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**Friday, August 19**

8:45 am-noon  
**Make-Up embark Orientation Session**  Highsmith Union, room 224  
This session is exclusively for incoming freshmen and transfer students who have not yet attended an embark Orientation session. Students who still need to complete their embark Orientation requirement will participate in this abbreviated session.

9 am-1 pm  
**Check-in/Move-In**  Your Assigned Residence Hall  
The day you’ve been looking forward to is finally here! Move into your residence hall and get situated before rendezblue festivities begin. Lunch will be on your own.

1:30-2:15 pm  
**Transition Student Welcome Ceremony**  Highsmith Union, room 224  
This session is for transfer students and freshmen who have received a Housing Waiver for 2016-17 school year. Get to know other transfer and non-residential students, as well as receive important information to assist in your transition into UNC Asheville. We’ll also highlight upcoming events within transition Student Programs, as well as how to register for them.

3:30-4:30 pm  
**Parent Reception**  Sherrill Center, Scholarship Deck  
Calling all parents! Come in and relax after moving your student into his/her residence hall. Join us for some refreshments while you meet and mingle with other UNC Asheville parents before Convocation.

3:30-4:30 pm  
**New Student Gathering/Convocation Line-Up**  Student Recreation Center, Indoor Track  
Reunite with your embark Orientation Leaders (OLs) in the Justice Center (you will see OLs in blue polos to direct you to this location). Once all new students are present at the gathering, your OLs will escort you to the Sherrill Center for Convocation.

4-5 pm  
**Convocation**  Sherrill Center, Kimmel Arena  
The official ceremonial opening of school and the first official program for rendezblue 2016!

5:30-7:30 pm  
**Campus Picnic & Rockpalooza**  University Quad  
Have dinner with your fellow classmates, professors, and UNC Asheville staff with a picnic on the Quad! We’ll have activities such as a rock climbing wall, extreme air trampoline, a Ferris wheel, a gyroscope, and more to get this exciting weekend started!

8-9 pm  
**Residential Education Meetings for On-Campus Students**  Your Assigned Residence Hall  
Go back to your residence hall and meet with your RA for a mandatory hall meeting where you’ll get important information about on-campus living.

9-11 pm  
**DJ Laser Light Dance Party**  Mills Plaza (between Highsmith Union and Mills Hall)  
Join your fellow classmate as we take Rockpalooza to the next level with lasers, incredible music, and glow sticks!

**Saturday, August 20**

9-10 am  
**Breakfast**  Brown Hall, Dining Hall

9-10 am-noon  
**Keys to Success**  Sherrill Center, Kimmel Arena  
Let’s get down to business! Led by the Dean of Students and Chief of Police, this mandatory session will provide you with important information about what it takes to succeed as aUNC Asheville student.

12:10-1 pm  
**Hunt Down Your Schedule**  University Quad  
Join this interactive session to hunt down the locations for your fall 2016 classes and become comfortable with your class schedule before classes begin on Monday! While you’re finding your classrooms, get your OLs to sign off on your schedule and check-in with our Orientation Team to receive extra “cash” for Casino Night later this evening.

1:10-2:30 pm  
**Lunch**  Brown Hall, Dining Hall

3-4 pm  
**Meet with your Academic Advisor**  Assigned Class Locations*  
This session is for freshmen. Transfers are provided a comfort break during this portion of the schedule. In this mandatory session, you will meet with your academic advisor (this is the same person who will teach your First-Year Colloquium course – which is noted as a 178 course on your fall semester schedule).

*Assigned class locations are listed on the LAC Class Meetings Itinerary handout. Orientation Leaders will assist you in making sure you get to the correct location for your meeting!*  
**AVID Students:** Go to the Humanities Lecture Hall for this mandatory meeting.  
**Honors Program Students:** Go to the Laurel Forum in Karpen Hall for this mandatory meeting.

4-5 pm  
**Freshman Summer Reading Discussion**  Assigned Class Locations*  
This session is for freshmen. Transfers are provided a comfort break during this portion of the schedule. Kevin Ashton’s *How to Fly a Horse: The Secret History of Creation, Invention and Discovery* (Doubleday, 2015) speaks directly to the creativity, innovation and critical thinking that are at the core of what makes UNC Asheville one of the country’s top public Liberal Arts universities. This session will engage you in a vibrant dialogue about how you can incorporate these principles into your own transition at UNC Asheville.
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5-6 pm Dinner Brown Hall, Dining Hall

7-9:30 pm Casino Night Highsmith Union, Alumni Hall

Join us for craps, roulette, blackjack, and the chance to win some amazing prizes!

Sunday, August 21

11:30 am-2 pm Brunch Brown Hall, Dining Hall

2-3:30 pm Pop-Up CraFT Studio Kimmel Lab, Ramsey Library

Head over to Ramsey Library to explore some of the equipment that will inhabit our forthcoming CraFT (Creativity, Art, Fabrication, and Technology) Studio and try your hand at some basic 3D modeling. Our friends in Ramsey’s Kimmel Lab will provide demonstrations and guide you through these great new resources now available within the studio!

3:45-5 pm Highsmith ROCks! Highsmith Union

Check out Highsmith Union and some of the great opportunities for you to get engaged in UNC Asheville’s campus community!

Blue Echo Radio Station Open House Highsmith Union, room 175

Check out UNC Asheville’s student-run online radio station! In addition to great student DJs, the Blue Echo plays catchy tunes, provides sweet giveaways, interviews live artists, and much more.

Campus Ministry Meet & Greet Highsmith Union, 1st Floor Hallway

Learn about the various campus ministries at UNC Asheville and how you can get involved.

Campus Recreation Bike Shop Open House Highsmith Union, bottom level facing Mills Hall

Regardless of whether you have your own bike or need to rent one, the Bike Shop is a great resource that will help you get around campus and Asheville!

Find an On-Campus Job Highsmith Union, rooms 223-224

Learn how to identify on-campus job openings, prepare your resume, apply and interview for jobs with the friendly staff members from the Career Center! Two sessions will be offered for this particular event:

3:45-4:15 pm
4:15-4:45 pm

Greek Life Social Mills Plaza (between Mills Hall & Highsmith Union)

Interested in learning more about UNC Asheville’s Greek Life? Check out the various activities set-up in Mills Plaza that will give you the chance to connect with members of Greek Life and get information about the upcoming recruitment calendar.

Student Environmental Center Meet & Greet/Garden Tour Highsmith Union, lounge area in front of room 114

Meet in front of the Intercultural Center (Highsmith room 114) to learn more about the green initiatives we have in place on campus to promote environmental literacy, awareness, conservation, and sustainability. Take a tour of one of UNC Asheville’s on-campus gardens and learn how you can get involved in this great on-campus initiative!

Student Government Association (SGA) Meet & Greet Highsmith Union, room 249

Interested in participating in UNC Asheville’s Student Government Association? Visit the SGA office and learn about how you can immediately get involved!

Underdog Productions (UP) Open House Highsmith Union, room 251

Come check out UNC Asheville’s entertainment organization and find out more about the wide selection of weekend and evening activities, as well as entertainment options for the upcoming year.

5 pm Dinner Brown Hall, Dining Hall

7 pm Sex Signals Humanities Lecture Hall

Sex signals is one of the most popular sexual assault prevention programs on college campuses nationwide. Through its unorthodox, humor-facilitated approach, we’ll examine our culture, sex, and the core issue of bystander intervention. Join us for this interactive and relevant exploration of beliefs, behaviors, and gender stereotypes related to dating and sexual interaction.