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# 2024-25

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# CUWW'24

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- 9 am-1 pm Resident Move-In | Wilson Hall Lobby
- 11 am-1 pm **Lunch** | Gee Dining Hall  
*\*families may purchase at the door*
- 11 am-2 pm **Vendor Fair** | Montgomery Student Center Lobby
- 1-2:45 pm Commuter Check-In | Wilson Hall Lobby
- 3-3:15 pm **Welcome (All)** | Twitchell Auditorium
- 3:15-3:30 pm **Meet your OL Team (Students)**  
Twitchell Auditorium
- Connect with Converse Leaders (Families)**  
Johnson Plaza
- 3:30-4:30 pm **Dessert and Family Farewell (All)**  
Johnson Plaza
- 5-7 pm **Dinner** | Gee Dining Hall  
*\*families may purchase at the door*
- 5-7 pm **Men's Soccer Scrimmage vs. Limestone**  
Hayden Abney Fulp Field
- 7-8:30 pm **Converse Kickback**  
Barnet Room in Montgomery Student Center  
*Social event featuring personal wellness, alcohol and after dark safety, mocktails and raffle baskets!*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

- 8:30-9:25 am **Breakfast** | Gee Dining Hall
- 9:30-9:50 am **OL Huddle 2** | Various locations
- 10-11:10 am **Morning Announcements** | Twitchell Auditorium  
**Student Government Association (SGA) Panel**  
**Title IX Review with Chief Stone**  
**Campus Safety Review**
- 11:10 am-12 pm **Lunch** | Gee Dining Hall
- 12:30-2 pm **Valhalla Race & Group Photo**  
Twitchell Auditorium
- 2-4 pm Math placement testing | Kuhn Hall  
*\*notified students only*
- 2-5 pm **Free Time**  
3-4 pm | **CU Paint**  
PNG room in Montgomery Student Center  
*Join our student leaders as they provide step-by-step instructions on how to paint an iconic Converse symbol on canvas*
- 5-7 pm **Dinner** | Gee Dining Hall
- 6-8:30 pm **CU Downtown / SGA Night** | Downtown  
*Join us downtown to explore some local favorites with complimentary samples and activities*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

- 8:30-9:25 am **Breakfast** | Gee Dining Hall
- 9:30-9:50 am **OL Huddle 3** | Various locations  
*Dress in business casual attire for Honor Code Signing*
- 10-10:30 am **Meet your FYS Instructor** | Various classrooms
- 10:45-11:45 am **Honor Code Signing & CCW Welcome**  
Twitchell Auditorium  
Keynote: Dean Chandra Hopkins

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 (continued)

- 12-1 pm **Lunch** | Gee Dining Hall  
Nisbet Honors Program Lunch  
Private Dining Room in Gee Dining Hall
- 1-1:45 pm **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** with Chief Stone  
Barnet Room in Montgomery Student Center
- 1:45-2:45 pm **OL Huddle 4 and Field Day Prep**  
Various locations  
*(athletes are excused if completing physicals)*
- 2-5 pm Athletics Physicals
- 3-5 pm **Free Time**  
3:30-4:30 pm | **Melody Match**  
Barnet Room in Montgomery Student Center  
*Everyone is invited to join First-Gen Programs for a music bingo event!*
- 5-6:30 pm **Dinner** | Gee Dining Hall
- 6-8:30 pm **Dive-In Cinema feat. Jaws** | Montgomery Pool  
Doors open at 6 pm, movie shows at 6:15 pm  
*Bring a towel or blanket and hang out with us while we float in the pool, enjoy movie theater popcorn and watch a classic!*

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

- 8:30-9:25 am **Breakfast** | Gee Dining Hall
- 9:30-9:50 am **Final OL Huddle** | Various locations
- 10-11:30 am **Field Day** | Hayden Abney Fulp Field
- 11:30 am-1 pm **Lunch** | Gee Dining Hall
- 1-5 pm **Free Time**  
1-2 pm | **Commuters Club Social**  
SGA Suites in Montgomery Student Center  
2-3 pm | **Board Games**  
Barnet Room in Montgomery Student Center
- 5-6:30 pm **Dinner** | Gee Dining Hall
- 6:30-8 pm **School of the Arts Concert**  
Rainey Amphitheater  
*Bring a blanket and enjoy ice cream sundaes & snacks on the lawn*
- 8:30-9:30 pm **Campus Ghost Tour** | Wilson Hall Lobby

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 10-11 am **Morning Yoga** | Quad
- 11 am-1 pm **Brunch** | Gee Dining Hall  
**Faith Community Connection**  
*List of local services provided*
- 1:30-2:15 pm **Student Employment & Work Study**  
Lever Auditorium in Kuhn
- 1-5 pm **Free Time**  
2:30-3:30 pm | **1st Day of Class Prep**  
Lever Auditorium in Kuhn Hall  
3:30-4:30 pm | **Explore Campus & Classrooms** | Depart from Lever  
*Become familiar with your class schedule and where buildings/rooms are located*
- 5-8 pm **CAB Welcome Back Bash** | Quad  
*WW winning group announced; enjoy a catered dinner with new and returning students*

Required events / Optional events

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Dr. Boone J. Hopkins

President, Converse University

# Letter from President Boone

Greetings Valkyries!

You are about to embark on one of the most exciting times in your life, and I am honored that you chose Converse for this momentous occasion.

This is a time of beginnings, of open doors, of transformation and of bright futures. You will broaden your horizons, experience leadership opportunities, establish lifelong friendships, gain real-world learning and, of course, have fun.

