

2006 Calendar

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Calendar Key

- = First or last day of class during each semester
- Bold** = The University will be closed on these days.



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Reference Guide and Calendar

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To: Valdosta State University Faculty and Staff
From: Office of Institutional Research
Subject: 2005-2006 Reference Guide and Calendar

The 2005-2006 Reference Guide and Calendar provides the dates of major institutional activities during the next fiscal year. This guide is intended to provide awareness of dates for conducting effectiveness activities as well as dates for other activities of Valdosta State University. Please note that some institutional activities are indicated as tentative.

All of the events that were available as of May 1, 2005 are listed in the calendar. Other and more specialized event listings may be found on the VSU Campus Calendars web page at <http://www.valdosta.edu/calendars/>.

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Our appreciation is extended to all the University offices which assisted us with the development and collection of information. The report was prepared by Linda Gooden, Research Associate, under the guidance of the Interim Director, Dr. Ruth Salter. Angela Henderson, Institutional Research Analyst I, and Lori Negron, Student Assistant, contributed to the Reference Guide and Calendar through diligent proof-reading and checking the accuracy of information. Special appreciation is extended to Mr. David Surrency and the staff of Printing Services for duplication of the calendar.

VSU’s Equal Opportunity Statement

Valdosta State University is an equal opportunity educational institution. It is not the intent of the institution to discriminate against any applicant for admission or any student or employee of the institution based on the sex, race, religion, color, national origin, handicap, or sexual orientation of the individual. *It is the intent of the institution to comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and subsequent executive orders as well as Title IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.*

2005 Calendar

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2007 Semester Planner

Date	January Activities
1	New Year
8	First Day of Classes
15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (offices closed)

Date	April Activities
15	Tax Day
30	Last Day of Classes

Date	February Activities
1-28	Black History Month
2	Groundhog Day
12	Lincoln's Birthday
21	President's Day
22	Washington's Birthday

Date	May Activities
5	Graduation
9	First Day of Summer I Classes
18	Midterm for Summer I Classes
28	Memorial Day (offices closed)
30	Last Day of Summer I Classes

Date	March Activities
2	Midterm
17	St. Patrick's Day
12	Spring Break Begins
16	Spring Break Ends

Date	June Activities
6	First Day of Summer II Classes
7	First Day of Summer III Classes
19	Midterm for Summer III Classes
28	Last Day of Summer III Classes
29	Midterm for Summer II Classes

Concise Mission Statement

The mission of Valdosta State University is to:

- Prepare our students to meet global opportunities and challenges through excellence in teaching and learning.
- Expand the boundaries of current knowledge, and explore the practical applications of that knowledge, through excellence in scholarship and creative endeavors.
- Promote the economic, cultural, and educational progress of our community and of our region, through excellence in service outreach.

VSU seeks to accomplish this mission in a dynamic, student-centered learning environment marked by respect for the diverse abilities, backgrounds, and contributions of all members of the university community.

Valdosta State University's Eight Strategic Goals

Goal #1: Effective Planning and Resource Utilization

VSU informs and supports the need for change, processes, and programs through integrated, continuous strategic planning.

Goal #2: Successful Outreach

VSU actively identifies, cultivates, and encourages private support through the enhancement of alumni, community, and corporate outreach.

Goal #3: Excellence in Student Learning and Retention

VSU encourages continuous enhancement of curricula and research opportunities, resulting in highly informed graduates and increased student retention and graduation rates.

Goal #4: Access and Participation

VSU promotes expanded access, participation, and quality through a comprehensive marketing plan.

Goal #5: Student Preparation

VSU works actively with K-12 education to increase the pool (number) of high school students from our service area who are eligible to attend the University.

Goal #6: High Quality Personnel

VSU pursues excellence and identifies best practices in recruiting, developing, and retaining quality faculty and staff in an environment of shared governance across the campus community.

Goal #7: Engagement in the Community and Region

VSU will continue developing its important educational, cultural, multicultural and economic impact in order to enhance the quality-of-life for the state and region, and to attract and retain residents, students, visitors, and industry.

Goal #8: Strategic Alliances

Acknowledging that the President is the chief spokesperson of VSU, through ongoing, two-way communication with the Board of Regents and their staff, Valdosta State University fosters strong alliances with key leaders, thereby serving to maximize cooperation with any external entities, including but not limited to other state agencies, boards, the Office of the Governor, the General Assembly, potential mentors, alumni, and other universities (while maintaining the constitutional authority of the Board of Regents [BOR Goal 11]).

Highlights of Valdosta State University:

- ◆ Dr. Ronald M. Zaccari has served as VSU’s 7th President since 2002.
- ◆ VSU was founded in 1906 as South Georgia State Normal College. In 1922, the school was renamed Georgia State Woman’s College. The school became co-educational in 1950 and changed its name to Valdosta State College. On July 1, 1993, VSC became a Regional University and changed its name to Valdosta State University.
- ◆ VSU has hosted the Governor’s Honors Program for the last twenty-six years as of FY 2005.
- ◆ Enrollment for Fall 2004 was 10,400.
- ◆ The average age of undergraduates was 23 years old and the average age of graduate students was 34 years old in Fall 2004.
- ◆ Females represented 61% of the student body; 25% of the students were self declared minorities for Fall 2004.
- ◆ In Fall 2004, Georgians comprised 93% of the total enrollment while Floridians accounted for 2% and International students represented 2%.
- ◆ Students came from 157 of the 159 counties in Georgia, 44 states, and many countries for Fall 2004.
- ◆ In FY 2004, over \$61 million in student financial aid was distributed.
- ◆ VSU confers degrees in five different levels: Doctoral, Specialist, Master’s, Bachelor’s, and Associate.
- ◆ VSU’s retention rate for first-time full-time freshmen for Fall 2003 to Fall 2004 is 76%; as of Fall 2004 VSU’s six year graduation rate is 38%.
- ◆ In Fall 2004, VSU had 851 administrators and staff members of which 57% were female; 88% of all administrators and staff worked full-time.
- ◆ Females constituted 46% of the faculty; 9% of the faculty members were self declared minorities in Fall 2004.
- ◆ Actual unaudited Educational and General expenditures for FY 2004 totalled \$68,722,364.
- ◆ In FY 2004, VSU received \$3,580,305 in grants and contracts.
- ◆ VSU has 22 different national honorary fraternities and societies and 22 social councils.

