New College of Florida – Fall 2012 Orientation

Welcome new students of the "Class of 2012"

What Is New Student Orientation?

New Student Orientation in August is a seven-day program designed for new students to learn about our campus and local community. Each student is assigned to an Orientation Group led by our Orientation Leaders (OL's). Students participate in a variety of small group activities which introduce them to the social, intellectual and academic life at New College.

Why is New Student Orientation important?

Orientation includes a critical academic component where new students meet the Provost and their faculty advisors to understand our academic expectations, learn how to negotiate semester contracts, attend mini-classes and register for their fall courses. In addition, Orientation includes a number of programs designed to introduce students to campus life at New College from meetings within residence halls and with student government to maintaining fitness, balance and wellness, to exploring leadership, community service and life outside of New College. Many of these activities are also designed to help students meet other members of the Class of 2012. Orientation will address social awareness in such areas as sexual assault, risks of substance abuse, personal responsibility, diversity, and strategies for academic success.

Is New Student Orientation required?

Yes. Throughout the week, Orientation addresses different aspects of residential college life. Each component of Orientation is offered to enable new students to learn how to succeed at New College of Florida.

The following schedule provides an overview of the activities throughout New Student Orientation.

Sunday, Aug. 19: New Student Orientation

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM **Check-in / Move-in** **Harry Sudakoff Conference Center**

Students & families enter at main (covered) entrance facing Sudakoff parking lot. 5845 General Dougher Place
Sarasota, Florida 34243

9:00 AM – **11:30 AM** **Get your New College ID** Sudakoff

The Registrar will administer New College ID's at check-in. Bring a photo ID (Driver's License) and come prepared to smile.

9:00 AM – **2:00 PM** **Parking Permit** Palmer D (PMD 123)

The Parking and Business Offices are open. Bring a photo ID (Driver's License) and your New College student identification number (N#1022…); for ***Parking Permits*** *you'll need your current vehicle's registration and fee payment.*

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM **Brunch** Hamilton Center

2:00 PM **President's Welcome** Sudakoff

New College President, Dr. Donal O'Shea, welcomes parents and students.

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Orientation Groups meet** *(students)* outside of Sudakoff

Students will be dismissed to meet their orientation groups, along with Orientation Leaders (OL) and get to know New College classmates.

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Panel Presentation** *(parents / guardians)* Sudakoff

Families meet representatives of various campus offices and participate in general Q&A. Panel presentation is followed by a Meet-&-Greet to address specific, individual student questions at office tables throughout Sudakoff.

Offices Represented: Provost (Dr. Miles) & Dean of Students (Dr. Bashant), Associate Dean of Students for Housing & Judicial, Counseling & Wellness Center, Information Technology, Campus Police, Financial Aid, Business Office

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM **Ice-Cream Social & Parent Good-Bye** Hamilton Center

Families and new students rejoin for ice-cream. Meet New College staff and administrators.

4:30 PM ***Parent & Family Orientation ends.***
New students & families: dinner on your own, shopping & unpacking your room.

Optional evening social events for new students:

7:00 PM **Physical Plant,** *Local band* Z-Green

Live music with OL's & RA's. Bring your blankets to lounge on the ground & relax with new friends.

9:00 PM – 10:30 PM **NCSA Surprise event**
Meet some of our Student Government Cabinet members of New College Student Alliance. Enjoy music & munchies.

Monday, Aug. 20 Day 1: Campus Life

8:00 AM	Breakfast	Hamilton Center
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	**New Student Transitions:** Student Affairs & Campus Resources	Sudakoff

Meet professional & student staff from the Division of Student Affairs. Learn about different offices and where to go when you need a helping hand. Enjoy a lively simulation of the challenges and playful adventures that will get you through your first semester at New College.

11:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Hamilton Center

Eat with your Orientation Leader (OL) groups & professional staff. Discuss individual concerns about how to connect at New College and feel "at home" on your campus.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	**No Doesn't Mean Yes – Victim's Advocate**	Sudakoff

Attend an interactive presentation addressing common relationship issues on college campuses followed by a student panel for Q&A about life at New College.

