

# 2011 New Student Orientation



**Thursday, Sept. 1 - Monday, Sept. 5, 2011**



## NSO 2011 — At a Glance

### Thursday 9/1

10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Resident move-in	Various residence halls
2-3 p.m.	Commuter check-in	Gallagher Center
3 p.m.	New student group photo	O'Shea Hall quad
3:30 p.m.	Assemble for new student convocation	Castellani porch, Alumni Chapel, Dunleavy Hall, Bisgrove Hall and St. Vincent's Hall
4 p.m.	New student convocation	Gallagher Center, upper level
5:15-6:45 p.m.	Student dinners by college	Clet Hall, front lawn St. Vincent's Hall, 4th floor, Bisgrove Hall, Rooms 350/351
7-8 p.m.	Resident floor meetings Commuter social	Residence halls Gallagher Center
8:15-9:15 p.m.	Spirit welcome	Gallagher Center, upper level
9:15 p.m.-Midnight	Late Nite Niagara Gameshow and social	Gallagher Center

### Friday 9/2

7:30-8:45 a.m.	Breakfast with orientation assistants	Clet Dining Hall
9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	First NU Beginnings class	St. Vincent's Hall and Dunleavy Hall classrooms
	<i>NU Alcohol Use and Abuse: A Reality Check</i>	Same classrooms as NUB classes
9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Gallup StrengthsFinder Workshop – Transfer students only –	Gallagher Center, Multipurpose Room
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	St. Vincent's Hall, front lawn
1:30-2:45 p.m.	<i>Ultimate Money</i> by Monster.com	Gallagher Center, upper level
3 p.m.	Class walk to Whirlpool State Park and picnic	St. Vincent's Hall, front lawn tent
7:30 p.m.	Adam Ace — 3D College Experience	Gallagher Center, upper level



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9-11 p.m.	Late Nite Niagara Open skate @ Dwyer Open gym and Niagara Karaoke	Dwyer Arena Kiernan Recreation Center
11:30 p.m.	Eclectic Improv Company	Dunleavy Hall, Room 127
<b>Sat. 9/3</b>		
10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Brunch	Clet Dining Hall
12:30-4 p.m.	NU Sports Day — Team meetings and games	Niagara Field, behind the Kiernan Center
4:30-8 p.m.	NSO carnival and picnic	O'Shea Hall quad
8:30-11 p.m.	Outdoor movie and bonfire	O'Shea Hall quad
<b>Sun. 9/4</b>		
9-11:30 a.m.	Various community service projects	Gallagher Center
10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Brunch	Clet Dining Hall
12:30-5 p.m.	<i>Explore Lewiston!</i> and <i>Project Angel Shoes</i>	Meet at Gallagher Center Shuttle bus to Lewiston
12:45-4:30 p.m.	Historic Underground Railroad bus tour	Gallagher Center
4:30-6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Clet Dining Hall
6:30-7:30 p.m.	NU 101	Dunleavy Hall, Room 127
8-9:30 p.m.	<i>Hypnotic Intoxication</i>	Gallagher Center, upper level
10 p.m.	Mass	Alumni Chapel
11 p.m.-12:30 a.m.	Late Nite Niagara Moonlight bingo	Clet Dining Hall
<b>Mon. 9/5</b>		
10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Brunch	Clet Dining Hall
Noon-4 p.m.	NU Express — shopping and community shuttle	Meet in front of the Gallagher Center
12:30-6 p.m.	International student New Student Orientation	Gallagher Center, lower level
3-5:30 p.m.	Involvement Fair	St. Vincent's Hall, front lawn
9:30 p.m.	2011-2012 Opening Fireworks Celebration	Niagara Field, behind the Kiernan Center



## President's Message

Dear Students,

Welcome to Niagara University.

Welcome to a place that we describe with words like “community” and “family.” These words suggest a caring environment, a place where people respect and encourage one another as members of a mutually-supportive campus community. This is the type of environment that we strive to maintain for you and for our entire community.

