



Wolf Pack Welcome

Friday, August 18

- 8:00a- 1:00p **Move In Check In:** *Barnett Center Parking Lot*
Students living in the Residence Halls will receive detailed instructions prior to arrival. Staff and volunteers will be at each of the Halls to assist with move-in. Contact the Office of Residence Life (605-626-3007) to schedule your move in time after July 19.
- 11:00a - 1:00p **Lunch on Campus:** *The Wolves Den, Avera Student Center*
Dining Services will be offering a move-in day lunch special in the newly remodeled Wolves Den located in the Student Center.
- 11:00a - 3:00p **One Stop Shop!:** *Avera Student Center Mall*
No need to run around campus, students may access a wide array of services all in one convenient location. Services available at the One Stop Shop! are:
- Aberdeen Chamber Members
 - Academic Advising
 - Admissions
 - Avera Student Health
 - Career Services
 - Student Employment
 - Counseling Services
 - Finance Office
 - Financial Aid
 - Meal Plans
 - Multicultural Student Affairs
 - Pack Pass (Student ID)
 - Parking
 - Student Accessibility Services
 - Technology Services
- 1:00p-3:00p **Get Settled**
Need to run to the store for those forgotten items? Want to stock up on groceries? Get your room organized, pick up your parking permit, meet with Financial Aid or the Finance office - this is the time to do it! Get settled in before all the Wolf Pack Welcome events kick-off.
- 1:00p-3:00p **Fall Kick Start (By Invitation Only)** *Avera Student Center Mall*
Students who were unable to attend HOWL (summer orientation) will be connected to important campus resources that they may have missed during a traditional HOWL event.
- 3:00p **Off-Campus & Commuter Student Reception:** *Avera Student Center Mezzanine*
Students and their families are invited to join the Orientation team for your welcome to Northern before walking as a community to New Student Convocation.

- 3:30p **Convocation Meet Up:** *Residence Halls*
While parents head over to the Johnson Fine Arts Theatre for the convocation, all residential new students will meet with their RAs in their hall lobby before walking as a hall community to New Student Convocation.
- 4:00p- 5:00p **New Student Convocation (Mandatory):** *Jewett Theater, Johnson Fine Arts Center*
New Student Convocation is a new tradition at Northern and your formal welcome as a member of the Wolf Pack Family. New Student Convocation is the bookend to graduation - the start of your journey and the first formal gathering of the newest students at Northern. Parents and families are invited to attend.
- 5:00p-6:00p **Wolf Pack Picnic:** *Campus Green (Students & Families)*
Enjoy a meal together to welcome our new Wolves to the Pack! *Sponsored by Residence Life and Sodexo*
- 6:00p **Parent Reception:** *Sculpture Garden, Outside JFAC*
This concludes the parent portion of Wolf Pack Welcome. Thank you for coming!
- 6:00p- 8:00p **Pack Session:** *Campus Green*
Join in for some fun and get connected with your fellow Wolves!

Saturday, August 19

The One Stop Shop, located in the Avera Student Center, will be open from 10am - 2pm.

- 9:00-10a **Speed Friends:** *Campus Green*
Start your weekend off with donuts, sweet treats, an iced coffee bar, and meeting as many of your fellow Wolves as possible!
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| - Academic Advising | - Financial Aid |
| - Admissions | - Meal Plans |
| - Avera Student Health | - Multicultural Student Affairs |
| - Career Services | - Pack Pass (Student ID) |
| - Student Employment | - Parking |
| - Counseling Services | - Student Accessibility Services |
| | - Technology Services |
- 10:15a-11:15a **Technology Knowledge:** *Krikac Auditorium*
Bring your laptop! This session goes over the technology you will need to get started at Northern, getting connected to the internet, and how to get your tickets for Wolves Athletics games.

