



# Freshman Connection – Two Day Program 2026

May 20-21, May 27-28, June 17-18

## DAY 1

**7:30 AM – 9:00 AM**

### Check-In

*Orville Hanchey Gallery*

**8:00 AM-9:00 AM**

### Take the Demon Route

*Start at Magale Recital Hall*

Get a glance of what it is like to be a Demon and tour the locations that you may frequently visit during your time at NSU.

**8:15 AM – 9:15 AM**

### Accuplacer Test

*Russell Hall Computer Lab*

**10:00 AM – 10:45 AM**

### Welcome Assembly

*A.A. Fredericks Auditorium*

Your official welcome to Northwestern State University.

**10:45 AM**

### Meet Your N-Side View Group

*A.A. Fredericks Courtyard/Alumni Plaza*

**10:45 AM – 12:00 PM**

### N-Side View Group Meetings

*Assigned Locations*

Meet your Freshman Connectors and future classmates in this small group session. Discussions will focus on the college transition, personal responsibility, and success tips for students. New students will learn about academic procedures, scheduling classes, and the registration process.

**12:00 PM – 12:45 PM**

### Lunch with Your N-Side View Group

*Iberville Dining Hall*



**1:00 PM – 1:20 PM**

### Financial Aid & Paying for College

*A.A. Fredericks Auditorium*

Concerned about the rising cost of higher education? Northwestern State's financial aid officers will answer your questions about tuition, scholarships, the TOPS program, loans, scholarship eligibility, financial policies, and options available for paying for college.

**1:20 PM – 1:40 PM**

### BOM Bank

*A.A. Fredericks Auditorium*

BOM Bank is the official bank of Northwestern State. We pride ourselves in helping Demons become financially savvy. Join our bankers to learn about our credit builder program and how good credit is a stepping stone for an independent life!

**1:45 PM**

### Depart for Academic Meetings

*A.A. Fredericks Courtyard/Alumni Plaza*

**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

### All About Academics

*Assigned Locations*

This is your first opportunity to meet with the academic leadership and faculty members from your college. They will provide you with an overview of the academic process and procedures.

**3:00 PM – 3:15 PM**

### Snack Break

*A.A. Fredericks Courtyard/Alumni Plaza*

*Sponsored by NSU Housing and Residence Life*

**3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

### To Be a Demon

*A.A. Fredericks Auditorium*

During this interactive session, the NSU Connectors will share information on what it means To Be A Demon at Northwestern State University. Topics covered include the Student Code of Conduct, NSU policies on alcohol, Title IX, and the importance of making appropriate choices and reducing harmful outcomes. Parents are invited to attend.

**5:30 PM**

### Meet Your N-Side View Group

*Iberville Green*

**5:45 PM – 6:45 PM**

### The Freshman Follies

*Iberville Green*

**7:00 PM**

### Dinner With Your N-Side View Group

*Iberville Dining Hall*

**8:00 PM**

### FYI Challenge

*Vic's*

Welcome to your first year! Join over 50 NSU student leaders for this fast-paced simulation of your first year in college.

**9:15 PM – 10:00 PM**

### Late Night Programs

### Glow Yoga

*WRAC Group X Room*

Enjoy an hour of mindfulness, movement, and meditation. Increase your flexibility, balance, and sense of well-being with a certified YogaFit instructor.

### Roommate Connection

*University Place 1 (UP1)*

Clubhouse Looking to connect with your roommate? Join the NSU Housing and Residence Life staff for chips and dip, peanut butter and jelly, and more of your favorite pairings...and of course, a roommate!

### Live from NSU: It's KNWD at FC!

*KNWD Radio Station, Kyser 109*

Calling all first-year Demons! Join us for a late night like no other as KNWD 91.7 FM takes over Freshman Connection for a behind-the-scenes look at life on the air. Come for the beats. Stay for the broadcast.

### Shoot Your Shot, Demon Style

*WRAC Basketball Courts*

It's game time after dark! The WRAC is keeping the lights on and the energy high with music and chances to win ultimate bragging rights. Must wear athletic shoes.

**DAY 2**  
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## DAY 2



**7:00 AM – 7:45 AM**

### **Residence Hall Check-Out**

#### **University Place 1 (UP1) Clubhouse**

Check-out of your room by returning your key to the University Place Clubhouse. There is a \$50 fee for lost keys or for keys not returned by 8:00 AM. It is suggested that you place your belongings in your vehicle prior to the breakfast. For individuals without a vehicle, please check your luggage at the clubhouse and return immediately following registration to collect your belongings.

