



# WINTER ORIENTATION FAMILY SCHEDULE

2023

# WELCOME TO MASON!

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## DEAR MASON FAMILIES,

We hope you are excited to begin your journey with us this semester! It is with great delight that we welcome you with all the excitement and learning that our Orientation program has to offer as you begin your transition into the Mason community.

Staying connected to your student's college experience is vital to their success and to the strength of our Mason Family. We recognize the significant role you play and understand that our students benefit when their families are informed so we encourage you to look at all our resources and programs at **MasonFamily.gmu.edu** to stay connected to us throughout your experience.

We look forward to seeing you in the Spring and wish you the best as you embark on this next chapter.

With Patriot Pride,

Rick Gray



Director, New Student and Family Programs

## NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS (NSFP) OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION



[MasonFamily.gmu.edu](https://MasonFamily.gmu.edu)



(703) 993-2475



[Families@gmu.edu](mailto:Families@gmu.edu)

## Wi-Fi

For students: Log into MASON Wi-Fi using your Mason ID and Patriot Password.



For guests, follow the below steps:

Step 1: On your device, connect to the MASON Wi-Fi network.

Step 2: Open your web browser. You'll be redirected to the Guest captive portal.

Step 3: Follow the link to Create an Account.

Step 4: Enter the required information and Register.

## ORIENTATION INFORMATION TABLE

The Orientation Information Table, located on the ground floor lobby of the Johnson Center, will be open from 12 p.m. until 7 p.m. If you need assistance, please ask an Orientation staff member.

## PARKING

The complimentary parking for all Orientation sessions will be provided in Lot K. Parking Permits are not needed in Lot K during your in-person orientation session. Parking in any other lot or parking garages will be at the cost of the individual.

## A PATRIOT LEADER IS...

A Patriot Leader, or PL, is a current Mason student who helps to guide you through your Orientation experience! Through providing their own personal and professional experiences, Patriot Leaders serve as a role model to new students by being a peer, resource, and guide to new students and their families as they transition into Mason.

Visit [GreenPolo.gmu.edu](https://GreenPolo.gmu.edu) to learn more about our awesome Patriot Leaders and all they contribute to the Mason community!

## FAIRFAX CAMPUS MAP





# ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

| Time     | Event   | Location   |
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| 9 AM     | <b>Check-in</b><br>Begin your on-campus orientation by checking in to receive your name tags, schedule, and Mason swag!   | Holton Plaza                                     |
| 9 AM     | <b>Green &amp; Gold Showcase</b><br>After checking in, enjoy a light breakfast while meeting with various university services.  | Center for the Arts, Concert Hall Lobby          |
| 10 AM    | <b>Patriot Welcome</b><br>Allow our team and Patriot Leaders to welcome you to the Mason Community with some school spirit and provide an overview of what to expect during Orientation.  | Center for the Arts, Concert Hall                |
| 10:30 AM | <b>Building Your College Education</b><br>This session discusses the Mason Core and provides strategies for success as students move forward in their college careers.  | Center for the Arts, Concert Hall                |
| 11 AM    | <b>Funding an Education</b><br>Student Accounts and the Student Financial Aid office will share resources available to help students and families navigate student loans, grants, scholarships, and the billing and payment process at Mason.   | Center for the Arts, Concert Hall                |
| 11 AM    | <b>International Students Dismissal</b><br>International Students will be dismissed to the Johnson Center Bistro for a presentation by the Office of International Programs and Services. <b>(January 17th session only)</b>  | Dismissal from Center for the Arts, Concert Hall |
| 11:15 AM | <b>Military Students Dismissal</b><br>Military Students will be dismissed to the Johnson Center Gold Room. Any student and family member/guest utilizing a Department of Veterans Affairs education benefit should attend this session. Students with questions concerning tuition assistance and ArmyIgnitED should also attend. | Dismissal from Center for the Arts, Concert Hall |
| 11:30 AM | <b>Meet Your PLs!</b><br>Get a chance to meet who our Patriot Leaders are and be dismissed for Lunch!   | Center for the Arts, Concert Hall                |
| 12 PM    | <b>Lunch</b><br>Enjoy lunch at Southside Dining Hall.   | Southside Dining Hall                            |
| 1 PM     | <b>Academic Experience Panel</b><br>Join members of our Parent & Family Council, Learning Services, and Success Coaching Office in a panel on supporting your student's academic experience.  | HUB Ballroom                                     |

