



June 17, 2026

Dear **Full-Time New Faculty**,

Valdosta State University (VSU) is delighted that you have accepted a full-time faculty position, and we look forward to welcoming you on campus in August! Mark your calendars that classes for the Fall 2026 semester begin on Monday, Aug. 17, 2026, but many events for both new and returning faculty will take place during the prior two weeks:

### **HUMAN RESOURCES ONBOARDING**

As a new hire, you will receive two e-mails from Equifax with login credentials to access your onboarding paperwork. One e-mail will contain the link and user ID information, and the other will include a temporary password. Once you receive both e-mails, please follow the instructions carefully and complete all required documents. You will also receive next-step instructions for ID verification to complete the I-9 process. If you have questions, please e-mail your Onboarding Specialist in the Office of Human Resources (assigned based on the first letter of your last name):

- **Bailey Rella (A–L):** [bkgebhart@valdosta.edu](mailto:bkgebhart@valdosta.edu)
- **Carrie Yarbrough (M–Z):** [ceyarbro@valdosta.edu](mailto:ceyarbro@valdosta.edu)

For general onboarding questions, you may also contact: [hronboarding@valdosta.edu](mailto:hronboarding@valdosta.edu)

### **PRESIDENT’S CONVOCATION — AUG. 3, 2026**

On Monday, Aug. 3, 2026, VSU’s new president, Dr. Donald “Don” Green, will host a convocation on campus for all faculty and staff to officially open the academic year. The time and location will be confirmed later this summer, so watch your VSU e-mail for an official update from the President’s Office.

### **NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION — AUG. 4-7, 2026**

New faculty orientation for full-time new faculty will be held in person on campus after the President’s Convocation during the first full week of August (Aug. 4-7, 2026). Full-Time New Faculty Orientation is designed to introduce you to key resources and support as you prepare for the fall semester and your years ahead. A detailed schedule and campus map are available now on the Academic Affairs website to Welcome New Faculty: [www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/welcome-new-faculty.php](http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/welcome-new-faculty.php). However, please check that website and schedule regularly this summer for any changes.

### **MEETINGS AND MORE TRAINING — AUG. 10-14, 2026**

The week before classes begin is dedicated primarily to college and departmental meetings, as well as additional pedagogical training opportunities offered by the Center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching and the Center for eLearning (CELT-eLearning). More information will be shared later this summer from your dean, department head, and other administrators.

Until then, we’re happy to answer questions or refer you to someone else who can!

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