

~ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2009~

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 9:00 am RESIDENCE HALLS OPEN.
Check-in and key pick-up will take place at each residence hall. Orientation Advisors (OA's) and Resident Advisors (RA's) will be on hand to show you to your room and help you move in.
- 9:00 - 11:00 am MINERVA HOUSE BREAKFAST.
Visit your Minerva House and enjoy some homemade breakfast!
Your Minerva House
- 9:30 - 2:45 pm ORIENTATION PACKETS.
Members of the orientation committee will distribute orientation packets to all new students.
Nott Memorial
- 9:30 - 2:45 pm OFFICIAL SIGN-IN.
After you pick up your packet, please sign in as a member of the Class of 2013.
Nott Memorial
- 9:30 - 2:45 pm ID PHOTOS.
Be sure to get your photo taken for your ID Card. Remember, this photo will be with you for the next four years so say, "Cheese!"
Nott Memorial
- 9:30 - 2:45 pm PARENTS' ASSOCIATION TABLE.
Stop by and meet parents actively involved in the Parents' Association. Learn more about how parents participate in the Union community both on and off campus.
Nott Memorial
- 11:00 am STUDENT AFFAIRS PANEL PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS.
Dan Detora, Director of Dining Services
Karen Ferrer-Muniz, Director of Multicultural Affairs
Chris Hayen, Director of Campus Safety
Molly MacElroy, Director of Residential Life
Tom McEvoy, Associate Dean of Students, Director of Minerva Programs
Matt Milless, Director of Student Activities
Kate Schurick, Dean of First-Year Students
Angela Tatem, Director Kenney Community Center
Memorial Chapel
- 11:30 - 1:00 pm CLASS OF 2013 LUNCH.
Come and meet the other members of your class!
College Park Hall
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm LGBT & U: A PLACE FOR EVERYONE.
Join the members of Iris House for an introduction to LGBT campus culture and a description of resources and classes which cater to the LGBT community. Hear real students and administrators speak about personal experiences and enjoy a delicious lunch.
Iris House
- 1:00 pm WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ACADEMIC LIFE AT UNION.
Therese McCarty, VP for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty
Kristin Bidoshi, Dean of Studies
Kate Schurick, Dean of First-Year Students
Memorial Chapel

Pizza and wings are a favorite among Union students. We hope you like them as well!
College Park Hall

- 6:30 pm **CLASS PICTURE.**
Say, "Cheese" and be proud to be a member of the Class of 2013! While there, we will teach you the alma mater.
Nott Memorial
- 7:30 pm **FLOOR MEETING.**
Meet your Resident Advisor (RA) and the other students living on your floor as you learn about the rules of our residential community.
Residence Halls
- 9:30 pm **FOUR STAGES OF DRINKING.**
National alcohol speaker, Mike Green, will lead a discussion about the Four Stages of Drinking. This insightful and interactive program is guaranteed to make you think about the role alcohol plays in your life. After several years of presenting at Union's orientation, Mike is still a huge hit and the top program students remember about their orientation experience.
Memorial Chapel
- 10:30 pm **STARBUCK'S CENTRAL PERK.**
Enjoy live music, meet new people and have some Decaf/Regular coffee.
Dutch Hollow

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 9:00 - 11:00 am **TIME WITH YOUR RA.**
Remember those people you met yesterday? No? Well here's another shot at learning who you're living with!
RA will advise of location
- 10:00 am **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES MEETING.**
Shelly Shinebarger, Director of Student Support Services, will meet with students with learning and physical disabilities to discuss accommodations on campus.
308 Reamer Center
- 11:00 - 12:30 pm **BRUNCH.**
Here's another opportunity to get to know some students in the class of 2013. Brunch is a perennial favorite among Union students.
West Dining
- 12:30 - 1:30 pm **ORIENTATION ADVISOR MEETING.** **OA Meeting Location**
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm **SEXUALITY AND THE SOCIAL SCENE AT UNION.**
2:30 - 3:30 pm A discussion with staff members and your peers relating to healthy decisions around sexually behavior. Topics will include safer sex practice, sexual assault, consent, and building a safer community.
College Park Hall
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm **THE INSIDER'S TOUR OF CAMPUS.**
2:30 - 3:30 pm Join your OA and tour campus one last time before classes begin! Learn where your classes are located, important offices to visit, the quickest routes around campus, and student secrets. Did you know about the tunnel between Olin and S&E? It can come in handy on a rainy day!
College Park Hall
- 3:00 - 5:00 pm **OPEN HOUSE AT THE KENNEY COMMUNITY CENTER.**
Meet the staff of the Community Outreach department, see and hear what other students have done to engage with the local community and beyond. Learn how you can develop your talents by sharing them with others. There is a place for everyone at

the Kenney Center. Stop in whenever is convenient for you. We'll treat you to the pastries from Villa Italia.

