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**From:** Rizza, Salvatore A.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:36 AM  
**To:** families@lists.southernct.edu  
**Subject:** Happy Week Three!

Dear Parents and Families,

As we begin the third week of the semester, we hope that your students are off to a great start!

This email includes:

1. Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement
2. Foundation Scholarship Information
3. Email from Dean of Students II Drug Free Act
4. Orientation Ambassador Application Process
5. This Week at Southern
6. Resources

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### ***Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement***

Dear Parents and Families,

Whether students are in the first semester or last, this is a great time for them to take a pause and think about how the first two weeks have gone and what is ahead. One of the resources Southern provides through the Center of Academic Success and Accessibility Services is Academic Coaching. This is different in tutoring as they focus on building academic skills, strategies and techniques and not on course content. Visit <https://inside.southernct.edu/casas/coaching-and-programming> for more information.

Last week, we kicked off Black History Month with a great program commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We have a full slate of programs and experiences for students to celebrate and learn! Visit <https://inside.southernct.edu/multicultural-center/black-history-month> for more information.

Lastly, next week (February 15<sup>th</sup>) is the deadline for students to apply for Fall 23/Spring 24 foundation scholarships. The information is below!

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

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza

Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

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### ***Scholarship Application Deadline- February 15<sup>th</sup>***

Through the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends of the University, the SCSU Foundation manages over 350 scholarships that are available to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Any undergraduate student with a minimum GPA of 2.0 who has completed 12 SCSU credits, or a graduate student who has a minimum GPA of 3.0 who has completed 9 SCSU credits, by the close of the Fall 2022 semester, may apply. Students will automatically be matched to any scholarship whose criteria is met. A selection team will then review all qualified applicants.

**The 2023-2024 SCSU Foundation application is available from October 1, 2022 to February 15, 2023 for SCSU students who are enrolled for the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters. Awards will be applied to the Fall 2023/Spring 2024 semesters.**

Foundation awards are determined in May and students will be notified regarding whether or not they received an award in *early June*.

Visit <https://inside.southernct.edu/foundation-scholarships> for more information and to apply!

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***Email from the Dean of Students, Drug Free Act Spring 2023 Notification***

Dear Students,

Southern Connecticut State University is a community committed to providing support and guidance so that all members of the campus community may lead healthy and productive lives. Our common goal is to foster a university community where the intellectual development of students is free from the harmful effects of alcohol and drugs. The misuse of alcohol or the use of illegal drugs represents a serious threat to the physical and mental well-being of the entire community. At SCSU, each person has a responsibility to help safeguard the community health by respecting university policy and intervening in situations of substance abuse.

*The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989* requires that all institutions of higher education adopt and implement an alcohol and drug prevention program to deter the unlawful (State or Federal) possession, use, and distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on institutional premises or as part of any of its activities. Drug and alcohol prevention programs sponsored by the University are coordinated by the Wellbeing Center, located in Schwartz Hall. In addition, University Counseling Services serves as the campus resource for students seeking information and personal assistance for substance abuse. For more information, please visit the [Wellbeing Center](#) and/or [Counseling Services](#).

SCSU's drug and alcohol policies are published annually in the [Student Handbook](#) (electronically) or in hard copy at the Office of the Dean of Students (Engleman Hall, A106). In addition to established campus policies, students are subject to all state and federal laws concerning the use and possession of alcohol and other drugs. For more information on Connecticut alcohol and drug statutes, the University's specific policies on alcohol and drugs, the risks associated with drug and alcohol use, and area resources for treatment located in New Haven County, please visit our [Drug Free Schools](#) website.

The University recognizes that situations involving drugs and alcohol are complex and will make every effort to assist students who may have a problem. Incidents involving a violation of University alcohol and drug policies will be addressed through the University Student Conduct System. Sanctions for violations of University policy may range from warnings to suspension or expulsion, depending on the circumstance of the violation. Sanctions may also include referrals for assessments or educational programs. In addition to the penalties that may be imposed by campus authorities, criminal prosecution may also be initiated.

We urge you to follow the laws and respect university policy in order to maintain personal and community safety. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

*Jules Tetreault, Ed.D.*

**Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and  
Dean of Students**

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Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement is currently seeking students for the Orientation Ambassador position. The first step in the process is to attend an Information Session. The process is outlined here-  
<https://www.southernct.edu/orientation/orientation-ambassador> .

