

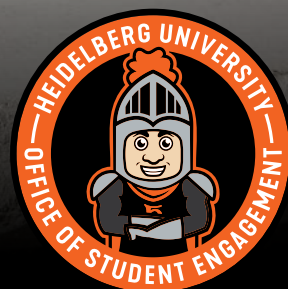


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August 14-23, 2026

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WELCOME WEEK 2026

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 by calling [419.448.2215](tel: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 events, coffee, studying, and meetings, so Heidelberg can be more than just classes.
- Attend Opening Convocation on Thursday, August 20! 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 staff.
- 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 18th.

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 14

Commuter Relaxation Station | 11:00am – 1:30pm

Commuter Lounge, Campus Center 124

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

Brenneman Music Hall

Drop-In Academic Advising | 1:00 – 4:00pm

Owen Center, Beeghly Library

BEC's Heidel-home Bingo * | 8:00pm

Wickham Great Hall

Saturday, August 15

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

Various Classrooms

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

Frost Lecture Hall

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

Brenneman Music Hall

Gaming, eSports, Media Center Open House |

5:00 – 8:00pm

GEM Center, Krieg Hall

Casino Night * | 7:30 – 9:30pm

Seiberling Gymnasium

Sunday, August 16

Concert Choir Auditions | 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Brenneman Music Hall

Root Beer Floats with Religious Life |

7:00 – 8:30pm

Campus Center Front Lawn

Movie on the Lawn with BEC * | 8:00 – 10:30pm

Campus Center Front Lawn

Monday, August 17

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

Saurwein Multi-Purpose Room

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

Brenneman Music Hall

Residence Life Block Party | 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Brown, France, and King Halls

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

Behind the Scoreboard

Tuesday, August 18

AIM Hei 101 * | 11:00am – 12:00pm

AIM Hei Classrooms

Fair for Campus Jobs | 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Wickham Great Hall, Campus Center

Drop-In Academic Advising | 1:00 – 4:00pm

Owen Center, Beeghly Library

Concert Choir Auditions | 1:30pm – 6:00pm

Brenneman Music Hall

Student Organization Fair * | 7:30 – 9:00pm

Seiberling Gymnasium

2nd Annual Orange Crush Trials | 9:00 – 11:00pm

Hoernemann Stadium

Wednesday, August 19 – CLASSES BEGIN

First Day of Class Photos | 10:00am – 12:00pm

Meet by the “H” near Univ. Hall

Ice Cream Social, hosted by ACS Chem Club |

4:00pm

Gillmor Lawn

Thursday, August 20

Opening Convocation * | 11:00am – 12:15pm

Seiberling Gymnasium

(Meet out at T-Bridge on Rebecca St. at 10:30am)

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

Downtown Tiffin

Friday, August 21

Lemonade at the Library | 11:00 – 1:30pm
Owen Center, Beeghly Library

Saturday, August 22

**eSports: Mario Kart 8 Deluxe & World
Tournament** | 1:00 – 3:00pm
GEM Center

**eSports: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate
Tournament** | 3:30 – 5:30pm
GEM Center

**eSports: Marvel Rivals, Overwatch & Valorant
Open Play** | 3:30 – 5:30pm,
GEM Center

Sunday, August 23

Around the Town* | 5:30 – 7:30pm
Depart from Campus Center Front Lawn

WELCOME WEEK EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

11:00am-1:30pm | 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 commuters to hang out, write a paper, have lunch, or rest. Come check out the space and de-stress before a weekend of events. The Commuter Union (Club) will be there hosting the event.

1:00pm-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!

2:00pm – 6:00pm | Concert Choir Auditions (131 Brenneman 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 gramsdell@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.

8:00pm-9:30pm | Heidel-home Bingo with BEC (Wickham Great Hall) *

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 during your first night on campus. The theme is that Heidelberg is now 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 8:00pm and will go until we run out of prizes. Refreshments are included.

** This is a mandatory event for first-years, so please scan the QR code at the event or bring your student ID.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

1:00pm – 2:30pm | EmpowerU/The Talk 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 D’s approach.

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Session by Last Name	Location
A-C	Wickham Great Hall
D-F	Beeghly 12
G-I	University Commons
J-L	Bareis 310
M-O	Herbster Chapel
P-R	Bareis 329
S-U	Campus Center120
V-Z	Bareis 106

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. This event is for returning student leaders who have pre-registered.

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 gramsdell@heidelberg.edu or 419.448.2154.

5:00pm-8:00pm | Gaming, eSports, & Media Open House (GEM Center, Krieg Hall)

Want to find a hidden “GEM” on campus? Then make the short trek across campus to T-Bridge and follow the stairs upwards towards 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-9:30pm | Casino Night with Student Engagement (Seiberling Gymnasium) *

Student Senate and Student Engagement are 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 16

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

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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 | Movie on the Lawn with BEC (Campus Center Front Lawn) *

Follow [@BergBEC](https://www.instagram.com/BergBEC) to get more information about the movie and snacks that will be at the event.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 17

11:00am-12:00pm | Yoga Class with the Center (Saurwein Multipurpose Room)

Take a breath, stretch it out, and reconnect with yourself. Join The Center for Survivor Empowerment and a local yoga instructor 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-5:30pm | 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](tel:419.448.2154).