As you immerse yourself into our campus community, 580 East Main will become your second home. You'll build connections with amazing people who are constantly exploring and expanding what is possible – on our campus and in our world. I encourage you to take full advantage of living, learning, working, and playing at Converse.

As you move forward on your academic journey, remember that our campus community is here to guide and assist you as you navigate this incredible phase of your life. From innovative curriculum and engaging professors to extracurricular activities and social events, Converse will be a place where you grow, explore, and discover who you are and who you want to become.

I can't wait to see where the next four years take you.

Together, WE WILL.

Boone J. Hopkins



# Welcome

Hi, Valkyries!

We hope you had a joyful and restful summer! We're thrilled to welcome you on campus to officially begin your time at Converse! Our Orientation, Student Life, and Admissions teams, along with the entire campus community, have been working diligently all summer to prepare for an exciting Welcome Weekend and an incredible year ahead.

We can't wait to see you grow, learn, find your community, and create lasting memories during your time at Converse. We hope you're as excited as we are for Welcome Weekend and everything this upcoming year has in store!

I also need to say a special shoutout and thank you to our Orientation Leadership Team, Anier Colón-Flores, Logan Shriber, and Taylor Onkst. Without this amazing team and our incredible Orientation leaders, Welcome Weekend would not be possible. As you see these leaders on campus and interact with them during Welcome Weekend, please take a minute to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to kick off the year in such a memorable way!

Welcome to Converse!

**Lexi Stoneburner**  
Director of New Student Experiences & Transitions  
BA, Communications,  
Palm Beach Atlantic University,  
MiM-Professional Leadership, Converse University





# Meet Taylor & Your SOC's



Taylor Onkst



Anier Colón-Flores

Taylor's main role at Converse is an Academic Advisor & Support Specialist, but this summer she has played an active role in event programming support for Welcome Weekend! We are so grateful for her and her many contributions to our team!



Logan Shriber



## STUDENT ORIENTATION COORDINATORS

The Student Orientation Coordinator is an undergraduate student leader who assists with the planning and implementation of the Converse University Orientation Program. This student will assist with the training for Orientation Leaders, the preparation of Orientation publications, and the general planning of the overall Orientation Program for freshmen, transfers, and their families.





# Orientation Leaders



ORIENTATION  
LEADERSHIP  
TEAM

Each year, Converse University selects a group of mature and dedicated student leaders to assist with the implementation of Welcome Weekend.

Orientation Leaders (OLs) serve as resources and role models to new students and families in their adjustment and transition to Converse. Selection as an OL is an honor and a rewarding opportunity for personal and professional growth and leadership development.

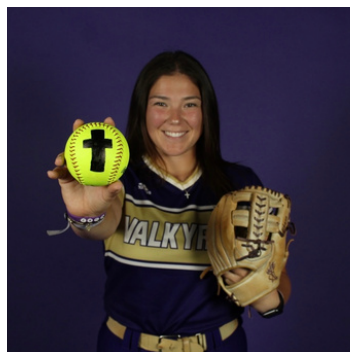


# Orientation Leaders

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Andrew Addis



Alex Albano



Jodee' Arnold



Brooke Bartlett



Kilee Bradeen



Reid Carey



Megan Carpenter



Jordan Celaya



Jacobi Cherry



Samantha Condrey



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Paige Damuth

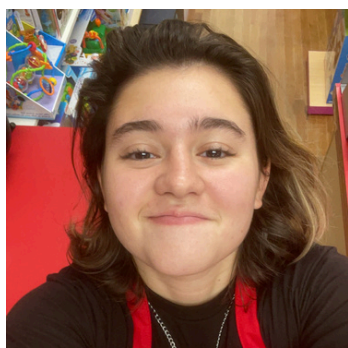




# Orientation Leaders



Maddie Davis



Izzy Eby



Larissa Ferretiz



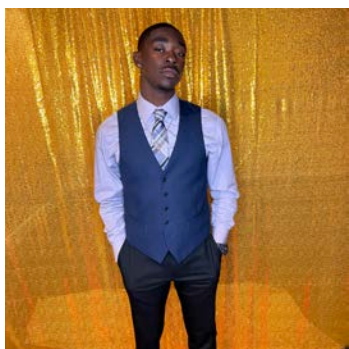
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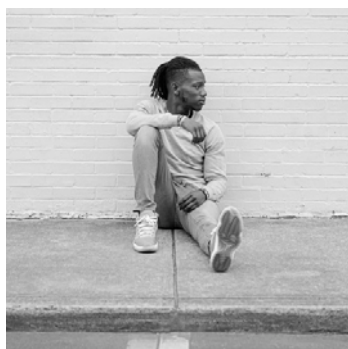
John Garcia



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Ryan Glenn



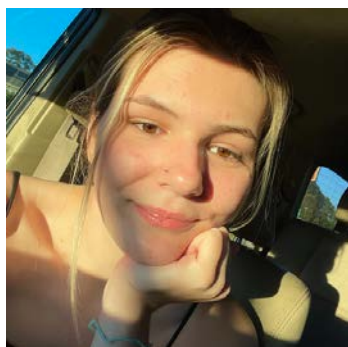
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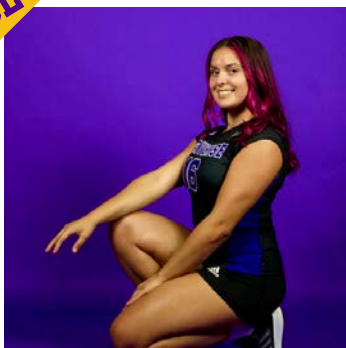
Emma Harvey



