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August 15–24, 2025

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Welcome Week 2025

It's Welcome Week at Heidelberg University! Over the next few days and weeks, you'll take part in a variety of exciting activities and time-honored traditions designed to help you get connected with the people, places, and opportunities that can be defining moments of your time here at the Berg. Enjoy the fun, explore the possibilities, and take advantage of all that HU has to offer. You can use this digital booklet to help you plan your activities and map your course.

Questions? Contact the Office of Student Engagement call 419.448.2215, email engagement@heidelberg.edu, or stop by Campus Center 306.

Your Welcome Week "To-Do" List

Get on the fast track to feeling at home by completing the tasks on this optional To-Do list. Check these items off by the end of Welcome Week and you'll be on your way to getting acquainted with campus.

- Review this booklet and learn about all of the events that take place during Welcome Week. Remember, some events are mandatory for new students so bring your student ID!
- Living on campus: Unpack and turn your room into your home away from home. Get to know your Residence Assistant (RA), the Welcome Week Leaders (WWLs), and your neighbors. Start building relationships with your new fam.
- Are you a commuter? Find a couple pockets of time in your weekly schedule to stay on campus for coffee, studying, and meetings, so Heidelberg can be more than just classes.
- Attend Opening Convocation on Thursday, August 21! There are many important traditions within this one event that you don't want to miss.
- Be prepared for and attend all your scheduled academic commitments.
- Want to test out of COMM 100, Public Speaking? Contact Associate Professor Robin Heaton at rheaton@heidelberg.edu for more information on the exemption exam.
- Take your class schedule for a walk and find each of your classrooms! If you are a new student, be sure to pick up your planner from the Owen Center and do the Scavenger Hunt in it for fun raffle prizes!
- Visit the Bookstore and pick up some 'Berg swag.
- Set up a time to meet with your academic advisor and get to know them!
- Make sure Around the Town is on your calendar so you can get to know the local spots downtown, like Jolly's, Washington Street Outfitters, and Bailiwicks.
- Whether you are a new or returning student, come learn more about Heidelberg's student organizations during the Student Org Fair on Tuesday night, August 19th.

Welcome Week Schedule at a Glance

*Starred events are required for all students enrolled in an AIM HEI class. However, all Welcome Week events are open to the entire student population.

Friday, August 15

Commuter Relaxation Station |

11:00am – 2:00pm

Commuter Lounge, Campus Center 124

Scavenger Hunt Begins | 12:00pm

Owen Center (pick up your planner)

Concert Choir Auditions | 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Brenneman Music Hall

Drop-In Academic Advising | 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Owen Center, Beeghly Library

BEC Heidel-home Bingo | 8:00pm

Wickham Great Hall, Campus Center

Orange Crush Time Trials | 9:30pm – 11:00pm

Hoernemann Stadium

Saturday, August 16

The Talk/Bystander Training* | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Various Classrooms

SOLiD Conference for Leaders | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Frost Lecture Hall, Bareis Science Hall

Concert Choir Auditions | 3:30pm – 7:00pm

Brenneman Music Hall

Gaming, eSports, Media Center Open House |

4:00pm – 6:00pm

GEM Center, Krieg Hall

Casino Night* | 7:30pm – 10:00pm

Seiberling Gymnasium

Sunday, August 17

Self Defense Class w/ The Center |

10:00am – 12:00pm

Saurwein Multipurpose Room

Yoga Class w/ The Center | 11:00am – 12:00pm

Campus Center 120

Concert Choir Auditions | 1:30pm – 8:30pm

Brenneman Music Hall

Residence Life Hall Crawl | 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Brown, France, and King Halls

Bonfire with the Greeks* | 8:30pm – 10:00pm

Behind the Scoreboard, Hoernemann Stadium

Monday, August 18

Day at the Movies at Seneca Starvue |

11:00am – 1:00pm

Carpool or transport from University Commons

Concert Choir Auditions | 1:30pm – 5:30p

Brenneman Music Hall

Drop-In Academic Advising | 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Owen Center, Beeghly Library

