

Spartan Journey Orientation

Thursday, September 3 – Thursday, September 10, 2026



Welcome, Spartans!

**Scan the QR Code to view a
digital version of the schedule,
or visit stac.edu/orientation:**



Table of Contents

Meet Your Orientation Leaders	1
STAC Student Schedule	2-4
STAC Family & Friends Schedule	5
RCC Resident Student Schedule	6-7
RCC Family & Friends Schedule	8
Spartan Family Guide to the Area	9

2026-2027 Save the Dates

Date	Activity
Tuesday, September 8	New Student Convocation at the Sacred Heart Chapel
Saturday, October 24	Spartan Spirit Homecoming Weekend
Tuesday, November 17	Veterans Day Luncheon
Tuesday, December 1	Holiday Concert & Tree Lighting
December 3-5	Laetare Players Fall Play
Saturday, December 5	Annual Winter Wonderland
Thursday, February 25	Black History Month: Afternoon Jazz
Saturday, April 10	STAC's American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Walk
Saturday, April 17	STAC's Earth Day Celebration
Wednesday, April 21	Laetare Players Spring Musical
Thursday, April 22	Spartan Spirit Community Service Day

*The Spartan Journey Orientation Schedule is subject to change.
Any changes in the schedule will be communicated through Student Engagement.*

Meet Your Orientation Leaders



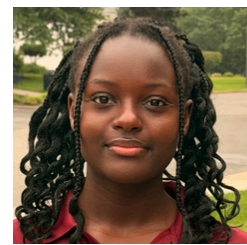
Ayiana Alvarez
Class of 2029



Eliana Chapman
Class of 2028



Trishita Dey
Class of 2027



Fanta Diop
Class of 2027



Heather Ghussin
Class of 2029



Abby Horgan
Class of 2027



Monica
Martinez Blucher
Class of 2027



Sophonie Michel
Class of 2028



Isabella Myers
Class of 2028



Diego Ocasio
Class of 2027



Gabriella Ortiz
Class of 2027



Gianna Ortiz
Class of 2027



Ronaldo
Rodriguez Perez
Class of 2029



Shreethika
Redd Vangala
Class of 2029



Holger Sanchez
Class of 2027



Cameron Strauser
Class of 2029



Bridget Sweikert
Class of 2027

STAC Student Schedule

Thursday, September 3: Move-In Day – Move-in for Residential First Year & Transfer Students

Time	Activity	Location
9:00 am–1:30 pm	Check-In and Move-In	Romano Student Alumni Center (RSAC)
(Assigned Times)	You Pack It, We STAC It!	McNelis Commons
1:30–2:00 pm	Fire and Safety Drills	Residence Halls
2:00–3:00 pm	Resident Student Meeting	Welcome Tent
3:00–4:00 pm	Family Photos with The Spartan	Residence Halls
5:30–6:30 pm	Dinner & Spartan Spirit Hang Out	McNelis Commons
7:00 pm	Recreation Night & Residential Meetup	RSAC

Friday, September 4: Meet Your STAC Family – All Students

Time	Activity	Location
9:00–10:00 am	Check-In & Continental Breakfast	Welcome Tent
10:00–10:30 am	Welcome to STAC <i>President Daly & Dean Nesbitt</i>	Welcome Tent
10:30–11:30 am	Spartan Spirits Connection Activity	Welcome Tent
11:30 am–12:30 pm	Community Standards	Aquinas Gym
12:30–1:00 pm	Mental Health & Self-Care	Aquinas Gym
1:00–2:00 pm	New Student BBQ with the STAC Community	Welcome Tent
2:00–2:30 pm	Family Photos with The Spartan	Welcome Tent
2:30–3:00 pm	Spartan Spirits Connection Activity	Welcome Tent
3:00–4:00 pm	Aquinas Leaders Welcome <i>Admitted Aquinas Leaders Only</i>	Library Reading Room
3:00–5:00 pm	Rest & Recharge	
5:00–6:00 pm	Dinner	McNelis Dining Hall
6:00 pm	Spartan Spirit Performances & Karaoke	RSAC

Saturday, September 5: Spartan Tailgate & Micro-Community Day

Time	Activity	Location
8:00–10:00 am	Breakfast	McNelis Dining Hall
12:30–1:30 pm	Class Picture & STAC T-Shirt Giveaway	Welcome Tent
1:30–4:00 pm	Spartan Tailgate & Men's Soccer Game	Athletics Field
4:00–5:00 pm	Spartan Showdown Tournament: Intro to Recreation	RSAC
5:00–6:00 pm	Rest & Recharge	
6:00–7:00 pm	Dinner	McNelis Dining Hall
7:00 pm	Roller Rink Night	RSAC

Sunday, September 6: Spartan Journey Trips

Time	Activity	Location
8:30 am	Arrival and Check-In for Six Flags Great Adventure	Borelli Hall
9:00 am	Departure for Six Flags Great Adventure	stac.edu/six

