

WKU 2026 New Faculty Orientation Agenda

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Day 1: Monday, August 17, 11:30-4:30, Martens Alumni Center

11-12	WKU ID CENTER will take photos for IDs as you arrive. HR available to answer questions.
11:30	Lunch (Remarks will start at 12:05) Welcome (Rob Hale, Associate Provost of Faculty & Academic Excellence) History of WKU (David Lee, University Historian) Serving Students at WKU (Bud Fischer, Provost)
12:45	WKU Students—John Mark Francis, Interim Vice President for Enrollment & Student Experience
1:00	Small group work to formulate questions you would want to ask students
1:10	Panel of WKU Students. • Luke Evans, Ogden College of Science and Engineering • Lacy Hardin, Potter College of Arts and Letters • Jack Woolf, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences • Macy Morris, Gordon Ford College of Business • Kalee Stevens, College of Health and Human Services
1:50	Break
2:00	College Breakout Sessions with Deans • Tania Basta, College of Health and Human Services (Feix Ballroom) • David Brown, Ogden College of Science and Engineering (Dining Room) • Terrance Brown, Potter College of Arts and Letters (Robertson Ballroom) • Jennifer Klemm, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences (Fireplace Lobby) • Evelyn Thrasher, Gordon Ford College of Business (Boardroom) • Josh Vossler, University Libraries
2:30	BREAK
2:45	Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning (Matt Shake, Director, CITL)
3:15	BREAK and walk to Kentucky Museum
3:30	Reaching All Students Session (Martha Sales, Dean of Students)—Kentucky Museum

Day 2 of agenda is on the flip side

Day 2: Tuesday, August 18, 8:30-2, Martens Alumni Center

8:00	Gather and Coffee Service
8:30	Table work to formulate questions for the new faculty
8:35	Panel Discussion with relatively new faculty • Becca Andrews, Asst. Professor, Journalism • Lauren Duncan, Instructor Accounting • Liwei Fang, Asst. Professor, Biology • Zach Farley, Asst. Professor, Public Health 2026 • Allison Wittum, Asst. Professor, Psychology
9:20	Faculty Senate/Governance, Dan Clark (Chair, Faculty Senate; Mathematics)
9:30	Group A to Seasoned Faculty • Indudeep Chhachhi, Professor, Finance (Teams 1) • Raymond Poff, Professor, Kinesiology, Recreation, & Sport (Teams 2) • Michelle Jones, Pedagogical Associate Professor, Mathematics (Teams 3) Group B to Colonnade and Quality Enhancement Program ▪ Stacy Forsythe, Chair, Colonnade Committee Group C to Challenging Situations • Merrall Price, Senior Associate Dean, Potter College • Mike Carini, Chair of Physics & Astronomy • Liz Sturgeon, Director School of Nursing and Allied Health • Margie Desander, Director School of Leadership and Professional Studies • Jennifer Hammonds, Registrar & Executive Director of Graduate Studies
10:00	Break
10:10	Group C to Seasoned Faculty Group A to Colonnade/QEP Group B to Challenging Situations
10:40	Break
10:50	Group B to Seasoned Faculty Group C to Colonnade/QEP Group A to Challenging Situations
11:20	Break
11:30	Broad Q&A with Rob Hale
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Title IX Training, Ena Demir, Executive Director, Office of Institutional Equity
1:15-130	HR Presentation
1:30-2:15	Activity Fair & HR Support