Parent Schedule

7:30 – 9:00 AM
Registration & Check-In
A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Center

Welcome to Parent Connection! Browse the University Bookstore or take care of campus business prior to the opening session.

9:00 – 9:30 AM
Welcome to Northwestern!
Magale Recital Hall

Your official welcome to Northwestern State from President Webb and the Freshman Connection Team.

9:45 – 11:00 AM
Student Services Panel
Magale Recital Hall

Find out about the most important services and resources available to Northwestern students. Representatives from Counseling and Career Services, Health Services, University Police, Business Affairs, and Student Life will provide advice and tips that will help your new student be successful in his/her first year at Northwestern State and beyond.

11:00 – 11:45 AM
Parenting a College Freshman
Magale Recital Hall

Whether this is your first or fifth student leaving for college, this informative and interactive workshop will offer information on the process families go through as a student becomes independent. This workshop will also introduce you to the challenges typically experienced by new college students. You will receive information that will help to ensure a successful transition for your entire family!

12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
NSU Organization Expo
Student Union Ballroom and Lobby

What can your student do at Northwestern State? Learn how your student can make the most of their college experience! We will show you the various ways they can get involved at Northwestern State – from student organizations to club sports – we have something for everyone!

1:00 – 1:45 PM
Lunch
Iberville Dining Hall

Meeting new people is not just good advice for your new student. Take this opportunity to network with other new college parents. Join us in the parent section for lunch.

1:30 – 2:00 PM
Ensuring Success with Disability Services
Student Union – Room 315

The Office of Disability Services facilitates equal access to programs and activities, promotes independence and inclusion of all students, and pursues innovative solutions in providing services for students with disabilities. Join us for this session and find out about the services and accommodations available to students with documented disabilities.

2:00 – 2:45 PM
Understanding Academic Advising & the Registration Process
Magale Recital Hall

Academic Deans, Department Heads, and faculty members will discuss their academic roles, and academic expectations. They will also discuss the importance of advising, FERPA regulations, and the experiences your student will have as they go through the registration process.

2:45 – 3:30 PM
The Freshman Zone
Magale Recital Hall

Parents hear it from the experts as upper-class students talk about their first year of college regarding social issues, time management, budgets, and the general adjustment to university life.

3:30 – 4:00 PM
Money Matters
Magale Recital Hall

Concerned about the rising cost of higher education and how to finance a college education? Northwestern State’s financial aid officers can answer your questions about tuition, scholarships, the TOPS program, loans, financial policies, and options.

4:15 – 5:00 PM
Campus Residential Communities Reception & Tour
University Place Clubhouse

The Northwestern State Residential Community will host a reception in honor of our new family members. This is your opportunity to check out our residential communities and tour our residential facilities. Beverages will be served at the University Place Clubhouse.