



Welcome Week

Class of 2021



Rhodes College

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Dear Class of 2021,

I am thrilled to begin the Rhodes adventure with you. My decision to join Rhodes College as its 20th President was similar to the process each of you engaged in as you chose a college. I am here because I believe that Rhodes can become my home, that I will be challenged here to become my very best self, and that I will make a difference—an essential difference—on our campus and our Memphis community. These are the things I wish for you as well.

We are fortunate to be joining a lively community of creative and critical thinkers. Your Rhodes education will prepare you to lead in your career and your community. I encourage you to leap in and take some risks—study something new, make a friend who has a background different from yours, join a club that focuses on something you have never done before. Take advantage of the opportunities Rhodes offers you to stretch and grow.

Please drop by my office to introduce yourself at some point this semester. I am eager to see what you bring to Rhodes as individuals. And I am also looking forward to seeing the ways that the Class of 2021 makes its collective mark.

Warmly,
Marjorie

Marjorie Hass, PhD
President



Friday, August 18

8:00 AM to Noon New Student Move-In

Your Residence Hall

Your Peer Assistants (PAs), Resident Assistants (RAs), and SOS Mentors will be on hand to carry boxes and get you settled into your room.

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Lunch (Optional)

If you do not want to go off campus for lunch, you can have a bite to eat at the Burrow Refectory (the Rat).

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Legacy BBQ Lunch

King Hall

If you are a legacy student, drop by King Hall to enjoy Central BBQ and meet Alumni Relations staff members and other Rhodes legacies and their families.

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Commuter Student Check-In

Burrow Hall, 4th Floor

Commuting students will check in and receive a Welcome Week schedule.

2:30 PM Opening Convocation Line-Up

Frazier Jelke

The Class of 2021 will line up in the east corridor of Frazier Jelke and walk to the Bryan Campus Life Center (BCLC). The rain location will be the BCLC west corridor.

3:00 PM Opening Convocation

BCLC, Multi-Sports Forum

Opening Convocation marks the beginning of the academic year and the entry of the new class into the Rhodes community. Parents and families are encouraged to attend the first official academic event of their student's career at Rhodes.

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM Student & Family Good-Bye

Say "see you soon" to your parents, families, and friends until Family Weekend on September 22-24.

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM PA Group Check-In & Dinner

BCLC Lawn

Meet your PA leaders outside the BCLC following Convocation to learn about Welcome Week and have dinner.

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Residence Hall Meeting

Your Residence Hall

Meet your hallmates and RA while learning about living on campus.

Transfer Student Meeting

West Village Social Room

Meet other transfer students and members of Residence Life to discuss useful strategies when making your transition to Rhodes.

Commuter Student Meeting

Middle Ground, Barret Library

Meet other commuter students and staff members to help you learn about navigating Rhodes as a commuter.

8:00 PM Rhodes Minute-To-Win-It

BCLC, Mallory Gymnasium

Explore campus with your classmates during this fun-filled night of activities. Wear your tennis shoes!

10:00 PM to 11:00 PM CUP Improv Show

McCoy Theatre

Join Contents Under Pressure (CUP), the improv comedy troupe at Rhodes, for an evening of laughter.



Saturday, August 19

6:00 AM to 8:00 AM Breakfast (Optional)

Burrow Refectory

8:00 AM PA Group Meeting

BCLC, Mallory Gymnasium

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Memphis Community Service Day

Location will be provided by your PA

Rhodes College was named as the #1 Most Service Oriented College by *Newsweek* magazine. You will be joining your PA groups for a day of service in Memphis.

12:30 PM to 2:00 PM Service Day Lunch in PA Groups

Burrow Refectory

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Speak About It (PA Groups 1-15)

Location will be provided by your PA

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Speak About It (PA Groups 16-30)

Location will be provided by your PA

Dating? Hanging out? Hooking up? Whatever you may call it, healthy relationships are an important part of the college experience, yet can be difficult to navigate. Here you will learn, discuss, and ask questions about the expectations Rhodes has for students regarding sexual misconduct and the Social and Alcohol policies.

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM PA Meeting

Location will be provided by your PA

6:30 PM Redbirds Game

AutoZone Park, Downtown Memphis

Enjoy a night out at the ballgame with your class. Dinner will be provided at the stadium.

10:00 PM to 12:00 AM Dueling Pianos

BCLC, Lynx Lair

Join your classmates for a performance from dueling pianos and a late night bite.

Sunday, August 20

7:00 AM to 10:00 AM Breakfast (Optional)

Burrow Refectory

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Shopping Trip (Optional)

Ridgeway Trace Center

Buy last-minute necessities at a nearby shopping center. Buses will load at 10:00 AM on University St. at Phillips Lane and will return to campus by noon. All shopping expenses are on your own.

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Lunch

Burrow Refectory

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Music Open House (Optional)

Hassell Hall, Room 100

If you are interested in a music degree, participating in an ensemble, or private lessons, you can meet with the music faculty to learn more about the department.

1:00 PM to 4:30 PM The Rhodes Community

Location will be provided by your PA

Learn more about the Rhodes community and your role in maintaining its standards. Take part in discussions on community values with current leaders.

5:30 PM to 7:00 PM Class of 2021 Formal Dinner

Burrow Refectory

Dress your best to attend a formal dinner in preparation for the pledge signing.

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Pledge Signing

McNeill Concert Hall

Participate in the tradition of signing the historic pledge that defines the standards of conduct for the Rhodes community.

9:00 PM to 10:30 PM National Pan-Hellenic Council Stroll-Off

BCLC, Ballroom

Join NPHC for a stroll competition to learn more about Divine 9.

