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OPENING DAYS

— WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY —

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At Opening Days Matriculation, students begin their college journeys by floating candles down the Mill Stream — the moving points of light symbolize their varied paths through Willamette.

Opening Days 2018, welcome!





On behalf of the marvelous Opening Days leaders, welcome to Willamette University! I hope you enjoy your summer and are excited to come to Willamette this August. I am thrilled to meet and welcome you as a fellow student and community member. Within this booklet, you will find information about Opening Days (OD) and the three Jump Start programs.



OPENING DAYS LEADERSHIP TEAM (left to right) Alexa Anderson, Mariam Baig, Maggie Mellecker, Nell Crittenden, Caspar Croft

To better welcome you and improve your experience at Willamette as an incoming student, we ask you to take a moment to complete a short profile, which will provide us with your interests and basic contact information. Your Opening Days leaders, Resident Advisors (if you're living on campus) and College Colloquium professors will have access to your profile as one way to get to know you. You can find this profile on the Opening Days website under "New Student Profile" (willamette.edu/go/openingdays). After clicking on "New Student Profile," you will be asked to log in using your Willamette username and password, which are the same username and password as your Willamette email. Please submit your profile by **July 13**. Each student who submits the form by this date will be entered into a drawing to win a Willamette sweatshirt!

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Your Opening Days leaders' profiles are also inserted in this packet. Your leaders will contact you later this summer to introduce themselves and answer any of your questions, but do not hesitate to contact them if you want to introduce yourself, get to know them or ask questions. They're here to welcome and support you, even before Opening Days begins!

You are more than welcome to contact me at any time by phone at 503-370-6058 or by email at mlmellecker@willamette.edu to ask questions or get help. I wish you a memorable summer as you begin to prepare for the transition to becoming a Willamette student! It's an amazing journey, and your OD leaders, Leadership Team and I look forward to helping you throughout that journey in any way possible.

Sincerely,
Maggie Mellecker '19, *Opening Days Coordinator*

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Servicios de interpretación: *Willamette provee intérpretes con petición anticipada. Si usted o un miembro de su familia desea tales servicios, contacte la Oficina de Actividades Estudiantiles antes del primero de Agosto: student-activities@willamette.edu, 503-370-6463.*

ORIENTATION QUESTIONS

What is Opening Days?

Opening Days is Willamette University's five-day orientation program for new students. During Opening Days, you and your family will be introduced to all aspects of life at Willamette, such as exploring the campus, attending classes and meeting your new classmates at social events. Our goal is to make your transition into the Willamette community easy and enjoyable.

During Opening Days, you will be part of a group of about 14 new students. Two Opening Days leaders will guide each group. You will meet with your leaders on a daily basis, receiving important information on Opening Days events and transitioning to college life.

Who are the Opening Days leaders?

OD leaders are returning students who have demonstrated excellent interpersonal skills and a high level of involvement in the Willamette community. Opening Days leaders are selected during spring semester. They complete training both in the spring and prior to the start of Opening Days in August. Your leaders will be contacting you throughout the summer. Inserted in this packet is a picture and profile of them.

What is College Colloquium?

Willamette's College Colloquium provides first-year students with a unique opportunity to pursue your intellectual passions from the first moment you arrive on campus. The course will be the academic centerpiece of your first semester at Willamette University.

The word "colloquium" has been carefully chosen. It is derived from the Latin "colloqui," meaning "to talk together." The word conveys a conversation that is both structured and informal, a meeting of minds that is both serious and spirited. This is not a course in which somebody lectures and you listen. It is a course in which you participate actively in the discussion of questions that you feel are important. We don't believe you should have to wait until your junior or senior year to enjoy classes like this.

Central to the colloquium is the idea of intellectual freedom — your freedom to choose a topic that mirrors your interests and to pursue questions that fire your imagination. Faculty from every department and program across campus teach in the College Colloquium, from music and physics to history and philosophy. In these colloquia, you will pursue questions about popular culture, science and ethics, insanity, religion, skepticism, heroism, violence, resistance, privacy, revolution — the list of topics is rich and the possibilities endless. In choosing your colloquium, you will take the important first step in creating your intellectual journey at Willamette.

