

WINTER Orientation

DAY 1: THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

All TCNJ administrative offices are open until 4:30p to meet families and answer any questions you have! Please reference the campus map on the orientation folder for locations, and visit the Lions Resource Fair as several offices and departments will have representatives available there to connect with.

9:00-11:00a Residential Students: Arrive on Campus, Check-In and Get ID Photo

Brower Student Center Atrium

Connect with representatives from the Housing Office to finalize forms and pick up your room key. TCNJ ID Cards will be distributed to those students who submit an approved photo by the Wednesday, January 10 deadline. Finalized schedules will also be distributed.

9:00a-12:30p Move into Residence Halls

Various Residence Halls



You'll need your TCNJ ID Card to access the building, and make sure to wear comfortable sneakers! As the current students won't return to campus until Sunday, parking should not be an issue.

11:30a-12:30p Commuter Students: Arrive on Campus, Check-In, and Get ID Photo

Brower Student Center Atrium

If you are a commuter student who RSVPed to attend on Thursday, please plan to arrive on campus at this time for the afternoon events.

Commuter Student Mingle

Brower Student Center Room 224

Join us for a casual and friendly meet-up designed to help you connect with fellow commuter students! Share tips, exchange ideas, and learn about resources to enhance your commuter experience at TCNJ. This is a great opportunity to build community and make connections that will last throughout your college journey. Light refreshments will be provided.

12:30-2:00p Lion Lunch & Learn: Resource Fair

Brower Student Center Room 100



Grab lunch and explore how TCNJ can support you throughout your time as a Lion! Over a dozen departments and offices will host informational tables, providing insights into their services and answering your questions. This is your chance to connect with key campus resources and learn how to make the most of your TCNJ experience—all while enjoying a great meal!

2:00-2:15p Welcome to TCNJ

Brower Student Center Room 225 East

Kick off Orientation with a warm welcome from Cherese A. Telemaque, Associate Director of Co-Curricular & Leadership Development. Following the remarks, you'll meet your Transition Leaders, who will guide and support you throughout the Orientation program.



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**2:15-3:00p Taking Your Leadership Experience with You,
Brower Student Center Room 225 East**

This session will introduce you to the Office of Co-Curricular & Leadership Development and provide information on their resources and support services. Learn about how this office is dedicated to providing students with a better understanding and practice of leadership both in and outside of the classroom. Also learn about the exciting new co-curricular record- PAWPrint

This session is for both students and parents/guests.

**3:00-4:00p The "Tea" in TCNJ (Students Only)
Brower Student Center Room 225 West**

Led by the TCNJ Transition Leaders (your mentors for the upcoming semester) join us for an open and candid session where you can get the inside scoop on all things TCNJ! This is your chance to hear from current students about life on campus, academics, extracurriculars, and everything in between. No question is off the table—whether you're wondering about professors, finding your friend group, or navigating campus resources. Get ready for honest answers and helpful tips to make the most of your time as a Lion!

**One Last Thing: Wrapping Up the Campus Essentials
Brower Student Information Desk**

Take a deep breath, it's almost time! This is your chance to wrap up essential details and complete any last-minute tasks to make sure the semester kicks off without a hitch. Whether it's finalizing paperwork, reviewing bills, or picking up keys, we've got all the answers to those lingering questions you've been saving.

Our campus offices will be open and staffed to help you until 4:00pm.

**5:00-7:00p PAWS Lounge
Brower Student Center Room 104**

It's been a busy day—need a place to press PAWS and reset? Head over to the PAWS Lounge, where you can relax, recharge, and take a break from the hustle. Whether you need some quiet time or just a place to unwind, the PAWS Lounge is your perfect retreat!

**6:00-8:00p Wingo
Brower Student Center Room 225**

Get ready for a fun and exciting game of Wingo—a TCNJ twist on traditional Bingo! With a variety of awesome prizes up for grabs and plenty of laughs along the way, Wingo is the perfect opportunity to unwind, eat wings, meet new friends, and enjoy some friendly competition.



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DAY 2: FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

8:00-9:00a Breakfast

Brower Student Center Room 224

Enjoy a light and refreshing continental breakfast to start your day! Perfect for a quick and convenient meal before diving into your day's activities, the continental breakfast offers something for everyone to enjoy while mingling with fellow students.