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| 2 PM    | <b>Student Rights, Privacy, and Campus Safety</b><br>This session will address information related to student rights and information privacy, as well as campus safety resources of particular importance to your Mason student.   | HUB Ballroom               |
| 2:45 PM | <b>Living on Campus: Your Student's Home Away From Home</b><br>Come to learn more about what it means for your student to be a part of Mason's residential community, what to bring with you (and what to leave at home) and get answers to your questions!                                  | The HUB, Meeting Rooms     |
| 2:45 PM | <b>Off-Campus Living: More than finding Your Parking Spot</b><br>Is your student living off campus? This session will give information needed about university resources, answer questions about transportation, off-campus student life, and other success strategies.                      | HUB Ballroom               |
| 3:30 PM | <b>Mason Family Experience Rotations</b><br>Join us for a "choose your own adventure" style afternoon! Select from a variety of sessions during each time block that are geared towards helping you learn more about the Mason family experience. <b>(View available sessions on page 4)</b> | The HUB, Various Locations |
| 4:30 PM | <b>Mason Family Connection</b><br>Families will receive an overview of what to expect over the course of the academic year, learn how to stay informed as a family member and gain tips on how to make their students' transition as smooth as possible.                                     | HUB Ballroom               |
| 5:45 PM | <b>Dinner</b><br>Food lines will be in the Johnson Center Atrium, with dietary accommodation located in the Atrium. Seating is available in the Atrium, 2nd and 3rd floor alcoves.   | Johnson Center, Atrium     |
| 6:45 PM | <b>Dessert Reception</b><br>Enjoy dessert and refreshments as you conclude your day on campus, and get a chance to connect with other families, supporters, and our advisors.  | Johnson Center, Atrium     |

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## **Rotation 1 (3:30 PM—3:55 PM) and Rotation 2 (4:05 PM—4:30 PM)**

will feature the same topics at two different times for guests wanting to attend additional sessions.

### **Career Services: Preparing your Student for the Future**

(HUB Meeting Rooms 3, 4, 5)

University Career Services’ data demonstrates the earlier students start exploring their careers and gaining related experience, the more likely they are to be employed in their industry of choice. Come learn how you can encourage your student to become career ready.

### **Study Abroad**

(HUB Meeting Rooms 1 & 2)

Hear from the Global Education Office about international learning opportunities in more than 60 countries, ranging from one week to a full academic year.

### **Learning the Basics: Parking, IT, & Dining**



(HUB Ballroom)

Learn more about the basics of thriving as a Patriot! Hear from staff within our Parking & Transportation Office, Dining Services, and Information Technology to learn about parking permits, meal plans, tech support, and more here at Mason.

### **Visit our Main Website**



[go.gmu.edu/nsfp](https://go.gmu.edu/nsfp)



### **Follow Us on Social Media**



@masonnsfp



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### **Join The Mason Family Connection!**

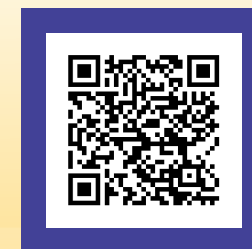


Mason Family Connection  
([gmucampusesp.com](https://gmucampusesp.com))

## **TAKE THE POST-EVENT SURVEY**

**Heading home? Take the Post-Event Survey at  
the end of the day for a chance to win an iPad Mini!**

Take the survey at [go.gmu.edu/OrnFamSurvey](https://go.gmu.edu/OrnFamSurvey)  
or scan the QR code below:



## **THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR PROGRAM!**

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# **GEORGE MASON FIGHT SONG!**

**Hail to George Mason!**

**Don your green and gold!**

**We're going to sing for George Mason,**

**Patriots brave and bold!**

**We're going to cheer for George Mason,**

**Proud for the world to see!**

**We'll prove our honor and might,**

**And we'll FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!**

**As we march onward to victory!**



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