

Orientation Program 2024



COURAGE TO **GROW**

Welcome class of 2028 and new students,

We are so thrilled to welcome you to our community. Wellesley is a community built on students supporting one another. As you prepare to enter our community, you'll see how Wellesley students embrace each other and set each other up for success. Transitioning to a new step in your life (both academically and socially) can be a challenge, but the Orientation team is here to support you at every point of the journey. We're here to make sure that your Orientation is fun, impactful, informative, and memorable! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us.

The six of us cannot wait for you to join our community and are eagerly preparing! As you get ready to come to Wellesley, remember to check your Entering Student Checklist and complete each task by the proper due date, read your Wellesley email frequently and follow us on social media! Please reach out to us at orientation@wellesley.edu with any questions, we're happy to answer all of them! We can't wait to work with you this year!

Growing with you,
2024 Orientation Coordination Team



Evelyn



Evelyn Tu

Hi everyone! My name is Evelyn (she/her) and I'm a rising sophomore (27) majoring in Economics and minoring in Francophone Studies. My family is from Shanghai, but I call Vancouver, Canada my home. Outside the classroom, you'll find me riding with the equestrian team, throwing events for the Asian Student Union (ASU), or fundraising for the Women's Network (TWN). I'm most looking forward to Insomnia (ASU's annual party), MarMon, and the LDOC concert. Welcome to Wellesley, and I'm honoured to be a part of your orientation.



Eliza



eliza white

Hello everyone! My name is Eliza (she/her) and I can't wait to welcome you to campus this fall! I am a rising junior (26) majoring in Political Science and minoring in Economics. I was born in Athens, Georgia but have lived in Rhode Island for most of my life! When I'm not in class, I spend my time working in the Botanic Gardens, collaborating with peers in the Union and Labor Advocacy Task Force of WAMI, hanging out with friends and discussing current events in Agora, Wellesley's political society, and making playlists in WZLY's radio station. I look forward to welcoming you to Wellesley!



Anjola



Anjola Fodairo

Hi everyone! My name is Anjola (She/Her) and I'm a rising sophomore (27) majoring in Psychology and minoring in Education on the pre-med track. A fun fact about me is that I am Nigerian, British and American. I was originally born in Maryland but I have lived in England all of my life so I am really enjoying getting to experience American culture. I would describe myself as being very outgoing, funny and very chatty! This upcoming year I will be serving as the Philanthropy Chair of WASA and also the Senator of Ethos. Some of my favorite artists include TayC, Ayra Starr, J-Cole, Kendrick Lamar, PartyNextDoor, Rihanna and The Weeknd. I am super excited to meet all of you in the fall. Welcome to Wellesley :)



Hangyeol



Hangyeol Park

Hello everyone! My name is Hangyeol Park (she/her) and I am a rising sophomore (27) majoring in psychology and minoring in education. I was born in South Korea and lived there for half of my life. I also lived in Washington DC for a few years but now I am currently living in Arizona. I am involved in the Chess club, and looking forward to trying out new types of opportunities and orgs throughout the school year! I work at the KSC rental center and as a research assistant for one of the professors. Some of my interests are art, animation, crafting, reading, and movies! I am so thrilled to meet everyone and I'm so excited to help you all make great first memories at Wellesley!



Gen



Gen

Hello everyone! My name is Gen (they/she) and I am so excited to meet you all! I am a rising sophomore (27) from Brunswick, GA interested in English and Creative Writing, Cinema and Media Studies, and Africana Studies. It has been so rewarding planning orientation for you guys and I am so thankful to my other OCs and everyone who has been helping us along the way! After Orientation, you can find me in the Penthouse as a Q-connector for LGBTQ+ Programs and Services, in Harambee House as an e-board member for BlackOut, hanging out on Sev Green with Juggling Club, or as a member of House Council for my dorm, Shafer (and also making appearances at Claflin's HoCo). I am so excited to welcome you all to campus!



Larissa



Larissa Moreira

Hello everyone! I'm so excited to meet you all. My name is Larissa Moreira (she/her) and I'm a rising sophomore (27) majoring in Economics and Education. I am an international student from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. I am involved with the Organ Club (the instrument) and Newman Catholic Ministry on campus. Some of my interests are reading, spending time under the sun, handcrafting, seeing very old places, pictures and videos, teaching, and learning anything new! I love animals, especially any type of bird. Next semester I plan to do more activities and enjoy even more memories at Wellesley. I hope you all can enjoy this time as well.

