

# CommonVU Schedule

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## Wednesday, August 17

8:00 a.m.–Midnight **International Student Move-In Day**

## Thursday, August 18

10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>International Student Success Series: Health and Wellness</b>	Alumni Hall 201
5:15 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	<b>Dinner for International Students Living on The Commons</b> Share a meal and get to know your faculty and student VUceptors.	The Commons Center Dining Hall
6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	<b>International Student Hangout</b> Mingle with other international students and your student VUceptor.	The Commons, South Patio Lawn
7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	<b>Dessert Reception for International Students Living on The Commons</b> Join Dean Beasley, faculty heads of house, Admissions counselors, Humphrey Fellows, ISSS staff and iLead student mentors.	Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence

## Friday, August 19

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	<b>International Student Information Fair</b>	Student Life Center Ballrooms
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	<b>International Student Orientation</b> (mandatory)	Student Life Center Ballrooms
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	<b>International Student Lunch</b>	
2:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	<b>International Student Shuttle to K&amp;S World Market and Wal-Mart</b> <i>Co-sponsored by ISSS, VSG, and VUcept</i>	Shuttles depart from the intersection of Horton Ave. and 18th Ave. S.
4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	<b>Food Allergies and Campus Dining</b> This meeting is for parents of new students to discuss the food allergy options available to students while on campus.	The Commons Center, Room 335
6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	<b>Shabbat Open House at Hillel</b> Meet Hillel staff and students, and learn about Jewish life on campus. Food will be served. Optional services begin at 5:30 p.m.	Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life
6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.	<b>Chabad House Move-In Shabbat</b> Join us for a Shabbat service followed by a family-style dinner at 7:30 p.m.	Chabad House, 111 23rd Ave. N.



## Saturday, August 20 • Move-In Day

6:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	<b>First Aid Station</b>	The Commons Center, Room 107 & Wyatt Lawn Tent
7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast Available for Purchase</b>	The Commons Center
7:00 a.m.–Noon	<b>Move-In</b>	The Ingram Commons Houses
7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.	<b>Shuttles for Move-In Parking Lots and Barnes &amp; Noble at Vanderbilt Bookstore</b>	The Commons (18th & Horton Ave.), Terrace Place Garage, Barnes & Noble
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	<b>Commodore Card, the 2016 Newcomer, and InsiderVU Pickup</b> Pick up your Vanderbilt Student ID and <i>InsiderVU</i> , which includes the CommonVU schedule, maps, and other information. Also pick up the 2016 <i>Newcomer</i> (photos and information about the class) or purchase additional copies and order your <i>Vanderbilt Commodore Yearbook</i> .	The Commons Center, Room 235/237
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	<b>First-Year Package Pickup</b> Pick up mail packages, online book orders, and room supplies pre-ordered from Barnes & Noble. Bring your Vanderbilt ID.	Lower Quad Tent
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	<b>Vanderbilt Main Post Office Open</b>	Rand Hall
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	<b>Information and Vendor Booths</b> Student Accounts, Parents and Families, Van Laundry, VanderBIKES, TechHub, area banks, and more	The Commons Center, 1st and 2nd Floors
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	<b>Barnes &amp; Noble Mobile Market</b> Select room supplies are available for purchase.	Lawn adjacent to Package Tent
8:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.	<b>Barnes &amp; Noble at Vanderbilt Bookstore Open</b>	Barnes & Noble, 2525 West End Ave.
8:00 a.m.–Midnight	<b>Information Desk</b>	The Commons Center Lobby, 1st Floor
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	<b>VUPD Safety Booth</b> Vanderbilt police officers distribute safety information and offer bicycle and laptop registration. Please provide make, model, and serial number for the items being registered.	The Commons Center Lobby, 1st Floor
11:00 a.m.–Noon	<b>For International Students: International Student Success Series: Social Connections</b> Making new friends from different cultural backgrounds can be a challenge. Learn from current students about their experiences and how they made connections on campus.	The Commons Center, Room 335
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch Available for Purchase</b>	The Commons Center
Noon–1:30 p.m.	<b>For International Students: Lunch with Your Student VUceptor</b>	The Commons Lawn Tent
2:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.	<b>University Resources and Services Panel Discussions</b> Join representatives from various university offices for discussion and Q&A. 2:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m. <b>Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at Vanderbilt</b> 3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m. <b>Life After Vanderbilt</b>	Wyatt Center Rotunda
2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	<b>Chabad House Meet and Greet</b>	Chabad House, 111 23rd Ave. N.

