



BLUE DEVIL BULLETIN

• A Newsletter for Central Families •



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Welcome!

My name is Maria Santilli and I'm excited to introduce myself as the Director of New Student Transitions and Family Engagement. As your student prepares to begin this exciting new chapter at Central, we're equally excited to partner with you along the way.

This newsletter is the first in a series of communications designed to help keep families informed and connected. Throughout the summer, I'll be sharing important updates about what students need to complete before orientation, along with helpful reminders to ensure a smooth transition to campus.

As the academic year begins, these newsletters will continue with key student deadlines, campus resources, and upcoming events that support your student's success.

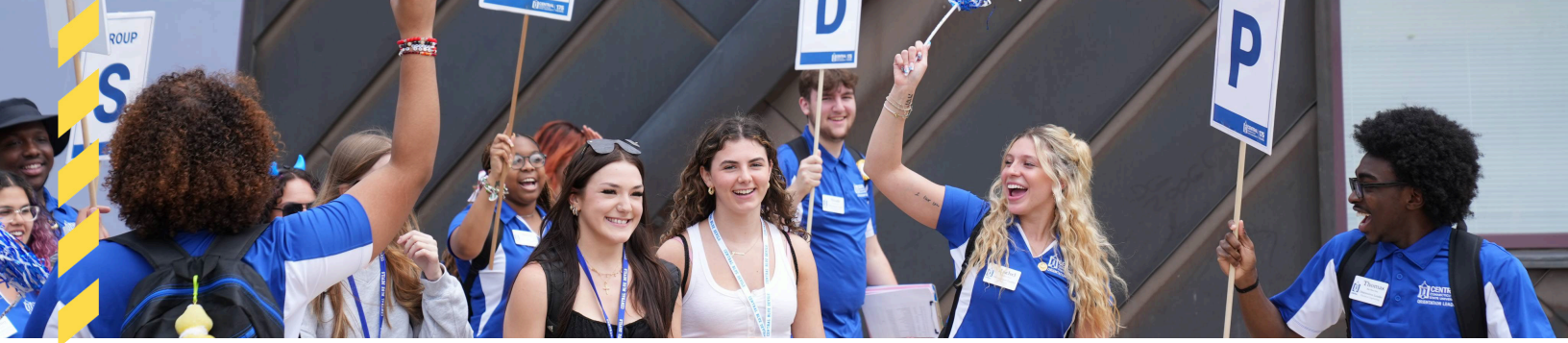
My goal is to build a strong "parents as partners" initiative—recognizing the important role families play in supporting students as they grow, learn, and navigate their first year. I invite you to join us on this journey and stay engaged throughout the year.

You can also follow along with on our social media channels, including our new Instagram page. Be sure to check the information below for the link and stay connected with us.

Thank you for being an important part of our community!

Maria Santilli,
Director of New Student
Transitions & Family Engagement
Central Class of 04', 07'





FIRST STEPS AS A BLUE DEVIL!

New Student Orientation

I invite you to join us for New Student Orientation this summer! Our two-day, overnight Orientation program is a high-impact program designed to help create a sense of belonging and connection to the campus and to other students, while also setting the students up for academic success. Students will interact with various support services and resources on campus, and will also work alongside our academic advisors to finalize their Fall 2026 Academic Course Schedule.

***Shortly after confirmation, new students receive an email titled, "Sign up for Central Orientation", which includes a link to sign up for Orientation. Please encourage your students to sign up today, as spots fill quickly.**

First Year Student One-Day Programs

- **Friday, June 12**
- *Additional dates to be announced*

June First Year Student Two-Day Programs

- Tuesday, June 16 -Wednesday, June 17
- Monday, June 22 – Tuesday, June 23
- Thursday, June 25 – Friday, June 26
- *Additional dates to be announced*

While we highly encourage attendance at our 2-day orientations, we do offer the option for a 1-day orientation. Also, **we encourage students attend earlier sessions for more academic selection when finalizing their Fall 2026 Academic Course Schedule.**



FOLLOW US:



Living on Campus & Living Learning Communities (LLC)

Living on campus helps students connect more closely with the University, their peers, and campus resources. Staying on campus for our overnight (two-day) orientations is a great way to experience staying on campus. Feel free to check out our residence halls here.

If you have not yet applied for housing, see below:

How to apply (2 easy steps):

- **Step 1: Submit the \$250 non-refundable housing deposit**
- **Step 2: Complete the online housing application in MyHousing Step-by-step instructions are available here.**

Resident students can also join an Academic Living-Learning Community (LLC). Learn more here!

If your student has already signed up for housing, contact Residence Life about joining an LLC connected to their academics, faculty and major! Questions or inquiries: reslife@ccsu.edu or (860) 832-1660

New Student Checklist:

New Students have received access to our New Student Checklist here. Here, they can review some important steps to take as they transition to becoming a Blue Devil and find corresponding links to more information.

Some of those important steps include:

1. Sign up for Orientation! (info above)
2. Activate their Bluenet & Multifactor Authenticator
3. Complete FAFSA (in not already done)
4. Apply for and confirm housing/meal plan
5. Complete Health Forms
6. Send in Final Transcripts
7. Upload Photo for Student ID



ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Student Transition & Registration Tool (START)

New first-year students can now share their Fall 2026 course preferences with Academic Advisors.

Please remind your student to check their Central email for a message titled, "It's Time to START Planning your Fall 2026 academic schedule!". This email contains a link to their START, which is a form where they will be asked to share academic preferences, scores and credits achieved before college. In this form, they will also be able to identify if they need to take any placement exams- and schedule said exams!

Note The sooner a student completes their START, the sooner advisors will begin to create their Fall 2026 Academic Schedule. This ensures better access to courses! Don't wait!

Academic Course Schedule for Fall 2026!

- As mentioned above, completing the START form and scheduling math & writing placement exams is a critical piece of the advisor process when building Fall academic schedules for incoming students.
- To learn more about Placement Exams at Central, please visit [here](#).
- At Summer Orientation, advisors will meet with students to review their Fall 2026 schedule. At this point, they will also select their First Year Experience (FYE) Course and make any necessary edits to their schedule.

Accessibility Services

If your student had accommodations in high school, please note that those accommodations will not carry over to college. Please encourage them to request those accommodations through the Office of [Accessibility Services](#) at Central. It is not too early!

Phone: 860-832-1952

Email: AccessibilityServices@ccsu.edu

Location: Willard Hall, Rm. 201



What to Expect in future Bulletins!

In each newsletter, we will include a few regular features to help you stay connected—to campus, to helpful resources, and to the student experience.

- **Central Spotlight-** Discover the various programs and learning opportunities that Central students are engaged in!
- **Success Tip of the Month-** A quick tip to help families support their student's transition, independence, and success during the first year.
- **First Year Focus-** In collaboration with our First Year Experience (FYE), we will feature a campus office, program, or service designed to support your student's academic and personal success throughout their first year at Central and beyond.