

WELCOME EXPERIENCE



August 14-17, 2025

Greetings to all incoming Buccaneers!

Here at CBU, we've worked nonstop to create an informative and enjoyable Welcome Experience as an introduction to life at CBU. The experience you will gain during Welcome Experience will connect you to CBU's culture and provide a better understanding of what unites us in faith, service, and community. The schedule allows you to learn more about campus, connect to the Memphis community, and start building lifelong friendships.

The activities and events listed are *required* as they will help you understand the values of CBU and what it means to be a part of the Lasallian family. We were very intentional about creating a holistic schedule that meets your needs to be a well-prepared student for the first week of classes. That's why we carved out time in case you need to go for a supply run, enjoy an opening dinner with your new classmates, and ask any lingering questions about anything on your mind.

As you navigate the next few days, please know that everyone — professors, staff members, or current peers — is here to help. Primarily, your Welcome Leaders are here to support you. If you have a question about the schedule, CBU, or aren't sure what to do next, your "WL" should be your go-to resource.

We are looking forward to helping you and your family transition into this new chapter of life and want you to know that, as faculty and staff, we are here to do whatever it takes to help you succeed this year. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us. We are here for you and are so glad that you have chosen to join the Buccaneer family!

In Lasallian Spirit,

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SETTING SAIL ON YOUR JOURNEY AT CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY!

Ahoy there, Buccaneer! Prepare to chart a course for an unforgettable Welcome Experience as we sail into Buccaneer Nation!



Day 1: Arrival & Setting Anchor Thursday, August 14

WELCOME ABOARD CHECK-IN & MOVE-IN

10:00 am - 2:00 pm • Cooper-Wilson Science Center Foyer
Crew members (Members of Greek Life will assist) will be ready
at your residence halls to help you settle. Collect your welcome
packet and keys and get ready to hoist your colors!

FIRST MATE'S FUEL-UP

10:00 am - 2:00 pm • Residence Parking Lot
Don't get parched. Grab a complimentary cup of lemonade
while supplies last..

COMMUTER CHECK-IN

4:30 - 5:30 pm • Alfonso Dining Hall Foyer

SETTING SAIL SOCIAL: FLOOR MEETINGS

4:30 - 5:30 pm • Assigned Locations

Meet your Resident Assistants (RAs) and fellow shipmates on your floor. Get to know your crew! The location of your meeting is in your move-in packet.

BUCCANEER BANQUET: WELCOME DINNER

6:00 - 7:30 pm • Alfonso Dining Hall

A grand feast awaits you at Alfonso Dining Hall. Enjoy delicious food and build connections. Rites of Passage: Formal Welcome Dinner. Students will experience their first rites of passage at Christian Brothers University as they are officially welcomed into the CBU family. During this elegant black-and-white dinner, each student will receive a "Bell Tower" lapel pin as a symbol of their new identity within Buccaneer Nation.

BLOCK PARTY - PIRATE INVASION

8:00 pm • Speer Pedestrian Plaza

Ahoy, Mateys! Join us for a pirate-themed block party!

Prepare for an unforgettable evening filled with adventure and excitement! Dive into the CBU Treasure Hunt, where participants will embark on a quest to uncover hidden treasures around the campus. The ultimate winner will walk away with an extraordinary prize that's sure to make the evening even more memorable. Groove to the beats of a on the 1s and 2s while enjoying free food, entertaining games, and a night packed with fun for everyone. Don't miss out—this is your chance to let loose and celebrate the pirate spirit with your fellow Buccaneers!



Day 2: Charting Your CourseFriday, August 15

MAPPING YOUR FUTURE: ACADEMIC EXPECTATION AND PROFESSIONALISM

9:00 - 9:45 am • Spain Auditorium

The breakout sessions will delve into essential topics, including adjusting to academic rigor, understanding university expectations, and fostering professionalism. These engaging discussions are designed to empower you with strategies for navigating your academic journey with confidence.

SAFE PASSAGE: WE'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE

10:00 – 11:00 am • Spain Auditorium

A talk with former Lasallian fellows. This session offers a unique opportunity to connect with former Lasallian fellows, who bring valuable insights from their journeys at Christian Brothers University. During this engaging talk, they will share stories, experiences, and guidance to help you navigate your college experience with purpose and understanding.

BREAK

11:00 – 11:15 am • Spain Auditorium Foyer

Before diving back into the next session, this is your perfect moment to take a breather and recharge. Use this pause to grab a refreshing drink, reflect on the day so far, or even connect with a fellow Buccaneer. When you're ready, the next part of the schedule promises even more enriching experiences and opportunities to grow.

