

Parent & Family *Orientation* ITINERARY == 2020 ==





2020 Parent and Family *Orientation Itinerary*

What to expect from your Parent and Family Orientation experience:



On-Demand Experiences – On-demand experiences will be posted weekly on the Parent and Family Orientation website. Once an on-demand experience has been made available, you can go back and view its content as much as you'd like throughout Parent and Family Orientation. You will have an opportunity to submit any questions you have concerning the experience to the presenter.



Broadcast Live Experiences – Broadcast live experiences will be live streamed via Zoom on a specified date. These experiences will be recorded and made available to those that couldn't attend following the conclusion of the live stream. Those that attend the live stream will have an opportunity to participate in a Q&A session. The Zoom links will go live 24 hours before their scheduled broadcasting time.



In-Person Experiences – In-Person Experiences will take place on your student's assigned move-in day. For those unable to join us on campus, all orientation materials will be shipped to you at the address you provided in your registration.

Virtual Orientation

August 5th – August 20th

August 5th



Health and Counseling Services and COVID-19 (*Broadcast Live on August 5th at 12 pm PST *Recorded and posted**)

Hosted by:

Kristiana Holmes, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, Director of Health and Counseling Services

Your student's health and wellness is incredibly important to their success at Gonzaga. In this session, the Health & Counseling Services team will review the many resources available to support your Zag's physical, emotional, and mental well-being. They will provide additional guidance and support for COVID-19 questions.



ZagDining (*On-Demand Now*)

Hosted by:

Pat Clelland, District Manager of ZagDining by Sodexo

Community dining is a fundamental part of the Zag experience. We will discuss resident and retail dining, catering options, dietary restrictions, programming, and special events, along with student employment opportunities.



Campus Security & Public Safety (*On-Demand Now*)

Hosted by:

Becky Wilkey, Director for Campus Security & Public Safety
Scott Wittel, Associate Director for Campus Security & Public Safety
Phillip Tyler, Crime Prevention & Education Officer

Learn about security & safety at Gonzaga and explore how you as parents and family members can encourage your students to be informed and make safe decisions.



Housing & Residence Life (*On-Demand Now*)

Hosted by:

Jon Wheeler, Director for Housing & Residence Life
Jared Payton, Assistant Director for Housing & Residence Life

Housing & Residence Life builds community in residence halls. Come learn about professional and student staff who live in the halls and the support available to your student during tough times. We will discuss community development, room changes, damages, and roommate conflicts.



Help Your Zag Become Financially Responsible *(On-Demand Now)*

Hosted by:

Financial Aid Team

Narrated by:

Nodia Rogers, Financial Aid General Information

Learn about Financial Aid, Student Accounts, and Campus Card Services. Representatives from these areas will provide advice to help you, help your student.



International Families *(On-Demand Now)*

Hosted by:

Stashia Kaiel, Study Abroad Advisor and Exchange Coordinator

This session is aimed at families of international students who are issued immigration documents through Gonzaga. However, all international families are welcome! During this session, you'll learn about the Center for Global Engagement and the services we can provide to assist students. Topics include an overview of immigration, safety, travel, health insurance, and more. We hope you'll be able to join us.



NCAA Athletics *(On-Demand Now)*

Hosted by:

Rian Oliver, Associate Director of Athletics
Steffany Galbraith, Director of Academic Services
Emma Moon, Director of Life Skills Development
Bill Drake, Assistant Athletic Director for Student Athlete Health and Wellness

This session will cover topics regarding financial aid, NCCAA compliance, medical and training facilities, travel, insurance, and overall student-athlete development.



Transfer Students *(On-Demand Now)*

Hosted by:

Dr. Colleen Quinn Vandeenboom, Assistant Dean of Student Involvement and Leadership

Gonzaga loves our Transfer Students! Are you a parent or loved one of a transfer student? This video will provide an overview of transfer student services at GU, dispel some myths your students may have, and provide a few specific tips for supporting your favorite Zag

August 10th



Campus Culture and Community *(Broadcast Live on August 10th at 12 pm PST *Recorded and posted*)*

Hosted by:

Joan Iva C. Fawcett, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Inclusion, Community, & Equity (DICE)

While there continues to be a lot of uncertainty about COVID-19 and our future, Gonzaga has remained steadfast in how much it values community. Studies show that “a robust social life . . . can lower stress levels; improve mood; encourage positive health behaviors and discourage damaging ones; boost cardiovascular health; improve illness recovery rates; and aid virtually everything in between” (Ducharme, 2019). Students may have different experiences finding their niche when they start college. Some may even experience “culture shock” depending on how different Spokane is to their hometown. Nonetheless, whether in person or online, your student can and will find their sense of belonging as a Zag with a little effort on their part and plenty of support, opportunities, and resources on our end.



