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Dear Parents and Families,

We hope this email finds you well!

In this communication you will find information regarding:

1. Parent/Family Programs
2. [Advising, Registration and Course Schedules for First-Year Students](#)
3. COVID Testing
4. Fall 2020 Reopening Plan
5. Food Service Update

As we approach the beginning of the semester, we want to ask that your student regularly checks their Southern email. We would also like to provide a number of links which have really good information that answers many of the questions you may have.

Helpful Links- <https://inside.southernct.edu/parent-family/helpful-links> , these are a number of helpful links that we have gathered specifically for parents/families that will be helpful now and in the future.

Resources- <https://inside.southernct.edu/inside-southern>, these is another general page filled with links that may be helpful!

Fall 2020 Reopening- <https://inside.southernct.edu/reopening>, this provides information on the reopening of campus for the fall semester.

Residence Life- <https://inside.southernct.edu/residence-life>, with so many questions regarding residence life, this may be a great place to find information!

Advising- <https://inside.southernct.edu/advising>, information regarding academic advising.

Sincerely,

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## 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.

SCSU ORIENTATION TRANSITION & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE

PRESENTS 2020 PARENT & FAMILY

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

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

July 29th 5:30pm

Being Well at Southern: A Holistic Approach to Thrive

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

August 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

Community and Safety: Creating a Safe and Welcoming Community

About: The University Police Department and Office of Student Conduct and Civic Responsibility will share the ways we work to create a safe and welcoming campus for all community members.

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.

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## **Advising, Course Registration and Schedules for First-Year Students**

<https://inside.southernct.edu/advising/incoming-students>

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Incoming first-year students who registered for a New Student Orientation (NSO) session by July 13th should now have their full course schedules for Fall 2020. Your schedule is based on your major, English and Math placements, course availability, and the information you provide when you registered for NSO. You should have also received an email from the Academic Advisor who built your schedule. That email contains information on how to access your schedule, request a major change or schedule revision, and contact information for the advisor. Please review all of the information in this email.

**IMPORTANT:** Please be sure to check both your personal and Southern email accounts. If you did not receive an email, please contact us at [advisement@southernct.edu](mailto:advisement@southernct.edu)

If you registered for NSO after July 13th, you will receive your schedule and email after July 27th .

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the University has established multiple course delivery formats for the Fall 2020 semester. [Please visit the "Fall 2020 Course Delivery Formats" page for details.](#)

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### **COVID Testing**

<https://www.ct.edu/files/pdfs/UPDATE%206%20Interim%20Testing%20Guidance.pdf>

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Residential Life is working with health services and the state guidelines to determine the details regarding the testing and move in protocol. According to the state guidelines provided in the link above, "Incoming residential students must have documentation that they have had a RT-PCR COVID-19 test within 14 days of arrival on campus. This documentation must be submitted online before arrival on campus or in person on arrival. " To clarify, students must be tested within fourteen days prior to arrival. Please have your students watch their southern email accounts as information should be provided soon."

For housing questions, please contact Residence Life directly.

Residence Life Contact- <https://inside.southernct.edu/residence-life>

For health questions, please contact Health Services directly.

<https://inside.southernct.edu/health-services>

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### **Fall 2020 Reopening**

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

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"Based on significant guidance from public health experts and in accordance with Governor Lamont's ReOpen CT Advisory Committee plan, it has been determined that Southern will reopen its physical campus to residential and commuter students for fall 2020, with protocols in place. Fall classes will begin on August 26, following a staggered move-in for residence hall students."

This website (<https://inside.southernct.edu/reopening> ) will continue to be updated and has all of the information regarding the university's plan to reopen.

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### **Food Service Update**

*From the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs*

Southern Connecticut State University is pleased to announce our new partnership with Sodexo, Quality of Life Services. As our new food service provider, Sodexo is hard at work getting ready for the fall semester. You will find new dining destinations in the Student Center Food Court, new takeaway options in the Bagel Wagon and The Owl Perch, and great food in Conn Hall. Don't worry — they will also have your favorites: Dunkin' and Starbucks.

