Great Beginnings 2013

Wednesday, August 14

11:30 A.M. – 1 P.M. Lunch

(Winslow Dining Hall) Lunch available for new students and parents at our "all you can eat" on campus dining hall.

11:30 A.M. – 1 P.M. Farewell Letters

(Winslow Dining Hall) PARENTS! This is your time to say it all and more with a letter to your son/daughter. Let them know how much you will miss them by stopping by our table in Winslow and writing a letter to your RACER!

10 A.M. – 4 P.M. T-Shirt Swap

(Hart College) You are a Racer now. You should be sporting your blue and gold, not your old high school t-shirt, and DEFINITELY not another university's gear. Bring your old high school t-shirts or shirts from other colleges and swap them out for your Racer swag (one per person while supplies last). Used shirts will be donated to charity.

10 A.M. – 4 P.M. Move-In Mania!

(Residential Colleges) All residence halls are open to students with approved early arrival for move-in.

Saturday, August 17

9:30 A.M. – 4 P.M. Shuttle Bus Service

(Roy Stewart Stadium to Residential College Complex) Need a lift? Our shuttle buses will pick you up at the stadium and bring you up the hill to your residence halls.

10 A.M. – 4 P.M. Move-In Mania!

(Residential Colleges) All residence halls are open to new students for move-in.

10 A.M. – 4 P.M. University Information Station

(Residential Commons) Stop by the Information Station to take care of any questions or concerns.

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10 A.M. – 4 P.M. Housing Office Open

(1st Floor, Roy Stewart Stadium) Housing will be answering questions and providing information on the different residential halls. Also further assistance will be provided for any complications or concerns.

11 A.M. – 4 P.M. Lunch

(Winslow Dining Hall) Lunch available for new students and parents at our "all you can eat" on campus dining hall.

4:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. Farewell to Parents

(Residential Colleges) Parents, it's time to say goodbye to your new college students. You don't have to go home, but you can't stay with them. While your son/daughter dives into the Great Beginnings activities we have planned, you are invited to sit in on information sessions just for parents.

4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. First Year Leader Meet and Greet

(Your Residential College) This is your first don't-miss event! Residential and commuter students report to your residential college. This will be your first official meeting with your First Year Leader (FYL) and Great Beginnings group. You'll be spending a lot of time with them during Great Beginnings and throughout the year, so take this opportunity to meet everyone.

5 P.M. – 6 P.M. What to do Next… A Parent's Guide to Life After August 20th

(Barkley Room, Curris Center) This **"parents only"** information session will provide parents of new college students with tips and tricks for keeping your students on track without limiting their independence.

6 P.M. – 7 P.M. Parent and Family Reception w/Dr. Tim Miller, Interim President

(Oakhurst) We will have special guest speaker Dr. Robertson, Vice President of Student Affairs, as well as appetizers and beverages for you to enjoy!

6 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. Explore Murray

(CFSB Center) This is another don't-miss event! Businesses from all over Murray will have information tables set up and will be giving away loads of coupons and freebies. We will also have a photo booth and a caricature artist so that you can begin all your Racer memories! After this event you'll know where to go for anything and everything. ***Dinner from MSU Catering will be served at Explore Murray!!***

7 P.M. - 9 P.M. Lawn Party sponsored by UCMA

(Hart College) Join us for lawn games including bocce ball, volleyball, washer pitchin', cornhole, and many other activities. We will also have drawings for prizes provided by the campus ministries. This will be a great time to connect with your fellowship freshman, students from the campus ministries, and campus ministers for fellowship and fun.

8 P.M. – 9 P.M. You Scream, Ice Scream sponsored by the MSU Greek Life

(Elizabeth College Amphitheater) We hope you like ice cream!!! Join us at the Elizabeth College Amphitheater for free ice cream provided by the fraternities and sororities at MSU.

9 P.M. – 10:30 P.M. FYL Meetings

(Your Residential College) FYLS and their assigned student group members will become further acquainted with one another. The FYLS will discuss the Great Beginnings schedule and other important information for the period prior to the start of classes as well as the remainder of Great Beginnings. Be sure to interact with your First Year Leader as they will be your go-to person!! ***Students will receive their MSU Racer ID at this meeting.***

11 P.M. – 1 A.M. Grocery Madness

(Meet at Curris Center) Our buses will provide shuttle services to Wal-Mart and Kroger so that you can stock that new mini-fridge or grab anything you did not bring with you. Be sure to make your shopping list before you go!