Root Beer Floats with Religious Life |

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Campus Center Front Lawn

Glow Party with BEC* | 8:00pm – 10:30pm

Wickham Great Hall, Campus Center

Tuesday, August 19

AIM Hei 101* | 11:00am – 12:00pm

AIM Hei Classrooms

Fair for Campus Jobs | 11:00am – 1:00pm

Wickham Great Hall, Campus Center

Glizzies and Google | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Owen Center, Beeghly Library

Concert Choir Auditions | 1:30pm – 5:00pm

Brenneman Music Hall

Student Organization Fair* | 6:45pm – 9:00pm

Seiberling Gymnasium

Wednesday, August 20 – CLASSES BEGIN

First Day of Class Photos | 10:00am – 12:00pm
Meet by the “H” near University Hall

**End of the WW Scavenger Hunt* |
10:00am – 12:00pm**
Check-In Tent at the “H”

**Ice Cream Social, hosted by ACS Chem Club |
4:00pm**
Gillmor Hall Lawn

International Trivia Night | 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Owen Center, Beeghly Library

Thursday, August 21

Opening Convocation* | 11:00am – 12:15pm
Seiberling Gymnasium
(Meet out at T-Bridge on Rebecca Street at 10:30am)

Downtown Third Thursday | 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Downtown Tiffin

Friday, August 22

Party at the Park | 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Hedges-Boyer Park
(Meet at King Hall)

Saturday, August 23

Women’s Soccer Preseason Scrimmage | 4:00pm
Hidden Valley Field

**eSports: Mario Kart World Tournament |
3:30pm – 6:00pm**
GEM Center and streaming on Twitch

eSports: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament | 6:30pm – 9:00pm
GEM Center and streaming on Twitch

Sunday, August 24

Around the Town* | 12:00pm – 2:00pm
Depart from Campus Center Front Lawn

Welcome Week Event Descriptions

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

1:00pm–3:00pm | Commuter Relaxation Station (Commuter Lounge, Campus Center 124)

Commuter students are a vital part of our community. All commuters are encouraged to join student activities, organizations, attend athletic events, join athletic teams, theatre groups, band and choir. And since commuters don't live in one of our residence halls, we have a designated space for them to hang out, write a paper, have lunch, or rest. Come check out the space and de-stress before a weekend of events.

12:00pm | Department and Services Scavenger Hunt Begins (Owen Center, Beeghly Library)*

Stop by the Owen Center for Teaching and Learning to pick up your Academic Planner. In the planner is a Scavenger Hunt that will run until Wednesday, the first day of classes. Go around to see what resources and food choices we have, but also meet staff from across campus! Stop and say hello, ask questions, but be sure to look for the orange signs that have the stamp that you will need for that square on your card. Stamp all of the squares and bring the card with you to the First Day photos at the "H" on Wednesday morning and be entered into a raffle to win prizes+

***This is a mandatory event for first-years, so please bring your student ID.**

2:00pm – 6:00pm | Concert Choir Auditions (131 Brennenman Music Hall)

The Heidelberg University Concert Choir is open to students of all majors and performs a wide variety of music. The 10-minute audition consists of harmonizing a few songs from the year's repertoire. Students in Concert Choir receive one hour of fine arts credit. Based upon the results of the audition, students will be placed in either Concert Choir or University-Community Chorus. For more information or to sign up for an audition time, please contact Dr. Greg Ramsdell at gramsdel@heidelberg.edu or 419.448.2154. Electronic audio (scores) and visual (sound files) materials will be provided to all students who sign up for an audition so that they can prepare in advance.

3:30pm–5:00pm | Drop-In Academic Advising (Owen Center, Beeghly Library)*

Ask any questions you have about your fall class schedule and meet the staff of the Owen Center for Teaching and Learning!

