Parents, guardians and family members of first-year students are invited back to campus on Saturday, Oct. 17, for Family Weekend, re:Fresh, and Homecoming.

You and your family are invited to join us for a Family Weekend & Homecoming joint event Oct. 16-18!

Many of the planned events are virtual, but if your family members are able to visit campus, we would love to see them! Shenandoah is hosting a special event for first-year student families that is offered both in-person and virtually.

It is called re:Fresh and is held on Saturday, Oct. 17. Parents will get “refreshed” on the resources and opportunities that Shenandoah offers. All families are invited to visit and spend time with their students. All are also encouraged to relax on campus or explore historic downtown Winchester and the beautiful Shenandoah Valley.

Parents, while you are on campus, please stop by the Brandt Student Center Information Desk. We have a small gift for you!

Those who register will be sent a health prescreen via email 48 hours prior to the event. It is required for all attendees to complete the prescreen prior to attending. Masks are also required.

Contact the Division of Student Affairs with questions at 540-665-4863 or studentlife@su.edu
Family Weekend + Homecoming Events

Friday, Oct. 16
Bingo Night – 8 PM
Participate in this annual Homecoming tradition, with a virtual twist. Join current Shenandoah University students for some rounds of Virtual Bingo, and, just like in previous years, the prizes won't disappoint... there will be gift cards, electronics, SU-themed prizes and more! Winners will receive their prizes via email or regular mail after the event concludes. Don’t miss your chance to win!

Saturday, Oct. 17
Re:Fresh Events – 9 AM and 11 AM
re:Fresh for Families of First-Year Students welcomes parents and family members back to campus to spend time with their students. Our re:Fresh session for parents/families is designed to help refresh your memory on what’s going on around campus and resources we offer to help your students. It also provides the opportunities for families to get to know one another. Families will arrive at the James R. Wilkins, Jr. Athletics & Events Center for one of our one-hour sessions. We are offering two in-person sessions as well as a virtual session for those who may not be able to attend in person. Light refreshments and conversations will follow at the Wilkins Athletics & Events Center immediately following the re:Fresh session. From there, the time is yours to do as you want – you can head off campus to local attractions, shopping and dinner, or stay on campus to find something fun to do!

Homecoming 5K – ALL DAY
The Shenandoah University Alumni Association is hosting its FOURTH virtual 5K during Virtual Homecoming 2020 festivities. You can run solo, with your family and friends, or with alumni! Check out su.edu/homecoming for instructions. Everyone who participates in the Homecoming 2020 Virtual 5K will receive a free Hornets in Action sticker, and will be entered into a drawing to win exciting prizes!

Virtual esports Homecoming Football Game – 1 PM
We are happy to showcase Shenandoah’s esports program during Virtual Homecoming celebrations this year! Even though fall sports have been postponed, we’re hosting a Virtual Homecoming Football Game, Shenandoah University vs. Randolph–Macon College! Our very own Daquan Pridget ’21, a senior defensive back for the Shenandoah Hornets football team, will take on a player from the Randolph–Macon College football team in Madden Football. Traditional halftime festivities will occur between the two matches, when we will recognize the Shenandoah University Homecoming Court and this year’s Homecoming Royalty. Tune in to cheer on Daquan!

Conservatory Performance – Little Big Band: Bebop and Beyond – 2:30 PM
The Shenandoah Conservatory Little Big Band presents a program of influential and important selections that have become standard jazz repertoire from the Bebop, Hard Bop and Post Bop eras. A limited number of chairs are available for this event in a reserved section closest to the stage. Seating is limited; advance purchase recommended to ensure your seat. For everyone’s safety, chairs will be individually spaced 6 feet apart and should not be moved. Chair seating includes a full view of the stage. General admission lawn seating is free. Bring your own blanket or chair and enjoy the concert from our special lawn area surrounding Sarah’s Glen. Audiences in the lawn seating area will be required to socially distance and may have an obstructed view of the stage.

Things To Do in the Area
If you are family members of an upper-level student or a first-year student, we welcome you to visit campus and the Winchester area. You can visit the trails at Shenandoah’s River Campus at Cool Spring Battlefield or explore the other hiking trails in the area such as Bear’s Den, Raven Rocks, Sky Meadows State Park and Skyline Drive. You may also enjoy a walk around Jim Barnett Park or the State Arboretum of Virginia.

If you are looking at other things you can do in the area, take a look at Winchester/Frederick County’s Convention and Visitor’s Bureau website. There are multiple activities you and your family can enjoy! You can take a self-guided tour, find your new favorite restaurant, explore downtown Winchester, take a day trip around the area, experience the history and museums of the Shenandoah Valley, go to a local campground, or visit farms, markets, and orchards!

Scan This QR Code to Find Out More Information about Re:Fresh, Events, and Things to Do in Area