11 P.M. – 1 A.M. Saturday Night Live!

(Curris Center) See if you can keep up with us as we party into the early morning. We'll keep you going with a live concert featuring the Murr-Vegas All-Stars as well as Wii, t-shirts, refreshments, and even more giveaways!

11 P.M. – 1 A.M. Midnight Pancake Cookout sponsored by the Baptist Campus Ministry

(Elizabeth College Amphitheater) Who doesn't like breakfast food at night?! Join the BCM as they serve pancakes to the community.

Sunday, August 18

8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Non-Denominational Worship Service sponsored by UCMA

(Hart College) This will be a time for students to come together in worship as a campus as we start the new school year. Leadership will be from among the campus ministries. Come and join us as we start the new school year focusing on God.

9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. Conversation & Crunch with Dr. Robertson

(Dance Lounge, Curris Center) Come meet Dr. Don Robertson, Vice President for Student Affairs, and his staff for a cereal bar to help kick-off the school year in a relaxed atmosphere. Assorted cereals will be available. Drop by before the semester begins for some conversation and crunch!

10 A.M. – 2 P.M. Brunch

(Winslow Dining Hall) Brunch will be available for new students and parents at our "all you can eat" on campus dining hall.

10 A.M. – 4 P.M. Move-In Mania!

(Residential Colleges) All residence halls are now open to upperclassmen.

11A.M. - 12:30 P.M. PLAYFAIR

(CFSB Center) PLAYFAIR is totally unlike anything else you have ever experienced. It's entertainment! It's fun! It's the perfect way to make new campus friendships! Join us for one of the largest team building experiences and meet other members from the Class of 2017!

12 P.M. – 2 P.M. Racing into Wellness

(Wellness Center) Come see what the wellness center has to offer. While you're here you can join in on a game of basketball, volleyball or you can jump in line and join the Zumba party! *MSU ID is required.*

2 P.M. – 3 P.M. Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) Connected Orientation

(Marvin D. Mills Multicultural Center, 1st Floor of the Curris Center) Get Connected to OMA! The Office of Multicultural Affairs is holding its Connected Orientation. This is for any new Freshmen and transfer students who would like to get involved with the OMA Office and join our Mentoring Program. Students will receive valuable information on a variety of topics that affect college freshmen by currents students and our staff who want to see you become successful at Murray State University. Please call 270-809-6836 or email us at msu.multicultural.affairs@murraystate.edu if you have any questions.

3 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. Residential College Meeting

Clark College *(Stables/Patio, Curris Center)*
Elizabeth College *(Elizabeth College Lobby)*
Hart College *(Theater, Curris Center)*
Hester College *(Freed Curd Auditorium)*
Regents College *(Wrather Auditorium)*
Richmond College *(T-Room, Curris Center)*
Springer Franklin College *(Large Ballroom, Curris Center)*
White College *(Mason Hall Auditorium)*

5:30 P.M. – 7 P.M. Residential College Meals

(Residence Halls) Be sure to check with First Year Leaders for your dining location. Whether it is at Winslow Dining Hall or a Cookout by your residential college…you do not want to miss out!!

7 P.M. Racer Band Concert!

(Lovett Auditorium) It is the Annual end of Band camp concert. Join us as the Band sets up on the steps of Lovett. Music selections include 2013 music selections learned in the past 4 days. Audience members are encouraged to bring a blanket or Lawn Chair. Concert is free to the public.

7:30 P.M. – 10 P.M. Waterfield Wired

(Waterfield Library) Join us in Waterfield Library for Waterfield Wired! Enter to win prizes, play video games, glow mini golf, Minute to Win it Games, and more!

8 P.M. – 10 P.M. Bingo Night

(Small Ballroom, Curris Center) Come play a few rounds of Bingo for a chance to win prizes from local restaurants and businesses. BINGO!

8:00 P.M. Honors Program Ice Cream Social

(Location TBA) Current HP upperclassmen, council leaders, and faculty will be there to welcome and get to know all incoming students in the Honors Program to campus.