8:30 am	Arrival and Check-In for Visit to NYC & The Metropolitan Museum of Art	Borelli Hall
9:00 am	Departure for Visit to NYC & The Metropolitan Museum of Art	stac.edu/met

Monday, September 7: Mellow Monday

Time	Activity	Location
9:00–10:00 am	Breakfast	McNelis Dining Hall
10:00–11:00 am	Class Schedule Walkthrough	RSAC
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Mall Shuttle Service: Last Minute Shopping • 11:00 am – Drop Off • 12:00 pm – Drop Off & Pick-Up • 1:00 pm – Last Pick-Up	Palisades Mall
1:00–3:00 pm	Labor Day Lunch	McNelis Dining Hall
3:00–4:00 pm	First-Gen Student Mixer	McNelis Dining Hall
5:30–7:00 pm	Dinner	McNelis Dining Hall
8:00 pm	All Spartans Movie Night <i>Sponsored by Res Life</i>	McNelis Dining Hall

Tuesday, September 8: First Day of Classes & New Student Convocation

Time	Activity	Location
2:30 pm	Students Line Up Outside and Walk to Chapel	Borelli Hall
2:45 pm	Procession Walk Into the Chapel	
3:00 pm	New Student Convocation with the STAC Community • Addresses and Remarks • Mission & Service Pledge	Sacred Heart Chapel
4:00 pm	New Student Convocation Reception	RSAC Patio Tent

Wednesday, September 9:

Time	Activity	Location
4:00–7:00 pm	Italian Ices with Dean Nesbitt	RSAC

Thursday, September 10: New Student Club & Involvement Fair

Time	Activity	Location
2:30–4:30 pm	Club & Involvement Fair	RSAC Patio Tent

Family & Friends Schedule

Thursday, September 3: Move-In Day – Resident Centric

Time	Activity	Location
9:00 am–1:30 pm	Check-In and Move-In	RSAC
(Assigned Times)	You Pack It, We STAC It!	McNelis Commons
1:30–3:00 pm	Welcome Mixer with President Daly & Team	McNelis Dining Hall
3:00–4:00 pm	Family Photos with The Spartan	Residence Halls

Friday, September 4: Meet Your STAC Family

Time	Activity	Location
9:00–10:00 am	Check-In & Continental Breakfast	Welcome Tent
10:00–10:30 am	Welcome to STAC <i>President Daly & Dean Nesbitt</i>	Welcome Tent
10:30–11:30 am	Coffee with President Daly & Investing In Our Spartans	RSAC
11:30 am–12:30 pm	STAC Resource Fair & Astronomy Center Tour	RSAC
12:30–2:00 pm	Welcome BBQ with the STAC Community	Welcome Tent
2:00–2:30 pm	Spartan Family Photos with The Spartan	Welcome Tent

Saturday, September 5: STAC Tailgate & Game

Time	Activity	Location
1:30–4:00 pm	Spartan Tailgate & Men's Soccer Game	Athletics Field

Tuesday, September 8: First Day of Classes & New Student Convocation

Time	Activity	Location
3:00 pm	New Student Convocation with the STAC Community • Addresses and Remarks • Mission & Service Pledge	Sacred Heart Chapel
4:00 pm	New Student & Family Convocation Reception	RSAC Patio Tent

RCC Student Schedule

Friday, September 4: Meet Your STAC Family – All Students

Time	Activity	Location
9:00–10:00 am	Check-In & Continental Breakfast	Welcome Tent
10:00–10:30 am	Welcome to STAC <i>President Daly & Dean Nesbitt</i>	Welcome Tent
10:30–11:30 am	Spartan Spirits Connection Activity	Welcome Tent
11:30 am–12:30 pm	Community Standards	Aquinas Gym
12:30–1:00 pm	Mental Health & Self-Care	Aquinas Gym
1:00–2:00 pm	New Student BBQ with the STAC Community	Welcome Tent
2:00–2:30 pm	Family Photos with The Spartan	Welcome Tent
2:30–3:00 pm	Spartan Spirits Connection Activity	Welcome Tent
3:00–5:00 pm	Rest & Recharge	
5:00–6:00 pm	Dinner	McNel's Dining Hall
6:00–9:00 pm	Spartan Spirit Performances & Karaoke	RSAC

Saturday, September 5: Meet Your STAC Family – All Students

Time	Activity	Location
8:00–10:00 am	Breakfast	McNel's Dining Hall
1:30–4:00 pm	Spartan Tailgate & Men's Soccer Game	Athletics Field
4:00–5:00 pm	Spartan Showdown Tournament: Intro to Recreation	RSAC
5:00–6:00 pm	Rest & Recharge	
6:00–7:00 pm	Dinner	McNel's Dining Hall
7:00 pm	Roller Rink Night	RSAC

