



Welcome Week

2025

August 21- August 24



Welcome!

This schedule will guide you through orientation activities during the next week through **Monday, August 25 - the first day of class**. Programs and activities that have been selected for orientation are designed to make you feel at home at Wilson, prepare you for academic challenges and have fun getting to know your new classmates.

Sessions at which your attendance is required are noted in red with a “*”, but we hope that you will take advantage of all opportunities to get to know Wilson better.

Check Lenfest Commons, the portal, your Wilson College email for updates and announcements about other events and opportunities that are taking place over the next few days and weeks.

Thursday, August 21

8:00 am – 11:00 am Check-In for Residential Students

Lenfest Commons – Lobby Area

8:00 am – 11:00 am Orientation Check-In for Residential Students

Please pick up your orientation schedules when you check in at the residence life table.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm ID Cards

Lenfest Commons – Student Financial Services Center

If you are unable to get your ID picture taken today, the Student Financial Services Center will be open from 8am – 5pm on Friday, August 22.

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Check-In for Commuters

Lenfest Commons — Lobby Area

Pick up your Welcome Week schedules.

11:00 am – 1:30 pm Lunch for New Students and Families

Lenfest Commons

** Please note: Students and families are welcome to eat at any time during the 11:00—1:30 designation.*

1:30 pm

Family Farewell (Families Only)

Library Patio

Join other families for this special moment to celebrate the beginning of your student's journey as a proud member of the Phoenix family. Join President Wes as he offers a few words of wisdom to families who have just said their goodbyes. This special gathering honors the bond between students, families, and the Wilson community, reminding us that while your student is starting a new chapter, you're all now part of the Phoenix family. Together, we rise, support, and soar.

1:30 pm

***Meet Your Orientation Team (Students Only)**

Laird Green

Students! Meet your Orientation Leader (OL) and other members of your team.

2:00 pm

Student-Athlete Parent Conversation

Brooks Science Center, Auditorium

For parents of students who are winter or spring athletes, including equestrian western/hunt seat teams. Director of Athletics, Tina Hill, will review important information and answer all the questions you have prior to the competition seasons.

2:45 pm

Nuts and Bolts for Commuter Students

Allen Auditorium — Warfield Hall

Meet fellow commuter students and learn how to become an active, involved member of the Wilson College community.

3:15 pm

Commuter Campus Tour

Departing from Allen Auditorium

This tour will help you become an expert at finding your way around Wilson in no time.

4:30 pm

***The Wilson Welcome**

Alumnae Chapel, Thomson Hall

Join members of the Wilson community for the official kick-off to New Student Orientation!

5:30 pm

Dinner with your Orientation Team

Jensen Dining Hall

Join your Orientation leader and other team members for dinner in the dining hall.

Commuter students are free to depart campus after dinner. See you tomorrow!

8:00 pm

***Residential Life Meeting**

Brooks Science Complex, Auditorium

Get to know your floor mates, Resident Assistant (RA), expectations for residence hall living, and what it means to live in a community.

[Required for all new students living on campus.](#)

Friday, August 22

7:00 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast

Jensen Dining Hall

8:30 am

***Navigating the Academic Experience**

Brooks Science Complex, Auditorium

Dr. Anne Coleman, Dean of Student Success, Dr. Deb Austin, Associate Dean of Academic Advising, and Jean Hoover, Registrar, will help you understand academic expectations, campus resources, and strategies for success at Wilson College.

10:00 am – 10:45am

***Advisor Meetings**

Various locations – refer to your packet

11:00 am – 11:50 am

***First-Year Seminar Class (attendance is required for first-time, full-time students)**

Meeting locations will be posted in the Lenfest Lobby and on the Wilson Portal

It's your first college class! Meet with your FYS instructor to learn more about your seminar, course expectations, and semester activities.

11:00 am – 11:50 am For Transfer Students Only!

Learning Commons, Library

Welcome to the Wilson family! This session is designed to help all transfer students better prepare for a smooth transition to the many opportunities and resources at Wilson College staff.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

Jensen Dining Hall

1:00-1:15 pm

***Meet Your Orientation Team**

Main Green (in front of Warfield)

Meet your Orientation Leader (OL) and other members of your group to line up for Convocation.

1:30 pm

***Convocation**

Thomson Chapel

****Please line-up on the driveway in front of Edgar Hall (white Administration Building) no later than 1:15 pm. The Registrar will place you in line and the Marshals will lead you to Thomson Chapel.***

****wear your new Wilson t-shirt***

Wilson College has a long-standing tradition of calling together her members each year, at the beginning of the fall semester. Faculty, students, staff, and administrators are all called to participate in this important academic event.

The ceremony will conclude with all new students, faculty, and staff signing the Wilson College Honor Principle.

Following Convocation Class Photo

Thomson Hall Lawn

Please wear your Wilson Orientation T-shirt for the photo.

