Mason Korea – Mason Fairfax

Orientation-Welcome Week Itinerary

& Resource Guide

Fall 2019

Welcome to Mason Fairfax! Refer to this itinerary and mark your calendar for these listed dates during the first several weeks of the semester.

Stay connected with University Life for information about events and activities throughout the year!

Sunday, August 18	
10:00 am to 2:00pm	**Airport Meet and Greet (Dulles International Airport - IAD)** Meet with Mason Fairfax staff who will assist upon your arrival and help direct you to transportation options. This is a one-day service for those of you arriving on Sunday, August 18 on the Korean Air (KE093) flight, with an arrival time of 11:00 AM. We highly advise you to book your flight on this day for a smooth transition to Mason Fairfax. If you will arrive at Dulles Airport on this day, please send your Name, G-Number, MasonLive email address to glee36@gmu.edu. Both Grace and Sang will be there with Mason signs. Their pictures with tiles can be found at the end of this itinerary.

Monday, August 19	
8:45 am to 3:15 pm	**MANDATORY International Student Orientation** **(Johnson Center (JC), Dewberry Hall)** 8:45 – Meet Grace and Sang in front of Dewberry Hall (Look for Mason Korea signs) 2:00 pm – Mason Korea Breakout Session (JC, Gold Room)
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm	**Student IDs and Set up Bank Accounts**
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	**Bad, Bath, and Beyond Trip to buy toiletries, etc. (Mason Global Center (MGC))** Shuttle service from Mason Global Center to Bed, Bath, and Beyond (Fair City Mall). Pickup times at MGC: 6:00pm, 6:30pm, 7:00pm

Tuesday, August 20	
11:15 am to 12:00 pm	**Campus Resources Info Sessions (HUB Rooms 1 – 5 + HUB Ballroom)** Session 1- 11:15-11:35pm Session 2- 11:40-12:00pm *** Please choose two options from the list below that interest you the most *** • **Library Services (Meeting Room 1)** Learn about various resources available within the University Libraries and research support for your academic major. • **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) (Meeting Room 2)** Learn about various resources, programs and support available for the mental health of students through the Counseling and Psychological Services • **Patriot Experience (Meeting Room 3)** Learn about Mason's co-curricular program dedicated to helping students find their areas of interest outside the classroom. • **LEAD Office (Meeting Room 4)** Learn about opportunities to develop your leadership skills on campus. The LEAD office provides a series of workshops, conferences, classes, speakers, dialogues, and retreats.

	• **Mason Recreation (Meeting Room 5)** Learn about a variety of fitness programs, sports teams and facilities available at Mason to stay active and healthy! • **Student Involvement (HUB Ballroom)** Learn about campus-wide events, student organizations, trainings, student advocacy and personal interactions to bring ideas to fruition, create a sense of belonging and prepare students for success in their future
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	**Academic Advising** (GLOA Program) **with Lisa Breglia (Buchanan Hall, 215)**
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	**Academic Advising** (CONF Program) **with Jane Walker (Northeast Module II)**

Wednesday, August 21

8:00 am to 4:00 pm	**Move In**
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	**Target Trip (Mason Global Center Lobby)** Take a trip to one of America's best department stores to get groceries, toiletries, and more! Meet international students from other parts of the world studying at Mason Fairfax.

Thursday, August 22

10:00 am to 11:00 am	**Academic Advising** (Business Program) **with Yena Kim (Enterprise Hall, 017)**
10:30 am to 11:30 am	**Academic Advising** (ECON Program) **with Jason Dunick (Buchanan Hall, D150)**
11:30 am to 12:45 pm	**Mason Korea Lunch (Student Union Building 1, Room 3B)** Enjoy lunch with fellow GMUK students, staff and faculty members at Mason Fairfax!
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	**Preamble Day 1: Welcoming All New Students** • 1:00pm - Self, Others, & Community (Various locations) • 4:30pm Speak About It! – Learn the importance of consent (CFA Concert Hall)
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	**Well-Being Festival (CFA, Holton Plaza, Mason Pond)**
8:30 pm to 9:30 pm	**Comedian-Hypnotist John McVicar (CFA Concert Hall)**

Friday, August 23

9:45 am to 1:30 pm	**Preamble Day 2: New Student Convocation Begins (Eagle Bank Arena)** • 9:45am: Doors Open Seating Begins • 10:30am: New Student Convocation Begins (Eagle Bank Arena) • 12:00-1:30pm: Mason Welcome Picnic (various locations based on academic college/school)

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	**Walk-In Immunization Clinic (Student Health Services, Sub I, 2300)**
2:30 pm to 6:30pm	**Afternoon Activities** • Community Area Trips (Target, Wal-Mart, Tysons, Fair Oaks Mall) • Campus Hunt (mobile app) *** Off-campus students can park in **Lot K** without a parking pass on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Friday students should park in Lot K and proceed into Eagle Bank Arena through the West Entrance. Off-Campus Advisors will be on hand to direct students from Lot K to the appropriate locations.
8:00 pm to 11:00 pm	**Mason Mayhem (The HUB)**

Saturday, August 24

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	**George's Jam – Mason Block Party (CFA, Holton Plaza, Mason Pond)** *** During Preamble, use the hashtag to post your photos and videos from the event: **#Welcome2Mason**

Monday, August 26

All Day	**First Day of Classes** **Immunization Record Deadline** **Tuition Payment Due Date**

Tuesday, August 27

11:00 am to 2:00 pm	**Recreation Sensation (Merten Hall Lawn)** Fun and games, giveaways, and information on intramural and club sports, outdoor adventures, fitness, gaming and campus rec!