This time of year is an exciting and challenging one for all of us. For you, the newest members of our university community, there is the thrill of meeting new people, making new friends and learning where your gifts and talents lie as you chart a direction for your life. For us, there is the charge that comes from welcoming a new class of first-time and transfer students from other institutions.

It also brings me great pleasure to say that you are entering Niagara at a momentous period in the university's storied history. We have seen a number of changes to our campus in recent years, upgrades that I hope you will take full advantage of during your time on Monteagle Ridge. Substantial renovations have been made to Bisgrove Hall, home to our College of Business Administration; the Academic Complex, which houses the College of Education; the William P. and Marie Leary Theatre and adjoining Elizabeth Ann Clune Center for Theatre, where numerous theatrical performances are held; Dwyer Arena, the site of all men's and women's home ice hockey games; and even Clet Dining Hall. This past spring, construction began on the B. Thomas Golisano Center for Integrated Sciences, a \$33 million facility furnished with teaching laboratories and instructional space to support cutting-edge integrated research.

I am very happy that you have chosen to join our university, and I hope that you will come to consider Niagara your home away from home. Get to know the people here. Make use of the tremendous educational resources available to you. Take advantage of our many service-learning opportunities so that you may experience the joy that comes from helping others.

The faculty, staff and student body are here to assist you in your personal and professional growth and development. They are all part of the Niagara family you have chosen to join.

Again, welcome! We're delighted that you are here.

*Joseph L. Levesque, c.m.*

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President



## NSO Event Descriptions

**Thursday 9/1**

**10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Resident student move-in**

All new resident students should go directly to their residence hall room assignment to meet their community assistant, pick up their keys, and move into their rooms. Upperclassmen orientation assistants will be present to help with student's belongings. Be sure to clearly label all belongings with resident student name and room number, follow all parking regulations and bring a hand truck and bottled water as it may be a warm day!

**On-campus residence halls**

**2-3 p.m.**

**Commuter check-in**

Commuter students should check-in and then tend to any needs they may still have on campus (Financial Services, Health Services, Student Records, textbooks, etc).

**Gallagher Center**

**3 p.m.**

**New Student Group Photo**

Get your FREE purple Niagara t-shirt and join in this new Niagara tradition! A large group picture will be taken of all new students. It will truly be a "Sea of Purple"! The picture will then be available electronically for all to see. You will need this shirt for the New Student Convocation so don't miss out.

**O'Shea Hall quad**

**3:30 p.m.**

**Assemble for new student convocation**

Following the group photo, report to the following locations depending on your major to begin to line up for the New Student Convocation.

Academic Exploration Program

St. Vincent's Hall – front entrance

College of Arts and Sciences

Dunleavy Hall

College of Business

Castellani Art Museum

College of Education

Academic Complex — Glynn Atrium

College of Hospitality and  
Tourism Management

Circle between Alumni Chapel and  
St. Vincent's Hall

All family members are encouraged to begin to be seated in the Gallagher Center at this time.

**4 p.m.**

**9th Annual New Student Convocation Gallagher Center, upper level**

The New Student Convocation is the official welcome for all new first-year and transfer students to the Niagara University community. The program features remarks by the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., president; a notable

faculty member, an NU alumnus and the reciting of the NU Creed by the student body president.

\*The New Student Convocation concludes the family portion of New Student Orientation.

**5:15-6:45 p.m.**

**Dinner**

Dinner locations are determined by the college you are in and will be at the following locations:

AEP and College of Arts and Sciences	Clet Dining Hall
College of Business	Bisgrove Hall, 3rd floor/Room 350
College of Education	Front lawn tent — St. Vincent's Hall
College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	St. Vincent's Hall, 4th floor

**7-8 p.m.**

**Resident Floor Meetings  
Commuter Social**

**Residence halls  
Gallagher Center**

All resident students are required to attend floor meetings on their respective floors. Commuter students are required to attend a social in the Gallagher Center.

**8:15-9:15 p.m.**

**Niagara Spirit Welcome**

**Gallagher Center, upper level**

You are Niagara! Get a true sense of what it means to be a Purple Eagle with your first "Purple Pride" rally. Learn more about the Niagara spirit and about the rest of New Student Orientation.