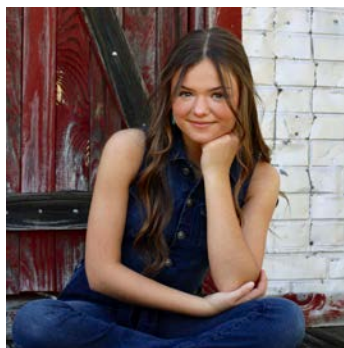
Darrianne Henry

# Orientation Leaders

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Ashley Hernandez



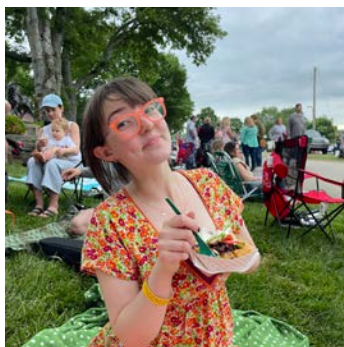
Jazzy Humphries



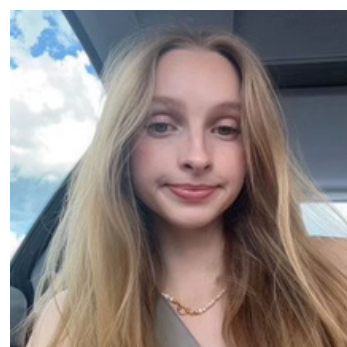
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Miguel Junco



Mia Magnarini



Anna Mallen



Olivia Martin



Gavin McFadden



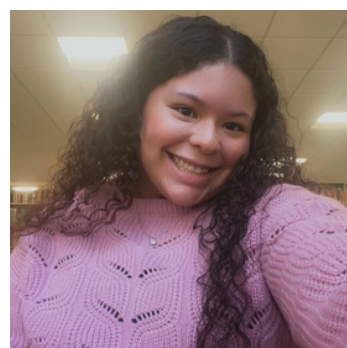
Donald Medley



Bella Moreno



Katie Mullen



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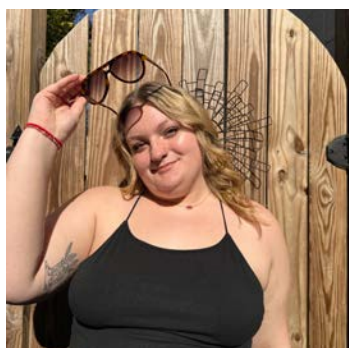
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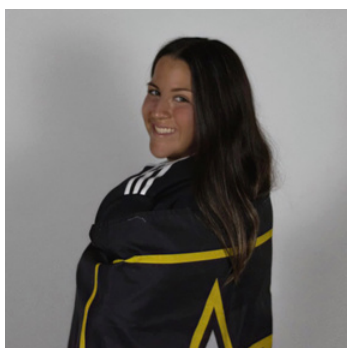
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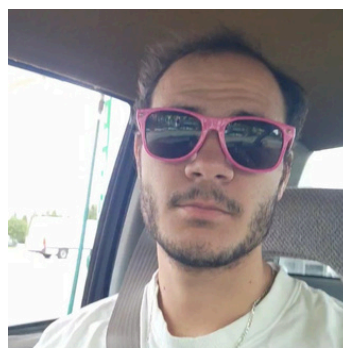
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Soph Pollard



Alina Puentes



Joseph Redmon



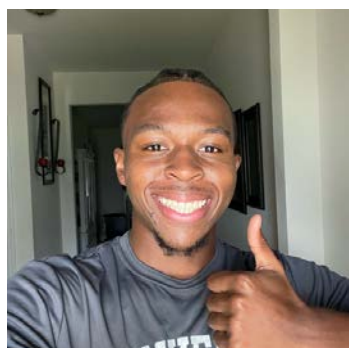
Aliyah Robinson



Jordan Smith



Ashton Spicer



Marco Thomas



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Sherlyn Valdez



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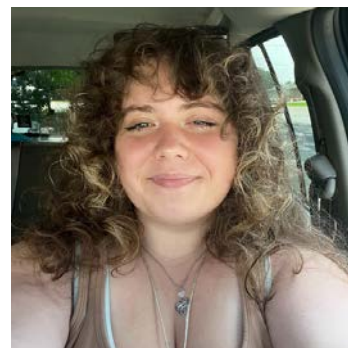
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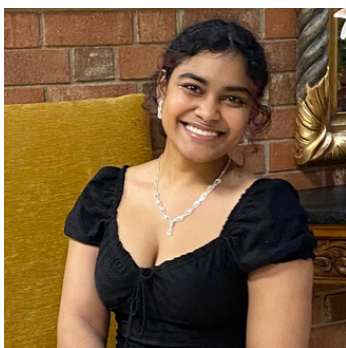
Mimi Vallejo



