

# Family Weekend Agenda

## February 21 - 23, 2025

Friday, February 21



**10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Check-In**  
**Manley College Center, Upper Concourse**

Please stop by to pick-up your registration packets, event tickets and t-shirts. Representatives from the Parents Association and Study Abroad will have information available as well.



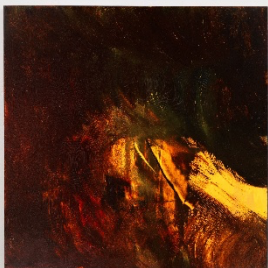
**11 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Campus Tours and Wellness Tours**  
**Manley College Center, Upper Concourse**

Stretch your legs and take pleasure in a walking tour through campus or a personal tour of the Wellness Center to learn more about your student's home away from home.



**11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Lunch and Continuous Dining**  
**Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall**

Everyone is invited to an all you can eat lunch buffet. The Upshaw Dining Hall has a variety of options for everyone. Family members will pay \$14.00, and students will use their meal plan.



**12 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Museum of Fine Art Tour**  
**Spelman Museum – Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby**  
**Academic Center**

Exhibit: *We Say What Black This Is, an exhibition showcasing mixed media and watercolor paintings by MacArthur award-winning artist Amanda Williams.*

*We Say What Black This Is* challenges reductive definitions of Blackness, instead celebrating its diversity, resilience, and depth. The exhibition features works from Williams' series *What Black is this, You Say?*, created in response to the 'Blackout Tuesday' social media moment in 2020. The exhibit will include a new abstract painting by

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Williams and student-written didactic labels. Each piece explores cultural, social, and political dimensions of Black identity, particularly how Black spaces are formed, defined and erased.

Curated by Curator in Residence Karen Comer Lowe, *We Say What Black This Is* will explore the richness of Williams' abstract paintings, featuring contributions from Spelman College students and the students from the AUC Art Collective in Atlanta.

What black is this you say? —"You secretly believe praying over your smothered pork chops reduces the risk of hypertension and calories" - black, At the core of *We Say What Black This Is*, is a collaboration of students from Spelman College, Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University. The students, who participated in a course on Williams' work in Spring 2024, helped develop thematic frameworks and engaged with the artist's studio practice. Their unique and fresh perspectives added an innovative and creative touch to the exhibition. The class was taught by Spelman's Inaugural Director of Arts and Visual Culture Dr. Cheryl Finley, and Dr. Lowe.



**12 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Market Friday  
Spelman College Oval**

Families can purchase products from local vendors from t-shirts to custom jewelry.



**2 p.m. – 3 p.m. | Paying for College  
Cosby Auditorium**

Parents and families can learn about scholarships and financial aid.



**3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Intramural Volleyball Games  
Wellness Center**

Intramural Sports are simply scheduled competitive and recreational sports, where students compete against each other. Participants may choose from individual or team sports. Our program provides most, if not all the equipment and officials needed. The program offers league sports that can last between three and six weeks long, in addition to tournaments that can last between one and three days.

The volleyball game will consist of two teams competing in a 6v6 match that is played through the best of three sets.



**6 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Family Weekend Mixer**

**Manley Atrium, Cosby Lobby, LLCII Auditorium**

Welcome to Family Weekend! REEMERGENCE: RETURNING TO OUR ROOTS is this year’s theme. We want to foster an environment of connectedness by hosting regional mixers in locations on campus. The fee is \$10.00 per person.

**Saturday, February 22**



**9 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Check-In**

**Manley College Center, Upper Concourse**

Attendees can pick up pre-registration packets, pre-purchased paraphernalia, and event tickets.



**9:30 a.m. | President’s Breakfast\***

**Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall**

Interim President Rosalin “Roz” Brewer will give an overview of the college while parents and families enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet.



**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Parents and Family Association Meeting**

**SISTERS CHAPEL**

Families are invited to gather with other members of the association and learn how to get more involved.



**1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Campus Resource Panel**

**SISTERS CHAPEL**

Parents and families will have the opportunity to ask questions about accommodation, mental health, health services, internships, academic support, and careers after graduation.

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**2 p.m. – 4 p.m. | A Choice to Change the World in Service of Others**

**Johnetta B. Cole Living and Learning Center II Auditorium**

Join the Bonner Office of Civic Engagement in creating tutus for distribution to patients navigating extended stays at Children's Health Care of Atlanta due to serious accidents or illness. Bringing this type of "silly fun to somber situations" can help children manage their fear and focus on feeling better. We invite Spelman students and their families to join us during this service event and learn about service at Spelman while we support Children's Healthcare of Atlanta which is ranked among the nation's top pediatric hospitals for 2020-21 by U.S. News & World Report's "Best Children's Hospitals" list.



**3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Lunch on Your Own**

**Campus Locations: Upshaw Dining Hall, Spelman After Dark, Lower Manley, and Food Trucks**

Embrace the spirit of Spelman College and enjoy food, fellowship, and fun.

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**Sunday, February 23**

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**11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Sunday Brunch**

**Manley College Center, Alma Upshaw Dining Hall**

Everyone is invited to an all you can eat brunch buffet. Family members may purchase tickets at the door for \$14.00 each while students use their meal plan.



**1 p.m. | Worship Services  
Sisters Chapel**

Culminate your weekend by joining us for a nondenominational service with Rev. Dr. Neichelle R. Guidry.

Rev. Dr. Neichelle R. Guidry (she/her/hers) is a highly sought-after teacher, preacher, leader, and commentator. Dr.

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Guidry currently serves as the Dean of the Chapel and the Director of the WISDOM Center at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. A womanist homiletician and practitioner, she is the author of *Curating a World: Sermonic Words from a Young Woman Who Preaches*.

She is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University (BA) and Yale Divinity School (M.Div.), where she was the 2010 recipient of the Walcott Prize for Clear and Effective Public and Pulpit Speaking, and the 2019 recipient of the William Sloane Coffin Alumni Award for Peace and Justice. She is also a graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, where she completed her Doctor of Philosophy (Liturgical Studies, Homiletics concentration). Her dissertation was entitled, "Towards a Womanist Homiletical Theology for Subverting Rape Culture." She is a member of the Society for the Study of Black Religion, the MLK Jr. International Chapel Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

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### **Additional Information**

#### **Bookstore**

The Spelman College Bookstore is open during Family Weekend! Bookstore coupons are available at Registration.

**Friday**      **8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday**   **10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

#### **Parking**

There will be complimentary parking for all Family Weekend participants in the Spelman Parking Deck after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2025, until Sunday, February 23, 2025

Parents, not a member of the Parents Association? Please click [here](#) to join TODAY!

On behalf of the Spelman College Community, thank you for participating in Family Weekend 2025. We hope that your time with us has been fun-filled and engaging!

We encourage you to join us again next year for Family Weekend 2025!

**\*Indicates Ticketed Event\***