Source: 2004 Fact Book; Fall 2004 SIRS; America’s Best College 2005 U.S. News and World Report Survey; 2004-2005 IPEDS; Student Life Office

2006 Semester Planner

Date	July Activities
3	Holiday (no classes)
4	Independence Day Holiday (no classes, offices closed)
24	Last Day of Summer II and IV Classes
29	Graduation

Date	October Activities
6	Midterm
10	Columbus Day
16	National Boss Day
16	Fall Break day 1 for students
17	Fall Break day 2 for students
29	Daylight Savings Ends

Date	August Activities
14	First Class Day

Date	November Activities
7	Election Day
11	Veterans' Day
22	Thanksgiving Break begins
23 - 24	Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed)
27	Classes Resume

Date	September Activities
4	Labor Day Holiday (offices closed)
11	Patriot Day
22	First Day of Autumn

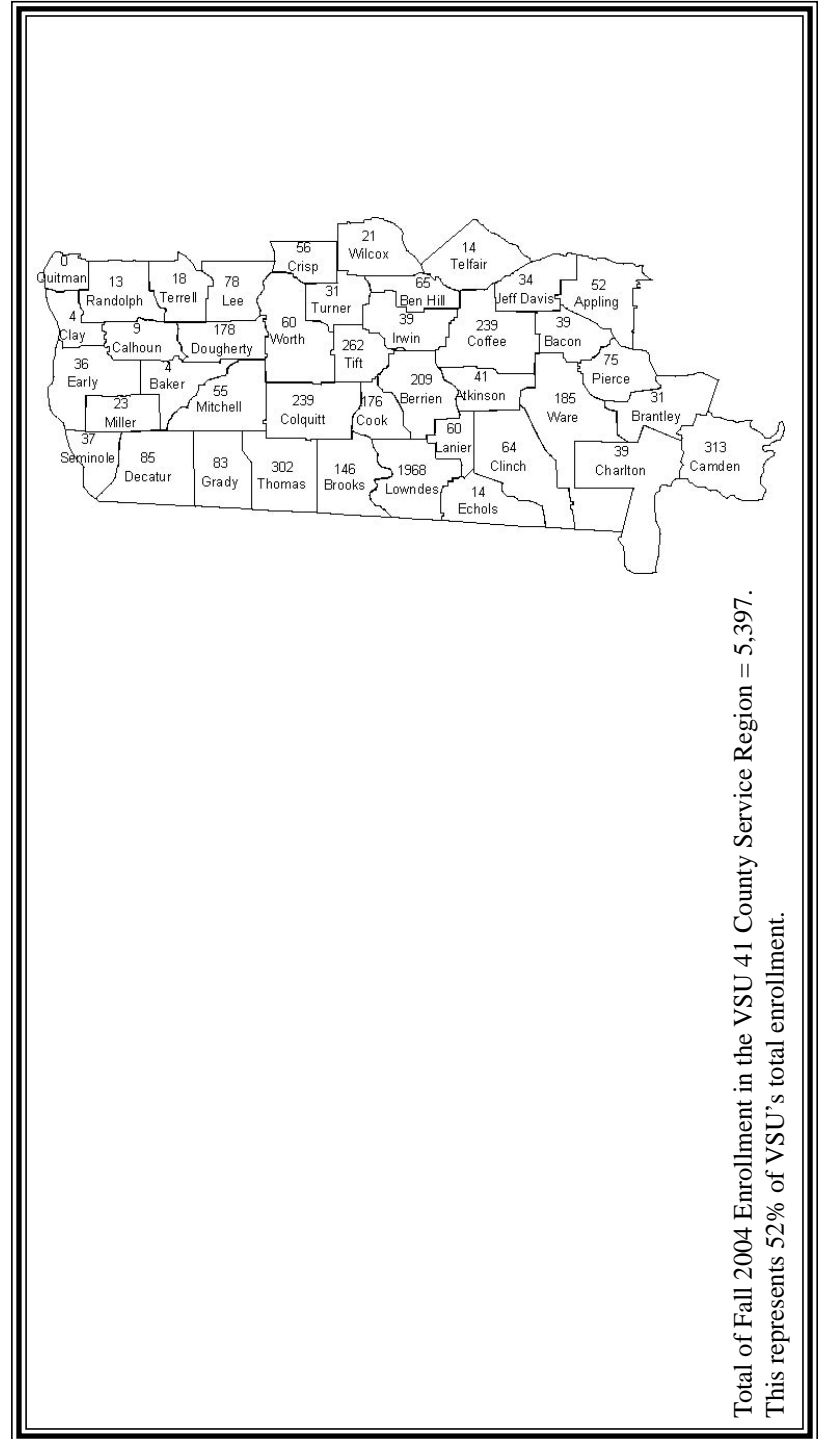
Date	December Activities
4	Last Day of Classes
9	Graduation
20	VSU Closes for Seasonal Holidays
21	First Day of Winter