Kaylee Warner



Addyline Waters



Irma Whaley

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# Academic Calendar

Fall 2024	
Tuition due for Fall 2024 (\$100 late fee after this date)	Friday, Aug. 16, 2024
Faculty return to campus	Monday, Aug. 19, 2024
All classes begin	Monday, Aug. 26, 2024
Late Registration Begins - \$50 fee	Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024
Last day to receive 100% refund. Last day to add a course.	Friday, Aug. 30, 2024
Drop/Add Fee Begins; \$20 fee per change	Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024
Labor Day Holiday - No class	Monday, Sept. 2, 2024
Corrected Class Rolls Due	Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024
Last day to receive 75% refund	Friday, Sept. 6, 2024
Last day to receive 50% refund	Friday, Sept. 13, 2024
Last day to receive 25% refund	Friday, Sept. 20, 2024
Financial Aid refunds	Monday, Sept. 30, 2024
Mid-term grading ends	Friday, Oct. 4, 2024
Fall Break - No Class	Mon., Oct. 7 – Tues., Oct. 8, 2024
Mid-term grades due	Friday, Oct. 11, 2024
Deadline to apply for May 2025 graduation	Monday, Oct. 21, 2024
Last day to drop a course with a grade of W	Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024
Thanksgiving Holiday	Wednesday, Nov. 27 - Friday, Nov. 29, 2024
Last Day of Classes	Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024
Reading Day	Friday, Dec. 6, 2024
Final Exams	Monday, Dec. 9 – Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024
Final Grades Due - 5:00 PM	Monday, Dec. 16th, 2024

# Academic Calendar



January 2025	
Tuition due for Jan term (\$100 late fee after this date)	Friday, Jan. 3, 2025
Jan term begins, Last day to add a Jan term course, Last Day for 100% Refund	Monday, Jan 6, 2025
Last Day to receive 80% refund	Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025
Drop Period Fee begins \$20, Last day to receive 30% refund	Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025
Corrected class rolls due	Friday, Jan. 10, 2025
Last Day to drop a course and receive a grade of W	Friday, Jan. 17, 2025
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - No Class	Monday, Jan. 20, 2025
Last day of Jan Term	Friday, Jan. 24, 2025
Jan term grades due - 5:00 PM	Monday, Jan. 27, 2025
Please note that the Jan term will only last three weeks in 2025 and will include 14 instructional days	

## Office of The Registrar

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### Do You Have Questions About...

- Transcripts?
- Transferable Credits?
- Adding or Dropping a Course?
- Exam Dates?

Shannon Bishop | University Registrar

Libby Wood | Assistant Registrar for Data and Records

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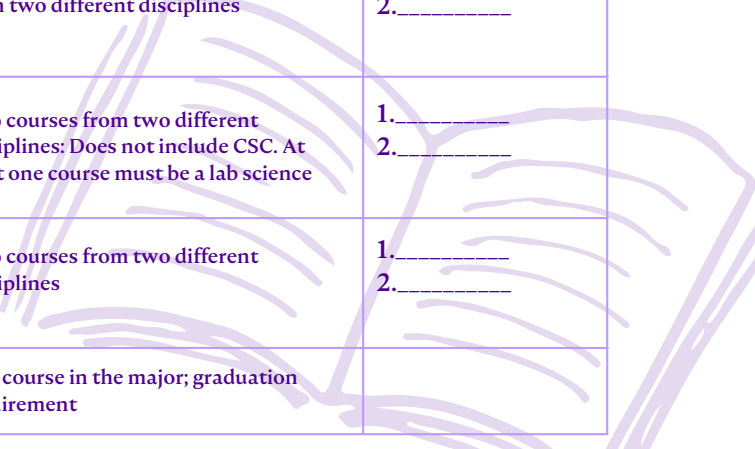
Spring 2025	
Spring term begins	Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025
Late registration fee - \$50	Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025
Last day to receive 100% refund	Friday, Jan. 31, 2025
Last day to add a course	Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025
Drop period begins - \$20 per course	Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025
Corrected class rolls due to the Registrar's Office	Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025
Last day to receive 75% refund	Friday, Feb. 7, 2025
Last day to receive 50% refund	Friday, Feb. 14, 2025
Last day to receive 25% refund	Friday, Feb. 21, 2025
Financial Aid refunds	Monday, Mar. 3, 2025
Mid-term grading ends	Friday, Mar. 14, 2025
Mid-term grades due by 5:00 PM	Friday, Mar. 21, 2025
Spring Break	Monday Mar. 24 - Friday Mar. 28, 2025
Deadline to apply for December/August 2025 graduation	Monday, Apr. 14, 2025
Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of W	Friday, Apr. 25, 2025
Last day of classes	Thursday, May 8, 2025
Reading Day	Friday, May 9, 2025
Final Exams; Senior grades due by noon on the 14	Monday, May 12 - Thursday, May 15, 2025
Baccalaureate	Friday, May 16, 2025
Graduation	Saturday, May 17, 2025
Final grades due for non-graduates, 5:00 PM	Tuesday, May 20, 2025



# GEP Worksheet



Area	Requirement	Course	Course/Semester Taken
I. Start	First Year Seminar	One Course; Graduation Requirement	
II. Skills	A. Written Component	1. English 101or 290* or Exempt	
	*Eng 290: Advanced Composition, does not satisfy the GEP except for those placed there via an AP score of 3.	2. One writing intensive course; graduation requirement, not a separate course	
	B. Language and Culture: ASL, French, German, Italian, or Spanish	1. Proficiency at third semester level.	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
		2. At least one non-European or non-Anglophone North American course.	
	C. Quantitative Reasoning	1. Math 108 or higher, or exempt	
		2. One course making substantial use of mathematical, logical, or computational reasoning	
	D. Health and Well-Being	1. One 2-or 3-hour wellness course	
		2. One 1-hour or 2-hour activity course from among PE or dance.	
III. Perspectives: at least 2 courses from different academic areas at 200 level or higher	A. Humanities: History, Philosophy, Religion, Women's Studies, Humanities	Two courses from two different disciplines	1. _____ 2. _____
	B. Literature: English, Spanish, French, German	One course	
	C. Fine Arts: Art, Music, Film, Theatre, Design, Dance, Musical Theatre (no studio or applied courses)	Two appreciation or history courses from two different disciplines	1. _____ 2. _____
	D. Natural Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, Geology	Two courses from two different disciplines; Does not include CSC. At least one course must be a lab science	1. _____ 2. _____
	E. Social Science: Economics, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Geography	Two courses from two different disciplines	1. _____ 2. _____
IV. FINISH	Capstone	One course in the major; graduation requirement	



