



All of the programs on this schedule are an extension of your Orientation experience at UNC Asheville. Your full participation in rendezblue is expected.

Friday, August 17

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 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.

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Make-Up embark Orientation Session Highsmith Union, Alumni Hall

This session is 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.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. The Last Ballad Book Signing Highsmith Union Bookstore

New York Times bestselling author and UNC-Asheville writer-in-residence Wiley Cash will be signing copies of his most recent novel *The Last Ballad*, which is set in Gastonia, North Carolina, in 1929 and based on real events. *The Last Ballad* tells the true story of a young, single mother who is swept up in a violent textile mill strike. *The New York Times* called *The Last Ballad* "a powerful book that speaks to contemporary concerns through historical injustice."

1:30 – 2:15 p.m. Transition Student Welcome Ceremony Highsmith Union Grotto

This session is for transfer students and freshmen who have received a Housing Waiver for 2018-19 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 and how you can get involved within our campus community.

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Family Welcome Reception Sherrill Center, Scholarship Deck

Calling all family members! Come in and relax after moving your student into their residence hall. Join us for some refreshments while you meet and mingle with other UNC Asheville families before Convocation.

3:00 - 3:45 p.m. New Student Gathering/Convocation Line-Up Student Recreation Center,

Reunite with your embark Orientation Leaders (OLs) to prepare for Convocation. You will see **Indoor Track** 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.

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Convocation Sherrill Center, Kimmel Arena

The official ceremonial opening of academic year and the first official program for rendezblue 2018!

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Campus Picnic & Rockypalooza University Quadrangle

Have dinner with your fellow classmates, professors, and UNC Asheville staff with a picnic on the Quad! We'll have activities such as 4 Bay Bungee Trampoline, a 24" Rock Climbing Wall, a GIANT Connect 4, and more to get this exciting weekend started!

7:30 – 8:45 p.m. Residential Education Meetings Your Assigned Residence Hall

Go back to your residence hall and meet with your RA for a mandatory hall meeting, which is when you'll receive important information about on-campus living.

9:00 – 10:30 p.m. Nerdology Highsmith Union Grotto

Are you the one who always seems to have the answers to your friends' questions about pop-culture, video games, and comic books? Do you rarely need to Google stuff? If so, then join your fellow classmates for the infectiously fun show, Nerdology! This program is an interactive pop-culture trivia show with a mix of games and trivia interspersed with fun audience interactions.

Saturday, August 18

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast Brown Dining Hall

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 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 a UNC Asheville student. **You will receive a handout with the location of your "Meet with your Academic Advisor" session (scheduled for this afternoon) at the end of Keys to Success.**

12:10 – 12:55 p.m. **Hunt Down Your Schedule** **University Quad**
Hunt down the locations for your fall 2018 classes and become comfortable with your class schedule before classes begin on Monday. Walk to each of the classrooms on your fall semester schedule, take a selfie with your cell phone of you in front of the classroom and then show your selfie to any of the OLs assigned to the entrances to each academic building. Once they have seen your selfie confirming your visit to the classroom, they will sign-off on your schedule. When you are finished finding all of your classrooms and getting signatures for each academic building you visited, head to the tent on the Quad to receive extra "chips" for tonight's Casino Night.

12:55 – 2:00 p.m. **Lunch** **Brown Dining Hall**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **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 [Meet Your Academic Advisor Locations for rendezblue 2018](#) handout.** Orientation Leaders will assist you in making sure you get to the correct location for your meeting!*

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Freshman Summer Reading Discussion**
***same location as 3:00 p.m. session**
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5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Dinner** **Brown Dining Hall**

7:30 – 9:30 pm **Casino Night** **Highsmith Union, 1st Floor**
Join us for craps, roulette, blackjack, and the chance to win some amazing room accessories from Bed, Bath and Beyond, as well as concert tickets to the Orange Peel and certificates to visit Navitat Canopy Adventures!

Sunday, August 19

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Breakfast** **Brown Dining Hall**

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Brunch** **Brown Dining Hall**

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. **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!

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Find Your NEXT** **Highsmith Union, room 259**
What is next for you this semester? The welcoming team at the Career Center will help you consider, find, and prepare for: part-time jobs, internships, service learning, and more experiences both on and off campus!

Choose from 2 back-to-back Find Your NEXT sessions to attend:

12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Party on the Porch** **Highsmith Union, 2nd Floor**
Join us as we celebrate the opening of the Student Life Porch in Highsmith Union; a place that promises to be a central hub for student organizations and student involvement on campus. Free snacks, desserts, games and competitions (including giant Jenga), coffee tastings, a wrecking ball, t-shirts, coffee mugs and so much more!

5:30 pm **Dinner** **Brown Dining Hall**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **The Hookup** **Lipinsky Auditorium**
Hooking up can often sound like harmless fun, but it can also be a cover for some very unhealthy behaviors. This engaging discussion pulls back the covers on hooking up, clarifying when it's actually sexual violence and how bystanders can protect potential victims from predators.

This session is mandatory for all freshmen. Attendance will be taken at both showings of this presentation. An email was sent to your UNC Asheville email account regarding which session freshmen should attend (based on last name).

6:00 p.m. **All freshmen whose last name begins with A-M (except Student Athletes)**

8:00 p.m. **All freshmen whose last name begins with N-Z and all Student Athletes**

*Due to limited seating, you must attend the presentation you have been assigned.