Please know that the University and Sodexo are working closely to address COVID health and safety concerns. We will have more details in a subsequent email.

Please join me in welcoming Sodexo to the Southern Family! We can't wait for you to experience what they have to offer our community.

Warmly,  
Tracy Tyree  
Vice President for Student Affairs

# WELCOME TO YOUR NEW SOUTHERN DINING EXPERIENCE!



On July 17th, 2020, Southern Connecticut State University announced a new partnership with Sodexo, Quality of Life Services as the new campus dining provider.

Enhanced safety standards have been developed and implemented to keep the campus community safe.

## COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Social Distancing Directional Signage
- New Plexi-Glass Barriers
- Enhanced Table Settings
- Hand Sanitizing Stations
- Mobile Ordering
- Contactless Payment

As your dining provider, we are gracious to be considered part of the campus community. In addition to bringing fun events and popular food trends that resonate with students to campus, we also understand the need for our program to complement the campus events and traditions that are unique to Southern Connecticut State University.

**We are thrilled to give you a sneak peak of some of the exciting new offers to the dining program at Southern Connecticut State University.**

## NEW & EXCITING DINING DESTINATIONS AWAIT YOU!

At the Student Center Food Court, you will still find your favorite morning coffee and donuts from Dunkin'. The Bagel Wagon will always be your "To Go" spot, but with new products and limited time special offers.

### NEW FOOD COURT FINDS

Adanti Student Center



At **Tres Habaneros**, you will be able to 100% customize burritos, tacos, quesadillas, enchiladas, rice and salad bowls with fresh ingredients.



It's about a great sub on fresh-baked bread, wrap or flat bread. **SubConnection** connects you to fresh, healthy, made-to-order meals!



**The Grill** at Southern is your destination for burgers, chicken sandwiches, fresh fries, and other student grill favorites.



**Bowlful** offers simple grains, organic proteins and fresh vegetables are combined to create a delicious, satisfying bowl.



### The Owl Perch

Hilton C Buley Library

We are excited to enhance the menu offerings including new hot breakfast sandwiches and new pastries.



### Dunkin'

Adanti Student Center

America's all-day, everyday stop for coffee, espresso based drinks, baked goods, breakfast and afternoon sandwiches.

### simply to go

Available throughout campus,

**Simply to Go** is our signature grab and go menu, it is built around convenient takeaway options that give you the flexibility you need for your on the go lifestyle.

Made Right Here.



## SO, WHAT'S NEW AT THE CONNECTICUT HALL?

The all you care to eat dining hall will feature new chef-crafted dishes to satisfy every need, preference and craving. We will deliver on-trend food giving new foodie experiences daily, not forgetting student favorites.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we engage in public spaces. Our customers have new expectations and it is our number one goal to make sure they feel safe when entering our dining spaces. With this in mind, we wanted to share a fun event to look forward to this fall.



Aromas of savory street foods travel through the air. University flags and string lights dance in a gentle breeze. Cue the **#RockTheBlock: Welcome To Our Block Party** dining showcase event! While the signature activity for #RockTheBlock is the Epic Street Food Fest, this is the opportunity to infuse the undeniable energy of a block party in all activities!



**MyZone** is a gluten-friendly pantry that features gluten-free and dairy alternative foods and a dedicated microwave, toaster, and storage refrigerator to avoid gluten cross-contamination. The dining team will work with individual students to source specialty products such as their favorite gluten-free breads, wraps, and desserts.

**YOU WILL  
HAVE IT ALL!**

Register today to be ready for Fall semester. Go to [bite.sodexo.com](http://bite.sodexo.com)

This is just the beginning of new dining offers to come. The Southern Connecticut State Dining Team is looking forward to seeing you on campus!



**REGISTER.**  
**PLAN AHEAD.**  
Menus at your fingertips!

**PAY.**  
Checkout is a breeze!

**[bite.sodexo.com](http://bite.sodexo.com)**

WATCH THIS BRIEF BITE APP OVERVIEW VIDEO, CLICK [HERE](#).