



VTSU Johnson 2023 – Better Together Kick-Off Weekend

Friday, August 18th through Sunday, August 20th

9:00am – 12:00pm: Residential Check-In, Quad tent

- Students will receive their Orientation Folder
- Students will receive their student ID (which doubles as residence hall building and room access)
- Students will sign up for the Saturday Community SERVE project
- Students will receive a Vermont State University Swag Bag
- Residential Students will MOVE IN – Residence Hall or Campus Apartment

11:00am – 12:00pm: Commuter Student Check-In, Quad tent

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- Students will receive their student ID (which doubles as residence hall building and room access)
- Students will sign up for the Saturday Community SERVE project
- Students will receive a Vermont State University Swag Bag

11:30am – 12:30pm: Complimentary Lunch for students and families, Stearns Dining Hall

12:30pm – 1:00pm: ***FAMILIES DEPART BY 1:00PM or Attend the “SSA” session***

1:00pm – 1:45pm: Students: Johnson Welcome Party-Student Orientation officially begins! Dibden

- Meet the Orientation Team and YOUR Orientation Leader
- Review the Kick-Off weekend schedule of programs and events
- **Win Vermont State University Swag (bucket hats n hammocks!)**

1:00pm-1:30: **Families: Meet and get to know the Johnson Student Success Advising team. Stearns Hall Performance Space, 2nd floor of Stearns Hall.**

- **learn more about your students advising supports at Vermont State University**

1:45pm – 2:45pm: Students meet with their Orientation Leader and Orientation group, Quad

2:45pm – 4:30pm: Knocker ball and quad fun

3:30pm – 4:30pm: ***Unregistered*** Students will meet with their Student Success Advisor during this time

- Students: check your orientation folder if this applies to you

3:45pm – 4:30pm: free time to relax, settle in, breathe

4:30pm – 6:00pm: Dinner with Your Orientation Team, Stearns Dining Hall

- Orientation groups have assigned times for tonight’s dinner
- Check with your Orientation Leader when you’ll eat and where you’ll meet

6:00pm – 7:00 pm: Residence Hall Floor Meetings on your assigned residence hall floor

7:00pm – 10:00pm: Make your Own Aquarium & sample Late Night snacks, Dewey Hall, Badger Burrow

Saturday, August 19th

9:00am – 9:45 am: Students eat a continental breakfast with their Orientation Leader,

- Review the day's schedule
- Prepare for your service project
 - wear clothes you do not mind getting dirty;
 - wear closed toe shoes
 - bring a water bottle

10:00am – 12:00pm: Johnson SERVE Projects

- meet in front of **Stearns Hall** to receive details about your SERVE project

12:00pm – 1:00pm: Brunch in Stearns Dining Hall

1:00pm – 2:00pm: Student Community Resource Presentations,

- Student Government, Connections, Badger Pride with SGA President Emily Carchia
- Beyond the Badge with Michael Palagonia, Associate Director of Public Safety
- Being Healthy and Well with Kate McCarthy, Director of Health and Wellness
- Supporting a Diverse and Inclusive Community, Jamia Danzy, VTSU Dean of Students
- **Win Vermont State University Swag (bucket hats n hammocks!)**

2:00pm – 4:00pm: Badger Button and Time Capsule, Quad

- Make your own button that represents YOU, your interests, or your passions
- Inaugural VTSU time capsule: write a note, to your future self and place it in the capsule.

4:30pm – 7:00pm: Free Time and dinner!

7:00pm – 9:00pm: Splish Splash Pool Party and Dance, SHAPE Pool

Sunday, August 20th

12:00pm -1:00pm: Brunch Meeting with your Orientation Group; Stearns Dining Hall

- Review the day's schedule
- Students: bring your academic schedule with you (it's in your Orientation folder)

1:00pm – 2:00pm: Walk Your Academic Schedule with your Orientation Group

- Know where your classes are before they begin on Monday!

2:30pm-4:30pm: Badger Battle of the Orientation Groups, Quad

4:30pm-6:00pm: Dinner in Stearns

6:00pm – 7:00pm: Residence Hall Floor Meetings for new and returning students

8:30pm – 10:30pm: Outdoor Movie Night *Grease*, snacks included, South Lawn

Monday, August 21st Happy First Day of the Academic Year! Go to your Classes