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### Your Penn State New Kensington Journey: The First Steps



New Student Orientation 2018

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# WHAT IS ORIENTATION?



## 3 Days To Success ...

Orientation is a three-day process that includes NSO (Academic Advising day) and [New Student Days](#) (often referred to as Pride Day and All Prides day). All three days are designed to educate, encourage and inspire you as you embark on your academic journey. Our main objective is to provide you with the necessary tools to facilitate a smooth transition into college life, but also to assist you in exploring varied opportunities as you prepare for your future. A description of Penn State New Kensington (PSNK) orientation days is below.

## NSO—Academic Advising Day (DAY 1)



June— August (Must register online and choose your day!)

Based on placement test scores, career objectives, and academic advisor recommendations, your appropriate courses will be assigned. In addition to developing a schedule, you will receive important information on campus resources.

## New Student Days—August 15th and 16th (8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.)



At Day 2 (Pride Day), you will attend interactive workshops conducted by faculty and staff, and participate in a discussion on our summer [reading book](#): *Callings*. We will introduce you to our campus tradition, Orientation Prides, led by our student Orientation Leaders. Orientation Leaders will guide your Pride through fun activities and show off their acting skills in a series of theatrical skits!

During Day 3 (All Prides Day), you will meet many of your fellow classmates and attend college meetings, academic convocation, and be formally welcomed to Penn State. Near the end of Day 3, you will interact with faculty and staff at the campus picnic and take part in the Penn State New Kensington traditional rainbow picture and “Pride Olympics”. Prides will compete with one another in various activities — teamwork, communication, and creativity will be the key to your victory!

**Orientation Prides:** A PRIDE is a company of lions bonding together in support of each other. At Orientation 2018, you will become part of a Penn State campus tradition!

**NOTE:** All 3 days of orientation are mandatory for all new students. Mark the dates on your calendars! Parents, Guardians and Guests are welcome to attend. Registration for Days 2 & 3 is automatic when you register and confirm your registration for New Student Orientation Day 1—Academic Advising.

### *Your Orientation Leaders:*

The PSNK Orientation Leader (OL) is a respected position and is earned through a competitive selection process. The OLs attended a leadership retreat in May to prepare for your arrival! They’re excited to meet you and ready to help you make your mark at PSNK. All new students will be assigned to a Pride group led

**Blue Pride:** Ashley Worlds, Nick Roth, Kathy Durkin, Ian Callender

**Purple Pride:** Gina Batiz, Jake Boney, Melissa Braun, TJ Slancauskas

**Green Pride:** Dylan Hamilton, Paulina Iniguez, Alex Heyer, Shelby Watt

**Red Pride:** Savannah Smith, Jon Schofield, Jessica Kurtz, Adam Johnson

**Yellow Pride:** Scott Sinclair, Nick McGrath, Jaice Bright, Lauren Lizik

**Orange Pride:** Carly Duncan, Tingting Zheng, Evan Yoder, Bradyn Claycomb



**Traditional Rainbow Picture**

## Summer Movie Nights at PSNK!

**Athletic Center Parking Lot**

**Parking Lot Opens: 7:30 p.m.**

**Concessions Start: 8:00 p.m.**

**Movie Starts: DUSK**

**Movie is free for all!**

**Food is free for students with their PSU ID.**

**Food is \$5 for community members.**

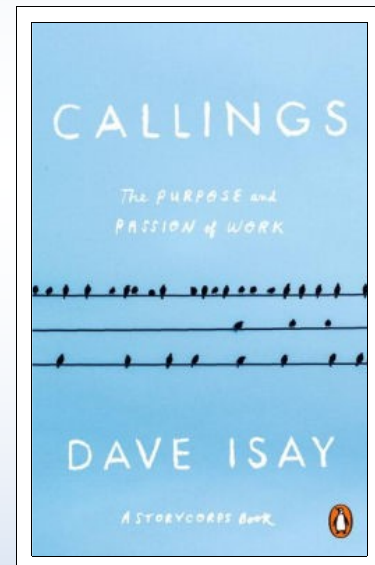
**Coming August 9th...*Avengers: Infinity War!***



**June  
27th!**

### Summer To-Do Checklist:

- ✓ **Attend all three New Student Orientation Days & consider joining the Annual First Year Student Boat Cruise**
- ✓ **Get Photo ID picture taken and receive student ID card at Academic Advising Day**
- ✓ **Receive First Year Summer Reading Program book during the Academic Advising Day**
- ✓ **Complete the SAFE & AWARE modules**
- ✓ **Print out your class schedule and tour the PSNK campus**
- ✓ **Check online to finalize your semester bill in early August**
- ✓ **Complete your immunization forms and submit your health history records online**
- ✓ **Complete everything in your "To Do List" in LionPath**



### Summer Reading Program:

***Callings: The Purpose and Passion of Work*  
by Dave Isay**

**You will receive your FREE copy of this book at Academic Advising Day! You will be expected to read the book prior to Pride Day (August 15th, 2018), where we will discuss the content in a group setting.**



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**We can't wait to meet you!  
The Orientation Leader Team**

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