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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. Summer and Fall Student Leader Job Fair
3. COVID 19 Update
4. Temporary Alterations to Campus Dining Schedule
5. This Week at Southern
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Message from Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

With February coming to an end this week, let's hope that also brings an end to the cold and snow and the spring makes an early appearance!

While we are still entrenched deeply in the current semester, we are also beginning to plan ahead for next year. Part of that preparation is seeking students who are looking for campus employment and other opportunities to further their leadership skills. Tomorrow, we are holding a Virtual Student Leader Job Fair as many offices are searching for students to fill our positions. If your students are interested in exploring some of these opportunities, please have them stop by (link below). These sessions are designed so that students can learn more about the positions as we are sure they may have questions. For students who are unavailable tomorrow, please know that all of the offices below have had countless information sessions about these positions. We have advertised via our social media, email, posters, and personal recruitment. Personally, I'll share that serving as a Resident Advisor many years ago completely changed my life. So many students have called these experiences transformational! So, please encourage your students to explore these amazing opportunities and if they have any questions, they can reach out directly to the offices or, as always, they can send me an email. The deadlines for many of these positions are coming fast so time is running out!

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

Sincerely,

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Student Leadership Job Fair

<https://www.airmeet.com/e/ca23db00-7236-11eb-a07c-fd14fa6910bb>

STUDENT LEADERSHIP JOB FAIR

**Wednesday,
February 24th,
12 - 2pm**

Via Airmeet:

<https://www.airmeet.com/e/ca23db00-7236-11eb-a07c-fd14fa6910bb>

If you are interested in making a difference at Southern, exploring and developing your leadership skills and helping others consider learning more about these great opportunities and how to apply for the following:

Positions for Summer and Fall 2021

SEOP Peer Mentor

Orientation Ambassador

Transfer Student Assistant

Resident Advisor

Summer Associate

Several Academic Success/Tutoring Positions

Diversity Peer Educators

Peer Mentor

***Airmeet requires a computer or laptop. Mobile devices and most tablets are not compatible with this platform.

**For questions, please contact Sal Rizza
Director of OTFE
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Campus COVID Update

CAMPUS COVID-19 DASHBOARD

The University's COVID-19 Dashboard will be updated regularly throughout the spring semester, providing cumulative and current data related to the prevalence of COVID-19 within our campus community. More than 1,200 residential students, athletes and other selected groups will be tested on a weekly basis. You can see the latest figures [here](#). Please use the [Self-Report Form](#) to notify the COVID Coordinator if you are COVID positive or have been exposed to someone who has COVID. For any other questions about reporting, please email the [SCSU COVID-19 Coordinator](#).



FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions about any of these items, or other aspects of the University's reopening plans, you may submit them here or visit Southern's [Reopening 2020](#) website.

During the weekend, University and Dining Services were made aware of the need to put precautionary quarantine measures into place for several of our team members. As a result, **Dunkin' and Tres Habaneros will be temporarily closed this week.**

We remain committed to finding a balance between serving the campus community and responsibly upholding proper safety protocols for our customers and team members and have therefore altered our Dunkin' offering for the week as follows:

Hot and Iced Dunkin' Coffee and Donuts (only) will be available at the Bowlful window in the food court.

Monday—Thursday: 9am—4pm

Friday: 9am -2:30pm

CONN Hall, The Grill @ the Student Center, and Roberta's will continue to operate as normal. Select SubConnection menu items remain available at the Grill as well.

CONN HALL: Mon-Fri 7:30am—10:00am | 11:00am—2:30pm | 4:00pm—9:00pm

Sat & Sun: 10:00am—2:00pm | 4:00pm—9:00pm

GRILL @ STU: Mon—Thur 11:00am—4:00pm | 4:00pm—6:30pm

ROBERTA'S: Sun—Thurs 3:00pm—10:00pm

Dunkin' and Tres Habaneros operations are anticipated to resume Monday, March 1st.

Please note hours and operations are subject to change. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this situation keeping the safety of the SCSU community top priority.

For more information about campus dining, see:
SouthernCT.Sodexomyway.com

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Ongoing through March 31

Monday-Thursday, 11:00am-4:00pm

Works on Paper from the Permanent Collection, 1493-1881

On-Ground - Buley Art Gallery

These significant works span the high Middle Ages to the Victorian Era, when the Industrial Revolution modernized the printing press. Highlights include prints after masterworks by Michelangelo, Albrecht Durer, Peter Paul Rubens, and Rosa Bonheur, as well as the exquisite “Massacre of the Innocence” (detail pictured) by Michel Corneille the Elder.

Monday, February 22nd

11:00am-12:00pm

OA Info Session

Access Event [HERE](#)

Join the orientation team for an OA Info session! We are looking to build a dynamic, passionate, and dedicated team to help welcome new students to campus. All applicants are required to attend an info session PRIOR to completing and submitting an OA application via OwlConnect!

