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Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 3:52 PM
To: families@lists.southernct.edu
Subject: Happy First Day of Classes!

Dear Parents and Families,

Happy First Day of Classes!

The Spring 2022 semester begins today. We are excited to have students back on campus this week and are prepared to support them in a number of ways. Over the past few days, they have received quite a few emails with important information. Below, you will see some of the more important information the university has sent them. We hope they get off to a great start this semester that they will continue to build on over the next few weeks and carry through until the semester ends in May.

If our office could be of support, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza

Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Email from the university, Friday, January 14th

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

Welcome back for the spring semester at Southern! We would like to share some important dates and deadlines with you below, and as a reminder, you may also view, search or subscribe to the full academic calendar by visiting <https://calendar.southernct.edu/>:

Tuesday, January 18 th	<u>Last day for</u> full-time students to withdraw during 100% refund period
Wednesday, January 19 th	Spring classes begin
Tuesday, January 25 th	<u>Last day for</u> full-time students to withdraw during 90% refund period
Tuesday, January 25 th	Last day to add/drop classes
Tuesday, January 25 th	<u>Last day for</u> part-time students to withdraw during 100% refund period
Tuesday, February 1 st	Last day to withdraw during 60% refund period
Tuesday, February 15 th	Last day to withdraw during 40% refund period
Tuesday, April 12 th	Last day to withdraw from full-term classes or the university and receive "W" grades

Email from the Office of the President, Friday, January 14th, 2022

Dear Students,

With the start of the spring semester fast approaching, I want to take the opportunity to share some important updates in our COVID-19 health and safety protocols as you get ready to return to campus. These include new quarantine/isolation procedures, mask distribution and booster availability.

- Our **quarantine/isolation policy** now aligns with new guidance from the CDC. If you test positive, you must isolate for five days at home. After that time (day 6 through day 10), if your symptoms are resolved or resolving, you should wear a mask when around all other people, and should return to campus. If your symptoms are not resolved within that period, you should remain isolated for the full 10 days.

Residential students and student-athletes who test positive must isolate at home for the first five days and if their symptoms are resolved after that time, they must have a negative antigen test before returning to their residence hall or athletic experience. More details will be provided by the Office of Residence Life or Department of Athletics.

If you are a close contact with an individual who has tested positive and they have received a booster shot or are still within the five months vaccination period for Pfizer and Moderna (or two months for Johnson&Johnson), you do not need to quarantine. If you are unvaccinated or eligible for a booster, you should quarantine at home for five days and mask around anyone else for five days after that.

- **Contact tracing** will now be limited to residential students and athletes only. Essentially, we are now contact tracing for communal living situations only – mirroring state public health guidelines for K through 12 schools.

If you are a commuter student and report a positive case you will receive a standard message describing the requirements for isolation and encouraging you to notify close contacts and your faculty members.

- **Masks**, including KN95s and N95s, which offer the most protection against the Delta and Omicron variants, will be available for distribution starting Tuesday at the following locations: the Adanti Student Center Information Desk, the Buley Library Circulation and Security Desks and the Wintergreen Building Information Desk.

To ensure a continued ample supply for all members of our community, please collect only one mask per person per day. Please be considerate of those in our community who have a greater need for access to these masks.

- **Booster shots** are strongly encouraged for everyone on campus for the spring semester, as they have proven effectiveness against serious COVID symptoms. Weekly vaccination clinics will be held Thursday afternoons, starting Jan. 20 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Schwartz Hall Programming Space, 320 Fitch Street. This walk-in clinic will also offer the pediatric COVID vaccine (for ages 5 to 11) as well as vaccinations for those aged 12 and up.

Beginning in February, the vaccine clinic will be expanded to Thursday and Friday at the same times and location.

For this and more information, please visit our [reopening website](#), where you can [ask questions](#) about our health and safety protocols for the spring semester.

As we transition into this new phase of living with COVID and mitigating its effects, we also carry a personal responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe. As students, I urge you to look out for each other and follow our health protocols so that your return to campus is as safe and risk-free as possible.