10:30 PM to 12:00 AM DJ Julz

BCLC, Lynx Lair

Enjoy an evening of fun with a DJ and grab something to eat. Sponsored by NPHC and Big Diehl.

Mailroom Open Saturday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Mailroom Open Sunday 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Monday, August 21

6:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Breakfast

Burrow Refectory

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Language Testing, Placement, & Program Information

Spanish - Frazier Jelke C Greek/Latin/Hebrew - Palmer 206
German - Buckman 108 Chinese - Palmer 210
French - Frazier Jelke A Russian - Palmer 116

Faculty will be available to provide information about curricular and co-curricular opportunities for language study and answer any of your questions about online placement results. During this session, follow-up testing will be discussed if you scored at the 202 level or above on the online placement exam. Chinese, Greek, Hebrew, and Latin exams will be administered or placement recommendations clarified.

9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Academic Adviser Meeting

Check your schedule for location

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Individual Advising Meetings

Your faculty adviser's office

Bring your schedule and a list of any changes you would like to discuss.

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Lunch

Burrow Refectory

12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Eclipse Viewing

Frazier Jelke Deck

Join the Society of Physics Students and the Rhodes community for an opportunity to view the solar eclipse as it passes through Memphis. The eclipse will peak at 1:22 PM and special viewing glasses will be provided.

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Health Professions Info Session

BCLC, Ballroom

This is a mandatory first meeting for anyone interested in a health profession or veterinary medicine (medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, physician assistant, physical therapy, occupational therapy, optometry, public health, veterinary medicine, and any other clinical health career other than clinical psychology). This is your introduction to Health Professions Advising at Rhodes. If there is a legitimate reason to miss this meeting, please contact Dr. Snyder at snyderc@rhodes.edu or Dr. Jaslow at ajaslow@rhodes.edu.

3:00 PM to 3:50 PM

Search Plenary: Thinking Through the Past

McNeill Concert Hall

If you are enrolled in Humanities 101, you will learn more about the first course in the three-semester Search sequence. Three professors will discuss the course's origins, strategies for reading canonical Western texts, and peoples and perspectives that have been historically excluded from this tradition.

4:20 PM to 5:10 PM

First-Year Seminar

Location will be provided by your PA

Meet with your First-Year Seminar leaders for your introduction to the program.

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Dinner

Burrow Refectory

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Residence Life Program

Your Residence Hall

Join your RA to further discuss living at Rhodes College. Team up with your hallmates in your respective areas for a fun activity with a twist.

9:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Comedian Lafayette Wright

BCLC, Lynx Lair

Join the Big Diehl for a night of laughter with comedian Lafayette Wright.

Tuesday, August 22

6:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Breakfast

Burrow Refectory

8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

National Civil Rights Museum

Location will be provided by your PA

Visit the National Civil Rights Museum as part of your First-Year Seminar. Your departure time from campus will be shared in your PA meetings.

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Individual Advising Meetings

Your Faculty Adviser's Office

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11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Lunch

Burrow Refectory

1:45 PM to 3:15 PM (PA Groups 16-30)

2:45 PM to 4:15 PM (PA Groups 1-15)

National Civil Rights Museum Reflection

Various Locations

Take time to reflect upon your visit to the National Civil Rights Museum with your PA groups.

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Interest Sessions (Optional): Introduction to Student Governance and Elections

Frazier Jelke B

Student Government, Honor Council, Social Regulations Council, Rhodes Activity Board, and Class Councils will be available to answer any questions you may have about student governance and the election process.

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

PA Dinners

Burrow Refectory

Join your PA leaders and your PA group for dinner.



Looking for Something to Do? Upcoming Events:

August 22, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

August 23, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Rhodes Choral Ensemble Auditions (Optional)

Hassell Hall 206

You will sign up for audition times during the Music Department Open House on August 20.

August 23, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Rhodes Orchestra Auditions (Optional)

Hassell Hall

You will sign up for these audition times during the Music Department Open House on August 20.

August 22, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

August 23, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Rhodes Jazz Ensemble & Wind Ensemble Auditions (Optional)

Hassell Hall

You will sign up for these audition times during the Music Department Open House on August 20.

August 23, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Get the scoop on Career Services

Buckman Hall, Blount Auditorium

Top off orientation by learning about resources and receive a copy of your four-year plan.

August 26, 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Art Walk

Diehl Statue

The Art Walk aims to expose students to the rich history of art in Memphis by allowing students to view varying parts of the city to see a piece (or pieces) of art and learn the history of the work.

August 29, 30, & 31, 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

SACK Fair

BCLC Lawn

Discover your opportunities to become involved on campus with over 100 representatives from student organizations, study abroad, religious fellowships, and community service.

August 31, 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

LGBTQ Welcome Reception

Hyde Hall, Refectory

Join the LGBTQ and ally community for a welcome reception to socialize and learn more about LGBTQ-related programs on campus.

September 27, 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Community Forums: Binghampton

Buckman Hall, Blount Auditorium

The Community Forums are an opportunity for you to learn more about Memphis neighborhoods and the activism and organizing that occurs around the city.

The Big Diehl

The “Big Diehl” is a program that offers weekend social opportunities both in Memphis and on campus for little to no cost. Visit the Big Diehl Facebook page for more info about events for this year.

Rhodes Reads

After you have read one of the three summer Rhodes Reads books, be sure to attend the dinner conversations hosted and led by Rhodes faculty. The Dean of Faculty will be emailing details about the events to you as they become available.



Kinney Community Service

As you will learn during Service Day, Kinney is a program that is a great outlet into the Memphis community. Whether you are interested in continuing your service experience or doing service for the first time, Kinney is the right place for you. Visit the Kinney website for more information.



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