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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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Orientation Week is the time for trying new things, and first-year student Ayma Zahra (left) jumped right in, taking a lively ride on a mechanical bull at the Campus Carnival, the grand finale of welcome week.

The carnival capped more than 100 events held Aug. 29 to Sept. 5 to help new arrivals kick off their university journey and join a community of almost 15,000 fellow undergraduates.

Students explored the campus, taking tours of the Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre, the Health and Counselling Centre's Wellness Den and the Sawmill Creek nature trail, giving them a chance to discover study spots, meet peers and get a feel for campus life beyond the classroom.

Students also enjoyed social activities, such as a scavenger hunt and "speed-friending," and were entertained by a concert featuring Indigenous performers, a fashion show and the "Ultimate Taylor Swift Pool Party" at the Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre.

Those looking to meet faculty visited the Academic Garden Party, and the True Blue Scoops ice cream social, hosted by U of T President Melanie Woodin.

"Orientation made me feel more comfortable on campus," says first-year psychology student Carol DSouza. "Meeting other students reminded me that I'm not the only one adjusting. It was nice to start building connections." —**Kate Martin**