➤ **FRIDAY, AUGUST 23-
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27**

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
MOVE-IN & ORIENTATION**

Please check your International Student Orientation schedule for event details.

➤ **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

8am-12pm Move-in

Various Residence Halls

Please refer to the Arrival Planning Guide for details. Students who arrive after 12 pm are asked to go directly to Anderson Forum in the Lulu Wang Campus Center to check-in and collect their residence hall key.

**10:30-
11:45am First Gen Sweet Spot**

Alumnae Hall Ballroom

The Office of Parent and Family Programs and the Office of Student Success would like to celebrate the achievement of first generation students and their families with a First Generation Student and Family Sweet Spot. All students who are on track to being the first in their family to complete a bachelor's degree are recognized as first generation.

Join us for a light snack and take time to get acquainted with staff, faculty, and students that make up Wellesley's first generation family. We look forward to seeing you there!

**11:30am-
2pm Lunch in the Dining Halls**

Various Dining Halls

Guests are invited to eat lunch in the dining halls with their student. To minimize wait times, families and students are asked to eat in the dining hall closest to their student's residence hall, per the list below. Guests and students who would like a kosher or halal meal are invited to go to the dining halls where those meals are available.

Munger, Cazenove, Beebe, Pomeroy, Shafer ➤ Bae Pao Lu Chow, 4th floor Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center

Stone Davis ➤ Stone Davis Dining Hall [Kosher, Vegetarian, and Vegan]

McAfee/Bates ➤ Bates Dining Hall

Tower, Claflin, Severance ➤ Tower Dining Hall [Halal]

12-2pm

Campus Resource Fair

Tishman Commons (1st Floor Campus Center)

Families and students are invited to attend this informational event. Departments from across campus will be present to answer questions and share how they help students begin their journey of growing courageously at Wellesley.

2:45-3:45pm Wellesley Welcome Ceremony

Alumnae Hall Auditorium

Families and students are invited to this New Student Orientation opening program. During this session you will hear from Theresa Peaches Valdes, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, Shannon Butler-Mokoro, Dean of First-Year Students, Sheilah Shaw Horton, Vice President and Dean of Students, and President Paula A. Johnson.

4:15-5pm Res Hall Hello and Family Farewell

Families and students will have the opportunity to meet their residence hall leadership team and learn a bit about the community. Afterwards, families should plan to say goodbye to their students who will head out to meet their orientation group at 5 pm and begin student orientation programs

Bates & McAfee ➤ McAfee Dining Room

Beebe & Cazenove ➤ Cazenove Living Room, 2nd floor

Claflin & Severance ➤ Severance Living Room, 1st floor

Pomeroy & Shafer ➤ Pomeroy Living Room, 2nd floor

Stone-Davis & Munger ➤ Collins Cinema, then respective residence halls

Tower East & West ➤ Tower Great Hall

5-6pm

Family Farewell Reception

Alumnae Hall Ballroom

The Farewell Reception is for families only. It's an opportunity to meet other parents and families, chat with staff from across the College, and have some light refreshments before leaving campus and heading home. This concludes arrival day programming for parents and families.



STUDENT PROGRAMMING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

5:15–6 pm

OMG Meet Up!

Davis Museum Plaza

Students will meet their Orientation Mentor (OM) for the first-time in person. All entering students are invited to go to the Davis Museum Plaza to await their OMG Meet Up! You will meet your OM group sibs and have your first meal together.

6–7:30 pm

Student Orientation Mentor Group (OMG) Dinner

Students will have dinner with their OMG in a pre-assigned dining hall.

7:30–8:30 pm

OC and OM New Student Welcome!

Alumnae Hall Auditorium

Welcome to Wellesley! We are excited to see you! As your NSO Team, we have spent months planning for your arrival, and now you're finally here! Get ready to learn all about what makes Wellesley such a special place!

8:30–10 pm

New Students All Hall Gathering (M)

Students should report back to their Residence Halls for mandatory All Hall meetings.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

7–10am

Breakfast

Bates, Tower Court, Stone Davis and Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center Culinary Centers

Please note, full breakfast begins at 7:30 am. Continental breakfast is available at 7 am.

9–10am

Courage to Grow Session: Faculty Perspectives on the Liberal Arts (M)

Alumnae Hall Auditorium



Dean Michael Jeffries and a panel of faculty members will discuss the beauty and purpose of an undergraduate liberal arts college. They will provide guidance on how to best take advantage of all the academic opportunities offered by Wellesley's curriculum and academic campus partners.