I hope that your semester is both productive and personally rewarding and I look forward to meeting you during the spring.

Sincerely,

Joe Bertolino
President

From the Office of the Provost

Welcome back, Students!

Here is some information for you regarding what to expect academically next week and as we head into the early weeks of the spring semester:

- If your class is on-ground, please remember to wear your mask (preferably N95 or KN95) when you are indoors. Masks, including N95s and KN95s, which offer the most protection against the Delta and Omicron variants, will be available for distribution, starting Tuesday, at the following locations: the Adanti Student Center Information Desk, the Buley Library Circulation and Security Desks and the Wintergreen Building Information Desk. To ensure a continued supply for all members of our community, please collect only one mask per person per day.
- If you need to be absent from class to quarantine or isolate, tell your instructors as soon as possible; they will be understanding and flexible. It is your responsibility to identify and catch up on material you have missed and to ensure you are not removed from the class roster for non-attendance. Again, be sure to notify your instructor if you will be unable to attend class.
- If your on-ground instructor becomes ill and needs to isolate, they may switch to teaching online temporarily. If this happens, your instructor will let you know as soon as possible and give you an idea of remote learning assignments and when on-ground teaching will resume. Please contact your instructor directly with any schedule questions. This communication is important – keep checking your Southern email for updates.
- In the event that a substantial number of students in one of your classes is absent for health reasons, your instructor might decide to switch to a hyflex option if your classroom facilities allow, offering both on-ground and online modes simultaneously. If this is not possible, synchronous online remains an option, as does recording the class and making it available to students asynchronously. If you unexpectedly have an online class and are concerned about access to reliable technology, please remember that the campus computer labs will be open. If you have a computer, but need a quiet place to participate in class, Buley Library offers [reservable study spaces](#). If you have other concerns related to technology, our [FAQs](#) might help you. Again, remember to check your Southern email for important notices.
- As is true for many, you may be experiencing especially stressful circumstances during these challenging times.. If you are, please keep in touch with your instructors throughout the semester so that they can better support your learning needs and inform you of services that may be helpful to you.

Please visit our [Reopening website](#) for more information about the start of the spring semester. If you have additional questions, you can [submit them here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to campus for a safe, productive, and enjoyable spring semester!

Sincerely,

Robert S. Prezant, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Week of Welcome Events



The Week of Welcome is back, and we are so excited to see you at all the virtual events that are happening over these opening days. Be sure to check your email each morning to see what's happening. Visit the WOW website by clicking [HERE](#) to see a full list of events. Welcome back, owls!

Event Feedback Form

Each time you attend an event, be sure to fill out the event feedback form. All students will receive one entry into a drawing for each form they submit. Prizes will include gift cards to Amazon, the SCSU bookstore and more!

Find the form [HERE](#).

Wednesday, January 19

New Year Mental Health Check-up!

Access Event [HERE](#)

Take an anonymous online mental health screening anytime at <https://www.helpyourselfhelpothers.org/> If you are concerned about your mental health or would like to discuss the results of your screening. contact Counseling Services at 203 392-5475 to set up a confidential, individual consultation with a Counselor.

Sponsored by: Counseling Services

9am-4pm

IT Info Search

Access Event [HERE](#)

This Info Search will be a Quiz hosted by the IT department will focus on having participating students search through the various online SCSU IT Support articles for their answers. Students can virtually participate in the IT Info Search by navigating to the online quiz and completing all the questions for prize consideration.

Sponsored by: Information Technology

1-2pm

Low Stakes Virtual BINGO

Access Event [HERE](#)

Win your share of over \$500.00 in Amazon gift cards by playing Low Stakes BINGO with us!

Sponsored by: The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development

1-2pm

OTFE Live!

Access Event [HERE](#)

Join us on our IG Page to have answer trivia questions and a chance to win cool prizes!!

Sponsored by: Orientation, Transition, & Family Engagement

5:30pm-7:30pm

Women's Basketball versus Franklin Pierce University

Access Event [HERE](#)

Come join the Owls virtually as they take on Franklin Pierce University!