7:30pm-8:30pm | Res Life Block Party

Join your residence halls 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. The RAs at Brown, France, and King will provide some activities, snacks, and information. This event will lead directly to the Bonfire with the Greeks just down at the football field scoreboard.

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

After the Hall Crawl, walk down 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 societies and learn more about what makes Heidelberg Greek Life unique. Giveaways and drinks provided.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

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
HEI 101	Aaron N. Sell	BAR 213
HEI 101	Lacie Reinhart	BAR 310
HEI 101	Kayela Tidrick	ADA 101
HEI 101	Arthur Frazier	ADA 201
HEI 101	Desirae Matherly	PFL 201
HEI 101	Erin Chapman-Hoskins	BEE 12
HEI 101	Douglas Woods	ADA 204
HEI 101	Michele Castleman	EDC 114
HEI 101	David Briggs	PFL 102
HEI 101	Alyssa Kontak	PFL 101
HEI 101	Jena Suffel	SAU 210
HEI 101	Lauren Kempfer	BAR 106
HEI 101	Morgan Harrigan	PFL 102
HEI 101	Bryan Smith	ADA 104
HEI 101	Amy Berger	BAR 125
HEI 101	Morgan Kocher	SAU 209
HEI 101	Matthew Kennedy	BRE 20
HEI 101	Stacey Pistorova	EDC 124
HEI 103	Elizabeth Koop	UNI 211

12:00pm-1:30pm | 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 resume if you have one.

1:00pm-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!

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 gramsdell@heidelsberg.edu or [419.448.2154](tel:419.448.2154).

7:30pm-9:00pm | Dean's Welcome and Student Org Fair (Seiberling Gymnasium) *

The 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 60 student organizations to choose from, offering something for everyone. This event is sponsored by Student Senate.

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9:00pm-11:00pm | 2nd Annual Orange Crush Time Trials with Cross Country (Hoernemann Stadium)

SAAC & Heidelberg Athletics presents the 2nd Annual Week of Welcome Orange Crush Trials 9:00-11:00pm Tuesday, August 18th. Join Berg Cross Country for their 3200 Meter Time Trial followed by the traditional student body Orange Crush (soda) 1600 Meter Race. There will be free shirts (first 100), pizza & games!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19: 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 families 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.

4:00pm-5:30pm | Ice Cream Social, hosted by the ACS Chem Club (Gillmor 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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

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 2030. 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 Ashlie Burkhart Gowitzka, class of 2006. Join other students and Heidelberg University faculty and staff for this inspiring tradition.

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5:00pm-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 21

11:00pm-1:30pm | Lemonade at the Library (Owen Center / Beeghly Library)

The Owen Center will be showing off their revamped space in Beeghly Library, as we've gone through some personnel and space changes over the last few months. They will have information about the resources available to students through the OCTL. While there, check out the lemonade bar to celebrate the end of the first week of classes!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

1:00pm-3:00pm | eSports: Mario Kart 8 Deluxe & World Tournament (GEM Center)

3:30pm-5:30pm | eSports: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament (GEM Center)

Heidelberg's eSports team is hosting TWO open tournaments! Everyone is welcome and it's free for current Heidelberg students! It's only \$5 to compete if you are from the community. Stop by the GEM Center to play or spectate. You can also watch on Twitch at [twitch.tv/heidelbergesports](https://www.twitch.tv/heidelbergesports).

7:00pm-10:00pm | eSports: Marvel Rivals, Overwatch, Rocket League & Valorant Open Play (GEM Center)

If you play any of these game titles and are looking for teammates to squad-up with, come join us for some competitive fun!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

5:30pm-7:30pm | 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.

Also, follow us on Instagram [@BergEngagement](https://www.instagram.com/BergEngagement).



SAVE THE DATE FOR LABOR STAY!

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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 free giveaways and check out our Chicken Chunk Fest eating competition and free samples provided by Parkhurst Dining!



Save the Date

FAMILIES **DAY 2026**

 **Celebrate Families Day on
Saturday, September 26!**



October 20 - 24

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY | CAMPUS MAP



● 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. Williard Hall
10. Krieg Hall
11. King Hall

■ VISITOR PARKING

Lots A, D, F & G



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

● ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATIVE

12. Aigler Alumni Building
13. Brenneman Music Hall
14. Fine Arts House
15. University Hall
16. Founders Hall
17. Gundlach Theatre
18. Bryenton Honors Center
19. Krammes Service Center
20. Lavelly-Shedenhelm Education Center
21. Beeghly Library
22. Pfeleiderer 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
37. The Pulse

● ATHLETICS

38. Tennis Courts
39. Seiberling Gymnasium
40. Hoernemann Stadium
41. Riesen Field
42. Frann's Fieldhouse
43. Peaceful Valley & Hidden Valley