

HORNET DAYS 2025

Mandatory attendance for all new undergraduate students

****Schedule is subject to change***

Friday, August 15, 2025 - #OnFridaysWeWearRed

- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** **Arrivals and Check-ins continue.** Location: Schewel Hall
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** **International Student Orientation.** Please check your UL email for itinerary.
Student Transition Program (STP). Please check your UL email for itinerary.
- 4 - 5 p.m.** **PARENTS:** For all families/supporters. During this session, campus leadership will be able to address your 1st semester questions. This will be a great opportunity to meet other families and help you transition to being a University of Lynchburg family! You will also have time to write your student a note of encouragement!
Location: Hall Campus Center Ballroom
- 5 - 6 p.m.** **Dinner in the Dining Hall.** On your own. Meal plans are in effect and commuter students will receive a meal ticket at check-in. Parents and families are welcome to purchase their own meals at the door. Location: Burton Dining Hall, Drysdale Student Center
- 6 - 6:20 p.m.** **STUDENTS: Meet your Hornet Crew Leader on the Dell before the next session.** Please see your check-in material for your assigned HCL.
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** **STUDENTS: CERP - Community Expectations and Restorative Practices**
As a member of the University community, you have a part in upholding the values and expectations of the community. Hear about those expectations, the Honor Code and Student Conduct Code, the services provided by CERP, and how we can all work together to make everyday a great day. Location: Snidow Chapel
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** **PARENTS: Wine/Cheese Reception with President Alison and UL leadership -**
Location: West Room and Koudelka Balcony
- 8 p.m.** **RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS: Residence Hall meetings.**
Location: Assigned Residence Halls

Saturday, August 16, 2025

- 8 - 9 a.m.** **STUDENTS: Breakfast at the Dining Hall on your own -** Meal plans are in effect. Families who are joining their students can purchase their own meals at the door. Commuter students who are joining us will receive their tickets during check-in.
Location: Burton Dining Hall, Drysdale Student Center
- 8:30 - 9 a.m.** **STUDENTS:** Check-in for Student Orientation and Resources (S.O.A.R.) for students who were unable to attend in June. This session will run until 2:45 p.m. Light breakfast refreshments will be available. S.O.A.R. schedule can be viewed [here](#).
Location: Sydnor Performance Hall, Schewel Hall 150.
- 9 a.m. - Noon** **International Student Orientation**
Location: West Room, Drysdale Student Center 3rd floor
Student Transition Program
Location: Hopwood Auditorium, Hopwood Hall 2nd floor

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- Noon - 1 p.m.** **Lunch - Dining Hall.** Meal plans are in effect. Commuter students will receive a meal ticket during check-in. Parents and families are welcome to purchase their own meals at the door.
- 1 - 3:30 p.m.** **International Student Orientation continues.**
Location: West Room, Drysdale Student Center 3rd floor
Student Transition Program continues.
Location: Hopwood Auditorium, Hopwood Hall 2nd floor
For all other students, this time can be used to finish setting up your room.
- 3:45 p.m.** **STUDENTS:** Gather on Shellenberger Field for the Class of 2029 photo. Wear the class t-shirt that you received during check-in. Please be prompt as we will have limited time to get everyone lined up. ***PLEASE NOTE:*** Rain location will be in Turner Gym.
- 4 - 4:30 p.m.** **Class Photo.** ***PLEASE NOTE:*** Rain location will be in Turner Gym
- 4:30 - 5 p.m.** **STUDENTS -** Welcome to the University of Lynchburg; President Alison
Location: Shellenberger Field
- 5 - 7 p.m.** **Dinner - Burton Dining Hall.** Meal plans are in effect. Commuter students will receive a meal ticket at check-in. Parents and families are welcome to purchase their own meals at the door.
- 7 - 9 p.m.** **Evening Activity -** Amazing Race to the Victory Bell/First Sunset as a Hornet.
Location: Friendship Circle

Sunday, August 17, 2025

- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.** **Brunch - Burton Dining Hall -** Meal plans are in effect. Families who are joining their students can purchase their own meals at the door. Commuter students will receive their tickets during check-in.
- 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** **STUDENTS:** Group Times with Hornet Crew Leaders as they lead you in the interactive game of, 'This or That!' Location: Various areas on the Dell
International Student Programs, as needed. Location: Hopwood or Ballroom
STP Programming, as needed. Location: Hopwood Auditorium, Hopwood Hall
- 1:15 - 2:30 p.m.** **STUDENTS: Groups 1-5**
Love Like Adam: Adam's Law - Session 1. *Mandatory, no student will be excused for this session.* On July 1, 2022, amendments to Code of Virginia were enacted by the General Assembly directly impacting Hazing Prevention Training required of Universities. This legislation is known as [Adam's Law](#) and creates an awareness of potential dangers students face on a college campus. Hosted by the Love Like Adam Foundation.
Location: Sydnor Performance Hall, Schewel Hall 150
- STUDENTS: Groups 6 - 10: Title IX - Session 1**
Location: Snidow Chapel

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2:45 - 4 p.m.

STUDENTS: Groups 6-10

Love Like Adam: Adam's Law - Session 2. *Mandatory, no student will be excused for this session.* On July 1, 2022, amendments to Code of Virginia were enacted by the General Assembly directly impacting Hazing Prevention Training required of Universities. This legislation is known as [Adam's Law](#) and creates an awareness of potential dangers students face on a college campus. Hosted by the Love Like Adam Foundation.
Location: Sydnor Performance Hall, Schewel Hall 150

STUDENTS: Groups 1-5: Title IX - Session 2

Location: Snidow Chapel

4 - 5 p.m.

