

ASPIRE

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

2026 SCHEDULE



All activities are located in the Baker Pattillo Student Center Grand Ballroom unless otherwise indicated.

DATE

EVENT DETAILS

AUG. 18

MOVE-IN DAY

- 2-5 p.m. • Student Move-In • Student's Residence Hall
- 3:30-6 p.m. • ASPIRE Student Check-In and Pizza • Student Center, Spirit Lounge

AUG. 19

PROGRAM DAY 1

- 7-8:50 a.m. • Breakfast • Pineywoods Dining Hall
- 9-9:30 a.m. • Meet Your Mentor
- 9:30-10 a.m. • ASPIRE Connections
- 10-10:30 a.m. • Welcome to ASPIRE!
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. • ASPIRE Rules and Expectations
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. • Mentor Introductions
- 11:15-11:45 a.m. • Goal Setting
- 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. • Lunch With Mentors and Welcome From Dr. Kent Willis, Senior Vice President, Division of Enrollment and Student Engagement
- 1-2:30 p.m. • Jacks Resource Fair and Jack Pack Group Bonding • Student Recreation Center
- 2:30-2:45 p.m. • Snaps
- 2:45-3:15 p.m. • "I Was Once You" Session
- 3:15-3:30 p.m. • Snack Break
- 3:30-4:15 p.m. • Jack Pack Group Discussion
- 4:15-5:30 p.m. • ASPIRE Funtivity
- 5:30-6 p.m. • Challenge Point Update and Break
- 6-8 p.m. • Dinner
- 8-10 p.m. • ASPIRE Movie Night/Karaoke

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AUG. 20

EVENT DETAILS

PROGRAM DAY 2

- 7-8:50 a.m. • Breakfast • Pineywoods Dining Hall
- 9-9:30 a.m. • Human Knot
- 9:30-10 a.m. • ASPIRE Group Picture
- 10-10:30 a.m. • How To Talk to Faculty and Staff
- 10:30-11 a.m. • Welcome From President Dr. Neal Weaver
- 11-11:45 a.m. • Mentor Panel
- 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. • Lunch
- 1-1:15 p.m. • Beach Ball Game
- 1:15-1:45 p.m. • "Growth Mindset" Session
- 2-4:15 p.m. • AARC and Campus Recreation Sessions
- 4:15-4:30 p.m. • Transition
- 4:30-5 p.m. • Speed Friending
- 5-5:30 p.m. • Stand Up for Your Lumberjack
- 5:30-6 p.m. • Debrief and Challenge Point Update
- 6-7 p.m. • Dinner
- 7:30-9 p.m. • Lumberjack Olympics and Board Games

Students, wear your ASPIRE shirt and dress comfortably.

AUG. 21

PROGRAM DAY 3

- 7-8:50 a.m. • Breakfast • Pineywoods Dining Hall
- 9-9:30 a.m. • Mindful Wake-Up
- 9:30-11 a.m. • Campus Tour/Find Your Classes
- 11-11:45 a.m. • Student Involvement Presentation and Bingo
- 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. • Lunch
- 1-2:15 p.m. • Faculty and Staff Meet and Greet
- 2:15-2:45 p.m. • Mentor Meet-Up: Staying Connected
- 2:45-3:15 p.m. • What's Next With ASPIRE?
- 3:15-6 p.m. • University Business/Get Ready for Banquet
Students may use this time to take care of university business on their own and get ready for the ASPIRE Banquet.
- 6-8:30 p.m. • ASPIRE Banquet

Need a break from all the fun? Sensory rooms will be available throughout ASPIRE.
Take a break when you need one, then come back and join us!