8:00pm–9:30pm | Heidel-home Bingo with BEC (Wickham Great Hall, Campus Center)

The Berg Events Council does a lot of different things on campus and you can get a taste of it here! BEC is having a Welcome Week "Heidel-home" Bingo Night. The theme is that Heidelberg is now going to be your new home, so BEC wants to help you feel as welcome as possible. Move-in and Heidelberg-themed prizes are what's up for grabs. Bingo will start at 8pm and will go until we run out of prizes. Some refreshments are included.

9:30pm–11:00pm | Inaugural Orange Crush Time Trials with Cross Country (Hoernemann Stadium)

SAAC & Heidelberg Athletics presents the Inaugural Week of Welcome Orange Crush Trials 9:30pm–11:30pm Friday, August 15th. Join Berg Cross Country for their 3200 Meter Time Trial followed by the first ever student body Orange Crush (soda) 1600 Meter Race. There will be free shirts (first 50), pizza & games!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

1:00pm – 2:30pm | The Talk / Bystander Overview Training (Designated Classrooms)*

Look for an email in August for which classroom you will go to. Heidelberg University takes the safety, health, and well-being of all students seriously. During this session new students will have the opportunity to hear from staff and peers about consent, being an active bystander, and sexual health. Campus resources that are available for any student needing assistance addressing sexual violence or a health concern will also be shared.

This session will also introduce all first-year students to the Bystander method that is implemented on campus. In this session participants will learn to identify concerning behaviors, practice safe intervention strategies that utilize the Three Ds approach.

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Session By Last Name: Location:

A-C	Wickham Great Hall
D-F	Adams 104
G-I	University Commons
J-L	Adams 201
M-O	Herbster Chapel
P-R	Adams 204
S-U	Campus Center 120
V-Z	Adams 101

1:00pm – 3:00pm | SOLiD Conference (Frost Lecture Hall)

Every year Student Senate holds a leadership conference for the officers of student organizations and clubs. It is an opportunity to learn how to run the organizations and provides the chance to obtain Senate funds.

3:30pm-7:00pm | Concert Choir Auditions (131 Brenneman Music Hall)

For more information or to sign up for an audition time, please contact Dr. Greg Ramsdell at gramsdel@heidelberg.edu or 419.448.2154.

4:00pm-6:00pm | Gaming, eSports, & Media Open House (GEM Center, Krieg Hall)

Want to find a hidden “GEM” on campus and are looking for something fun to do before the Casino Night? Then make the short trek across campus to T-Bridge and follow the stairs upwards toward Krieg Hall, where the Gaming, eSports & Media (GEM) Center is located! We will be hosting an open house where you can play some PC and console games with friends, meet the coaches of the eSports program, and learn more about the broadcast & media opportunities that the GEM Center has to offer!

7:30pm-10:00pm | Casino Night with Student Engagement (Seiberling Gymnasium)*

Student Senate and Student Engagement is having a Welcome Week Casino Night. Come to Seiberling Gym for a night of table games, prizes, food, and mingling! While you are there, learn more about Senate, student organizations, and other Welcome Week events.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

10:00am-12:00pm | Self Defense Class with the Center (Saurwein Multipurpose Room)

Come join The Center for Survivor Empowerment and GRITT for a hands-on self-defense class designed specifically for college students. This free session will empower you with practical tools, confidence, and techniques to protect yourself in a variety of situations. Learning self-defense isn't about living in fear; it's about being prepared, building confidence, and reclaiming your sense of control in unfamiliar or uncomfortable situations. No prior experience is needed. All genders and fitness levels are welcome. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water!

11:00am-12:00pm | Yoga Class with the Center (Campus Center 120)

Take a breath, stretch it out, and reconnect with yourself. Join The Center for Survivor Empowerment and local yoga instructor Suzanne Reinhart for a gentle, restorative yoga session centered around healing, self-awareness, and empowerment. For college students navigating stress, change, and personal growth, yoga can be a powerful tool for mental wellness and emotional resilience. For survivors and allies, it's also a way to rebuild connection and strength in a safe, supportive environment. Whether you're new to yoga or already have a practice, this session is designed to meet you where you are. Come as you are, leave feeling grounded and empowered. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water!

