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Dear Parents and Families,

This email contains a great deal of information that has already been sent to students.  
Below is the content included in this email:

1. Message from Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement
2. Message from the President regarding the fall 2021.
3. Virtual Resource Fair
4. Food and Clothing Drive

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*Message from Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement*

The fourth week of the semester is underway and by week's end, we will have completed the first quarter of the semester. Please remind your students that now is an excellent time to connect with the Academic Success Center. Often, students wait until they are struggling with a course to engage with academic support as opposed to leveraging the resources available to not only meet their minimal goals but to exceed their one expectations. Whether they are looking to ensure their essay has a strong thesis and argument or would like to review for their chemistry exam, the ASC is an outstanding resource. Have them visit <https://inside.southernct.edu/academic-success-center/academic-success-coaching> for more information.

Please also take a look at the message from our Office of Career and Professional Development. While it may seem early, they are working hard to help graduating students search for employment and returning students identify internships.

The next 12 weeks will pass quickly. I know many of us are eager to return to a sense of normalcy and I hope the email from President Bertolino offers a glimpse into the future as we believe that approximately 70 percent of classes in the fall 2021 will be on-ground. I think we are all looking forward to that!

Enjoy the week and as always, if we can be of support, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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## *Message from the President*

Dear Students,

I hope the spring semester has started well for you. Looking forward, I thought you would like to know that our planning for the Summer and Fall 2021 semesters is well underway.

As has become our summer norm, much of our summer session offerings will be hybrid and online, with relevant courses scheduled to be taught on campus. All on-ground courses and programs will still have to adhere to pandemic health requirements, including the use of appropriate masks and social distancing.

However, taking an optimistic approach, our plans call for a return to providing around 70 percent of our course sections on-ground in the fall. We also look forward to a robust offering of in-person programs, activities, and services, while retaining the best of what we've offered in our virtual environment.

Of course, we still must act with caution, given the unpredictable trajectory of the pandemic, and we will reevaluate our plans in May and again in August. Should conditions not prove appropriate for an on-ground opening, we will revise our plans and revert to schedules and modes of course delivery similar to those in place this spring. We will keep you informed of all changes.

I am hopeful that the passage of time, our collaborative commitment to health and safety, and the impact of widespread vaccinations will see us in a position to resume many of our on-ground campus operations by late August. For now, I encourage you to do all that you can to ensure that the spring semester gets off to the best possible start, so that you can learn, and our faculty and staff can teach and work, in a safe and welcoming campus environment.

We will do everything we can to ensure that your semester is academically successful and personally rewarding.

Stay well. And stay Southern Strong!

Joe Bertolino  
President

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## *Virtual Career & Internship Fair*

Greetings Southern Students!

The Office of Career & Professional Development looks forward to hosting its Spring 2021 Virtual Career & Internship Showcase on **Wednesday, March 3, 2021, from 10:00am until 4:00pm**. This event for Southern students will provide an opportunity to connect with over 50 organizations currently recruiting full-time jobs, internship opportunities, or upcoming summer employment. Organizations span throughout the state of Connecticut and throughout the New England region. A current listing of confirmed organizations is available via this link: <http://bit.ly/SCSUVCFSpring2021>.

Students will have the option to sign up in advance for a 10-minute time slot to connect with an organization representative through JOBSs, the office's online career management platform. Through the platform, students will submit their resume in advance to recruitment professionals, have all interview details organized in one location, and can navigate the virtual experience with ease. Signups for interview time slots open within the JOBSs portal on Friday, February 19, and close on the evening of Sunday, February 28. A video overview of how-to sign up for a timeslot is available via this link: <https://youtu.be/FfjGf7Q5G-E>.

The Office of Career & Professional Development looks forward to helping our students reach their definition of success, and we hope many students consider participating! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Office at [careerservices@southernct.edu](mailto:careerservices@southernct.edu) or 203-392-6539. Take care and have a great day.

Best Regards,

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## The SAGE Center and Food Pantry are looking for **warm clothing donations!**

Many students who frequent the pantry are in need of warm clothes such as **coats, gloves, hats**, and other **winter items**. If you would like to make a donation, please see the flyer below for the full list of items we are collecting and campus donation locations.

### **Food Pantry Hours and Contact Information:**

Students can **make an appointment** by logging onto MySCSU > Navigate > Dean of Students – Wintergreen 141. Due to the pandemic, the pantry is by appointment only. You can call 203-392-8191 or email [foodpantry@southernct.edu](mailto:foodpantry@southernct.edu) if you have any issues making an appointment through Navigate.

The pantry is located in the back of **Wintergreen - Rm. 141**, and is generally open **Monday-Friday 9am-4pm**.

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### ***Resources***

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!

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.

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