



Fall 2026

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
MPP Schedule and Agenda

Tuesday, August 25 – Thursday, August 27, 2026

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

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| 8:00 AM | MPP CHECK-IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
<i>(Gull's Way Patio, Drescher Graduate Campus)</i> |
| 9:00 AM | WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
<i>(Villa Executive Dining Room)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CJ Jones, Senior Director of Student Services |
| 9:05 AM | POLICY BOX <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pete N. Peterson, Dean, Braun Family Dean's Chair |
| 10:00 AM | BREAK |
| 10:10 AM | <u>CODE OF CONDUCT & ACADEMIC POLICY</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CJ Jones, Senior Director of Student Services |
| 10:30 AM | MEDIA ENGAGEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lena Pacifici, Director of Marketing and Communications, Integrated Marketing Communications |
| 10:45 AM | BREAK |
| 11:00 AM | <u>GRADUATE LIBRARY RESOURCES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amy Windham, Drescher Graduate Campus Librarian |
| 11:30 AM | <u>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES</u> |

11:55 AM

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PANEL WITH Q & A

- [Student Care Team](#)
- [Title IX](#)
- [Counseling Center](#)
- [Office of Student Accessibility](#)
- Sergio Gallardo, Senior Associate Director, [RISE](#) (Resilience-Informed Skills Education Program)
- Samantha Zaragoza, Health and Well-being Coordinator, [Student Health Center](#)
- Rudy Hagood, Senior Director of Spiritual Life, [Hub for Spiritual Life](#)
- Holly Reed, Assistant Director of Student Ministries, [Hub for Spiritual Life](#)

12:30 PM

LUNCH (*Executive Dining Room/Patio*)

1:30 PM

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

- Lydia Folkerts, Senior Specialist
- Becca Johnson, Student Employment Specialist

1:45 PM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Mark Lauren, Fire Captain - Fire & Safety Preparedness, Department of Public Safety
- Jon Weber, Senior Director of Emergency Services & Insurance and Risk

2:20 PM

ECONOMICS 101

- James Prieger, Professor of Economics and Public Policy

2:30 PM

REMINDERS FOR TOMORROW [DOMESTIC]

- CJ Jones, Senior Director of Student Services

2:40 PM

GROUP PHOTO

3:00 PM

MPP DOMESTIC STUDENTS DISMISSED

- *The sessions that follow are only for MPP F1 Visa Students*

3:05 PM

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

- Drew Andros, Assistant Director of Advising, Office of International Student Services

3:20 PM

CULTURE AND ADJUSTMENT

- Sharon Wakio, Associate Director of Intercultural Affairs for International Student Engagement

3:45 PM

REMINDERS FOR TOMORROW [INTERNATIONAL]

- CJ Jones, Senior Director of Student Services

3:50 PM

MPP INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DISMISSED

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

9:00 AM

MPP CHECK-IN AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(Executive Dining Room)

9:30 AM

WELCOME & ICE BREAKERS

- MPP Ice Breakers: SPP Student Ambassadors

10:00 AM

INTRODUCTION TO SPP STUDENT SERVICES

- CJ Jones, Senior Director of Student Services

10:55 AM

BREAK

11:05 AM

SPP STUDENT & ALUMNI PANEL DISCUSSION

- Sara Lindgren, MPP'01
- Isabella Elias, MPP'27 (expected)
- Jade Gonzalez, MPP'27 (expected)
- Anthea Enbah, MPP'27 (expected)

11:45 AM

WELCOME TO PEPPERDINE

- Jay Brewster, Provost & Chief Academic Officer, Pepperdine University

12:00 PM

LUNCH *(Executive Dining Room/Patio)*

1:00 PM

REMINDERS FOR TOMORROW

(Reagan Library, MPP Students)

- CJ Jones, Senior Director of Student Services

1:05 PM

MPP STUDENT ACTIVITIES FAIR (SPP 175)

- Melissa Espinoza, Director of Engagement and Strategic Initiatives

SPP STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

1:10 PM

Breakout Sessions: Round One Presentations

- **Group One (SPP 175)-A Group**
 - Alexander Hamilton Society (AHS)
 - Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL)
 - Conservatives of Public Policy (CoPP)
 - Pepperdine Policy Review (PPR)
- **Group Two (SPP 188)-B Group**
 - John Quincy Adams Society (JQA)
 - Christianity and Public Policy (CPP)
 - International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
 - Women in Public Policy (WPP)
 - SPP Diversity and Belonging Committee

1:40 PM

SWITCH ROOMS

1:45 PM

Breakout Sessions: Round Two Presentations

- **Group One (SPP 175)-B Group**
 - Alexander Hamilton Society (AHS)
 - Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL)
 - Conservatives of Public Policy (CoPP)
 - Pepperdine Policy Review (PPR)
- **Group Two (SPP 188)-A Group**
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- 2:15 PM** **MPP Student Activities Fair (SPP 179)**
- 2:50 PM** **[DAVENPORT INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP](#) (SPP 175)**
- Peter Pirnejad, Executive Director
- 3:00 PM** **DAY TWO OF NSO DISMISSED!**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

- 8:30 AM** **CHECK-IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** (*Outside LC 159, Next to Parking Lot S*) Please Limit Belongings!
- 9:00 AM** **BOARD SHUTTLE FOR REAGAN LIBRARY**
- 9:15 AM** **DEPART FOR REAGAN LIBRARY**
- 10:15 AM** **ARRIVE AT REAGAN LIBRARY** (*Main Gate by Fountain*)
- 10:30 AM** **REAGAN LEADERSHIP CENTER SIMULATION**
- 12:30 PM** **BBQ LUNCH** (*Air Force One Pavilion*)
- 1:30 PM** **REAGAN LIBRARY**
- Free time to explore the museum, the Air Force One Pavilion, and the “America 250” Exhibit
- 3:00 PM** **GROUP PHOTO** (*Berlin Wall, Outside*)
- 3:15 PM** **BOARD SHUTTLE FOR PEPPERDINE** (*Side Gate*)
- 3:30 PM** **DEPART FOR PEPPERDINE DRESCHER**
- 4:30 PM** **ARRIVE AT PEPPERDINE**
- Please note, bring all personal items from the shuttle

NSO CONCLUDES!

Welcome #WaveMakers