On Iowa!
A Hawkeye Beginning
Today’s Retreat Focus

Academic Affairs-Student Affairs Collaboration on a required pre-semester program for first-year students

Anchored in The IOWA Challenge

3-days, with forward thinking toward 4-5 days in the future
Goals

• Overarching program goals:
  • Communicating institutional expectations of students and how to meet them
  • Introducing academic success skills
  • Promoting early engagement in meaningful educational experiences
  • Building social connections through interacting with others, similar and different
  • Learning about University traditions
Goals

Specific Learning Goals for On Iowa!

- Students will understand academic and student codes of conduct
- Students will understand how to keep themselves safe and healthy
- Students will begin to understand the different expectations of college versus high school teachers
- Students will be introduced to offices on campus that offer support services
Logistics

• Program will:
  • Begin Friday evening, August 19th
  • End Sunday, August 21st with Convocation and the President’s Block Party

• Residence Hall students will move in on Wednesday, August 17th or Thursday, August 18th (assigned move in)
  • Board contracts will begin upon move in

• Small groups by major and residence area
BIG Welcome: Pride and Spirit
- Kickoff at Kinnick with cookout and speaker
- Traditions
- Large scale ice breakers to help students feel comfortable for intense days ahead

Late Night Activities
- CRWC
- IMU
- Mall?
Academic Expectations

• Differences between high school and college
  • Delivered by dynamic faculty person(s)
  • Supported by video with faculty tips for success
  • Reinforced by small group discussions with On Iowa small group leaders

• Including these academic topics:
  • Honor codes/academic/student codes
  • Seeking help early and often
  • Large lecture success skills
  • Goal setting

Investigating academic/collegiate lunches and welcomes on Saturday
Other Educational Sessions

- Engagement
  - Support services
  - Pick One, student engagement
  - SCVNGR

- Making positive, healthy, and safe decisions
  - What would you do?
  - Bystander intervention
  - Focus on different angles than those already covered by AlcoholEdu and Nformd.net
Schedule

• Free Time (finding classes, settling in, church, etc.)

• Final time with small groups (reinforcing goal setting, seeking support, etc.)

• Convocation

• President’s Block Party
Stakeholder Meetings

- Iowa Edge
- Honors
- University College Advisory Committee
- Educational Policy Committee
- Orientation
- University Housing and Dining
- Welcome Week
- Foundation
- Parent’s Association Board
- Recreational Services
- International Students and Scholars
- Cambus
- Athletics
- Alumni Association
Draft Subcommittees

• Student Leaders
• Volunteers
• Late Night Activities (Wednesday-Saturday)
• Move In
• Opening Ceremony
• Pre-Program Activities (Daytime/early evening)
• Friday daytime
• Saturday evening (social)
• Educational Sessions (Choose, Engage, Excel)
• Sunday Small Group
• Sunday Town and Gown