

# First Flight 2024

**NOTE: All signature events of First Flight are highlighted. Attendance at Signature Events are expected of all incoming students.**

## Wednesday, August 21

### **Residence Hall Check-In**

9:00am - 11:00am

Various Residence Halls

### **Commuter Check-In**

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Riley Auditorium, Battelle Fine Arts Center

Check in for commuter students will be held in Riley Auditorium, in Battelle Fine Arts Center!

### **Commuter Meeting**

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Riley Auditorium, Battelle Fine Arts Center

### **First Flight Color Teams**

Check your Fall class schedule for your FYS/TYS Course number. These classes determine your team during First Flight.

#### **Red Team:**

**FYS 1053-1:** Prof. Jones

**FYSH 1054-1** Prof. DeStefanis

**FYSH 1054-2:** Prof. DeStefanis

#### **Orange Team:**

**FYS 1013-1:** Prof. Sherman Heckler

**FYS 1024-3:** Prof. Cavin

**FYS 1024-4:** Prof. Helms

**FYSH 1013-1:** Prof. Sherman Heckler

#### **Yellow Team:**

**FYS 1053-2:** Prof. Moon

**FYS 1083-1:** Prof. Yonchak

**FYS 1083-2:** Prof. Yonchak

#### **Green Team:**

**FYS 1023:** Prof. Stucki

**FYS 1079-1:** Prof. Alexander Slate

**FYS 1087-1:** Prof. Kern

#### **Blue Team:**

**FYS 1046:** Prof. Solomon

**FYSH 1046-1:** Prof Solomon

**TYS 2999-3:** Prof Lehman

#### **Purple Team:**

**FYS 1069-1:** Prof. Eskew

**FYSH 1006-1:** Prof. Shpancer

**TYS 2999-2:** Prof Tarbell

#### **Tan Team:**

**FYS 1007-1:** Prof. Masterson

**FYS 1009-1:** Prof. Ashworth

**FYS 1089-1:** prof. Baker

#### **Pink Team:**

**FYS 1024-1:** Prof. Benton

**FYS 1024-2:** Prof. Hilperts

**FYS 1090-1:** Prof. Captein

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## Denim Team:

FYS 1039-1: Prof. McNabb

FYSH 1039-2: Prof. McNabb

Spring FYS/TYS

TYS 2999-1: Prof. North

## Plaid Team:

FYSH 1074-1: Prof. Davenport

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FYSH 1091-1: Prof. Benn

## First Flight Color Team Meeting

4:30pm

Various

Red Team - Campus Center Front Patio (Campus Center Lower Level Lobby)

Orange Team – Behind Towers (Towers 112)

Yellow Team – Science Center Steps (Science Atrium)

Green Team – Stage Behind Hanby Hall (Chapel)

Blue Team - Battelle Patio (Riley Auditorium, Battelle Fine Arts Center)

Purple Team – Front of Towers (Towers 110)

Tan Team – Roush Front Patio (Fisher Gallery, Roush Hall)

Pink Team – Roush Back Patio (Roush 114)

Denim Team – Grass between Library and Towers Plaza (Roush 204)

Plaid Team – Howard House Lawn (Science 104)

**\*Parentheses indicate locations for inclement weather.**

Receive your Community Colors and learn your Community Cheer! Review your First Flight Itinerary and create your plan for competing throughout the week. Receive important information related to your FYS/TYS and Department Meetings. Get your meal wristband for the Picnic by the Rock (all new students)—this will be the only time this information will be distributed, so make sure you attend!

## Picnic by the Rock

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Arrival Times:

Pink, Tan, & Denim 5:30pm | Blue, Plaid, & Purple 5:40pm

Green & Yellow 5:50pm | Red & Orange 6:00pm

Campus Center Front and The Rock

Enjoy your first meal with your new classmates during this picnic hosted by some of Otterbein's VIPs. Take part in an Otterbein tradition—signing the Rock—and receive your First Flight t-shirt! This is also a great time to sign-up for the Fall Community Plunge. This picnic is only for new students, a First Flight meal band is required.

## First Flight Opening

6:45pm

Cowan Hall

Join the Orientation team while we welcome you to Otterbein and set the stage for how to make the most out of First Flight!

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## Residence Hall Meetings

9:00pm

Various Residence Halls

Meet the people in your new community including staff members and other residents. Your attendance is required at this community gathering.

## Thursday, August 22

### Breakfast

7:30am

Campus Center

Meet at the Campus Center if you would like breakfast.

### Class Photo and March to Convocation

9:00am

Campus Center Front

Don't be late! All students should meet in front of the Campus Center to take the Class of 2028 picture and participate in this traditional walk to Cowan for Convocation.