8:00-9:00a Day 2 Check-In (Residential & Commuter Students)

Brower Student Center Atrium

TCNJ ID Cards will be distributed to those students who submit an approved photo by the Wednesday, January 10 deadline. Those who did not submit an approved photo may take one in Brower Student Center Room 104. Don't forget: you will need a government issued photo ID (drivers license, passport, etc.) to pick up your card!

**9:00-9:30a New Student Welcome, Music Building
Mayo Concert Hall**

Your official welcome to TCNJ and our community! To include an overview of the Winter Orientation schedule, an introduction of the Griffins and brief remarks from Cherese Telemaque, Associate Director of Co-Curricular and Leadership Development

**9:30-10:00a Lions Connect: Peer Meet-Ups
See Handout for Locations**

Hosted by our Transition Leaders, this is your chance to meet other incoming students in your major and academic school! Connect with peers who share your academic interests, ask questions, and get advice from students who are already navigating the same path. These casual meet-ups are a great way to start building your academic and social network at TCNJ.

**9:30-10:00a Adult Learners Meet-Up
Brower Student Center Room 222**

Are you an Adult Learner? Join Lindsay Barndt, Associate Director of Co-Curricular & Leadership Development, for a personalized welcome! This session will provide you with an introduction to the resources and support our office offers to help ease your transition to TCNJ.



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9:45-10:45a Education Majors: School of Education Session
Education Building

For students majoring in: Elementary Education, Early Childhood and Urban Education, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Education and Secondary Education. Meet with representatives from The School of Education and ask questions! Students majoring in our K-12 certification programs (Art Education, Music Education, and Technology and Engineering Education) do NOT attend this session.

Elementary & Early Childhood and Urban (Room 105)
Secondary (Room 107)
Deaf & Hard of Hearing (Room 109)

10:00-11:00a Academic Building Tours
Various Academic Buildings

Curious about where your classes will be held? Join your Transition Leader for a tour of key academic buildings across campus. Be sure to bring your class schedule so you can familiarize yourself with the buildings where your spring courses will take place. This is the perfect way to get ahead and navigate campus with confidence!

11:00a-12:00p Academic Sessions
See Handout for Locations

Connect with representatives from your Academic School or Department to learn more about your program. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, gain insights about your major, and explore the academic resources available to support your success at TCNJ.

12:00-1:30p Lion Lunch & Learn: Resource Fair
Brower Student Center Room 100

Grab lunch and explore how TCNJ can support you throughout your time as a Lion! Over a dozen departments and offices will host informational tables, providing insights into their services and answering your questions. This is your chance to connect with key campus resources and learn how to make the most of your TCNJ experience—all while enjoying a great meal!

1:30-2:15p Commuter Connection: Tips for Success
Brower Student Center Room 224

Living at home or in Campus Town/Ewing? This session is designed just for you! Learn everything you need to know about making the most of your commuter experience at TCNJ. Topics will include parking, campus safety, dining options, and tips on utilizing key facilities like the Brower Student Center and Gitenstein Library to your advantage while on campus.



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1:30-2:15p Living the Lion Life: On-Campus Essentials
Brower Student Center Room 226

This session is geared towards our new lions living on campus for the spring semester! Learn more about things like laundry, the guest policy, roommate agreements, and how the CAs and RDs work to create space for you to live your best life in the residence halls.

2:30-3:30p Friendship Speed Dating
Brower Student Center Room 225 West

Looking to make new friends and meaningful connections? Join us for Friendship Speed Dating! This fun and fast-paced event is a great way to meet fellow students, share common interests, and start building your TCNJ community. Whether you're an extrovert or just looking to expand your circle, this session is the perfect way to break the ice and spark new friendships!

3:30-4:30p Join the Pride: Getting Involved on Campus
Brower Student Center Room 224

Discover the many ways to get connected and engaged at TCNJ! From joining student organizations and clubs to exploring leadership opportunities and campus events, this session will provide you with the tools and resources to make the most of your college experience. Learn how getting involved can help you build friendships, develop new skills, and enhance your time as a Lion.

4:30-5:30p Sunset Stroll: Campus Tours (Optional)

Departing from Brower Student Center Information Desk

Not sure where you're going? Join the Transition Leader staff for a brief campus tour, designed to help you feel more confident navigating TCNJ during your first weeks of class. Discover popular spots to eat, study, and relax, while picking up tips and tricks for making the most of your campus experience. Departing from the Brower Student Center, this tour is the perfect way to get familiar with your new home!

