

# Welcome Coyotes!

## Student SOAR Schedule | April 23, 2018

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8:30 a.m.	<b>Check-in   Refreshments   Sams Hall of Fine Arts</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Coyote Trivia</b>
9:15 a.m.	<b>Welcome   Fitzpatrick Auditorium   Students and Families</b> Opening Remarks – Dr. Melanie Overton, VP for Admissions and Advancement Welcome to the Pack – Dr. Matt Thompson, President & CEO An Intro to KWU Academics – Dr. Damon Kraft, Provost
10:00 a.m.	Small Groups depart for morning sessions
10:10 – 10:55 a.m.	<b>Small Group Session I</b> Student Life & Career Services: Getting the Most Out of Your College Experience   SAC 202
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Small Group Session II – ALL SOAR STUDENTS</b> The Power of AND: Exploring Co-Curricular Involvement Opportunities   SAC 202
11:30 a.m. – Noon	<b>Small Group Session IIA –STUDENT-ATHLETES ONLY</b> Game Plan for Immediate Student-Athlete Success   SAC 202
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH – ALL SOAR STUDENTS</b>   Shriwise Dining Hall There is a reason why KWU students gave Sodexo Food Services one of the highest ratings among colleges in Kansas! Yes, it is ALL YOU CAN EAT (and don't forget to check out the ice cream). <b>Please remain in Shriwise Dining Hall until your group leader is ready to move your group to the afternoon session.</b>
12:30 – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Session III</b> Advising & Course Selection   Peters 125
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Session IV</b> Student Forms   Peters 113
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Session V</b> Mastering KWU Digital Tools   Peters 129
2:00 – 5 p.m.	Time available to finish student financial planning paperwork, join parents and family for departure or individual appointments

See session descriptions on the back of this schedule.

# Welcome to SOAR 2018!

## **Be prepared for KWU and Beyond**

Today's sessions will give you the opportunity to become familiar with our facilities, explore resources and services and meet faculty and staff that will support you in your transition to campus and throughout your KWU experience. You will connect with other new students who are just as nervous and excited as you. You may even find a potential roommate! Relax, have fun, ask questions (because someone else probably has the same question) and know that we are here every step of the way to make the next stage of your life extraordinary.

### **Student Life & Career Success: Getting the Most Out of Your College Experience**

Meet the team that will put some fun into your campus life (plus some warm chocolate chip cookies and popcorn every week); provide services to support your health and wellness; and offer opportunities to lead, serve and participate in internships and workshops that will prepare you for that first job!

**Mastering KWU Digital Tools:** Put your tech skills to work as you learn to navigate MYKWU (where you'll view your financial aid and payment information); CANVAS, where you'll post classwork and review your grades; and CampusAlerts, where you'll register to receive important campus announcements. Plus, you'll meet our Information Systems team that can assist when your computer is on the fritz.

**Game Plan for Immediate Student-Athlete Success:** Student-athletes will leave with a play book detailing the essential responsibilities they will need to complete over the summer in such areas as: sports medicine, NAIA eligibility, fitness and mental preparedness. Mike Hermann, VP and Director of Athletics, Dan O'Connell, Head Athletic Trainer, and KWU alumnus, Ryan Showman, Head Women's Basketball Coach, will answer all of your questions and get you prepared to be a Coyote athlete.

**The Power of AND: Exploring Co-Curricular Involvement Opportunities:** Do you love to act, sing, write or take photographs? Have you always wanted to be a DJ or a sports commentator? Are you an entrepreneur who would like to share your next greatest idea on Shark Tank? Dr. Carl Rowles, associate professor of Music and director of bands, and Pete Martinez, graduate assistant for student activities, will share with you the many exciting co-curricular activities including choir, pep band, theatre, television, newspaper, Debate & Forensics, yearbook and DECA that might inspire a new talent or polish an existing skill.

**Advising & Course Selection:** This is the time you get to choose what classes you will take in the fall semester! Will it be Techniques of Acting, Astronomy or Environmental Awareness? Even if you haven't completely decided on a major, our faculty advisors are right there with you to ensure that your choices will launch you on a successful four-year graduation path.

**Student Forms & ID:** All of those papers your parents made you stuff in your folder will find their new home in Peters 113. Plus, you'll get your KWU student ID (\$4 admittance to any movie at the AMC theatre in town and other discounts when you show your ID)! You'll complete all your paperwork today, so that the next time you arrive on campus, you will breeze through check-in, and be ready to begin your college experience. Plus, you can ask all of those burning questions about what you can bring to your room (leave those full-sized refrigerators at home, please).