

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Southern Methodist University (SMU) dome and the Old Main fountain. The dome is a large, ornate structure with a blue roof and white columns. The fountain in the foreground has multiple jets of water spraying upwards and outwards. The entire image has a blue color overlay.

January STAMPEDE SCHEDULE

January 15 and 16, 2026

**Event details subject to change*

SMU

Welcome to SMU!

We are so excited for you to join us on the Hilltop.

Stampede gives you the chance to build community, learn campus traditions, explore resources, and meet both new and current Mustangs. Over the course of Stampede, you'll prepare for your classes, dive into student life, and begin your journey as a Mustang. During our move-in day, Jan 15, all activities are open to both students and families. Stampede events (Jan 16) are for new students only.

All new students are expected to attend Stampede.

As you prepare for your arrival on campus, reach out to the Office of Orientation & Transitions at SMU (orientation@smu.edu) for any questions you may have.

Go Mustangs 

Thursday, January 15

Student and Family Events

10am-2pm *Residential Commons*

Move-In

Welcome to the Hilltop! Spring Move-In Day occurs prior to Stampede events, giving you time to settle into your new home.

3-4:30pm *HTSC 2nd Floor*

Family Fest

Meet our campus partners and learn about the services and resources we offer to support student success!

4:30-5:15pm *Dallas Lawn Flagpole*

Rotunda Passage

Make the ceremonial walk through Dallas Hall to signify your passage to SMU and becoming a true Mustang.

5:15-5:20pm *Dallas Hall*

Class Photo

Congratulations! You're officially a Mustang, take a moment to commemorate this time with a photo with your classmates.

5:30-7pm *Umphrey Lee Dining Hall*

Mustang Dinner

Take a break! Come share a meal with SMU Mothers and Dads Club (Occurring in Umphrey Lee dining hall only).

Stay up to Date!

Be sure to stay tuned on all of our social media accounts, including TikTok and Instagram, to stay up to date on all the latest and important Stampede announcements! From event details to important deadlines, we've got you covered.

Follow us at [smu_orientation!](#)

Questions? Email orientation@smu.edu.

Friday, January 16

Student-Only Events

9:15-10am *HTSC Lower Level*

Stampede Check-In

Mandatory check-in time for all Stampede attendees. Light breakfast will be served!

10-10:30am *HTSC Auditorium*

Opening Session

Welcome to SMU! Orientation will begin for new students in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center Auditorium. Hear from the Office of Orientation & Transitions and some special guest speakers.

10:35am-12:45pm *HTSC Auditorium*

Mustang Mindset: Saddle up for Academic Success

Your exclusive introduction to academic life on campus. Learn about your degree plan, and the resources and services available to support your academic success

1-2:05pm *HTSC Ballroom*

Mustang Lunch

Dine with your fellow classmates and hear about the opportunities you can get involved in as a new student at SMU.

2:10-3pm *Depart from HTSC*

Campus Tour

Do you know where your classes are located? Take a guided tour to make sure you're ready for your first day!

2-2:45pm *HTSC Ballroom*

Taking Care of SMU

Life on campus encompasses many factors that affect student wellbeing. Learn how to engage with valuable student services and resources that assist with student health and security.

4-4:45pm *Dr. Bob Smith Health Center*

Chilltop on the Hilltop

Need some time to relax? Hang out at the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center for a chill space to play games, activities, and interact with new friends. Don't forget to check out the massage chair!

