2014 Freshman Student Agenda

**DAY ONE**

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10:00–10:15 a.m.  **SOA Intro/Icebreaker, various locations.**
These sessions will allow you to get to know your SOA and other freshmen in your group. You will also receive very important instructions about the schedule for the day.

10:20–10:50 a.m.  **Ports of Call Video, Learning Resources Center, Room 221.**
Your first Port of Call is a video providing a glimpse of some of the most important areas on campus. Food Service, Health Services, Raider Learning Communities, University 1010 Seminar, and Parking Services will give you information to help you succeed during your freshman year. You will get one stamp on your passport for this session.

11:05–11:45 a.m. After the video, your SOA will lead you to the Student Union Building so you may attend two more ports of your choice or stop in to clarify information from the video. Your passport must be stamped **TWO** times.

- **Band, STU 224**  
  *Be part of the Band of Blue.*
- **Choral Music, STU 210**  
  *Hit a high note in a choral group.*
- **Preprofessional Studies, STU Ballroom B**  
  *Prepare for your Health Care career.*
- **Food Services, STU Ballroom A**  
  *Dining at its best.*
- **Health Services, STU, second-floor table**  
  *Taking care of you.*
- **Honors, STU Ballroom C**  
  *The personalized learning experience.*
- **Housing, STU Video Theater**  
  *More than a place to live.*
- **Military Science, STU Ballroom D**  
  *It’s not just a class, it’s an adventure.*
- **Student Support Services, STU 220**  
  *See how we can support you.*
- **Study Abroad, STU 201**  
  *Study and explore the world.*
- **U1010, STU, STU Ballroom E**  
  *Getting off to a good start.*

*Not available May 21

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12:45 p.m. Meet your SOA in the Student Union Commons to walk as a group to Meet the Deans. Look for the SOA holding your country sign.

1:00 p.m. Meet the Deans and College Information Sessions
You will meet your college dean and advisor(s), who will provide information about the college as a whole. You will then be divided into academic majors to learn about your specific major and get advice from a faculty member.

Basic and Applied Sciences LRC 221
Behavioral and Health Sciences CKNB 121 and N109
Business BAS S328
Education COE 160, May 21–COE 164
Liberal Arts BAS S128
Mass Communication BAS S102, State Farm Room
Undeclared KUC Theater

1:30 p.m. Department/Major Advising, various locations.
Students will remain with their faculty advisors to learn requirements for their selected majors and complete the advising process.

1:30–5:45 p.m. Each country will follow a specific rotation schedule. Please refer to your personal schedule for specific times. The rotations include the following:
Advising, various locations
Creating a fall schedule
SOA flip-chart session
How to use PipelineMT session
Campus tour

6:00–7:30 p.m. Ports of Interest and Dining Excursion Abroad (must get five stamps), Health, Wellness, and Recreation Center.
Students and family members will meet for dinner. Whether it’s Maximum Mexican, Caribbean Cruise, Spring Fling BBQ Bling or another one of our culinary adventures, these excursions will give you a taste of the MT Dining experience. Fun Fact: The Dining Excursion menu is a Residential Event menu that will be served at McCallie Dining Hall this fall!
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Area banks and financial institutions have partnered with us to provide you access to their services while you are here during CUSTOMS. Please feel free to visit with them during dinner (stamps will not be given at the financial institution tables).
You may also explore the facilities at the Health, Wellness and Recreation Center including the climbing wall, indoor pool and workout areas.

8:00–9:30 p.m. Residence Hall Fun, Deere and Nicks Hall lobby.
Games will be available, and SOAs will be on hand to assist with making schedules. A computer lab will also be available.

7:30–9:30 p.m. Student Union Game Room will be open.

8:00 p.m. Movie, Student Union Video Theater.
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8:00 a.m. College Life Issues and Information from Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, McWherter Learning Resources Center, Room 221.
This session focuses on personal safety and health issues affecting new college students. All students MUST receive a stamp here in order to register for classes.

9:45 a.m. Registration Rotations/IDs/Student and Organization Fair.
Refer to your individual country schedule for times.
Representatives from area banks and credit unions will also be available to assist with your banking needs. Student Union Building, second floor.

9:45 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Off-Campus Housing representatives will be available to assist with your off-campus needs. Student Union Building, first floor.

Noon–2:00 p.m. Housing Tours. Show rooms are available for students to see. Housing tour maps are available in Keathley University Center, Rooms 300 and 303, if you did not get one last night at the Ports of Interest in the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Center.

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A brief tour to the next location and session will be provided.

10:30–11:45 a.m.  Student Services Information Session, James Union Building, Tennessee Room.
Areas and services available to help your students succeed will be featured in a short video. Representatives will be available to answer questions.

Career Development Center
University 1010
Housing
Food Services
Health Services
Parking and Transportation Services
Public Safety
Experiential Learning
University Honors College
James E. Walker Library Services
Parent and Family Association

A bus will be provided from 11:00 a.m. to noon to take you to meet your student for lunch at McCallie Dining Hall or the Student Union Building.

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CKNB - Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building  
LRC - McWherter Learning Resources Center  
COE - College of Education Building  
KUC - Keathley University Center

When these academic overviews are completed at 2:00 p.m., several sessions just for family members will begin in Student Union Building. An SOA will pick you up to lead you to the next session. The session with Dr. Sells is packed with valuable information. You definitely don’t want to miss the Parent and Family Association presentation.

2:45 p.m. **Parent and Family Association, Student Union Building, Ballrooms C, D, and E.**
Family members will have the opportunity to learn about the programs and services provided by the MTSU Parent and Family Association.

3:00 p.m. **Parents’ Address by Dr. Sells, vice president for Student Affairs and vice provost for Enrollment and Academic Services, Student Union Building, Ballrooms C, D, and E.**
Very important information will be shared with parents and family members regarding what to expect from your freshmen and how you can be involved in their college success.

4:15 p.m. Break

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Representatives of area banks will be available to assist with your student’s banking needs.

9:00–10:30 a.m. Family Transitions Session, Student Union Building, Ballrooms C, D, and E. University administrators will speak on issues related to the transitions experienced by parents or significant others of new students. Concerns and questions about typical adjustments students and parents face will be addressed. This is the perfect time to find out everything you want to know about being a parent or family member of a new college student.

10:30–10:45 a.m. Closing Session, Student Union Building, Ballrooms C, D, and E. Orientation leaders will conclude the official CUSTOMS schedule with a short presentation. We will ask you to complete an evaluation online from home; your comments will be helpful in planning CUSTOMS 2014.

10:45–11:30 a.m. Q&A Time, Student Union Building, Ballrooms C, D, and E. Orientation leaders will entertain last-minute questions and concerns. This is an optional, informal group session.

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We would like to have your feedback about your CUSTOMS experience. Please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X233N9H to complete a short survey and share your thoughts.

We hope you have enjoyed your visit to MTSU and CUSTOMS.

Have a safe trip home.