2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	<b>Black Cultural Center/Black Student Association Reception</b> Students and families are invited to learn about Vanderbilt's Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center and its programs. BCC Staff and students from several student organizations will meet and greet families and answer questions. Open to all.	Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center
4:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m.	<b>For First-Year Students and Their Families: Welcome by College &amp; School Deans</b> Your opportunity to chat with school deans and ask questions about academic life at Vanderbilt.	<b>A&amp;S:</b> Langford Auditorium <b>Blair:</b> Turner Recital Hall <b>Engineering:</b> Featheringill Hall, Adams Atrium <b>Peabody:</b> Wyatt Center Rotunda
5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	<b>University Resources &amp; Services Fair</b> Representatives providing student services from across Vanderbilt will answer your questions one-on-one. Drop in anytime.	The Commons Center, Room 237
<b>House Dinners</b> (free for families and students)		
5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	<b>Crawford House:</b> Upper Quad Lawn Tent <b>Hank Ingram House:</b> The Commons Lawn Tent <b>Sutherland House:</b> Upper Quad Lawn Tent	<b>East House:</b> East Lawn Tent <b>North House:</b> West Lawn Tent
7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	<b>Gillette House:</b> The Commons Lawn Tent <b>Murray House:</b> Upper Quad Lawn Tent <b>West House:</b> West Lawn Tent	<b>Memorial House:</b> East Lawn Tent <b>Stambaugh House:</b> Upper Quad Lawn Tent
<b>Religious Services &amp; Meet and Greet</b>		
8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<b>Catholic Services</b> at Benton Chapel <b>Protestant Services</b> at The Commons Center, Room 233 <b>Muslim Student Meet and Greet</b> at The Commons Center, Room 211A (Recreation Room)	
8:40 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<b>Jewish Meet and Greet</b> at The Commons Center, Room 107	
9:30 p.m.–11:00 p.m.	<b>Floor/House-based Community Building</b> New residents meet with floor mates, resident advisers, area coordinators and faculty heads of house for an overview of house policies and programs.	The Commons Houses
<b>Sunday, August 21</b>		
7:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	<b>Dean's Reception and Farewell Breakfast</b> Enjoy breakfast with your student and say good-bye before the start of the student-only part of CommonVU.	The Commons Center
8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.	<b>Commodore Card Office Open</b> <i>For parents who wish to add money to the Card</i>	184 Sarratt
8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.	<b>Barnes &amp; Noble at Vanderbilt Bookstore Open</b>	Barnes & Noble, 2525 West End Ave.
8:00 a.m.–Midnight	<b>Information Desk</b>	The Commons Center Lobby, 1st Floor
9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	<b>Hillel Bagel Brunch</b>	Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	<b>Vanderbilt Main Post Office Open</b>	Rand Hall
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	<b>Temporary Package Trailer Open</b> If you did not pick up your mailed packages on Saturday, make sure to do so today. Bring your Vanderbilt ID. The trailer is approximately one mile from The Commons.	E. Bronson Ingram Arts Studio Lawn



#### For Parents and Family Members only: Parents and Family Orientation

10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>For parents &amp; families whose students meet their Visions Groups at 10:30 a.m. Orientation to The Ingram Commons</b>	The Commons Center, Room 235/237
11:10 a.m.–12:10 p.m.	<b>Health, Safety, and Wellness: Communication with VU and Your Student</b>	
12:30 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	<b>For parents &amp; families whose students meet their Visions Groups at 12:45 p.m. Orientation to The Ingram Commons</b>	The Commons Center, Room 235/237
1:10 p.m.–2:10 p.m.	<b>Health, Safety, and Wellness: Communication with VU and Your Student</b>	

#### ALL EVENTS BELOW THIS LINE ARE FOR STUDENTS ONLY

##### Vanderbilt Visions: Introductions and Expectations

Meet your faculty and student VUceptors, as well as the other members of your group and share lunch.