**9:15 p.m.-midnight**

**Late Nite Niagara  
Niagara Family Game Show and  
Community Service Sign-Up**

**Gallagher Center, lower level**

Kick back and meet other new students! Win prizes and enjoy our DJ, food and fun! Remember to sign up at this time to participate in various community service projects on Sunday.



**Friday 9/2**

**7:30-8:45 a.m.**

**Breakfast with orientation assistants** Clet Dining Hall

**9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**First NU Beginnings class** St. Vincent's Hall and  
*– Required for first-year students –* Dunleavy Hall classrooms

**What NU Students Need to Know About Alcohol Use and Abuse: A Reality Check** Same classrooms as  
*– Required for first-year students –* NUB classes

Niagara University Beginnings is a seminar course required of all first-year students. In this class, students learn about how their academic course of study is integrated with Niagara's mission, the general education curriculum and student life. Refer to your class schedule to ensure you know your NUB section name. A list of classroom locations for this class will be posted.

**9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Gallup StrengthsFinder Workshop** Gallagher Center,  
*– Transfer students only –* Multipurpose Room

Participate in the Gallup StrengthsFinder Assessment Workshop, a development program that gives you the opportunity to develop strengths by building on your greatest talents — the way in which you most naturally think, feel and behave as a unique individual.

**12:30-1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch** St. Vincent's Hall, front lawn  
 or rain location —  
 Clet Dining Hall

1:30-2:45 p.m.

**Ultimate Money Skills — College  
Presented by Monster.com and  
Bank of America**

**Gallagher Center,  
upper level**

A dynamic and energetic presentation showing how the choices you make about money while in college can have a direct impact on your future financial success and help you make better decisions during AND AFTER your time at Niagara University.



3 p.m.

**Class walk to Whirlpool State Park  
and picnic**

**St. Vincent's Hall,  
front lawn tent**

Strap on some sneakers and join hundreds of your new classmates with NU faculty and staff for a casual guided walk to Whirlpool State Park. A Niagara tradition, you will be welcomed along the way by numerous NU staff. At the park, enjoy a Western New York favorite, Chiavetta's barbecue picnic, lawn games, music and awesome views of the Niagara Gorge! Walk back on your leisure. \*Accommodations can be made for those that desire it by calling 716.286.8510.

7:30-9 p.m.

**Adam Ace — 3D College Experience  
Dumb, Drunk, and in Debt**

**Gallagher Center, upper level**

Adam Ace has been a comedic entertainer and toured nationally for over 10 years. His *3D College Experience* is a hilarious and entertaining look at how to avoid ending up dumb, drunk and in debt.



His comedic spin on these serious topics will make you think it's never been so fun to make the right decisions!

9-11 p.m.

**Late Nite Niagara  
Open skate @ Dwyer  
Open gym and Niagara Karaoke**

**Dwyer Arena  
Kiernan Recreation Center**

Great late nite options! Check out the Dwyer Arena, NU's ice arena located right on campus and take part in a FREE open skate! Bring your own skates or rent a pair! Or get a workout in at the Kiernan Center and learn more about the KC's club sports, intramurals, wellness programs and more! Show off your vocal talents with karaoke sponsored by NU's MISA Office! Sing, skate or workout to your heart's content!



11:30 p.m.

**Eclectic Improv Company**

**Dunleavy Hall, Room 127**

The Eclectic Improv Company is Buffalo's best comedy show. Every show is new, every show is different! End your day with this interactive and hilarious comedy show!

**Sat. 9/3**

10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

**Brunch**

**Clet Dining Hall**

12:30-1 p.m.

**NU Sports Day — Team meetings**

**Various campus locations**

Get ready to show your NU spirit against other new students! Meet with your OAs to prepare for NU Sports Day. Wear your team color! You will learn your color during earlier NSO programs.

**1-4 p.m.** **NU Sports Day — Competition** **Niagara Field, Kiernan Center**  
Game on! Whether you play or just come to watch, Sports Day is a fun team event and a great chance to meet new students. All students are automatically assigned to a team to compete in a series of friendly and fun events against other new students. Win NU Bucks for yourself and your team! Winning team will receive champion t-shirts. Please be aware that you can get messy and are advised to dress casually.