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That journey begins, crucially, in a small classroom setting. Enrollment in each colloquium is limited to 14 students for several reasons. First, a small class helps to develop a culture of active participation. Second, it enables the instructor to give close and careful attention to student writing. Third, it promotes a close and meaningful relationship between students and professor.

Your colloquium instructor will be your academic advisor, typically until you declare a major. When you select your colloquium, therefore, you will also be selecting your advisor, the person who will help you to plan your coursework in your first year or two at Willamette. We believe that good advising requires your advisor to know you both as a person and as a student, and to know your interests and capabilities. The colloquium will end after the first semester, but your close relationship with your advisor (and your colloquium classmates) will continue long after the course is over.

What is a typical day like during Opening Days?

BUSY! Take time to review the Opening Days schedule on pages 8–10. During Opening Days, it is important to realize that first-year students will spend a considerable portion of time in their College Colloquium. This commitment, plus the numerous programs in which all new students will participate, leaves little time for errands and other outside activities during the first three days of the program. If you are a football, soccer or volleyball student-athlete or are participating in tryouts for the visual and performing arts, your free time will be even more limited. We urge you to complete your errands and buy your move-in necessities before coming to campus.

What is the family's role in Opening Days?

Parents and other family members are welcome and encouraged to participate in the first two days of Opening Days. Several informational sessions on topics such as housing, technology, the academic environment and answers to general concerns will be offered.

How does Opening Days address the needs of transfer and non-traditional students?

The needs of transfer and non-traditional first-year students are often different than those of traditional first-year students. To meet those needs we have designed an orientation experience especially for transfer and non-traditional students.

If you are a transfer student living off-campus and/or playing volleyball, soccer or football, you will participate in the Speed Orientation on Thursday, Aug. 23 (see the schedule and additional information enclosed in this booklet). In addition to the Speed Orientation, transfer students living on campus and non-traditionally aged first-year students should participate fully in their five-day

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Opening Days groups. The leaders of these groups are specially trained to facilitate your unique transition to Willamette University.

No matter your age or the number of credits you are transferring, your Opening Days leaders will be a valuable resource to guide you in your transition to becoming a Willamette student.

Are there any costs associated with Opening Days?

There is a \$120 fee for participation in the Opening Days program. It is charged directly to every new student's account. Students who participate in the Passport to Salem program should bring spending money for activities such as eating out. The student meal plan begins at dinner on Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Meals are not provided for parents and family members. There are two meals during Opening Days that require tickets for parents and family members: the picnic dinner on Wednesday, Aug. 22 and lunch on Thursday, Aug. 23. Tickets may be purchased in advance at willamette.edu/go/openingdays. Tickets will also be available for purchase at Opening Days check-in, but you are encouraged to purchase in advance to take advantage of a discounted online price.

Goudy Commons will be open for all other meals, accepting cash or debit/credit cards.

What if I still have questions?

There is more information on the Opening Days website: willamette.edu/go/openingdays, and all Willamette departments can be accessed through the university's website at willamette.edu. Also, enclosed in a future parent mailing will be a magnet listing important university phone numbers. We encourage you to place the magnet on your refrigerator for easy access and reference.

PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES

Recommended Reading

The following books have served as invaluable resources to parents and family members across the nation.

- **Letting Go: A Parent's Guide to Understanding the College Years (6th ed.)**
by Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger
- **Almost Grown: Launching Your Child from High School to College**
by Patricia Pasick
- **When Your Kid Goes to College: A Parent's Survival Guide**
by Carol Barkin
- **Don't Tell Me What to Do, Just Send Money: The Essential Parenting Guide for the College Years**
by Helen E. Johnson and Christine Schelhaus-Miller
- **I'll Miss You Too: An Off-to-College Guide for Parents and Students**
by Margo E. Woodacre Bane and Steffany Bane Carey
- **The Naked Roommate: For Parents only: A Parent's Guide to the New College Experience**
by Harlan Cohen



STUDENT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Updated schedule at check-in.