10am–12pm **Campus Tours with OM Groups**

Your OM will meet you at Alumnae Hall Auditorium

Come along as your OM takes you to explore the campus. You'll see where your classes might be, hear some Wellesley lore, see the beautiful places Wellesley campus has to offer, and more!

12–2pm

Lunch and Break

Various Dining Halls

While the Dining Halls are open from 11:30 am to 2 pm for lunch, you will work with your OM leader to determine if lunch should happen before, in the middle, or after campus tours. We also scheduled some extra downtime for you—whether you want to take a walk by the lake or rest up with a nap, we encourage you to take time for yourself to refresh and re-energize.

12–2pm

First-Gen Student Lunch

Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center, Tree House

We know that it's not easy being the first in your family to pursue a bachelor's degree. The good news is that you are not alone here at Wellesley! Join members of our vibrant first-gen community for food, fun, and conversation in the Tree House in Lulu. During this interactive luncheon, you'll get to experience plenty of laughter, bonding, and also learn a few tips for success from some of your upper-class first-gen sibs. This event is for first-gen students only.

12-1pm **Non-linear Student Lunch**
Bates Dining Hall, McAfee room

Come meet and get to know other incoming nontraditional students, including gap years, transfers, Davis Scholars, and exchange students, with a casual lunch at Bates. Start building community with others in what we affectionately call the Non-Traditional Network (NTN)

12-2:30pm **Music Department Open House**
Jewett Arts Center, Auditorium Foyer

Interested in music? Pop by the Music Department to ask your questions and meet some of the Faculty and Ensemble Directors! The Music Department holds an Open House each fall semester for first-year students interested in having music be a part of their Wellesley College experience. We will have information on taking private lessons, joining an ensemble, getting involved as a concert usher, and more! You will meet some of the Academic/Performance Faculty and Ensemble Directors, learn about the various and diverse opportunities to be involved, and get a firsthand look at the music department's facilities, such as the practice rooms and instrument loan program.

2-3:30pm **Academic Fair**
Keohane Sports Center (KSC) Field House

Wellesley boasts 53 academic departments and interdisciplinary programs. The faculty experts will be available to answer your questions and assist you with your first semester course choices. Many of our academic partners, such as the Library, Science Center, and the Pforzheimer Learning and Teaching Center (PLTC) will also be present to provide information on how they can support your academic journey.

3:45-5pm **Courage to Grow Session: Peer to Peer: Academics 101**
Science Center

Wondering how your Wellesley sibs manage their time and make the most of campus resources? Spend some time with Wellesley student leaders and hear their tips to help you thrive this academic year! Students will meet by OM group and will have the opportunity to ask questions, share their hopes and worries, learn from the academic experiences of their peers, and prepare for course registration.

5:30-7:30pm **Dinner with your OM group**
Various Dining Halls

8-10pm **OC Social Program: Big Craft Night**
Tishman Commons, Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center

Prepare to courageously grow your creativity at our Big Craft Night! Dive into pottery making, personalize your space with wood name tags, and add a splash of color with wooden butterflies and butterfly jars. Delve into the enchanting world of magic paper butterflies and fairy dust, get hands-on with DIY fluid art bears and customizing tote bags. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or a beginner, this event offers something for everyone! Join us for an evening of crafting and empowerment as we celebrate the journey of growth together!

9-10pm **OC Social Program: Spooky S'mores & Horror Stories**
Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center Fire Pit

Are you ready for horror stories and marshmallows? At the end of the day, we just want to relax, talk, and have fun! Join us at Spooky S'mores & Horrors Stories to scare the heat away. Get a chance to walk around the campus and listen to all the haunting stories relating to the campus!

 **FRIDAY, AUGUST 30**

7-10am **Breakfast**
Bates, Tower Court, Stone Davis and Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center Culinary Centers

Please note, full breakfast begins at 7:30 am Continental breakfast is available at 7 am

9-11am **Course Registration**

From the comfort of wherever you are You will use the tips that the Academic Success Coaches (ASCs) provided to register for your courses. If you need additional assistance, there is an ASC in every residence hall to help you.

11 am–12pm **Creating Healthy Community: Relationships, Bystander Intervention, Consent (M)**

Alumnae Hall Auditorium

As we come together as a community, it's important to understand and establish our shared values around how we respect one another and the relationships in our lives. In this session, we will explore topics of consent, communication, and bystander intervention as we envision what it means to thrive in the relationships we have with ourselves and others.