1:30pm-8:30pm | Concert Choir Auditions (131 Brenneman Music Hall)

For more information or to sign up for an audition time, please contact Dr. Greg Ramsdell at gramsdell@heidelberg.edu or 419.448.2154.

6:30pm-8:30pm | Res Life Hall Crawl (Brown, France, and King Residence Halls)

Join your residence hall RAs for an evening of fun at the Res Hall! Brown, France and King Halls will all host an evening of fun, perfect for getting to know the other students living in your hall. Start at the Brown/France lawn and France Great Hall for some activities, snacks, and information. Then you will make your way down to King Hall for more activities, giveaways, and snacks. This event will lead directly to the Bonfire with the Greeks just down the street from King Hall.

8:30pm-10:00pm | Bonfire with the Greeks (Behind the Football Scoreboard)*

After the Hall Crawl, walk down from King Hall to the back of the Football scoreboard. Greek Life Council is hosting a bonfire! Heidelberg has five fraternities, four sororities, and one mixed-gender society and they're all excited to meet you! This is your opportunity to meet the wonderful members of Heidelberg's Greek organizations and learn more about what makes Heidelberg Greek Life unique. Giveaways and drinks provided.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 18

11:00am-1:00pm | Day at the Movies at Seneca Starvue (Carpool is preferred but for transportation meet at University Commons)

Have you ever been to Seneca Starvue here in Tiffin? Here is your chance. Be sure to get your movie voucher during Casino Night and bring it for this afternoon of fun! With your voucher you can see one free movie in the afternoon. We encourage everyone to carpool to the location, but if you need transportation, Student Engagement will have two vans that will be bringing people from the University Commons starting at 11:00am. Vans will stop bringing people at 1:00pm.

1:30pm–5:30pm | Concert Choir Auditions (131 Brenneman Music Hall)

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2:00pm–4:00pm | Drop-In Academic Advising (Owen Center, Beeghly Library)

Ask any questions you have about your fall class schedule and meet the staff of the Owen Center for Teaching and Learning!

7:00pm–8:30pm | Root Beer Floats with Religious Life (Campus Center Front Lawn)

Enjoy a root beer float with the University's student religious life leaders out on the lawn in front of Campus Center. You can learn about the different religious organizations on our campus and various opportunities around Seneca County.

8:00pm–10:30pm | Glow Party! (Wickham Great Hall, Campus Center)*

Come dressed in neon and white for our Glow Party with BEC and our Welcome Week Leaders! Play some glow and LED games like putt-putt, plus win some great prizes at this annual Welcome Week event. Prizes include games, gift cards, room essentials, and much more! Some food and drinks provided

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

11:00am–12:00pm | AIM Hei 101 (AIM Hei Classrooms)*

A lot of students are leaving home for the first time, while those who commute begin to learn new, more independent ways of interacting with their family at home. Making friends can be difficult, and for everybody, figuring out what is expected of you as university students takes a lot of energy. HEI 101 is designed to help you navigate all of these challenges. This session is an introduction to your peers, your academic advisor, and the University. Find your instructor in the list below to learn where your class will be meeting.

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Section	Professor	Classroom
HEI101	Aaron Sell	FOU LT THEATRE
HEI101	Erin Smith	BAR 204
HEI101	Kayela Tidrick	SAU 209
HEI101	Arthur Frazier	ADA 201
HEI101	Desirae Matherly	PFL 201
HEI101	Erin Chapman-Hoskins	BEE 12
HEI101	Douglas Woods	ADA 204
HEI101	Michele Castleman	EDC 125
HEI101	David Briggs	SEI 105
HEI101	Alyssa Kontak	PFL 101
HEI101	Michael Chapman	ADA 101
HEI101	Jena Suffel	SAU 210
HEI101	Karen Estridge	BAR 106
HEI101	Morgan Harrigan	PFL 102
HEI101	Bryan Smith	ADA 104
HEI101	Amy Berger	BAR 125
HEI101	Morgan Kocher	BAR 310
HEI101	Matthew Kennedy	BRE 20
HEI101	Stacey Pistorova	EDC 124
HEI103	Elizabeth Koop	UNI 211