8–10 a.m.	Opening Days check-in: Orientation packet distribution Residence hall key pick-up Student ID card pick-up
	After checking in, students are encouraged to move in to their residence halls and begin completing items on the “settling-in” check list (provided at move-in). The first required Opening Days event is at 2 p.m.
11–11:45 a.m.	New Student-Athlete and Parent Orientation
1–2 p.m.	First Generation Student Reception
2–2:45 p.m.	Opening Days kick-off program for new students and families
3–4 p.m.	Opening Days group session
4–5:30 p.m.	College Colloquium (first-year students only)
5:30–7 p.m.	Picnic Dinner and Entertainment (free for new students — tickets required for parents and family members)
7–9 p.m.	Housing at Willamette — meet your resident advisor (RA); residential area welcome parties

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

7–9 a.m.	Goudy Commons open for breakfast
8:30–10:15 a.m.	College Colloquium prep time
9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Speed Orientation for transfer/international students (see insert for more information)
10:30 a.m.–noon	Opening Convocation
Noon–1:30 p.m.	Lunch (free for new students — tickets required for parents and family members)
1:30–3 p.m.	College Colloquium
3–4:30 p.m.	Goodbyes and free time
4:30–7 p.m.	Dinner and Opening Days group session
7:30–8:30 p.m.	Matriculation ceremony
9:30–11:30 p.m.	Barn Dance

Note: This is an abbreviated schedule. For a complete schedule, go to: willamette.edu/go/openingdays.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

7–9 a.m.	Goudy Commons open for breakfast
8:30–10:30 a.m.	College Colloquium prep time
10:30 a.m.–noon	College Colloquium
Noon–3 p.m.	Lunch with College Colloquium class and/or academic advising appointments
4–7 p.m.	Dinner
4:30–9 p.m.	Passport to Salem (various departure and return times)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

8–10 a.m.	Breakfast
10 a.m.–3 p.m.	Bearcats Give Back (community service opportunity)
4–6 p.m.	Dinner
6–9 p.m.	Reality Check

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

9:30–10:30 a.m.	Interdenominational worship service
11 a.m.–3 p.m.	Grass volleyball tournament
4–7:30 p.m.	Dinner
7–9 p.m.	Willamette Night Out

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

8 a.m.	Classes begin
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Note: This is an abbreviated schedule. For a complete schedule, go to: willamette.edu/go/openingdays.

PARENT & FAMILY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

8–10 a.m.	Check-In: Pick up an Opening Days packet just for families!
10 a.m.	Campus Tour
1 p.m.	Campus Tour
1–2 p.m.	First Generation Student Reception
2–2:45 p.m.	Opening Days Kick-off Program for New Students and Families
3–4:30 p.m.	Parent and Family Program: Student Affairs at Willamette
5:30–7 p.m.	Picnic Dinner and Entertainment Tickets available at willamette.edu/go/openingdays
7–8 p.m.	Program: Housing at Willamette

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

7:45 a.m.–noon	Parent & Family Programming/Open Houses
9 a.m.	Campus Tour
10:30 a.m.–noon	Opening Convocation
Noon–1:30 p.m.	Lunch Tickets available at willamette.edu/go/openingdays
1:30–3 p.m.	Parent and Family Programming (details in orientation packet)
3–4:30 p.m.	Goodbyes and Free Time
5–7 p.m.	Parent & Family Send-off Event Willamette Heritage Center

Note: This is an abbreviated schedule. For a complete schedule, go to: willamette.edu/go/openingdays.



GENERAL NOTES

Opening Days Check-In: On Aug. 22 from 8 to 10 a.m., all new students and their families need to pick up an Opening Days packet. This packet will include a complete schedule for Opening Days with locations of events and additional information.

Parking: Permits are not required on campus during Opening Days weekend. However, all city parking meters will be enforced.

Driving Directions: Traveling north or south on I-5, take the North Santiam Highway exit (#253) and turn west onto Highway 22 (Mission St.). Follow Mission St. approximately three miles to the railroad overpass and take the exit marked "Willamette University." Stay in the left lane as the exit divides. Immediately ahead on your right is the Willamette University campus. The first right turn after the intersection of 12th and Bellevue Streets is the entrance to the main university parking lot.

Air Transportation: Portland International Airport (PDX) is 65 miles north of Salem. Two shuttle services offer roundtrip services daily between Salem and the Portland airport. Advance reservations are required. **HUT Shuttle Service** operates between the Salem Airport and Portland. The cost is \$31 (student) one way. 888-257-0126 or portlandairportshuttle.com. **Oregon Express Shuttle** operates between the Salem Red Lion Hotel and Portland. The cost is \$25 one way. 877-693-3785 or oregonexpressshuttle.com.