June 2006

Date	Activity
1 - Thursday	Registration - Summer II Term and Summer III Term
2 - Friday	Registration - Summer II Term and Summer III Term
3 - Saturday	SAT I and II
4 - Sunday	Residence Halls Open for Summer II and III; Palms first meal - Breakfast
5 - Monday	First Class Day Summer II Term and Summer III Term
6 - Tuesday	COSA Executive Committee meeting - 9 a.m.; Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta
7 - Wednesday	Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta (continued)
8 - Thursday	
9 - Friday	
10 - Saturday	PRAXIS I and II; ACT
11 - Sunday	
12 - Monday	PRAXIS (Sabbatical)
13 - Tuesday	COSA meeting - 9 a.m.
14 - Wednesday	Flag Day
15 - Thursday	
16 - Friday	
17 - Saturday	
18 - Sunday	Father's Day
19 - Monday	
20 - Tuesday	
21 - Wednesday	First Day of Summer
22 - Thursday	
23 - Friday	
24 - Saturday	MAT
25 - Sunday	
26 - Monday	Last Class Day for Summer III Term
27 - Tuesday	Final Exams for Summer III Term; Summer II Midterm
28 - Wednesday	Summer IV Registration
29 - Thursday	First Class Day Summer IV; New Employee Orientation 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the University Center Rose Room
30 - Friday	

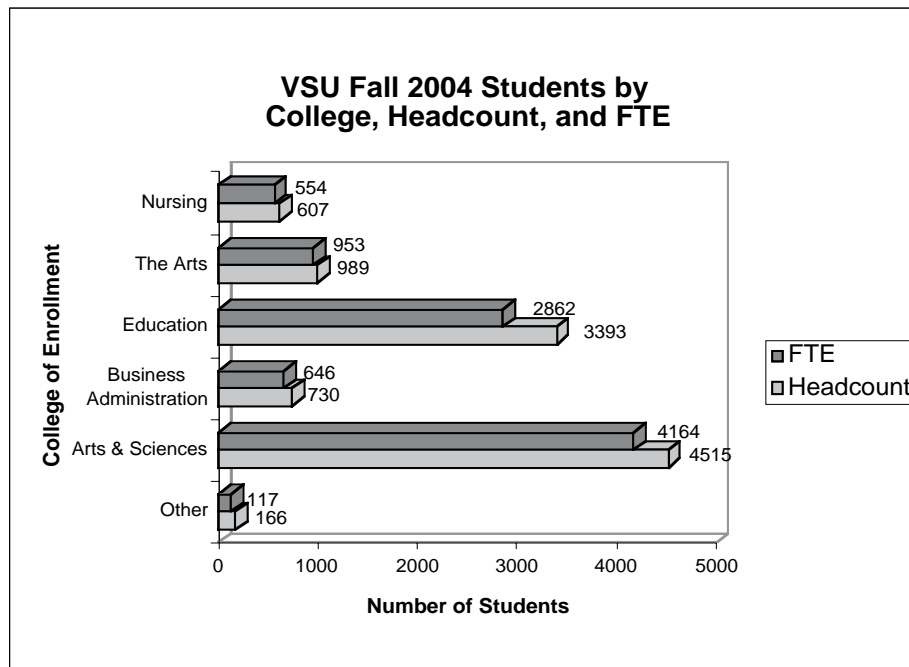
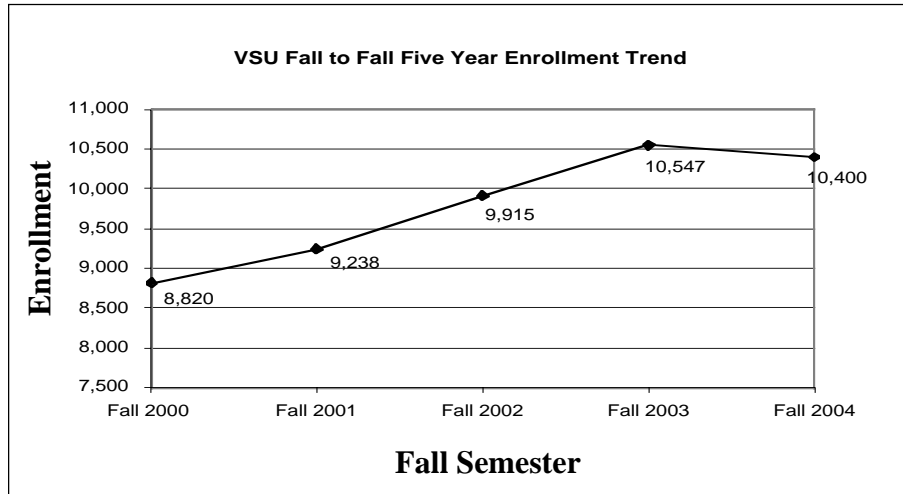
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VSU 41 County Service Region: Fall 2004 Enrollment by County
 VSU's Service Region represents 30% of Georgia's area and 13% of Georgia's total population.
 Source: VSU's Fall 2004 SIRS file



Total of Fall 2004 Enrollment in the VSU 41 County Service Region = 5,397.
 This represents 52% of VSU's total enrollment.

VSU Quick Facts, continued...



Note: Total number of students enrolled in all colleges Fall 2004=10,400; FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) calculation based on 12 hours enrollment for undergraduate students and 9 hours enrollment for graduate students.

Sources: VSU's Fall 2004 SIRS file

May 2006

Date	Activity
1 - Monday	Last Day of Class for Spring Semester; PRAXIS (Sabbatical); COMPASS
2 - Tuesday	Exam Preparation Day - No Classes; COSA Executive Committee meeting - 9 a.m.; COMPASS
3 - Wednesday	Final Exams; COMPASS
4 - Thursday	Final Exams; Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
5 - Friday	Final Exams; Palms last meal - Lunch; National Day of Prayer
6 - Saturday	Graduation; SAT I and II; Residence Halls Close after Spring Semester
7 - Sunday	
8 - Monday	
9 - Tuesday	Registration for Summer Term; COSA meeting - 9 a.m.; Residence Halls open for Summer I
10 - Wednesday	First Class Day Summer I Term
11 - Thursday	MAT
12 - Friday	
13 - Saturday	
14 - Sunday	Mother's Day
15 - Monday	
16 - Tuesday	Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta
17 - Wednesday	Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta (continued)
18 - Thursday	Faculty Senate Meeting
19 - Friday	
20 - Saturday	
21 - Sunday	Armed Forces Day
22 - Monday	
23 - Tuesday	
24 - Wednesday	
25 - Thursday	New Employee Orientation 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the University Center Rose Room
26 - Friday	
27 - Saturday	
28 - Sunday	
29 - Monday	Memorial Day Observed (VSU Offices Closed - No Classes)
30 - Tuesday	Last Class Day Summer I Term
31 - Wednesday	Final Exams for Summer I Term; Residence Halls close for Summer I