12:30–2pm **OM Group Lunch and Break**

Your OM will meet you at Alumnae Hall Auditorium to walk together to lunch

1–2pm **Ju'mah Prayers and Chai and Chat with Chaplain Amira**

Multifaith Center (MFC), ground level of Houghton Chapel

Meet the Chaplain and get to know your classmates and other members of the campus Muslim community.

2–3pm **Keeping Wellesley Safe (M)**

Alumnae Hall Auditorium

As you begin to settle into your community here at Wellesley, we want you to know the resources available to you in regards to safety and accountability. In this session we will meet representatives from Fire and Life Safety, Public Safety, and the Honor Code to discuss how we can all do our part in keeping Wellesley safe.

3:15–4pm **Cultural House Tours**

Meet at Hay Amphitheater at 3:05 pm

The Cultural Houses are intended to provide social, emotional, cultural, and academic support to underrepresented students as well as international students. Additionally, the cultural houses provide educational and cultural programming for the Wellesley College community. The houses you will be visiting during this tour are Acorns, Harambee, and Slater International Center. If you already know where the cultural houses are, you can meet everyone there at 3:20 pm! If not, we'll meet at the Hay Amphitheater at 3:05 pm and we'll take you over!

3:15–4pm **Library Tours**

The Mods

The Clapp Library is closed for renovation, but all of the library services are still available! In the mods tour, you will see areas such as study spaces, the Computing Help Desk, the Maker Space, and the Archives. You'll learn how to find the books we have on campus and how to request books from Wellesley library off-campus storage as well as from other institutions. You will also find all the books we have on campus and available for checkout. You will get a chance to meet some of the many librarians who are here to help you with your research and ask any questions you have about the library. Many of the First Year Writing (FYW) courses are also held in the mods, so come check out the library!

4:15–5:15pm **OM Group Time — Community of Practice (M)**

Various locations

During the Community of Practice time students will have the opportunity to share their identities with their sibs and reflect on the knowledge they gained in the EQUIP program they completed during virtual student orientation

5:15–7pm **Dinner**

Bates, Tower Court, Stone Davis, and Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center Culinary Centers

6:30–7:30pm **Shabbat Dinner**

Billings 200 — Jewish Life Lounge

Get to know Rabbi Dena as we welcome in Shabbat over a delicious kosher meal.

5–9pm **Night at the KSC**

Keohane Sports Center

Join your sibs for fun at the KSC! There will be laser tag, Giant Jenga, Connect Four, and other Board games, as well as Fitness Center Tours and Recreation Resources.

6:15pm **Cheer on the Blue! Cross Country Race**

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7pm **Cheer on the Blue! Volleyball vs. Colby Sawyer**

KSC Field House



SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

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- 8:30–10:30am** **Continental Breakfast**
Bates, Tower Court, Stone Davis and Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center Culinary Centers
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- 10:30–2pm** **Brunch**
Bates, Tower Court, Stone Davis and Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center Culinary Centers
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- 10–11am** **Substance Use Harm Reduction (M)**
Alumnae Hall Auditorium
Whether or not you choose to drink or use substances, this session will explore harm reduction strategies for safer use, covering basics on alcohol and substances, as well as bystander intervention tips to help a fellow sib in need. There will be opportunities afterwards for demonstrations to try your hand at measuring standard drink pours for safer use!
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- 11 am–12pm** **Class Photo**
Hay Amphitheater
Join this important Wellesley tradition of taking a photo with your class sibs! First-year students are asked to wear their class t-shirt for this photo. After Orientation, you may order this photo for yourself at panfoto.com.

Transfer and exchange students should also plan to attend and will participate in a separate group photo (no specific clothing is required).
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- 11:45am–2pm** **OM Mixer and Class Picnic**
Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center Lawn (If inclement weather, move into dining halls)
Join your classmates on the Lulu Lawn for a delightful picnic lunch. All new students are invited to attend. To help with crowding, we have designated a time for each OM group to get in line for food. Please consult your OM for details.
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- 12–2pm** **Courage to Grow Wellness Event**
Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center Lawn
Earn raffle tickets for prizes as you try your hand at different wellness games! Our Peer Health Educators will have DIY aromatherapy, zine making, sexual health trivia, and alcohol education pour demos. Stop by, stay hi, and pick up free giveaways to start your year off well.