- 11:00a – 1:00p **Lunch:** Residential Student Meal Plans are now active. *Wolves Den, Avera Student Center*
- 1:00p – 2:00p **Majors Mingle:** *Avera Student Center*
 Meet & greet with the Dean and professors of your school or college while getting to know fellow students in your major!
- College of Arts and Sciences: Centennial Room C&D
 - School of Business: Lincoln Art Gallery
 - School of Education: Centennial Room A&B
 - College of Fine Arts: Missouri River Room
 - Exploratory Studies: Mezzanine
- 2:00p – 4:00p **Community Expectations (Mandatory):** *Jewett Theater*
All new students must be in attendance. College life is full of new experiences, and it is important that all students are able to make informed and safe decisions.
- 4:00p- 5:00p **Introduction to Residence Life (Mandatory for Residential Students):**
Jewett Theater
 Presented by the Residence Life staff, learn all of the essential and expectations of living in the halls.
- 5:00p–6:30p **Dinner:** *Wolves Den, Avera Student Center*
- 5:00p **Women’s Soccer Scrimmage vs. Jamestown:** *Soccer Pavilion*
 Come out to support your Northern State Wolves as they warm up for another great year with a scrimmage against Jamestown.
- 7:00p **Brown County Fair:** *Fairgrounds*
 Over 100 years of family fun! The Brown County Fair has been providing entertainment and promoting family unity since the 1880's. It began as a small county fair where livestock, vegetables, grains, and machinery were brought for display. Today, the BCF is your ticket to 7 nights of grandstand entertainment and free live music day or night. Discover tons of exciting activities for all ages, from carnival rides to one-of-a-kind contests to the bunny barn. Transportation will be provided from campus to the Brown County Fair. Vans will run every 30 minutes. The final trip will depart the Fair at 11:30pm back to campus. Open to all Northern students with their Pack Pass.
- Visit: <https://browncountysdfair.com/> for a full list of concerts and events!

Sunday, August 20

- 9:00a – 11:30a **Classroom Tours:** *Avera Student Center Mall*
 Stop by any time between 9-11:30am and your Orientation Team will help you find where your classrooms are located and where some of the important offices are on campus.

- 10:30a – 11:30a **Work-Study Orientation:** *Krikac Auditorium*
Mandatory for all students receiving workstudy in the fall semester.
- 11:00a – 1:00p **Lunch:** *Wolves Den, Avera Student Center*
- 1:00p-2:00p **Student Success & Academic Advising (Mandatory):** *Berggren Recital Hall, JFAC*
Connect with Student Success Center team in this interactive session. Learn about the advising expectations and goals and academic support resources and develop strategies for starting your term off on the right foot.
- 2:00p-2:45p **WolfTalk (Mandatory):** *Berggren Recital Hall, JFAC*
The theme-one that centers around a vital aspect of our lives that often gets overshadowed in the whirlwind of college experiences: family. How the story of Henrietta Lacks helps us to recognize the crucial role that family plays in shaping our experiences, values, and aspirations. Presented by: Dr. Matthews, NSU 2023 Faculty of the Year
- 3:00-5:00p **Honors Welcome:** *Lincoln Art Gallery*
For all students in the Honors Program.
- 5:00p – 6:30p **Dinner:** *Wolves Den, Avera Student Center*
- 7:00p – 8:00p **Color Dodgeball:** *Lindberg-Seymour Quad*
Dodgeball, but with a colorful twist! Players throw color powder at the opposing team. A little competition and colorful fun to start the year off!
Sponsored by Campus Activities Board

Monday, August 21

- 7:00a-4:00p **Welcome HQ:** *Outside the Avera Student Center*
Classes begin! Need help finding your classes? Looking for campus resources? Have questions? Stop by Wolf Pack Welcome HQ and we'll guide you in the right direction!
- 5:00p **Wolves Den & Thunder Lair Grand Opening!** *Avera Student Center*
Come join our Sodexo partners as we celebrate the re-opening of the newly renovated Wolves Den and Thunder Lair. Over \$1,000,000 and a summer of hard work, we are excited to show off our bright, modern look and offer everyone a variety of delicious food options sure to satisfy your appetite after a full day of classes. For those students, faculty and staff not on a meal plan the cost is only \$9.50.