3:30 pm

***Claws, Coke, & College**

Brooks Science Complex, Auditorium

In this powerful program, Archie Messersmith-Bunting shares his own personal journey to show how easily partying turns problematic. Students learn how to spot warning signs in their peers. They equip themselves to have vulnerable conversations with those struggling with recovery.

**Funded by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's RUDD grant.*



**Immediately after
"Your Wilson,
Your Way"**

Class of 2029 ~ First Class Meeting with WCGA

Brooks Science Complex, Auditorium

This meeting is intended for all first-year students who are members of the Class of 2029. This brief, yet informative, meeting will cover information you'll need to know about electing class officers, participating in Wilson traditions, and making your voice heard to positively impact the student experience.

5:30 pm

Cookout on the Patio

Library Patio

9:00 pm

**Hypnotist Mark Zacharia: Out of His Mind...
And Into Yours!**

Laird Hall

Back by POPULAR demand!

Mark Zacharia is New Jersey's funniest hypnotist. New Jersey Monthly magazine calls him a "total bogglement." This show is as much fun for the audience as it is for the subjects who volunteer.

Saturday, August 23

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

Jensen Dining Hall

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

***The Wilson Community**

Jensen Dining Hall

Join the members of the Student Development staff, Wilson's RA's, and OL's for a unique community building experience and a chance to meet many new classmates followed by a meaningful conversation about ways to enjoy campus life free from hazing and sexual misconduct.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch

Jensen Dining Hall

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

"The Great Game"

Jensen Dining Hall

This event transforms the Wilson College campus into an exciting, app-based scavenger hunt where teams compete in an interactive outdoor adventure. Using your phone, you'll explore campus landmarks, solve puzzles, and race to be the first to find Blaze, our beloved mascot. Prizes await the top teams on the leaderboard, so bring your game face and get ready to play!

2:00 pm

***Your Bold Belongs Here**

Laird Hall

We know finding your place on campus can be hard, so join us for a Bold conversation about connection and belonging at Wilson.

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Dinner

Jensen Dining Hall

9:00 pm

Bingo!

Jensen Dining Hall

Join us in the dining hall for bingo, prizes, and fun!

Sunday, August 24

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Brunch

Jensen Dining Hall

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Activities Fair

Lenfest Commons and Lenfest Breezeway

Meet returning students and check out the activities from the many clubs on campus. Sign up to join your favorite!

3:00 pm

Veterinary School Information and Planning Session

Warfield Auditorium

Thinking of pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine? This important session will help you start the planning now.

4:00 pm

Stables Orientation

Brooks Science Center Auditorium

Anyone registered or planning to take a riding class MUST have an orientation session. Barn policies will be explained, an overview of the horses will be given, and release forms will be signed. Students who do not attend an orientation meeting will not be permitted to ride. Information for new boarders will be provided at the conclusion of the orientation meeting.

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

President's Picnic

Sharpe House Lawn (in front of Disert Hall)

Join President Fugate at his home to celebrate the start of the fall semester with a fabulous dinner.

8:00 pm

Movie Night - Inside Out 2

Jensen Dining Hall

Join us for a cozy movie night featuring Inside Out 2, a heartwarming and hilarious sequel that dives into the emotions of growing up. Get comfortable with friends and enjoy some great snacks. The first 20 students to arrive will receive a journaling kit or a DIY fleece blanket kit. Don't miss this fun and feel-good evening as a perfect way to get ready to start the fall semester.

**Classes begin at 8:00 a.m. on
Monday, August 25, 2025!**

Fall 2025

Classes begin: August 25

Last Day to Add/Drop: August 29

Fall Break: October 13-14

Last Day to Withdraw: November 3

Thanksgiving Break: November 26-28

Classes End: December 5

Final Exam Period: December 8-12

2025-26 Parking Designations

Faculty and Staff Lots:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12

Residential Lots:

1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11

Commuter Lots:

