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Dear Parents and Families,

We hope you are all well!

Monday will mark the beginning of the 4th week of the semester! This email contains a great deal of information collected over the course of the last week.

In this email you will find:

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Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Dear Parents and Families!

This was a fantastic week! Above are just a few pictures from this week's Involvement Fair. On Wednesday, we held the annual Student Involvement Fair which featured close to 100 clubs and countless offices and departments. Attendance was fantastic and campus was filled with so much spirit. This was also Success Week in which we hosted countless programs, activities and opportunities for students to learn more about how to be successful academically. In conversation with your students, we encourage you to ask how they are utilizing the academic supports available to students as well as how they are engaging in their college experience beyond the classroom.

Next week (beginning September 19th) will be the Week of Wellbeing. We take a holistic approach to supporting student wellbeing considering all aspects of a student's life including their mental, physical and emotional wellness. Our Wellbeing Center (<https://inside.southernct.edu/wellbeing>) is a fantastic place for students to explore ways to improve their quality of lives as college students. We intentionally plan the Week of Wellbeing at this point in the semester. As the pressures of college life mount, students may begin to struggle managing the stresses of their academic and social lives. This leads to poor sleep, nutrition and selfcare. This would be an ideal week to check in with your students to see how they are feeling and encouraging them to attend some of the programs listed below and consider how the Wellbeing Center can be of support.

Parent and Family Day- This year's Parent and Family Day will be Saturday ,October 15th. The schedule is still in development but we anticipate that the day will begin around 10am and conclude by 6pm. In addition to Parent and Family Day, we will be celebrating our traditional Homecoming as parents, families and alumni will attend many of the festivities together. Traditionally, the day has included a Parent/Family breakfast, family friendly activities, football tailgate party, a student "fair", football game and more. We hope to announce details and open registration no later than October 1st.

Have a great week and please let us know if we can be of any support to you!

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza
Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement



WEEK OF WELLBEING

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY 19	Community Partner Wellbeing Fair 11-2 Buley Patio	Mindful Eating 11-3 Conn Hall or Academic Quad	TUESDAY 20
TUESDAY 20	Navigating the Challenge of Graduate School (Student Perspective) 4PM Location TBD	Fresh Check Day 11-2 Buley Patio	WEDNESDAY 21
THURSDAY 22	Yoga Retreat 3PM Fitness Center	Navigating the Challenge of Graduate School (Faculty Insight) 4PM Location TBD	THURSDAY 22
FRIDAY 23	Check-in & Chill Out 1-3 Buley Patio		

Wellbeing Center
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@scsuwellbeing

next week@Southern

Every Friday during the semester, faculty and staff receive "Next Week @ Southern," a compilation of the following week's events for the Southern community. If you have an event to share, please [visit this page](#) for instructions.

Ongoing

Buley Library Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month!

Through October 15

Visit Buley Library during library open hours and view the display of library materials that represent Hispanic culture and heritage.

Sunday, September 18

Volleyball vs Felician University

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Pelz Gymnasium

Streaming Video: <https://www.ne10now.tv/southernctowls/>

Monday, September 19

"How to Present Creative Activity in an Evaluation File to Let the Reviewer Know it is Not Predatory"

1:00pm

Virtual event

Chelsea Harry, Promotion and Tenure member, associate professor and assistant chairperson, SCSU Department of Philosophy

SCSU Faculty Development Grant Sponsored Webinar Series

"Preventing predatory publishing and presentations: How to spot something suspicious"

Predatory conferences and publishers continue to solicit academics in every field. The solicitors may promise peer review but the desire for profit supersedes the commitment to the academy.

While newer faculty appear to be at greatest risk, those with an established reputation may also be targeted by conferences and journals that prioritize profit. Beall (2010) identified a predatory journal as one whose "mission is not to promote, preserve, and make available scholarship; instead, their mission is to exploit the author-pays, Open-Access model for their own profit" (p. 15).

The solicitations for content for these predatory conferences and journals are becoming more common and more sophisticated. It is more and more difficult to easily identify the for-profit entities. This webinar series seeks to support faculty in identifying predatory conferences and publishers.

[Register for free here](#)

Movie on the Lawn: "In the Heights"

8:30pm

Residence Life Quad

In honor of National Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month, join us for a screening of "In the Heights."

