Cuyahoga Community College is committed to helping students successfully complete degrees, certificates and transfer programs. The College demonstrates this commitment through the mandatory First Year Experience, designed to provide the support, information, tools and connections necessary for success. The First Year Experience includes three key components:

- **New Student Orientation** connects students to a counselor who helps them select the right courses, learn important steps for success and identify a major or program. New Student Orientation is offered though the Counseling Office at each campus.

- **New Student Convocation** officially welcomes new students to the College prior to the start of their first semester. Convocation has two major goals:
  1. To make certain that students understand the pace, rigor and expectations of the College and to provide advice on meeting these expectations; and
  2. To connect students to faculty and academic leadership in their major or program of study.

- **First Year Success Seminar** is a course offered during a new student's first semester. Course goals include understanding key College processes and services; practicing academic success strategies such as time management and study skills; deepening connections to program faculty and staff; and creating an academic plan that leads directly to degree or credential completion.