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April 2006

Date	Activity
1 - Saturday	Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
2 - Sunday	Daylight Savings Time begins
3 - Monday	
4 - Tuesday	COSA Executive Committee meeting - 9 a.m.; Administrative Council Meeting (Tentative)
5 - Wednesday	
6 - Thursday	Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
7 - Friday	
8 - Saturday	ACT
9 - Sunday	
10 - Monday	
11 - Tuesday	COSA meeting - 9 a.m.
12 - Wednesday	CIR II Census Date; MAT
13 - Thursday	
14 - Friday	Good Friday (VSU Offices Open)
15 - Saturday	Tuition remission deadline for Summer Semester 2006 (Tentative); Tax Day
16 - Sunday	Easter
17 - Monday	
18 - Tuesday	Board of Regents Meeting at Fort Valley State University
19 - Wednesday	CIR II Due Date; Board of Regents Meeting at Fort Valley State University (continued)
20 - Thursday	Faculty Senate Meeting
21 - Friday	
22 - Saturday	
23 - Sunday	
24 - Monday	
25 - Tuesday	ISAT
26 - Wednesday	
27 - Thursday	New Employee Orientation 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the University Center Rose Room; Administrative Professionals Day
28 - Friday	
29 - Saturday	PRAXIS I and II
30 - Sunday	

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Degrees Conferred by Colleges Fiscal Years 2000 through 2004

Undergraduate Students						
COLLEGE	FY04	FY03	FY02	FY01	FY00	5-Year Total
Arts	201	187	174	152	142	856
Arts & Sciences	495	509	457	446	483	2390
Business Administration	326	290	276	295	282	1469
Education	333	380	311	329	420	1773
Nursing	48	63	58	52	44	265
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TOTAL	1403	1429	1276	1274	1371	6753

** Number of VSU Undergraduate Degree Majors offered: 110
(Including all Associate degree majors earned in conjunction with Technical Colleges)
Number of VSU Undergraduate Degrees offered: 12

Graduate Students						
COLLEGE	FY04	FY03	FY02	FY01	FY00	5-Year Total
Arts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arts & Sciences	63	73	95	85	71	387
Business Administration	20	20	19	16	13	88
Education	445	315	428	234	302	1724
Nursing	5	4	3	16	4	32
Social Work & Library Science	17	34	23	38	21	133
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TOTAL	550	446	568	389	411	2364

** Number of VSU Graduate Degree Majors offered: 59
Number of VSU Graduate Degrees offered: 13

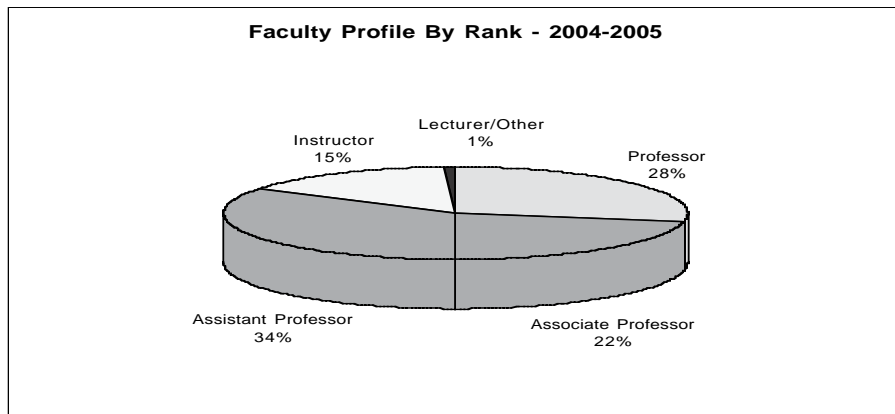
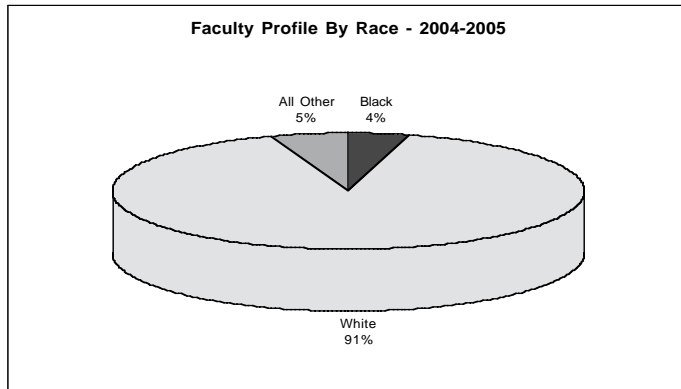
** Source: VSU's Degrees and Majors Authorized on the Board of Regents' web site,
Date of Last Activity: 3/24/2005.

Source: FY 1999 - FY 2004 Semester Enrollment Analysis (SEA).

Note: Some FY 2003 numbers have been changed to match previous SEA totals.