A film version of the Broadway musical, written and produced by Quiara Alegría Hudes and Lin-Manuel Miranda, the film explores the complexities of life in the inner city for Hispanic/Latinx youth, the obstacles of being a first-generation college student, and the intersection of culture and higher education.

Rain Date: Tuesday September 20th

Tuesday, September 20

Navigating the Challenges of Grad School: The Student Perspective

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Engleman Hall - Room C112

Join a panel of students from a range of programs who are currently pursuing or have received their master's or doctoral degrees, as they share their insights on navigating the challenges of graduate school.

They will discuss everything from creating a positive work-life balance to navigating career paths to building a relationship with your supervisor to understanding the course registration system and add/drop deadlines. This informal event will be conversational in tone, aimed at helping you to make the most out of your time in grad school.

[RSVP encouraged but not required](#)

Men's Soccer vs Adelphi University

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Jess Dow Field

Streaming Video: <https://www.ne10now.tv/southernctowls/>

Volleyball vs University of Bridgeport

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Pelz Gymnasium

Streaming Video: <https://www.ne10now.tv/southernctowls/>

Wednesday, September 21

Cena a las Seis (Dinner at Six)

6:00pm

Adanti Student Center - Room 234

In honor of Hispanic/Latinx Heritage month, join the Multicultural Center for "dinner at six!"

The featured presenter of this month's "cena" is Samira Zuniga, the newly appointed Graduate Intern of the MCC. As you enjoy Latin American cuisine, Samira will be sharing her experiences and useful resources as a Latina student at SCSU. This monthly event is a special opportunity for all students to come together as they work towards the same goal: a successful college experience!

Women's Soccer vs Adelphi University

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Jess Dow Field

Streaming Video: <https://www.ne10now.tv/southernctowls/>

Thursday, September 22

Navigating the Challenges of Grad School: Faculty and Staff Insights

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Engleman Hall - Room C112

Join a panel of SCSU staff and faculty as they share their experiences helping students navigate the different, and at times difficult, aspects of the graduate school experience.

They will share tips, techniques, and strategies for academic success and provide information on available on- and off-campus resources. This informal event will be conversational in tone, aimed at helping you to make the most out of your time in grad school.

[RSVP encouraged but not required](#)

Friday, September 23

Hybrid Shabbat - A Taste of Rosh Hashanah!

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Remembrance Garden, behind Engleman and Morrill Hall

Join Rabbi Barbara and Hillel for our weekly Shabbat! This Friday we will be learning about the upcoming Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah, the head of the Jewish new year! Everyone is welcome, no matter your faith or experience. Come celebrate the end of the week with Shabbat prayers, learn about Judaism, and make new friends! We will be meeting at the Remembrance Garden, behind Engleman Hall and Morrill Hall, weather permitting. We will also have a computer set up at the garden on Microsoft Teams if you would like to join virtually.

Hosted by: Hillel - Jewish Students Organization

[Online Location](#)

Additional Information can be found at: <https://owlconnect.southernct.edu/event/8323961>

Let's Protect our Southern Community

Make sure your student is aware of the COVID 19 protocols on campus. Isolation and exposure guidelines, and how to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines can be found on this website. <https://inside.southernct.edu/covid19>. Students should communicate with faculty about missing classes and how to make up the work. If there are further questions please email healthservices@southernct.edu or call 203-392-6311.

Health and Wellness News

COVID VACCINE CLINICS

Connecticut Hall Seminar Room. Entrance is on the left side of the building.

Fridays, September 2 – December 9 (Closed Friday, Nov. 25)

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

****Beginning this Friday Pfizer and Moderna Primary Series and bivalent boosters will be available.***

FLU VACCINE CLINICS

September 19 from 10-3pm in HHS Building Room 413

October 12 from 10-2pm in the Morrill Hall Breezeway

November 17 from 10-2pm in the Moore Field House

****Bring your own Prescription and Insurance cards. Most insurances accepted.***

If you have questions, contact HealthServices@SouthernCT.edu

**Let's protect our
Southern
Community.**

Get vaccinated.

**Southern will provide a
COVID VACCINE CLINIC**

in Connecticut Hall Seminar Room.

Entrance is on the left side of the building.