Wednesday, August 28

11:00 am to 1:00 pm	**Part Time Job Fair (Johnson Center, Dewberry Hall)** At the Part-Time Job Fair you'll get to meet with on and off-campus employers hiring for the upcoming semester. View the Participating Employers and learn about the opportunities you'll find at the fair: https://gmu.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/10432/student_preview Dress to impress and bring copies of your resume! This is a #Welcome2Mason event
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	**Office of International Programs and Services Welcome Back Mixer (Johnson Center Bistro)**

Thursday, August 29	
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	**IVth Night (Student Union Building I Quad, Merten Hall Lawn)** Celebrate the new academic year with this long-standing Mason tradition, Inflatables, live music, and free Mason Fight Song t-shirts!

Friday, August 30	
11:00 am to 2:00pm	**College Colors Day (Merten Hall Lawn)** It's time to don your green and gold! The Friday before Labor Day across the United States is known as College Colors Day - A holiday for students, parents, family, fans and alumni to display their team spirit! Celebrate with music, food, games, and giveaways! #CollegeColorsDay #WeAreMason
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	**NPHC Step Expo (Dewberry Hall)** Come out and watch our NPHC organizations display their talents in this cultural art form. Great steps, great music, and great fun!
8:00 pm to 9:00 pm	**Comedian Eric O'Shea (TBD)** Comedian Eric O'Shea will take you to American childhood memories and make you laugh out loud. Be one of the first to arrive for a chance to win a Nintendo Switch!

Saturday, August 31	
7:00 pm to 11:30 pm	**Mason Night at Nationals Park (Baseball Game in Washington D.C.)** Tickets are $12 and available online at tinyurl.com/W2MNats2019 Limit 2 tickers per Mason ID. Free National's giveaway at the game when you get to the ball park!

Monday, September 2	
All Day	**Labor Day – University Closed**

Tuesday, September 3	
Fall 2019	**Last Day of Add Classes**
10:00 am to 2:00 pm	**Patriot Experience and Peer Student Success Coaching Meet and Greet (Student Union Building I Patriots Lounge)** Patriot Experience and Peer Student Success and Coaching Meet and Greet
2:00 pm to 4:45 pm	**K-POP Dance Club (Johnson Center, G34, Dance Studio)** Dance Practice

5:30pm to 9:30pm	**Korean-American Student Association (Johnson Center, G19, Gold Room, Fairfax Campus)** Fall First General Body Meeting
Wednesday, September 4	
11:00 am to 2:00 pm	**Get Connected 2 Mason Fair (Finley Hall & Student Union Building I Quad)** Meet all of Mason's recognized clubs and organizations, academic and University Life departments, club sports and recreation opportunities, and local businesses.
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	**Mason F1st & International Student Welcome Social (Student Union Building I, Patriot's Lounge)**
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	**GMU Swing Dance Lesson (Johnson Center Dance Studio)** GMU Swing offers free dance lessons to students, faculty, and community members! They start with a beginner lesson, continue with a social dance, and end the night with another lesson (slightly faster with more fun :D)! They HIGHLY encourage attending every one, since lessons build off each other and get more exciting; and it's okay if you can't, since they can catch you up!
Thursday, September 5	
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	**Bicycle Commuting 101 (Merten Hall 1204, Meeting Room)** Bicycling to campus can be fun and great for your well-being. Research indicates that those who bike to work are the happiest with their commute. Join Rick Holt from HR & Payroll and League of American Bicyclists certified instructor for Bicycle Commuting 101.
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	**Chase Dreams Not Boys (CDNB) Interest Meeting (Hub Room 1)** Join us at our first meeting of the year. Come meet the new eboard for Chase Dreams! "We are the change we want to see in the world." Chase Dreams, Not Boys is a Women's Empowerment campaign geared towards fostering independent mindsets in young minority women.
Saturday, September 7	
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm	**J'ouvert (Presidents Park Lawn)** Come enjoy George Mason University's first Caribbean J'ouvert brought to campus! There will be Caribbean food trucks, a sweet treat food truck, and rotating Caribbean DJ's from the DMV area! Enjoy some sun, powder color, and good vybez coming from the islandz!

