



Tuesday, August 4th

Business Casual Attire

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Check-In
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Welcome Greetings Linda Niessen, DMD, MPP, MPH, Founding Dean, Professor, Vice Provost for Oral Health Affairs W. Josh Cox, DO, FACOFP, Senior Vice President of Clinical Affairs, Executive Dean, KCU College of Osteopathic Medicine
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Introductions
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Start Strong: Making the Most of Orientation Shannon Peterson, Assistant Vice Provost of Student Services
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Team Trivia
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Welcome Stations
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Strategies for Student Loan Management Kristi Nicol, MS, Director of Financial Aid Julie Fresne, Owner & Founder of MedEdFinance
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Student Accounts Shanelle Brewster, Director, Student Accounts
4:30 – 4:45 p.m.	Student Record Management, Student Handbook Overview Tabitha Hoadley, Assistant Registrar Elizabeth Davis, Associate Registrar
4:45 – 5:00 p.m.	Wrap-Up Shannon Peterson, Assistant Vice Provost of Student Services

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Wednesday, August 5th

Alma Mater Attire

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Basic Life Support Training | Resources for Success

- BLS Training, Mandibular Lab Group | Learning Studio
- Academic and Student Support | Maxillary Lab Group | DEC-160

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12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Alma Mater Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Safety & Emergency Management, Campus Operations

Jim Herrington, Senior Director for Safety and Campus Operations

Josh Gilreath, Security Supervisor

Merve Jordan, Manager, Campus Hospitality

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Classroom Norms and Creed

Jeanne Chung, DMD, MPH, Assistant Professor of General Dentistry

Shawn Hull, MA, Program Evaluation Specialist

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Wrap-Up

Shannon Peterson, Assistant Vice Provost of Student Services

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Significant Other Meet and Greet, CDM 154 (*optional*)

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Thursday, August 6th

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9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Counseling Services

Brandi Norman, MA, PsyD, Associate Director of Counseling Services
Debra Swearengen, MS, LPC, Campus Counselor
Mandy Hall, MS, LPC, Campus Counselor

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Dental Student 101

Caleb Bayless, Caleb Bayless, MEd, Learning Specialist

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Time Management

Caleb Bayless, MEd, Learning Specialist

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Improving the Well-Being of the Communities We Serve

Shannon Peterson, Assistant Vice Provost of Student Services
Matthew Stuckey, Director of Student Affairs

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Welcome to Joplin

Linda Niessen, DMD, MPP, MPH, Founding Dean of the College of Dental Medicine, Vice Provost for Oral Health Affairs
Larry McIntire, DO, President, Joplin Regional Medical School Alliance
Mr. Rudy Farber, Chair Emeritus, Community Bank & Trust

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Explore Joplin: Community Resource Fair

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Class of 2030 Dinner

Twin Hills Country Club
Hosted by the Missouri Dental Association

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Friday, August 7th | We Care Day

KCU T-Shirt and Recommended Attire by Site

8:00 a.m.

Arrival, Lecture Hall

Bus grouping and bus loading

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

KCU WE CARE DAY

Service-learning within the Joplin community

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH

Afternoon Free

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7-15-2026

Monday, August 10th*Business Casual Attire*

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Clinician Panel
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Coaching Overview Erinne Kennedy, DMD, MPH, MMSc, Assistant Dean, Curriculum and Integrated Learning Duane Wilson, DDS, Assistant Director of Faculty Development, Associate Professor Anna Leonard, Project Coordinator, Interprofessional Education Coach
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Curriculum Overview Erinne Kennedy, DMD, MPH, MMSc, Assistant Dean Curriculum and Integrated Learning Dennis Abbott, DDS, Assistant Dean of Integrated Biomedical and Clinical Sciences
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Coaching Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Assessment Overview - Exam Services, Information Technology Marcos Harders, Manager of Exam Services and Analytics Zack Nidiffer, M.A. Ed., Operations Supervisor, Exam Services and Analytics Felicia Graves, M.S. Ed., Coordinator, Exam Services and Analytics Kendra Jackson, MS, Coordinator, Exam Services and Analytics Steve Brown, Assistant Director of Assessment Julie Fountain, Educational Technologist
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Disability Services Andrea Hanson, Disability Services and Advising Coordinator
2:15- 3:00 p.m.	Test Anxiety Brandi Norman, MA, PsyD, Associate Director of Counseling Services Debra Swearengen, MS, LPC, Campus Counselor Mandy Hall, MS, LPC, Campus Counselor
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Student Panel
4:00 – 4:15 p.m.	Wrap-Up Shannon Peterson, Assistant Vice Provost of Student Services

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9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

THRIVE | Spiva Center for the Arts | 212 W 7TH Street

Erinne Kennedy, DMD, MPH, MMSc, Assistant Dean Curriculum and Integrated Learning

Dennis Abbott, DDS, Assistant Dean of Integrated Biomedical and Clinical Sciences

2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Loupes Criteria Overview | DEC 160

Rachel Jahraus, DDS, Assistant Professor

2:45 – 3:30 p.m.

Library Resource Overview | DEC 160

Bonnie Turner, MLS, Medical Librarian, Joplin

Sharon Gordon, DDS, MPH, PhD, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research

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Wednesday, August 12th

Scrubs

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Student Success for Patient Care | DEC 160

Lewis Eakins, PhD, Purposeful Teaching Academy

Sheldon Eakins, PhD, Purposeful Teaching Academy

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Gross Anatomy Lab | Academic Tools & Systems, NPI

- Gross Anatomy Lab Orientation | Maxillary Lab Group
- Academic Tools and Systems | Mandibular Lab Group

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Underrepresented Students in Dentistry Group *(optional)*

South Classroom

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

First Gen Identity Group *(optional)*

South Classroom

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Thursday, August 13th

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8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Military Dentistry Health Professions Scholarship Program (<i>optional</i>) Brandon Williams, DDS, Assistant Professor, Orthodontics <i>South Classroom</i>
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Loupes Fair OHC SIM Lab
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Faculty Panel
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Living Our Values Thomas Moorman, Ed.D., Senior Vice Provost for Student Success
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.	White Coat Rehearsal Sign Class Creed Inge Hafkemeyer, CMM, Director of University Events, University Relations Linda Niessen, DMD, MPP, MPH, Founding Dean of the College of Dental Medicine, Vice Provost for Oral Health Affairs

Friday, August 14th

Enjoy your day with your family and friends.

Saturday, August 15th

Business Casual & White Coat

10:00 a.m.	White Coat Ceremony Joplin High School Performing Arts Center 2104 Indiana Avenue Joplin, MO 64804
11:30 a.m.	Open House KCU Joplin Farber-McIntire Campus 2901 St. John's Blvd. Joplin, MO 64804

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