



Eagles baseball team's run as the  
NCAA Regional Champions with a  
53-win, record-setting season, it's  
a battle cry or a call to action that  
references the majestic flight of  
our Golden Eagle mascot. If you  
are confident, determined or  
passionate, then you say  
"Wings Up."

# SOAR '23

**Student Orientation, Advisement and Registration**



**Tennessee  
TECH**

**Supporting My Student Living at Home**

# Who is a Commuter Student?

Any freshman commuting from their parent/legal guardian's main residence.

## At Tech...

9,508 total undergraduate enrollment

2,281 residential

**7,227 commuter**

Stigma: Commuter students are not as involved and engaged as their residential classmates.

# What does it mean to be a Commuter?

Unique needs and interests

- What are some needs your student may have as a commuter at Tech?
- What responsibilities does your student have?

# What are the Expectations?

Same as residential students:

- Be on time and attend classes
- Responsibility for assignments (group & individual)
- Utilize resources and seek assistance when necessary
- Communicate with faculty & advisors

# Challenges

*Some common challenges may include:*

- Getting to campus & parking
- Weather & closings
- Time management
  - work & home responsibilities vs. college responsibilities
- Rethinking curfews if student lives at home
- Feeling connected & sense of belonging
- Evening group meetings
- Adjustment

# Time Management

## High School Schedule

|       | MONDAY                  | TUESDAY        | WEDNESDAY               | THURSDAY            | FRIDAY         |               |
|-------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
|       | Silence/Attendance      |                |                         |                     |                | 8:00          |
| 8:15  | Advisory                | Science        | Arts                    | Meeting for Worship | Team Time      | 8:00          |
| 8:45  | English                 | Science        | Arts                    | English             | English        | 8:30          |
| 9:30  | Social Studies          | Break          |                         | Social Studies      | Social Studies | 9:20          |
| 10:15 | Arts                    | Chinese        | Social Studies          | Arts                | Arts           | 10:10         |
| 11:00 | Lunch/Break             |                |                         |                     | Break          | 11:00 - 12:00 |
| 11:40 | Math                    | Math           | English                 | Math                | Lunch 11:30    | 12:10         |
| 12:25 | Chinese                 | Math           | English                 | Chinese             | Math           | 12:10         |
| 1:10  | Science                 | PE             | Rehearsal               | Science             | Chinese        | 1:00          |
| 1:55  | PE                      | Early Out 2:00 | PE                      | PE                  | Science        | 1:50          |
|       | PE                      |                | PE                      | PE                  | Assembly       | 2:40          |
|       | Shakeout/Dismissal 3:30 |                |                         |                     |                |               |
|       |                         |                | Shakeout/Dismissal 3:30 |                     |                |               |

## College Schedule

### My Class Schedule

[Manhattan courses material](#)

<< previous week      Week of 8/26/2013 - 9/1/2013      next week >>

Show Week of  Start Time  End Time

| Time    | Monday Aug 26   | Tuesday Aug 27   | Wednesday Aug 28   | Thursday Aug 29  | Friday Aug 30   | Saturday Aug 31 | Sunday Sep 1 |
|---------|---|--|--|--|---|-----------------|--------------|
| 8:00AM  | GENBA 110 - A Business Foundations Lecture 8:30AM - 9:20AM Calvin Hall 211  |  | GENBA 110 - A Business Foundations Lecture 8:30AM - 9:20AM Calvin Hall 211 |  | GENBA 110 - A Business Foundations Lecture 8:30AM - 9:20AM Calvin Hall 211    |                 |              |
| 9:00AM  |   |  |  |  |   |                 |              |
| 10:00AM | MATH 100 - 07 College Algebra Recitation 10:30AM - 11:20AM Willard Hall 122 | COMM 105 - AH Public Speaking 1A Recitation 10:30AM - 11:20AM Gymnasium 204    |  | COMM 105 - AH Public Speaking 1A Recitation 10:30AM - 11:20AM Gymnasium 204    | MATH 100 - 07B College Algebra Laboratory 10:30AM - 11:20AM Cardwell Hall 144 |                 |              |
| 11:00AM |   | AMETH 160 - B Intro Am Ethnic Study Lecture 11:30AM - 12:45PM Leasure Hall 013 |  | AMETH 160 - B Intro Am Ethnic Study Lecture 11:30AM - 12:45PM Leasure Hall 013 |   |                 |              |
| 12:00PM |   |  |  |  | GEOL 103 - T Geology Laboratory 12:30PM - 2:05PM Thompson Hall 109            |                 |              |
| 1:00PM  |   |  |  |  |   |                 |              |
| 2:00PM  |   | GEOL 100 - D Earth In Action Lecture 2:30PM - 3:45PM Thompson Hall 101         | MATH 100 - 01L College Algebra Lecture 2:30PM - 3:20PM Cardwell Hall 101   | GEOL 100 - D Earth In Action Lecture 2:30PM - 3:45PM Thompson Hall 101         |   |                 |              |
| 3:00PM  |   |  |  |  |   |                 |              |
| 4:00PM  |   |  |  |  |   |                 |              |
| 5:00PM  |   |  |  |  |   |                 |              |
| 6:00PM  |   |  |  |  |   |                 |              |
| 7:00PM  |   | MATH 100 - 01Q College Algebra Quiz 7:05PM - 8:20PM Thompson Hall 101          |  |  |   |                 |              |
| 8:00PM  |   |  |  |  |   |                 |              |

# Commuter Class Scheduling Strategy

## Cramming classes into two days:

- Makes for really long days
- Mental fatigue (less focused)
- More tempting to skip classes
- Greater impact when you get sick
- Multiple assignments due/exams on the same day

\*Remember to designate time and space for online classes.