### New Student Convocation

9:30 – 10:30am

Cowan

You will be welcomed to Otterbein by both faculty and students during this convocation that highlights tradition and ceremony. Bring your Common Book assignments, paper for notes, and pen/pencil because you will go directly to your FYS/TYS meeting.

### FYS/TYS Meeting #1

10:45am – 12:00pm

#### Locations:

|            |             |             |                  |
|------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| FYS 1007-1 | Science 104 | FYS 1053-2  | Library 118      |
| FYS 1009-1 | Towers 121  | FYS 1069-1  | Roush 213        |
| FYS 1013-1 | Roush 338   | FYS 1074-1  | Roush 204        |
| FYS 1023-1 | Library 124 | FYS 1079-1  | Science 104      |
| FYS 1024-1 | Towers 122  | FYS 1083-1  | Riley Auditorium |
| FYS 1024-2 | Towers 114  | FYS 1083-2  | Riley Auditorium |
| FYS 1024-3 | Roush 117   | FYS 1087-1  | Towers 241       |
| FYS 1024-4 | Towers 239  | FYS 1089-1  | Towers 115       |
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| FYS 1039-2 | Roush 114   | FYS 1091-1  | Roush 212        |
| FYS 1046-1 | Towers 112  | FYSH 1006-1 | Library 127      |
| FYS 1053-1 | Roush 118   | FYSH 1013-1 | Roush 338        |

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FYSH 1046-1 Towers 112  
FYSH 1054-1 Towers 110  
FYSH 1054-2 Towers 110  
FYSH 1074-1 Roush 204

TYS 2999-1 Library 126  
TYS 2999-2 Library 126  
TYS 2999-3 Library 126  
Spring FYS/TYS - Library 126

You will meet your FYS/TYS instructor and Staff Mentor! Turn in your Common Book assignment and begin discussing academic expectations for the year. This meeting may not be in your normal room, so make sure to double check the locations!

### **Lunch on the Lawn**

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Towers Lawn

Celebrate the academic year with a festive picnic! Enjoy lunch with your FYS/TYS instructor, Peer Mentor and classmates.

### **Getting Involved on Campus – Meet the CSE Team**

1:00pm – 2:30pm

The Promise House

If you are looking for ways to build relationships, develop leadership skills, broaden your perspective, and make some fun memories then this session is for you! The Center for Student Engagement (aka the CSE) would like to invite you to join us for an Open House with current student leaders to learn of all the ways you can get involved outside of the classroom. You'll also learn about our on-campus resource center, The Promise House and participate in an activity at the Rain Garden.

### **Students, Cops, and Stops**

1:00pm – 1:40pm

Towers 112

Learn about the services that Otterbein's Police Department provides on campus, such as 24 hour campus patrol, late night escorts, motorist assistance, educational programs, lock out assistance, and vehicle and bicycle registration.

### **Buck Off Those Studying Blues at the Library!**

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Courtright Memorial Library

Looking for a quiet place to study or get help with time management, studying tips, or math? Searching for a great collection of games and movies? Just want a space where you and your friends can hang out between classes? The library has it all! Join us at First Flight to build with Legos, race parachutes, play board games, and work on a community art project. Get the perfect row in Library Bingo and share your favorite book to create a community display. Learn more about the library resources and services and explore at your own pace! There will also be opportunities to just take a breath and relax, featuring our self-care collection. Don't forget to enter our drawing for a chance to win some awesome prizes!

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## **Federal Work Study Open House**

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Science Atrium

Students who have Federal Work Study (FWS) as part of their financial aid package are invited to meet with on campus employers to learn about on-campus work opportunities available. Instructions for how to apply will be shared at this event. Students should bring a copy of their fall schedule, if possible.

## **Cardinals Abroad: Beyond the Classroom**

1:00pm – 1:40pm

Roush 114

Now that you're here, go away! Sail around the world. Intern in global markets. Immerse yourself in a new language. Expand your palate. Learn about yourself, your home country and the world by going global with Study Abroad. Participate in this session to learn about affordable programs, how credits transfer, and how easy it is to apply.

## **Spirituality and Wellness on Campus**

1:50pm – 2:30pm

The Chapel

Starting college is a step into independence, and that means you get to examine and reexamine your beliefs, your habits, and your mindset. How will you make meaning as a college student? How will you make healthy choices? How do you define success and optimize it, not just as a student, but also, as a human being? Join the Dean of Students, Julie Saker, and the Director of Faith and Spiritual Life, Rev. Lucy Kelly to learn about resources available to help you take care of yourself physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

## **Counseling Center Relaxation Station**

2:30pm – 3:30pm

The Counseling Center

We invite you to stop by the Counseling Center to check out the space, meet our staff and enjoy a snack. We will also have a special visit from one of our wonderful volunteers and dogs from Otterpaws!

