SOAR (Student Orientation Activities and Registration)
Fall 2015

FRIDAY, August 21st
OFFICES OPEN FOR BUSINESS: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Emendare Coffee Shop  
*Library Arts Building*  
Visit our coffee shop that proudly brews Starbucks Coffee. Choose from a variety of bottled beverages, pastries, snacks, or packaged meals (salads, sandwiches, wraps).

7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Information Booth  
*CU Center Patio*  
Need help finding where to go? Want information about resources on campus or in the surrounding community? Did you forget to buy your family meal tickets? Come to the info booth on the CU Center Patio for answers!

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Thirst Aid Station  
*Lawn between Upper Quads and Sigma*  
Enjoy complimentary water bottles and snacks to help you cool off and keep you energized throughout the day. Sponsored by Alumni and Family Relations.

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
ORIENTATION CHECK-IN (REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS)  
*CU Center Patio*  
Required for all new students. Receive your Orientation Packet which includes your student ID card (only applicable to CU Soon participants), wristband for SOAR meals, Orientation schedule, your pre-paid family meal tickets, and your Clearance Card. If you have not taken your student ID picture, visit the Administration Building, rooms 100 and 103.

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
CLEARANCE (REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS)  
*Bursar Office- Grimm Hall, 1st floor, north side*  
*Financial Aid- Grimm Hall 1st floor, north side*  
*Registrar- SOAR Check-in Tables*  
*Wellness Center- Grimm Student Union, lower level*  
All students are required to complete Clearance by visiting the Bursar, Registrar, Financial Aid, and Wellness Center. Your Clearance Card will indicate whether you have been approved by the required offices. Only students who have completed Clearance will be able to move into housing:

1. **STUDENT ID PICTURE & YEARBOOK PICTURE**  
   *Administration Building, Rooms 100 and 103*  
   Take your Student ID card picture and yearbook picture. Your ID card serves as your meal card, copy card, and library card

2. **HOUSING CHECK-IN (RESIDENT STUDENTS ONLY)**  
   *CU Center Patio*  
   Bring your completed Clearance Card to the housing table to receive your housing assignment. A Peer Advising Leader (PAL) will escort you to Rho Programming Center (RPC) where you will receive your room key. You will then
3. **RESIDENCE HALLS**

*Rho Programming Center (RPC)*

After completing Clearance and receiving your key, move into your new home and meet your roommates and Resident Assistant. When finished, please be sure to move your car to the Front Student Lot to alleviate traffic for those moving in after you.

**NOTE:** Students will have 30 minutes to unload their items before moving their car. Campus Safety will be monitoring cars parked in handicapped stalls that do not have the appropriate placards and cars parked in red zones.

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. **Mandatory Commuter Meeting and Campus Tour**

*Grimm Hall 3rd Floor Conference Center*

Required for all commuter students.

Come interact with other commuters, while enjoying fun games and prizes. You will also have the opportunity to learn more about Concordia, what to expect, and how to get involved in the various groups Concordia provides. The commuter workshop will conclude with a quick tour.

**NOTE:** Meal tickets for SOAR will be given at this time.

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. **Mandatory Transfer Student Workshop: The Ins and Outs as a Transfer Student**

*Grimm Hall 3rd Floor Conference Center*

Required for all transfer students.

Transfer students are invited to hear from past transfer students and learn about the ins and outs of succeeding academically and hear specific information regarding the CORE from Dr. Scott Ashmon. You will also learn about campus resources, how to get involved, and apply for campus jobs.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Optional Campus Tours**

*CU Center Patio*

Campus Tours leave from the CU Center Patio every 15 minutes. Look for the PALs by the planter near the amphitheater. Bring your class schedule so you know where your classes are located.

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. **SOAR Family Lunch**

*Commons*

Make sure to wear your student wristband and bring your family meal tickets. Family meal tickets are available for purchase at the Information Booth.

*Out of State Students* will meet Morgan Yachinich at designated tables at 11:00 a.m.

*International Students* will meet Dana Burkey at designated tables at 12:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Academic and Resource Fair**

*CU Arena Walkway*

Required for all new students. Come check out all that our school has to offer through its departments, majors and programs.

12:30 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. **Honors Welcome Social**

*DeNault Auditorium, Grimm Hall, 1st floor*

Honors Program students and their families are invited to meet with Honors Program faculty and current Honors students to learn more about the program, the courses, and the opportunities available. Refreshments will be provided.

1:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. **Presidential Welcome**

*CU Amphitheatre*

Required for all new students. New students will be addressed by Concordia University,
Subject to change. Final schedule will be given at SOAR Check-in.

Irvine President, Kurt Krueger, and ASCUI President, Emily Dailey

2:00 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.  
**Parent Sessions**
*CU Center*

2:00 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.  
**Parent Orientation session: Parent Partnership with Concordia**
*CU Center*
Dr. Gilbert Fugitt, Dean of Students, will introduce to you members of the Division of Student Affairs and other resources available to you and your student. Faculty members will also be present.

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
**Parent Orientation session: Preparing for Your Student’s Adjustment to College**
*CU Center*
We understand that sending your students off to college is an emotional experience. Come hear about transitional issues that your student may experience during their first year. You will hear from CU1 parents about how they transitioned to having children in college, their experiences of “letting go” and partnering with Concordia in supporting their student’s college career.

3:20 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.  
**Parent Orientation session: Parents of New Student Athletes**
*CU Center*
Dave Bireline, Athletic Director, will be addressing relevant topics regarding your student athlete and your role in their success.

3:20 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.  
**Parent Reception**
*CU Center Patio*

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
**SOAR Family Worship**
*CU Amphitheatre*
Please join us for a special abbey western led worship service in the CU Amphitheater and take this opportunity to gather with your family to sing and hear a message of blessing spoken upon you as you prepare to turn the page on this next chapter of your life.

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**Concordia Family Dinner**
*Commons*
As we welcome your student to the Concordia Family, we invite friends and family to join us for dinner. Tickets are $10, which will be sold online or at the Information booth. Students will eat free

5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.  
**CU Later! Send Off Social & Family Goodbyes**
*CSLD Patio*
Enjoy a Root Beer Float in your first Concordia cup from the Office of Alumni and Family Relations. Concordia greeting cards will be provided to write your student a special message before you depart. The cards will be delivered to your student’s mailbox (for resident students only).