Welcome to Family Orientation!
We are very excited to welcome you and your new student to Clark University. The Family Program will help you become familiar with campus resources and get to know the Clark community.

During orientation, students will participate in programs that will help them transition into college and life at Clark. They will be introduced to campus, meet classmates and friends, and discuss their academic and cocurricular interests with faculty and staff. They will attend activities and events to start them on the path toward embracing intellectual life at Clark.

While students begin to learn their way around campus, Family Program sessions will introduce you to the resources available to you — and to the staff who will support your family through your student’s time at Clark.

We are pleased to welcome the class of 2023 to Clark, a university with a rich and vibrant history, passionate and diverse people, and offerings that make the college journey truly memorable.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

9 a.m.–Noon
Residence Halls

Check In/Move In
Students will check in to both their residence halls and orientation. Members of the Clark community will be on hand to help you move in.

9 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
Higgins University Center, Dining Hall

Brunch
No charge for new students (show your Clark ID). Meal tickets for families will be provided at check-in.

Noon–1:30 p.m.
Academic Commons at Goddard Library

Commuter Student Welcome Reception
Commuter students and their families may join Peer Advisers and fellow commuters for an informal gathering prior to the Clark Welcome.

1:30–2:15 p.m.
Kneller Athletic Center

Clark Welcome*
President David Angel, along with other administrators and Student Council President Emma Dinnerstein, welcome you to the Clark community and help you kick off New Student Orientation 2019.

Top Tips for Supporting Your New Clark Student
In four TEDx-style presentations, key Clark administrators share their wisdom for how you can best support your student’s successful transition to college.

On Becoming a Coach: Nadja Johnson and Adam Keyes, deans from the Dean of the College and the Dean of Students offices share their ideas for how to support your student in being successful at navigating all that Clark has to offer.

On Succeeding in Classes: Cherilyn Bonin, Director of Academic Support, and Evette Walters, Interim Director of Academic Advising, talk about the ways Clark supports students’ academic achievement and success in the classroom.

On Navigating the Career Development Journey: Donna Curry, Senior Executive Director, Career Connections Center and Michelle Flint, Director of Career Development, share the basic elements of your students career development journey and the key resources to help them to explore options and develop strategies to reach their goals.

3–5 p.m.
Sackler 120

On Living in Worcester: Jack Foley, Vice President for Government and Community Relations, highlights how the City of Worcester is an asset to students’ learning in the classroom and enjoyment of life outside of Clark.

Families of Student-Athletes Session
Welcome to the Clark University Athletic family. We invite you to attend the Athletic Department’s Parent Orientation for incoming Clark student-athlete parents. We look forward to meeting you and providing you an opportunity to meet the athletic director, learn about Clark Athletics, learn about how you can be involved and support Clark athletics and meet other parents from the Class of 2019.

Student Success Resource Fair
The Student Success Resource Fair is an opportunity for families to interact with Clark staff and get a glimpse into how offices around campus work together to best support each student. Get your final questions answered about resources offered at Clark — then stop at the Campus Store to buy last-minute Clark swag, or grab a cup of coffee at the Den.

3:30–4:45 p.m.
Shaich Family Alumni and Student Engagement Center

Family Reception
Enjoy refreshments while you mingle with other new students and their families.

2:15–2:30 p.m.
Kneller Athletic Center

FAMILIES DEPART

Schedule subject to change.
All changes made will be communicated.

* Please note: After the Clark Welcome, the next opportunity to see your student will be at 4:45 p.m. Please plan accordingly; if you do not plan to stay for the family programming, we recommend that you say goodbye before the Clark Welcome.
WHEN IN DOUBT
Ask your Peer Adviser, an Orientation Coordinator, Student Life staff, a Resident Adviser, or someone in the Dean of Students Office.

STUDENT SUPPORT/INFORMATION HEADQUARTERS
PAs will be in Winton Dining Hall in Higgins University Center during most meal times to serve as a resource, someone to debrief with, and a friend!

COLLEGE LIFE TALKBACKS
A space to review, clarify, and hear about student experiences regarding issues addressed during orientation.

BANKS & CELLPHONE COMPANIES
Tuesday, 8/20, Wednesday, 8/21 and Friday, 8/23; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Representatives from local banks and cell phone companies will be on campus to assist students in opening accounts.
A TD Bank ATM is located directly to the right of Orientation Headquarters in the UC.

CAMPUS STORE
Shaich Family Alumni and Student Engagement Center, Room 106
The Campus Store carries an assortment of school supplies, Clark clothing, gifts, and memorabilia. Orientation hours are:
Monday–Friday: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES
Once the semester starts, be sure to regularly check ClarkYou, clarku.collegiatelink.net, and the biweekly “What’s Happening @ Clark” email for the calendar of events! Follow Clark Campus Life on Facebook (@clarksuslp), Snapchat (@clark_u), and Instagram (@clarku_campuslife) to find information about campus events, tickets, transportation, and local activities.

UNIVERSITY POLICE
If you have any safety concerns, please visit University Police (UP) in the basement of Bullock Hall or call 508-793-7575.

Keep up with the latest Clark news clarku.edu/clarknow you.clarku.edu

CLARK SAFETY ESCORT
Clark’s Student Safety Escort Service provides transportation to and from the Clark campus area, 4 p.m. to 4 a.m., 7 days a week during the academic year; call x7777.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS OFFICE
Shaich Family Alumni and Student Engagement Center, Room 318
Please visit this office if you have any general questions about your student account.
The Student Accounts Office is open:
Monday–Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (only for orientation)
The Cashier’s Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE
Shaich Family Alumni and Student Engagement Center, Room 334
Feel free to stop by to ask any general questions about financial aid, to check on the status of an application, or to complete any additional paperwork.
Monday–Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (only for orientation)

CLARK ONECARD
Shaich Family Alumni and Student Engagement Center, Room 325
Your OneCard will be available for pickup with your key in your residence hall. If you did not submit your photo online prior to your arrival, you will be issued a blank, temporary card, and will need to visit the OneCard office to have your photo taken.
Orientation Hours:
Monday–Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Noon to 2 p.m.
Regular Hours (beginning 8/26):
Monday–Friday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

COMPUTER SUPPORT
Information Technology Services (ITS) staff will be at the ITS Help Desk in Academic Commons for computer support at these times:
Thursday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Be sure to bring your laptop and power adapters.