# Programs & Degrees

## Majors

Accounting  
Art Education  
Art History  
Art Therapy  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
Business Administration  
Chemistry  
Child and Family Studies  
Communications and Media Studies  
Computer Science  
Contemporary Music and Media Applications  
Creative and Professional Writing  
Dance  
Data Science  
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Education  
Early Childhood Education  
Economics  
Elementary Education  
Engineering (Converse-Clemson Partnership)  
English  
Environmental Studies  
German Studies  
Health and Wellness Studies  
Healthcare Administration  
Hispanic Studies  
History  
Individualized Major  
Interior Design  
Mathematics  
Music  
Music Composition  
Music Education  
Music Performance  
Music Therapy  
Musical Theatre  
Philosophy  
Politics  
Psychology  
Special Education  
Studio Art  
Theatre

## Minors

Accounting  
American Sign Language  
Applied Computing - Web Design  
Art History  
Arts Administration  
Biology  
Business Administration  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Creative and Professional Writing  
Dance  
Data Science  
Economics  
English  
Environmental Studies  
German Studies  
Healthcare Administration  
Hispanic Studies  
History  
Mathematics  
Music  
Philosophy  
Politics  
Psychology  
Secondary Education  
Social Entrepreneurship  
Special Education  
Studio Art  
Theatre  
Women's Studies

Declare your Major or Minor!





# Class Registration



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Course Registration

Online Course Registration - Add/Drop Courses

Add/Drop

Term: 2023-2024 - Fall

Add Period Open / Drop Period Open

You are currently registered for 12 credits.

Add by Course Code Course Search

Title: Begins With

Course Code: Begins With

Term: 2023-2024 - Fall

Department: All

Division: Undergraduate

Search More Search Options

1. Log in to your My.Converse portal
2. Go to the Students tab at the top, click Course Registration and select the term you want to register for with the Term drop-down menu
3. If your registration period is open, click Search to bring up course offerings
4. To narrow down the list of courses that are displayed, select the Search Again option right below the Search Results title
5. Set appropriate filters and click Search.
6. From the list of courses shown, select the course you want to add by checking the box to the left of the Course Code
7. Go to the bottom of the page and click Add Courses.
8. You will be taken back to the Add/Drop page, at the bottom of the Add/Drop page you will see your schedule and the courses you just added



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# Events

## Winter Ball

This event is the annual formal at Converse. Students, faculty, and staff dress up and celebrate with music, dancing, drinks, and food!

## Homecoming Week

Students come together and celebrate Converse with tons of school spirit. This is a week full of cheering on our Valkyrie teams, engaging events, ending in a dance!

## Hats On/ Hats Off

An event for the senior class to gather with faculty, staff, and administration as they kick off the end of their college careers with food, drinks, and crazy hats.



# Traditions



## Opening Convocation

This annual event marks the beginning of the academic year with the entire Converse community. This program is followed by a lunch on the front lawn for all to enjoy.

## Honor Code Signing

Each student at Converse is expected to abide by the Honor Code. Every incoming student signs the Honor Code at a formal ceremony during Welcome Weekend where they promise not to cheat, steal, etc. The signed Honor Codes are hung in Wilson Hall's Dalton Lobby.

## Founder's Day

Each Spring, the Converse community joins together to celebrate the birthday of Dexter Edgar Converse, the school's founder. This event includes a lunch on the front lawn including Dexter's favorite dessert, strawberries and cream.





# Events

## May Day Weekend

This weekend is a time for the entire Converse community to celebrate one another. We welcome family and friends to campus, experience fun events, food, traditions, and much more!

## Monty by Moonlight

This is an event that takes place in Montgomery Student Center. Every club and organization on campus reserves a table and hosts an activity for students. This is a long night packed with art, prizes, food, and free giveaways!



# Traditions

## Freshman Pinning

To celebrate becoming a new member of the Converse community, freshmen receive a Converse Pin.

This pin is presented during May Day Weekend as a symbol to honor the completion of their first year at Converse.

## Junior Ring Ceremony

When a student reaches their junior year, they are presented with their class ring by the president of the University. The time-honored tradition also takes place during May Day Weekend.

## Commencement

The Converse Community gathers to celebrate each other's successes. At Commencement, the graduating class walks across the stage to be presented with their degrees.

