



All Things Ignatian



New Student Orientation: Summer Preview & Welcome Week

Embodying the Ignatian values through

New Student Orientation at Creighton University is viewed as a three step process for both new students and their families. Through Admissions, admitted students have the opportunity to visit campus for an overnight stay to see the daily life of a Creighton freshman while exploring many opportunities Creighton offers their undergraduate students. Then, after accepting their spot at Creighton for the fall, students have the opportunity to attend Summer Preview in June between their high school graduation and the beginning of their freshman year. Here, they have the opportunity to meet the faculty, staff, and peers they will be spending the next four years with, along with exceptional upperclassmen student leaders. Finally, the orientation process culminates with Welcome Week, a two week program in August that begins with moving new students into their residence halls, before introducing them to many campus resources. The students will meet their academic advisors, learn about Creighton's policies, all while meeting their classmates through enjoyable activities like the annual Foam Party! Creighton's New Student Orientation truly embodies the spirit of Ignatian values because we truly strive to care for each new member of our Bluejay family.

Mission Statement

The mission of new student orientation at Creighton University is to provide for continuing services and assistance that will:

- Aid new students in their transition to Creighton;
- Expose new students to the array of academic and social opportunities of Creighton;
- Integrate new students into the life of Creighton; and
- Provide information to the families of our new students.



Our mission statement highlights the importance of a positive transition for new students and their families as they embark on their collegiate journey. Our programs hope to empower both students and families with the skills, knowledge, and resources that will enable our students to be successful at Creighton academically, socially, spiritually, and recreationally. Recognizing that we at Creighton are charged with helping to educate the whole person, New Student Orientation seeks to give New Jays a positive and comfortable transition to the Creighton experience!

Ignatian Values

Cura Personalis.

New Student Orientation truly encompasses Cura Personalis in everything we do. We strive to care for not only the whole persons of our new students, but their families as well. Summer Preview really highlights this as it has two separate programs for the new students and their families. Each have different concerns and questions as they face their respective transitions into the Creighton family, so Summer Preview seeks to properly transition both parties before the student's departure to college in August. Additionally, both Summer Preview and Welcome Week provide outstanding upperclassmen leaders to mentor the new students throughout their transitional process. Through facilitated small group discussions, the hope is that new students will connect with the leaders and these relationships will last beyond the orientation process. Our student leaders are selected for their compassion, enthusiasm, and love for Creighton. They truly reach out and care for the whole of their new students throughout Summer Preview, Welcome Week, and beyond.

Magis.

The idea of Magis is to seek more fulfillment in life than just meeting the basic necessities. Our Summer Preview and Welcome Week teams are thoroughly prepared with a vast knowledge of Creighton and its community, but seek so much more than that through their involvement. Instead of simply attending class, these sophomores, juniors, and seniors find fulfillment and value through paying it forward to new students and their families through our New Student Orientation programs. They gain a unique perspective as they serve as mentors to our new students and many walk away from our programs with a reinvigorated love for Creighton University.

Men and Women For & With Others.

A large part of the Jesuit and Creighton University mission is to reach out to those less fortunate and not only help them, but stand beside them. Our programs intend to touch on this core value of our institution early on, so both of our programs include a service piece to illustrate to new students and their families our dedication to the Omaha community. At Summer Preview, new students and their families are invited to donate non-perishable goods to the Siena Francis House. Each session, we are fortunate enough to deliver a large donation to the House to help those in need. At Welcome Week, the Creighton Center for Service and Justice partners with our program to allow each Welcome Week group to experience a day of service at various community locations. In the past, we have shared the day with Habitat for Humanity, various Boys and Girls Clubs in Omaha, and Jesuit Academy. This is always an extremely positive experience for our new students and it shows them the many resources our campus has for service and justice opportunities.



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