*Please arrive on time at your designated area. All groups will move elsewhere after the initial meeting.*

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>Visions Groups 19, 34, 35, and 48-92</b>	Groups <b>19, 34, 35 and 48-69</b> meet at Peabody Esplanade Groups <b>70-92</b> meet at Peabody Library Lawn
12:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m.	<b>Visions Groups 1-18, 20-33, and 36-47</b>	Groups <b>1-18 and 20-23</b> meet at Peabody Esplanade Groups <b>24-33 and 36-47</b> meet at Peabody Library Lawn
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	<b>VU Debate Team Interest Meeting</b>	1801 Edgehill Ave., Room 225
3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	<b>House Meetings and the Community Creed</b> Meet with your housemates, faculty head of house, and resident advisers to examine the significance of entering a community of scholars, which you will formally do at Founder's Walk.	Various Locations Your resident adviser will let you know where to meet.
6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	<b>Founder's Walk</b> This event formally welcomes the first-year class into our community. Each house, led by its faculty head of house and resident advisers and accompanied by VUceptors, will be greeted by students, staff, alumni, and faculty. Speakers include: Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos, Provost Susan Wente, Dean of The Ingram Commons Vanessa Beasley, Alumni Association President Perry Brandt, and Vanderbilt Student Government President Ariana Fowler.	Alumni Lawn
7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.	<b>Founder's Walk Picnic</b>	The Commons Lawn
9:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.	<b>Floor Meetings with Resident Advisers</b> Continue to get to know your community. During this time we establish a floor community charter and discuss opportunities for house leadership through HAC.	The Commons Houses

## Monday, August 22 - FIRST YEAR MEAL PLAN STARTS

Breakfast is available in The Commons Center and Rand Hall.

Blair and Peabody students are asked to eat at The Commons Dining Hall.

Arts & Science and Engineering students are asked to eat at Rand Dining Hall.

### ARTS AND SCIENCE

9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	<b>Mandatory Meeting with Dean Lauren A. Benton</b>	Langford Auditorium
9:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	<b>Overview of Pre-major Academic Advising</b> Remarks by Director of CASPAR, Professor Andrea Hearn	Langford Auditorium
10:05 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	<b>Student Panel: "If I Knew Then What I Know Now"</b> Moderated by Professor Andrea Hearn	Langford Auditorium
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch on Your Own</b>	The Commons and Rand Dining Halls
1:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.	<b>Group Meetings with CASPAR Academic Advisers</b> Students will be notified of the time and location via email.	

### BLAIR SCHOOL OF MUSIC

8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.	<b>Meet SEGUE mentors</b>	Ingram Hall Lobby
9:00 a.m.–9:25 a.m.	<b>Dean's Welcome</b>	Ingram Hall
9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Music Library Orientation or Keyboard Harmony Placement, as assigned by Blair</b>	Room 2192/Library/Room 1168
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>Music Library Orientation or Keyboard Harmony Placement, as assigned by Blair</b>	Room 2192/Library/Room 1168
11:45 a.m.–1:10 p.m.	<b>Lunch with SEGUE Mentors</b>	Suzie's Café at Blair
1:15 p.m.–1:55 p.m.	<b>Department Meetings with Faculty, as assigned by Blair</b>	
2:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A Session with Academic Advisers, Dean Rose, Professor Jarman, and Mr. Langmesser</b>	Choral Hall
2:50 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	<b>Small Group Meetings with Academic Advisers, as assigned by Blair</b>	

### PEABODY COLLEGE

9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	<b>Orientation Registration</b>	Wyatt Center Lobby
9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	<b>Mandatory Dean's Welcome and Information Sessions</b>	Wyatt Center Rotunda, 3rd Floor
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	Wyatt Center Portico
1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	<b>Mandatory Major Overviews and Meetings with Faculty Advisers</b> <b>Child Development</b> —Hobbs Laboratory 100AB <b>Child Studies</b> —Hobbs Laboratory 100AB <b>Cognitive Studies</b> —Hobbs Laboratory 100AB <b>Early Childhood Education</b> —Wyatt Center Atrium, Annex 1st Floor <b>Elementary Education</b> —Wyatt Center Atrium, Annex 1st Floor <b>Human and Organizational Development (HOD)</b> —Mayborn Building 204 <b>Secondary Education</b> —Wyatt Center Atrium, Annex 1st Floor <b>Special Education</b> —One Magnolia Circle, Room 315	

### SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	<b>Dean's Convocation</b>	Student Life Center Ballroom
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Group Meeting with Your Faculty Adviser</b> All first-year students should attend. Notice of adviser and room assignments have been sent to your Vanderbilt email address.	Featheringill Hall/Stevenson Center
11:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	<b>Registration, as needed</b>	Featheringill Hall, Room 104
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	<b>Picnic with Faculty, V-Squared Mentors, and Student Organization Leaders</b>	Featheringill Hall, Adams Atrium
1:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	<b>Overview for Advanced Placement Credit</b>	Featheringill Hall, Room 134
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	<b>Individual Faculty Adviser Meetings</b> (by appointment as needed)	Faculty Adviser's Office
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	<b>Engineering Laptop Computer Help Desk</b>	Featheringill Hall, Room 136



