

Arrival and Orientation

ARRIVAL DAY: AUGUST 20, 2023

Most incoming students will arrive on campus the morning of the first day of orientation, which starts on August 20. Others, such as varsity athletes, students who participate in a pre-orientation program, and students in certain populations such as international students and those in specific scholars programs, may arrive on campus earlier in order to take part in their specific pre-orientation program.

The organizing departments send information during the summer for these specific programs. If you are arriving on the first day of orientation (further instructions will be sent over the summer), be sure to honk loudly and proudly when you pass the “Honk if You Love Colgate” sign. There will be volunteers to help move your belongings up the hill.

You will check in and receive your orientation materials, then walk up to your residence hall, where your belongings will be waiting for you!



ORIENTATION AUGUST 20-23, 2023

New Student Orientation

Orientation prepares students to begin their college experience. At orientation you will:

- Get acquainted with roommates, classmates, and Residential Commons staff members
- Develop a sense of home in your residence halls
- Become familiar with the campus
- Be welcomed into Colgate's community of scholars
- Meet your academic advisers
- Learn about Colgate's community expectations

Your Link

A peer mentor, ally, and confidant, your link can help you celebrate your successes and guide you through the unexpected rough patches of both orientation and your first year. You'll meet members of the link staff throughout the summer as well as your own Link on Arrival Day. Because the transition to college doesn't happen instantaneously, your Link remains a resource to you for your entire first year.

ARRIVAL DAY SCHEDULE

Registration

8 a.m.–noon

Family Brunch

10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Student-Athlete Welcome

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Parent & Family Orientation

(parents/families only)

1–2:00 p.m.

Welcome to Colgate

2:30–3:00 p.m.

Family Farewells & Colgate's

Famous Cookiewiches

3–3:15 p.m.

Orientation begins

3:30 p.m.

Visit colgate.edu/newstudents
to access the new student checklist.