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- 2–4:30pm** **Let Me Speak and Talk Back**
Alumnae Hall Auditorium
Upperclass students speak out about Wellesley College and about how they continue to grow, dream, and discover themselves and others every day. Students will attend this program with their orientation mentor groups, and have a time for discussion and reflection after the program.
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- 5–7pm** **Dinner with Your Hall**
Various Dining Halls
Relax and get to know the students in your residence hall while chatting over dinner.
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- 7–8:30pm** **Rainbow Connection**
Tishman Commons
All LGBTQ+ and questioning students — this one's for you! Come learn about LGBTQ+ resources and queer social life at Wellesley in group discussions facilitated by student leaders.
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- 8–10pm** **CG Bingo Night**
Alumnae Hall Ballroom
Join us for our first Bingo of the year! Bring your good luck charms and compete in this Wellesley tradition for fun prizes.
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- 9–10pm** **OC Social Program: Self-Care Crafting**
Tishman Commons, Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center
Join us for an evening of soothing self-care and creative crafting! Take a break to focus on self-care and creativity and courageously grow. Whether you come alone or with friends, you'll leave feeling refreshed and inspired by creating vision boards.

➤ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30–10:30am **Continental Breakfast**
Bates, Tower Court, Stone Davis and Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center Culinary Centers

10:30am–2pm **Brunch**
Bates, Tower Court, Stone Davis and Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center Culinary Centers

10am–12pm **Soulful Sunday and Botanic Gardens**
Houghton Chapel

Join the college chaplains and staff for a morning of community and connection! Everyone is welcome regardless of religious affiliation or not. Breakfast snacks and refreshments will be provided. Come by Houghton Chapel to meet and share in spiritual and craft activities with the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (ORSL) and enjoy nature based activities with staff from the Wellesley College Botanic Gardens, the Frost Center for the Environment, and the Paulson Ecology of Place Initiative.

10–11am
Spiritual Yoga (byo towel/mat)
Chapel Lawn

10–11am
Group Meditation
Chapel Lawn (Labyrinth)

10am–12pm
Craft a Dorm Blessing
Chapel Lawn

10am–12pm
Create with Botanical Inks
(Paulson Initiative)
Chapel Lawn

10am–12pm
Mindfulness and Crafting
(Frost Center)
Chapel Lawn

11–11:45am
Finding Community in Nature
(Paulson Initiative)
Chapel Lawn

11–11:45am
Meditation in Action (Tai Chi)
Chapel Lawn

11am–12pm
Christian Life Service
Houghton Chapel
*Lawn activities will be in the MFC if there is rain

12–2pm **Lunch and Break**
Bates, Tower Court, Stone Davis and Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center Culinary Centers

2–4pm **OC Social Program: Make A Stuffie with your Wellesley Sibs!**
Tishman Commons, Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center

A trademark orientation event. Get excited to make your own plushies! Pick your favorite animal (corgis, fawns, red pandas, frogs, leopards, just to name a few!) and bring it to life with stuffing and a custom “Courage to Grow” t-shirt. Your furry friend can keep you company during your time at college. We have *very* limited quantities of each animal plush and limited “Courage to Grow” t-shirts. We will operate on a first come, first served basis.

5–7pm **NSO Closing Dinner with OMs**
Various Dining Halls

8–10pm **OC Social Program: Friendship Night!**
Tishman Commons, Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center & Punch’s Alley

“So make the friendship bracelets
Take the moment and taste it
You’ve got no reason to be afraid”
—Taylor Swift

Come to the last OC event of orientation! The friendships you make with your peers are some of the most precious aspects of college life. Friendship Night is all about cementing and celebrating these newfound connections. Make some friendship bracelets, take instant photos at the photobooth, and dance the night away with OC Evelyn!

➤ MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

➤ TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES CONVOCAATION STEP-SINGING

UPCOMING WELCOME WEEK EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

11am–2pm

Welcome Week Lawn Games

Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center
Event Lawn

11:30am–2pm

Welcome Week Event: First Day of School Photos

Tishman Commons, Lulu Chow Wang
Campus Center

4:30pm

Convocation with OM group

Hay Amphitheater

4:15 pm Gathering

4:40 pm Procession

5 pm Ceremony

Sign the Honor Code book

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8–10pm

Welcome Week Event: Bingo

Tishman Commons, Lulu Chow Wang
Campus Center

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:30–2pm

Welcome Week Event: Wellness Fair

Chapel Lawn

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9pm–12am

Welcome Week Event: Headphone Disco

Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center
Event Lawn

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

2–4pm

Welcome Week Event: Organizations Fair

Severance Green

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7–8:30pm

Welcome Week Event: S'Mores

Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center
Outdoor Fire Pit



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WELLESLEY
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



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