11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	<b>Writing Studio Open House</b> Make a successful transition from high school writing to college writing. Drop by the Writing Studio Open House to meet our writing consultants and learn how we can help you.	The Commons Center, 1st Floor Atrium
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### Academic Integrity at Vanderbilt: Honor Code Signing Ceremony and Discussion

Your student VUceptor will give you the precise meeting location. See below for your group's rotation.

*Note: Please dress up for this special occasion.*

4:15 p.m.	<b>Visions Groups 1–15</b> Meet on The Commons	The Commons
4:45 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	Honor Code Signing	Student Life Center
5:45 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	Honor Code Discussion	Various Locations
6:45 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Dinner	Rand
4:15 p.m.	<b>Visions Groups 16–31</b> Meet on The Commons	The Commons
4:45 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	Honor Code Signing	Student Life Center
5:45 p.m.–6:15 p.m.	Dinner	Rand
6:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Honor Code Discussion	Various Locations
4:45 p.m.	<b>Visions Groups 32–46</b> Meet on The Commons	The Commons
5:15 p.m.–5:45 p.m.	Dinner	Rand
6:00 p.m.–6:45 p.m.	Honor Code Discussion	Various Locations
7:00 p.m.–7:45 p.m.	Honor Code Signing	Student Life Center

4:30 p.m.	<b>Visions Groups 47-61</b> Meet on The Commons	The Commons
5:00 p.m.–5:45 p.m.	Honor Code Discussion	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.–6:45 p.m.	Honor Code Signing	Student Life Center
7:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	Dinner	Rand
4:45 p.m.	<b>Visions Groups 62-77</b> Meet on The Commons	The Commons
5:15 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	Honor Code Discussion	Various Locations
6:15 p.m.–6:45 p.m.	Dinner	Rand
7:00 p.m.–7:45 p.m.	Honor Code Signing	Student Life Center
4:30 p.m.	<b>Visions Groups 78-92</b> Meet on The Commons	The Commons
5:00 p.m.–5:45 p.m.	Honor Code Discussion	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.–6:45 p.m.	Honor Code Signing	Student Life Center
7:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	Dinner	Rand

## Tuesday, August 23

9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	<b>Class Photo</b> Wear your Class of 2020 T-shirt for this once-in-a-lifetime photo opportunity.	Lower Quad Lawn
10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	<b>Greek Life Information Session</b> Learn about the Vanderbilt fraternity and sorority community, including opportunities for involvement, benefits and expectations for membership and the recruitment process from student leaders in the Greek community.	Student Life Center Ballroom Greek leaders will meet students immediately after the class picture on the lawn to escort them to the SLC.
11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>CIRP Survey for Visions Groups 1-47</b> Groups meet their VUceptors and take the CIRP Survey together.	Ask your VUceptor for your group's meeting location.
12:45 p.m.–1:45 p.m.	<b>True Life Presentation: Groups 1-47</b> A program designed and presented by VUcept to honestly examine questions of identity, social integration, and wellness by presenting situations that real Vanderbilt students have faced.	Langford Auditorium
2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	<b>True Life Discussion: Groups 1-47</b> Groups reflect on the stories and discuss their shared responsibility to actively engage with these issues in strengthening the Vanderbilt community.	Various Locations
4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner Hours for Students Who Attend True Life from 12:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m.</b>	The Commons Center Dining Hall
2:45 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	<b>CIRP Survey for Visions Groups 48-92</b> Groups meet their VUceptors and take the CIRP Survey together.	Ask your VUceptor for your group's meeting location.
3:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m.	<b>True Life Presentation: Groups 48-92</b> A program designed and presented by VUcept to honestly examine questions of identity, social integration, and wellness by presenting situations that real Vanderbilt students have faced.	Langford Auditorium
5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	<b>True Life Discussion: Groups 48-92</b> Groups reflect on the stories and discuss their shared responsibility to actively engage with these issues in strengthening the Vanderbilt community.	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	<b>Dinner Hours for Students Who Attend True Life from 3:45 p.m.–6:00 p.m.</b>	The Commons Center Dining Hall



5:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	<b>Navigating Your VU: Campus Tour</b> Student VUceptors provide a tour of all academic buildings relevant for the first day of class, pointing out key Vanderbilt landmarks along the way, and answering your questions.	Meet on Lower Quad Lawn Tours depart by school every 10 minutes until 6:20 p.m. Blair School of Music tours depart only at 6:20 p.m.
8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<b>Profs in the House</b> Meet with professors and housemates from your college or school. This mandatory event offers an opportunity for an informal Q&A about academic life.	The Commons Houses You will receive an email with your location.

