EXPEDITION MSMU

MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

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August 23 – 25

Sunday, August 23	Event	Location	Notes:
8:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.	Move-in and Check-in	ARCC	Check-in will occur at Knott Arena/ARCC. Please use the GPS address below: 16251 Jim Phelan Way Emmitsburg, MD 21727
8:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.	Information Table	Knott Academic Center Patio	Have a question about where to go? Stop by our information table to get assistance.
9:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.	Get Your MountCard!	Bookstore Lobby	Didn't get your MountCard? No worries! The MountCard office is printing cards in the bookstore lobby!
10:00 a.m.	Confession and Mass	Immaculate Conception (IC) Chapel	Everyone is welcome! **Confession will be offered at 10 a.m.** **Mass will be offered at 11 a.m.**
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Kona Ice and Travelin' Toms Coffee Truck	Knott Academic Center Patio	Each new student will receive a voucher in their key pick-up envelope for either a 16 oz. coffee from Toms Travelin' Coffee Truck or a 12 oz. Kona Ice. Additional items are available for purchase.
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Patriot Hall	Patriot Hall Dining is open for breakfast and lunch. Lunch is on your own and cash and credit cards are accepted. **Student meal plans begin at dinner tonight.**
12:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Bookstore Hours	Bookstore (upper McGowan Center)	Come by to get your Mount gear and textbooks for your first day of classes!
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Residence Hall Meetings	**Residence Hall** (freshmen) **Mount Café** (transfers and freshmen that live in Powell, Keelty, Rooney, Horning, or the cottages)	**This session is required for all residential (freshmen and transfer) students.** All residential students will have a floor meeting to be introduced to your Resident Assistant (RA). These are trained and experienced students that will guide you through important residence hall information and get everyone on your floor acquainted with one another.
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Parent/Support Person Social	ARCC, Upper Concourse	Parents/support persons, join us for a chance to connect with other Mount families and rest before you travel home. Refreshments will be provided. Stay to welcome your student to the ARCC and

			share in the opening ceremony of Expedition MSMU. Don't forget to write a *Note from the Nest* that will be given to your student by their Mount Guide at the end of the first week of classes!
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Commuter Check-in	ARCC, Upper Concourse, **Waitzman Track & Field Room**	Commuters, we are so excited for you to join in today's festivities! Check-in at the Orientation desk in the ARCC Waitzman Track & Field Room, gather with your fellow classmates for the parade and enjoy the rest of the evening together as a whole class and with your Mount Guide groups.
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	New Student Parade to the ARCC	Parade forms in front of Bradley Hall for students with their RAs. Parade continues down University Way over to meet your families at the ARCC.	**This is a required event for all freshmen and transfer students**. Mountaineers will parade down University Way and be cheered on by faculty and staff as you head to meet your families at the ARCC.
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	New Beginnings and Family Farewell	ARCC, Arena	**This is a required event for all freshmen and new transfer students**. Let the festivities begin! Expedition MSMU officially begins with a warm welcome, a drone photo in a giant M, and concludes with farewells to our families.
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Patriot Hall	Bring your Mount ID! Commuters, you will receive meal vouchers for the meals offered from August 23-24 at the Commuter Check-in. If you missed the Commuter Check-in, please connect with your Mount Guide for your vouchers. Come hang out with your Mount Guide and new friends! Mount Guides will send a GroupMe text about where to meet. Missing your MountCard? No worries! Stop by the bookstore lobby to meet the MountCard staff to help you.
6:45 p.m.	Gather for Candle Lighting Ceremony	White Gazebo outside of Immaculate Conception (IC) Chapel	After dinner, please meet all new students at the white gazebo outside of IC Chapel. Wear comfy shoes!
7:00 p.m.	Created: First-year Candle Lighting Ceremony	The National Shrine Grotto Amphitheater	**This is a required event for all freshmen and new transfer students**. Travel in the footsteps of history as you walk with your fellow classmates to the Grotto and

