

# Parent UNT Orientation Schedule of Events 2009

 Designates combined student/parent sessions

## First Day

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Check-In** *(Entry, UNT Coliseum)*

Be sure to wear your name tag. It is your passport to all meals and activities.

**11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**BBQ Lunch; Student Organizations & Resource Fair** 

*(Clark Grill, Mean Green's Café, and Crumley Park)*

Experience your first opportunity to learn about the many services and resources available to you and your student and meet representatives from the many student organizations at UNT. You will be able to talk with organization members to find out how your student can get involved in the many activities at UNT.

A BBQ lunch will be available in both Maple's Mean Green's Café and Clark Grill.

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Guided Residence Hall Tours** 

To tour your student's residence hall, simply stop by the front desk of that hall. Representatives will be available to give you a guided tour. Residence hall tours will also be available from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Day 2.

**12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**Orientation Welcome**  *(Super Pit, UNT Coliseum)*

**1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Parent Expectations** *(Ballroom, Gateway Center)*

A panel of experts will provide information on what you can expect during your freshman's first year, how to weather the changes and challenges ahead, and constructive ways to help ease the transition.

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Dinner/Life on Campus** 

**5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Groups 1-15**

Groups 1-7:

Groups 8-15:

**Groups 16-31**

**Dinner**

Mean Greens Café - Maple Hall

Clark Grill - Clark Hall

**Life on Campus**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Groups 1 - 15**

**Groups 16-31**

Groups 16-23:

Groups 24-31:

**Life on Campus**

**Dinner**

Mean Greens Café - Maple Hall

Clark Grill - Clark Hall

**Life-on-Campus** *(Ballroom, Gateway Center)*

This interactive session will include issues of campus life and academic expectations at UNT including diversity, how to survive in the classroom, roommate issues, drug and alcohol abuse, health risk factors, and the Code of Student Conduct.

**7:00 p.m.**

**Musical Performance** (*Outdoor Atrium, Gateway Center*)

Refreshments and spirits will accompany a UNT jazz vocalist performance. Come hear how wonderful UNT's music program really is!

**7:30 p.m.**

**UNT Walking Tour** (*Will begin from Musical Performance*)

End your day with a guided walking tour of UNT's campus ending at Honors Hall. With evening temperatures, the tour should be quite enjoyable.

# 2 Second Day

**7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast and Morning Announcements** (*Ballroom, Gateway Center*)

Enjoy breakfast in preparation for a full day of orientation activities.

**8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

**Student Services** (*Ballroom, Gateway Center*)

Representatives from key areas on campus will discuss resources available to your freshman that will enhance your student's likelihood of staying in school and pursuing a degree and the importance of being educated outside the classroom. (Some areas include: Housing, Dining Services, Recreational Sports, Career Center, Registrar's Office, Student Health and Wellness, Financial Aid and Scholarships, and Student Accounting).

\* A mini-break will be offered from 8:55 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

**9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. College Success Sessions**  (*Gateway Center, Various Rooms*)

Session Title	9:45 - 10:20	10:25 - 11:00	11:05 - 11:35
Connecting for Success: Using your Resources	42	42	42
UNT Housing: Your Home Away from Home	Session Not Available	51	51
Commuter Students	51	Session Not Available	Session Not Available
Campus Involvement/Fraternity and Sorority Life	52	52	52
Student Employment and Career Exploration	Session Not Available	48	48
Global Learning and Exchange	48	46	46
The Bottom Line: Financial Aid and Student Money Management	43/47	43/47	43/47
VA and Hazelwood Benefits	44	44	Session Not Available
Safety on Campus and Emergency Preparedness	41	41	41
Technology and the Student Experience	53	53	Session Not Available
Diversity and Inclusion + College Life = Success	Session Not Available	Session Not Available	53

Title: **Connecting for Success: Using Your Resources**

Presented by: The Learning Center

Description: College life is not just about academics. Surviving college means achievement inside and outside of the classroom. In this session, the Learning Center staff will show you what you need to know to be a successful student at UNT and how to effectively use campus resources to maximize your college experience.

Title: **UNT Housing: Your Home Away from Home**

Presented by: Department of Housing and Residence Life

Description: Need to know what you can keep in your room? Questions about how to pay for housing? Interested in getting involved in your residence hall community? This is your opportunity to have your questions answered by staff members from our Department of Housing and Residence Life.

Title: **Commuter Students**

Presented By: Student Activities

Description: The Student Activities Center serves as a liaison between on and off-campus students, providing programming and services designed to help commuters, off-campus students and non-traditional students make their transition to UNT a smooth ride. This program will highlight our programs and provide resources about how to get involved on campus.

