



Dear Families,

We are delighted you have chosen Landmark College! These next few days are designed to empower your student to become an informed, confident, and engaged community member and to help you. We worked very hard to cultivate separate schedules for you and your student. **All student activities are required unless noted as optional, and attendance is integral to building your student's academic and social confidence.** Family events are optional, though strongly encouraged; please note that these workshops will complement our Family Weekend events (September 22 and 23 – save the date!).

Our Family Orientation schedule aims to inform and empower parents and families as valued community members and supporters of their students' increased independence. We honor the pivotal role you have played in supporting your student's journey to Landmark, and we hope these workshops will provide helpful guidance on how to navigate the journey ahead.

At the close of the Family Orientation, we hope you'll feel confident about the following:

- Know whom to contact about what and when
- Know about our academic expectations and opportunities
- Know about our residential and social expectations and opportunities
- Feel confident in our ability to support your student

And we want to make sure your student:

- Knows how to access resources and supports
- Knows the layout of the campus
- Knows how to navigate buildings
- Knows what to expect from the academic programming
- Knows where to go and whom to talk with about social activities
- Had fun and made some new connections.

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.Registration/Move into Residence Hall

Location: Click Family Sports Center, Coach John Wood Gymnasium

Register for Orientation, obtain your computer, student ID card, and complete any remaining paperwork. Upon completion of registration, students can check into your residence hall on the upper campus.

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bookstore

Location: Strauch Family Student Center, 1st floor

Stop by the bookstore for all your supplies!

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**

Location: Alumni Hall, Dining Hall

Families are welcome to enjoy complimentary meals in the dining hall during orientation.

1:30 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. Welcome Address (Social Pragmatics & Transition at College)

Location: Lewis Academic Building, Brooks O'Brien Auditorium

Presenters: Mickey Cronin, Director of Social Pragmatics, Eric Gobel-Lynch, Director

of Transition Programs

Please join the Social Pragmatics and Transition at College leaders as they welcome students and families to campus. They will outline goals of the individual programs and what students can expect before classes start on Monday. Other staff and Orientation Leaders will be introduced.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Social Pragmatics Program Overview

Location: Lewis Academic Building, Brooks O'Brien Auditorium

Presenters: Mickey Cronin, Director of Social Pragmatics

Mickey will review the Semel Institute at UCLA's Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relation Skills (PEERS), what to expect from the weekly online parent sessions, how Social Coaching is an essential element of the curriculum, how social pragmatics sponsored outings and events support the PEERS curriculum and how parents can support students. We will share the student event schedule for September.

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Social Pragmatics Q & A**

Location: Lewis Academic Building, Brooks O'Brien Auditorium

Presenters: Thomas Kuzma, Coordinator of Student Affairs Online Programs and

Support

Mickey will lead a question-and-answer period for families.

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Student Welcome to Online Events and Activities

Location: Lewis Academic Building, Brooks O'Brien Auditorium

Presenter: Thomas Kuzma, Coordinator of Student Affairs Online Programs and

Support

Thomas will welcome students and share his inspiring advice on embracing campus life, managing "spoons", and how engaging in social pragmatics workshops and activities can support a successful start of the academic semester.

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**

Location: Alumni Hall, Dining Hall

We welcome families to join members of our faculty, staff, and administration for a

complimentary dinner.

Families are welcome to leave campus after dinner.

Thursday, August 24, 2023

11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Lunch**

Location: Alumni Hall, Dining Hall

Families are welcome to enjoy complimentary meals in the dining hall during orientation.

The student program sessions are required for all new students. The family program is optional for families.

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Welcome Address**

Location: Quad, Under the Large Tent in front of the Fine Arts Building (FAB) **Presenters:** Dr. Peter Eden, President; Michael Luciani, Vice President for Student Affairs; Michael Stefanowicz, Vice President for Enrollment Management; and Dr. Karrie Kalich, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Landmark College leadership welcomes you and your student(s) to Landmark College. At the close of this session, students will depart with their Orientation Leaders for programming, and families are invited to attend family-specific orientation programming.

2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Living & Learning at Landmark: A Program Overview

Location: Fine Arts Building (FAB), Greenhoe Theatre

Presenters: Michael Luciani, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Karrie Kalich, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Jill Hinckley, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Education; Nevada Bromley, Director of Academic Advising; Anna Habib, Director of Academic Support and Placement; and Tori Tilson, Interim Director of Counseling

This program provides a brief overview of the academic and student life components of the Landmark College experience. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Advisor Meet & Greet

Location: Nicole Goodner MacFarlane Science, Technology, and Innovation Center, Quad; Check the posters under the Colonnade for student's Advisor information **Presenters:** Academic Advisors

Families are invited to an informal meet and greet with their students' advisors. You can find your classroom by locating your student's name on the directory poster in the entryways. Staff will also be on hand to help families locate their students' advisors.

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Welcome Dinner**

Location: Alumni Hall, Dining Hall

We welcome families to join members of our faculty, staff, and administration for a complimentary dinner.

7:00 p.m. Families depart for the evening

Additional family sessions will continue on Friday morning beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Friday, August 25, 2023

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

Location: Alumni Hall, Dining Hall

We welcome families to join us for a complimentary breakfast.