9:30 P.M. – 11 P.M. Well into the Night

*(Wellness Center) C*ome see what the wellness center has to offer. While you're here you can join in on a game of basketball, volleyball or you can jump in line and join the Zumba party! *MSU ID is required.*

11 P.M. Myths & Legends Tour

(2nd Floor entrance, Curris Center) Meet up at the 2nd floor entrance of the Curris Center to go on this late night, hair-raising tour of MSU's campus. Come out and meet some of Murray State's Legends!! *Glow sticks will be provided.*

Monday, August 19

8 A.M. – 9 A.M. Assessment for Developmental Course Requirements

(1st fl. Lowry Center) Developmental Studies Placement testing will be offered in the morning. Students who have not already taken a test in English, Math or Reading can be seated for one test at 8:00 am. No appointment is needed. Call 270.809.2666 for additional information.

8:00 A.M. – 1 P.M. Racers Serve

(Dance Lounge, Curris Center) How will you make an impact today? How about volunteering in the Murray community? Join us for a half day of service and lend a hand to others!

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Scholarship Service Worker Program

(Theatre, Curris Center) This is a mandatory seminar for all incoming students receiving the Trustee, Regents or Provost Scholarship. This seminar will provide students with valuable information needed in order to successfully complete the program. This information will include general information about the program, a "how-to" on submitting completed hours and an overview on what is expected of the students. ***By attending this seminar, students will be credited their first volunteer hour in the Service Worker Program.***

CHOOSE ONE EDUCATIONAL SESSION:

10 A.M. – 11 A.M. AlcoholEdu

(Theatre, Curris Center) Have you completed your AlcoholEdu program? Do you still have questions about the program; want to provide feedback; or learn how it will be including in your 099 course well be sure to stop by this session. Learn how to make safe and responsible decisions about alcohol.

10 A.M. – 11 A.M. Find a Part-Time Job & Build a Resume that Works

(Barkley Room, Curris Center) Learn where the jobs are, on and off-campus, how to stand out from the crowd, build a resume and more! Career Services provides free resources to help you navigate the process of choosing a major and career path as well as prepare for the job search. This session will introduce you to those services and help you today!

10 A.M. – 11 A.M. Tips from Professors

(Large Ballroom, Curris Center) Come get tips on how to succeed as a college student from the best resource, professors! Don't miss this opportunity to receive insight on how to get the most out of your college career.

10 A.M. – 12 P.M. Honors Program Orientation

(Location TBA) **Mandatory for all incoming Honors Program students.** This will be a succinct but critical overview of HP requirements, activities, and strategies for success. You will also have a chance to meet and talk with HP upperclassmen in your discipline.

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. College 101 – How to Get Better Grades

(Large Ballroom, Curris Center) College life has officially begun but are you ready? You may be nervous about classes and how to succeed. Join us for a very informative session on how to get better grades in college.

2 P.M. New Student Auditions for Music Students

(Performing Arts Hall) Students needing to audition should meet in the Performing Arts Hall on the 2nd Floor, Old Fine Arts. This event is for students who have registered as Music majors or minors, but have not yet auditioned for the department. Those who have already auditioned and have been accepted need not re-audition.

2:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M. Dude, Where's my Class?!

(Residence Halls) What?! Classes start tomorrow? Meet up with your FYLs at your residence halls, and don't forget to bring your schedule with you. We're going to show you exactly where you need to be for all of your classes.

4P.M. – 5:30 P.M. Realities on Campus

(Lovett Auditorium) Don't miss this! This show has got it all. Comedy, drama, action… Let us show you some real situations that you could end up facing as a college student.

5:30 P.M. – 6 P.M. Process ROC

(Various Locations) Meet with your FYLs and your Great Beginnings group to discuss what you saw at Realities on Campus. This is a time for you to ask questions and discuss your thoughts on the situations presented.

6:00 P.M. – 8 P.M. Grilling with the Greeks

(Quad) Join MSU students, faculty, and staff for a good time in the Quad. We'll be providing food, music, games, etc. You don't want to miss out.

Tuesday, August 20

CLASSES BEGIN

7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. Commuter Coffee

(Pogue Hall Commuter Lots) Need a quick pick-me-up? Stop by and get fueled for your day with a cup of coffee!