## **Ice Cream Break with Student Government**

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Library Front Doors

Grab a treat from the Otterbein University Student Government on your way to or from the Library session. Meet your OUSG representatives and learn how to get involved with OUSG. A more detailed interest session will happen on Saturday.

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### **OSJA Overview Open House**

3:30pm – 5:00pm

The Multicultural Center

Come learn about the Office of Social Justice & Activism. Participants will hear about some of OSJA's wonderful equity and inclusion initiatives on campus and in the community. Let's get involved!

### **Information Technology Welcomes you to Find Out**

3:30pm – 4:10pm

Lower Level of Roush Hall, ITS Help Desk

How do I change my password when it expires? What if my computer breaks? How do I get free Office 365? What are the rules for using Otterbein's network and what can happen if I break one? How do I use Brightspace, Collaborate, Ozone, and more?

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5:00 - Red & Orange

5:20 - Yellow & Green

5:40 - Blue & Purple

6:00 - Pink & Tan

6:20 - Denim & Plaid

Campus Center

## **Sex Signals**

7:00PM

Cowan Hall

Why Sex Signals? Combines theater, improvisational comedy, and audience interaction to truly engage and educate audiences. Illuminates issues surrounding dating, sex, and sexual violence on college campuses through relatable language and scenarios.

## **Otterglow Party**

Immediately Following Sex Signals

Roush Atrium

Hit the dance floor or hang out in our glow game room! Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board (CAB).

## **Schneider's Late Night Doughnut Run**

10:30pm

Schneider's Bakery

Join your new classmates in this classic Otterbein tradition! First 350 students get a FREE donut of their choice! Brought to you by the Campus Activities Board (CAB).

## **Friday, August 23**

### **Art, Communications, and Engineering/Physics/Computer Science Dept. Majors – Walk to West Campus**

9:15AM

Library Front

If you're in the Art, Communications, and/or Engineering/Physics/Computer Science departments, please meet us out by the South Library Entrance to walk to the Point for your department meetings!

### **Meet the Department**

9:30AM

Various

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Academic departments will welcome you and introduce different department faculty, as well as answer any questions you may have. Don't miss this important academic experience.

- **Art:** Miller Gallery, Art & Comm Building (33 Collegeview)\*
- **Biochemistry & Molecular Biology:** Science 208\*
- **Biology & Earth Science:** Riley Auditorium, Battelle Fine Arts Center
- **Business, Accounting & Economics:** Roush 114\*
- **Chemistry:** Science 311
- **Communication:** Lounge, Art & Comm Building (33 Collegeview)\*
- **Education:** Roush 429 (see note below)\*
- **Engineering, Physics & Computer Science:** The Point, Room 164 (see note below)\*
- **English:** Towers 122\*
- **Equine Science:** Campus Center Lounge (see note below)\*
- **Health & Sport Sciences:** Towers 112
- **History & Political Science:** Towers 117\*
- **Mathematical Sciences:** Towers 115\*
- **Modern Languages & Cultures:** Towers 117\*
- **Music:** Battelle Fine Arts Center 131\*
- **Nursing:** 3rd floor Atrium, Science Center
- **Philosophy & Religion:** Towers 114
- **Psychology:** Library 124
- **Sociology, Criminology & Justice Studies:** Library 127
- **Theatre & Dance:** Cowan Hall\*
- **Undeclared:** Chapel

Notes:

- **Education/Teacher Licensure:** Students planning to obtain teacher licensure for grades 7-12 Integrated Mathematics, Social Studies, Language Arts, Chemistry, Life Science, or Physics - or grades K-12 Music Education - should attend the 11:00 am – 12noon Education Double Major meeting.
- **Engineering Majors:** You MUST bring your laptop to this meeting
- **Equine Science Majors:** You will meet at the Campus Center and carpool to the barn – be prepared to drive, if you are able. If you are attending the double major meeting, you will meet at the barn.

## Double Majors Meet the Department

11:00AM

Various

Several departments will host abbreviated Meet the Department meetings for students who are double majors.

- **Art:** Miller Gallery, Art & Comm Building (33 Collegeview)\*
- **Biochemistry & Molecular Biology:** Science 208\*
- **Business, Accounting & Economics:** Roush 114\*
- **Communication:** Lounge, Art & Comm Building (33 Collegeview)\*



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- **English:** Towers 122\*
- **Equine Science:** The Barn\*
- **History & Political Science:** Towers 117\*
- **Mathematical Sciences:** Towers 115\*
- **Modern Languages & Cultures:** Towers 117\*
- **Music:** Battelle Fine Arts Center 131\*
- **Theatre & Dance:** Cowan Hall\*

## Lunch

Arrival Times:

11:30 - Denim & Plaid

11:50 - Red & Orange

12:10 - Yellow & Green

12:30 - Blue & Purple

12:50 - Pink & Tan

Campus Center

## FYS/TYS Meeting #2

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Locations:

|            |             |                |                  |
|------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|
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| FYS 1074-1 | Roush 204   | TYS 2999-2     | Roush 114        |
| FYS 1079-1 | Towers 117  | TYS 2999-3     | Roush 114        |

Reconnect with your Staff Mentor and FYS/TYS classmates during this second FYS/TYS meeting. Discover how to navigate My O-Zone. Receive tips on how to be prepared for your first day of classes. BRING A WRITING TOOL!!

