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# **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

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# Goals

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- 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



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## Specific Learning Goals for On Iowa!

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



# Logistics

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- Program will:
  - Begin Friday evening, August 19<sup>th</sup>
  - End Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> with Convocation and the President's Block Party
- Residence Hall students will move in on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> (assigned move in)
- Board contracts will begin upon move in
- Small groups by major and residence area



FRIDAY

# Schedule

## 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?





Investigating  
academic/  
collegiate  
lunches and  
welcomes  
on Saturday



# Schedule

## 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



Multiple  
options for  
late night  
events



# Schedule

## 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

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- 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