11:00am–1:00pm | Fair for Campus Jobs (Wickham Great Hall, Campus Center)

The student job fair allows students to connect with offices and departments that will be hiring student workers for the school year. Students with Federal College Work Study will be eligible for most campus jobs. Students without federal college work study are eligible to work for Parkhurst or for internships. If you'd like to have a job on campus, don't miss this fair! Come prepared to complete an application, and bring your resumé if you have one. We will also be offering a quick training for all students on our Paylocity system for inputting hours for the student's time sheets.

1:00pm–3:00pm | Glizzies and Google at the Owen Center (Owen Center / Beeghly)

Do you love hot dogs? Do you want to make sure you are prepared for classes? Glizzies & Google will help with both! Come to Beeghly Library to get a hot dog and set up your Google Calendar, Canvas, and ask any questions you have about the start of classes.

1:30pm–5:00pm | Concert Choir Auditions (131 Brenneman Music Hall)

For more information or to sign up for an audition time, please contact Dr. Greg Ramsdell at gramsdel@heidelberg.edu or 419.448.2154.

6:45pm–9:00pm | Dean's Welcome and Student Org Fair (Seiberling Gymnasium)*

Dean of Students Chris Abrams will welcome all new and returning students while sharing some important information to help make your Heidelberg experience as good as it can be. Throughout the first few days you will have learned about many student organizations. Get to know them better and maybe sign up by visiting their table at the Student Org Fair! Heidelberg University has over 50 student organizations to choose from, offering something for everyone. This event is sponsored by Student Senate.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20: FIRST DAY OF CLASSES!

10:00am–12:00pm | First Day of Class Photos (The Heidelberg "H")

Do you remember those days when you would have your family take a picture of you on your first day of school? Well, you can do it here too! Come out to the large "H" statue by University Hall and make a memory that will last a lifetime.

10:00am–12:00pm | End of the Scavenger Hunt (Tent by the Heidelberg "H")*

Remember how you started the week with getting your Scavenger Hunt card from the Owen Center? Here is your chance to turn in your card for raffle prizes! Bring the card with you to the First Day photos at the "H" on Wednesday morning and be entered into a raffle to win prizes! Cards turned in outside of the 10am–12pm time period will not be considered for the raffle.

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4:00pm–5:30pm | Ice Cream Social, hosted by the ACS Chem Club (Gillmor Hall Lawn)

Come meet the amazing faculty and students who make up the Chemistry Club and the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry! All students of all majors are invited to attend this sundae social with toppings galore! In the event of rain, the Ice Cream Social will move indoors to Gillmor Atrium.

7:00pm–8:30pm | International Trivia Night with Berg without Borders (Owen Center / Beehly)

Test your knowledge of culture, geography, and world affairs in a fun setting. Challenge yourself with questions covering topics like flags, food, landmarks, customs, famous people, and more. Participants may play together or register to play individually. At the same time learn about Model UN, Study Abroad, World Student Union, American Junior Year, and more. Snacks provided. Arrive early to sign your team up!!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

11:00am–12:15pm | Opening Convocation (Seiberling Gymnasium) *

New students report to the gravel parking Lot across from Krieg Hall at 10:30am.

