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Hello Parents and Families,

We hope you are well!

The summer seems to be moving rapidly and we continue to prepare for the Fall 2020.

In this message, you will find information regarding:

1. Summer Orientation Experience
2. Parent/Family Summer Programs
3. Financial Literacy and Advising Information
4. Fall Course Delivery Format

Summer Orientation Experience

All first-year students that have registered for orientation whether that be a June Virtual Orientation Session or to join a Summer Orientation Group have been placed in a Summer Orientation Group. If a student has yet to register for an orientation experience, please ask them to go into Next Steps to do so. If they have already done so and haven't heard back from their Orientation Ambassadors by the end of this week, please have them email orientaiton@southernct.edu and we will be sure to connect them.

All summer long, first-year students will be able to meet weekly with their Summer Orientation Groups, should complete their Digital Orientation program which are weekly modules with important information, can attend weekly special events (trivia nights, talent shows, and more), participate in New Owl Meet-Ups which are small group meetings based on students' interests or identity, all while winning prizes and meeting other students! Please ask your students to check their SCSU email often. For our new transfer students, we will be launching our TRANSFERmation program in July which is the official orientation for transfer students, they too will be able to experience Digital Orientation, connect weekly with our Transfer Student Assistants, and attend weekly special events as they prepare for success!

Please encourage your students to participate!

For more information visit <https://www.southernct.edu/orientation> .

Parent/Family Virtual Programs

This summer, we have a full slate of programs for Parents and Families. While these programs are specifically designed for the parents and families of our incoming students, we invite any parent or family member to join us! We will share our full schedule soon.

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All programs will be presented via the Parent/Family Facebook Group and will be LIVE!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>

July 8th 5:30pm

First-Year Experience: Committed to Success

Learn how your students first-year experience! From, their first-year seminar course (INQ 101) learning communities and the services FYE provides, Southern is committed to helping first-year students find success in their first semester and beyond. You will meet Nicole Henderson, the director of FYE and Dyan Robinson, Assistant Director who are fantastic professionals and deeply committed to the success of first-year students!

This program is specifically designed for the parents and families of new first-year students (freshmen).

<https://inside.southernct.edu/fye>

July 15th 5:30pm

Getting Connected: How Students Find Their Place

About: Learn how your students can find their connection! Join us in hearing from several offices on campus as a part of our first small panel discussion which will include information about athletics, clubs, organizations, club sports, intramurals, the Multicultural Center and the Sexuality and Gender Equality center.

July 22nd 6:00pm

Southern Success: How You Can Help Your Students Achieve Their Goals.

Join the offices of the Southern Success Center who will discuss how to supports successfully transition to their first semester, succeed academically, think about their majors/advising, and begin to plan for a career. Featuring the Academic Success Center, Career and Professional Development, Academic Advising, and Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement.

July 29th 5:30pm

Being Well at Southern: A Holistic Approach to Thrive

About: Join us in hearing from the Counseling Office, Wellness Center, Health Center, Campus Recreation + Fitness to learn how to support your students find their wellbeing at Southern.

More programs to come!!

These programs will be broadcasted live through the Parent/Family Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/> and will be available to view anytime by visiting the page after the event.

Financial Literacy & Advising

We want to make sure that everyone knows about a great resource in our Financial Literacy &

Advising Office! Southern Connecticut State University has made financial literacy a priority by helping students pay for college. Students will learn payment plan options as well as financial aid and scholarship opportunities through one-on-one advising, presentations and resources. Contact Lew DeLuca for assistance with paying for college at DeLucaL2@southernct.edu. He can look at your individual account and financial aid then create personalized payment options for the fall bill due on July 15 and each semester thereafter until graduation.

<https://inside.southernct.edu/financial-advising>

If we can be of any support to you, please contact us at:

Rizzas1@southernct.edu to reach Sal Rizza, Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement
orientation@southernct.edu to reach the Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement general email account.

Or visit our webpage, <https://www.southernct.edu/orientation> to connect with us on live chat.

Call us at (203) 392-5189. (Please note we are having difficulty with the Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement phone access. If you leave us a message, we will return your call.)

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza

Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

This email was sent to all students late this afternoon:

NEW First Year and NEW Transfer Students: See the [Advising Webpage for New Students](#) for information and support regarding your Fall 2020 course schedule. The message below is only for continuing students.

Dear Continuing SCSU Students,

SCSU faculty and staff are looking forward to being back on campus for the start of the Fall 2020 semester on August 26th. In response to the impact of COVID-19 and the need to provide adequate social distancing in classrooms, faculty have adjusted the course delivery formats for many Fall 2020 courses. For class sessions held on campus, students and instructors will be required to wear face masks and use recommended social distancing practices. Further, instructors for any course with any on-campus presence will have plans in place to shift the course to an on-line delivery format, if needed, in response to the on-going public health crisis. All on-campus class sessions will end at Thanksgiving break, with the remainder of the semester and final exams held online for all courses.

PLEASE READ BELOW and [click here](#) for important information about your FALL 2020 COURSE SCHEDULE:

Your Fall 2020 course registration has not changed, but the way your course instruction will be taught may have changed. There have been no changes made to your scheduled days/times of your courses, though some courses will now be held online, either remotely at the same scheduled day/time (ONLINE SYNCHRONOUS) or online without a scheduled meeting time (ONLINE ASYNCHRONOUS). Many courses will offer a combination of on-campus and online instructional delivery formats, called HYBRID. Some courses have a HYFLEX option, which provides the option of attending on-campus courses remotely. Instructors will be providing specific instructions related to course delivery formats and on-campus attendance expectations in the first week of the semester. [See the Fall 2020 Course Delivery Webpage](#) for more information about the different course delivery formats.

View changes to your Fall 2020 course delivery formats via your Detailed Course Schedule via BannerWeb. You will see courses listed as HYBRID, ONLINE SYNCHRONOUS, or ONLINE ASYNCHRONOUS. Some will show the HYFLEX option. If the course has none of these listed, it will meet on-campus. Your course instructor will provide you with clear direction regarding the mode of course delivery as the semester begins. As always, you will be able to adjust your Fall 2020 schedule via the add/drop courses in Banner Web until the end of the first week of classes. [See the Fall 2020 Course Delivery Webpage](#) for how-to videos that will walk you through reading your detailed course schedule and for information about who to contact with questions related to course delivery formats and your Fall 2020 schedule.

Links to more information:

FALL 2020 Course Delivery Formats and Understanding your Fall 2020 course schedule:

[See the Fall 2020 Course Delivery Webpage](#) for information and how-to video about the Fall 2020 course schedule and who to contact if you have more questions.

You were subscribed to this listserv as your email is listed in your student's profile based on their initial application to Southern. The emails you will receive will include the information we send to your students, additional strategies specifically designed for parents/families and how they can best support their students and general information regarding the university. As we will be intentional on the information we send, we will try not to "flood" your inbox and be very strategic on sending the most pertinent information.

We also invite you to join our Parent/Family Facebook Group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>.

However, if you prefer not to receive future emails, please unsubscribe by visiting <https://lists.southernct.edu/mailman/listinfo/families> or simply reply to this email.