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# **PREPARE FOR NORTHWESTERN**

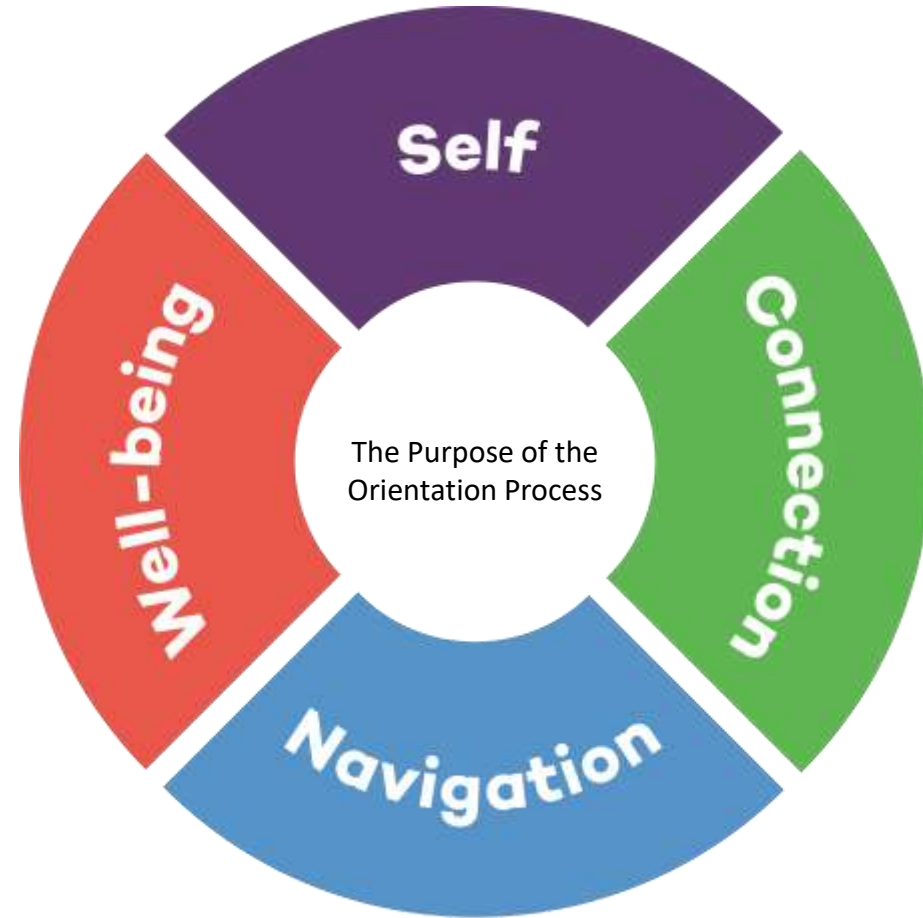
A WEBINAR FOR THE CLASS  
OF 2028 AND THEIR FAMILIES

**May 9, 2024**  
7 p.m. CDT

# In This Session

- New Student Orientation Process
  - Purple Prep
  - Before the Arch
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- Families Supporting Their New Student
- Planning Dates
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# Purpose of Orientation



# Your New Student Orientation Process

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

## 1

### Purple Prep

- **May 6-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
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# Purple Prep

May 6-September 16, 2024

Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat

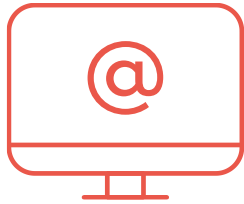
- Purple Prep provides foundational information and includes all summer tasks to complete, with a new set of deadlines each month.
- Tasks range from submitting your housing contract to immunization forms to virtual orientation modules.