Sponsored by: SCSU Athletics

7:30pm-9:30pm

Men's Basketball versus Franklin Pierce University

Access Event [HERE](#)

Come join the Owls virtually as they take on Franklin Pierce University!

Sponsored by: SCSU Athletics

8-9pm

High Stakes Virtual BINGO

Access Event [HERE](#)

Welcome to the main event! Win your share of over \$1,000.00 in Amazon gift cards by playing High Stakes BINGO with us!

Sponsored by: The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development

See below for Buley Library's Spring Hours:



BULEY LIBRARY SPRING HOURS

SPRING SEMESTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8 am – 11 pm

Fri.day 8 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday: 3 pm – 11 pm

SPRING SEMESTER HOLIDAYS

Presidents Day Weekend

Fri. – Mon., Feb. 18 – 21: Closed

Spring Break

Sat., Mar. 12: 9am – 5 pm

Sun., Mar. 13: Closed

Mon. – Fri., Mar. 14 – 18: 8 am – 4:30 pm

Sat., Mar. 19: Closed

Days of Reflection

Fri. – Sun., Apr. 15 – 17 : Closed

Intersession (May 16 – 20)

Mon. - Fri.: 8 am – 4:30 pm

Sat. & Sun. Closed

Thank you.

Dr. Clara Ada Ogbaa

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Pronoun: She, Her, Hers

I acknowledge that Southern Connecticut State University is located in the traditional territory of the Paugussett and Quinnipiac peoples.

From Academic Advising

Hello Southern Students,

We hope you had a relaxing and safe winter break! As the spring 2022 semester approaches, we'd like to share some information regarding academic advising and the services we offer that can aid in your success!

WHO IS MY ASSIGNED ADVISOR?

Every Southern student has an assigned academic advisor. Advisor assignments are based on several factors, including whether you're a first-semester student (freshman) and/or have a declared major. To learn more about your assigned academic advisor and other advising services, visit our ["Who Is My Advisor?"](#) page on the Academic Advising website.

ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTERS (AACs) & ADVISING SPECIALISTS

In addition to the support you'll receive from your assigned advisor, Advising Specialists offer a full range of services through our Academic Advising Centers (AACs), including but not limited to support for students who are experiencing challenges that are impacting their academic success, struggling in current major(s) and/or exploring majors, and who need help navigating University curriculum, policy and/or procedure. To learn more about the AACs and the services they offer, please visit our ["Academic Advising Centers"](#) page.

If you'd like to meet with an Advising Specialist for any of the reasons mentioned above, our team is here and ready to support you! We will be offering continued support through [same-day advising meetings](#) or [scheduled appointments](#). For more information, visit our ["Meet with an Advisor"](#) page.

ADD/DROP ADVISING SUPPORT (1/19 - 1/25)

If you need advising support during the add/drop period (1/19 - 1/25), Advising Specialists are available for [same-day advising meetings](#). This ensures that our advising team is available to help you with your add/drop needs without needing to book an appointment days in advance!

IMPORTANT: *First-year students (freshmen) in their first semester are REQUIRED to connect with an advisor/Advising Specialist to add/drop a course(s).*

We're so excited to get the semester started! If you have questions or concerns that aren't addressed by visiting our website, don't hesitate to [contact us via email, live chat or phone!](#)

Best Wishes,
The Department of Academic Advising

Resources and Information For Parents and Families

Please also consider the following resources:

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!

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.

You were subscribed to this listserv as your email is listed in your student's profile based on their initial application to Southern.

The emails you will receive will include the information we send to your students, additional strategies specifically designed for parents/families and how they can best support their students and general information regarding the university.

As we will be intentional on the information we send, we will try not to "flood" your inbox and be very strategic on sending the most pertinent information.

We also invite you to join our Parent/Family Facebook Group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>.

However, if you prefer not to receive future emails, please unsubscribe by visiting <https://lists.southernct.edu/mailman/listinfo/families> or simply reply to this email.