



CANISIUS
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SPARK Program

August 21st, 2023 - August 23rd, 2023

At Canisius, we say “go forth and set the world on fire.” This program will be the first SPARK to ignite the flame for academic success and student engagement. New students will learn more about academic supports, discover the countless opportunities to engage in our community, and explore our neighborhood and Buffalo.

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DAY ONE: MOVE IN

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1:00pm-4:00pm: Move-In with Student Life

****Fall Residents Only**

Student Life, located in the lower level of Dugan Residence Hall, is the designated office responsible for facilitating housing assignments, distributing keys and swipe access to students.

Dr. Mark Harrington, AVP for Student Success

Katara Willis, SPARK Program Coordinator

5:00pm: Welcome Banquet

Students and their families are invited to have dinner in Grupp Fireside lounge, on the second floor of Student Center, and learn more about the program.

7:00pm: Icebreakers & Campus Tour

Introduce incoming freshmen to our campus community, help them connect with fellow students, and give you a comprehensive tour of our campus facilities.

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DAY TWO: COLLEGE DEMANDS

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8:00am-9:00am: Breakfast | Tim Hortons

Tim Horton vouchers are available.

9:00am-9:15am: Welcome to Canisius University | Introduction to SPARK Program

9:15 am-10:00am: College Level Expectations

Students will have the opportunity to develop an understanding of college-level demands, such as communicating with professors via email, scheduling office visits and understanding the role of professors in higher education.

10:00am-12:00pm: Hamlin Park Tour

Shana Richardson, Director of New Buffalo Institute, will be leading a guided tour of the neighborhood surrounding the campus.

12:00pm: Lunch

Lunch is available in the Dining Hall, on the first floor of the Student Center

1:00pm-1:45pm: Leveraging Technology

Students will learn to use campus-wide technology resources, including platforms like D2L (Desire2Learn), email systems, My.Canisius, and AppsAnywhere software.

2:00pm-3:00pm: Student Support Services Speed Dating

3:00pm-5:30pm: Break

Students can use this time to rest, set up their dorm and walk through their schedule.

5:30pm: Dinner

Dinner is available in the dining hall, on the first floor of the Student Center

7:00pm: Cake Pop Decorating

Grupp Fireside Lounge, on the second floor of the Student Center.

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DAY THREE: GET ACTIVE ON CAMPUS

August 23rd, 2023

8:00am-9:00am: Breakfast at Tim Hortons

Tim Horton vouchers are available.

9:00am: Balancing A Social Life

9:15am-9:45am: Clubs, E-boards & Student Leadership

Jason Francey, Director of Student Engagement and Leadership Development

10:00am: Introduction to ALANA Center

African American, Latinx American, Asian American and Native American Center

Bennie D. Williams, Assistant Dean of Students

11:00am-11:45am: Tour of Campus Resources

12:00pm-1:00pm: Lunch

Lunch is available in the Dining Hall, on the first floor of the Student Center

1:00pm-2:00pm: Student Panel Discussion

2:00pm-2:30pm: Program Reflections

3:00pm-3:30pm: Ice Cream Social

3:30pm-6:30pm: Break

Students can use this time to rest, set up their dorm and walk through their class schedule.

6:30pm: Bowling

Students will use NFTA transportation to Spare Lanes. Dinner will be provided.

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