## Wednesday, August 24 • Classes Start

6:00 a.m.–7:00 a.m.	<b>First-Year Sunrise</b>	Commons Lawn
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## Friday, August 26

3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	<b>Student Involvement Fair</b> Discover opportunities to get involved by connecting with over 275 student organizations and programs.	The Commons Center, The Commons Lawn Tent, The Commons South Patio Lawn Tent
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<b>Vanderbilt's Performing Arts Community Presents SPOTLIGHT</b> Vanderbilt students present an evening of dance, comedy, music, and theatre. Seating is limited, so get there early.	Langford Auditorium Be sure to pick up a free ticket in advance.
9:30 p.m.–Midnight	<b>VPB Palooza</b> The Vanderbilt Programming Board's signature event provides a night of entertainment and free food. You also learn about the programs VPB offers.	Student Life Center Ballrooms

## Saturday, August 27

12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	<b>Alcohol Awareness and Community Responsibility</b> East House, Hank Ingram House, North House, Stambaugh House, West House	Various Locations You will receive an email with your location.
2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	Crawford House, Gillette House, Memorial House, Murray House, Sutherland House	
8:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.	<b>Class of 2020 Celebration</b> <i>Hosted by VUceptors and The Ingram Commons Resident Advisers</i> Join your classmates for a special party at Nashville's famous Frist Center.	The Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Downtown Nashville
11:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.	<b>Commons Glow Celebration After Party</b> <i>Brought to you by the Multicultural Leadership Council</i> Live DJ, glow sticks, apparel, black lights, and DANCING.	The Commons Center, Room 235/237

## Sunday, August 28

### The Commons Addresses Sexual Violence

Join your house community to learn more about Vanderbilt's resources designed to prevent and address sexual violence, including stalking, intimate partner violence, and sexual assault, and how you can get involved to help eliminate violence on campus.

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	<b>East, Murray, Sutherland, West</b>	Student Life Center Ballrooms
2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	<b>Hank Ingram, Memorial, Stambaugh</b>	
4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	<b>Crawford, Gillette, North</b>	
6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	<b>Project I Am Mixer</b> Project I Am seeks to ease the transition into college for students of color (Black, Hispanic, Asian, etc.) by providing them with mentors and personal and professional workshop and networking opportunities. Food will be served. Open to all.	Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence
8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<b>The Road to Leadership</b> <i>Hosted by Vanderbilt Student Government</i> Join a panel discussion with upperclass students about their journeys to campus leadership, followed by a Q&A. Representatives from programming, the arts, Greek life, student government, religious life, and multicultural organizations will be present.	The Commons Center, Room 235/237

## Tuesday, August 30

7:00 p.m.	<b>National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Greek Mystique</b> Join us to learn about the historically black fraternities and sororities at Vanderbilt and the process for considering membership.	The Commons Center, Room 235/237
8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	<b>Dessert Reception for Hank Ingram, Memorial, and Stambaugh Houses</b>	Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence

## Wednesday, August 31

5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.	<b>Kickoff Cookoff</b> One of our largest student-run philanthropy events kicks off football season with live music and food from local restaurants. All proceeds of merchandise and ticket sales benefit the Fannie Battle Day Home, Nashville's oldest childcare center.	Alumni Lawn
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## Thursday, September 1

5:15 p.m.–7:00 p.m.	<b>Anchor Dash Tailgate Party</b> Each year the incoming class and new transfer students participate in this tailgate before leading the Commodore football team onto the field for our nationally televised first home game, which this year is vs. South Carolina. You must wear your white Anchor Dash T-shirt.	Vanderbilt Heath and Wellness Center Fieldhouse
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## Saturday, September 3

