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# **PREPARE FOR NORTHWESTERN**

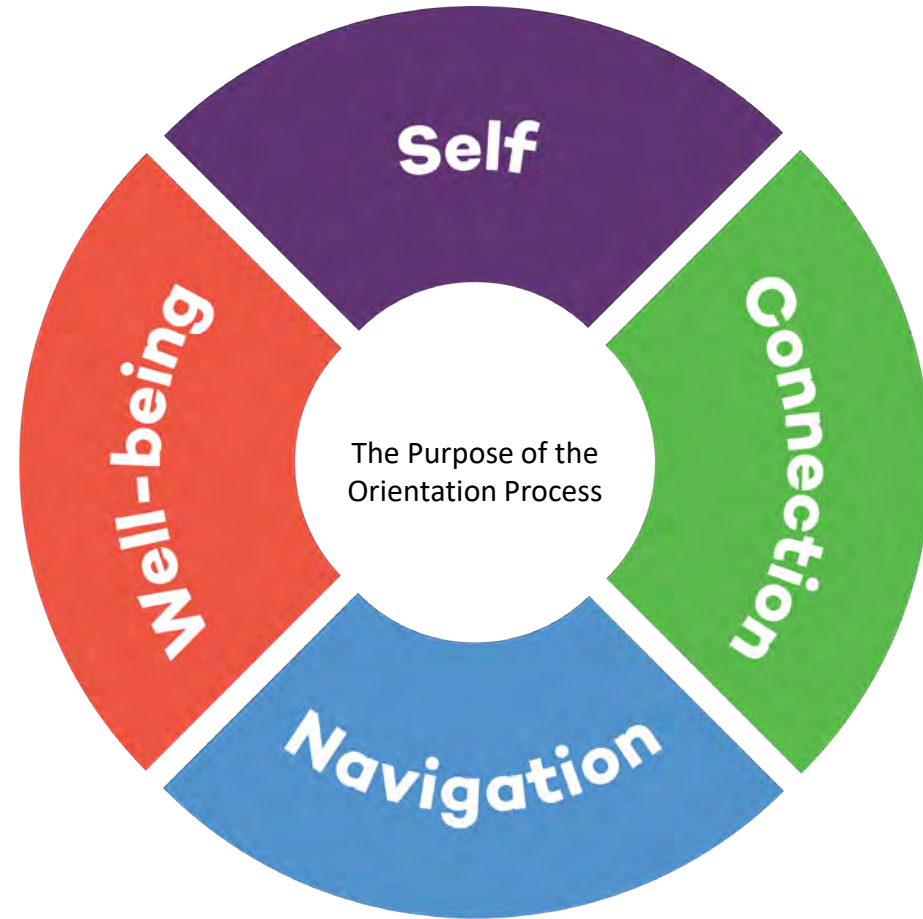
**A WEBINAR FOR NEW TRANSFERS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**June 18, 2024**  
**7 p.m. CDT**

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# Purpose of Orientation



# Your New Student Orientation Process

**Northwestern's orientation process consists of three components to successfully launch transfer students into their first year.**

## 1

### Purple Prep

- **June 5-September 16, 2024**
- Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat
- Modality: Virtual

## 2

### Before the Arch

- **July 8-September 16, 2024**
- Optional opportunities to learn from current students about the emotional and social aspects of your transition
- Modality: Virtual

## 3

### Wildcat Welcome

- **September 17-22, 2024**
- International Wildcat Welcome: September 16-17
- Take part in campus traditions, build connections, learn to navigate campus, and register for fall classes
- Modality: In-person, on-campus





# Purple Prep

June 5-September 16, 2024

## Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat

- Purple Prep provides foundational information and includes all summer tasks to complete, with a new set of deadlines each month.
- Tasks range from submitting your housing contract to immunization forms to virtual orientation modules.