Full-Time Employees By Occupational Classification

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Faculty	521	423	420
Executive Adm/Manager	172	63	71
Professional Non-Faculty	127	235	241
Secretarial/Clerical	198	186	173
Technical/Paraprofessional	62	8	10
Skilled Crafts	62	53	53
Service/Maintenance	193	226	200



Source: 2004-2005 IPEDS and 2003 Factbook
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Date	Activity
1 - Wednesday	SIRS and CIR I Census Date
2 - Thursday	Midterm; Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
3 - Friday	
4 - Saturday	PRAXIS I and II
5 - Sunday	
6 - Monday	PRAXIS (Sabbatical)
7 - Tuesday	COSA Executive Committee meeting - 9 a.m.; Administrative Council Meeting (Tentative); Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta
8 - Wednesday	SIRS and CIR I Due Date; Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta (continued)
9 - Thursday	
10 - Friday	Palms last meal - Lunch
11 - Saturday	Residence Halls Close for Spring Break - 9 a.m.
12 - Sunday	
13 - Monday	Spring Break Begins (VSU Offices Open)
14 - Tuesday	COSA meeting - 9 a.m.; MAT
15 - Wednesday	
16 - Thursday	
17 - Friday	Last Day of Spring Break; St. Patrick's Day
18 - Saturday	
19 - Sunday	Residence Halls open after Spring Break - 2 p.m.
20 - Monday	Classes Resume; Palms reopens for breakfast; RTP; First Day of Spring
21 - Tuesday	RTP
22 - Wednesday	RTP (Specials)
23 - Thursday	Faculty Senate Meeting; RTP (Specials)
24 - Friday	
25 - Saturday	Visitation Day
26 - Sunday	
27 - Monday	
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29 - Wednesday	
30 - Thursday	New Employee Orientation 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the University Center Rose Room
31 - Friday	

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February 2006

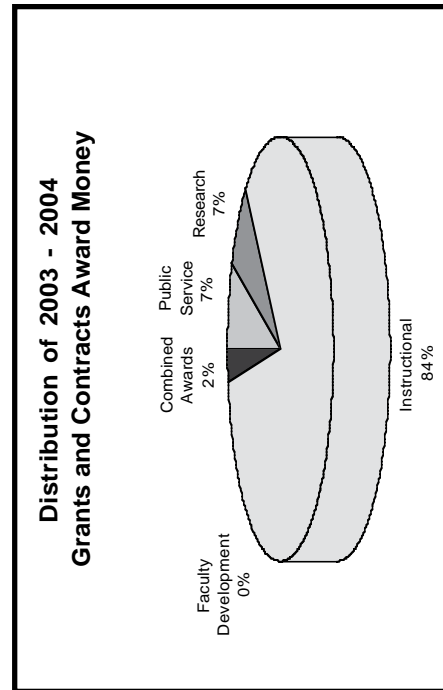
Date	Activity
1 - Wednesday	Black History Month Begins
2 - Thursday	Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting; Groundhog Day
3 - Friday	
4 - Saturday	Visitation Day
5 - Sunday	
6 - Monday	
7 - Tuesday	COSA Executive Committee meeting - 9 a.m.; Administrative Council Meeting (Tentative); Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta
8 - Wednesday	Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta (continued)
9 - Thursday	
10 - Friday	
11 - Saturday	ACT
12 - Sunday	Lincoln's Birthday
13 - Monday	
14 - Tuesday	COSA meeting - 9 a.m.; Valentine's Day
15 - Wednesday	
16 - Thursday	Faculty Senate Meeting
17 - Friday	
18 - Saturday	
19 - Sunday	
20 - Monday	President's Day (VSU Offices Open)
21 - Tuesday	
22 - Wednesday	Washington's Birthday (VSU Offices Open)
23 - Thursday	New Employee Orientation 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the University Center Rose Room
24 - Friday	
25 - Saturday	MAT
26 - Sunday	
27 - Monday	
28 - Tuesday	Black History Month Ends; Re-Classification Requests Due to Human Resources Office

NOTES:

Summary of Grants, Contracts, and Gifts

	2003 - 2004	2002 - 2003	2001 - 2002	2000 - 2001	1999 - 2000	1998 - 1999
Total Monies for:						
Public Service Awards	\$239,909	\$654,348	\$332,318	\$1,098,871	\$1,192,562	\$231,937
Research Awards	\$247,303	\$295,196	\$385,665	\$278,333	\$370,347	\$768,452
Instructional Awards	\$3,007,343	\$4,577,769	\$3,870,888	\$3,230,037	\$2,914,957	\$3,044,412
Faculty Development Awards	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,762
Combined Awards	\$85,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Money Received	\$3,580,305	\$5,527,313	\$4,588,871	\$4,607,241	\$4,477,866	\$4,078,563
Number of Grants and Contracts Awarded	48	77	60	78	60	68

Due to rounding, totals may not be exact.



**Current VSU Facilities:
Building Name and Gross Square Area**

VSU FACILITIES	GROSS AREA (Square Footage)
West Hall	60,923
2 Brookwood Circle	2,200
Brown Residence Hall	36,368
Patterson Residence Hall	59,264
Lowmides Residence Hall	35,145
Odum Library	84,551
Converse Apartments	42,440
Ashley Offices	25,985
Reade Residence Hall	21,363
Georgia Residence Hall	43,259
Langdale Residence Hall	105,999
Infirmery	6,900
Hopper Residence Hall	38,651
University Union	34,377
Gymnasium	35,724
Pine Hall	22,940
Boiler House	4,219
Fine Arts Building	91,483
FA/AS Mechanical Building	1,281
Centennial Hall East	145,574
Centennial Hall West	69,772
Biology/Chemistry Building	148,165
Nevins Hall	104,300
Bus Transportation Office	235
Education Center	73,620
PE Complex	105,945
300 Baytree Office	3,521
Carswell House	2,172
President's Home	5,373
204 Georgia Avenue	4,691
Alumni House	3,686
Auxiliary Services	2,677
Admissions	5,382
Odum Library Addition	96,794
Brookwood Radio	1,876
201 W. Brookwood	1,817
Martin Hall	18,373
Vehicle Maintenance	8,926
Pound Hall	30,930
Barrow Hall/ROTC	12,201
Thaxton Hall	12,075
Warehouse N C 1	5,121
Warehouse N C 2	5,449

