OVERVIEW The mission of the *Halliburton Women’s Welcome* is to provide first year female engineering and science students with an opportunity to be inspired about pursuing engineering and science degrees at OU and to facilitate the formation of the unique connections that will facilitate their success as students in GCoE and MCEE and as future professionals.

FEATURES This program assists female freshmen and transfer students as they transition to the study of engineering and science at OU. Students spend quality time with faculty, staff, alumnae and students from various engineering and science disciplines in both the Gallogly College of Engineering and Mewbourne School of Petroleum and Geological Engineering. Participants become familiar with the campus, academic resources and opportunities to stay connected throughout the collegiate journey. As a bonus, students are provided with the opportunity to move into the residence halls early. Additionally, student mentors are provided with the opportunity for leadership development.

IMPACT This event has been occurring annually for nearly a decade and has yielded an increasing trend in female student retention. The program has assisted participants in assimilating to campus. Participant feedback for the 2018 program was 99% positive and included: “[HWW] was amazing – more women need to hear about it”; “loved everything about the program”; “great opportunity to get settled”; “loved the small groups and getting to know others”; “[HWW] program and mentors were amazing!” and “thank you”.

![Image of participants in the Halliburton Women's Welcome event]