



**Spring Cane Kickoff 2026  
Family Schedule**

**Tuesday, January 6**

All Day                      Move-In for International Students & Exchange Students  
Beginning at 8:30am      *International and exchange students may park in a valid parking space and then check in at their building's front desk. Students must bring photo identification for verification purposes. If the photo was submitted and approved in advance, the student will receive their Cane Card. If not approved in advance, the student will receive a temporary access card. Once checked into their room, students can check out a cart in the lobby area to assist with moving in.*

**Wednesday, January 7**

8:00am-4:00pm              Centralized Check-In and Move-In  
*Residential, commuter, and off-campus students will report to this centralized location to receive their Cane Card and check in for their housing assignment. Family members participating in Orientation may also check in at this time.*

*From there, they will drive to their residential area and park in a valid parking space. Students can check out a cart in the lobby area to assist with moving in.*

10:00am-3:00pm              Vendor Fair  
*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.*

12:00pm-2:00pm              Hurricane Productions – Hurricane Hangout

**Thursday, January 8**

8:30am-9:30am              Parent Welcome Breakfast featuring University Leadership  
*We invite parents to join us for breakfast to meet University Leadership and learn more about the opportunities that lie ahead for your student.*

*This breakfast is for parents/guardians to attend, and not for new students. New students will have sessions specific to them on Thursday/Friday.*

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- 8:30am Cane Kickoff Late Check-In  
*For students and family members who did not check in on Wednesday must do so at this time. Students will receive their Cane Card, Orientation materials, and group assignment. Family members participating in Orientation may also check in at this time.*
- 9:45am-11:00am Orange Group - Canes Take Flight - Welcome Session for Students and Families – (Miami Herbert Business School, School of Communications, School of Education & Human Development, Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science)  
  
*Join us for a spirited welcome to the University of Miami. You will be welcomed by the Division of Student Affairs and Alumni Engagement and the Division of Academic Affairs, as you experience what it means to be a Miami Hurricane.*
- 9:45am-10:45am Green Group - Residential College Family Information Session (School of Architecture, College of Arts & Sciences, College of Engineering, School of Nursing & Health Studies)  
  
*This session is for Family Members of students who live in a Residential College. Within this session, family members will be able to hear from Housing & Residential Life staff and the Residential Faculty (live-in faculty families).*
- 9:45am-10:45am Green Group - Resources for Families of Commuter and Transfer Students - (School of Architecture, College of Arts & Sciences, College of Engineering, School of Nursing & Health Studies)  
  
*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 the families of these students.*
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12:15pm-1:10pm      Family Campus Resource and Vendor Fair and Lunch

*Departments throughout campus will be available to engage with family members, showcase involvement opportunities, answer questions, and provide information about campus resources. Additionally, 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.*

1:15pm-2:00pm      Family Information Session – Navigating Finances: Empowering Your Student's Financial Success at UM

*Set your student up for financial success from day one. In this informative session, we'll explore essential financial topics including financial aid, billing and payment processes, and smart money management strategies. Learn how to support your student in understanding their financial responsibilities, staying ahead of important deadlines, and making informed decisions. We'll also highlight key campus resources and tools designed to help students thrive financially. You'll leave with practical insights to guide your student confidently through the financial aspects of their UM journey.*

*Session includes staff from Canes Central, Financial Aid & Student Employment, and Money Management Program.*

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- 2:15pm-3:00pm      Family Information Session – Academic Support: Resources Outside the Classroom
- Join staff from Undergraduate Affairs, including the Toppel Career Center, Office of Civic and Community Engagement, Office of Academic Enhancement, Study Abroad, Camner Center for Academic Resources, UM Libraries and Learning Commons, Undergraduate Research, and Pre-Health, and the Center for Academic Navigation and Success to discuss student learning and academic support.*
- 3:00pm              Family Coffee and Dessert Break
- 3:15pm-4:00pm      Family Information Session – Thriving at UM
- A panel of campus experts will provide insight on what to expect for your student's life outside the classroom at the University of Miami, ranging from student involvement to troubleshooting student issues and concerns. Panelists will provide helpful tips on supporting your student during their transition to the U and answer any questions. This session will include the staff from the Dean of Students Office, Student Life, Student Health Service, Counseling Center, and the Ombudsperson.*
- 4:15pm-5:00pm      Family Information Session – Emergency Preparedness & Campus Safety
- 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.*
- 5:00pm-6:30pm      Dinner for New Students and Families
- Experience the culture, cuisine, and excitement of our great city of Miami right here on campus! Taste our Latin and Cuban-inspired menu, be entertained with music and performances, and meet fellow Cane families, all while watching a Miami sunset over Lake Osceola.*
- 7:00pm              UM Women's Basketball vs. Louisville

**Friday, January 9**

- 11:00am              Campus Tour
- Explore the Coral Gables campus during this 45-minute tour. Led by a student leader, learn about the campus' rich history as well as common areas for studying and community building.*

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1:00pm

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