

Welcome Weekend 2026

PennWest CLARION

Move-In Day (Friday)

All Offices Open

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Campus Store Open

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

New Student Move-In for Last Names A – M

9 a.m.-noon | Suites on Main North and South

New Student Move-In for Last Names N – Z

Noon-3 p.m. | Suites on Main North and South

Move-In Day Picnic

11 a.m.-3 p.m. | Eagle Commons Dining Hall

The annual Move-In Day Picnic provides a welcome opportunity for students and their families to take a break in a comfortable, air-conditioned setting. The picnic gives parents and family members a chance to have last-minute questions answered, meet other families, gather important information and enjoy lunch with their students before departing campus.

FIRST Night

FIRST Night Dinner

4:30-6 p.m. | Eagle Commons Dining Hall

Don't miss out on the First Night Dinner. ALL new students are welcome!

Commuter Social

5-6 p.m. | Eagle Commons Dining Hall

Come learn more about your "home away from home" and connect with fellow commuter students.

Residence Hall Meetings (MANDATORY)

5:45 p.m. | Tippin Gymnasium

All residents living in campus housing will be required to meet with Residence Life and Housing staff to review policies and procedures.

FIRST Night

6:15-8 p.m. | Tippin Gymnasium

- Meet campus representatives and receive a warm welcome as the newest members of the PennWest family!
- FIRST Night Kickoff. Meet some of our campus clubs and leaders, learn about the fun events happening at Welcome Weekend, and have a chance to win some prizes!
- The BIG Connect! This interactive experience is for everyone joining the PennWest family for the first time and is a perfect way to make new and lasting campus friendships. You won't want to miss out on the action!

FIRST Night Entertainment - WINGO

8 p.m. | Gemmell Student Center Complex – Multipurpose Room

Day 2 (Saturday)

Breakfast

9-10 a.m. | Eagle Commons Dining Hall

Limited Campus Offices Open

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Open offices include Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Accounts, Office of the Registrar, Wellness Services, Office for Students with Disabilities, Public Safety/Parking, Residence Life and Housing, One Card (ID) Services, Information Technology Services Help Desk, Student Success (Academic Coordinators) and the Campus Store.

PennWest Campus Essentials

10 a.m.-noon | Suites on Main North – Movie Theater

Key resources, services and information that will support your success at PennWest:

- **Career Services** – Explore student employment opportunities, learn how to use Handshake and discover career coaching resources.
- **Mental Wellness** – Addressing healthy personal, emotional and social interactions and services to assist with those interactions.
- **Dean of Students** – Review the Student Code of Conduct and learn about the PennWest Bystander Intervention program (BIT).
- **Office of Community, Opportunity, Responsibility and Engagement (CORE)** – Connect with campus traditions, resources and opportunities while being welcomed into the PennWest community.

Lunch

Noon-2 p.m. | Eagle Commons Dining Hall

Take a Break!

2-3 p.m.

Take a minute to relax, set up your room, call home or explore campus. Keep an eye out for pop-up activities and opportunities happening throughout the afternoon. Visit the Eagle Arcade and Lounges in Suites on Main South, Commuter Pod, or get a quick workout at our outdoor fitness court!

Returning Student Move-In

9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Meet Your Welcome Weekend Leaders

3 p.m. | Suites on Main North – Movie Theater

Our Welcome Weekend leaders are experienced PennWest students who are here to help you navigate your transition to campus life. Take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions, learn from their experience and connect with fellow first-year students.

- Student lead top 10
- Dining Services
- Getting involved
- Campus connections

Attend this session and receive your first-year T-shirt! After the presentations, we will celebrate with a zipline, tie-dye, opportunities to connect with student leaders, snacks and more.

Dinner

4:30-7 p.m. | Eagle Commons Dining Hall

Survey Game Show

8 p.m. | Suites on Main North – Movie Theater

Get ready for a fun, interactive game-show experience inspired by Family Feud! Think on your feet, guess the most popular answers and compete for prizes. With multiple rounds and plenty of chances to participate, everyone has an opportunity to join the fun.

*Open Mic Night and a nacho bar immediately following in the **Suites on Main South Arcade***

Day 3 (Sunday)

Returning Student Move-In

9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Campus Store Open

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday Brunch

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. | Eagle Commons Dining Hall

Your meal plan officially begins.

Sunday Reset!

- Attend a local spiritual service. Learn more here: [Clarion County Spiritual Service Guide](#)
- Explore the Recreation Center (exercise, play basketball, or try out the outdoor fitness court) starting at noon.

Club and Organization Fair

2-3:30 p.m. | Between Moore Hall and Carlson Library (Rain Site: Carlson Library Level A)

Explore Campus and Find Your Classrooms

3:30-4:30 p.m. | Between Moore Hall and Carlson Library

Check in at the information tent to find classrooms, finalize schedule details, and visit the campus store. Student leaders (wearing blue) will be stationed around campus, available for questions and assistance with finding classrooms.

Dinner (Meal Plans)

4:30-7 p.m. | Eagle Commons Dining Hall

Residence Hall Community Mandatory Floor Meetings

Please refer to signage on your floor announcing the time and location of your meeting.

PennWest Celebrates

8 p.m. | Hart Chapel

Wrap up Welcome Weekend and celebrate the start of your PennWest journey.

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