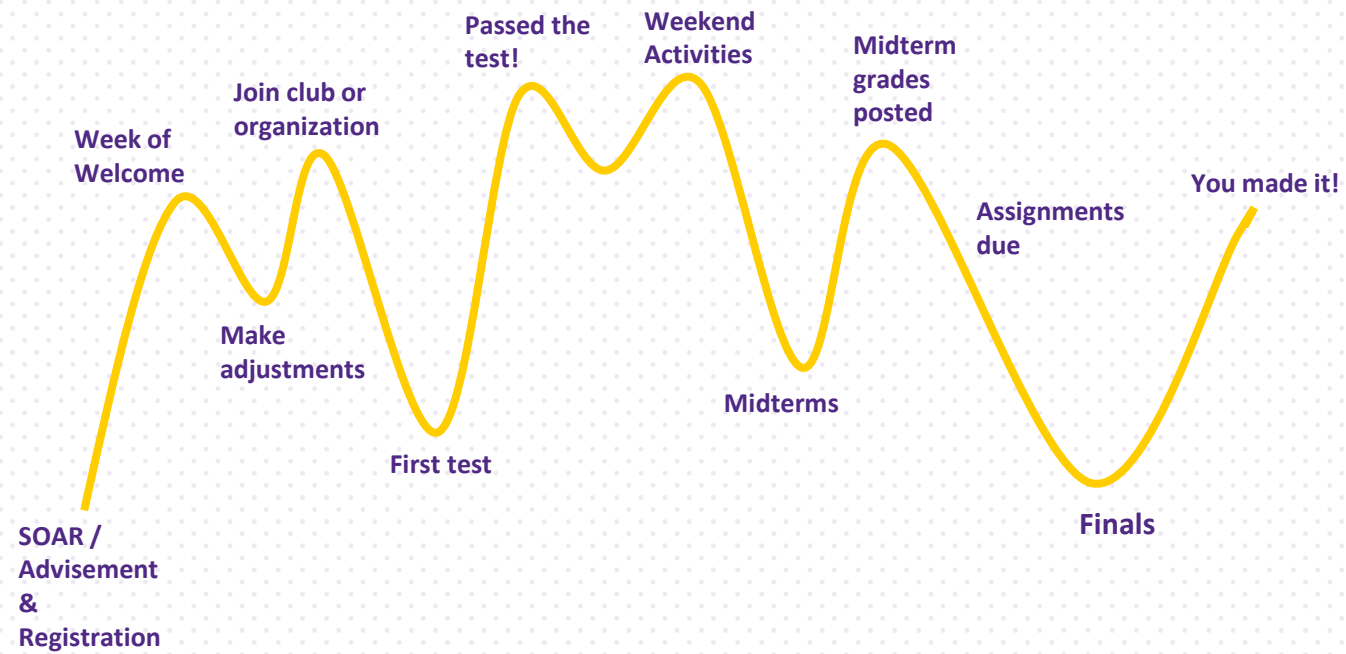
\*Don't be hesitant to take night classes, may impact progression towards degree!

## Spacing classes out:

- Allows more time to complete assignments/prepare for exams
- More peer interactions & engagement on campus
- Eliminates falling out of a routine



# Ebbs & Flows of the Semester





# Encourage your student to:

- Openly communicate – with faculty, employers, & outside commitments
- Set goals
- Utilize commute time

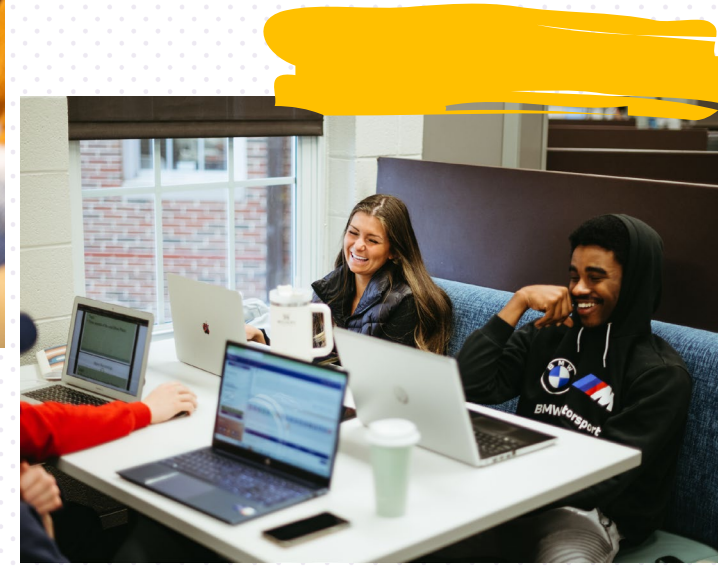
# Student Resources

- Campus Dining
- Library
- Fitness Center
- On-campus jobs
- Launch Pad
- Health Services
- Counseling Center
- Intercultural Affairs
- Off Campus & Commuter Student Network



# Student Lounges

- Business – Johnson Hall 106
- Education – TJ Farr 107 & Foundation Hall (LRC)
- Engineering – Clement Hall 208
- Nursing – Bell Hall 250
- Interdisciplinary Studies – SW Hall 180
- Roaden University Center – Ground Floor
- Volpe Library Learning Commons
- Lab Science Commons





**Questions?**