

# Orientation Updates Meeting

Student Transition & Family Engagement

4/14/2021

(Next meeting is Friday, May 14, 10-11 AM)

## Updates

- **Orientation Team**
  - **14 SOCs**
    - Students are from all different majors, but we may not have any SOCs from the School of Nursing
  - **Orientation Intern (undergrad)**
    - Cheyenne, 3<sup>rd</sup> year SOC
  - **Orientation Assistant (graduate student)**
    - Sydney Fox, Currently a grad student at KU, and WU alum
- **Orientation Kick-Off: Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm, East Union Lawn – outdoor social for staff and faculty involved with NSOs, meet and greet SOCs**
  - This will be a grab and go experience (desserts) and connect with colleagues
- **Resource Fair sign-up**
  - Resource Fair will be held during NSO
  - May 8<sup>th</sup> – we will have an update about how changing guidelines may impact things for NSO
- **Volunteer sign-up for helping with NSOs**
  - Please be looking for an email from Carissa with the opportunity to sign up and volunteer during NSO
- **NSO Enrollment Update**
  - The first NSO is full – yay!
    - The capacity for each NSO session is 120, and each student is allowed to bring a maximum of 2 guests

## Carissa's to do list for April-May

- **Confirm advisors for NSOs (NSO Faculty Training on May 3<sup>rd</sup>)**
  - Please provide your list of advisors to Carissa as soon as possible, or contact her with questions
  - If something has changed in your advising location, please let Carissa know
- **Distribute NSO student and guest schedules online by May 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - Working on final details for the schedules; no drastic changes
  - Resource Fair will be in the afternoon
  - Once Carissa sends out the schedule, please let her know if you have questions or concerns
- **Early enroll students (3.5 GPA & 24 ACT)**
  - New – we will enroll a small cohort of students early, prior to NSO
  - We are hoping to enroll 90 students early; the number of students per academic area is not overwhelming
- **Finalize details for in-person NSO sessions**

- Carissa may be reaching out with questions to wrap up the final details
- **Organize SOC training for June 2-4<sup>th</sup>**
  - Working on the content for this training
  - SOCs will be doing an in-person scavenger hunt so SOCs are familiar with resources and services on campus
  - SOCs will be doing the Strengths Finder assessment with Marta
  - Conversations about identities will be part of SOC training, so that we can make sure we are providing a welcoming environment to everyone
  - During SOC training, the students will be getting more involved in the Topeka community
- **Sign-up for resource fair, staff/faculty volunteers**
- **Update NSO website**
  - Adding videos online; some of the videos were already created for other events, but they are still current and relevant information
  - Hopefully adding these videos will allow us to maximize the time we have with the students and guests on NSO days

### **Orientation dates reminder**

- NSO: June 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19 (in-person), June 17 (virtual), August 18 (in-person), 8:15 am- 5 pm

### **Questions?**

- Pre-NSO Survey
  - Covered the following categories:
    - Concerns about transitioning from high school to college
    - Things the students want to see during NSO
    - Things the students want to see at Welcome Week
      - The overwhelming majority of students are looking for social events where they can connect and meet other students
  - Reviewed the survey that was sent out to students who are already enrolled in NSO