



Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence

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MCAE Kick Off Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register for Kick Off?

- You can access the registration form at z.umn.edu/mcaekickoff. Submit this form by July 30! For any additional questions or concerns about your registration, please contact mcae@umn.edu.

Do I need to pay to attend MCAE Kick Off?

- No! There is no cost to attend Kick Off, and meals will be provided throughout the program.

Is registration first come first serve?

- Our registration form does not operate on a first come first serve basis. Students who apply on the first day of registrations have an equal chance of being selected as students who apply later on. However, due to space limitations of Kick Off, we may have to make selection decisions based on the need for community support or connection.

When will I hear back from MCAE regarding my registration acceptance?

- You should expect to hear back from MCAE via email by August 9th.

Will MCAE Kick Off be in-person?

- Yes! Kick Off will be fully in-person this year.

What can I expect at Kick Off?

- First and foremost, you should expect to have lots of fun connecting with other incoming students in the program!
- Additionally, you will have the opportunity to participate in a mix of large group and small group activities that highlight this year's themes: Reconnection, Compassion, and Legacy. Our hope with this year's Kick Off is that participants will be able to discuss their identity and background in these small group settings and learn how to navigate being a multicultural/first gen/native and indigenous student at a predominantly white institution (PWI).
- Over the course of Kick Off, you will have the space to create lasting friendships and memories that will help make the University of Minnesota feel more like home.



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Do I need to be vaccinated to attend Kick Off?

- The University is not requiring the COVID-19 vaccine for students, but strongly recommends students to Get the Vax if they are able. If you are not able to get vaccinated before you come to campus, there will be drop-in opportunities to get your shot during Welcome Week!
- For more information, visit the COVID-19 updates page on the University website.

What does early move-in mean?

- Moving in early is one of the benefits of attending Kick Off! MKO participants living in University housing will be allowed to move in on Sunday, August 29th.

Do I have to attend all days of Kick Off?

- It is expected that you commit to attending all Kick Off programming. Any conflicts should be communicated on the registration form.

Am I able to attend both Welcome Week and Kick Off?

- Yes! MCAE is working closely with Welcome Week to ensure our Kick Off participants are able to attend both events.

Are parents invited to MCAE Kick Off events?

- The first event in our 2021 Kick Off programming is a Friends and Family Send Off on Sunday, August 29.
- We acknowledge that students' friends and families may play a large part in their cultural background and we invite them to join us for this celebratory event! This is an opportunity for students to start their transition into a new chapter, and for families and friends to officially send their student off to the University of Minnesota.

I have a question not listed here, who can I contact?

- If you have any questions regarding MCAE Kick Off, please contact us at mcae@umn.edu.