# Purple Prep

May 6-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

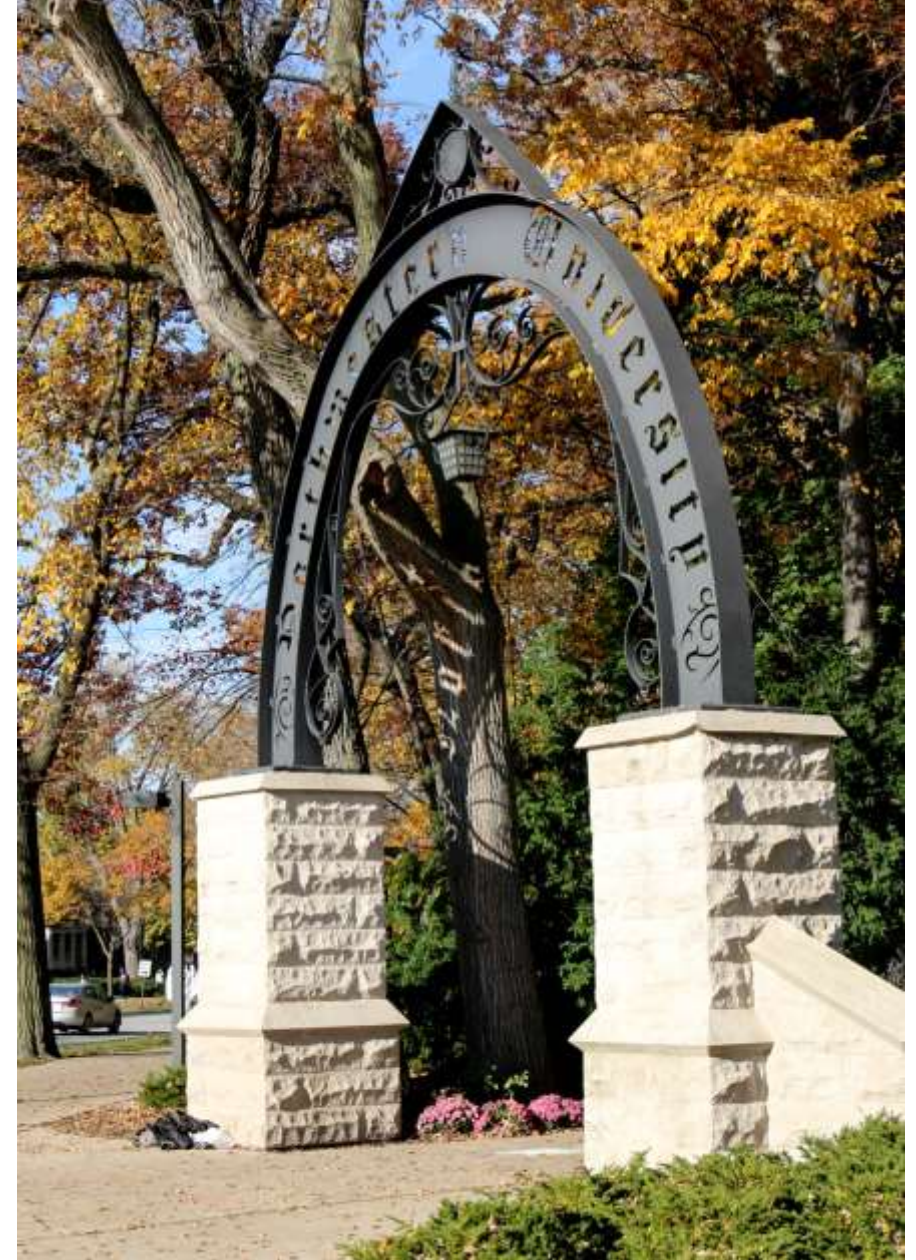
- Delivered the first and third Tuesday of each month, with info on upcoming tasks and noting any updates or changes to your entry

[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



# 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
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# 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)



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## 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



Class of 2028 Instagram

- [Instagram.com/2028northwesternu](https://www.instagram.com/2028northwesternu)

Your Peer Adviser Group

- Coming by August 1



# Student Panel

- Levy, Third Year
  - Hometown: Lexington, KY
  - Major: Economics and Creative Writing
- Loretta, Third Year
  - Hometown: Dallas, TX
  - Major: Political Science
- Omar, Third Year
  - Hometown: East Stroudsburg, PA
  - Major: Computer Science
- Sophia, Third Year
  - Hometown: Mantua, NJ
  - Major: Communication Sciences & Disorders







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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