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	**New College Community Interests: Mini-workshop Series** *Various locations, see handout for details*	

Choose from a variety of session topics and attend two mini-workshops featuring different interests and aspects of connecting to the New College community. Additional details provided at Orientation check-in.

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Dinner with Orientation Groups	Hamilton Center
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Outdoor games *(optional)*	Baseball Fields Z-green
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM	**Community Building:** VISTA's & Residence Life Overview	Sudakoff & Residence Halls

Become true Nuovo Collegians as we explore different facets of community life. Meet our ***AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer coordinators*** *to learn about making a difference in the local Sarasota-Bradenton community. Meet our Campus Life Coordinators and Resident Assistants, discuss community standards for living on-campus, mingle with your neighbors and learn how to feel comfortable in your new home.*

10:00 PM – 12:00 AM **Evening Activities** *(optional)*

Join your Orientation Leaders for a variety of social activities – dancing in the Nook, games in Ham or movies on Z-green.

Tuesday, Aug. 21 Day 2: Academic Success

****** (Students will need their ID Card for meals beginning today.)******

8:00 AM	Breakfast	Hamilton Center
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	**Academic Resources Overview**	Sudakoff

Meet academic staff from across campus, including the Registrar, Information Technologies, Educational Technology Services and the Jane Bancroft Cook Library staff from the Academic Resource Center (ARC) including the Writing Resource Center, Qualitative Resource Center, Language Lab and Library Services.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch with Orientation Groups	Hamilton Center
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	*Orientation Leader Group Meeting (#3, contracts)*	
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	**What Contract?** *(Mandatory prerequisite for Faculty Advising)*	Sudakoff

Join your OL group to meet the Provost and Division Chairs from Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences.

Review academic expectations, our New College contract system and answer any questions you have about negotiating contracts with your faculty advisors (i.e. the essentials of registering for classes).

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	**Peer Mentors: Advising & Registration**	Sudakoff

OL's discuss faculty negotiation, contracts and tips; followed by Academic-based Campus Tour depending on students' Area of Concentration (AOC).

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Dinner	Hamilton Center
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	**NCSA Night**	Palm Court / Fitness Center

Attend your first **Towne Meeting** *and learn from your New College Student Alliance (student government) reps. how to have a voice in campus decisions. Afterwards, join us for the* **NCSA Pool Party** *to make a splash with friends!*

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM	**Contact Improv (CI) Workshop*** *(optional)*	Black Box Theater

Join us for a movement language session based on the physical principles of touch, momentum, weight sharing and following a shared point of contact. It is a movement conversation between two or more bodies. Peace in Presence CI group describes it as: "If you could dance, surf, do akido, wrestle, and fly at the same time, you'd start to get a sense of what Contact Improv (CI) feels like. Movement is initiated by a contact point between two bodies creating a dance slow and sensuous, wild and flying or anywhere in between. Completely egalitarian, CI allows dancers of all ages, sizes, and experience levels to join in the fun." **Wear clothes you can move in, preferably things that cover elbows and knees*.

10:00 PM – 12:00 AM **Evening Activities** *(optional)*

Join your Orientation Leaders for a variety of social activities – dancing in the Nook, games in Ham or movies in TA / HCL 8.

Wednesday, Aug. 22 Day 3: Faculty Advising & Adventures

Current NCF students arrive on campus and move-in for fall semester.

8:30 AM Breakfast Hamilton Center

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM *Orientation Leader Group Meeting (#5, advising)*

9:45 AM – 12:00 PM **Faculty Group Advising** Academic Center **(**ACE)

New student's first meeting with faculty (academic) advisor. Don't be late! Go early and find your room / table.

12:00 PM Lunch with Orientation Groups Hamilton Center

Meet with your Orientation Leader to go over your faculty meeting and get ready for mini-classes tomorrow. Make plans & get rides for your afternoon's "adventures."

1:00 PM **Choose your own Adventure**

Various adventures available, talk to your OL & review handout or posted schedule in HAM for details.