# Getting Involved

## Clubs and Organizations

Ally Club  
Alpha Lambda Delta  
Art Society  
Black Student Union  
Business Club  
CAAPI (Converse Asian & Pacific Islander Organization)  
Civitas Council  
Converse Activities Board  
Converse College for Women Council  
Converse Commuters Club  
Converse Dance Team  
Converse Signing Valkyries  
CRU  
Equal Rights and Advocacy Club  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
HOLA (Hispanic Organization for Latinx Awareness)  
Honor Board  
Interfaith Club  
International Student Organization  
Manga, Anime, Sci-Fi Comic Club  
Math Club  
Model NATO/Arab League  
Musicians Helping Others  
Palmetto Players  
Poisoned Pens  
SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee)  
Spartanburg Baptist Collegiate Ministries  
Valkyries Club  
Y's and Other Y's



## Executive Committee

Abeeha Sajid | President  
Keira Van Zyl | Vice President  
D'Asia Thomas | Secretary  
Michael Leyva-Pacheco | Treasurer  
Leslie Ramirez | Civitas Chair  
Grace Baum | Honor Board Chair  
Anier Colon-Flores | Converse Activities Board Chair  
Sumandeep Ghataora | Diversity Initiatives Chair  
Larissa Ferretiz | Social Media and Elections Chair  
Gurjot Bahia | President of Religious Life Council  
Kaillou Touch | Valkyries Club Chair



# Athletics

## Women

Acrobatics and Tumbling  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Field Hockey  
Golf  
Lacrosse  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track and Field  
Volleyball

## Co-Ed

Equestrian (IHSA)  
Esports  
Spirit Squad

## Men

Basketball  
Cross Country  
Soccer  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track and Field



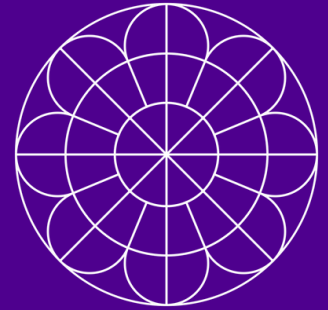
Converse Valkyries



# Converse College for Women



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West Wilson 324



## Traditions

### Big Sis/Little Sis

Junior CCW students adopt Freshman CCW students and anonymously shower them with gifts. At the end of the week, your Big Sis is revealed and you discover a new friend who will help guide you through the remainder of your freshman year and years to come at Converse.

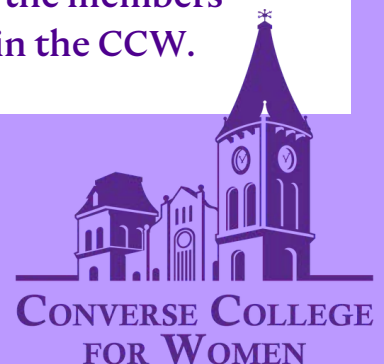
### The Sophomore Sisterhood Brunch and Bracelet Ceremony

This is an event where sophomores are gifted a bracelet engraved with the Converse core values to symbolize the sisterhood within the CCW.

### Senior Candlelight Dinner and Service Celebration

The Senior Candlelight Dinner and Service Celebration honors the members' experience throughout college and the special sisterhood within the CCW.

 @ccforwomen





# Residential Life



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The Converse University Department of Residential Life seeks to provide a nurturing, safe, secure, and educationally purposeful residential community that supports the mission of the University and the Division of Student Life by offering programs and activities that encourage responsible citizenship, academic excellence, and develop the talents of women and men.

## Residential Halls

**Andrews**

**Dexter**

**Pell**

**Cudd**

**Belk**

**Fleming**

**Howard**

**Kate**



## Off-Campus Dining Partners

Sully's Steamers | Church St.  
Papa John's Pizza | E. Main St.  
Cribb's Kitchen | W. Main St.  
Pokenori | Downtown  
Eggs Up Grill | E. Main St.

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# Career Development

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At Converse, we are a community of builders, creators, and transformation makers.

Career Development is committed to your post-graduation success—whatever that means to you. Whether you're a freshman just starting out or a transfer student trying to figure out your next steps, we're here to help!

Here's How:

- Crafting a resume
- Cover letter development
- Mock interviews
- Job search preparation
- Internship opportunities
- Job shadowing
- One-on-one career coaching & advising
- Professional wear
- Graduate school preparation
- LinkedIn Coaching
- Networking

## Handshake

With access to over 650k employers, our Handshake platform is your advantage for career success including part-time jobs, full-time jobs, and internships as well as events, resources, and much, much more. Create your free profile today! The more information you put into your profile, the more catered your suggestions and connections with employers will be.

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# Student Accessibility Services

## ACADEMIC AND HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

1. Scan QR code or visit the my.converse portal to complete an application.
2. Submit application, along with medical records, to [karen.medlin@converse.edu](mailto:karen.medlin@converse.edu).
3. Once the information is received, you will be contacted to schedule a meeting to discuss your accommodation plan.

### Common Accommodations might look like...

Extended testing time | Distraction-reduced environments | Use of audio recorders | Alternative formatted textbooks | Enlarged print for tests, assignments, hand-outs, etc. | Sign Language interpreter | Interpreting or CART | Extended assignment deadlines | Emotional support animal



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## Title IX

In accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Converse prohibits discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex. Converse strongly encourages the prompt reporting of, and is committed to a timely and fair resolution of, complaints of sex discrimination and harassment by students, faculty, staff, and third-party contractors. Sexual harassment includes quid pro quo harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.



## Convocation Series

The Converse College Convocation Series exists to encourage the development of all aspects of the human spirit. It stems from the core values of the College: Excellence, Integrity, Diversity, Respect, Community, Exploration and Progress. In addition to Opening Convocation and Founders Day, every traditional undergraduate student is expected to attend 5 additional Convocation events for each semester

# First-Generation Student Program



The First- Generation Student Program is a first-year success program for first-generation students at Converse.

A first-generation student is someone who grew up in an environment where their parent(s) or guardian(s) did not have a Bachelor's Degree.

But being a first-generation college student is about so much more than that! It is about venturing into the unknown world of college to realize your potential and contribute to your family, community, profession, and society!

