Program Description:
The UNI Now program is the next step in preparing incoming students for college success. UNI Now will help students get connected with peers, discover UNI traditions, attend fun and engaging events, and find out what it means to be a Panther! All students admitted for fall 2015 are highly encouraged to attend.

Scope of the Program:
UNI Now is a true campus-wide collaboration with over 100 faculty members, staff members, and students involved in various planning committees. Several departments are represented in programming efforts, including:

- Academic Learning Center
- Alumni Relations
- Athletics
- Dean of Students Office
- Department of Residence
- Graduate College
- International Programs
- Liberal Arts Core
- NCBI
- Student Involvement Center
- Rod Library
- Various academic departments
- Wellness Services

In addition to the contributions by faculty and staff, UNI Now will have more than 250 peer leaders helping students with their transition to UNI. These leaders are from around campus and include resident assistants, peer mentors, and a new group, the Cat Crew.

Cat Crew volunteers are responsible for guiding groups of new students through UNI Now programming in partnership with resident assistants. Students will be engaged through interactive social, academic, and community events. These peer leaders serve as approachable and knowledgeable role models for incoming students to help answer questions and facilitate a successful transition to the UNI community.

At-A-Glance Highlights:
- Involvement of over 250 peer leaders
- Exploration of academic resources and student services
- Diversity and inclusion activities facilitated by faculty, staff, and student leaders, followed by small group reflection
- Transfer Track
  - Resource fair specific to transfer students
  - Transfer student welcome reception
- Community Involvement
  - Panthers on Main
  - Community service project
  - Guided tour of Cedar Valley trails
- Program integration and collaboration with international orientation, student-athlete practice schedules, Panther Marching Band Camp, and Jump Start

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 - MOVE IN DAY**

All day: New students move in
Morning: Offered to students and guests at reduced rate
Meal Plan to begin Wednesday Night/Panther Theme
Afternoon: Welcome from RAs
  • House meetings to discuss expectations
  • House dinners
Evening: House Senate and student organization sponsored activities
Late night: Midnight Breakfast Bingo, Piazza Dining Center

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 – KICK-OFF DAY**

Morning: Breakfast with residence hall
DOR sponsored activities with communities
Afternoon: Transfer student lunch at Rialto at Towers Center
Resource fair for transfer students
Campus-Wide Scavenger Hunt
Panther Kick-Off and Class Photo, McLeod Center
Evening: Outdoor Picnic, Quads Courtyard
Late night: Outdoor movie, Lawther Field
Target After Hours Shopping

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 – ACADEMICS DAY**

Morning: Small group rotation 1**
Small group rotation 2**
Lunch with groups or small group rotation 3**
Lunch with groups or small group rotation 3**
Afternoon: Small group rotation 4**
Student employment fair
Snack break
Diversity and inclusion follow-up discussion in the residence halls
Evening: Dinner with groups
Late night: Hypnotist/illusionist
Late night activity sponsored by RHA and student organizations

**Rotation topics include diversity and inclusion, academic resources and community building.**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 – COMMUNITY DAY**

Morning: Community Service Project
Zumba
Bike Tour, trails and city park exploration
Afternoon: Panthers on Main
Paddle on the Pond
Evening: Sand Volleyball
Dinner for on-campus students with meal plans
Grad School Picnic
Transfer student dinner
Late night: Event Showcase sponsored by UNI departments and student organizations

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 – TRANSITIONAL DAY**

Information is currently being gathered and will soon be available on the website.
*Exact dates and location will be posted by August 1.

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