Monday, September 9	
All Day	**Last day to drop classes with 100% tuition refund**

Tuesday, September 10	
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm	**Academic Integrity Bingo (Student Union Building 1, Room 3A)** There is nothing cooler than having integrity. Come play BINGO with the Office of International Program and Services (OIPS) and Academic Integrity (AI) to learn about the resources to keep you from committing an honor code violation and win some cool Mason prizes. Refreshments will be provided.
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	**Chase Dreams Not Boys (CDNB) Girl Talk (Johnson Center Room 239A)** Girl Talk is a monthly event CDNB will be holding to allow for open dialogue. "We are the change we want to see in the world." Chase Dreams, Not Boys is a Women's Empowerment campaign geared towards fostering independent mindsets in young minority women.

Wednesday, September 11	
10:00 am to 2:00 pm	**9/11 Day of Service (The Hub Ballroom)** Remember. Reflect. Restore. The 7th Annual Mason Nation 9/11 Day of Service will take place on Wednesday, September 11th 2019. We encourage ALL Mason students, faculty, staff, and alumni to participate!
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	**Library Workshops for International Students and Visiting Faculty (Fenwick Library, Room 1014B)** Learn how Mason's library system works!
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	**GMU Swing Dance Lesson (Johnson Center Dance Studio)** GMU Swing offers free dance lessons to students, faculty, and community members! They start with a beginner lesson, continue with a social dance, and end the night with another lesson (slightly faster with more fun :D)! They HIGHLY encourage attending every one, since lessons build off each other and get more exciting; and it's okay if you can't, since they can catch you up!

Thursday, September 12	
11:00 am to 3:00 pm	**Bienvenida Latina (Merten Hall Lawn)** Cerebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage month. Enjoy authentic foods, music, dancing, and community!

Friday, September 13	
1:00 pm to 3:00pm	**Working with International Students (Student Union Building, Room 4120)** The Office of International Program and Services (OIPS) is hosting a Working with International Students Workshop. Attendees will learning more about the evolving international population and best practices when interacting with Mason's international students. Students are welcome to attend.

Saturday, September 14	
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	**Corner Pocket Festivities by International Friendship Connection (Corner Pocket)** Join IFC in getting to relax and meet people around campus! We will be taking over Corner Pocket and playing games with international students.

Monday, September 16	
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	**Early Christmas Cantata (Eagle Bank Arena) Free Show** The Gracias Christmas Cantata is a show-stopping musical experience that has amazed audiences all across America since 2011. From LA to NYC and everywhere in between. Through three beautiful music-filled stages, and one eternal message of hope. The Gracias Christmas Cantata will infuse your heart with the true meaning of Christmas: The birth of hope, love, and God's forgiveness. Christmas Cantata is special because it expresses Christmas in a way that everyone around the world can easily understand. Now is your chance to experience this show along with family and friends.

Monday, September 9	
All Day	**Final Drop Deadline with partial tuition refund**

Wednesday, September 18	
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	**Employment and Immigration Workshop (Johnson Center Room E)** This face-to-face workshop about H-1B, pathways to legal permanent residency (Green Card), and other employment visas for international students, faculty and scholars is offered in Fall and Spring semesters.

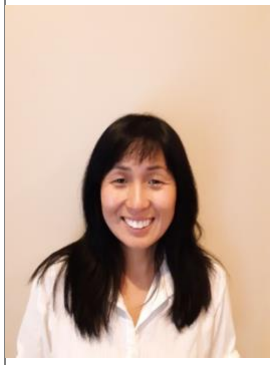
Please stay tuned for…

Monthly

Mason Korea Tea Talks

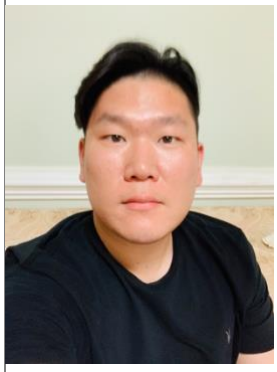
Hang out with your fellow MK students over delicious bubble tea while connecting with valuable guest speakers. Topics will focus on campus life, academic hurdles, social and cultural shock, career and professional development, and speakers will offer strategies and resources to help you be successful at Mason and beyond.

Contacts



Grace Lee

Grace Lee works for the Provost's Office as the Mason Korea Coordinator. As you already know, Grace is a wonderful resource for students traveling to and from the Mason Korea Campus. Feel free to reach out to Grace any time for help with navigating your time at the Fairfax Campus. You can email Grace at glee32@gmu.edu.



Sang Jin Lee

Sang Lee is the Graduate Professional Assistant for University Life Regional Campuses who is available as a point of contact for all Mason Korea students in Fairfax. If you need someone to talk to, or have some spare time in between classes, send Sang an email to arrange a time and location on campus to meet: sl3@gmu.edu

Dr. Lori Scher

Dr. Lori Scher is the Assistant Dean for University Life Regional Campuses. She is available to speak with you about any of your experiences on campus. If you encounter challenges or concerns or just want to make a connection, Lori is eager to meet with you! To schedule an appointment, email Lori at lcohen@gmu.edu.