7:30 A.M. – 12 P.M. Racer Tents

(Quad, Faculty Hall, Curris Center) Having trouble finding your way around campus? Get directions for class and get back on track at our Racer Tents located throughout campus.

Floor Meetings with RAs

(Residence Halls) Be sure to attend this meeting to get updates and information from your Residential Advisor. ***Times will vary so please check with your RA.***

Wednesday, August 21

7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. Commuter Coffee

(Alexander Hall Commuter Lots) Need a quick pick-me-up? Stop by and get fueled for your day with a cup of coffee!

8 A.M. – 12 P.M. Racer Tents

(Quad, Faculty Hall, Curris Center) Having trouble finding your way around campus? Get directions for class and get back on track at our Racer Tents located throughout campus.

11 A.M. – 1 P.M. Racer Extravaganza

(Curris Center 2nd Floor) Looking for a fun way to get involved at Murray State? Stop by the Racer Extravaganza to meet representatives from various student organizations.

8 P.M. Hypnotist

(Lovett Auditorium) What better way to wrap up the first day of classes than to have hypnotist, Tom Deluca put you into a deep, deep sleep. Come see the hilarity that ensues when your classmates are at Tom's mercy.

Thursday, August 22

11 A.M. – 1 P.M. Sounds Good LIVE

(Curris Center Dance Lounge) Murray State's Public Radio Station 91.3 WKMS-FM broadcasts *Sounds Good* LIVE from the Curris Center Dance Lounge with live music, giveaways for students, and more.

4:30 P.M. – 7 P.M. Welcome Back Dinner

(Winslow Dining Hall) Join the Division of Student Affairs as we welcome students to the Murray State Campus. There will be food and prizes…don't miss out!!

Friday, August 23

5 P.M. – 9 P.M. Honors Program Cookout

(Location TBA) An optional event for incoming members of the Honors Program. Come cook out, play cornhole and softball, and/or just hang out with HP upperclassmen, council leaders, and faculty.

10 P.M. Movie Night sponsored by SGA

(Theater, Curris Center) Come and see the blockbuster hit, *Fast and Furious 6* on the big screen. Bring a blanket and your friends as SGA presents a night of free entertainment.

Saturday, August 24

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Downtown Murray

(Main Street Square) Great Beginnings goes downtown! Come downtown to learn about the farmer's market, great stores and restaurants in historic downtown Murray. You will also have the opportunity to win great prizes! Don't miss out.

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Monday, August 26

6 P.M. – 7 P.M. Wellness 101

(Wellness Center) Do you love working out? Plan on going to the Wellness Center often? Join us for this interactive session on how to use the equipment properly and get the most out of your Wellness Center access.

Ongoing Services

Racer Card Services open for student IDs

Saturday:	12 P.M. – 4 P.M.
Sunday:	12 P.M. – 4 P.M.
Monday:	8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Tuesday:	8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Wednesday:	8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Thursday:	8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Friday:	8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Campus Technology Help Desk Support
(270-809-2346)

Sunday:	3 P.M. – 10 P.M.
Monday:	8 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Tuesday:	8 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Wednesday:	8 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Thursday:	8 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Friday:	8 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Parking Tag Distribution
(Stables, Curris Center)

Monday:	8 A.M. – 4 P.M.
Tuesday:	8 A.M. – 4 P.M.
Wednesday:	8 A.M. – 4 P.M.

(Public Safety Building)

Thursday:	8 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Friday:	8 A.M. – 4 P.M.

SGA Poster Sales
(Curris Center, 2nd Floor)

Monday:	10 A.M. – 6 P.M.
Tuesday:	10 A.M. – 6 P.M.
Wednesday:	10 A.M. – 6 P.M.
Thursday:	10 A.M. – 6 P.M.
Friday:	10 A.M. – 6 P.M.

Winslow Dining Hall:

Monday:	7 A.M – 11 P.M.
Tuesday:	7 A.M. – 11 P.M.
Wednesday:	7 A.M. – 11 P.M.
Thursday:	7 A.M. – 11 P.M.
Friday:	7 A.M. – 8 P.M.
Saturday:	8 A.M. – 8 P.M.
Sunday:	8 A.M. – 11 P.M.