			experience our First-year Candle Lighting Ceremony. You will also receive a special themed T-shirt to wear Monday! Sponsored by Mission & Ministry.
8:30 p.m.	Challenge Accepted: Trivia Game Show!	Knott Auditorium	CHALLENGE ACCEPTED! The game show where you don't just watch the action… you're a part of it! Every round delivers a fresh surprise, with challenges that test your wits, memory, rhythm, and maybe even a little courage. And with prizes on the line, the stakes are as high as the energy in the room!
Monday, August 24	**Event**	**Location**	**Notes:**
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Patriot Hall	Don't forget your Mount ID and **wear your new *Created* T-shirt**!
8:15 – 9:00 a.m.	Mount Guide Group Meeting	See the attached list for your assigned classroom in Knott Academic Center.	**This is a required meeting for all freshmen and transfer students**. The Mount Guides will provide you with an overview of important information and required events to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet your whole group!
9:15 – 10:00 a.m.	The Mountie Way: A Welcome from Your Campus Community	Knott Auditorium	**All freshmen and transfer students are required to attend this session.** Meet important members of the Mount community and learn the expectations that are designed to keep you safe and engaged on campus.
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Don't Stall Just Call	Knott Auditorium	**All freshmen and transfer students are required to attend this session.** Mary Ciammetti, alumna of the Mount and founder of *Don't Stall Just Call* will share with us a deeply personal story and the importance of this organization. She founded *Don't Stall Just Call* to educate university students about alcohol poisoning because education is the best way to prevent senseless alcohol related deaths.
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch or Symposium Class Meeting Please meet your instructor in your assigned Knott Academic Center classroom. (See classrooms listed on last page.)	**Group A** *Symposium Class Lunch* Please meet your instructor in your assigned classroom to then walk over to lunch together. ---------- **Group B** *Symposium Class Meeting* (See classrooms listed on last page.	**All freshmen that have Symposium 101 on their schedule are required to attend this first class with their Symposium instructor.** You will also have lunch with your Symposium class. *See classrooms listed on last page. See your class schedule in your MyMount app for your instructor's name.*

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch or Symposium Class Meeting	**Group A** *Symposium Class Meeting* You will walk back to your classroom with your instructor. --- **Group B** *Symposium Class Lunch* You will walk over to Patriot Hall and eat lunch together. Look for your instructor's name on the table cards for seating.	**All freshmen that have Symposium 101 on their schedule are required to attend this first class with their Symposium instructor.** You will also have lunch with your Symposium class. *See classrooms listed on last page. See your class schedule in your MyMount app for your instructor's name.*
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Title IX Presentation	Knott Auditorium	**All freshmen and transfer students are required to attend this session.** Consent is foundational for healthy relationships involving any intimacy. In this interactive session, students explore the spectrum that runs from heathy partnerships through relationships involving pressure, coercion, and force, and learn what clear, ongoing, mutual consent actually sounds like in practice. Through real-world scenarios and audience polling, participants practice recognizing pressuring language, navigating situations involving alcohol, and starting respectful dialogue when a partner is uncertain. Attendees leave with concrete language and decision-making tools for their own relationships at the Mount.
3:15 – 5:00 p.m.	Summit Social	The PAC --- Knott Academic Center	Students who have completed their required checklist modules are invited to the PAC for ice cream, games, s'mores, and a chance to connect with classmates. **If you have not completed your checklist modules, bring your laptop to the Mount Guide classroom listed in this schedule to meet your Mount Guide and finish them by 5:00 p.m. This is required for students with missing modules. Once complete, you may join the Summit Social. Your Mount Guide will notify you in the morning if you have missing modules.**
3:15 – 5:00 p.m.	Registrar Open (pro-advisors available)	Bradley Hall, Room 136	Need to chat about your schedule or make a change? Stop up at the Registrar today!

4:00 p.m.	Mass	Immaculate Conception (IC) Chapel	Everyone is welcome!
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Dinner	Patriot Hall	Bring your Mount ID! Commuters will have vouchers for meals. Come hang out with your Mount Guide and new friends!
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Campus Map: 	Explore 'n More	**Makers House** --- **Esports and Gaming** Purcell Hall --- **The Frassati Room with Campus Ministry** The Terrace --- **Caffeine, Canines and Careers** Knott Academic Center --- **Beach Volleyball with Recreation & Wellness** (Meet at Echo Field behind Delaplaine Fine Arts Center)	**Get to Know the Mount — And Win Big!** Looking for something fun to do tonight? From 6–8 p.m., explore some of the Mount's coolest spots and get in on the action. Each space has something fun going on—games, music, snacks, good vibes, dogs, crafts, beach volleyball, and raffles to win fun prizes. Each location offers a unique raffle prize. Prizes will be drawn at 8:30 p.m. at the PAC, before the outdoor movie. You must be present to win.
8:30 p.m.	Outdoor Movie: *Michael*	Palmieri Activities Center (The PAC)	Stop by for some free popcorn and time with friends to watch the highly loved movie, *Michael* (2026).
Tuesday, August 25	**Event**	**Location**	**Notes:**
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Patriot Hall	Don't forget your Mount ID!
8:00 a.m.	Mass	Immaculate Conception (IC) Chapel	Everyone is welcome!
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	First Day Ready	Ask Desk, Lower McGowan (below the bookstore)	Start the semester with confidence! Orientation Leaders and Mount Guides will help you navigate campus, find your classes, pick up books, connect with IT, and ensure you're ready for your first day. Bring the questions! We're here to help!
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registrar Open (pro-advisors available)	Bradley Hall, Room 136	Need to chat about your schedule or make a change? Stop up at the Registrar today!
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Textbook pickup	Bookstore	Make sure to stop by the bookstore to get all your textbooks for your first day of classes!
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Patriot Hall	Enjoy lunch with your new friends!