11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	<b>Interfraternity Council Open 'Dores Recruitment Registration and Open Houses</b> Learn about our IFC fraternity chapters at Vanderbilt and register for the recruitment process. Interested students should arrive at the Student Life Center at 11:00 a.m. for a presentation and registration. After the presentation, you will be divided into groups to visit every fraternity and meet its members.	Student Life Center Ballrooms and Greek Row
3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	<b>Panhellenic Recruitment Registration</b> Recruitment registration is an open meeting for potential members to gain information about the sorority recruitment process and to start the registration process to participate in formal recruitment.	Student Life Center Ballrooms

## Sunday, September 4

Noon–3:45 p.m.	<b>Shuttles to Target Store</b> <i>Sponsored by Vanderbilt Student Government.</i> Shuttles depart every 30 minutes starting at noon and ending at 3:00 p.m. Returns will also be every 30 minutes with the last one at 3:45 p.m.	Intersection of Horton Ave. and 18th Ave. S.
1:00–4:00 p.m.	<b>BSA Back to School Carnival</b> Come out to the Black Student Association's annual Back-to-School Carnival! This free event will feature food trucks, inflatables, water games, giveaways, a DJ and so much more.	Alumni Lawn
6:00 p.m.–7:30pm or 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<b>CommonDores Leadership Council Interest Meetings</b> Students interested in obtaining a position on their House Advisory Council (president, vice president, first-year senator, public relations chair, floor representative, or service commissioner) must attend one of these meetings.	The Commons Center, Room 235/237

## Tuesday, September 6

8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	<b>Dessert Reception for Crawford, Gillette, and North Houses</b>	Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence
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## Wednesday, September 7

3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	<b>Diverse 'Dores Day</b> Explore some of Vanderbilt's diversity offices and enjoy free food, music, office tours, and activities. If you visit all participating offices, you can snag a free T-shirt! Open to all students. For more information, visit <a href="https://facebook.com/diversedores">facebook.com/diversedores</a> .	Black Cultural Center, Office of LGBTQI Life, International Student & Scholar Services, Office of Religious Life, Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, Project Safe Center, Inclusion Initiatives and Cultural Competence
	<b>Preparing for a Career in the Health Professions</b> Your preparation for a career as a physician, nurse, dentist, vet, or other health professional begins as an undergraduate. If you're interested in the health care field, please plan to attend one of these sessions.	The Commons Center, Room 237
6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	Students in Murray, North, Stambaugh, Sutherland, and West	
7:45 p.m.–8:45 p.m.	Students in Crawford, East, Gillette, Hank Ingram, and Memorial	
8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	<b>Dessert Reception for East, Murray, Sutherland, and West Houses</b>	Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence



**Thursday, September 8**

1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	<b>Library Open House</b> Cool off in the Central Library with an ice cream sundae from Ben and Jerry's. Meet the librarians to learn about the amazing resources available to you for your research and information needs.	Central Library, Community Room
2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	<b>Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Welcome Reception</b> Stop by to meet Vice Chancellor George Hill and learn more about the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.	Board of Trust Room, Student Life Center
5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome to Nashville Fair</b> Meet representatives from 30 local restaurants, stores, and other businesses who will provide give-aways and more.	The Commons Center, Room 235/237
6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	<b>Key to Featheringill</b> <i>Co-sponsored by the Dean of The Ingram Commons, Vanderbilt Student Government and the Engineering Council</i> All first-year engineering students are invited to get to know and network with Featheringill's professors, administrators, and student leaders over a catered dinner. <i>Please RSVP on AnchorLink.</i>	Dean of The Ingram Commons Residence

**Friday, September 9 – Sunday, September 11**

**Fall Weekend of Service**

You can join hundreds of other students, staff and faculty across Vanderbilt and volunteer to serve the Nashville community in commemoration of 9/11. Learn about needs in our city and meet people while doing it. To find out more, visit [vanderbilt.edu/oacs](http://vanderbilt.edu/oacs).

# Vanderbilt Visions

All first-year students are assigned to one of 92 Vanderbilt Visions groups. An undergraduate peer mentor and a faculty member from any of the undergraduate or professional schools—your student and faculty VUceptors—lead and mentor each group.



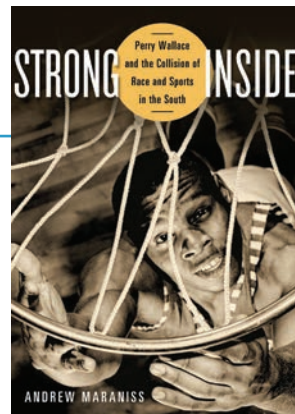
Vanderbilt Visions begins during CommonVU and meets on Mondays or Tuesdays during the semester until Thanksgiving break. A syllabus organizes the activities and discussions designed to help group members to explore the transition they experience moving from high school to college.