BRIDGE Family to Family *(On-Demand Now)*

Hosted by:

Luis and Cecy Parra, parents of BRIDGE alum

BRIDGE parents Luis and Cecy Parra talk about their BRIDGE experience and the effect the BRIDGE program had on their student.



Jesu...what? What it means to be a Jesuit University *(On-Demand Now)*

Hosted by:

Michelle Wheatley, Vice President for Mission and Ministry

Rev. Tom Lamanna, S.J.
Luke Lavin, Director of Mission and Ministry

Learn about Gonzaga's mission and history, and how Ignatius Loyola's spirituality and legacy have infused the Jesuit educational tradition.



The Zagway: A Commitment to Community *(On-Demand Now)*

Hosted by:

Paula Smith, Assistant Dean of Students, Resolution Center for Student Conduct and Conflict

Sometimes life's lessons come from life's tough experiences. Leading a life of leadership means engaging in discernment and values-based decision making, as well as developing intrinsically-driven ownership for action. This session explores how families serve as partners as students learn to navigate new freedoms, and experience the rewards and consequences for their choices. There might be some bumps and bruises along the way, and this session also provides resources about Gonzaga University's standards of conduct and an overview of the university's accountability processes.



First in my Family: Starting a Collegiate Legacy *(On-Demand Now)*

Hosted by:

Alfonso Miranda, Program Coordinator for Mentoring
Deb Ellis, Program Manager for Social Justice Programs

This session is designed to parents and families whose students are the first in their family to attend college. We will discuss ways to support first-generation students, expectations of the higher education environment, and provide an overview of resources available to you and your student.

August 15th



BRIDGE Families *(Broadcast Live on August 15th at 6:30 pm PST *Zoom link forthcoming*)*

Hosted by:

BRIDGE Core and Peer Mentors

The BRIDGE Families orientation session is open to all parents, caregivers, and family members of BRIDGE participants. We will discuss the framework and timeline of the BRIDGE program, and describe the benefits of involvement with BRIDGE. We are answering any questions that you may have regarding BRIDGE, our academic mentoring program,

and our collaborations with other departments within Gonzaga University.

August 17th



Academic Open Houses *(On-Demand, Available Starting August 17th)*

Academic Open Houses representing all academic schools and the college will be the main opportunity for parents and other family members to meet the deans. Families can build a partnership with Gonzaga University, focusing on ways in which everyone can support students in reaching their educational and career goals.



School of Business

Hosted by:

Dr. Kenneth Anderson, Dean of the School of Business



School of Nursing and Human Physiology

Hosted by:

Dr. Vince Salyers, Dean of the School of Nursing and Human Physiology



School of Engineering and Applied Science

Hosted by:

Dr. Karlene Hoo, Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science



School of Education

Hosted by:

Dr. Yolanda Gallardo, Dean of the School of Education



College of Arts and Sciences

Hosted by:

Dr. Annmarie Caño, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences



Outside the Classroom *(On-Demand, Available Starting August 17th)*



Hosted by:

Pamela Alvarado, Director of Payne Center for Leadership Development

Molly Ayers, Director of Center for Community Engagement

Many students attribute their success at Gonzaga to positive out-of-class experiences. Getting involved in activities such as club sports, student leadership, or community service enhances the Zag experience, as well as leads to a better personal balance.



Gonzaga Families: Partners in Lifelong Career Development (On-Demand, Available Starting August 17th)

Hosted by:

O. Ray Angle, Assistant Vice President for Career & Professional Development

It is never too early to start thinking about the ROI of a college education and where a degree will lead your student. This session will overview the successes of previous graduates, how Career & Professional Development (CPD) supports your student's success, and show you how to be an effective partner in the career development process.

