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## Welcome to Penn State

We are so happy to welcome you to your new home for the next four years! The transition to Penn State may be a little overwhelming, but we're here to help you in that transition. Check out some of the dates below for events that you'll want to attend as your kick off your first few days on campus. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Dates to Remember

Questions? Click here to email us!

### Smeal Fall College Meeting

Sunday, August 21 - This day will be your first introduction to Penn State and the Smeal College of Business. You'll get a glance of what it's like to be a Penn State student, meet your Smeal Student Mentor and interact with your peers!

### First Day of Classes

Monday, August 22 - Start off your first semester of college on the right foot by attending class early and prepared! It's a good idea to map out where your classes are so you don't get lost!

### Student Involvement Fair

Monday, August 22 (11 AM - 4 PM, HUB Lawn) - The involvement

## Websites to Know

### Angel

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fair helps you learn more about the clubs that Penn State has to offer. There's plenty of ways to get involved!

### **Smeal First Year Student Fall Picnic**

Wednesday, August 31 (5:30 PM) - Do you love free food and games? Of course you do! Then come join us on the Business Building Lawn from 5:30 to 7:30pm for a fun event. Keep an eye out from your mentor for more details!



## **Advising Corner**

What happens in your first year at Penn State is crucial to your long-term success. Beyond any doubt, you are in the driver's seat of this journey or, as we like to say it at Smeal, "you are the CEO of your education."

Remember that your academic adviser can be a great resource! He or she is an expert on how to help you create an educational experience that is the best fit for you. Meet with your adviser at least once a semester (or more often if you need additional assistance). He or she can help you with selecting your coursework, planning a study abroad, adding a minor and understanding policies and procedures.

Here is how you can make the most out of the time with your adviser:

1. Communicate your goals early on, while more options and opportunities are still available.

### **LionPath**

View course schedules, drop/add courses, pay Bursar bills, view degree audits.

### **Penn State Webmail**

Penn State's email provider. It's important to check this daily so you don't miss important info. Be sure to connect it to an existing account and/or your phone!

### **Smeal Undergrad Advising**

Schedule an advising appointment, view entrance to major courses, get major information, apply for scholarships

### **Smeal Student Mentors**

Be sure to check out our websites and social media pages to stay up to date on things to help you tackle your first year!

## **Fresh START**

Fresh START is the largest Day of Service at Penn State, University Park campus. Over 1,000 Volunteers will take to the streets, parks, and shelters of Centre County on August 27th in an all-out effort to make our community a better place. Last year, over one year's worth of community service hours were completed in just one day by all the volunteers! To make it even better, you'll receive a free t-shirt and water bottle. Breakfast and lunch will be served as well.

This is a great opportunity to meet other first-year students and take part in the community. Visit [volunteer.psu.edu](http://volunteer.psu.edu) to sign up!

2. Arrive in 202 Business Building shortly before your scheduled time.
3. When meeting with your advisor, bring a list of questions that you'd like to discuss.
4. Please cancel your appointment ahead of time if you know you can't make it.
5. Take the responsibility to act early on your plans!

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*Academic Advisor*



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On behalf of the Smeal Student Mentors Board of Directors, we welcome you to Penn State! We wish you the best as you start this new and exciting journey of your college career. Your Smeal Student Mentors are here to help you with anything and everything that you need so please don't hesitate to reach out! We are!

If you would like to contact us, please email [SmealStudentMentors@gmail.com](mailto:SmealStudentMentors@gmail.com)

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