Convocation is the official welcome and introduction to the University for all new first year and transfer students in the graduating Class of 2029. Many important traditions make up this single event, including the march across T-Bridge and the Heidelberg “H” pins. This year’s celebration features a keynote address from news anchor Scott Carpenter ’17. Join other students and Heidelberg University faculty and staff for this inspiring tradition

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6:00pm–8:00pm | Downtown Third Thursday (Downtown Tiffin)

Take advantage of what Tiffin has to offer with their monthly event “Third Thursday.” Downtown Tiffin has a themed event every month along Washington Street. Go shopping, eat some food, and enjoy the entertainment.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

6:00pm–9:00pm | Party at the Park (Hedges-Boyer Park)

Let’s get off campus and have some fun! Everyone should meet at King Hall to walk down to Hedges-Boyer Park. There will be cool snacks, inflatables, games, and a Civic Engagement cooling towel as a giveaway! You can also learn more about the YMCA, city and county resources, and sign up for future community service projects while you are there.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

4:00pm–6:00pm | Women’s Soccer Scrimmage (Hidden Valley Field)

The amazing Heidelberg Women’s Soccer team plays a scrimmage against Ohio Wesleyan on this day! Don’t miss out. Come to Hidden Valley Field for a 4 o’clock start time and support our team.

3:30pm–6:00pm | eSports: Mario Kart World Tournament (GEM Center) and

6:30pm–9:00pm | eSports: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament (GEM Center)

Heidelberg’s eSports team is hosting TWO open tournaments! Everyone is welcome and it’s only \$5 to compete per tournament, with prizes for the top four players. Stop by the GEM Center to play or spectate. You can also watch on Twitch at [twitch.tv/heidelbergesports](https://www.twitch.tv/heidelbergesports).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

12:30pm–2:00pm | Around the Town (Campus Center Front Lawn) *

It's a festival of everything Tiffin has to offer! We'll meet in front of Campus Center to walk downtown. Over 50 area businesses will have giveaways and free food!

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The fun doesn't stop when Welcome Week ends!

There are lots of ways to get involved at Heidelberg! Make sure to read This Week, the weekly Monday morning email that keeps you up-to-date on all the events on campus.

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Save the Date for Labor Stay Weekend

There's a lot going on at Heidelberg during Labor Day Weekend so we encourage you to stay and play!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00pm-11:00pm | Karaoke (Legacy Patio, University Commons)

The Berg Wrestling Team brings you a night of music and prizes - a beloved Heidelberg tradition!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

3:00pm-6:00pm | Berg Blowout (Campus Center Front Lawn)

Blow off some steam on your off day! The Berg Events Council is excited to host this Heidelberg tradition, an afternoon of games, activities, crafts, and more. Snag yourself a free t-shirt, giveaways, and check out the snacks at Parkhurst's Chunk Fest.



Save the Date



FAMILIES

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**Celebrate Families Day on
Saturday, September 20!**



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WELCOME TO HEIDELBERG!



● RESIDENCE HALLS & HOUSING

1. Student Houses
2. College Hill Apartments
3. Main Street Townhomes
4. Stadium View Apartments
5. Talmage Hall
6. Brown Hall
7. France Hall
8. Miller Hall
9. Willard Hall
10. Krieg Hall
11. King Hall

● ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATIVE

12. Aigler Alumni Building
13. Brennenman Music Hall
14. Fine Arts House
15. University Hall
16. Founders Hall
17. Gundlach Theatre
18. Brynton Honors Center
19. Krammes Service Center
20. Lavelly-Shedenhelm Education Center
21. Beeghly Library
22. Pfleiderer Center
23. Adams Hall
24. Bareis Hall
25. Gillmor Science Hall
26. Saurwein Health & Wellness Center
27. GEM Center

● CAMPUS LIFE

28. Bookstore
29. Campus Center
30. Stoner Health & Counseling Center
31. University Commons
32. Ubuntu House

● DINING

33. Berg Bistro
34. The HeidelBean
35. Hoernemann Refectory
36. Rock Creek Cafe

● ATHLETICS

37. Tennis Courts
38. Seiberling Gymnasium
39. Hoernemann Stadium
40. Riesen Field
41. The Student Athletics, Academic, and Recreation Center [Opening Fall 2025]
42. Peaceful Valley & Hidden Valley



◀ SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE FOR A DIGITAL
VERSION OF THE CAMPUS MAP