TIME-MANAGEMENT AND STUDY SKILLS

11:15 am - 12:00 pm • Buckman Hall 112

The Study Game: Rules, Tools, and Time

The breakout sessions will delve into essential topics, including adjusting to academic rigor, understanding university expectations, and fostering professionalism. These engaging discussions are designed to empower you with strategies for navigating your academic journey with confidence.

MIDDAY MUSTER: LUNCH

12:00 - 1:30 pm • Alfonso Dining Hall

FINDING YOUR COMPASS: STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR

1:30 – 3:00 pm • Wilson Family Commons (LLC)

Discover the vast array of student organizations, clubs, and activities. Find your passions and get involved!

SAILING SMOOTHLY - RES LIFE

3:00 – 3:45 pm • Spain Auditorium

Join Res Life for an uplifting session designed to enhance your experience of living away from home. This session will provide valuable insights and expectations to help you navigate life on campus with confidence and ease.

BURIED TREASURE: FIELD DAY WITH CAMPUS MINISTRY

4:00 - 5:30 pm • Nolan Field

MinistryJoin Campus Ministry for an afternoon full of fun! They say that the relationships made in the first 72 hours on campus can shape one's entire time at college. With activities geared for introverts and extraverts alike, all students will leave this session with stronger connections to their classmates. Maybe the true treasure is the friends we made along the way... or maybe it's something else that you'll discover during our time together!

DINNER

5:30 - 7:00 pm • Alfonso Dining Hall

ISLAND GAMES EVENING: VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

7:00 pm • Sand Vollyball Court

Join us for an intensive and friendly glow-in-the-dark volleyball game on the sand volleyball court! Pick your team and compete for glory under the shimmering lights. Whether you're diving for the ball or cheering on your favorite squad, the energy will be electric and the camaraderie contagious. For those seeking other activities, the pool and basketball court will also be open, offering additional options to unwind and enjoy the evening.

Day 3: Exploring New Horizons Saturday, August 16

A DAY IN MEMPHIS

Buses depart 9:00 am from Central Ave. Parking Lot Join us for a day in Memphis with stops at the Civil Rights Museum, Main Event, & Target.

Space is limited and the bus will not return to campus until the trip to Target concludes

MIDDAY MUSTER: BRUNCH

10:45 - 1:30 pm • Alfonso Dining Hall

If you're staying on campus today to get settled, the University's dining hall will be open for you to grab a bite.

BUCCANEER BITE: DINNER

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BUCCANEER BEACH BASH - POOL PARTY

8:00 pm • Canale Pool

Dive into an exciting evening of aquatic festivities at the Buccaneer Beach Bash. Whether you're gliding down the thrilling slip-n-slide, savoring delicious poolside treats, or engaging in lively pool games, there's something for everyone. Don't miss out on the cannonball competition, where you can showcase your splash-making skills and cheer on your friends.





Day 4: Anchors Aweigh Sunday, August 17

BRUNCH WITH BROTHERS

11:30 am - 1:00 pm • Alfonso Dining Hall

Join us for a meaningful morning as we delve into the heart of our community's mission during the brunch with the Brothers. This gathering isn't just about enjoying a hearty breakfast; it's an opportunity to reflect on the values and connections that define Christian Brothers University. Engage in enriching conversations with the Brothers, who embody the principles of faith, service, and education, and discover how their legacy has shaped our shared purpose. It's a time to connect, learn, and celebrate the spirit of unity that drives us forward, making this morning a cornerstone of the journey we share.

CANDLELIGHT WALK - A LIGHT IN THE HARBOR

8:00 pm • University Theater

As the evening settles in, the Candlelight Walk serves as a serene and memorable conclusion to the welcome experience, marking the eve of your collegiate journey. This cherished tradition invites you to join your peers and the broader campus community in a symbolic procession, illuminating the path that lies ahead. The gentle glow of candlelight represents guidance, unity, and the promise of discovery as you prepare to embrace the exciting years to come as a Buccaneer. It's a time to pause, reflect, and ignite your aspirations under the canopy of a starry night. Get ready to cap off an unforgettable day with a lively and competitive twist! The energy of the night continues to soar as we gather for the grand finale of the evening's events.

BUCCANEER BOUNTY BINGO

9:00 pm - Directly after the Candlelight Walk • Alfonso Dining Hall Get ready to cap off an unforgettable day with a lively and competitive twist! The energy of the night continues to soar as we gather for the grand finale of the evening's events.

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