**4:30-8 p.m.** **NSO carnival and picnic** **O'Shea Hall quad**  
Have fun with a variety of inflatable games and other novelties. Dinner will be served until 6:15 p.m. (Rain location — Kiernan Center)

**8:30-11 p.m.** **Outdoor movie and bonfire** **O'Shea Hall quad**  
**Featuring *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides***  
See it before you can own it! Bring out your blanket and snack. Come early for a good spot for this NU favorite event — an outdoor movie on a 25-foot big screen!  
(Rain location — Kiernan Center)



**Sun. 9/4**

**9-11:30 a.m.** **Various community service projects** **Gallagher Center**  
A large part of being a Niagaran is being in touch with our Vincentian values. Giving back to the local community and beyond is a constant for Niagara students. Learn more about NU's Community Action Program. Sign up for one of the community service options during Thursday night's social!

**10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.** **Brunch** **Clet Dining Hall**

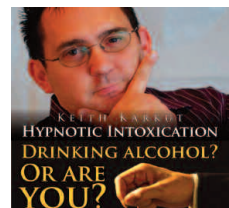
**12:30-5 p.m.** **Explore Lewiston! and Project Angel Shoes** **Meet at Gallagher Center Shuttle bus to Lewiston**  
The village of Lewiston is located within a short drive of campus. *Explore Lewiston!* is a great chance to become familiar with the quaint village's attractions including shops, restaurants, pizza places and the wonderful waterfront view of the Niagara River and Canada. The afternoon will end by participating in *Project Angel Shoes* in Artpark. Enjoy some pizza and music while packaging sandals to send to nations around the world.

**12:45-4:30 p.m.** **Historic Underground Railroad bus tour** **Gallagher Center**  
This bus tour will fill you with a sense of what many African-American slaves had to do to find freedom into Canada. Some of the best routes were right here in Western New York. Seating is limited so come early.

**4:30-6:30 p.m.** **Dinner** **Clet Dining Hall**

**6:30-7:30 p.m.** **NU 101 —** **Dunleavy Hall, Room 127**  
**Now You're Here, The Time is Now**  
Attend this interactive discussion with current Niagara upperclassmen to learn more about life on campus.

**8-9:30 p.m.** **Hypnotic Intoxication** **Gallagher Center, upper level**  
Keith Karkut, a hypnotist for last 20 years brings his interactive and entertaining show to Niagara. *Hypnotic Intoxication* will leave you with a lot of laughs and a great message on alcohol. Come early to get a good seat.



10 p.m. **Mass** **Alumni Chapel**

Open to all students!

11 p.m. **Late Nite Niagara** **Clet Dining Hall**

Moonlight bingo

This is not your grandmother's bingo! Join in one of the Niagara's favorite events! Over \$500 in prizes to be awarded. Food and refreshments to be served.



**Mon. 9/5**

10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. **Brunch** **Clet Dining Hall**

Noon-4 p.m. **NU Express — shopping and community shuttle** **Meet in front of the Gallagher Center**

The NU Express is a FREE shuttle service (it really is a purple bus!) for NU students (must show NU ID) that shuttles to nearby shopping centers and grocery stores. Perfect for students who do not have a vehicle or for anyone who wants to save gas, the NU Express will take students to the Fashion Outlet Mall, Wegmans supermarket, Wal-Mart Supercenter, and more! Picks up in front of the Gallagher Center at the top of each hour (Noon, 1 p.m., and 2 p.m.) and picks up at each location at the same time each hour.



12:30-6 p.m. **International Student New Student Orientation** **Gallagher Center, lower level**

This tour is designed for international students who are new to the Western New York area. This is a basic introduction to services and area resources that can help you to transition into your new community. The selected locations are in the Niagara Falls/Lewiston area and are usually within a 30 minute drive from our campus. Western New York has many valuable resources and this tour is designed to give you some basic tools to get you started. We will not exit the bus at every location, but each will be identified by our tour guide. Sit back, relax and enjoy!

