



New Student Orientation 2025

Residential Transfer Schedule

Events highlighted in Yellow are Optional.

Thursday, August 28th

8am-12pm **Residential Check-In | *North Brock Parking Lot *J***

Welcome to RMC! Please plan on arriving during the time you selected. Additional information about selecting a move-in time and what to expect during your move-in experience can be found in the “YJ Countdown to Campus” emails!

11am-2pm **Lunch | *Estes Dining Hall *35***

Student meal plans will be active and Estes is open for lunch. Families wishing to dine on campus will be provided with two complementary passes at check-in!

4pm **Official RMC Welcome | *Fountain Plaza *34A***

Join us at the Official RMC Welcome on Fountain Plaza, where President Hill and members of our community will greet students and families. Kick off Welcome Weekend with energy, connection, and RMC spirit!

4:30pm-5:45pm **Crew Time | *Assigned Locations***

Students will be led from Fountain Plaza to their first in-person meeting and Crew Talk. Crew Talks are led by Captains and occur each day.

5:45pm-7pm **Dinner | *Estes Dining Hall *35***

7pm-8pm **Resident Assistant (RA) Meeting | *Residence Halls***

RAs are returning students who live in residence halls and are a source of support for residents. Hall meetings provide an opportunity for students to meet their neighbors and for RAs to distribute important information.

8pm-10pm **First Night and Transfer Connections | *Residence Halls***

Enjoy an evening in the new student residence halls meeting new people and engaging in games and activities.

Friday, August 29th

7am-8:30am **Breakfast | *Estes Dining Hall *35***

8:30am **Crew Time | *Assigned Locations***

9am-10:15am	President's Welcome and Matriculation <i>Blackwell Auditorium *16A</i> President Hill will welcome his first class of students to RMC and share his thoughts on the year ahead. Students will then take part in the Matriculation Ceremony. The Matriculation Ceremony is one of the long-standing traditions at RMC. Its purpose is to administer the Pledge of Academic Integrity to all entering students. Upon completion of the oaths, new students are officially members of the RMC Community.
10:15am-10:45am	Crew Talk <i>Assigned Locations</i>
11am-12pm	Leading the Yellow Jacket Way <i>Blackwell Auditorium *16A</i> This engaging session introduces new students to the Randolph-Macon College Student Mission Statement as the foundation for personal decision-making, community values, and leadership. Students will explore what it means to live with integrity, respect, and civility as members of the Yellow Jacket community. The program emphasizes building a culture of belonging and acceptance on campus and practicing positive citizenship in our community. Students will leave with practical steps to embody the mission statement in their academic, social, and civic lives as they begin their RMC journey.
12:15pm-1pm	Transfer Lunch <i>Birdsong Hall *62</i> Enjoy lunch as you are joined by community members who will be helpful to know during your RMC journey!
1pm-2:30pm	The Healthy Hive <i>Birdsong Hall *62</i> The Healthy Hive is an interactive session designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills to help build a safe, respectful, and inclusive campus community. Through engaging discussion, you'll explore topics such as alcohol and drug use, consent, healthy relationships, bystander intervention, community standards, and campus policies including the Student Conduct Code, Adam's Law, and Title IX. You'll learn how individual choices and group dynamics impact campus wellbeing and leave empowered to lead with integrity, support your peers, and contribute to a culture of care, accountability, and equity
2:30-3pm	Crew Time <i>Birdsong Hall *62</i>
3pm-4pm	Becoming Future Ready with the Edge Career Center <i>Birdsong Hall *62</i> Discover the Edge's support and resources that will help you take charge of your future.
4pm-5pm	RMC 101 and Where are My Classes <i>Birdsong Hall *62</i>

We know you have some college experience already, so in this session you will learn the inside knowledge to being a student at RMC. After which your Captain will be available to walk you around campus to find where your classes are located!

5-7pm Free Time and Dinner | *You Decide!*

We know today has been busy! Take some time for you or spend some time with new friends. Check-in with your Crew about Dinner in Estes Dining Hall.

7:30pm League Championship | *Day Field *63*

Come compete with your League for the League Cup and etch your name in history! Keep the connections growing after a League is crowned this year's Champion with field games on Day Field! Also, keep an eye out for a late-night pizza drop in the Village and at Mary Branch Circle!

Saturday, August 30th

The events for today are not mandatory but highly encouraged! Please let your Captains know where they can expect to see you.

8:30am-10am Breakfast | *Estes Dining Hall *35*

9:30am-10am Crew Talk | *Assigned Locations*

10am-11am What Does it Really Take to Become Successful? | *Blackwell Auditorium *16A*

Dr. Rishi Sriram, Associate Professor and student affairs administrator at Baylor University (Waco, Texas), regularly speaks at conferences and consults with colleges across the United States on issues related to talent and college student success. Join him for an engaging presentation focused on the secrets to success in college.

12:15pm-1:30pm Lunch | *Estes Dining Hall *35*

1:30pm-2:15pm The Power of Curiosity | *Blackwell Auditorium *16A*

In this session, students will explore the vital role curiosity plays in shaping a meaningful and successful college experience at RMC. Through interactive discussions and real-life examples, students will gain insight into how curiosity can enhance learning, foster personal growth, and open doors to new opportunities. The session will also address the challenges and rewards of taking thoughtful risks, encouraging students to step outside their comfort zones. By the end, students will be equipped with practical strategies to actively engage their curiosity during their first semester and beyond.

2:15pm-2:45pm Transfer Connections | *Birdsong Patio* *62

Join your transfer Captains to continue to make connections with other transfer students!

4:30pm-7pm Engaging RMC | *You Decide!*

Join the Captains for a variety of fun activities on campus and around Ashland. This is a great chance to meet new people, build connections, and start exploring your new home!

4:30pm-8pm Dinner | *Estes Dining Hall* *35

6pm-7pm Treats for Transfers | *McGraw-Page Library* *36

Stop by to grab a sweet treat and hang out with other transfer students and your transfer Captains!

[Welcome Week 2025: Magic in Motion Begins!](#)

Welcome Week starts as New Student Orientation winds down!

7pm-12am 2029: Live and Unexpected | *Brock Commons* *34

Get ready for the 19th annual Live and Unexpected, hosted by the Commons Activities Board! This Randolph-Macon tradition is one of your first big nights of fun, friendship, and unforgettable memories. Spend the evening connecting with your fellow Yellow Jackets while diving into an incredible lineup of entertainment. Tackle escape rooms, sing your heart out with karaoke, get a laugh from a custom caricature, dance the night away at the silent disco, or strike up some fun with blacklight bowling in Fountain Plaza. It's bold. It's exciting. It's the perfect Saturday night kickoff to your RMC experience!

Participation in New Student Orientation is an expectation of every new student.

Questions about your schedule? Ask your Captain. They are here to help!