Parent Orientation General Overview

Thursday, August 27 1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

- Check in: All students need to arrive by 3pm to check in with Orientation. From there, residential students will be directed to the residence hall to move in.
- Vendor Fair: University offices and local businesses will be available to give students and parents a closer look at what the Forest Grove and Pacific Community has to offer and answer questions.
- “Welcome to Pacific” and Convocation: An introduction to your students’ Orientation Coordinators, Ambassadors and the official ceremony to begin the academic year!
- Sign, Shake & Ring: A Pacific tradition where your student will sign their name into the official book of enrollment, ring the bell in Old College Hall to signify their entrance into the Pacific community, and shake the President’s hand.
- Parent Night in the Library and Letter Writing: Join us in writing letters to your student (to be delivered throughout their years at Pacific) and participate in activities in the library.

Friday, August 28 8:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- “A Liberal Arts Education is More Than Just A Major”: Guest Speaker
- “Talking About Major Differences”: This session explores the importance of college student’s interactions with parents/family members and provides strategies for engaging in constructive conversations about major/career differences.
- Life on Campus: A series of vignettes performed by our student ambassadors to give you important information about your student’s new experiences on campus.
- Breakout Sessions: Choose from different sessions that include discussions about letting go, dining and meeting the academic school directors.
- Friday Night Lights: Dinner and conclusion of Parent Orientation.