5:00-7:00p PAWS Lounge
Brower Student Center Room 104

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7:00-9:00p Ain't No Party Like a Pizza Party!
Brower Student Center Room 225

Enjoy delicious pizza from some of our favorite local spots while soaking in the fun of a blacklight party! Grab a slice, play games, hit the dance floor, and connect with new friends in a lively, glowing atmosphere.



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DAY 3: SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

10:00-12:00p Rise & Shine: Breakfast Grab-and-Go Brower Student Center Room 104

Start your day the right way! Swing by for a delicious grab-and-go breakfast featuring your breakfast favorites. Whether you're craving a flaky pastry, a hearty bagel, or a refreshing fruit cup, we've got something to satisfy every morning appetite.

12:00-2:00p Scavenger Hunt Brower Student Center Atrium

Grab your phone or camera, lace up your sneakers, and get ready for an adventure! This photo scavenger hunt will have you exploring TCNJ's landmarks and searching for random objects across campus. Compete for a chance to win gift card prizes, and by the end, you'll feel like you've been a Lion for months already. Let the hunt begin!

2:30-4:00p Campus Town Walking Tour, Departing from Brower Student Center Information Desk

Take a stroll to Campus Town and explore everything it has to offer! Discover shops, restaurants, and the fitness center, and stop by the TCNJ Bookstore to grab some TCNJ swag or a beverage from the Starbucks café. Transition Leaders will guide you to their favorite spots to eat, study, and hang out with friends, giving you insider tips to make the most of Campus Town! You will also receive a gift card for a mid day munchie from Campus Town!

4:00-6:00p PAWS Lounge Brower Student Center Room 104

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7:00-9:00p Pancakes and Pajamas Movie Night: Monsters U, Brower Student Center Room 100 East

Celebrate National Opposites Day with breakfast for dinner! Come in your comfiest pajamas and enjoy delicious pancakes while watching Inside Out 2 on the big screen. It's the perfect way to unwind, have fun, and embrace the cozy vibes of this special night!



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DAY 4: SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

Move-In Day for residential students returning to campus!

Meal plans will go into effect for Eickhoff Dining Hall starting at 4:00p for dinner. If you sign up for brunch, you will receive a gift card to Barnes and Noble or Panera Bread

DAY 5: MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

First Day of Classes! Have a great first semester at TCNJ!

**HAVE A GREAT
SEMESTER!**

📍 Ewing, NJ

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🌐 www.tcnj.edu/studenttransitions



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attendance

All new students, including commuter students, are encouraged to attend the three-day New Student Winter Orientation Program. The program is designed for every new student, not just residents. Orientation begins at 12:30 PM on Thursday, January 23, and continues through Saturday, January 25, concluding each evening around 10pm.

Parking and Directions

Free parking is available for orientation participants in Lots 4, 5,6 and 7. Please follow the signage to the designated check-in area. For campus maps and GPS directions, visit TCNJ's Parking & Transportation page.

What to Bring

- A valid photo ID for TCNJ ID card pickup
- Comfortable clothing and shoes for moving around campus
- Notebook and pen for sessions
- Any completed forms or documents required by the Housing Office or other departments

Meals

All meals will be provided for students throughout Orientation. If there are any dietary restrictions, please be sure to include that in your RSVP form.

Accessibility Accommodations

TCNJ is committed to ensuring an accessible orientation experience. If you or your guests require accommodations, please contact the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) at arc@tcnj.edu or 609-771-3199.

Parent/Guest Programming

Parents and guests are invited to attend sessions tailored to their needs, running parallel to the student schedule on Thursday, January 23 only. Topics include campus safety, academic expectations, and tips for supporting your student's transition to college life. If you have any dietary restrictions, please be sure to add that to your students RSVP form.

Connect With Us

Stay updated on orientation events and campus news by following us on social media:

- **Instagram:** @TCNJTransitions
- **Email:** studenttransitions@tcnj.edu

Contact Information

- For pre-orientation questions, reach out to Student Transitions at studenttransitions@tcnj.edu or call 609-771-2651.
- Orientation Help Desk: Assistance will be available during check-in and throughout the event at the Brower Student Center.

Emergency Information

In case of an emergency, contact TCNJ Campus Police at (609) 771-2345 or visit The Office of Campus Police Services in the Administrative Services Building First Floor.

Welcome!

