

FOCUS ORIENTATION

SATURDAY

08.15.2026.

**8:00 AM –
2:00 PM**

ONE-STOP STUDENT CHECK-IN

LYNN BUSINESS CENTER PARKING LOT

It's a great day to be a Hatter! Drive-thru Check-In is your first stop. During this time you will participate new student check-in, which is mandatory for all students. You will also pick up your FOCUS packet and get your residence hall access. Please make sure you have your Stetson ID number ready when you arrive at your pre-registered time.

**11:00 AM –
1:00 PM**

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Hatter Parents and families are invited to enjoy the Commons Dining Hall with their student for the discounted price for any meal on Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18!

4:30 PM

SCHOOL OF MUSIC NEW STUDENT MEETING

MCMAHAN HALL, FEASEL REHEARSAL HALL

This session is required for all new music majors, minors and anyone interested in participating in music ensembles. This meeting will orient you to the music community at Stetson and offer information about auditions and placement exams. Music faculty will be at this meeting to greet you and answer your questions. Hatter parents are welcome!

**5:00 PM –
7:00 PM**

DINNER, SET UP YOUR ROOM, ETC.

7:15 PM

WELCOME

EDMUNDS CENTER

Welcome to Stetson, New Hatters! This opening session will show you and your guests why Stetson is a special place to be and what it truly means to be a Hatter.

**8:00 PM –
9:00 PM**

FAMILIES AND GUESTS - CUB AFTER HOURS

CARLTON UNION BUILDING - LEE'S GARAGE AREA

Come as you are and join us for food, drinks and dessert, make connections with Stetson staff and faculty as well as other Hatter parents and families.

8:00 PM

STUDENTS - GLOW GAMES

RINKER FIELD HOUSE

Calling all new Hatters, come out to the Stetson green and glow with Hatter Productions, for a great night filled with games, donuts, and dancing. This is your time to make great new memories!

FOCUS Resources: stetson.edu/focus

SUNDAY

08.16.2026

8:15 AM

INTERFAITH CHAPEL SERVICE

LYNN HALL AMPITHEATER

Join us for a service led by Religious and Spiritual Life that celebrates our commitment to spiritual growth as a community of diverse faiths, beliefs and cultural backgrounds.

9:00 AM –
12:30 PM

PARENT AND FAMILY COLLEGE

STETSON ROOM, CARLTON UNION BUILDING

This program provides all the tools needed to establish a strong support network for your new Hatter. To learn more about Parent & Family College, view the schedule!

9:30 AM –
10:15 AM

FOCUS GROUP MEETING

FSEM/FOCUS GROUP ROOM - CHECK THE RESOURCE PAGE FOR LOCATION

Meet your FOCUS Group, which will be your FSEM classmates or fellow transfer students. Your FOCUS Leader will help you get to know your peers and learn about life at Stetson. FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

10:30 AM –
11:30 AM

CLASS MEETING - GETTING INVOLVED

EDMUNDS CENTER

Jumpstart your Stetson journey by exploring what it means to be part of a relationship-rich, inclusive Hatter community! Learn why belonging and getting involved matter, and discover the student orgs, events, and opportunities that will help you connect, grow, and thrive.

All Class Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

11:30 AM

CLASS OF 2030 PHOTO

STETSON GREEN

Immediately following the Class Meeting, the Class of 2030 will meet on the Stetson Green for a class photo. Be sure to wear the Stetson T-shirt you received at check-in!

TRANSFER STUDENT PHOTO

LYNN HALL AMPITHEATER

Immediately following the Class Meeting, all transfer students will meet at Libby Lawn for a photo. Be sure to wear the Stetson T-shirt you received at check-in!

11:45 AM –
1:30 PM

LUNCH AND SAY SEE YOU LATER TO YOUR NEW HATTER

Give your student a hug and wish them luck as they start their journey as a Hatter!

Students and guests are invited to enjoy the Commons Dining Hall at a discounted rate of \$8.15 per person during FOCUS Week! Guests may pre-purchase entry Sunday morning with cash or card in The Coffee Shop or with card at the North Side Lynn Dining Commons register.

FOCUS Resources: stetson.edu/focus

SUNDAY

08.16.2026

2:30 PM –
3:30 PM

CLASS MEETING: LIVING RESPONSIBLY AT STETSON

EDMUNDS CENTER

Learn what it means to live responsibly as a Hatter! Hear from Associate Vice President of Campus Life and Student Success and Dean of Students, Lynn Schoenberg about community expectations, explore key safety and Title IX resources, and gain bystander intervention skills to help build a safer, more respectful Stetson community.

All Class Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

3:30 PM –
5:00 PM

FOCUS GROUP MEETING

FSEM/FOCUS GROUP ROOM - CHECK THE RESOURCE PAGE FOR LOCATION

You and your FOCUS Group will return to your breakout room to participate in an engaging session. FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

5:00 PM –
8:00 PM

FSEM STUDY TIME, DINNER, RELAX

5:00 PM

SYMPHONIC BAND MEETING

MCMAHAN HALL

Any student interested in participating in Symphonic Band is invited to attend this informational meeting.

STETSON CHOIR/SINGERS MEETING

TINSLEY REHEARSAL HALL

Any student interested in participating in a Stetson choir is invited to attend this informational meeting.