Visions gives you the opportunity to meet people from other houses and floors starting on your first day. Your Visions experience will also allow you to ask for support or raise questions as a group you might not want to discuss with your professors or other upperclass students outside of Visions. Visions groups provide space for honest conversations about the social and academic challenges of your first semester and help you discover how you can be happy and successful. Being in Visions will also make you aware of the many resources that can support you academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

In the second half of the semester, you will have the opportunity to participate in special Skills Development Sessions. Skills Development Sessions provide you with the chance to engage in intensive exercises that foster the development of new practical skills required for success on campus and beyond.

August 21	<b>Introductions and Expectations</b> (See CommonVU schedule, page 17.)
August 22	<b>Academic Integrity at Vanderbilt</b> (See CommonVU schedule, pages 19–20.)
August 23	<b>True Life: I Go to Vanderbilt</b> (See CommonVU schedule, page 20.)
August 24	<b>Classes start</b>
August 29–30	<b>Nashville and Vanderbilt History</b>
September 5–6	<b>Storytelling and Identity</b>
September 12–13	<b>Difference and/in Community</b>
September 19–20	<b>Resilience</b>
September 23–25	FAMILY WEEKEND
September 27	<b>10th Annual Lawson Lecture featuring Perry Wallace, Godfrey Dillard, and Andrew Maraniss</b> Langford Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
October 3–4	<b>From Then to Now</b>
October 10–11	<b>Skills Development Session</b>
October 13–14	FALL BREAK
October 24–25	<b>Skills Development Session</b>
October 31–November 1	<b>Skills Development Session</b>
November 7	<b>Evening with the Chancellor</b> Groups 1–47: 5:30–6:30 p.m. Groups 48–92: 7:00–8:00 p.m. Langford Auditorium
November 14–15	<b>Capstone</b>
November 19–27	THANKSGIVING BREAK

## Events in Conjunction with *Strong Inside*



### ROLLING SEMINARS

September 24 **Strong Inside—Creative Reflections**  
With Andrew Maraniss and singer-song writer Marshall Chapman  
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.  
Wyatt Center Rotunda  
Open to students and families

October 2 **Remembering Nashville's Role in the Civil Rights Movement**  
2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Open to Visions groups and individual sign-up. Details to come.

October 8 **North Nashville—Strong Community**  
10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
Open to Visions groups and individual sign-up. Details to come.

### LECTURES

September 27 **10th Annual Lawson Lecture featuring Perry Wallace, Godfrey Dillard, and Andrew Maraniss**  
7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Langford Auditorium  
Book signing to follow. For the Class of 2020 only.

October 23 **Crawford Lecture featuring Rosalyn Durant Senior Vice President of College Networks at ESPN**  
7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Student Life Center Ballrooms  
Open to the entire Vanderbilt community

### EXHIBITIONS

#### Race, Sports, and Vanderbilt: 1966–1970

September 23–December 8, 2016  
*Fine Arts Gallery, Cohen Memorial Hall*  
Sports and the racial integration of SEC teams are one way the Civil Rights struggle came to the fore. The exhibition seeks to provide a glimpse into this history, and as such will concentrate on how it played out on Vanderbilt's campus. It highlights artifacts, photographs, texts, video, and voice—the material culture of this time on Vanderbilt's campus and in the Nashville community.

#### From Listeners to Leaders: A Brief History of Women at Vanderbilt

August 24, 2016–March 2017  
*Jean and Alexander Heard Library, 8th Floor*  
Vanderbilt's first women students were called "listeners." Drawing on objects and photos from Special Collections, the exhibit shows how women became part of campus life from 1891 when the first woman student was awarded a degree until the era of self-rule in the 1970s. Objects such as those relating to Greek life, the Lady of the Bracelet award, or life skills courses highlight changing attitudes, customs, and expectations of Vanderbilt's women students.

### WORKSHOP

**Portrait Photography and Making the Inside Visible**  
Led by Andrea Behrends  
Wednesday, September 14,  
9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  
*The Curb Center for Art, Enterprise, and Public Policy, 1801 Edgehill Avenue*

In her portrait photography, Behrends uses the camera to capture "the essence of [a] person" in visual form. She describes her work as "a transformation of someone's personality into portrait, into photograph." In this workshop Behrends will discuss her approach and the choices necessary to make visible the truth and complexity hidden within her subjects. Participants will gain insight into the photographic techniques and the observational strategies Behrends uses to elicit insight into a person's story, and then create an image that encapsulates that essence.

