

UNLEASH  
YOUR  
**POTENTIAL**  
BLUE GOLD WELCOME 2022

**FRIDAY - AUGUST 19**

**Move In: 8 – 11 AM** | All Residence Halls

It's officially time to make UNK your new home! Students can use this time to move college necessities into dorm rooms before the fun begins.

**RHC Welcome: 11 – 11:30 AM** | All Residence Hall Lobbies  
Sending your student to live on-campus can be daunting and leave you with questions. This is a time to meet your students' Residence Hall Coordinator and Resident Assistants that are here to support their transition to living on campus.

**Parent Orientation & Social: 1 – 2 PM**  
Antelope Room (English), ODI (Spanish)  
Parents are encouraged to learn about the Parent and Family Association and campus resources. We encourage all parents to attend, ask questions and hear about how they can support their new Lopers.

**\*Class Roam: 1 – 2 PM** | Entire Campus  
To avoid the first-day jitters, take a trip around campus and familiarize yourself with UNK and the campus map. Faculty will be stationed at buildings to answer questions about the departments.

**\*Check In & Meet Your Herd: 2 – 3:30 PM** | Bell Tower  
Meet up with your Loper Leaders who will be your guides for the weekend. This is also a chance to get to know fellow students within your herd and take pictures. Don't forget to bring your digital/printed Blue Gold Welcome ticket.

**Class of 2026 Parade of Lopers: 3:30 – 4 PM** | Bell Tower to Health and Sports Center  
Be a part of the tradition. New students will walk under the Bell Tower, and head to their official convocation. Parents, family, faculty, staff, community members, and alumni members are welcome to line the sidewalk between the Bell Tower and HSC to cheer on our new Lopers and welcome them to UNK!

**\*Convocation: 4 – 5 PM** | Health & Sports Center  
Join fellow incoming students, Chancellor Kristensen, Student Regent Emily Saadi, the Cheer, Dance team, and Faculty/Staff to kick-off your college career!

**Showcase & Chancellor's Picnic: 5 – 8 PM**  
Campus Greens  
Don't miss our traditional welcome festival with over 200 Kearney area vendors, and organizations! Enjoy live entertainment, FREE stuff, and a free meal provided to all attendees courtesy of Chancellor Kristensen!

**Pride of the Plains Marching Band Exhibition: 7:30 – 8 PM** | Foster Field

**\*First Floor Social: 8:30 – 9:30 PM** | All Residence Halls  
Living in a new community can be both exciting and scary. These floor meetings serve as an opportunity to help you meet new people and navigate this new environment.

**\*Playfair: 9 – 10:30 PM** | Foster Field  
Playfair is like nothing you have ever experienced before! It is an interactive and fun way to make new friends and take the first step in building relationships that will last a lifetime!

**\* Required Event**



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**SATURDAY - AUGUST 20**

**\*Breakfast, Check In, and Yard Games: 8 – 10 AM**  
Bell Tower and Campus Greens

Rise and shine! Meet up with your herd to enjoy breakfast and yard games as you prepare for a day full of adventure and learning!

**\*Life as a Loper Orientation: 10 – 12 PM**  
Health and Sports Center  
During this orientation, you will become familiar with your new home and its rules and expectations. Learn your way around campus, and find out more about health services, meal plans, computer needs, and more.

**Lunch & Faculty Event: 12 – 2 PM**  
Health and Sports Center and Ponderosa Room  
Take the first step in getting to know professors that will guide you along your journey at UNK. This fun and engaging activity allows students to learn more about why they are here while enjoying a free lunch!

**Workshops: 2 – 5 PM** | Copeland Hall (all rooms)  
Students are encouraged to learn about a variety of different topics to increase their knowledge of campus resources and gain a better understanding of those around them.

**Student Organization Interest Meetings: 5 – 6 PM**  
Copeland Hall (all rooms)  
Take the first step in getting involved on campus! See what some of UNK's biggest and best student organizations have to offer in order to better your experience at UNK!

**Dinner at Graze Dining Hall: 5:30 – 6 PM**

**\*Speaker: 6 – 7 PM** | Foster Field  
Join us as speaker Jeff Venekemp aims to inspire students at UNK and help them Unleash Their Potential. This will be accompanied by a free dinner during the speaker.

**Rec 'Round Campus: 7 – 8:30 PM**  
Foster Field and Campus Greens  
Learn all about Campus Recreation and get your first taste of what intramurals have to offer. Explore the different stations throughout campus as a way to relax and unwind at the end of the day.

**DJ: 7:30 – 9 PM** | Cope Fountain (hosted by LPAC)  
Join us as LPAC brings a fun and eventful close to the night with an outstanding DJ! The Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion is bringing a drag show in as part of the event to provide a unique way to end the day!

**Concert featuring Rosendo Robles: 9 – 11 PM**  
Cope Foundation  
(hosted by Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion)

**SUNDAY - AUGUST 21**

**Transfer & Commuter Campus Roam: 1 – 2:30 PM**  
Antelope Room  
Commuters are welcomed and encouraged to attend this event to begin their dive into campus life.

**2nd Floor Social: 8 – 9 PM** | All Residence Halls

**THURSDAY - AUGUST 25**

**Destination Downtown: 5 – 9 PM**  
Downtown Kearney "On the Bricks"  
Explore "The Bricks" and learn more about all that downtown Kearney has to offer. Enjoy some of the delicious food and experiences that make Kearney a one-of-a-kind place. Stick around for a concert to cap off the night!