Train Transportation: Amtrak offers daily north/south service to Salem. Salem's Amtrak station is located across the street from the southeast corner of the Willamette campus.

Bus Transportation: Greyhound Bus Lines serve Salem throughout the United States. The bus depot is located at 500 13th Street SE, next to the Amtrak station.

Accommodations:
willamette.edu/go/accommodations

Special Access Needs: Willamette provides sign language interpreters or accommodations for other access needs upon request. If you or a member of your family desires ASL or other accommodations contact the Office of Student Activities prior to Aug. 1.

Interpreter Services: Willamette provides language interpreters upon request. If you or a family member desires such service, contact the Office of Student Activities prior to Aug. 1.

QUESTIONS? Call the Office of Student Activities at 503-370-6463, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (PDT) or check the Opening Days website:
willamette.edu/go/openingdays.

You may also email the Opening Days coordinator Maggie Mellecker at m1mellecker@willamette.edu.

Students enjoy a hike along the Oregon Coast during Jump Start's Steppin' Out program.



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JUMP START

**IF YOU JUST CAN'T WAIT
TO GET TO COLLEGE**

**Apply at willamette.edu/go/jumpstart
beginning noon, June 13, 2018.**

Willamette invites you to “begin before the beginning.” These Jump Start opportunities will enable you to meet other new students, explore the scenic beauty of the Pacific Northwest and lend a helping hand in your new community in a smaller, more intimate setting before the Opening Days program.

At Willamette University, you are joining a vital community of learners, and these programs provide important initial community-building experiences within that community.

For more information, visit willamette.edu/go/jumpstart.



“SLS made me realize I really wanted to be active with the community and with service in college. I had never thought about doing service much, but it made me want to do service in Salem and realize all of the opportunities available.” — Cameron Taggesell '21

SERVICE, LEADERSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY (SLS)

Dates: Aug. 18–22, 2018
Cost: \$250; scholarships and payment plans available
Where: Salem community
Limit: 21 participants

APPLICATIONS ONLINE
willamette.edu/go/jumpstart
June 13–July 20, 2018

SLS is a great way to make connections and develop your leadership skills as you transition into this exciting time in your life! This program provides students with the opportunity to engage in direct service in the Salem community while forming friendships with other incoming students. Caring, fun-loving leaders answer your questions about the first year at Willamette and work to make SLS an outstanding experience. A typical day of SLS consists of improving the environment, feeding hungry families and reaching out to youth in need. Students will also have the opportunity to socialize through group events and relax in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. The program fee includes all transportation, meals, accommodations, fun surprises and a T-shirt. Join us as we build community with one another and in Salem while living out Willamette University's motto, Not unto ourselves alone are we born.

Learn more and apply at willamette.edu/go/sls.

OHANA

Dates: August 18–22, 2018
Cost: \$250; scholarships and payment plans available
Where: Portland and Salem communities
Limit: 30 participants

APPLICATIONS ONLINE
willamette.edu/go/jumpstart
June 13–July 20, 2018

Ohana is Hawaiian for “family,” and at Willamette University, family begins with our Ohana program. Start your college experience as part of a smaller, intimate group focused on the transitional needs of multicultural students. Led by current Willamette students who have successfully navigated the campus community, Ohana is a time to learn about the area, the university, academic life and cultural resources. Most important, it is a time to make new friendships and develop a supportive community. During Ohana, students will also have an opportunity to meet key staff and faculty who will provide information regarding residence hall life, academic support services and campus resources. Each day brings a new adventure exploring Oregon, Portland, the Oregon coast and the Salem communities. The program includes activities, a T-shirt, lodging, all meals and a family dinner. For more information, contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 503-370-6265. Sign up early since space is limited. Come join the Willamette Ohana!

Learn more and apply at willamette.edu/go/ohana.