This workshop is limited to 20 participants. To sign up, please email [curbcenter@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:curbcenter@vanderbilt.edu), with "Portrait Photography Workshop" in the subject line.

#### Transformations: An Exhibition Inspired by Lily Clayton Hansen's *Word of Mouth: Nashville Conversations*

September 2016–May 2017  
*The Curb Center for Art, Enterprise, and Public Policy, 1801 Edgehill Avenue*  
Just as Perry Wallace's portrait in *Strong Inside* is sparking conversation about identity and race, the 62 portraits in *Word of Mouth: Nashville Conversations* generate conversation about maintaining affordable living conditions in a city threatening to out-price creative professionals. The Curb Center transforms the written stories of these creative professionals into an exhibit exploring what the authentic capture of a moment in a creative professional's life can teach a city in transformation.

## Fall Calendar

BLUE=Academic events RED=COMMONS events

Date	Event	Date	Event
September 4	CLC Interest Meetings	October 16	Chem 1601 Exam Review Session
September 7	Diverse 'Dores Day	October 16–22	Commons Cup Service Week
September 9–11	OACS FALL WEEKEND OF SERVICE	October 19	Third Presidential Debate
September 10	VU Football vs. MTSU	October 20–22	HOMECOMING
September 11	Calc (Math 1300) Exam Review Session	October 20	Chem 1601 Exam
September 12	Town Hall Meetings for CLC Elections	October 21	Commodore Quake
September 12–16	GREEN DOT AWARENESS WEEK	October 22	Vanderbilt Football vs. Tennessee State
September 15	Calc (Math 1300) Exam	October 23	Crawford Lecture
September 15–October 15	HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH	October 26	Dean's Book Club
September 16	VenUe: Lights on The Commons Constitution and Citizenship Day	October 30	Commons Cup Fall Knowledge Bowl Calc (Math 1300) Exam Review Session
September 17	Bike Safety Program	November 3	Calc (Math 1300) Exam
September 18	PREVAIL: Women's Leadership Conference Chem 1601 Exam Review Session	November 4–12	VU THEATRE: A SHAYNA MAIDEL Commons Mix Up
September 22	Undergraduate Research Fair & Poster Session Chem 1601 Exam	November 5	Evening with the Chancellor
September 23	Fall For The Arts	November 7	Election Day 2016
September 23–25	FAMILY WEEKEND	November 8	Dean's Book Club
September 24	Commons Reading Rolling Seminar	November 9	FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS REGISTER for Spring 2017 Classes
September 26	First Presidential Debate	November 9–10	Diwali
September 27	Lawson Lecture	November 12	INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK
September 28	Dean's Book Club	November 14–18	Chem 1601 Exam Review Session
September 30	CLC Training	November 14	Vanderbilt Football vs. Ole Miss
September 30–October 8	VU THEATRE PRESENTS OTHELLO	November 19	Vanderbilt Football vs. Ole Miss 9 a.m. Residence Halls Close
October 1	VU Football vs. Florida	November 19–27	Thanksgiving Break
October 2	Commons Reading Rolling Seminar Calc (Math 1300) Exam Review Session	November 26	Vanderbilt Football vs. Tennessee
October 4	Vice Presidential Debate First CLC Meeting	November 27	9 a.m. Residence Halls Open
October 4–8	GREEK WEEK	November 28	Calc (Math 1300) Exam Review Session
October 6	Calc (Math 1300) Exam	November 30–December 1	VU THEATRE PRESENTS THE FIRST-YEAR SHOWCASE
October 7	Lights on the Lawn	December 1	Calc (Math 1300) Exam
October 8	Commons Reading Rolling Seminar Commons Mix Up	December 3	Commons Cup Indoor Recreational Sports Tournament
October 9	Commons Cup Ultimate Frisbee Tournament	December 8	Commons Holiday Study Break Last Day of Class
October 10	Spring 2017 Class Schedule Available in YES	December 9–17	UG EXAMINATIONS AND READING DAYS
October 11	National Coming Out Day	December 11	Calc (Math 1300) Exam Review Session
October 13–14	FALL BREAK	December 11	Calc (Math 1300) Final Exam
		December 14	Chem 1601 Exam Review Session
		December 18	9 a.m. Residence Halls Close
		December 18	Winter Break Starts