Title: **Campus Involvement/Fraternity & Sorority Life**

Presented by: Student Activities and Greek Life

Description: Finding your way at UNT may seem a bit overwhelming. It doesn't have to be! This session will offer information on campus events, student activities and organizations, and fraternity/sorority membership opportunities. By being involved on campus, you will discover more ways in which you can become connected to UNT while maximizing your college experience!

Title: **Global Learning and Exchange**

Presented by: Center for Global Learning & Experience and National Student Exchange

Description: Come hear about the study, internship, volunteer and service-learning opportunities for students at UNT through CGLE (Study Abroad) and the National Student Exchange. Opportunities could include domestic or international travel. Study and other opportunities could be a Maymester or summer class, a semester, or an academic year away from UNT.

Title: **Diversity & Inclusion + College Life = Success**

Presented by: Multicultural Center & Women's Center, Division of Institutional Equity and Diversity

Description: Diversity is everywhere. Your race, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, social economic status and other features about you set you apart. But, differences do not have to be negative. In this session, you'll see why diversity matters to you. More importantly, you'll learn that your knowledge of diversity can help you succeed in college and in life. See how the Multicultural Center and Women's Center can help enrich your college experience.

Title: **Student Employment & Career Preparation Before You Graduate**

Presented by: The Career Center

Description: Needing to work while in school? Learn information on how to find employment on or off campus. Finding a job after graduation is probably the last thing on your mind right now. Many students do not realize what employers are looking for and how you can prepare for it while you are in college. Don't wait until after graduation. Find out now what to do while in school to make you marketable to employers.

Title: **The Bottom Line: Affording Your First Year at UNT**

Presented by: Student Financial Aid & Scholarships and the Student Money Management Center

Description: Increasing college and living costs have forced a growing number of students to take on greater student loan and personal debt during their college years. This joint presentation will help students learn how to tap into two important on-campus resources to help them plan and pay for their college and living expenses. Presenters will discuss strategies on how to maximize financial aid and the essential money management skills all UNT students need to succeed.

Title: **Technology and the Student Experience**

Presented by: Academic Computing Services

Description: This session will help you understand the many technology resources available to you as a student at UNT.

Title: **VA & Hazelwood Informational Session for Veterans and Eligible Dependents**

Presented by: The Registrar's Office and Student Accounting

Description: This is an informational session providing an overview of campus and community services available to veterans and eligible dependents. Topics addressed include certification procedures to the VA for educational benefits, criteria and application process for the Hazelwood Exemption, and information about the Student Veterans' Association.

Title: **Safety on Campus and Emergency Preparedness**

Presented by: UNT Police Department, Denton Police Department, and UNT Emergency Management

Description: Learn how to stay safe on campus, as well as other valuable information, from the UNT and Denton Police Departments.

Unexpected emergencies can occur at anytime without warning. How will you be notified of a campus closure or an emergency on campus? Learn what you can do to be better prepared from UNT Emergency Management.

**11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch** (*Ballroom, Gateway Center*)

Join faculty and staff member hosts for a delicious lunch. At 12:05 p.m. Dr. Bonita Jacobs, our Vice President for Student Development will speak about a Parents' First Year Experience based upon her experience as, not only an administrator, but a parent.

**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Academic Dean Sessions** (*Gateway Meeting Rooms – see chart for your specific room*)

Meet with the academic dean from your student’s college and learn about the philosophy of the school or college and the resources available to students.

