



PRESS RELEASE: Bulldog Beginnings to Greet New Ferris State University Students

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Here is a press release about Bulldog Beginnings, a series of events planned to welcome new students to Ferris State University. Questions can be addressed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager, (231) 591-2021 or sandygholston@ferris.edu.



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BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University is ready to welcome new students to campus with Bulldog Beginnings, a bunch of cool events to meet new people, eat free food, enjoy live music, nab free stuff and get to know their new home away from home.

Bulldog Beginnings, organized by a committee of representatives from several Ferris organizations, kicks off Friday, Aug. 23 and wraps up Thursday, Sept. 5. Students are invited to participate in educational events and fun activities designed to introduce them to campus, said Amber Kneibel, assistant director of the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services.

“The program is to acclimate students to campus,” Kneibel said. “We just want to have fun activities for them to do those first couple of weeks. That’s usually the time that freshmen feel disconnected or homesick, so we want to give them enough things to fill their time and give them something fun and interactive that they can really be a part of.”

While Bulldog Beginnings is geared toward new students, returning students are welcome to attend.

Here is the schedule of events:

Friday, Aug. 23:

9 p.m., South Quad – Residence Hall Association Movie in the Quad

Saturday, Aug. 24:

2-5 p.m., South Quad – Bulldog Beginnings Backyard Bash featuring games and activities provided by various campus organizations and departments.

7 to 10 p.m., Meijer – Meijer Madness includes giveaways, raffles for prizes, a live DJ, photo booth and other activities; shuttle buses will provide transportation between campus and Meijer.

Sunday, Aug. 25:

7 to 11 p.m. – Residence Hall meetings, programs

Monday, Aug. 26:

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – SocialFest Instagram Scavenger Hunt challenges students to visit various locations on campus, take a picture and share it on Instagram for the chance to win a SocialFest T-shirt.

Tuesday, Aug. 27:

3 to 6 p.m., Interdisciplinary Resource Center – A Cultured Affair is a reception and open house hosted by the Center for Latin@ Studies, Office of International Education and the Office of Multicultural Student Services to showcase each office’s services and programs.

6 to 10 p.m., Student Recreation Center – Rec Fest, hosted by the University Recreation Department, will showcase the facility through sports tournaments, a rock-climbing wall and information on fitness classes, intramural and club sports.

Wednesday, Aug. 28:

1 to 4 p.m., FLITE 159 – Office of Multicultural Student Services Fall Open House

7 p.m., Williams Auditorium – Juggler Nick Pike, a performer featured on “America’s Got Talent,” will open Entertainment Unlimited’s season.

Thursday, Aug. 29:

11 a.m., SCI 126 – Founders’ Day President’s Speech

3-7 p.m., North Quad – Founders’ Day Celebration marks the university’s 129th anniversary with students, faculty, staff and the Big Rapids community with fun activities and information tables. An ice cream social will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 30:

2 to 5 p.m., FLITE – Disc Golf in FLITE is an opportunity to play in the library. Teams of two will compete for prizes; register on-site no later than 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 3:

6 to 8 p.m., South Quad – Bulldog Beats and Eats, presented by the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services, and The Rock Café, is a lawn concert and picnic; students can use their meal plan and off-campus diners pay \$9.25. Bring blankets and chairs.

Wednesday, Sept. 4:

6 to 8 p.m., IRC Connector – OMSS Minority Student Get Acquainted Day invites new and returning students to visit RSO and department information tables, enter giveaways and enjoy music and food.

Thursday, Sept. 5:

6 to 8 p.m., Racquet and Fitness Center – Racquet Bash will feature Zumba classes, Quickstart and Cardio tennis, Wallyball and other activities, and offer sign-up tables for fall programs with discounts for those who pay.

For more information on each event, visit the Bulldog Beginnings website at www.ferris.edu/bulldogbeginnings or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/621830231170808/>.

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