**Kenney Center, 257 Park Place
the corner of Park Place and Nott Street**

- 5:45 - 6:45 pm DINNER. (this is your last meal before needing your ID card) **West Dining Hall**
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm U AND YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: DIVERSITY AT UNION.
All of you bring something unique to the Union Community. Come and learn commonalities and differences among your class. **Reamer Auditorium**
- 9:00 pm ALL AROUND U.
Union's very own "First Night!" Explore each of the Minerva Houses and enjoy an evening of entertainment. Each Minerva has planned a special event so be sure to visit all of the houses! **Minerva Houses**
- 11:00 pm BUILDING BUDDIES.
Too early to go to bed? Join in the fun with the rest of the students living in your residence hall. Here is yet another chance to meet more people and get to know your RA a little better! **Your Residence Hall**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 8:00 - 10:00 am ID CARD DISTRIBUTION.
Your student ID is one of the most important accessories you will ever have at Union, well that is if you want to be able to eat or get into your residence hall!
Residence Hall Office
- 9:00 - 12:00 pm INDIVIDUAL ADVISING APPOINTMENTS.
Bring your schedule and any questions you want answered. This is your first opportunity to meet your advisor. Don't be late!
Check your packet for the location of your advisor's office and the time of your appointment
- 10:00 - 2:00 pm BRUNCH. (bring your ID card) **West Dining Hall**
- 10:00 - 11:00 am ACADEMIC ADVISING AT UNION. (first of two programs)
11:00 - 12:00 pm *You must attend one of the two sessions offered* **Reamer Center Aud.**
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. UNION SCHOLARS INFORMATION SESSION. (**first year Union Scholars only**) All first year students that have been accepted into the Union Scholars Program must attend this meeting. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Scholars and learn more about Scholars' activities for the fall term. Maggie Tongue, Director of the Scholars Program, will discuss the requirements and expectations for scholars during their four years at Union, and ask scholars for input on trips and speakers for the coming year. **Olin Auditorium**
- 1:30 - 3:30 pm DROP/ADD FOR NEWSTUDENTS.
If you need to make changes to your class schedule, this is the time to make those adjustments. **Nott Memorial**
- 1:30 pm WALKING TOUR OF SCHENECTADY.

If you are happy with your schedule and find yourself with some free time, join the Orientation Staff and find out what Schenectady has to offer beyond the College gates. **Meet in front of Old Chapel**

- 1:30 - 3:30 pm **FRESHMAN RECORD DISTRIBUTION.**
This book is your hardcopy guide to the names and faces of your fellow classmates!
308 Reamer Center
- 4:30 pm **OPENING CONVOCATION.**
Join the Union Community in celebrating the official opening of the academic year.
Memorial Chapel
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm **DINNER. (bring your ID card)** **West Dining Hall**
- 5:30 pm **CAMPUS BARBEQUE**
Join other members of the Union community for a barbeque dinner. Then head down to the First-Year Fest on West Beach!
Rugby Field
- 5:30 - 8:30 pm **FIRST-YEAR FEST** **West Beach**
Join the class of 2013 for our own mini carnival

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

CLASSES BEGIN.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11

- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm **POSTER SALE.**
Do you need decorations for those neutral colored walls in your new room? Come to the poster sale and find the art you've been looking for. **Reamer Center Atrium**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 4:30 pm **CLUB EXPO.**
Join the student body for a fun-filled, carnival-like evening. Learn about the many clubs and organizations offered at Union. Come and get involved. **Rugby Field**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:00 - noon **JOHN CALVIN TOLL 1799 DAY.**
Join us for a day of community service. Members of the Union community, along with our neighbors in Schenectady, will help plant flowers and trees; clean up parks; and participate in a host of other activities. You may contact the Kenney Center at 518.388.6609 for more information.