6:30 PM

COMMUTER GATHERING

CROSS CULTURAL CENTER

All first-year and transfer students who will be living off-campus will gather to enjoy tasty treats and learn more about life as a commuter student. Learn about the best places on campus to hang out, campus life and parking.

7:00 PM

FIRST RESIDENCE HALL FLOOR MEETING

Meet with your Resident Assistant (RA) and fellow neighbors and learn what being a part of a Residential community is about and find out how you may contribute. Check your Stetson email for more information from your RA.

8:30 PM

BINGO BONANAZA

LYNN DINING COMMONS

Come and enjoy an evening of music bingo! Brush up on your music knowledge as we play songs for a chance to win prizes valued up to \$100! Door prizes will also be given away. Stop by for fun entertainment, and a snack, sponsored by Fraternity & Sorority Life!

FOCUS Resources: stetson.edu/focus

MONDAY

08.17.2026

9:30 AM –
10:30 AM

CLASS MEETING: ACADEMICS

EDMUNDS CENTER

Hear from the Provost and learn how to thrive academically and find your purpose at Stetson! This session highlights academic expectations, faculty culture, and the support systems that help you succeed. Explore key resources and discover Hatter Ready experiences—from research and study abroad to internships and leadership—that connect your learning to your future goals.

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12:15 PM

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11:30 AM –
12:30 PM

MUSIC THEORY PLACEMENT EXAM

RINKER AUDITORIUM, LYNN BUSINESS CENTER

Mandatory placement exam for all Music majors and minors scheduled for MUSC-161 Foundations of Music Theory.

12:30 PM –
2:30 PM

LUNCH

ACADEMIC ADVISOR MEETING

Check your Stetson email for a message from your Academic Advisor about meeting today or tomorrow!

2:30 PM –
4:30 PM

FIRST YEAR SEMINAR (FSEM) CLASS

FSEM/FOCUS GROUP ROOM - CHECK THE RESOURCE PAGE FOR LOCATION

Mandatory for all first-year students and transfer students with fewer than 24 credits. FSEM 100-010 - Self and World will meet from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

TRANSFER STUDENT GATHERING

LEE'S GARAGE, CARLTON UNION BUILDING

Have a chance to connect with both new and returning transfer students, while enjoying snacks, games and more!

5:00 PM –
7:00 PM

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BBQ

LYNN BUSINESS CENTER LOBBY

This BBQ is for new School of Business Administration students - look out for an email invite with all the details!

MONDAY

08.17.2026

5:00 PM –
8:30 PM

DINNER AND FSEM STUDY TIME

6:00 PM

SCHOOL OF MUSIC BANQUET

STETSON ROOM, CARLTON UNION BUILDING

By invitation only for New Music Majors and Music Minors.

8:30 PM

FOCUS TAKES OVER THE HOLLIS CENTER

HOLLIS CENTER

Enjoy a night of fun at the Hollis Center! Take a dip in the pool, enjoy games and activities, indulge in a tasty treat, or find a comfy spot and hang out with all your new friends. There's something for everyone at the Hollis Center!

TUESDAY

08.18.2026

9:30 AM –
10:30 AM

CLASS MEETING: HATS OFF FOR WELLNESS

EDMUNDS CENTER

Learn how to support your well-being as you start college! This session covers holistic wellness, common transition challenges, and practical ways to stay balanced. You'll explore key resources — including Student Counseling Services, Health Services, Wellness and Recreation and Religious and Spiritual Life — and leave with tools to seek help when needed and build your own self-care plan for a healthy first semester.

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12:15 PM

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DINNER AND FSEM STUDY TIME

8:00 PM

PASS THROUGH THE GATES

LEE CHAPEL, ELIZABETH HALL

Wrap up FOCUS with a signature Stetson tradition! Join your FOCUS Leaders for an exciting celebration of Hatter spirit, connection, and the start of your Stetson story.

WEDNESDAY

08.19.2026

9:30 AM –
10:30 AM

FOCUS GROUP MEETING

FSEM/FOCUS GROUP ROOM - CHECK THE RESOURCE PAGE FOR LOCATION

It's your final FOCUS Group Meeting! Gather with your group one last time, celebrate the start of the semester and prepare to go to convocation!

11:00 AM

CONVOCATION

EDMUNDS CENTER

Walk to Convocation with your FOCUS Leader and classmates. During this special tradition, you will officially be welcomed into our campus community! Cultural Credit will be provided to those who attend.

12:00 PM

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Students, faculty and staff are invited to join us for a Community Lunch in the Carlton Union Building (CUB), Lynn Commons. Both the North and South sides of the CUB will be open for entry into the Commons.

2:30 PM –
4:30 PM

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DINNER

7:30 PM

WELCOME (BACK) TO CAMPUS THEATRE PARTY

SECOND STAGE THEATRE (IN DELAND'S MUSEUM OF ART)

Join Stetson University Theatre Arts for their 'Welcome Back' gathering! This event welcomes new and returning majors, minors and theatre interested students. We also welcome anyone who might want to get involved with theatre during their time at Stetson University, as there are many ways to contribute to our production offerings. Learn about our season offerings, production schedule and audition information while we mix and mingle. Arts faculty & staff will be in attendance and can answer any questions for you about our programming. You will find the Stetson entrance to the theater by entering through the stage door, which is found on the parking lot side of the building. The door will be covered by a small red roof and have Stetson University signage on it.