# Purple Prep

June 5-September 16, 2024



## Purple Prep Website

- Find everything you need to know.
- The one-stop location for details about summer tasks and information you need to know prior to starting in the fall



## Purple Prep Checklist

- Keep track of requirements
- A personalized tool for managing all your summer tasks



## Purple Prep Email

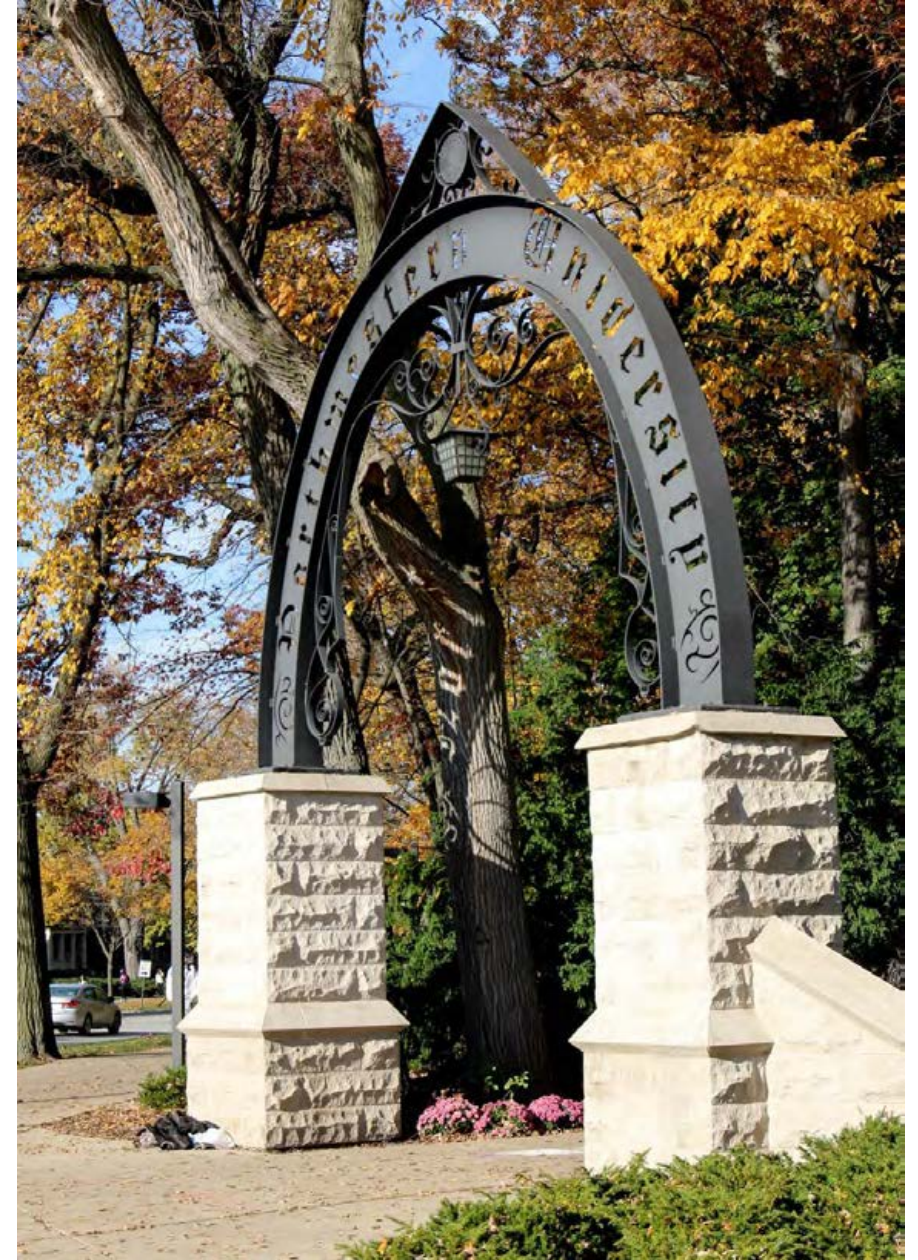
- Delivered the first and third Tuesday of each month, with info on upcoming tasks and noting any updates or changes to your entry

[northwestern.edu/purple-prep](https://northwestern.edu/purple-prep)

# Before the Arch

**July 8-September 16, 2024**

- Virtual, optional opportunities to hear from current students about the social and emotional aspects of transition
- Delivered weekly through the Class of 2028 & 2024 Transfers Canvas Course, including videos, webinars, podcasts, and more
- Canvas Course to launch in July
- Prompted to learn more in Purple Prep email







# **CAESAR 101 FOR TRANSFERS**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

**7 PM CDT**

Zoom link coming soon

STUDENT  
**TRANSITION  
EXPERIENCES**



# Wildcat Welcome

September 17-22, 2024

International Wildcat Welcome : September 16-17, 2024

Take part in campus traditions, build connections, learn to navigate campus, and register for fall classes

## International Students

- September 15: International student move-in day
- September 16-17: International Wildcat Welcome
- September 17: New student move-in day
- September 17-22: Wildcat Welcome



