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Dear Parents and Families,

Happy Saturday!

This week, I noticed a number of family members of first-year students express frustration via the Parent/Family Facebook page. We know that the enrollment and transition process can be challenging and provoke anxiety. Please know that our office (Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement) remains available to help answer questions and ease the transition. We encourage parents and families to participate in the **Parent and Family Virtual Orientation Series** (<https://www.southernct.edu/orientation/parent-family-orientation>) if possible.

Please also consider the following resources:

- [Parent and Family Website](#)- over the course of the next year this site will continue to be developed.
- [Parent and Family Orientation Website](#)- this is where you will find information regarding the Virtual Summer Series as well as (new) the [New Student Orientation Bluebook](#). We distribute this to all students that attend orientation. We've modified it slightly for Parents and Families.
- Contact us! If you would like to talk to someone in our office, feel free to call us at 203 392 5189 (Monday-Friday, 8:30- 4:30) or email us at orientation@southernct.edu. We may not have all the answers but we will do our best to connect you with the areas that do.

Below, we've included some important information to consider specifically as it pertains to the COVID Vaccine Requirement.

Please enjoy the weekend and let us know how we can help.

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza
Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

COVID Vaccine Requirement

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>.

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



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GUIDELINES:



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The COVID-19 vaccine is required for ALL students for the fall 2021 semester.

If you submit your vaccination card by **JULY 23**, you'll be automatically entered to win one of four \$250 gift cards to the bookstore!

Drawing dates:

- July 23 - Four \$250 gift cards
- August 6 - Six \$100 gift cards

Log into the Health Portal to submit your card: <https://patient-southernct.medicatconnect.com/login.aspx>

How to Upload Your Vaccination Card

1. Log into the [Medicat Health Portal](#).
2. Scroll to "To Do List" and click "Uploads."
3. Choose "Document to Be Uploaded." Select "COVID-19 Vaccine Record."
4. Click "Select File."
5. Click "Upload."



Want to get your books paid for this Fall semester?

Submit your vaccine card by **JULY 23** and you will be automatically entered to win a **\$250 GIFT CARD** to the bookstore.

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Important Dates

- 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!
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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!

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July Sessions

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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

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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/>.

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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/>

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.
