As students return for the start of the fall 2020 semester on Wednesday, Aug. 19, their first stop before campus is the TU Arrival Center located in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown New Orleans. This past weekend, first-year students and their parents began coming to the center to start the return-to-campus process. First-year students are scheduled to arrive at the center until Aug. 13. The center will begin welcoming returning students Aug. 13-17. Students at the center will have their temperatures checked, will be tested for COVID-19 and go through one-on-one health counseling and orientation sessions. Parents will also attend similar sessions. Campus services, such as Financial Aid, Advising, Accounts Receivable and more will be available at the center.

Students and parents arriving at the center get their temperatures checked upon entry. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
First-year student Bella Smith and her mother, Keira Smith, register for COVID-19 testing at the Arrival Center. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Student Grayson Kanter from Los Angeles talks with student Carmen Cross from New York City as they wait in line to register. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
Cody Woods from Oregon self-administers a COVID-19 test. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

A nurse collects a student’s sample after their self-administered COVID-19 test. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
Chelsea Hill, health promotion specialist, meets with a student for a one-on-one health counseling session. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Tara Ampolini from Belgium (left) shops in the makeshift bookstore with her brother Enzo and her mother, Shema. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
Student Justin Haysbert (center) takes a selfie in front of a campus backdrop with his parents, Maurice (left) and Tasha (right) Pitts. (Photo by Sally Asher)

Parents listen at an orientation programming session. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
A student and her mother utilize one of the many hand sanitizer stations at the center. (Photo by Sally Asher)