Spring ’Cane Kickoff 2021
Family Schedule

For families, all sessions on Wednesday evening and Thursday will be conducted virtually over Zoom. These sessions will be live, and will be archived for later viewing. Please note a maximum of two family members will be able to assist with move-in. Adherence to campus policies of face coverings in all indoor and outdoor campus space, and physical distancing is required by all family members during their time on campus.

**Tuesday, January 19**

All Day  
International Student & Domestic Student Move-In – (Watsco Center Fieldhouse)  
Students will be assigned a day and a time to move in at the start of the Spring semester. All residential students must take their photo and receive ‘Cane card.

**Wednesday, January 20**

All Day  
Domestic Student Move-In – (Watsco Center Fieldhouse)  
Students will be assigned a day and a time to move in at the start of the Spring semester. All residential students must take their photo and receive ‘Cane card.

10:00am-4:00pm  
‘Cane Kickoff Check-In – (Shalala Student Center)  
All new students must check in for ‘Cane Kickoff. Students will receive their Orientation materials and group assignment. All commuter and off-campus transfer students must take their photo and receive their ‘Cane card.

10:00am-4:30pm  
Vendor Fair – (Student Center Complex - Lakeside Patio)  
The Department of Orientation & Commuter Student Involvement has partnered with various vendors to provide easy access to meet a variety of student needs such as banking, shopping complexes, large department stores, restaurants, off-campus living, and more.

4:00pm-7:00pm  
Dinner on Your Own

7:30pm-8:30pm  
‘Canes Take Flight Livestream – (Livestream)  
Families are invited to join us virtually and learn what it means to be a part of the ‘Cane family. Experience our lively spirit and traditions, meet ‘Cane Kickoff staff, and learn why it is so great to be a Miami Hurricane. This high-energy event will feature the Frost Band of the Hour, Sunsations, UCheer, Sebastian the Ibis, and more!

**Thursday, January 21**

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8:30am-12:00pm Self-Guided Tours
This tour of the University of Miami will provide you with an inside look at our beautiful campus. As you explore, take the time to picture yourself here as a ‘Cane. To get the most out of the experience, we recommend a leisurely pace. Please allow yourself at least 90 minutes to complete the full tour.

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12:15pm-1:00pm Family Information Session – Thriving at UM – (Zoom / Archive Recorded)
Led by Dr. Patricia A. Whitely, Vice President for Student Affairs, and a panel of distinguished colleagues, this session will provide insight on what to expect for your student’s life both inside and outside the classroom.

Topics will include COVID-19 information, remote learning services, student support/engagement, and resources to troubleshooting student issues/concerns. Panelists will provide helpful tips on supporting your student during their transition to the U and answer any questions.

1:15pm-2:00pm Residential College Family Information Session – (Zoom / Archive Recorded)
This session is for Family Members of students that live in a Residential College, Lakeside Village, or University Village. Within this session, family members will be able to hear from Housing & Residential Life staff such as the Area Directors and Assistant Directors, and the Residential Faculty (live-in faculty families).

1:15pm-2:00pm Resources for Families of Commuter and Transfer Students – (Zoom / Archive Recorded)
The staff of the Department of Orientation & Commuter Student Involvement will discuss resources and involvement opportunities for transfer and commuter students, as well as discuss common concerns for families of these students.
2:15pm-3:00pm  Family Information Session – Academic Resources – *(Zoom / Archive Recorded)*  
Representatives from the Toppel Career Center, Study Abroad, Camner Center for Academic Resources, Office of Academic Enhancement, and the Office of Civic and Community Engagement will discuss student learning and academic support.

3:15pm-4:00pm  Family Information Session – Family Tips for Success – *(Zoom / Archive Recorded)*  
Don’t miss this session on important aspects of helping your student transition to life at UM. Learn about resources for staying on track academically and financially, understand the ins and outs of financial aid and student accounts. You will walk away with key skills needed to support your student as they navigate their new environment, helping them to avoid pitfalls and staying on track. This session will end with a Q&A segment including representatives from ‘Canes Central, Student Accounts, Financial Assistance and Student Employment, and the ‘Cane Success Center.

4:15pm-5:00pm  Family Information Session – Emergency Preparedness & Campus Safety – *(Zoom / Archive Recorded)*  
Administrators from the Office of Emergency Management and the University of Miami Police Department will provide information about campus safety, hurricane preparation, and response to on-campus emergencies.