- Peer Mentoring
- Monthly Workshops
- Experience Immersions
- Support for College Preparedness
- Support for Career Readiness
- Professional Networking

## Be successful by taking your FIRST steps!



Visit the  
First-Gen Site Here!



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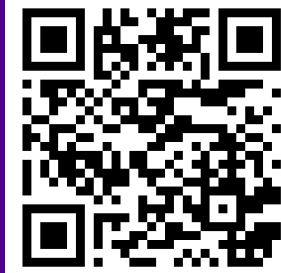
# Spiritual Life

Valkyrie Supply Instagram



## Rev. Eliza Smith DeBevoise

University Chaplain and Director of  
Community Engagement  
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Gurjot Bahia | President of Religious Life Council

## Eliza's Message to You

I'm always happy to work with students to help them find/start religious life groups that meet their needs. I also can make referrals to different local congregations and faith-based communities, depending on what students are looking for/interested in! I'm also the confidential resource on the Student Life Team, so students can always come to me with questions and concerns, and I can confidentially point them to the right people/processes.

# Valkyrie Supply

The Spiritual Life and Career Development offices are on a mission to alleviate the struggles of food insecurity and lack of supplemental products through our Valkyrie Supply Space. Updated weekly, this closet not only provides students with quick meals, hygiene products, and pantry needs but also houses the Converse Closet which provides students with professional clothing for interviews, internships, and jobs.

Located on the Lower Level of Montgomery (downstairs)



## Students may...

- Take what they need, considering others who are also in need.
- Donate supplies in the Spiritual Life lobby.
- Leave anonymous questions or supply requests in the question box.
- Contact Spiritual Life about any community partners you know that might like to collaborate with the closet.

# Wellness Center

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Behind Andrews Hall

## Counseling Services

- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Crisis intervention
- Stress management
- Relationship issues
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Family conflict
- Identity issues
- Test anxiety
- Roommate problems
- Feeling unmotivated
- Career indecision
- Sexual assault
- Sleep issues
- Time management
- Loneliness
- Grief
- Perfectionism
- Academic difficulties
- Homesickness

## Health Services

- Yearly physicals
- Prescribed medication
- Diagnosis and treatment of acute conditions
- Identify and treat chronic conditions
- Identify and treat mild mental health concerns
- Order diagnostic tests
- Perform pelvic exams
- Provide counseling
- Make referrals to other healthcare providers

All members of the Converse community are encouraged to resolve conflicts directly with all parties involved in a given situation. Students are expected to speak openly with peers, faculty, and/or staff to address concerns and find solutions. However, there are times when circumstances warrant direct reporting to the appropriate source for resolution. Converse provides opportunities and processes for students to report incidents related to sexual harassment and any form of grievance that may emerge during the course of their experience. Reports are given directly to the appropriate area contact to advance investigations and reconciliation.

## Be On The Lookout For...

### Stress Fest

Students gather once each semester during exam periods to de-stress and take some time off from studying! Past events include nail painting, snow globe mason jars, coloring sheets, and even DIY cookies!



Converse Cares Form



# Campus Safety

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## Contact Campus Safety for...

- Locked out of dorm/buildings
- Suspicious sightings
- Theft/ break-ins
- Car trouble
- Online harassment
- Lost Items
- Threats
- Campus escort



**Larry Jones**

Director of Campus Safety  
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## AlertMedia



All current faculty, staff and student emails have been imported to AlertMedia, but if you would like texts or calls, you can update your profile with up to three phone numbers and three emails. We highly recommend that you download the AlertMedia app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) to stay connected and gain access to the resources and documents available there.

The [AlertMedia](#) system will be used to send urgent alerts to Converse students, faculty and staff during potential emergency situations, ranging from severe weather warnings to inclement weather delays/cancellations to more critical emergency notifications. This new system is more user-friendly, offers more support, and provides our emergency response staff with greater access to communications resources.

# Student Financial Services

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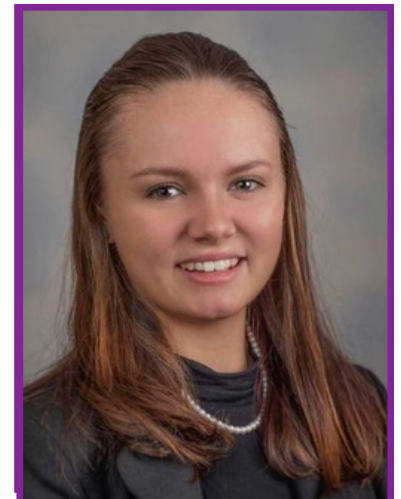
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# The Mail Room



Look out for small items to buy:

- Postcards
- Graduation tassels
- Earrings
- Face masks
- Stamps
- Mail Supplies



Access Your PO Box Info Here!

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## First Day Ready Program



Converse Campus Bookstore

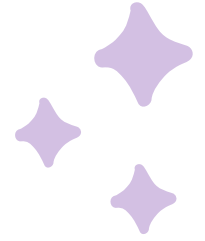
Montgomery 211 | [firstdayready@follett.com](mailto:firstdayready@follett.com) | 864-596-9453



Worried about paying for books before your first day of class (FDOC)? No worries! Converse's First Day Ready Program makes getting your required course materials easy and stress-free!

- The bookstore receives your class schedule / materials needed
- The bookstore will prepare your materials
- You will receive an email when your materials are ready for pick-up!