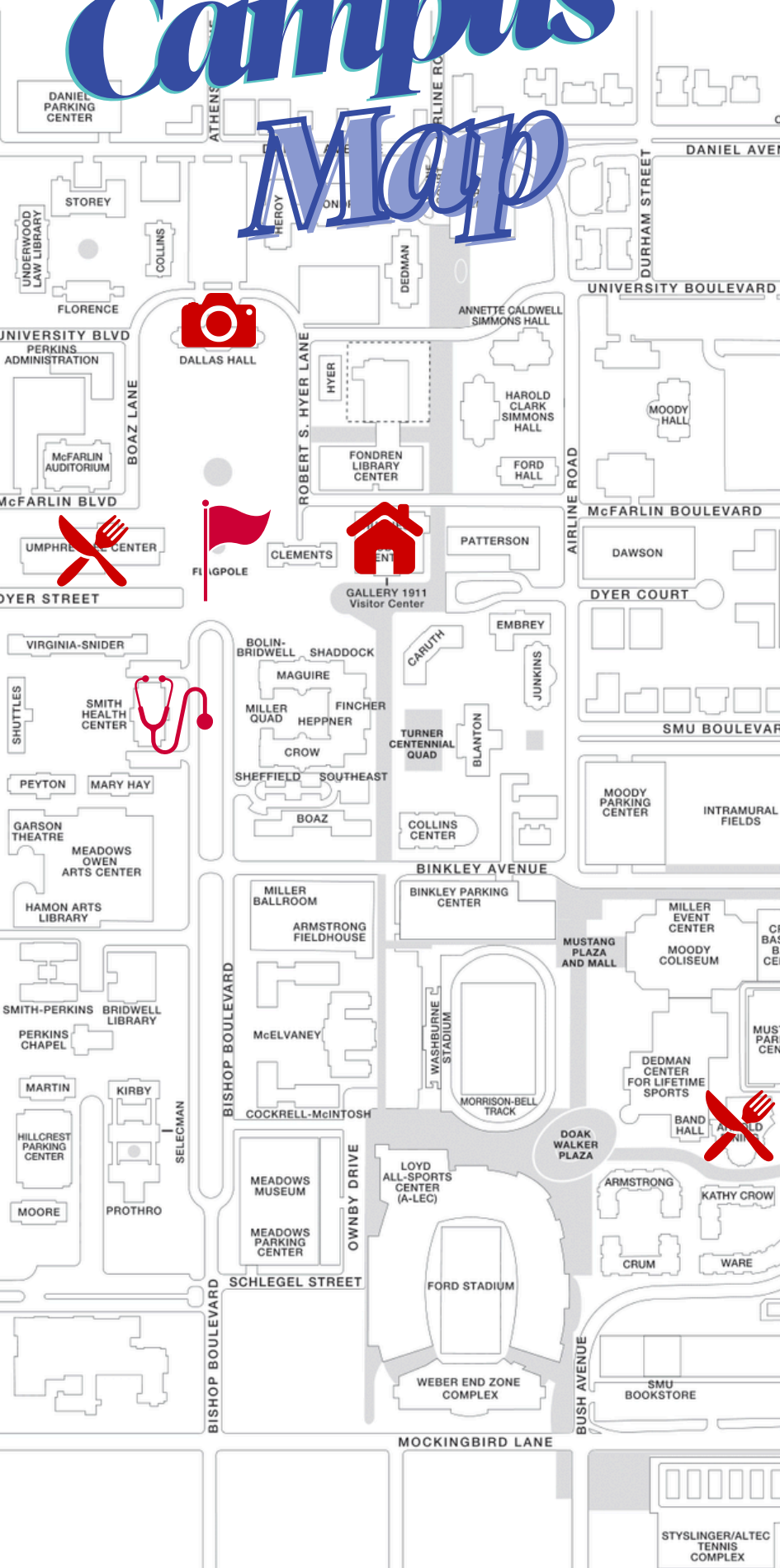
5-8pm *HTSC 1st and 2nd Floor*

Jampede Jamboree

It's party time! Hang out with your new class and enjoy a night filled with music, great food, games, and more! Hosted by the Mustang Transfer Organization.



Campus Map



Where it's Happening



Dining Halls

Umphrey Lee | Arnold

Hughes-Trigg Student Center



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Flag Pole

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Health Center

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