Sept. 2 - Dec. 9 • Fridays, 9:30am -12:30pm

*If you have questions, contact
HealthServices@SouthernCT.edu*

**Clinic
will be
CLOSED
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The COVID Vaccine



SAFE & Effective

**CDC Vaccine
GUIDELINES:**



Southern Connecticut State University



SCSU Celebrates LatinX/Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year from September 15 through October 15, Hispanic and Latino Americans celebrate the contributions and cultures of Hispanic Americans, whose heritage can be traced to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. September 15 is significant as the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence on September 16 and September 18, respectively. The celebration extends into October to mark “El Dia de La Raza” or “Day of the Race,” which celebrates the Heritage of Latin America and all the ethnic and cultural influences that make it distinctive.

Southern celebrates National Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month this year with a variety of in-person and virtual events, including music, discussions, movie, food, dance, and a presentation by Superintendent of Hartford Public Schools Dr. Lesley Torres-Rodriguez.

Events sponsored by: Buley Library, Center for Academic Success and Accessibility Services, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Department of Residence Life, Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Multicultural Center, Office of Career and Professional Development, The Latino and Native American Student Advancement Committee (LANAAC), Organization of Latin American Students, Programs Council, SAGE Center, & Southern Dining

[See the full schedule of events on the SCSU website here.](#)

Southern Connecticut State University proudly celebrates:

Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month: Honoring the History; Understanding the Journey

Buley Library Celebrates Hispanic/Latinx Heritage

September 15th-October 15th, 2022

Kick-off Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month with Fiesta Latina

Thursday, September 15th, 2022 @
Buley Library Patio

Movie on the Lawn: In the Heights

Monday, September 19th, 2022
(Rain Date) Tuesday September 20th
ResLife Quad

Cena a las Seis/Dinner at Six

Wednesday, September 21st, 2022
@6pm ASC 234

**14th Annual Empowering Lives: Honoring the Journey
with Superintendent Dr. Lesley Torres-Rodriguez**

Monday, September 26th, 2022 @1:00 pm
ASC Ballroom

A Taste of Latin America- Conn Hall Celebrates Hispanic/Latinx Heritage

Tuesday Oct. 4th, 2022 @11:00 am-2:00 pm
Connecticut Hall

**Mi gente, Mi familia, Mis amigos: Student, Staff, & Faculty Mentoring
Connection**

Wednesday, Oct. 5th, 2022 @12:30-1:30 pm
ENG B121 A/B

Honoring Race in your Job Search Workshop with OCPD

Wednesday, Oct. 5th, 2022 @ 1:00 pm- 1:45 pm
Virtual Event

**Queerness and Cultural Series: Discussing Queerness in the
Hispanic/Latinx Community**

Monday, Oct. 10th, 2022 @ 1:00 pm
ASC 201

Noche De Gala: Una Noche en Guatemala

Thursday, Oct. 20th, 2022 @ 8:00 pm- 12:00 am
ASC ballroom A/B

The Afro-Latinx Experience Panel

September 28th @ 3pm-4pm
ASC 201

For more
information contact
the Multicultural
Center at (203)
392-5888

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A Safe and Secure Fall 2022

The Southern Police Department is excited to have classes back in session. As in past semesters, we strive to provide the highest level of services to keep our campus safe and ensure the best possible Southern experience. Moving forward we will be providing periodic safety tips via LiveSafe and social media that will be beneficial not only here on campus but also to share with your friends and family. Please take the time to review the Department of Homeland Security's video entitled "Run, Hide, Fight" regarding hostile aggressors. Also included below are links to a variety of campus safety resources as well as QR codes for the

department's Instagram accounts and the directions for downloading Southern's LiveSafe app. Please stay safe and go Owls!

Chief Kenneth Rahn
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CAMPUS SAFETY RESOURCES



Run, Hide, Fight

dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/active_shooter_booklet.pdf

youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0



Southern LiveSafe

SouthernCT.edu/student-life/safety/livesafe.html

The LiveSafe app provides students, faculty, and staff with a direct connection to campus safety so that everyone can easily communicate all of their safety needs.