“I gained valuable knowledge about resources at Willamette from Ohana leaders, professors and faculty.” — Ashley Alunan '19



“Steppin’ Out changed the way I felt going into college. I developed an incredible community and felt ready to begin my college experience. Plus the hiking was amazing!”
— Tessa Harvey ‘20

STEPPIN’ OUT

Dates: August 18–22, 2018
Cost: \$250; scholarships and payment plans available
Where: Oregon Coast, McKenzie River, Columbia River Gorge and the Mt. Jefferson areas
Limit: 66 participants

APPLICATIONS ONLINE
willamette.edu/go/jumpstart
June 13–July 20, 2018

Explore Northwest Oregon’s magnificent coast, mountains and rivers with the Steppin’ Out program and make new friends along the way. You will be able to choose from several different hike options each day. Hike between four to eight miles round trip, and experience Oregon’s lush vegetation and breathtaking landscapes. You will return to campus each evening to share dinner and get better acquainted with members of SLS (service-based Jump Start program) and Ohana (cultural-based Jump Start program). Preface your Willamette experience with fun new friends and adventures!

Learn more and apply at willamette.edu/go/steppinout.

CHECK OUT THESE FIVE STEPPIN' OUT HIKES

EAGLE CREEK (6.5 miles round trip) This trail is rated easy.

If you could pick only one Columbia Gorge Trail to hike, this would likely be it. Eagle Creek provides the best scenery the gorge has to offer at a fairly friendly pace. On the winding path to Wahtum Lake in the Columbia Wilderness, you pass half a dozen waterfalls, any one of which would be worth a substantial hike on its own. Two miles into the trek you will pass the aptly named Punchbowl Falls. Continue on to the spectacular High Bridge, which spans a deep gorge on the creek. Total elevation gain is about 800 feet.

CASCADE HEAD (5.5 miles round trip) This trail is rated moderate.

This is the premiere coastal hike. The trail begins in and continues through a 9,600-acre wildlife laboratory. Along the trail, you will pass rocks jutting dramatically 1,800 feet above the Pacific Ocean and several streams cascading (hence the name) into the ocean from spectacular, smooth gorges. The path, which runs through the Nature Conservancy Preserve, makes an excellent day hike through magnificent stands of spruce with views across the Salmon River estuary. The trail offers numerous photo-worthy views of Cape Kiwanda and Cape Lookout to the north and breathtaking oceanic views to the south.

TRIANGULATION PEAK (4.4 miles round trip) This trail is rated moderate.

One of the best mountain hikes in the Outdoor Program at Willamette University: The path starts high (4,700 feet) and stays high, winding through wildflower meadows past Spire Rock, an impressive hunk of basalt. A side trail leads you to Boca Cave, a large cavern if you would like an incredible rest stop. The final stretch is a leg-sapper. Keep at it. At the top, Triangulation Peak boosts you just high enough (5,400 feet) for outstanding views of the Cascade range (including Mount Jefferson, Mount Hood, the Sisters and Three Fingers Jack) and the Jefferson Wilderness area.





TAMOLITCH POOL (4.2 miles round trip) This trail is rated easy.

Tamolitch Pool has it all: Located in the middle of the Cascade Mountain pass, this trail has old growth forests, lava flows and an underground river! This portion of the McKenzie River Trail (26 miles) takes you to the beautiful turquoise Tamolitch Pool (commonly referred to as Blue Pool). The hike begins in old growth Douglas fir; as you walk along a cliff, you depart the McKenzie River and eventually come upon an old lava flow. The pool is actually where the McKenzie River reemerges in a lava tube.

OPAL CREEK (6.5 miles round trip) This trail is rated moderate.

Opal Creek's ancient forest, on the edge of the Bull of the Cascade Mountains Wilderness, is one of the North Santiam River "must do" hikes. The trail starts out at Jawbone Flats, a well-preserved 1929 mining camp. A 60-foot-high bridge takes you across Gold Creek before the trail skirts dramatic cliffs above the Little Santiam River, and winds through an old growth grove. After the 2-mile mark, the trail leads to a 30-foot waterfall cascading into a deep green pool. Continue on the trail to experience spectacular views of Opal Pool's scenic gorge.



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JUMP START

APPLICATION PROCESS

Online applications for Jump Start are available beginning noon, Wednesday, June 13 and due by Friday, July 20.

To apply visit willamette.edu/go/jumpstart

If you have questions about the application process, please email us at jumpstart_reg@willamette.edu or contact the Office of Student Activities at 503-370-6463 (M–F, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (PDT)).

Before you apply, make sure you have:

- the name of the program in which you want to participate
- the name, phone number and email address of your emergency contact person
- Willamette University student ID number

Scholarships and payment plans are available — information on willamette.edu/go/jumpstart