Explore the local sites in small groups with current student leaders as your local guides. Various on-campus activities also available. Schedule posted during orientation. Make plans to meet a group of new friends with any Orientation Leaders or Resident Advisors. ***RSVP*** *for VISTA's Honor Animal Rescue (2 PM – 5:00 PM) to vista@ncf.edu.*

5:00 PM Dinner Hamilton Center

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM **Retro Costume Party** College Hall, Bayfront

Wear your favorite 60's, 70's or 80's clothes & dance past sunset on the bay with all your New College friends.

10:00 PM – 12:00 AM **Evening Activities** *(optional)* In the Nook & GDC

Join your Orientation Leaders for a variety of social activities – dancing in the Nook, games in Ham or movies in TA / HCL 8.

Thursday, Aug. 23 Day 4: First day of Mini-classes

Meal times, Hamilton Center: Breakfast 8:15 AM – 10:30 AM / Lunch 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM / Dinner 4:45 PM – 6:15 PM

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Mini-classes** Sudakoff, HCL 7, HCL 8

Choose classes that interest you, meet professors, watch for your faculty advisor. (Attend as many classes as you can throughout the day.) Meal times in Hamilton Center are also posted in dining area.

7:00 PM **Frisk Into Fall** Sudakoff

College is all about learning – learning in an academic setting, about the world and about yourself – and living away from home for the first time can be confusing. To navigate through it all you need to have the correct tools! Join ***Megan Andelloux*** *as she discusses sexuality, methods for safer sex, orientations, and being comfortable with your desires.*

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM **Contact Improv (CI) Workshop*** *(optional)* Black Box Theater

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Friday, Aug. 24 Day 5: Last day of Mini-classes

Meal times, Hamilton Center: Breakfast 8:15 AM – 10:30 AM / Lunch 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM / Dinner 4:45 PM – 6:15 PM

9:00 AM –1:00 PM **Mini-classes** Sudakoff, HCL 7, HCL 8

Choose classes that interest you, meet professors, watch for your faculty advisor. (Attend as many classes as you can.)

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Individual Advising with Faculty Sponsors**

Your faculty advisor will schedule this 1-on-1 meeting with you on Wednesday (8/22) morning to negotiate your contract.

Be sure you know where to find his/her office and arrive early! Bring a snack or bottled water in case you miss a meal time. Come prepared to talk about your personal goals and a list of classes you want to take this semester.

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Out-of-State New Students Potluck Picnic** Bayfront

Bring a favorite dish from home or just come hungry and meet non-Floridian members of our New College family.

7:00 PM **Orientation Groups Meet** Various Locations

Meet with your Orientation Leader to review your faculty advisor negotiations and mini-class schedule, go over weekend plans & arrange transportation to go shopping for groceries or school supplies, meals and local sight-seeing adventures.

Saturday, Aug. 25 Day 6: Day of Service & Community

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM **VISTA's Habitat for Humanity** *(sign up, limited space) RSVP to vista@ncf.edu*

Help build and paint affordable housing for families in need.

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM SCAT / Carpool: Farmer's Market, downtown Sarasota at Main St. & Lemon St.

TBD, SCAT / Carpool: SCAT to Super Target, Best Buy, Game Stop Michaels Crafts, Bed Bath & Beyond University Pkwy (near I-75)

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM NCSA Sail Club Event Old Caples

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM **VISTA's Annual** NCF Sandwich Bags for the **Homeless Project**

Help make, package and distribute meals to the homeless of Sarasota at the Resurrection House, a local day center for the homeless. (Sign up, limited space) RSVP to vista@ncf.edu

Sunday, Aug. 26: Last Day of Orientation

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM **A Hand for Change** Sudakoff

Bringing New College campus together to discuss issues of privilege and diversity in our community and how one person, one helping hand can make a difference. Coordinated by 2012 NCF alum, Destiny Lyals.

7:00 PM **Orientation Groups – Last Meeting** Various Locations

Meet with your Orientation Leader to review your fall schedule and answer any questions about the first week of classes or important contract deadlines. Walk to RA skit for some fabulous homegrown entertainment – New College style.

8:00 PM **The RA Skit: *defining community*** Sudakoff

Join your OL group for a final farewell to Orientation Week. Applaud your RA's as they make you laugh and gasp, welcome you to our New College family and get you ready for your first day of classes as a Nuovo Collegian.

Monday, Aug. 27 **1st Day of Fall Classes**