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## **SSCD Fest**

2:30pm

Academic Quad (area behind Towers Hall)

Stop by SSCD Fest to learn about services and resources available at Student Success & Career Development in addition to other campus offices. There will be music, games, and treats! This will be a great opportunity to relax, meet new friends, and learn about campus offices to support you during your Otterbein journey! This is your last chance to sign up for tomorrow's Community Plunge.

## **Dinner**

Arrival Times:

5:00 - Denim & Plaid

5:20 - Red & Orange

5:40 - Yellow & Green

6:00 - Blue & Purple

6:20 - Pink & Tan

Campus Center

## **Hypnotist Chrisjones**

7:00pm

Cowan Hall

Come and enjoy a mesmerizing performance by Chris Jones the Hypnotist! Chris has changed the minds of skeptics everywhere with his uncanny sense of reading audiences. Willing participants become the stars of the show, entertaining the audience while taking home with them positive memories that will last a lifetime! Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board (CAB).

## **Saturday, August 24**

### **Breakfast**

7:30AM

Meet at the Campus Center if you would like breakfast!

Campus Center

### **Fall Service Plunge**

9:00AM

Clements Recreation Center

Take the plunge and dive into service! This Otterbein tradition is a great way to meet new people and develop strong friendships as you reach out to your Westerville area communities through service. Sign-up opportunities will be provided throughout First Flight including during the SSCD Fest on Thursday. You must pre-register to attend this event.

### **Lunch**

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11:30am – 1:00PM

Campus Center

## **T-Shirt Tie-Dye**

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Academic Quad (behind Towers)

Catch up with your new friends and Tie-Dye your First Flight T-Shirt!

## **“It’s all Greek to Me!” Fraternity and Sorority Life Information Session**

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Towers 112

This meeting will answer all of the questions you’ve been waiting to ask about Otterbein’s FSL community. Current sorority and fraternity members will talk you through the recruitment process which starts in the fall. Come see what being in a sorority or fraternity is all about!

## **Student Government Information Session**

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Towers 112

Learn more about how YOU can get involved in the Otterbein University Student Government. Run for office, be appointed to a committee, and leave your mark on Otterbein! If you cannot attend the session more Information sessions will be offered during the upcoming week. Visit our website at [www.otterbein.edu/studentgovernment](http://www.otterbein.edu/studentgovernment) or email us at [StudentGovernment@otterbein.edu](mailto:StudentGovernment@otterbein.edu).

## **Orientation Leader Information Session**

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Towers 112

Do you already love Otterbein? Do you think you would look good in a red polo? Interested in helping new students get accustomed to campus? Come to this informational session to learn what it takes to be an Orientation Leader and how you can become a part of the Orientation Family!

## **Dinner**

Arrival Times:

5:00 - Blue & Purple

5:20 - Pink & Tan

5:40 - Denim & Plaid

6:00 - Red & Orange

6:20 - Yellow & Green

Campus Center

## **Point-a-Palooza**

8:00PM – 11:00PM

The Point

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Have a fun evening with your new friends at the Point! We'll have lots of things for you to do, including: playing MarioKart on an enormous screen; making friendship bracelets and doing some junk journaling; playing lots of oversized lawn games, like inflatable bowling, oversized Sorry, oversized Checkers, cornhole, and more; the opportunity to make something in the MakerSpace; watching Shrek outdoors once the sun sets; and a Kona Ice truck when the movie begins to provide a fun movie snack!

### Sunday, August 23

#### **Brunch**

9:45AM – 1:00PM

Campus Center

Enjoy Brunch at your leisure!

#### **FYE Peer Mentor Presentation**

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Towers 112

Join the FYE Peer Mentors as they share ways to get involved at Otterbein and make the most of your time outside of the classroom! This will also count as 1 of your 3 required FYE events in the fall. If you can't attend today there will plenty of other opportunities!

#### **Party with Cardy Pep Rally**

7:00pm

Football Stadium

Learn all there is about being a Cardinal right from Cardy - learn the cheers, meet the fall athletes, and more. Find out all of the great ways you can show your Cardinal Pride!

**More information will be posted with more details about the  
First Flight App, your First Flight Color Teams,  
how you get to eat for free, and more!  
Be sure to check your Otterbein email regularly!**