

## STARS Workshop for Rural Counselors Itinerary

Wednesday, March 6 – Friday, March 8, 2024

Location numbers that correspond with the Campus Map are noted by the location name.

<b>Wednesday, March 6</b>		
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Arrival &amp; Hotel Check-In:</b> Counselors arrive in St. Louis, check into their hotel, and enjoy free time in the city.	Hampton Inn & Suites, Clayton/Galleria Area
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	<b>STARS Workshop for Rural Counselors Check-In:</b> Counselors will check in and receive their necessary materials for the program.	Sumers Welcome Center (#173)
2:30 - 3:45 p.m.	<b>Campus Tour</b> (1½ hours): Groups of 15 will depart for tours. <i>The last tour will depart no later than 2:45 p.m.</i>	Departs from Sumers Welcome Center (#173)
3:45 - 4:00 p.m.	<b>Break</b>	
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Admissions and Financial Assistance Overview:</b> Counselors will learn more about WashU, the university's application process, and financial assistance.	Bluedorn Presentation Room, Sumers Welcome Center (#173)
5:00 - 5:15 p.m.	<b>Transition to Holmes Lounge:</b> Admissions staff will walk counselors to Holmes Lounge in Ridgley Hall for the Welcome Dinner.	
5:15 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome Dinner:</b> Counselors and staff will enjoy a Welcome Dinner provided by campus dining.	Ridgley Hall, Holmes Lounge (#140)
7:00 - 7:15 p.m.	<b>Shuttle Bus Ride to Union Station</b>	
7:15 - 9:00 p.m.	<b>Cocktails at The Pitch &amp; Wheel Ride at Union Station</b>	The Pitch at Union Station
9:00 - 9:15 p.m.	<b>Shuttle Bus Ride Back to Hotel</b>	
<b>Thursday, March 7</b>		
8:00 - 8:10 a.m.	<b>Morning Meet-Up:</b> Counselors will meet in the lobby to connect with the STARS Workshop for Rural Counselors hosts.	Hampton Inn & Suites, Clayton/Galleria Area
8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Shuttle Bus Ride to WashU Danforth Campus</b>	

8:45 - 9:30 a.m.	<b>Highly Selective Admissions Presentation:</b> Counselors will learn more about highly selective admissions and WashU's holistic review process.	Room 70, Hillman Hall (#139)
9:30 - 9:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Group Photo:</b> We will take a quick photo of all counselors on the steps of Brookings Hall.	Brookings Hall Steps (#112)
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Academic Experience, Block A:</b> Skandalaris Center Workshop: As the university-wide hub for innovation and entrepreneurship, the Skandalaris Center supports all WashU students, faculty, alumni, and staff in finding opportunities, problem-solving, and transforming ideas into action. Join us as we explore the art of pitching and discover how telling your story can positively impact your brand.	Mallinckrodt Center (#150)
11:00 - 11:15 a.m.	<b>Break/Transition Time</b>	
11:15 a.m. - Noon	<b>Academic Experience, Block B:</b> Kemper Art Museum: The Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, part of the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, is one of the nation's leading university art museums. As a teaching museum within a major research university, it serves as a center of cultural and intellectual life on campus and in St. Louis. Take the opportunity to view the museum's current exhibitions and select works from its expansive permanent collection during a self-guided tour!	Kemper Art Museum (#144)
Noon - 12:15 p.m.	<b>Break/Transition Time</b>	
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch with Divisional Deans:</b> Counselors will have the opportunity to meet the Divisional Deans and ask them questions.	Anheuser-Busch Dining Hall, Charles F. Knight Executive Education & Conference Center (#145)
1:30 - 3:15 p.m.	<b>Free Time</b>	

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<p><b>Choose Your Own Adventure (Admissions Workshop):</b> Counselors will choose which activity/workshop they would like to attend from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Creating a School Profile:</b> Join Undergraduate Admissions as we introduce you to the school profile, a tool used in holistic admissions that provides admissions offices with an additional lens of context for your students' educational experiences. In this workshop, Undergraduate Admissions staff will share the importance of the school profile, provide concrete examples of successful profiles from other schools, and guide you through the process of creating your own school profile! This event will take place in Hillman Hall.</li> <li>• <b>SFS Case Study:</b> Join Student Financial Services as we delve into the art of reading and understanding award letters and provide insights on deciphering the complexities of institutional aid. We'll show you practical strategies for applying for institutional need-based financial aid and guide you through the crucial process of comparing award letters from various colleges and universities, empowering you to help your students and their families make the most financially sound choices for their education. This event will take place in the Summers Welcome Center.</li> </ul>	<p>Room 60, Hillman Hall (#139)</p> <p>Room 211, Summers Welcome Center (#173)</p>
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	<p><b>City-Wide Bus Tour with the Missouri History Museum:</b> Counselors will take a historic tour of St. Louis, led by a historian from the Missouri History Museum. The tour will end at their hotel.</p>	<p>St. Louis, Missouri, to Hampton Inn &amp; Suites, Clayton/Galleria Area</p>
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	<p><b>Free Time in Hotel</b></p>	<p>Hampton Inn &amp; Suites, Clayton/Galleria Area</p>

6:45 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Shuttle Bus Ride to Dinner</b>	
7:00 - 8:15 p.m.	<b>Dinner with Rural Peer Ambassadors and the Rural Recruitment Team:</b> Counselors will enjoy dinner with the Rural Recruitment team and the Rural Peer Ambassadors in Clayton.	Bemiston Cocktail Club by Louie's Wine Dive
8:15 - 8:30 p.m.	<b>Shuttle Bus Ride to Hotel</b>	
8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	<b>Optional: Nightcap Cocktails in Danielle's Bar</b>	Hampton Inn & Suites, Clayton/Galleria Area
<b>Friday, March 8</b>		
8:00 - 8:10 a.m.	<b>Morning Meet-Up:</b> Counselors will meet in the lobby to connect with the STARS Workshop for Rural Counselors hosts.	Hampton Inn & Suites, Clayton/Galleria Area
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast &amp; Case Study:</b> Counselors will enjoy breakfast while breaking down student applications as a group.	Room 276, Danforth University Center (#125)
10:00 a.m.	<b>Counselors Depart from St. Louis</b>	