**8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

### **Financial Aid Appointments**

#### **Student Services Center**

**8:00 AM – 8:30 AM**

### **Breakfast**

#### **Alost Hall**

*Sponsored by Whataburger*

**8:30 AM – 9:00 AM**

### **N-Side View Group Meetings**

#### **Alost Hall**

**9:00 AM – 9:50 AM**

### **Living Like a Demon**

### **Campus Housing**

#### **Student Union, Lucile M. Hendrick Rm.**

This meeting, led by the residence life staff, will provide an overview of community standards and residential resources, and is an excellent opportunity to learn everything you need to know about moving-in, what to bring, and living on campus.

### **Commuter/Off-Campus Involvement**

#### **Student Union, Room 122**

This meeting, led by NSU staff and students, will provide an overview of community standards, resources for commuting students, and how to get involved while living off-campus.

**10:00 AM – 10:45 AM Sessions:  
Campus Resources (pick one)**

### **I'm First: Encouraging First-Generation College Success Student Union, Room 320**

For some students, going to college is an expected path. For others, it's uncharted territory. Not sure where to start? Let us help! Join the Student Support Services staff and learn more about the comprehensive services available to first-generation students.

### **Freshman Fit-Teen**

#### **Student Union, Cane River Room**

Explore the Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center (WRAC) and learn first-hand the amenities that are available to NSU students. Hands on learning is the way we do it over here! Come join us for an interactive session where we will move, explore healthy habits, effective ways of reducing stress, and learning to build routines.

### **Ensuring Success with the Office of Accessibility & Disability Support Student Union, Room 221**

The Office of Accessibility and Disability Support facilitates equal access to programs and activities, promotes independence and inclusion of all students, and pursues innovative solutions in providing services for students with disabilities. Discussions include information on how to qualify, set up and gather information around classroom accommodations.

### **Finding Your Circle: Making Meaningful Connections Student Union, Room 321**

Making lasting friendships is one of the rewards of attending college. Connecting with others increases a student's sense of belonging and satisfaction with their college experience. In this session, you will learn tips from Counseling Services that you can use to form meaningful connections with others.

### **Live, Learn, and Thrive at NSU Student Union, President's Room**

This interactive session gives you a taste of what Elevate-U is all about. Our initiative is to ensure you live, learn, and thrive the NSU way, feeling connected, heard, and supported throughout your college experience. Join us for an informational on the Who, What, and How of Elevate-U. You'll get a sneak peak at some of the tools, resources, and practices that we use to ensure your retention and success are our priorities!

**11:00 AM - 11:45 AM: Campus Involvement (pick one)**

### **Lead the Way in Your First Year: Student Government & Student Activities Board!**

#### **Student Union, Cane River Room**

Discover how you can make an impact on campus through joining one of our two governing bodies: Student Government and the SAB! Learn about leadership opportunities, event planning, making a difference on campus, and how to get involved in shaping campus life. Join us and take the first step toward making a difference!

### **It's All Greek to Me: Fraternity and Sorority Life at NSU**

#### **Student Union, President's Room**

Curious about fraternity and sorority life? Join us for a fun and informative session where you'll learn about the values, traditions, and benefits of being part of the Greek community. Whether you're looking to get involved or just want to learn more, this session is the perfect introduction to everything Greek Life has to offer, and let's find your next set of letters at NSU!

**DAY 2**  
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### Band Student Meeting

#### Band Hall, New CAPA 122

This meeting is for students who plan to participate in marching band while enrolled at NSU regardless of academic major. The band directors will answer all your questions and provide helpful information about being a member of The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band!

### KNWD Freshman Connection: On-Air Experience

#### KNWD Radio Station, Kyser 109

Ever wanted to be on the radio? Here's your chance! Join KNWD at the campus radio station for a hands-on experience where you'll get to step up to the mic and go on the air. Learn how student media works, explore opportunities to get involved, and see what it's like to be part of the voice of NSU!

### Lead, Learn, and Serve: Minor in Military Science with Army ROTC Student Union, Room 320

Join us for an informative session about the Army ROTC program and discover how it can shape your future. You'll learn about team building, confidence, and leadership development, as well as the scholarships and career opportunities available to you. Don't miss out on this chance to explore how ROTC can enhance your college experience and future career!



12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

### Purple Palooza and Lunch

#### CAPA Courtyard/Alumni Plaza

Let us show you the various ways to get involved on campus – from student organizations to club sports – we have something for everyone. Lunch will be served in grab and go style at the student organization browse.

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

### Campus Safety

#### Magale Recital Hall

1:30 PM

### Depart for Academic Advising & Class Registration

#### Assigned Location

Your Academic Advisor will provide information about the requirements specific to your department, assist with course placement and selection, and help you map out a plan towards a four-year graduation goal. Advising sessions may be conducted in a one-on-one or small group setting. Computer-based registration will take place in computer labs across campus following your academic advising meeting.

1:45 PM

### Fork'em Farewell

#### Orville Hanchey Gallery/Alumni Plaza

Once you have completed the registration process, you must checkout with the orientation staff. NSU ID's will be distributed at this location.



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