STUDENTS: Free time to rest and refresh before dinner

5 - 7 p.m.

Dinner - Burton Dining Hall. Meal plans are in effect. Commuter students will receive a meal ticket at check-in. Parents and families may purchase their own meals at the door.

7 - 9 p.m.

Evening Activity - Bingo and Banana Splits Location: Burton Dining Hall

Monday, August 18, 2025

7:00 - 9 a.m.

Breakfast - Burton Dining Hall - Meal plans are in effect. Commuter students will receive their tickets during check-in.

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Clifton Strengths. Mandatory sessions held by groups.

Location: Hall Campus Center Ballroom

- 9 - 10 a.m. (Groups 1 and 2)
- 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. (Groups 3 & 4)
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (Groups 5 & 6)

For groups not assigned to a morning Clifton Strengths session, you will be able to participate in one of the following:

- OLP: DELLventure and Kayaking
- Dell Groups and Games
- Tours of HornetCare, Library, Solutions Center

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

Lunch - Burton Dining Hall. Meal plans are in effect. Commuter students who are joining us will receive their tickets during check-in.

2 - 5 p.m.

Clifton Strengths. Mandatory sessions held by groups.

Location: Hall Campus Center Ballroom

- 2 - 3 p.m. (Groups 7 & 8)
- 3 - 4 p.m. (Group 9)
- 4 - 5 p.m. (Group 10)

For groups not assigned to an afternoon Clifton Strengths session, you will be able to participate in one of the following:

- OLP: Ropes Course and Paddleboarding
- Dell Groups and Games
- Tours of HornetCare, Library, Solutions Center

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- 5 - 7 p.m.** **Dinner** - Burton Dining Hall. Meal plans are in effect. Commuter students who are joining us will receive their tickets during check-in.
- 7 - 9 p.m.** **Evening Activity on the Dell** - Volleyball and other games will be available.

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

- 7:15-9 a.m.** **Breakfast** in the Dining Hall - Your Hornet Crew Leader will let you know where to meet on the Dell after breakfast before going to the next session.
- 9 - 11:30 a.m.** **STUDENTS: Wings Up.** Locations: Hopwood Hall, Schewel Hall, and HCC Ballroom
- Noon - 2 p.m.** **Lunch - Burton Dining Hall/Free Time to rest and relax**
- 2 - 3 p.m.** **Transfer Student Mixer**
Location: West Room, Drysdale Student Center, 3rd floor
- 2 - 5 p.m.** **Navigate and Explore Your Future:** Your Hornet Crew Leader will be your guide!
- **'I Am'** - Explore & share your own identities through poetry and open dialogue time with guidance from instructors to help create community in the classroom.
Location: Genworth Room
 - **Campus Recreation/Club Sports**
 - **Club/Organization Fair, Drysdale Student Center, 3rd floor**
 - **Career Engagement**
 - **OLP: Hiking and Climbing Wall**
- 5 - 7 p.m.** **Dinner** - Burton Dining Hall. Meal plans are in effect. Commuter students who are joining us will receive their tickets during check-in.
- 7 - 7:45 p.m.** **Rest/Relax/Refresh before the Candlelight Service**
- 8 - 8:45 p.m.** **Candlelight Ceremony** - required for all on campus students. A time of reflection and goal setting as you fill the Class Time Capsule with your goals and aspirations.
Location: Snidow Chapel

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

- 7:00-8:15 a.m.** **Breakfast** on your own, Burton Dining Hall
- 8:30 a.m.** **STUDENTS: Meet your Hornet Crew Leader or Community Assistant for Convocation Line Up.** Attire is business casual. You will be given instructions as to where you will line up on the Dell.
- 9 - 10:00 a.m.** **STUDENTS: Convocation** - for all students, faculty, and staff. This ceremony signifies the formal beginning of your academic career at the University. Convocation entails pomp and circumstance with faculty and staff, a keynote address, and reciting of the Honor Pledge. Please dress appropriately for this event. Location: The Dell/Hopwood Hall patio

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- 10:30 a.m.** **Time Capsule Ceremony** - please join together for this tradition as the Class of 2029 Time Capsule is buried! Location: Victory Bell
- Noon - 2 p.m.** **Lunch - Burton Dining Hall on your own**
- 1 - 5:00 p.m.** **Department Retreats/Mixer/Open House** - Various events hosted by various colleges, schools, and academic departments. Please respond to any email communication and invitation from your department. These are in addition to the open houses hosted on Tuesday.
- 6:30 - 8 p.m.** **Wings Up:** A bystander intervention program for Athletes.
Location: Hall Campus Center Ballroom

Saturday, August 23, 2025 - #LYHdowntownFun

- 2 - 4:00 p.m.** **Hill City Slide** - must have a ticket to attend! Fun in the sun as you get downtown and enjoy a 700 ft water slide and meet other Lynchburg area folks. Come wearing what you plan to slide in knowing that you will get wet! Sliding tubes are provided.
Location: Downtown Lynchburg (off campus). Meet the University of Lynchburg vans at the circle between Snidow Chapel and Schewel Hall.
This event is organized by the Office of Engagement.