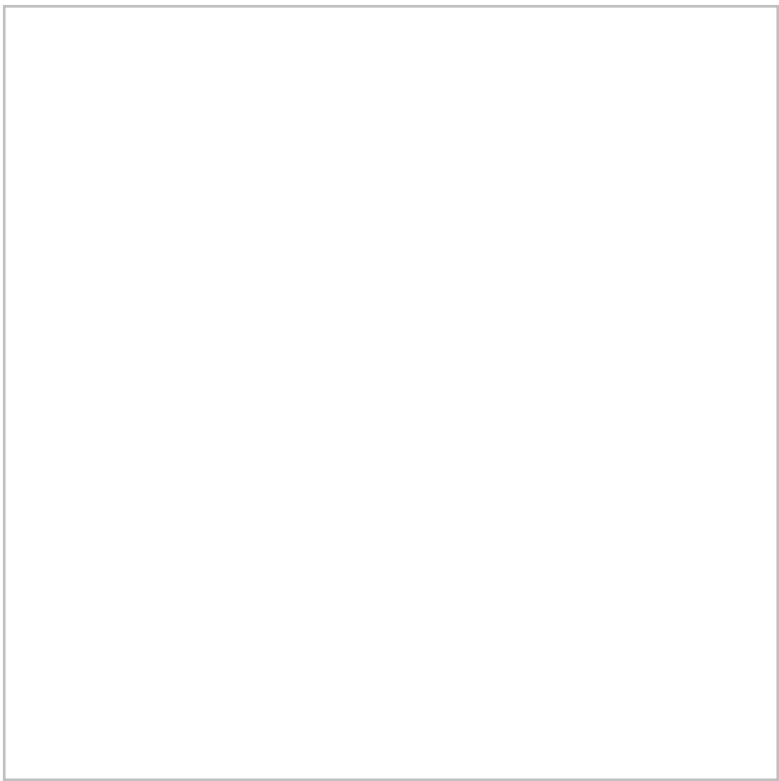


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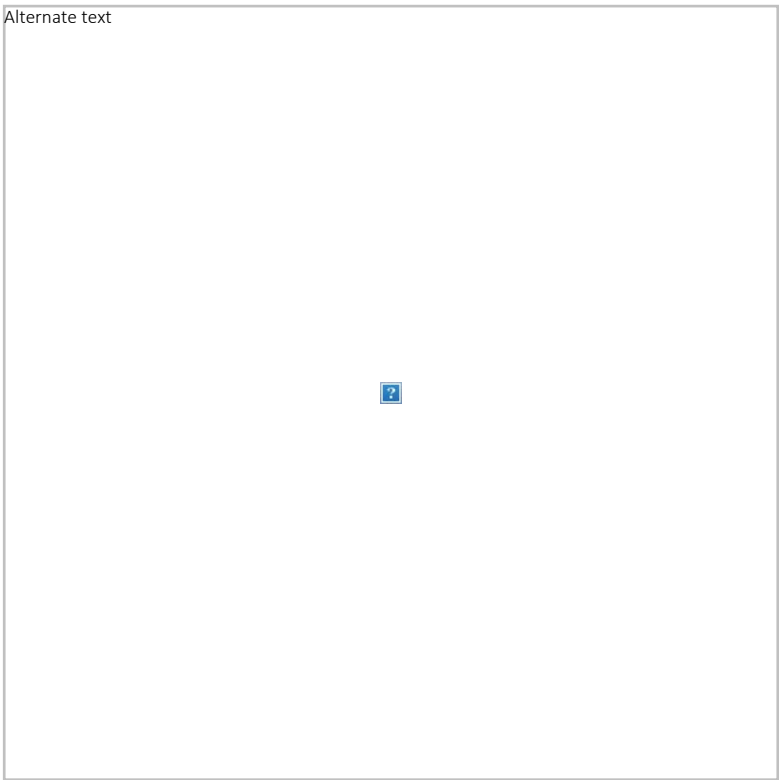
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Please ensure your Southern Alert profile is updated as we periodically test this mass notification system as well as the Siren/ Public Address system.

