Summer Parent Orientation 2010 Highlights:

2010 Summer Orientations	**Strongly Agree/Agree Percentage (Averaged)**
The Orientation website, brochure and communications were helpful to my student in registering and preparing for Orientation	87%
The University staff members at Orientation were helpful and courteous.	96%
The Faculty Academic Expectations session was helpful and engaging.	91%
The Academic Success session was useful and engaging.	93%
The Den Discussions session was useful and engaging.	91%
The Parenting Your College Student session was useful and engaging	90%
The Students First Center, Financial Aid, Business Services session was useful and engaging.	88%
The Campus Computing and Technology Resources session was useful and engaging	89%
The Health and Safety session was useful and engaging	92%
The Campus and Community Life session was useful and engaging.	85%
The food served was inviting and tasty.	86%

Were there representatives (i.e. speakers, faculty, and staff) that you particularly enjoyed? Please comment.

1. Dr. Fuji Collins
2. Vice Chancellor Jane Lawrence
3. Dr. Christopher Viney
4. Office of Student Life
5. Orientation Skit
6. Housing Staff
7. Wellness Center Staff
8. James Nardello
9. Orientation Leaders (esp. Den Discussion)

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"Do you have any suggestions for improving our current Orientation Program?"

1. More breaks and snacks
2. Suggest a two-day event to absorb and digest info (i.e. allows students to explore/select majors)
3. More info regarding the City (i.e. pamphlets, services, etc)
    a. City hall should be part of UC Merced Orientation. I want more about medical services Y what insurance plans are admitted or how do they work. Where are the public health centers in the city.
4. Discussion on Judicial Review
5. Spanish Speaking parents didn't speak/understand program content.
6. Make agenda available before orientation, provide speakers' names
7. Allow for attendees to get up and move around room/stretch
8. Residence tour
9. Den Discussions, making sure there's an orientation leader/staff around at all times.
10. Lowering Orientation fee
11. Have a link for parents to write their questions before orientation begins and have them answered in orientation. –relieve some questions asked during Orientation, saves time.
12. Some parents seemed very unfamiliar with the content of the orientation maybe it would be helpful to have some orientation dates for parents who are less familiar with what to expect and allow them more time to ask questions
13. Speakers need to be louder, notice regarding cell phones on silent/vibrate
14. More Q & A time
15. Otherwise, everything was nicely done, very helpful, informative, organized, and impressive
    a. I was very afraid of sending my son away, but with this orientation I feel more confident about all the structure Merced University has in order to provide security and care for our most valuable loved ones.