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Van trips to Walmart and Giant	Pick-up at McGowan Center, John Paul Plaza (Lower McGowan Center)	Hop on a quick shuttle to Walmart and Giant in Gettysburg to stock your fridge or get those residence hall essentials. **Shuttles are first-come, first-served. Please sign up at the registration table at John Paul Plaza.**
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Athletic Meeting	Knott Auditorium	**All student athletes are required to attend this informational and check-in meeting.**
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	International Student Meeting	Knott Auditorium	**All international students are required to attend this informational and check-in meeting.**
4:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Residential Students: Building Wide Meeting	Knott Auditorium	**If you are a residential student, this is a required meeting. Please make sure to check-in.**
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Patriot Hall	Remember your Mount ID!
8:00 p.m.	Bingo: Back to School Edition	Knott Auditorium	Get ready to partake in one of our most popular school events and have a chance to win some awesome prizes! This event is for all new and returning students.

The activities below will occur on MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

Time	First meeting with your Mount Guide group in the classrooms listed in chart below
8:15 – 9:00 a.m.	ALL freshmen and transfer students

Mount Guide Name	Knott Academic Center (AC) Room Number
Arieon Stokes (Ace)	**220**
Arianna Sayari (Ari)	**224**
Braeden Mullen	**108**
Doriana Damo (Dori)	**109**
Gabriella Herrera Perez (Gabby)	**208**
Jenia Engwari	**204**
Kamau Wise	**111**
Kaylee Putnam (Fel)	**206**
Keysi Moreno-Vigil	**210**
Khalil Baumgardner (Lil)	**310**
Kimberely Hernandez	**207**
Larissa Laws	**211**
Marion Foday	**203**
Matthew Jule	**227**
Moesha Facey	**106**
Nahomy Montoya Morataya	**222**
Nalani Linder (Lani)	**209**
Nyema Gillespie	**104**
Za'yonna Martin	**107**

SYMPOSIUM CLASS MEETINGS

Time	Symposium Class Lunch	Symposium Class Meeting
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Group A	Group B
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Group B	Group A

Group A

FSYM 101 Symposium Section	Professor Name	Meeting Location
FYSM-101-Sections Q and T	Andrew Vink	AC 222
FYSM-101-AH	Benjamin Firgens	AC 211
FYSM-101-P	Boyd Creasman	AC 106
FYSM-101-ZA	Brenden Dooley	AC 203
FYSM-101-CH	John Trammel	AC 208
FYSM-101-V	Jordan Loveridge	AC 107
FYSM-101-Y	Joshua Brown	AC 109
FYSM-101-Sections K and L	Michael Guy	AC 210
FYSM-101-Sections J and M	Taylor Nutter	AC 310
FYSM-101-Sections Z and U	Anna Katz	Laughlin Auditorium

Group B

FSYM 101 Symposium Section	Professor Name	Meeting Location
FYSM-101-RR	Alejandro Canadas	AC 227
FYSM-101-W	Francesca Benner	AC 224
FYSM-101-X	Jamie Gianoutsos	AC 207
FYSM-101-O	Mark Carlson	AC 206
FYSM-101-ZC	Sarah Scott	AC 204
FYSM-101-BH	Sean Lewis	AC 209
FYSM-101- Sections N, R, S	Stephen McGinley	Knott Auditorium
FYSM-101-EH	Timothy Fritz	AC 104
FYSM-101-I	William Christiansen	AC 108