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Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Reporting

Dear Southern Student,

At Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), we are committed to creating a community where individuals are treated with dignity, respect, civility, kindness, and compassion. Your health and safety are a top priority! In line with this mission, we comply with Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 which prohibits sex discrimination including acts of sexual harassment/misconduct at educational institutions. Acts of sexual misconduct (sexual harassment, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, sexual exploitation, and stalking) are a violation of Southern Connecticut State University policies, as well as state and federal law. We encourage you to report any incidents of sexual misconduct and/or utilize the support and advocacy services available to you. (click links below to access respective policies)

<https://www.ct.edu/files/policies/5.2%20SexualMisconductReportingSuppMeasuresProcesses.pdf>

<https://www.ct.edu/files/policies/4.11%20-%20Statement%20of%20Title%20IX%20Policy.pdf>

<https://inside.southernct.edu/sites/default/files/a/inside-southern/diversity/T-IX-Grievance-Procedures.pdf>

<https://inside.southernct.edu/student-conduct/code-of-conduct>

RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYEES

All employees, including faculty, staff and administrators, are responsible employees and are required to report disclosures or reports of sexual misconduct except for those University employees in our Health Center and Counseling Center. This means that when you report or disclose information regarding sexual misconduct to a responsible employee they will need to report this to the University's Title IX Coordinator. The University Advocate will then be contacted and provide you with information including supportive services, reporting options, and your Title IX rights.

Please note that if you are under the age of eighteen (18) the Title IX Coordinator must contact the Connecticut Department of Children and Families to inform them of the alleged situation involving sexual misconduct.

FORMAL REPORTING OPTIONS

University Police @ 203.392.5375 (If you wish to press criminal charges.)

Ms. Paula Rice, Title IX Coordinator @203.392.5568 ricep1@southernct.edu (If you wish to file a complaint with the university.)

Anonymous Reports, please click here <http://www.southernct.edu/university-police/silent-witness.html>

ADVOCACY & SUPPORT SERVICES

- University Victim Advocate — 203-392-6946 office • 203-687-1252 cell
- Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center (VPAS) 203-392-6946
- University Police 203-392-5375 or 911
- Title IX Coordinator Paula Rice 203-392-5568
- Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion 203-392-5491
- Office of the Dean of Students and Student Conduct 203-392-6188
- Human Resources: (for student employees) 203-392-5405
- Multicultural Center 203-392-5879
- Interfaith Office 203-392-5331
- Sexuality and Gender Equality Center (SAGE) 203-392-8989

Confidential Support Services

SCSU Counseling Center @ (203)392-5475

SCSU Health Center @ (203)392-6300

Women & Families Center@1-888-999-5545, 24/7

The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services @ (203)789-8104, 24/7

To learn more about reporting options and advocacy, support services, students' rights (including rights of pregnant/parenting students) please click here <https://inside.southernct.edu/sexual-misconduct>

Support and Resource Team

Southern Connecticut State University's Support and Resource Team (SART) is designed to provide a collaborative victim-centered team response to survivors of sexual misconduct. The SART members can connect a survivor to many supportive options including counseling, medical attention, judicial services, advocacy, law enforcement, referrals, and general information regarding sexual misconduct and intimate partner violence. A

complete list of SCSU Support and Resource team (SART) members is available at <https://www.southernct.edu/vpas/sart.html> .

Prevention Education and Awareness Programs

The University understands the importance of prevention education and is committed to providing you with ongoing education through its prevention programming and awareness campaigns. It is with this purpose we offer numerous educational opportunities for you including a required online course, ***Not Anymore***. At the beginning of the fall semester all students were informed of the requirements to complete an initial or refresher module of the ***Not Anymore*** course. Individual emails were sent to all students with instructions on how to access the training. Reminder emails will be sent to students who still need to complete this requirement.

Educational information and programming that are related to prevention, bystander intervention, rape culture, and more are also provided throughout the academic year. Please visit the Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center (VPAS) events page <https://www.southernct.edu/vpas/events.html> for a complete list of programs.

Be Informed: Know Your Campus Crime Report

We want you to be informed of the number of incidences of sexual misconduct and intimate partner violence reported to the University. Click here to view the entire Uniform Campus Crime and Safety Report <https://inside.southernct.edu/university-police/clery-report>

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FASFA and Scholarship Information

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2023-2024 academic year opens October 1, 2022 and can be filed online at www.studentaid.gov. Please note that Southern's priority filing deadline for returning students is February 15, 2023.

The SCSU Foundation application for 2023-2024 scholarships will be open October 1, 2022 to February 15, 2023. We encourage all students who are eligible to apply. Please see the website for additional details.

Resources

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 replying to this email.