Sunday, September 6: Spartan Journey Trips

Time	Activity	Location
8:30 am	Arrival and Check-In for Six Flags Great Adventure	Borelli Hall
9:00 am	Departure for Six Flags Great Adventure	stac.edu/six

8:30 am	Arrival and Check-In for Visit to NYC & The Metropolitan Museum of Art	Borelli Hall
9:00 am	Departure for Visit to NYC & The Metropolitan Museum of Art	stac.edu/met

Monday, September 7: Mellow Monday

Time	Activity	Location
9:00-10:00 am	Breakfast	McNelis Dining Hall
10:00-11:00 am	Class Schedule Walkthrough	RSAC
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Mall Shuttle Service: Last Minute Shopping • 11:00 am - Drop Off • 12:00 pm - Drop Off & Pick-Up • 1:00 pm - Last Pick-Up	Palisades Mall
1:00-3:00 pm	Labor Day Lunch	McNelis Dining Hall
3:00-4:00 pm	First-Gen Student Mixer	McNelis Dining Hall
5:30-7:00 pm	Dinner	McNelis Dining Hall
8:00 pm	All Spartans Movie Night <i>Sponsored by Res Life</i>	McNelis Dining Hall

Thursday, September 10: New Student Club & Involvement Fair

Time	Activity	Location
2:30-4:30 pm	Club & Involvement Fair	RSAC Patio Tent

RCC Family & Friends Schedule

Friday, September 4: Meet Your STAC Family

Time	Activity	Location
9:00–10:00 am	Check-In & Continental Breakfast	Welcome Tent
10:00–10:30 am	Welcome to STAC <i>President Daly & Dean Nesbitt</i>	Welcome Tent
10:30–11:30 am	Information Chat with Chasity Ali, Director of Residence Life, and Joy Gallagher, Assistant Director of Admissions for Transfer Students	Naughton Hall
11:30 am–12:30 pm	STAC Resource Fair & Astronomy Center Tour	RSAC
1:00–2:00 pm	Welcome BBQ with the STAC Community	Welcome Tent

2026 Special Save the Dates

Date	Activity
Thursday, October 29 Thursday, November 19	Transfer Information Sessions
Saturday, October 24 Saturday, December 5	Open Houses

Spartan Family Guide to the Area

Local Accommodations: Hotels In The Area

- Residence Inn Marriott | 3 Stevens Way, Orangeburg, NY 10962 | (845) 359-5200
- Pearl River Hilton | 500 Veterans Memorial Dr, Pearl River, NY 10965 | (845) 735-9000

Local Shopping & Essentials

- BJ's Wholesale | 1050 Palisades Center Dr, West Nyack, NY 10994
- Costco Wholesale | 50 Overlook Blvd #305C, Nanuet, NY 10954
- CVS Pharmacy | 1 Orangetown Shopping Center, Orangeburg, NY 10962
- ShopRite Grocery Store | 246 Livingston St, Northvale, NJ 07647
- Stop & Shop Grocery Store | 170 NY-303, Orangeburg, NY 10962
- Walmart | 250 Route 59, Suffern, NY 10901
- Palisades Mall | 1000 Palisades Center Dr, West Nyack, NY 10994
 - Featured Stores Include:
 - Barnes & Noble
 - Best Buy
 - Dick's Sporting Goods
 - Macy's
 - Target

Grab a Bite Nearby

- Nonna Rosa Pizza | 315 NY-303, Orangeburg, NY 10962
- Gino's Bagels | 331 NY-303, Orangeburg, NY 10962
- Orangetown Classic Diner | 512 NY-303, Orangeburg, NY 10962
- Il Fresco | 15 Kings Hwy, Orangeburg, NY
- Del Arte | 20 Mountainview Ave, Orangeburg, NY 10962
- Crecco's Cafe | 60 Dutch Hill Rd, Orangeburg, NY 10962
- Dunkin' Donuts | 15 Orangetown Center, Orangeburg, NY 10962
- Fiesta Mexico | 380 NY-303, Orangeburg, NY 10962
- BK Italian Kitchen | 203 NY-303, Orangeburg, NY 10962
- The Mountain House | 333 NY-340, Sparkill, NY 10976
- State Line Family Restaurant | 96 NY-303, Tappan, NY 10983
- The Old '76 House | 110 Main St, Tappan, NY 10983
- Starbucks | Daibes Square at Northvale, 271B Livingston St, Northvale, NJ 07647
- Northvale Classic Diner | 247 Livingston St, Northvale, NJ 07647
- Panera | 269 Livingston St Suite B, Northvale, NJ 07647
- Jersey Mike's Subs | 254C Livingston St, Northvale, NJ 07647

Connect With Us



[/stac_edu](#)



[/STAC_edu](#)



[/stac.edu](#)



[/STACStThomasAquinas](#)



[/school/st.-thomas-aquinas-college](#)