Dates	College of Arts & Sciences	College of Business Administration	College of Education	College of Engineering	College of Public Affairs and Community Service	College of Music	College of Visual Arts and Design	School of Merchandising and Hospitality Management
Room	Gateway 43/47	Gateway 42	Gateway 52	Gateway 41	Gateway 51	Murchison	Gateway 48	Gateway 46
June 16	Ric Dwinell, Assistant Dean	Desiree Robison, Assistant Dean	Gwenn Pasco, Assistant Dean	Dr. Reza Mirshams, Associate Dean	Dr. David McEntire, Associate Dean	Dr. Warren Henry, Associate Dean*	Dr. Robert Milnes, Dean	Dr. Judith Forney, Dean
June 19	Ric Dwinell, Assistant Dean	Desiree Robison, Assistant Dean	Gwenn Pasco, Assistant Dean	Dr. Reza Mirshams, Associate Dean	Dr. Tom Evenson, Dean	Dr. John Nelson, Associate Dean	Dr. Robert Milnes, Dean	Dr. Judith Forney, Dean
June 23	Ric Dwinell, Assistant Dean	Desiree Robison, Assistant Dean	Gwenn Pasco, Assistant Dean	Dr. Reza Mirshams, Associate Dean	Dr. Tom Evenson, Dean	Dr. John Scott, Associate Dean	Dr. Robert Milnes, Dean	
June 30	Ric Dwinell, Assistant Dean	Desiree Robison, Assistant Dean		Dr. Reza Mirshams, Associate Dean	Dr. Tom Evenson, Dean		Dr. Marian O’Rourke-Kaplan Associate Dean	Dr. Dee Knight, Associate Dean
July 15	Ric Dwinell, Assistant Dean	Desiree Robison, Assistant Dean	Gwenn Pasco, Assistant Dean	Dr. Reza Mirshams, Associate Dean	Dr. Marcy Haag, Interim Assistant Dean	Dr. Warren Henry, Associate Dean	Dr. Marian O’Rourke-Kaplan Associate Dean	Dr. Dee Knight, Associate Dean
July 21	Ric Dwinell, Assistant Dean	Desiree Robison, Assistant Dean	Gwenn Pasco, Assistant Dean	Dr. Reza Mirshams, Associate Dean	Dr. Marcy Haag, Interim Assistant Dean	Dr. Warren Henry, Associate Dean	Dr. Marian O’Rourke-Kaplan Associate Dean	
July 24	Ric Dwinell, Assistant Dean	Desiree Robison, Assistant Dean	Gwenn Pasco, Assistant Dean		Dr. David McEntire, Associate Dean		Dr. Robert Milnes, Dean	Dr. Dee Knight, Associate Dean
July 28	Ric Dwinell, Assistant Dean	Desiree Robison, Assistant Dean	Gwenn Pasco, Assistant Dean	Dr. Reza Mirshams, Associate Dean	Dr. David McEntire, Associate Dean	Dr. John Scott, Associate Dean*	Dr. Marian O’Rourke-Kaplan Associate Dean	
August 20	Ric Dwinell, Assistant Dean	Desiree Robison, Assistant Dean	Gwenn Pasco, Assistant Dean	Dr. Reza Mirshams, Associate Dean	Dr. Marcy Haag, Interim Assistant Dean	Dr. John Nelson, Associate Dean	Dr. Marian O’Rourke-Kaplan Associate Dean	Dr. Dee Knight, Associate Dean

\*On June 16 and July 28, the College of Music Dean Session will take place in the Gateway Center, Room 53.

**2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**      **Coffee Break** (*Foyers, Upstairs and Downstairs Gateway Center*)  
 Deans and academic and student support personnel will be available to answer your questions. Refreshments provided.

**2:30 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.**

**Parent Breakout Sessions** (*Gateway Center*) Refreshments will be available. See session descriptions on the next page.

<b>Breakout Sessions 2:30-3:00</b>	<b>Room</b>
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<b>Breakout Sessions 3:05-3:35</b>	<b>Room</b>
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### **504, ADA, and Disability Accommodations**

Does your student have a physical, emotional, or learning challenge that creates substantial difficulties in the educational setting? If your student received accommodations for such conditions in the past, it's important to know how the process works at UNT. Even more important, is to ensure your student utilizes these services during their first semester. Many students elect not to use the accommodations for their disability, which were vital in high school. This often creates unfortunate results. In this session we will discuss some of the differences between high school and postsecondary disability accommodation and explain how your student can apply for and request accommodations on our campus.

### **Academic Support Programs**

The Learning Center offers a variety of academic support for all UNT students. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SERVICES! We offer your student FREE TUTORING and Supplemental Instruction in more than 100 classes, Study Skills and Speed Reading Classes, and unlimited access to exam preparation books and practice exams. The Learning Center is your student's starting place for academic success. Come learn more at our Academic Support Breakout Sessions.

### **Adjusting to College (or How to Handle the Unexpected)**

Times of transition are both exciting and scary. Most students coming to college have preconceived ideas about what it will be like. This session will discuss common problems freshmen often experience as they begin their college life. It will address what you need to know as a parent, and you can do and what to avoid.

### **Engaging Students for Life: Volunteerism and the Collegiate Experience**

With over 90% of incoming college freshman having served in their communities, the effects of participation in volunteer programs have important implications for students. Research indicates that "volunteering encourages students to become more socially responsible, more committed to serving their communities, more empowered, and more committed to education" (Astin & Sax 1998). This session provides an overview of opportunities available at UNT through programs and coursework that allow students to fulfill personal goals and learning outcomes that focus on collaboration, effective communication, leadership development and social responsibility.

