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service, leadership, and care*



WILD HOPE CENTER FOR VOCATION
*Being called into relationships to promote human
and ecological flourishing*

NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026 | 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 | Registration & Breakfast - Hauge Administration 101
Carol Bautista (Senior Manager of Faculty Affairs & Governance Operations)
& Sarah Nelson (Executive Assistant for Academics & Student Experience)
Key & Lute Card with Pat Henness (Associate Director for Access Controls and LuteCard Operations) |
| 9:00-10:00 am | Welcome & Introductions
Dr. Joanna Royce-Davis (Provost and Senior Vice President for Academics and Student Experience)
Staff (Office of the Provost)

Cohort Building
Laree Winer (Director, Wild Hope Center for Vocation) |
| 10:00-11:00 am | The Educational Mission of PLU & Introduction to Lutheran Higher Education
Dr. Samuel Torvend (Religion, Wild Hope Center for Vocation) |
| 11:00-11:15 am | Break |
| 11:15-12:00 pm | The Culture of Teaching and Learning at PLU
Dr. Jennifer Smith (Associate Provost for Core Curriculum and Faculty Development) |
| 12:00-12:15 pm | Break, move to lunch in Anderson University Center (AUC) 203 (Regency Room) |
| 12:15-12:55 pm | Lunch
Regency Room (AUC) |
| 12:55-1:00 pm | Break & move back to Hauge Admin 101 |
| 1:00-2:00 pm | The Culture of Teaching and Learning at PLU - cont.
Dr. Chanun Caine (Visiting Assistant Professor of Education) |
| 2:00-2:15 pm | Break & move to next session |

- 2:15-3:15 pm **Who are the students you will encounter on the first day of class? Who will help you respond to student needs? – Wellbeing Services & Resources (WSR)**
 Dr. Eva Frey (Dean of Students and Associate Vice President for Wellbeing Services & Resources)
 Kristin Plaehn (Executive Director of the Center for Student Success)
- 3:15-4:00 pm **Student Support Tour**
 Dr. Bridget Yaden (Vice Provost for Student Success and Academics)
 Dr. Angie Hambrick (Associate Provost for Advising, Equity, and Student Experience)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026 | Hauge Administration Building, Rm 101

- 8:30-9:00 am **Continental Breakfast Served** - Hauge Administration 101
- 9:00-9:15 am **NFO during the 2026-2027 academic year**
 Dr. Jennifer Smith (Associate Provost for Core Curriculum and Faculty Development)
- 9:15-10:30 am **Student Perspectives & Reflection**
 Laree Winer (Director, Wild Hope Center for Vocation)
- 10:30-10:45 am **Break**
- 10:45-11:15 am **Introduction to Information & Technology Services (I&TS)**
 Information & Technology Services Team
 - Sakai & Canvas – PLU's Learning Management Systems
 - Classroom technology tools and support
- 11:15-11:45am **Introduction to Using Banner** – PLU's Employee & Student Information System
 Dr. Bridget Yaden (Vice Provost for Student Success and Academics)
- 11:45-11:50 am **Cohort group photo** - Hauge Admin lobby/front steps or KHP Red Square
 Sy Bean (University Photographer)
- 11:50-12:00 pm **Move to lunch in Anderson University Center 100 (Scandinavian Cultural Center)**
- 12:00-1:15 pm **Lunch with Academic Leaders**
 - During the lunch hour, **Human Resources** will be available to answer any questions you might have about benefits.
 - Additionally, the **University Photographer** – Sy Bean – will be available from 12:15-1:15 pm to take individual photos in **Red Square**

After you have finished eating, you will gather by colleges and tour applicable buildings and offices with your college's administrative assistant(s).