

FALL ORIENTATION 2025

354 FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY

→ **23%** Of the class of 2029



89% I know at least one person (faculty or staff) at Lehigh that I can turn to if I have questions or concerns.

76% Orientation helped me feel connected to Lehigh.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WAS HELPFUL IN LEARNING ABOUT LEHIGH'S OFFICES AND RESOURCES?



80% After Orientation, I have a better understanding of ways I can craft my communities with care.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMMING

68% The Health, Safety, and Well-Being Fair helped me learn about resources related to taking care of myself and others at Lehigh.



ORIENTATION LEADERS

96% My Orientation Leader was EXTREMELY/VERY knowledgeable about Lehigh.

89% My Orientation Leader was able to facilitate EXTREMELY/VERY productive conversations.



77% I feel a sense of belonging within the Lehigh Community

“ I know I can always turn to him as a resource and he really made a big impact on my first few days...I can tell he truly wanted to be there to help us.

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She was very knowledgeable and gave me a lot of valuable information to help me settle in at Lehigh.

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At the **Peer Health: Let's Face It – Your Mental Health** session, students learned:

78% how to make healthy choices while at Lehigh

78% resources available at Lehigh to support your health and wellbeing

71% about the impact that alcohol and drugs could have on your experience

81% strategies to prioritize and take care of your mental health and wellbeing

76% Building a Lehigh for Everyone helped me understand how making assumptions can impact myself and others



OPTIONAL PROGRAMMING DURING ORIENTATION

Friday, August 22

18 5x10 Symposia by Faculty

▶ **1045** students attended

Program Topics: Technology, Sustainability, Social Justice, Outer Space, Materials Science, Writing, Community and more.



Sunday, August 24

11 Different Craft Your Experience Programs

▶ Approximately **600** students attended

Program Topics: Financial Wellness, Preparing for Classes/Healthy Study Habits, Yoga, Campus Bus Tour, Class Schedule Tour, Student Involvement Panel, Camp Hawk Meet & Greet, Transfer Student Social, CareWell, Safe Sex Supplies



SOUTH BETHLEHEM & FAUX FRIDAY

17 restaurants participated

1532 students ate in South Bethlehem

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Comfort level with venturing into South Bethlehem

41% Very Comfortable

39% Moderately Comfortable

19% Somewhat Comfortable

1% Not Comfortable

0% I have not explored South Bethlehem yet

bLUeprint

65% could correctly identify the bLUeprint 5 Foundations After Orientation



ACADEMICS

58% of students met with an academic advisor or college representative during Orientation.

76% of students said their meeting with advisors were VERY/MODERATELY helpful.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

86% I know at least 1 person/faculty or staff at Lehigh that I can turn to if I have questions or concerns

72% As a transfer student, I found my orientation experience to be valuable.

72% Orientation helped me feel connected to Lehigh

What was most helpful in their transition:

- Campus Tour
- Orientation Leaders
- Sharing Resources and Advice
- Making Friends



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