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Dear Parents and Families,

The Fall 2022 semester will begin to kick-off a week from today! If you are receiving this email for the first time, your email address was listed in your student's application to Southern. Welcome!

For those of you who have students returning to Southern as upper-division students, welcome back!

This email contains the following:

- Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement
- SCSU Resources
- Residence Life Move-In
- New Owl Welcome Information

Please feel free to connect with our office at (203) 392-5189 or email us at orientation@southernct.edu if you have any questions. We are here to help!

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza
Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Dear Families,

This has been a fantastic summer! We had the privilege of welcoming over 1500 new first-year students, transfer students as well as so many family members and supporters. Each orientation session was filled with energy, enthusiasm and excitement. However, we also continued to see some students struggle in adjusting to college life. We anticipate that we will continue to see students thrive, students stumble, and the truth is most students will do both. While new students seem to be most challenged with adjusting to a new environment, our rising sophomores, juniors and seniors will also experience successes and struggles. Over the course of the semester, we will continue to share information on how to best support students.

With the first day of classes beginning on August 29th, here are some recommendations to help students prepare:

- We CANNOT emphasize this enough—please be sure that students are checking their emails daily. From important dates to potential course changes, students receive emails that are vital to their success. While we will share important information with families regularly, students receive individualized communication directly from offices, professors and advisors directly quite often.
- Students should review their course schedules. It is important that students are reviewing their course schedules and are planning for how they will approach their semester including how they will navigate their classes, travel to campus, etc...
- This next piece of advice comes directly from a group of students we worked with this summer. Students should adjust their sleep and daily schedules. Interestingly, a group of students shared that the way they live their summer lives isn't conducive to college life and that they needed to "reset" before the semester began.
- Develop family expectations in relation to college. This can be inclusive of many facets of college life including home responsibilities, communication expectations, how you'll discuss academic progress and how you'll approach challenges that arise. Taking some time to have this conversation could be incredibly helpful prior to a new semester.
- For new first-year students, ATTEND NEW OWL WELCOME!!! This is required of all new first-year students. The information is below.

Please know that our office is here to support not only students, but all of you! If we can be of support, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza
Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Resources and Information

Please also consider the following resources:

- [Parent and Family Website](#)- this site has information that can help guide parents and families in supporting their students.
- [Helpful Links](#)- this page contains several links to campus resources.
- 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.
- Residence Life- <https://inside.southernct.edu/residence-life>, with so many questions regarding residence life, this may be a great place to find information!

Information from Residence Life Regarding Move-In Sent to Students-

Dear Owl,

Move-In Days

- August 25th: New Student Move-In (first-year students and new transfers)
- August 28th: Returning Student Move-In (students entering their second+ year and both new/returning graduate students)

Housing Assignments

You can view your fall housing assignment and roommate information on your MyHousing Portal at any time.

Early Move-In

Early move-in will be available for students with transportation conflicts (or other issues with their assigned move-in date) as early as August 21st; the fee is \$38.50/night. Please complete the early arrival application on your MyHousing Portal (available now). The application will remain available until August 18th at noon. Requests will not be received or approved after the 18th.

To move in early you must be fully compliant with the university:

- Matriculated and registered for at least 6 course credits for the fall 2022
- Health compliant with an up-to-date health record (including all immunizations)
- Financially compliant with an up-to-date payment plan or balance paid in full
- Complete check-in forms located on your MyHousing Portal. (Available now).

Selecting a Move-In Time

You can visit your MyHousing Portal to select your move-in time beginning August 16th thru August 23rd at 12:00 noon. Sign-ups are located under "Assignments" on the main page of your MyHousing Portal. We have a maximum capacity for each sign-up block to allow for a streamlined move-in experience.

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Parking Passes

Residents may now [apply online](#) for their fall 2022/spring 2023 parking permit. Anyone that applies by Sunday, August 21st will be able to receive their parking permit on Move-In Day.

Important Updates

Washers and dryers remain available in all residence halls for a nominal fee (paid via HootLoot card, \$2.00/load). Students can preload their HootLoot cards [online](#) or at pay stations around campus.

Students residing in apartments with private bathrooms (West Campus suites, North Campus Midrise and Townhouses, Brownell Hall, Schwartz Hall) should review the suggested "items to bring" and discuss shared items with their roommates, if applicable (shower curtains, cleaning products, kitchenware, etc).

We're excited for your return to campus in just a few short weeks. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the rest of your summer break. Please reach out via email (reslife@southernct.edu) or phone (203-392-5870) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The Office of Residence Life

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Information Sent to NEW first-year and transfer students regarding New Owl Welcome-

Hi New Owls,

We are so excited to have you join our nest and we have a lot of fun things planned! New Owl Welcome is a way to welcome you to campus, get you excited about the journey you are starting, and provide you with the tools to start your time at SCSU off right! Below is an overview of N.O.W. A detailed schedule and more information will be provided early next week so be sure to continuously check your SCSU email for important information – see you all on campus soon!

If you have any questions, please contact us by replying to this email or calling our office at (203) 392-5189.

Go Owls!

Sal Rizza

Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

All first-year students are expected to attend New Owl Welcome!



New Owl Welcome

Thursday, August 25th - Sunday, August 28th

Just days prior to the fall semester, Southern welcomes new first-year students and new transfer students to prepare for an exciting semester. Through critical conversations, engaging programs and spirited social events, students will be ready to launch into their first semester at Southern.

Thursday, August 25th

9:00AM- 5:00PM

New First-Year and Transfer Student Move-In

This exciting day begins with students moving into their new homes. In the evening, celebrate the start of this journey!

The Office of Residence Life will share information regarding move-in times and process.

Friday, August 26th

All First-Year Students- Resident and Commuter (Required)

9:00Am 5:00PM (Required) | 5:00PM- 9:00PM (Encouraged)

All first-year students will spend the day learning how to be a successful Owl in their first semester and beyond.

All first-year students will meet in the Buley Library Quad by 9am.

Saturday, August 27th

All First-Year Students- Resident and Commuter (Required)

9:45AM- 4:00PM (Required) | 7:00PM- 10:00PM (Encouraged)

The lessons and fun continue!

All students will begin their day in the Lyman Center at 9:45am.

Sunday, August 28th

All First-Year Students- Resident and Commuter (Optional)

NOW in New Haven

10:00AM- 2:00PM

Shuttles from campus to downtown New Haven will be available throughout the day. Registration required and will be available at the NOW Tent in front of Buley Library on Friday,

August 26th and Saturday, August 27th from 9am- 3pm.

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