Event Sponsored by: Orientation, Transition, & Family Engagement

11:30am

Let's Talk

Access Event [HERE](#)

Let's Talk is a free and confidential drop-in service that provides access to informal consultations with counselors from Counseling Services. It is not necessary to schedule an appointment.

Event Sponsored by: Counseling Programming and Outreach

12:00pm-1:00pm

Circuit Workshop: Netiquette & Communicating with Professors

Access Event [HERE](#)

Join the Academic Success Coaches in a crash course of how to send effective emails to your professors in our online environment.

Event Sponsored by: Academic Success Center

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Ask Me Anything

Access Event [HERE](#)

Every Monday, Chrissy and Kiana from Counseling Services will be hosting Ask Me Anything on IG Live @scsu_counseling_services_. They will be posting a topic every week and all you have to do is DM them the question you have on that topic. They will then go on live every Monday and answer all questions.

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Event Sponsored by: Counseling Programming and Outreach

1:00pm-2:00pm

Maximizing Your Student Organization Experience in Your Resume

Access Event [HERE](#)

Join Emily Velidow from the Office of Career and Professional Development to learn ways to talk about your leadership experience in your resume.

Event Sponsored by: The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development

2:00pm-3:00pm

Not Your Ordinary “Zoom” Event

Access Event [HERE](#)

For this game, we will be playing with your minds with some extremely zoomed in pictures. Is it an ice tray, or is it a snowy hill, or is it a PS5? You'll need a keen sense of sight for this one. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Event Sponsored by: The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development

3:00pm-4:30pm

Black Italians & Digital Culture in Contemporary Italy

Register [HERE](#)

Please join the Italian program for “Black Italians & Digital Culture in Contemporary Italy,” a virtual conversation with Italo-Ghanaian filmmaker and activist Fred Kuwornu.

4:30pm-6:00pm

In Person RA/SA Info Session

On-Ground- Farnham Programming Space

Looking to take part in campus life? Looking to be a Resident Advisor and/or Summer Associate? Attend this in person information session to learn more! All applicants must attend one of the information sessions.

Event Sponsored by: Office of Residence Life

6:30pm

Film Screening & Discussion : “Out in the Night”

Access Event [HERE](#)

Join us virtually for the viewing of “Out in the Night” (75 min.), a documentary that tells the story of a group of young friends, African American lesbians who are out, one hot August night in 2006, in the gay-friendly neighborhood of New York City. Through the lives of these four young women, “Out in the Night” reveals how their race, gender identity, and sexuality became criminalized in the mainstream news media and criminal legal system.

8:00pm-10:00pm

Ultimate Pictionary!

Access Event [HERE](#)

This ain't your momma's Pictionary, this is ULTIMATE Pictionary. Bring whatever drawing skills you have and pray they can translate to a trackpad. Then join a team and battle it out through the power of art!

Event Sponsored by: Anime Society

Tuesday, February 23rd

11:00am – 12:00pm

It's On Us: Bystander Intervention Series- What Influences us to Help or Not Help?!

Access Event [HERE](#)

Join Sabrina and Rachel from the Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center as we kick off our series around being an active bystander!

Event Sponsored by: Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center

11:00am-12:00pm

TSA Talk: Making the Most of Your Email

Access Event [HERE](#)

Now more than ever, it's essential to make the most of the technology we are using daily. Join your TSA's as they swap ideas as to how to organize your inbox, utilize your calendar and get more organized in 2021!

Event Sponsored by: Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

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Event Sponsored by: Counseling Programming and Outreach

1:00pm-2:00pm

Sit Down & Write, Virtually

Access Event [HERE](#)

Sit Down & Write is a "Facilitated Writing" session. The idea is that we can have a dedicated time, every week, devoted to writing...or any other quiet creative activity. By scheduling it, and having a group, we can motivate ourselves to actually Sit Down & Write. We're using the Pomodoro Technique, which consists of 25-minute working sessions and 5 minute breaks: a time-tested technique that helps many people focus and accomplish tasks.

Event Sponsored by: Buley Library

3:00pm-4:00pm

Leading as a Woman of Color

Access Event [HERE](#)

Rachel Exavier is the Assistant Director for the Office of Career and Professional Development. Join her as she talks about her own leadership path as a woman of color.

Event Sponsored by: The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development

4:00pm-5:00pm

First-Year Fit

On-Ground- ASC Ballroom

CALLING ALL FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS!

First-Year Fit is an ON-CAMPUS six-week cohort program where students can participate in weekly group fitness challenges and exercises, goal setting, and hangouts with your fellow cohort peers. All of which are designed to get you feeling healthier and more energized! The best part? If you attend all six weeks, you'll get an EXCLUSIVE t-shirt!