August 19th



***Updated Date* Study Abroad** (Broadcast Live on August 19th at 12 pm PST *Zoom link forthcoming*)

Hosted by:

Richard Menard, Director of the Center for Global Engagement

You just got them to college, and you're ready to talk about study abroad? Come find out why study abroad is one of the best resume building experiences a student can have.

Live Orientation **August 21st – August 23rd**

August 21st



Opening Ceremony (Broadcast Live on August 21st at 5 pm PST *Zoom link forthcoming*)

Hosted by:

President Thayne M. McCulloh, D. Phil.

Gonzaga's President, Dr. Thayne McCulloh, will welcome families to the university.

August 22nd



Families: Partners in Student Academic Success (*Broadcast Live on August 22nd at 10 am PST *Zoom link forthcoming**)

Hosted by:

Jolanta Weber, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Administration

This session will provide essential information about academic life at Gonzaga, including registration, advising, major selection, transfer credit, and much more. Join us to learn about the important academic journey your student is about to experience and your role in this journey.



Party Culture (*Broadcast Live on August 22nd at 11 am PST *Zoom link forthcoming**)

Hosted by:

Panel of Gonzaga Campus Partners

As your student arrives on campus, it's a time of new experiences, new friendships and making memories that will last a lifetime. For many students, the college years are their first experience with sustained independence and this can lead to experimentation with drugs and alcohol. The consequences of these choices are more significant, more destructive, and more costly than many parents and families realize. Join Gonzaga campus partners for an honest discussion about the party culture at Gonzaga, and how you can engage and empower your student to make healthy choices regarding alcohol and drugs.

August 23rd



Navigating the New: Helping your Student Thrive (*Broadcast Live on August 23rd at 10 am PST *Zoom link forthcoming**)

Hosted by:

Nicola Manneter, Director of the Center for Cura Personalis
Sean Joy, Case Manager for Cura Personalis

How can you help your student thrive? What happens if your student starts to struggle? The Center for Cura Personalis (CCP) will discuss potential concerns and how to help students navigate them effectively.



Student Panel (Broadcast Live on August 23rd at 11 am PST *Zoom link forthcoming*)

Hosted by:

Current Gonzaga Students

A panel of current Gonzaga students will share their experiences and be available to address any questions or concerns you may have.

In-Person Orientation **August 26th – August 28th**



Parent and Family Orientation Check-In (In-Person on August 26th, 27th, 28th, from 8 am to 5 pm PST)

Including:

Name Badge Pick-Up (Can be mailed for those unable to come to campus.)

Parent and Family Toolkit Pick-Up (Can be mailed for those unable to come to campus.)

Contact Less Photo Opportunity

Spokane Tour and Trivia

Grab and Go Snacks

**Note* Parent and Family Orientation activities will only take place on the day of your student's move-in. We kindly ask that parents and families say their final goodbyes following the dinner break at 8:30 pm PST and do not return to campus the following day.*

Virtual Post-Orientation **August 30th**



Closing Ceremony (On-Demand, Available Starting August 30th)

Hosted by:

Kent Porterfield, Ed.D., Vice Provost of Student Affairs

Join Kent Porterfield, Ed.D., Vice Provost of Student Affairs, to close out the weekend's activities



Closing Blessing (On-Demand, Available Starting August 30th)

Hosted by:

Michelle Wheatley, Vice President for Mission and Ministry

Join Michelle Wheatley, Vice President for Mission and Ministry for a closing blessing.

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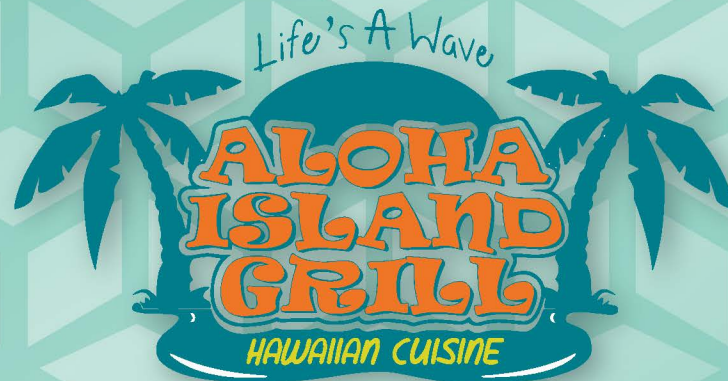
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