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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- The start of the 2021-22 academic year at Cedarville University will officially begin August 13 with the annual [Getting Started Weekend](#), where freshmen and transfer students move into their residence halls and prepare for the start of classes.

Cedarville is expected to welcome more than 1,100 new students to campus for the initial weekend of the year, which concludes August 15. The Fall Bible Conference begins August 16, and classes on August 18.

Getting Started Weekend welcomes and acclimates new students to campus, said director of campus experience [Brian Burns](#). After Getting Started, students are more comfortable navigating the campus and its resources, and parents have a greater sense of peace about this important transition in their children's lives.

In many ways, Getting Started will retain the feel of previous years. As new students and their families drive into campus, they'll be welcomed by students with pool noodles guiding them in. There will be afternoon sessions for parents and incoming students as they prepare to adjust to college life. Food trucks will be available in the circles outside the Dixon Ministry Center and Callan Athletic Center.

At Jacket Fest on Friday night, new students will play games, enjoy ice cream and gather around Cedar Lake to discuss how they feel about starting college.

Saturday activities will include a class picture and Jacket Jaunt, an event where the new students walk in a group to the Jeremiah Chapel while faculty, alumni and parents cheer them on. New students will spend Saturday night at a Getting Started program, where the university will describe what it expects from students, and the 1,000 Days Experience, where students will enjoy donuts and small-group conversation. Parents will get to preview the [Bible minor](#), which is required for all Cedarville students.

Getting Started Weekend will end on Sunday with a morning chapel service for parents and students. After parents leave, Cedarville will hold a worship night on Sunday for all new and returning students.

While in many ways Getting Started will be returning to normal, Burns said that the event has kept a few of last year's COVID-inspired innovations. Volunteers will continue checking students in by car, as organizers found that it was quicker and more efficient than requiring parents to park and go to the fieldhouse. Additionally, Burns said that organizers learned last year how to

better manage traffic flows. Parents will be able to tune into 99.5 FM to receive instructions while driving in.

Cedarville will also continue using a notification system developed last year by a Cedarville graduate, sending texts to resident advisors (RAs), Sting Group leaders and students when they check in.

New this year, incoming students will receive a color-coded card during check-in. Volunteers wearing vests of the same color will guide students and parents to their dorms.

Incoming students are encouraged to download the Events @ Cedarville University app, available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

“We want students to not only just ask questions, but be able to find answers, because that’s part of growing,” Burns said.

Once they have the app, students can find the “2021 Getting Started” guide, which will offer a schedule of events, contact information for campus offices and information about campus involvement. More information is also available at cedarville.edu/gettingstarted.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,550 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio, recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and high student engagement ranking. For more information about the University, visit cedarville.edu.

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