# Wildcat Welcome

September 17-22, 2024

International Wildcat Welcome: September 16-17, 2024

Take part in campus traditions, build connections, learn to navigate campus, and register for fall classes

- Begins when you move to campus
- Programs to build connections with others, learn about Northwestern, and take part in campus tradition



# Wildcat Welcome

## What to expect during Wildcat Welcome

- New student move-in day (September 17)
- Support from peer mentors:
  - ✓ Peer Adviser (PA)
  - ✓ International Peer Adviser (IPA)
  - ✓ Resident Assistant (RA)
- Build connections through PA Group, Residential area, & social-based programs
- Academic advising & fall quarter course registration
- Campus traditions: March Through the Arch, Class Photo
- Campus tour



# Wildcat Welcome

September 17-22, 2024

International Wildcat Welcome: September 16-17, 2024

## Timeline for Learning the Schedule

August

**Programmatic  
overview released**

September

**Personalized  
schedule released**





# After Orientation

## Transition does not end after the first week.

- The Office of Student Transition Experiences continues to support you as a student past orientation.
  - ✓ Twice quarterly emails with important dates, upcoming events, and highlighted resources relevant to important topics that quarter
  - ✓ Additional events and programs each year that will lead you through common experiences, such as learning how to rent housing off campus, leadership building, and celebrating milestones



# Family Overview

## Office of Family Engagement

- Family Engagement provides resources, communication, and programming for parents and family members.
- We help with the transition of new Wildcat families.
- We support families throughout their students' undergraduate experience.
- We provide training and leadership development opportunities for current students (Family Coordinators & Family Ambassadors).



# Family Overview

## Communication

- **Family Engagement Website**
  - ✓ [bit.ly/NU-Family](https://bit.ly/NU-Family)
- **Parent & Family E-mail List**
  - ✓ [go.dosa.northwestern.edu/parentlist/](https://go.dosa.northwestern.edu/parentlist/)
- **Family Engagement Email Address:** [family@northwestern.edu](mailto:family@northwestern.edu)
- **[New Parent & Family Webinar Series](#)**
- **[Parent and Family Virtual Resource Guide](#)**
- **Wildcat Family Recap**
- **Official Northwestern University Parents & Families Facebook Page**
  - ✓ [www.facebook.com/northwesternfamilies](https://www.facebook.com/northwesternfamilies)





# Family Engagement Website

[bit.ly/DEMO-NU-Family](https://bit.ly/DEMO-NU-Family)



### Families

HOME > FAMILIES

#### Family Communication

Parent & Family Orientation  
2023

Prep Talk

Family Weekend

FAQs For Families

Things to do: Evanston &  
Chicago

Northwestern University  
Family Advisory Council  
(NUFAC)

Student Leaders

The Dean of Students Office and the area of Family Engagement partners with family members of all undergraduate students to ensure we create a supportive environment to aid in student learning and development. All information for family members, including programs, communication, and resources, can be found in this section.





# Planning Dates

## September

- 15 International student move-in day
- 16-17 International Wildcat Welcome
- 17 New student move-in day
- 17-18 Parent & Family Orientation
- 17-22 Wildcat Welcome
- 24 First day of class

## November

- 8-10 Family Weekend
- 28-Dec 1 Fall Break

## December

- 9-14 Final Exams
- 14 Halls close for winter break @ 12pm

Dates are subject to change. View the [Purple Prep website](#) for the up-to-date calendar.

# Connect with Your Class

Follow @wildcatwelcome on social media



## NU Transfers Instagram

- [Instagram.com/nutransfers2024](https://www.instagram.com/nutransfers2024)

## Your Peer Adviser Group

- Coming by August 1



# Transfer Student Panel

- **Joel, 4<sup>th</sup> Year**
  - **Hometown: Spring, TX**
  - **Major: Economics**
- **Sarah, 4th Year**
  - **Hometown: Lutherville, MA**
  - **Major: English**
- **Amanda, 4th Year**
  - **Hometown: Hopkins, MN**
  - **Major: Biology**







Q & A



# Questions After the Webinar?

## Purple Prep Website

### Student Transition Experiences

[transition@northwestern.edu](mailto:transition@northwestern.edu)

### Family Engagement

[family@northwestern.edu](mailto:family@northwestern.edu)

### Residential Services/Move-In

[housing@northwestern.edu](mailto:housing@northwestern.edu)

### Student Health Insurance

[student.insurance@northwestern.edu](mailto:student.insurance@northwestern.edu)





# THANK YOU!

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