# Mickel Library



864.596.9071 | [mickel.library@converse.edu](mailto:mickel.library@converse.edu)

## Third Floor

- Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning
- Spanish Writing and Language Center
- Nisbet Honors Program Lounge
- Study areas
- Converse Archives
- Academic Supply Closet

## Second Floor

- Market C Coffee and Snack Bar
- Large Conference Rooms
- Curriculum Research Center
- Writing Center
- Learning Commons

## First Floor

- PASCAL Delivers / Interlibrary Loan
- Music Library w/ Listening Rooms
- Mickel Library staff
- Large study rooms
- Circulation Desk

Book an appointment with the Writing Center, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, or Language Center here!





# 101 Things To Do Before You Graduate!

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- Take a day trip to Asheville, NC
  - Write a thank you note to a faculty member
  - Have a picnic on the Quad
  - Attend a Converse Basketball game
  - Take a day trip to Strawberry Hill
  - Attend a Converse Cross Country meet
  - Eat at Papa's Breakfast Nook after 2 AM (cash only)
  - Go to class in your pajamas
  - Go thrifting at a local thrift shop
  - Attend a Converse Volleyball game
  - Go to a concert at FR8yard
  - Learn the alma mater
  - Purchase a postcard from the mailroom
  - Take a ghost tour of campus
  - Attend the Winter Ball
  - Volunteer on MLK day
  - Host a game night
  - Join a club or organization
  - Visit the Hub City Farmers Market
  - Go to the beach
  - Attend a concert in Daniel Recital Hall
  - Go to a Converse softball game
  - Have a snowball fight on the Quad
  - Go to a Converse Swim meet
  - Pull an all-nighter
  - Attend a Converse Acrobatics and Tumbling meet
  - Eat at The Beacon
  - Visit Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve
  - Get a snowball from Pelican's
  - Attend a Valkyries eSports competition
  - Attend a Converse soccer game
  - Participate in Homecoming Week
  - Attend the Freshmen Pinning Ceremony
  - Go to a Converse Tennis match
  - Attend Senate
  - Attend a Converse Lacrosse game
  - Go to a midnight premiere at NCG
  - Take your yearbook photo
  - Swim in the Converse Pool
  - Go to the NC Apple Festival in Hendersonville, NC
  - Play man hunt at night around campus
  - Have a sleepover
  - Take a class outside of your comfort zone
  - Eat at Rocky Moo
  - Play at Sparkle City Mini Putt
  - Explore every building on campus
  - Take a day trip to Greenville, SC
  - Eat at Sugar and Spice
  - Attend the International Festival at Barnet Park
  - Apply to be an Orientation Leader
  - Visit an art exhibit in the Milliken Art Gallery
  - Eat at Rossy's Delicias
  - Go to Speed Factory and race against your friends
  - Bike the Mary Black Rail Trail
  - Visit Spill the Beans to do homework
  - Go to Cookout after midnight
  - Attend Field Day during Welcome Weekend
  - Leave flowers for Hazel B. Abbott before a performance
  - Go shopping at Haywood Mall
  - Visit Glendale Shoals
  - Cheer on the Spirit Squad team at a Converse game
  - Go to College Fest
  - Eat at Nacho Taco
  - Take a picture at the "Love Where You Live" Mural
  - Eat strawberries and cream at Founder's Day
  - Attend a Converse Track and Field event
  - Attend the 1889 Dance
  - Get an internship
  - Lay outside in the rain
  - Take a foreign language class
  - Visit Barista Alley in Greer
  - Eat at Willy Taco
  - Attend a Converse basketball game
  - Attend an event hosted by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion
  - Take a day trip to Charlotte, NC
  - Use your flex dollars at Cribbs
  - Go ice skating on Morgan Square
  - Stop and smell the roses in the Montgomery Rose Garden
  - Take a picture at the "Black Lives Matter" Mural
  - Eat dinner on the Gee patio
  - Go to a Converse field hockey game
  - Attend May Day Weekend
  - Do a mock interview in the Career Development Office
  - See a show in the Hazel B. Abbott Theater
  - Take a flip coin road trip
  - Eat at Flock Shop
  - Go to the President's open office hours
  - Make s'mores at the Log Cabin
  - Have lunch with a faculty and/or staff member
  - Host a movie night in your res hall's lobby
  - Attend your Junior class Ring Ceremony
  - Attend a Converse Equestrian event
  - Go fountain hopping on campus
  - Have class outside
  - Send a thank you card to a professor
  - Attend PCO
  - Attend a Converse Golf match
  - Take a selfie with President Hopkins
  - Visit Congaree National Park
  - Find an internship on campus
  - **GRADUATE**

# CONVERSE ALMA MATER

Standing with open arms

Standing alone

Watching her children down through the years,

Watching and keeping them safe from harm,

Hearing their laughter and seeing their tears.

Converse! Converse!

We pledge our love to thee.

We'll hail the purple and the gold

With love and loyalty.

Alma Mater, dear to everyone,

We love you now, we'll love you when

Our college days are done.

Be sure to learn the  
Converse Alma Mater, so  
you can sing it with the  
Converse community at  
main events!



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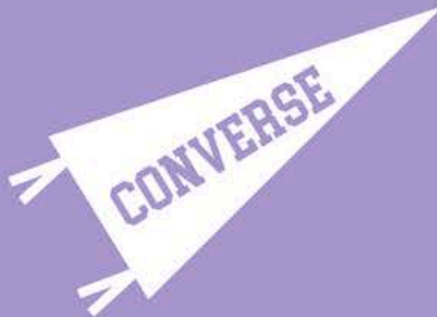


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