Wednesday, August 23

- 3:00p **Accessibility Services Student Training:** *Centennial Room C&D*
The office of Student Accessibility Services is launching a new software system called AccessNORTHERN for students with disabilities to request academic accommodation. This session will be hands-on, and students are encouraged to

bring their personal devices so they can follow along and submit their semester request for accommodations. Students will also learn other functionalities of the system, including scheduling of alternative tests. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, August 24

6:30p

Wes Mathison: *Krikac Auditorium*

Wes Mathison a mentalist is an LA native who now finds his home in Chicago. He is currently featured as 'The Mentalist' in the world's biggest touring magic show, The Illusionists, which is playing at the Eldorado Showroom in Reno, NV. Wes has also been featured in New York's longest running off Broadway show, Monday Night Magic, and was the crowd favorite at the Amsterdam Magic Show in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Come join Campus Activities Board for a time that you won't forget.

Friday, August 25

5:00p

Concert Series: *Main Street & Malchow's Plaza*

Live performances by local and regional artists with vibrant Downtown Aberdeen as the backdrop - what could be better? The Aberdeen Downtown Associations hosts free outdoor concerts each summer, serving as an opportunity to get out and enjoy what downtown has to offer. You'll also find an impressive collection of food vendors. Bring your camp chairs and enjoy a fun night of free outdoor entertainment!

Wednesday, August 30

11:00a-2:00p

Involvement Fair: *Campus Green*

Come learn about all the ways you can get connected on campus and in the Aberdeen community! Student organizations, campus departments, and community groups will be on campus to connect with students.

7:00p - 9:00p

Tab on CAB: *Twist Cone*

Serving the Aberdeen community for over 50 years, Twist Cone is a must for all new Wolves! Stop by Twist Cone to grab a cool treat and put it on CAB's tab. Free for the first 150 students with your Pack Pass. *Sponsored by Campus Activities Board*

Thursday, August 31

Census Date: *Complete Attendance Confirmation, last day to add/drop classes, check your bill, make payment arrangements, get your parking pass before you get ticketed!*

Tuesday, September 5

12:15p

Smudging Ceremony: *Mewalt Jensen Courtyard*

Northern is dedicated to the recognition of tribal traditions and ceremonies that complement the holistic well-being of American Indian and Alaska Native students. The American Indian Good Circle Program hosts a monthly Smudge

the first Tuesday of every month from 12:15-12:30 p.m. This is a time where we come together and have cultural education time to talk about what smudging is, the importance it symbolizes in Indigenous culture and a time of reflection. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, September 6

4:00p – 6:00p

uNity Walk & Welcome Back BBQ: *Campus Green*

The uNity Walk is an annual tradition at Northern where we strive to build a campus culture that includes and welcomes every member of the Pack. The walk and BBQ are an opportunity join together to uNite for equality on campus. There will be food, music, and community. *Sponsored by uNity and Multicultural Student Affairs*

Saturday, September 9

9:00a

Out of the Darkness Walk, *Odde Ice Arena*

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention hosts the Community Walks in hundreds of cities across the country. These events give people the courage to open up about their own connections to the cause, and a platform to create a culture that's smarter about mental health. We walk side-by-side, supporting each other and in memory of those we've lost. Suicide is a deeply impactful issue facing our communities, especially for college-aged students. To raise awareness of this significant issue, the Northern comes together to support the Aberdeen Out of the Darkness Walk. Join Northern's team, (team name).

6:00p

Wolves Football Game: *Dacotah Bank Stadium*

Come support your Wolves and experience the best stadium in DII football! Student Tailgating will start at 3:00pm in the Premier Parking Lot.