### **Getting Professional Work Experience in Your Major— Internships and Cooperative Education**

Work experience in a student's major has many advantages. We help students find paid positions directly related to their majors, monitor their progress, and work closely with the faculty to maintain high academic standards for the work assignments. We will discuss how our program operates in this session.

### **Health Center and Student Insurance**

The Student Health & Wellness Center will offer information regarding services, including physician visits, immunizations, allergy immunizations, meningitis concerns, psychiatric visits and wellness resources. A discussion regarding the student insurance policy, available from United Healthcare Insurance, and other commercial insurance will also take place.

### **Mean Green Athletics 101**

This session details everything you need to know about the 16 Varsity sports that the University of North Texas Athletics Department sponsors. This session will discuss the ability on how to purchase season tickets to Football, Women's Soccer, Volleyball, Softball and Men's and Women's Basketball. Mean Green Football information on parking, hospitality, tailgating, seating at Fouts Field and the Mean Green Club will be shared with the group. Also, information on how to purchase away game tickets, for all sports, will be shared. Parents of incoming freshman have the opportunity to purchase season tickets for a discounted price (Students receive free admission to all home events).

### **Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Your Student**

Many students who have been using mental health services for such concerns as depression, anxiety, ADHD, and substance abuse are coming to college. This session will discuss mental health services available on campus and ways to effectively plan the transition to college for these students.

### **Nationally Competitive Scholarships**

Dr. James Duban, Director of UNT's Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships, and author of *Be a College Achiever: The Complete Guide to Academic Stardom* will describe the span of external, nationally competitive scholarships available to students. He will emphasize the value of the application process and the relation between those awards and the ideal college education (defined in different ways for different students) that those scholarships reward.

### **One Book, One Community: Big Coal**

The UNT One Book, One Community program aims higher than many reading programs offered by universities across the country. The goal of this shared learning experience is to engage minds, encourage critical thinking, start discussions, and initiate reflections on self and society. In addition, this annual program will foster a sense of community and connectedness among the student body, staff, and faculty, and promote positive interactions with local citizens, public libraries and secondary schools. Each year's program will focus on a single book, using it as a starting point for discussion of a larger theme. Each program will include a broad range of events, some directly connected to the book, and others connected more generally to the larger theme. This year's book, *Big Coal* by Jeff Goodell will be provided to your students at Orientation. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase the book at a discounted rate following this session.

### **Student Employment Overview**

How do students find jobs? This program will talk about the steps it takes to find part-time jobs (on-campus and off-campus), how college work study works and the services the Career Center offers UNT students and alumni. Learn also how to utilize the Eagle Network System and about Career Center events to help prepare students for a successful experience.

### **Students & Money: Making It Last!**

According to the Second Annual National Survey of College Parent Experiences 2007, parents cited "finances" as the most frequently requested topic with which their students requested advice or assistance. To strengthen the money management skills and knowledge of UNT students, the Student Money Management Center was created. Parents learn how the center is working with freshmen to help them become more financially responsible without falling victim to typical budget, student loan, credit, and spending mistakes.

**4:20 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

### **Choose from any of the following activities:**

*Buses will be available to transport you to the various locations.*

**Library Session** (Willis Library)

**Financial Aid Question/Answers** (ESSC, Room 134 and Room 228)

**Rest Time** (Honors Hall)

### **Open Houses** (See map for locations)

*Several departments on campus will also be available to show you around their areas and answer specific questions you may have.*

Bookstore	Union, 2nd Floor
Career Center	Chestnut Hall, Suite 103
Center for Global Learning and Experience	Information Science Building, Room 204
Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities	Union, Suite 324
Counseling and Testing	Chestnut Hall, Suite 311
Emerald Eagle Scholar Programs Office	Eagle Student Services Center, Room 136
Financial Aid and Scholarships	Eagle Student Services Center, 1st Floor
Learning Center	Union, Suite 323
Office of Greek Life	Union, Suite 422
Office of Disability Accommodation	Union, Suite 322
Multicultural Center & Women's Center	Union, Room 216
Recreational Sports	Pohl Student Recreation Center
Student Activities Center	Union, Suite 320
Student Health and Wellness Center	Chestnut Hall, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Student Optical Clinic	Chestnut Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Student Money Management Center	Chestnut Hall, Suite 313

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

### **Schedule Help** (Union, One O'Clock Lounge)

If your student has encountered trouble while registering for classes, assistance will be available during this time.

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

### **Guided Residence Hall Tours**

To tour your student's residence hall, simply stop by the front desk of that hall. Representatives will be available to give you a guided tour.

**5:00 p.m.**

### **Parent Check-Out** (Honors Hall)

Parents staying in Honors Hall can check out of the residence hall anytime before 5:00 p.m.

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