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## NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025 | Hauge Administration Building, Rm 101**

Registration takes place in the [Hauge Administration Building](#) outside of Room 101. Hauge is just west of Park Avenue on 121st Street South. Nearby parking lots include [Anderson University Center lot](#), and [Library lot](#). On orientation days, it is OK to park in university lots without a parking decal.

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| 8:30-9:00 am   | <b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b> - Hauge Administration 101<br>A. Bryant (Office of the Provost); Key & Lute Card with Pat Henness   |
| 9:00-10:00 am  | <b>Welcome, Introductions</b><br>Dr. Joanna Gregson (Sociology, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs)<br>Staff (Office of the Provost)<br><br><b>Cohort Building</b><br>Dr. Stephanie Johnson (Dean of the College of Liberal Studies)                                    |
| 10:00-11:00 am | <b>The Educational Mission of PLU &amp; Introduction to Lutheran Higher Education</b><br>Dr. Samuel Torvend (Religion, Wild Hope Center for Vocation)   |
| 11:00-11:15 am | <b>Break</b>  |
| 11:15-12:00 pm | <b>Inclusive Pedagogy and The Culture of Teaching and Learning at PLU</b><br>Dr. Jennifer Smith (Dean for Inclusive Excellence; Gender, Sexuality and Race Studies)   |
| 12:00-12:15 pm | <b>Break, move to lunch in Karen Hille Phillips - Ness Family Lobby 2nd floor</b>   |
| 12:15-12:55 pm | <b>Lunch is served</b>  |
| 12:55-1:00 pm  | <b>Break, move back to Hauge Admin 101</b>  |
| 1:00-2:00 pm   | <b>Inclusive Pedagogy and The Culture of Teaching and Learning at PLU - cont.</b><br>Dr. Jennifer Smith   |
| 2:00-3:00 pm   | <b>Who are the students you will encounter on the first day of class? Who will help you respond to student needs?</b><br>Kristin Plaehn (Executive Director of the Center for Student Success)<br>Jennifer Childress-White (Assistant Dean of Students and University Title IX Coordinator) |
| 3:00-3:15 pm   | <b>Break, move to next session</b>  |

3:15-4:15 pm	<b>Student Support and Resource Panel</b> Austin Beiermann (Director for Accessibility and Wellbeing Resources) Jen Rude (University Pastor) Magdalena Stickel (Assistant Director and Confidential Advocate, Office of DJS)
4:15 pm	<b>Announcements &amp; Conclusion of Day 1</b>
4:20 pm	<b>Tour of Mortvedt Library (optional)</b> – Meet in the lobby of Mortvedt Library Joe Toth (Dean of the Library)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024 | Hauge Administration Building, Rm 101**

8:30-9:00 am	<b>Continental Breakfast Served</b> - Hauge Administration 101
9:00-9:15 am	<b>NFO during the 2025-2056 academic year</b> Dr. Jennifer Smith (Dean of Inclusive Excellence; Gender, Sexuality and Race Studies)
9:15-10:15 am	<b>Student Perspectives – Student Panel</b> Laree Winer (Director, Wild Hope Center for Vocation)
10:15-10:30 am	<b>Reflection on Student Perspectives</b> Laree Winer (Director, Wild Hope Center for Vocation)
10:30-10:45 am	<b>Break</b>
10:45-11:50 am	<b>Top 5 Tech Things to Know</b> Dr. Bridget Yaden (Associate Provost for Undergraduate Programs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sakai &amp; Canvas – PLU's Learning Management Systems</li> <li>○ Banner – PLU's Student Information System</li> <li>○ Classroom Technology tools and support</li> <li>○ Engagement Tools</li> <li>○ Student Success and Support Apps</li> </ul>
11:50-11:55 am	<b>Cohort group photo</b> - Hauge Admin lobby/front steps or KHP Red Square Sy Bean (University Photographer)
11:55-12:00 pm	<b>Move to lunch in Anderson University Center 214 Chris Knutzen East</b>
12:00-1:00 pm	<b>Human Resources – Q&amp;A Tables available until 1:00 pm</b>
12:15-1:15 pm	<b>Lunch is served in AUC CK East with Academic Leaders</b>
12:30-1:30 pm	<b>Individual photos with Sy Bean (University Photographer) - KHP Red Square</b>
1:00 pm	<b>Announcements and Conclusion of August Orientation</b>  Dr. Stephanie Johnson, Dean of College of Liberal Studies & Dr. Jen Smith, Dean on Inclusive Excellence
1:15 pm	<b>College Campus Tours with Administrative Assistants</b> Gather by colleges and tour applicable buildings led by your college's Administrator(s).