Spots are limited so register using this link [ASAP!](#)

Event Sponsored by: Campus Recreation and Fitness & Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

6:00pm-7:00pm

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Event Sponsored by: Campus Recreation and Fitness & Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

7:00pm-8:00pm

Song Association

Access Event [HERE](#)

Finish that lyric with the BSU!

Event Sponsored by: Black Student Union

8:00pm-9:00pm

It's Simple Mathematics

Access Event [HERE](#)

How well do you know math? Do you think you can beat your peers in a game of simple math? If so, join us for what will surely be one of the most entertaining competitions of the semester. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Event Sponsored by: The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development

Wednesday, February 24th

11:00am-12:00pm

Commuter Navigation Cohort

Access Event [HERE](#)

Learn more about the resources on campus and how to better navigate your time here at Southern. Get connected with our office, the university, and other commuter students.

Event Sponsored by: Commuter Services

11:00am- 12:00pm

Conversation Station

Access Event [HERE](#)

Tune in to our IG livestream (@scsusage) for a new conversation every other Wednesday, starting on **Feb. 10th**. You'll get an opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding topics affecting the LGBTQ+ community!

Event Sponsored by: SAGE Center

11:00am-12:00pm

Woke Women Wednesday

Access Event [HERE](#)

Join Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center staff members on Instagram (@vpascsu) each Wednesday during the month of February as we celebrate the extraordinary contributions that black women have made in the fight against sexual violence. Each week there will be a trivia challenge to identify the names and contributions of various women. \$20 Amazon gift cards will be awarded each week!

Event Sponsored by: VPAS

1:00pm – 1:30pm

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Event Sponsored by: Counseling Programming and Outreach

4:30pm-5:30pm

Let's Talk

Access Event [HERE](#)

Commuters! Come Join your Commuter Assistants in a conversation over Webex! We want to get to know you and each other!

Event Sponsored by: Commuter Services

5:00pm-6:00pm

Virtual Hamantaschen Hang-Out

Access Event [HERE](#)

Join VP Sam as he leads us through making hamantaschen, a traditional cookie for Purim. ****You'll want to make the dough ahead of time because it needs to chill**** Sam will show us how to fill and shape the cookies.

Recipe: <https://www.bonappetit.com/recipe/hamentaschen>

Gluten-Free Recipe: <https://joybilee farm.com/gluten-free-hamantaschen-almond-flour/>

Event Sponsored by: Hillel- Jewish Students Organization

5:00pm-6:00pm

Young & Educated: A Panel Discussion & Networking Event with SCSU Alumni

Access Event [HERE](#)

An interactive panel and networking event connecting UAP Students with SCSU Alumni.

Event Sponsored by: University Access Programs

7:00pm-9:00pm

Trivia Night!

Access Event [HERE](#)

Residence Life's Academic Success and Retention Committee is back again with another exciting night of trivia and big prizes for our top 3 winners! Last time we put your Tik Tok, Disney, and geographical knowledge, among other things, to the test. With new categories, we'll see who ends up on top of the leaderboard at the end of the night! All people with varying levels of knowledge are welcome. The goal for the night is connecting with others for classic, competitive fun!

Event Sponsored by: Office of Residence Life

9:00pm

A Night with Melissa Villasenor (comedian and Saturday Night Live cast member)

Access Event [HERE](#)

Join Programs Council for stand-up and a Q+A. YOU moderate the show and choose the topics!

Event Sponsored by Programs Council

Thursday, February 25th

12:00pm-1:00pm

I Think I Want To Be A Club Advisor

Access Event [HERE](#)

Would you like to build a connection with students outside of the classroom? Interested in supporting the leadership growth of our students? Join this session to learn about the ins and outs of being a student organization advisor.

Event Sponsored by: The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Let's Talk

Access Event [HERE](#)

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Event Sponsored by: Counseling Programming and Outreach

2:00pm-3:00pm

All Students of Color Community Mixer

Access Event [HERE](#)

Join us for a social gathering and interactive opportunity to make connections with other student's faculty and staff while playing an interactive game! All are welcome!

Event Sponsored by: Multicultural Center

4:30pm-5:30pm

TSA Talk: Coffee & Chat

Access Event [HERE](#)

Now more than ever, it's essential to make the most of the technology we are using daily. Join your TSA's as they swap ideas as to how to organize your inbox, utilize your calendar and get more organized in 2021!