VSU FACILITIES	GROSS AREA (Square Footage)
Greenhouse	2,997
Noco Concessions	702
107 W. Jane Street	3,011
109 W. Moore Street	2,214
Powell Hall	25,421
111 W. Moore Street	2,691
Palms Dining Center	31,211
Psychology Classroom Bldg.	3,201
Psychology Office Building	12,006
Regional Education	27,138
Housing & Residence Life	2,689
Brown House	3,472
Williams House	2,588
Seago House	5,541
University Bursary	3,651
Bursary Drive-up	1,185
University Center - Total	150,862
U C #3	21,600
U C #2	29,953
U C #1	53,614
U C #4	45,695
Chemical Management	1,239
Ticket Booth - Ladies Complex	1,110
Ladies Softball Complex	2,308
Little House	2,569
Intramurals Storage	108
University Bookstore	15,057
Billy Grant Baseball Complex	2,447
Cleveland Football Complex	9,164
Intramurals Shed	223
Parking Services	2,169
U Park 1 (South)	2,169
U Park 2 (North)	2,345
Masonic Lodge	5,812
Old Heilig-Meyers Building	30,137
One Card Services	4,915
Student Recreation Center	76,372
Spec. Ed/Comm. Disorders	25,350
1408 Sustella Ave (Grounds)	2,738
210 W. Moore (MFT)	1,713
Baseball Fieldhouse	10,161
Plant Operations	50,952
Plant Operations Storage	10,571
University Totals	2,160,547

Definition:

Gross Area = The sum of all areas on all floors of a building included within the outside faces of its exterior walls, including floor penetration areas, however insignificant, for circulation and shaft areas that connect one floor to another. (Note: Gross Area was further defined by the Board of Regents as being from one drip edge of a building to the other because the roof must also be maintained.)

Note: Facilities information is still in progress.

Source: Fall 2004 Facilities Inventory Review

January 2006

Date	Activity
1 - Sunday	Seasonal Holidays, New Year's Day; Open Enrollment benefit changes become effective
2 - Monday	Seasonal Holidays, (VSU Offices Closed)
3 - Tuesday	VSU Offices Reopen; COSA Executive Committee meeting - 9 a.m. (Tentative)
4 - Wednesday	
5 - Thursday	Residence Halls open for Spring Semester; Palms first meal - Lunch
6 - Friday	Registration
7 - Saturday	PRAXIS I and II
8 - Sunday	
9 - Monday	First Class Day for Spring Semester; PRAXIS (Sabbatical)
10 - Tuesday	COSA meeting - 9 a.m. (Tentative); Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta
11 - Wednesday	Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta (continued)
12 - Thursday	MAT; Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration (Tentative)
13 - Friday	
14 - Saturday	
15 - Sunday	
16 - Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - (VSU Offices Closed - No Classes)
17 - Tuesday	
18 - Wednesday	
19 - Thursday	
20 - Friday	
21 - Saturday	
22 - Sunday	
23 - Monday	
24 - Tuesday	
25 - Wednesday	
26 - Thursday	New Employee Orientation 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the University Center Rose Room
27 - Friday	
28 - Saturday	SAT I and II
29 - Sunday	
30 - Monday	
31 - Tuesday	

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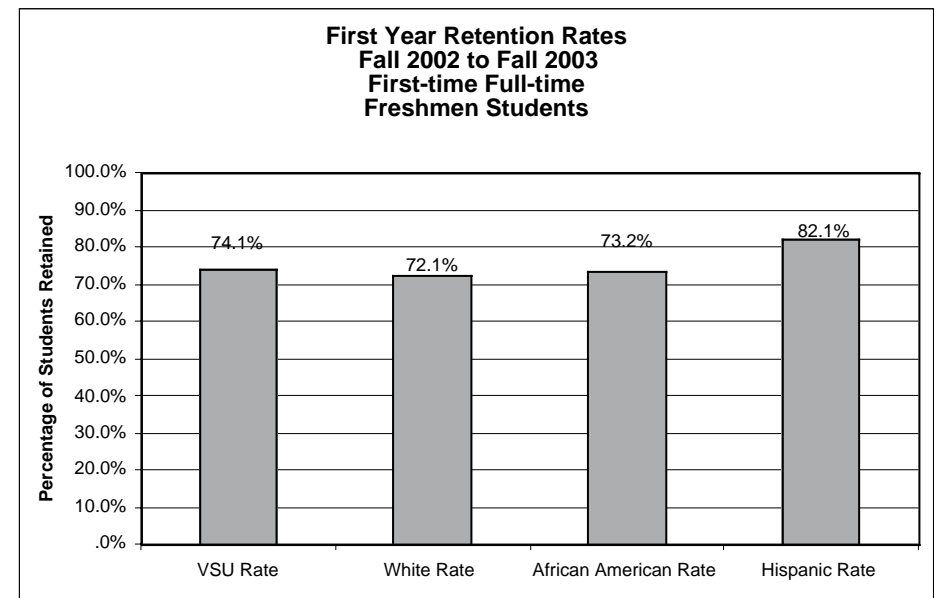
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December 2005

Date	Activity
1 - Thursday	
2 - Friday	
3 - Saturday	SAT I and II
4 - Sunday	
5 - Monday	Last Class Day for Fall Semester
6 - Tuesday	Exam Preparation Day - No Classes; COSA Executive Committee meeting - 9 a.m.; COMPASS
7 - Wednesday	Final Exams; CIR II Due Date; MAT
8 - Thursday	Final Exams
9 - Friday	Final Exams; Palms last meal - Lunch
10 - Saturday	Graduation; ACT; Residence Halls Close for Winter Break
11 - Sunday	
12 - Monday	COMPASS
13 - Tuesday	COSA meeting - 9 a.m.; COMPASS
14 - Wednesday	
15 - Thursday	
16 - Friday	
17 - Saturday	
18 - Sunday	
19 - Monday	
20 - Tuesday	
21 - Wednesday	Seasonal Holidays, (VSU Offices Closed - Annual leave); First Day of Winter
22 - Thursday	Seasonal Holidays, (VSU Offices Closed - Annual leave)
23 - Friday	Seasonal Holidays, (VSU Offices Closed - Annual leave)
24 - Saturday	Seasonal Holidays
25 - Sunday	Seasonal Holidays, Christmas Day, Hanukkah
26 - Monday	Seasonal Holidays, (VSU Offices Closed), Kwanzaa
27 - Tuesday	Seasonal Holidays, (VSU Offices Closed)
28 - Wednesday	Seasonal Holidays, (VSU Offices Closed)
29 - Thursday	Seasonal Holidays, (VSU Offices Closed)
30 - Friday	Seasonal Holidays, (VSU Offices Closed)
31 - Saturday	Seasonal Holidays