3-5:30 p.m. **Involvement Fair** **St. Vincent's Hall, front lawn**  
Learn more about and sign up for many of the nearly 80 student clubs, organizations and club sports that Niagara has to offer!

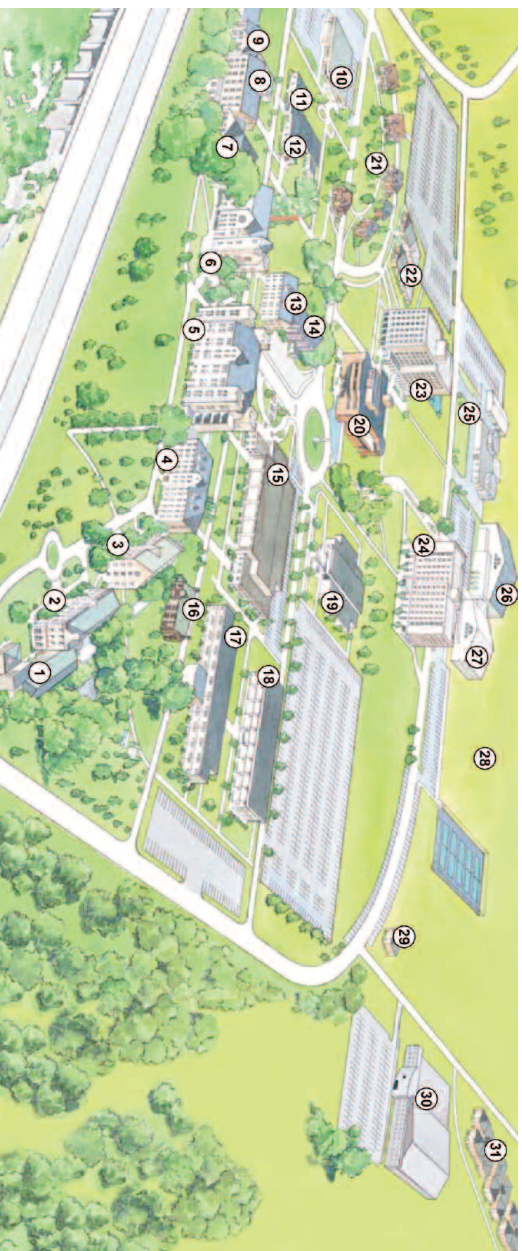
9:30 p.m. **2011-2012 Opening Fireworks Celebration** **Niagara Field, behind the Kiernan Center**

Celebrate the beginning of the school year with this awesome professional fireworks display! Free purple glow necklaces while they last! Bring a blanket and enjoy the show right from the Niagara Field! Co-sponsored by the Niagara University Student Government Association and Campus Programming Board. Brought to you by Zambelli Fireworks.





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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Vincentian Residence     | 8. Cllet Hall             | 14. Academic Complex           | 20. Dunleavy Hall     | 26. Scalfadi Gymnasium        |
| 2. Meade Hall               | 9. Cllet Hall Labour Wing | 15. Gallagher Center           | 21. Varsity Village   | 27. Kiernan Center            |
| 3. Lynch Hall               | 10. Butler Building*      | 16. Ballo Hall**               | 22. Trimon Hall       | 28. Bobo Field                |
| 4. O'Donoghue Hall          | 11. Marlan House          | 17. DePaul Hall                | 23. O'Shea Hall       | 29. Campus Safety             |
| 5. St. Vincent's Hall       | 12. Post Office           | 18. Our Lady of Angels Library | 24. Salon Hall        | 30. Dwyer Ice Arena           |
| 6. Alumni Hall/Chapel       | 13. Bisgrove Hall         | 19. Castellan Art Museum       | 25. Facility Services | 31. Student Apartment Complex |
| 7. Cllet Hall Marillac Wing |                           |                                |                       |                               |

\* Butler Building houses the Offices of Student Records and Financial Services/Health Services/Campus Store.

\*\* Ballo Hall houses the Office of Admissions.