1, 3, 4, 7, 10

Single Parent Scholar

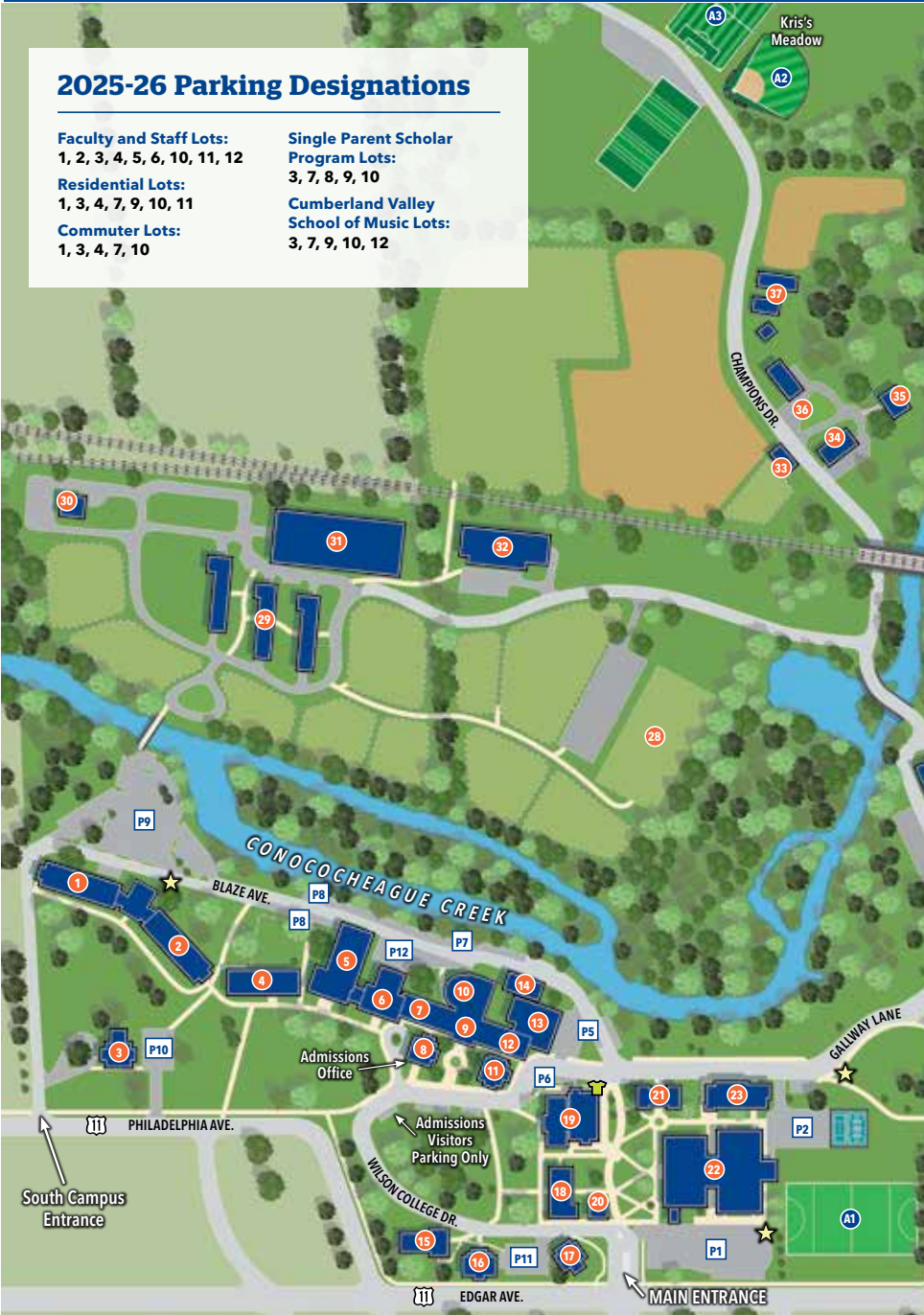
Program Lots:

3, 7, 8, 9, 10

Cumberland Valley

School of Music Lots:

3, 7, 9, 10, 12





CAMPUS BUILDINGS:

- 17 Alumni House
- 22 Harry R. Brooks Complex for Science, Mathematics and Technology
- 12 Davison Hall
- 2 Disert Hall
- 11 Edgar Hall
- 13 Fitness Center
- 26 Frank E. Gannett Memorial Field House
- 24 Hankey Center
- 20 Harmony Cottage
- 14 Heating Plant
- 5 Laird Hall
- 9 Lenfest Commons
- 21 Lortz Hall
- 10 Jensen Dining Hall
- 19 John Stewart Memorial Library
- 25 Magill House
- 7 McElwain Hall
- 8 Norland Hall
- 27 Physical Plant Offices
- 4 Prentis Hall
- 15 Riddle Hall
- 1 Rosenkrans Hall
- 3 Joshua W. Sharpe House
- 16 South Hall
- 6 Thomson Hall
- 23 Veterinary Education Center
- 18 Warfield Hall

Richard Alsina Fulton Center for Sustainability Studies

- 36 Fulton Farm
- 35 Tooke Farmhouse
- 37 Greenhouses
- 33 VEC Large and Small Animal Facilities
- 34 Owens Barn

Penn Hall Equestrian Center

- 28 Kitts Outdoor Arena
- 32 Olive Delp Overly Cook Indoor Arena
- 31 Hawthorne Indoor Arena
- 29 Barns (1-3)
- 30 Storage Barn

Athletic Fields

- A1 Field Hockey Field
- A2 Softball Field
- A3 Soccer Field

Parking Lots

- P1 Brooks Lot
- P2 VEC Lot
- P3 Hankey Lot
- P4 Field House Lot
- P5 Edgar Lot
- P6 Library Lot
- P7 Creekside Lot
- P8 Prentis Lot
- P9 Rosenkrans Lot
- P10 Sharpe Lot
- P11 South Lot
- P12 Thomson Lot

- ☆ Emergency Call Boxes
- 👕 College Store



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