NOTES:

Valdosta State University First Year Retention Rates (All First-Time, Full-Time Students) Fall 1998-Fall1999 through Fall 2002-Fall 2003			
Year	Total Students Enrolled at VSU	Retained at VSU	Retained in System
Fall 1998-Fall 1999	1,300	861	1,014
Fall 1999-Fall 2000	1,177	831	936
Fall 2000-Fall 2001	788	567	643
Fall 2001-Fall 2002	1,534	1,147	1,284
Fall 2002-Fall 2003	1,584	1,173	1,343



Source: University System of Georgia Retention Rate Reports, <https://dss.usg.edu:2277/>. Fall 1998-Fall 1999 data source: Attachment to an email from Cathie Hudson of "One-Year Institution - Specific Retention Rates" for 1998.

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Examination Preparation Day	Dec - 6	May - 2			
Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting	Sep - 1	Oct - 6	Nov - 3	Feb - 2	Mar - 2
Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting	Apr - 6	May - 4			
Faculty Senate Meeting	Sep - 15	Oct - 20	Nov - 17	Feb - 16	Mar - 23
Faculty Senate Meeting	Apr - 20	May - 18			
Final Examinations	Jul - 27	Jul - 28	Jul - 29	Dec - 7	Dec - 8
Final Examinations	Dec - 9	May - 3	May - 4	May - 5	May - 31
Final Examinations	Jun - 27				
First Class Day*	Jul - 5	Aug - 15	Jan - 9	May - 10	Jun - 5
First Class Day*	Jun - 29				
Graduation	Jul - 30	Dec - 10	May - 6		
Orientation	Jul - 8	Jul - 9	Aug - 10	Aug - 11	
Last Class Day	Jul - 26	Dec - 5	May - 1	May - 30	Jun - 26
Mid-Term	Jul - 6	Jul - 15	Oct - 5	Mar - 2	Jun - 27
Re-Classification Requests Due to Human Resources	Feb - 28				
Registration	Jul - 5	Jul - 11	Aug - 11	Oct - 24	Jan - 6
Registration	May - 9	Jun - 1	Jun - 28		
VSU Student Break First Day	Jul - 31	Oct - 17	Nov - 23	Dec - 11	Mar - 13
VSU Student Break Last Day	Aug - 14	Oct - 18	Nov - 25	Jan - 8	Mar - 17

*First Class Day - July 5, Summer 2005 Session IV; August 15, Fall 2005; January 9, Spring 2006; May 10, Summer 2006 Session I; June 5, Summer 2006 Session II and Session III; June 29, Summer 2006 Session IV

November 2005

Date	Activity
1 - Tuesday	COSA Executive Committee meeting - 9 a.m.; Administrative Council Meeting (Tentative)
2 - Wednesday	
3 - Thursday	Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
4 - Friday	Open Enrollment Month for employee benefit changes ends
5 - Saturday	VSU Blazers vs. West Georgia at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium 1 p.m.; Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT I and II)
6 - Sunday	
7 - Monday	
8 - Tuesday	Election Day; COSA meeting - 9 a.m.
9 - Wednesday	
10 - Thursday	
11 - Friday	Veterans' Day (VSU Offices Open)
12 - Saturday	
13 - Sunday	
14 - Monday	
15 - Tuesday	Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta; MAT; Tuition remission deadline for Spring Semester 2006 (Tentative)
16 - Wednesday	Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta (continued)
17 - Thursday	Faculty Senate Meeting; New Employee Orientation 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the University Center Rose Room
18 - Friday	
19 - Saturday	PRAXIS I and II
20 - Sunday	
21 - Monday	PRAXIS (Sabbatical)
22 - Tuesday	Spring Registration ends; Palms last meal before Thanksgiving - Lunch; Residence Halls Close for Thanksgiving Break - 5 p.m.
23 - Wednesday	Thanksgiving Holidays - No Classes (VSU Offices Open until Noon - 4.5 hours Annual Leave)
24 - Thursday	Thanksgiving Day Holiday - (VSU Offices Closed - No Classes)
25 - Friday	Thanksgiving Holidays - (VSU Offices Closed - No Classes)
26 - Saturday	
27 - Sunday	Residence Halls Reopen after Thanksgiving Break - 2 p.m.
28 - Monday	Classes Resume; Palms reopens for breakfast
29 - Tuesday	Institutional Scholastic Assessment Test (ISAT)
30 - Wednesday	CIR II Census Date

NOTES:

October 2005

Date	Activity
1 - Saturday	VSU Blazers vs. Delta State at Cleveland, MS 7 p.m.
2 - Sunday	
3 - Monday	Homecoming Week; Open Enrollment Month for employee benefit changes begins
4 - Tuesday	Homecoming Week; COSA Executive Committee meeting - 9 a.m.; Administrative Council Meeting (Tentative); Rosh Hashanah
5 - Wednesday	Homecoming Week; Midterm
6 - Thursday	Homecoming Week; Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
7 - Friday	Homecoming Week
8 - Saturday	Homecoming Weekend; VSU Blazers vs. Henderson State at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium 1 p.m.; MAT
9 - Sunday	
10 - Monday	Columbus Day (VSU Offices Open)
11 - Tuesday	COSA meeting - 9 a.m.; Board of Regents Meeting at Southern Polytechnic State University
12 - Wednesday	Board of Regents Meeting at Southern Polytechnic State University (continued)
13 - Thursday	Yom Kippur (VSU Offices Open)
14 - Friday	
15 - Saturday	VSU Blazers vs. West Alabama at Livingston, AL 2 p.m.
16 - Sunday	National Boss Day
17 - Monday	Student Fall Break - Palms Closed
18 - Tuesday	Student Fall Break - Palms Closed
19 - Wednesday	SIRS and CIR I Census Date; Regents' Testing Program (RTP) (Specials)
20 - Thursday	Faculty Senate Meeting; RTP (Specials)
21 - Friday	Staff Appreciation Day 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
22 - Saturday	VSU Blazers vs. North Alabama at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium 1 p.m.; ACT
23 - Sunday	
24 - Monday	Spring Registration begins (Graduate Students and Seniors); RTP
25 - Tuesday	RTP
26 - Wednesday	SIRS and CIR I Due Date
27 - Thursday	New Employee Orientation 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the University Center Rose Room
28 - Friday	
29 - Saturday	VSU Blazers vs. Southern Arkansas at Magnolia, AR 3 p.m.; Visitation Day
30 - Sunday	Daylight Savings Time ends
31 - Monday	Halloween

NOTES:

July 2005

Date	Activity
1 - Friday	
2 - Saturday	
3 - Sunday	
4 - Monday	Independence Day (VSU Offices Closed - No Classes)
5 - Tuesday	First class day for Summer IV Term; Registration for Summer IV Term ends; Council on Staff Affairs (COSA) Executive Committee meeting - 9 a.m.
6 - Wednesday	Midterm for Summer II Term
7 - Thursday	
8 - Friday	Orientation
9 - Saturday	Orientation
10 - Sunday	
11 - Monday	Fall Registration begins
12 - Tuesday	Council on Staff Affairs (COSA) meeting - 9 a.m.; Miller's Analogies Test (MAT)
13 - Wednesday	SIRS and CIR I Census Date
14 - Thursday	
15 - Friday	Midterm for Summer IV Term; Tuition remission deadline for Fall Semester 2005
16 - Saturday	
17 - Sunday	
18 - Monday	Fall Registration ends
19 - Tuesday	
20 - Wednesday	SIRS and CIR I Due Date
21 - Thursday	
22 - Friday	
23 - Saturday	
24 - Sunday	
25 - Monday	
26 - Tuesday	Last Class Day for Summer II Term and Summer IV Term; Computerized Adaptive Placement and Support System (COMPASS)
27 - Wednesday	Finals for Summer II Term and Summer IV Term
28 - Thursday	Finals for Summer II Term; COMPASS; New Employee Orientation 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the University Center Rose Room
29 - Friday	Finals for Summer II Term
30 - Saturday	Graduation; Residence Halls Close for Summer Term
31 - Sunday	

NOTES:

August 2005

Date	Activity
1 - Monday	
2 - Tuesday	COSA Executive Committee meeting - 9 a.m.; Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta
3 - Wednesday	CIR II Census Date; Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta (continued)
4 - Thursday	
5 - Friday	
6 - Saturday	
7 - Sunday	
8 - Monday	Convocation and "State of the University" Address; Luncheon for Faculty and Staff 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the University Center; Meeting of Deans, Directors, and Department Heads
9 - Tuesday	College, Division, and Department Activities; Reception for New Faculty and Spouses; Bus Tour for New Faculty, Staff, and Spouses; COSA meeting - 9 a.m.
10 - Wednesday	Continental Breakfast and Orientation for New Faculty; New Faculty Information Session on Personnel Policies and Fringe Benefits; International Student Orientation; Residence Halls Open for First-Year Students; Palms First Meal - Lunch; CIR II Due Date
11 - Thursday	Fall Registration; Orientation
12 - Friday	Residence Halls open for returning Students; Employee Registration (3 p.m.)
13 - Saturday	
14 - Sunday	
15 - Monday	First Class Day; Registration ends
16 - Tuesday	Late Registration
17 - Wednesday	MAT; Late Registration
18 - Thursday	Late Registration
19 - Friday	Late Registration ends at 2:30 p.m.
20 - Saturday	
21 - Sunday	
22 - Monday	
23 - Tuesday	
24 - Wednesday	
25 - Thursday	"The Happening" 1-4 p.m.; New Employee Orientation 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the University Center Rose Room
26 - Friday	
27 - Saturday	VSU Blazers vs. Fort Valley State at Fort Valley, GA 6 p.m.
28 - Sunday	
29 - Monday	
30 - Tuesday	
31 - Wednesday	

NOTES:

September 2005

Date	Activity
1 - Thursday	Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
2 - Friday	
3 - Saturday	VSU Blazers vs. Albany State at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium 7 p.m.
4 - Sunday	
5 - Monday	Labor Day (VSU Offices Closed - No Classes)
6 - Tuesday	COSA Executive Committee meeting - 9 a.m.; Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta
7 - Wednesday	Board of Regents Meeting in the Board Room, Atlanta (continued)
8 - Thursday	
9 - Friday	
10 - Saturday	VSU Blazers vs. Ouachita Baptist at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium 7 p.m.
11 - Sunday	Patriot Day
12 - Monday	
13 - Tuesday	COSA meeting - 9 a.m.; Administrative Council Meeting (Tentative)
14 - Wednesday	
15 - Thursday	Faculty Senate Meeting
16 - Friday	
17 - Saturday	VSU Blazers vs. Harding at Searcy, AR 7 p.m.; PRAXIS I and II
18 - Sunday	
19 - Monday	PRAXIS (Sabbatical)
20 - Tuesday	
21 - Wednesday	
22 - Thursday	MAT; First Day of Autumn
23 - Friday	
24 - Saturday	VSU Blazers vs. Central Arkansas at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium 7 p.m.; American College Testing Program (ACT)
25 - Sunday	
26 - Monday	
27 - Tuesday	
28 - Wednesday	
29 - Thursday	New Employee Orientation 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the University Center Rose Room
30 - Friday	

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