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Coffee & Water Station

Location: Quad, Under the Large Tent in front of the Fine Arts Building (FAB)

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. What to Expect in the First Year

Location: Fine Arts Building (FAB), Greenhoe Theatre

Presenters: Michael Luciani, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Dr. Karrie Kalich,

Vice President for Academic Affairs

The transition to college is an eventful one with many benchmarks and milestones along the way. This workshop will review the patterns of a student's transition to college and will make suggestions on how parents can support their students in making that transition.

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Academic Rhythm of the Semester

Location: Fine Arts Building (FAB), Greenhoe Theatre

Presenter: Jill Hinckley, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of

Education

Wondering about the ebb and flow of academic expectations during the semester? Learn about the rhythm of an academic semester at Landmark College, including faculty expectations, workload, support programs, and how we facilitate communication between students and families regarding academic performance.

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Location: Alumni Hall, Dining Hall

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. The Family Journey: More Helping, Less Rescuing

Location: Fine Arts Building (FAB), Greenhoe Theatre

Presenters: Tori Tilson, Interim Director of Counseling; Meg Spicer, Assistant Director of Counseling, Matthew Cherry, Counselor; Jeffrey Hawkinson, Counselor; and Sarah

Yzkanin, Counselor

Learn communication and support tips to help your student be successful. To create a comfortable environment for all participants, we request that students not attend this session.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Information Sessions, please choose one:

Wellness at Landmark College

Location: Nicole Goodner MacFarlane Science, Technology, and Innovation Center,

Lewis Auditorium

Presenter: Todd Miller, Assistant Professor and Physical Education Coordinator

Sleep hygiene and physical activity are the cornerstones of anxiety management and wellness. Join Assistant Professor Miller for an overview of the science behind this work and ways you can support your student from afar in developing healthy habits.

Friday, August 25, 2023

Career Connections: Planning the Next Step

Location: Administration Building, Auditorium

Presenters: Jan Coplan, Senior Director of Career Connections, and Dean Tzivanis,

Associate Director of Career Connections

It is never too early to plan for the next step. Learn about our unique approach in preparing students for the workplace including our career readiness workshop offerings, career exploration tools, and factors to consider when transferring to another college. We will also highlight work-based learning opportunities which includes campus employment, our signature Employment Readiness Experience (ERE) program, and our campus internship program.

Drake Center for Academic Support

Location: Lewis Academic Building, Brooks O'Brien Auditorium **Presenters:** Nellie Prior, Assistant Director of Academic Support

Did you know that your academic support model offers a variety of academic support in a variety of ways? Nellie, Prior, Assistant Director of the Drake Center, will provide an overview of services and explain our support approach during this session.

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **President's Family Reception**

Location: Nicole Goodner MacFarlane Science, Technology, and Innovation Center, Atrium

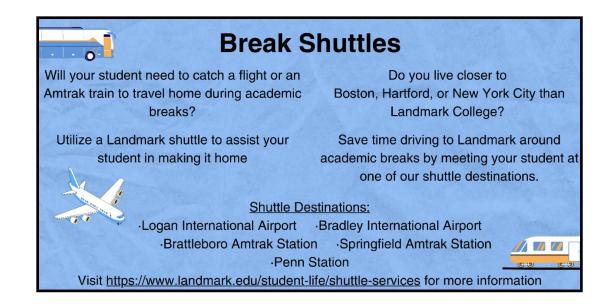
Musical Performance: Stephen Glover, Assistant Professor of Arts

Join Dr. Peter Eden and members of the Landmark College community for a reception welcoming you to the Landmark family.

5:30 p.m.

Dinner in Town

Families are encouraged to check out local options in Putney (VT), Brattleboro (VT), or Keene (NH) – feel free to ask a team member for their local favorite!



Saturday, August 26, 2023

9:30 a.m. Convocation

Location: Quad, Under the Large Tent in front of the Fine Arts Building (FAB)

Join us for the ceremonial start to the Fall 2023 semester as we officially welcome new students into the Landmark College community.

11:00 a.m. Family Farewell Brunch

Location: Alumni Hall, Dining Hall

Immediately following Convocation, we invite our families to join us for brunch before departing your student(s).

12:30 p.m. Families Depart



Family Weekend September 22 – 23, 2023

Family Weekend is a special and exciting time for families to connect with students, faculty, and staff, and to experience the excitement and expertise within the Landmark College community.

This weekend of events provides a snapshot of our community's academic and co-curricular excellence through panel presentations, meetings with faculty, staff, and administrators, workshops, and a reception to meet other Landmark families, and a fun-filled weekend of social events for families and students.

Come and spend some time with your student in southern Vermont at the start of the world-famous fall foliage season.

For updated information about Family Weekend, please visit our <u>Family Weekend web page</u> (information will continue to be updated).

Other Important Dates:

September 22-23: Family Weekend

October 6-10: Fall Weekend (No classes October 9 & 10)

November 18: Residence Halls close for Thanksgiving break at noon

November 26: Residence Halls reopen at noon

December 19: Residence Halls close at noon for Winter Break

January 20, 2024: Returning Students Arrive for the Spring 2024 Semester

