library Lawn (Sponsored by SYE)*

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

**11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**  
**Candy Apple Mania** – *Student Center Dining Hall*

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**  
**Free Game Room Day** – *Newman Center Game Room*

**12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Open Swim**



## ORGANIZE STUDY GROUPS

Study groups are amazingly helpful. Find two, three, or four other people who you have class with and get together before assignments are due.

## STUDY FOR TESTS

It's easy to procrastinate anything when you're in the residence hall. There's always someone to hang out with or somewhere to go. So always study for your tests before you think about hanging out the night before an important assignment.

## GET INVOLVED

There are always tons of events on the bulletin board in your residence hall. Some are specific to your dorm, some are specific to a certain club and some are for everybody. Find some that interest you, grab some friends, and go to them!

## GO TO EVERYTHING DURING ORIENTATION

Do you really need to go on yet another campus tour? Yes. The faster you learn your way around campus the more at ease you'll feel and the better prepared you'll be when issues arise.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR ROOMMATE AND OTHERS IN YOUR RESIDENCE HALL

The people you live with, most of whom are going through similar experiences and emotions are your main safety net – not only this year, but for all your years. You may change roommates after the first semester or you may stay roommates for all four years – just take the time to get to know your fellow first-year students.

## GET ORGANIZED

In high school, the teachers tended to lead you through all the homework and due dates. In college, the professors post the assignments – often for the entire semester – and expect you to be prepared. Buy an organizer, a PDA, a big wall calendar – whatever it takes for you to know when assignments are due.

## FIND THE IDEAL PLACE FOR YOU TO STUDY

It may be your dorm room or a cozy corner of the library, but find a place that works best for you to get your work done – while avoiding as many distractions as possible.

## GO TO CLASS

Obvious, right? Maybe, but sleeping in and skipping that 8:00 a.m. class will be tempting at times. Avoid the temptation. Besides learning the material by attending classes, you'll also receive vital information from the professors about what to expect on tests, changes in due dates, etc.

## BECOME AN EXPERT ON COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND DUE DATES

Professors spend hours and hours preparing course syllabi and calendars so that you will know exactly what is expected of you – and when. One of the lamest excuses a student can give a professor: "I didn't know it was due today."

## MEET WITH YOUR PROFESSORS

There are only upsides to getting to know your professors, especially if later in the semester you run into some snags. Professors schedule office hours for the sole purpose of meeting with students – take advantage of that time.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISER

This is the person who will help you with course conflicts, adding or dropping courses, scheduling of classes for future semesters, deciding on majors and minors. This person is a key resource for you – and should be the person you turn to with any academic issues or conflicts.

## SEEK A BALANCE

College life is a mixture of social and academic happenings. Don't tip the balance too far in either direction.

## STRIVE FOR GOOD GRADES

Another obvious one here, right? While good grades could have come naturally to you in high school, you will have to earn them in college – and that means setting some goals for yourself and then making sure you work as hard as you can to achieve them.

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE STUDY RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

If you're having some difficulties, visit the Academic Support Center which offers full tutoring services and writing lab assistance.

## MAKE TIME FOR YOU AND YOUR FAITH

Be sure you set aside some time and activities that help you relax and take the stress out of your day or week. Whether it's praying, watching your favorite television shows, writing in a journal, or going to worship services, be good to yourself.

## TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR ACTIONS

Don't look to place the blame on others for your mistakes; own up to them and move on. Being an adult means taking responsibility for everything that happens to you.

## MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH STUDENTS IN YOUR CLASSES

In the first week of classes you should meet at least one new person in each of your classes. It will expand your network of friends – and is a crucial resource at times when you have to miss a class.

## FIND THE CAREER PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Regardless of whether you are entering college as undeclared or have your entire future mapped out, seek out the knowledgeable professionals in your college's Career Planning & Development Office and get started on planning, preparing, and acting on your future.

## DON'T PROCRASTINATE; PRIORITIZE YOUR LIFE

It may have been easy in high school to wait until the last minute to complete an assignment and still get a good grade, but that kind of stuff will not work for you in college. Give yourself deadlines – and stick to them.

## LEARN TO COPE WITH HOMESICKNESS

It's only natural that there will be times when you miss your family, even if you were one who couldn't wait to get away. Find a way to deal with those feelings, such as making a phone call or sending some e-mail home.

## STAY ON CAMPUS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

Whether it's homesickness, a job, or a boyfriend or girlfriend from home, try not to leave campus too soon or too often. The more time you spend on getting to know the campus and your new friends, the more you'll feel at home at school. And why not take advantage of all the cultural and social events that happen on campus?

## SEEK HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

We have health and counseling centers. If you're sick or feeling isolated or depressed, please take advantage of the many services these offices provide students. You don't have to face these issues by yourself.

## KEEP TRACK OF YOUR MONEY

If you've never had to create a budget, now is the time to do so. Find ways to stretch your money – and as best you can, avoid all those credit card solicitations you'll soon be receiving. The average credit card debt of college grads is staggering.

## DON'T CUT CORNERS

College is all about learning. If you procrastinate and cram, you may still do well on tests, but you'll learn very little. Even worse, don't cheat on term papers or tests.

## DEVELOP LASTING RELATIONSHIPS

Now is the time to begin building lifelong friendships. Clubs or student organizations can easily form the foundation of a future career. Interested in a career in politics? Try student government. Think social work is your calling? Join a volunteer program. Whatever a student's career plans there is likely a related club or organization.

## TIPS AT A GLANCE

- Find an upper-class student who can serve as your mentor.
- Form a study group for difficult courses right away.
- Meet with all of the teachers during their office hours the first week of classes.
- Focus on your fitness. Go to the gym three times a week.
- Get to know your resident assistant. RAs can be very helpful.
- Meet your faculty advisor and let him/her know your interests.
- Meet the dean/director of your department. You never know when you will need their help.
- Arrive on campus early so that you can get to know where your classes are located.
- Go to the library to get other books about your course topic.
- Have fun and join an organization that allows you to network with students from other majors.

## COURTESY OF:

- <http://www.college-freshman.com/college-financial-tips.php>
- <http://auzigog.com/2007/08/24/9-survival-tips-for-college-freshman/>
- [http://www.quintcareers.com/first-year\\_success.html](http://www.quintcareers.com/first-year_success.html)
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