Event Sponsored by: Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

5:00pm – 7:30pm

Black Love Film Series “Moonlight”

Access Event [HERE](#)

Philautia, finally, is self-love, which can be healthy or unhealthy. Unhealthy self-love is akin to hubris. In Ancient Greece, people could be accused of hubris if they placed themselves above the gods, or, like certain modern politicians, above the greater good. Many believed that hubris led to destruction, or nemesis

Moonlight is a 2016 American [coming-of-age drama film](#) written and directed by [Barry Jenkins](#), based on [Tarell Alvin McCraney's](#) unpublished semi-autobiographical play *In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue*. It stars [Trevante Rhodes](#), [André Holland](#), [Janelle Monáe](#), [Ashton Sanders](#), [Jharrel Jerome](#), [Naomie Harris](#), and [Mahershala Ali](#).

The film presents three stages in the life of the main character: his childhood, adolescence, and early adult life. It explores the difficulties he faces with his [sexuality](#) and identity, including the physical and emotional abuse he endures growing up.

Event Sponsored by: The Multicultural Center and University Access Programs

5:30pm-6:30pm

Cover Letter 101

Access Event [HERE](#)

Cover letters can be difficult to construct, so join the Career Peers as they breakdown how to write the perfect cover letter.

Event Sponsored by: Career and Professional Development

6:30pm-8:00pm

Virtual RA/SA Info Session

Access Event [HERE](#)

Looking to take part in campus life? Looking to be a Resident Advisor and/or Summer Associate? Attend this in person information session to learn more! All applicants must attend one of the information sessions.

Event Sponsored by: Office of Residence Life

Friday, February 26th

11:00am-12:00m

G.R.O.W. Goal Setting

Access Event [HERE](#)

You've heard of SMART goal setting, but have you heard of GROW goal setting? Come see if this system works for you!

Event Sponsored by: Academic Success Center

11:30am – 12:00pm

Black Queer Excellence Livestreams

Access Event [HERE](#)

Tune in for a showcase of prominent Black queer figures and their outstanding work to celebrate Black History Month, every Friday in February. We'll be live on @scsusage at 11:30am, starting on Feb. 5th.

Event Sponsored by: SAGE Center

11:30AM – 12:00PM

Let's Talk

Access Event [HERE](#)

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Event Sponsored by: Counseling Programming and Outreach

1:00pm – 1:30pm

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Event Sponsored by: Counseling Programming and Outreach

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Commuter Connection Cohort

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CALLING ALL COMMUTERS!

The Commuter Connection six-week cohort program brings together like-minded students who are looking for opportunities to connect with other commuter students, learn about involvement and engagement opportunities on-campus, and engage in in-depth discussions concerning current social issues, and learn more about different identity groups (including exploring your own)! Expand your worldview and join fellow commuter owls! If you attend all six weeks, you'll get an EXCLUSIVE t-shirt for commuter students!

Event Sponsored by: Orientation, Transition and Family Engagement and the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development

1:00pm-2:00pm

Guided Meditation with SWO

Access Event [HERE](#)

Sit back, relax and join the Social Work Organization for some guided meditation.

Event Sponsored by: Social Work Organization

1:00pm-4:00pm

Design Thinking: New Ways to Problem Solve

Register [HERE](#)

Join the Office of STEM-IL as we aid students to introduce creative and innovative ways to problem solve. This Design-Thinking Workshop will help students apply human-centered techniques to solve problems in a creative and innovative way. As students participate in this short course, they will develop innovative solutions to individual designs and professional goals. Students will learn how to center empathy in problem solving, and thoroughly understanding problems before designing solutions. Please be sure to register through the Jot Form link - space is limited - an invitation to the meeting will be sent via email.

Event Sponsored by: STEM Entrepreneurship Club and STEM-IL

7:30pm-8:30pm

Shabbat & Purim Celebration

Access Event [HERE](#)

Come celebrate Shabbat and Purim with us! It is traditional to wear decorative masks for Purim. This year, we seem to have an abundance of those! Put a spin on your covid face mask and decorate it during the day. Bring it to Shabbat to show off! Also, consider joining us for a virtual Hamantaschen-making party on Wednesday at 5pm.

Event Sponsored by: Hillel- Jewish Students Organization

Saturday, February 27th

12:15pm-1:00pm

No Killingly Power Plant Virtual Rally

Access Event [HERE](#)

We need your help to convince our elected officials that CT does not need more dirty energy production! Rally with GEMS Club and CT Climate Crisis Mobilization as we gather to tackle plans to begin construction on the Killingly Fracking Plant.

Learn why CT does not need a new fracking plant [here](#).

Learn about the negative impacts of fracking [here](#).

Please RSVP to this event! We would love to follow up with attendees to get their feedback on virtual rallies.

Event Sponsored by: GEMS

3:00pm-5:00pm

Price is Right

On-Ground - FPS

Are you competitive? Do you want a chance to win some awesome prizes and supplies? Well come join us and play a game of Price is Right!

Event Sponsored by: The Office of Residence Life

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.