Monday, September 11

9:00a – 3:00p

Annual 9/11 Blood Drive: *Centennial Rooms, Avera Student Center*

Campus Activities Board has been hosting a blood drive around 9/11 since 2001. Your donation will help save a friend, family member, or a stranger in your own community. Come support and donate to those in need. *Sponsored by Campus Activities Board*

Wednesday, September 13

6:30p-7:15p

WolfTalk: *Berggren Recital Hall, JFAC*

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" faculty panel discussion. Discussion will be based on the themes within this book, including but not limited to, human rights, genetic testing, business and medical ethics. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" faculty panel discussion. Discussion will be based on the

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Friday, September 15 - Sunday, September 17

Wolves Volleyball - Minnesota Crookston Friday at 6:00p

Wolves Volleyball - Bemidji State Saturday at 2:00p

Wolves Football - university of Mary, Saturday at 6:00p

Wolves Soccer - Minot State University, Sunday at 1:00p

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Thursday, September 21

11:00a - 2:00p

Career & Internship Fair: *Centennial Rooms, Avera Student Center*

Northern students and regional job seekers are invited to the Fall 2023 Career & Internship Fair. This fair is open to all seeking and wanting to explore their options for full-time and part-time positions, internships, and on-campus positions. It's never too early to connect with employers on potential internships and explore potential career fields.

Friday, September 22 - Sunday, September 24

Wolves Swimming at Home

Wolves Soccer - Winona State Saturday at 6:00p

Wolves Soccer - Concordia-St. Paul, Sunday at 1:00p

Wednesday, September 27

7:30p

Larry and Julie Poeppel Family Common Read Lecture: *JFAC*

Each fall, the NSU Honors Program hosts a Common Read lecture, supported by the generous endowment of the Larry and Julie Poeppel family. The Fall 2023 Common Read book will be "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks," by Rebecca Skloot. A New York Times bestseller, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" tells the story of how Lacks' cells, taken without her consent in 1951, became one of the most important tools in medicine—the first "immortal" human cells grown in a laboratory. Two members of the Lacks family will present the Larry and Julie Poeppel Family Common Read Lecture. The Common Read Lecture is free and open to all of campus and the Aberdeen community.

Friday, September 29th - Saturday, September 30th

Wolves Volleyball - Winona State, Friday at 6:00p

Wolves Volleyball - Concordia-St. Paul, Saturday at 2:00p

Monday, October 2nd - Saturday, October 7th

Homecoming Week: Wolves Go to Vegas

A week full of fun, social events and supporting our Northern State University Wolves! Homecoming week is the time to show your Wolves pride from meeting the royalty candidates, crowning the new queen and king, and culminating with the big football game in Dakotah Bank Stadium where we bleed Maroon and Gold!

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS consists of HOWL (Helping Our Wolves Learn) New Student Orientation and Wolf Pack Welcome in August. These programs help new Northern students transition to college and to campus and offer the first critical retention program experienced by students. HOWL and Wolf Pack Welcome are campus-wide partnerships with Admissions, the Registrar, Financial Aid, Housing, Dining, Student Affairs, and Athletics.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on Student Affairs, please visit northern.edu/student-life/student-affairs. Student Affairs is comprised of the Avera Student Center, Avera Student Health, Campus Safety, Counseling Services, Dean of Students Office, Multicultural Student Affairs, New Student Programs (HOWL & Wolf Pack Welcome), Student Rights and Responsibilities, Prevention Services, Residence Life and Dining Services, Student Accessibility Services, Student Government Association, Student Involvement and Leadership, Student Organizations, Summer Camps and Conferences, and Title IX. Student Affairs advances the student success agenda of Northern State University and the *Student Affairs Strategic Plan (2021-2025)*.

Land Acknowledgement

Northern State University (NSU) acknowledges South Dakota as the ancestral territory of the Santee, Yankton, and Teton Lakota, which is an alliance known as the Oceti Sakowin (o-che-tee sha-koh-ween) (Seven Council Fires). Oceti Sakowin is historically known as the Sioux by non-Native people. The nine Native Nations that share the state's geography include: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Yankton Sioux Tribe. Northern State University acknowledges that before this land was called South Dakota, it was home to many Native Nations indigenous to this area. It is with profound respect that we acknowledge the indigenous peoples of this land past, present and future.