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Dear Parents and Families,

Happy July!

We are now just six weeks from the start of the fall 2021 semester. As you help your students prepare for an exciting return to campus, please be sure that they are informed that **Southern is a COVID Vaccine Required institution**. All residential and commuter students are required to be vaccinated to participate in the fall 2021 semester. Vaccine Cards should be uploaded by August 9th. Information on how to do so is attached. To help facilitate distribution of the vaccine, Southern is hosting a vaccine clinic on campus this week. Details below. For more information regarding the fall 2021 reopening plan, visit <https://www.southernct.edu/fall-2021-reopening>.

This week we are also continuing our **Parent and Family Virtual Orientation Series** (<https://www.southernct.edu/orientation/parent-family-orientation>). **Tomorrow, we have two sessions!** The first will be "How to be a College Parent" at 5:10pm followed by "First-Year Experience: Committed to Success." Details are below. While these programs are specifically designed for families of new first-year and transfer students, all families are invited to attend. The majority of these sessions will be broadcasted live via the Parent/Family Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/> and some are will be discussion based sessions via Zoom (see links below).

We would also like to bring to your attention that our **Food Pantry is currently looking for donations**. The SCSU Food Pantry has been fully operating for over a year and has been critical in supporting our most at-risk students by providing some basic necessities. As students return to on-campus learning in the fall, we anticipate that the needs of our students will grow and are asking community members to consider regularly donating to keep the food pantry stocked. If you are interested, please click on the link to learn more and to register your donations. <https://forms.gle/XerZq5JgkbMEUeo17>

Here are a few important things to keep in mind at this point in the summer:

- Fall 2021 bills are due July 15th. <https://inside.southernct.edu/onestop/bill-payment/bill-pay>
- Please encourage your students to check their emails frequently as they will be receiving important information throughout the summer. VERY IMPORTANT!!!
- The first day of classes is August 26th.
- Move-In Dates (<https://inside.southernct.edu/residence-life/moving-in>)
 - August 23rd, New Student Move-In (first-year and new transfer)
 - August 24th, Sophomore Move-In
 - August 25th, Upper Division (junior and seniors) Move-In
- New Owl Welcome (<https://www.southernct.edu/orientation/new-owl-welcome>)- ALL First-Year Students are required to participate in New Owl Welcome Days on August 24th and 25th. Times are still being finalized but will be between the hours of 9am and 5pm.
- **Sophomore** Welcome Day, August 25th- we will be inviting all returning sophomores to campus for a fun-filled and informative day just for them! Recognizing that they had a unique experience last year, we are planning a

day that will be designed for them to learn about resources, meet other sophomores and get them off to a great start for their 2nd year!

As the summer continues, please know that our office is here to help!

Sincerely,

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Parent and Family Summer Virtual Programming Series

ORIENTATION TRANSITION & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
PRESENTS 2021 PARENT & FAMILY

Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement at Southern invites parents and families to join in this summer's Virtual Programming Series. While all programs are open to all parents and families, they primarily serve families of our new first-year and transfer students as we will not be holding in-person orientation this summer. The Facebook Live sessions are designed for different offices and resources to provide information and updates while the Zoom sessions will be roundtable conversations hosted by different areas. All Facebook Live sessions will be streamed via the Parent/Family Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>) and will be available to view at anytime following the program for those that are not able to attend the live stream. Zoom sessions will not be recorded. Registration is not required!

July Sessions

Wednesday, July 14th

5:10p- 5:50pm

How to be a College Parent

The Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Jules Tetrault will be joined by other college parents to discuss some of the keys to supporting students in their first semester and beyond.

Presented via Facebook Live- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>.

6:00pm- 6:45pm

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).

Presented via Facebook Live- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>.

Thursday, July 22nd

6:00pm to 6:30 and 6:30 to 7:00pm

First-Year Parent & Family Roundtables

Parents and family members of new students are invited to attend as many of the following roundtable conversations as they would like! These experiences are designed so that parents and families with different interests can interact with their peers. For those that would like to attend multiple sessions, they can join at the 6pm and 6:30pm start times.

Presented via Zoom- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2033925168>

- **Spanish Speaking-** Nos complace ofrecer una conversación de mesa redonda de orientación específicamente para padres, familias y seres queridos de habla hispana. Reconocemos que la familia es un pilar en la comunidad Latinx y la transición a la universidad es un gran paso para el estudiante y sus seres queridos. En esta sesión, proporcionaremos información importante y responderemos preguntas; todo será en español para que la información sea lo más accesible posible.
- **Sankofa-** "Sankofa is the first-generation family engagement initiative that provides information about Southern and college, in general, to families through a student lens who may or may not have gone to college themselves.."
- **Commuter Connection-** Families of commuter students are invited to learn more the ways in which commuters can find success.
- **Residence Life** – Join the Department of Residence Life in a conversation regarding on-campus living.
- **NCAA Athletes** – The life of a student athlete can be demanding. Learn more about the ways to support your students.

Wednesday, July 28th

Time 5:10pm- 5:50pm

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.

Presented via Facebook Live- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>.

6:00pm- 6:40pm

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.

Presented via Facebook Live- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>.

August Sessions

Tuesday, August 10th,

5:10pm- 5:50pm

Being Well at Southern: A Holistic Approach to Thrive

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

Presented via Facebook Live- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>.

Thursday, August 12th, 5:15pm- 6:00pm

Living on Campus: Part 2

The Office of Residence Life will discuss the fall 2021 on-campus experience and will be available to answer questions regarding move-in, safety, community and programs.

Presented via Facebook Live- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>.

6:00pm- 6:40pm

Community and Safety: Creating a Safe and Welcoming Community

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.

Presented via Facebook Live- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>

Let's protect our Southern Community.

Get vaccinated.

Southern will be
providing a
VACCINE CLINIC
for the **week of July 12**
in Engelman Hall,
1st floor,
in the Bagel Wagon.

JULY 12-17

7/12: 8am-5pm

7/13: 12pm-6pm

7/14: 12pm-6pm

7/15: 12pm-6pm

7/16: 8am-5pm

7/17: 8am-5pm

The COVID Vaccine



SAFE & Effective

CDC Vaccine
GUIDELINES:



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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.
