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Welcome Week begins Sept. 2

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Actors 'N' Techies, the student production organization, will present "The World Goes 'Round," from Thursday, Aug. 28 through Sunday, Sept. 7. Performances are at 8 p.m. in the Varner Studio Theatre Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$6 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults.

Residence halls check-in begins Saturday, Aug. 30 for students who plan to live on campus. A number of events are planned for those who will be moving in.

First-year students who signed up for Jump Start will learn more about campus life on Tuesday, Sept. 2, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms. New students and their parents are invited to New Student Convocation and Involvement Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 3-5 p.m. in the Recreation and Athletics Center.

The annual walk to Meadow Brook Hall will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. from the Hamlin Courtyard.

Student Affairs will host its annual ice cream social on Thursday, Sept. 2, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. outside between North and South Foundation halls. The rain site is the Oakland Center.

Students can learn more about getting involved in student and Greek organizations during the GrizzFest: Student and Greek Organizations Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside between North and South Foundation halls.

Students are also encouraged to cheer on the Golden Grizzlies during a number of sporting events, including women's soccer, men's soccer and a pep rally.

- Friday, Aug. 29, 4 p.m., Lower Fields, Women's soccer versus Bowling Green State University
- Friday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m., **Ultimate Sports Arena**, Pontiac, Men's soccer versus Oregon State University
- Sunday, Aug. 31, Noon, Lower Fields, Men's soccer versus Green Bay
- Sunday, Aug. 31, 4 p.m., Lower Fields, Women's soccer versus Central Michigan University
- Thursday, Sept. 4, 5-9 p.m., Hamlin Courtyard, Grizz Gang Jumpin' Jamboree
- Tuesday, Sept. 9, noon-12:30 p.m., between North and South Foundation halls, Golden Grizzlies Pep Rally
- Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m., O'rena, Women's volleyball versus Bowling Green State University

For a complete list of upcoming Athletic events, visit the **OU Athletics** Web site.

Welcome Week wraps up with a Student Program Board Mainstage Concert featuring R&B artist Raheem DeVaughn on Friday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on the east side of campus. The event is free for OU students, \$10 for guests. One guest is allowed per OU student. Tickets are available at the CSA Service Window, located at 49 Oakland Center.

There will be a number of open houses including Graham Health Center and OU Counseling Center, Career Services and School of Business Administration. For a complete list of Welcome Week events, including dates, time and locations, visit the **Welcome Week calendar**.

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