A blue poster with white text listing orientation sessions. The background shows a blurred image of students walking on a campus path. The text is centered and reads: 'ORIENTATION AMBASSADOR INFO SESSIONS', followed by five sessions: 'January 30th 10:45 - 11:45 am - ASC 301', 'February 7th 12-1 pm - HHS 301', 'February 8th 2:30-3:30 pm - ENG B121', 'February 10th 3-4 pm - BU 326', and 'February 14th 5-6 pm - ASC 217'. At the bottom, it says 'ORIENTATION, TRANSITION & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT' with a logo of a person and an arrow, and 'SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY' below it.

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**ORIENTATION, TRANSITION  
& FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**  
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

# this week@Southern

**Planning an event? [Send us your flyers](#) for our social media stories for this week!**

## **Bus Trip Sign Up Alert!**

### **Sign-Up for Level 99 with ProCon**

Trip Date: Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Bus Leaves Hickerson Hall at 9am (returning at 5:00pm)

**Sign-ups will open up at 1:00pm on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> on OwlConnect**

Come join Procon for a fun trip to Massachusetts where we will be going to Level 99! If you don't know what Level 99 is, click [HERE!](#) You will not want to miss this trip! Open to the first 40 students to RSVP.

**Sponsored by: Programs Council**

## **Ongoing**

All day until March 4

### **Seven Lenses: Documenting Black Culture**

John Lyman Center for Performing Arts

The Africana Studies minor program presents this exhibition of work by seven Black artists, curated by Shaunda Holloway. With works by: Robert Cooper, Lydia Douglas, Katrina Goldburn, Koren Martin, Ebony McKelvey, P.W.

Ng'ang'a, Jamel Shabazz, Linda Mickens Reception: Thursday, February 16, 6-7:30 p.m. Lyman Center Lobby Gallery

**Sponsored by: College of Arts and Sciences, Department of History, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Department of Art, and Hamden Amplify the Arts Festival**

All day until February 28

### **Buley Library's Black History Month Exhibit**

Buley Library

A physical and virtual exhibit. The physical exhibit is accessible during library open hours, and the virtual exhibit is accessible 24/7. In light of growing numbers of Americans with multiracial identities, this exhibit highlights and celebrates Black multiracial individuals and identities in American history. Virtual exhibit is accessible

here: <https://padlet.com/Buley/BlackHistoryMonth>.

## **Monday, February 6**

12:00-2:00pm

### **Maker Mondays – Arts & Crafts**

Buley Library Ground Floor – Makerspace

Every Monday that the University is open we will be having some instruction or activity. For arts & craft skills, we will be learning how to repair older clothes and maintain them on Feb. 6th! Then we will set up a sewing relay on Feb.

13th to test your skills and have fun!

**Sponsored by: Buley Library**

3:00-4:00pm

### **Recover and Donate Food at Conn Hall!**

Behind Conn Hall, the loading dock

Meet one of the Office of Sustainability Interns at Connecticut Hall to pack and donate leftover foods! Wear comfortable clothes and shoes that you don't mind if a little food spills (unlikely, but possible). Tie long hair back, mask optional.

**Sponsored by: Sustainability Office**

3:30-4:30pm

### **How to Get Involved on Campus**

Online [HERE](#)

Want to be a student leader? Learn tips on how to interview and prepare for these opportunities as well as how to translate them onto your resume!

**Sponsored by: Career and Professional Development**

## **Tuesday, February 7**

12:00-1:00pm

### **Orientation Ambassador Info Session**

Health and Human Services Building 301

Join Orientation Coordinator Marisa to learn about the Orientation Ambassador position and how to begin the application process!

**Sponsored by: Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement**

12:00-1:30pm

### **QPR (Suicide prevention) Certification**

Adanti Student Center 308

The QPR mission is to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training. The signs of crisis are all around us. We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know. All students, staff, and faculty are welcome to participate.

**Sponsored by: Wellbeing Center**

12:00-2:00pm

### **Get Yourself Tested and Ask the Provider**

Granoff Hall

Join us between 12-2pm in Health Services to get tested for STDs. Information will be distributed about HIV and STD prevention and disparities in the Black community.

**Sponsored by: Health Services**

12:00pm

### **My Afro Hair, My True Identity**

Adanti Student Center Theater

Join us for a dynamic haircare event with an educational purpose of sharing helpful tips on how to grow and care for Afro hair. Jane Ezuruike, author, writer, and motivational speaker will facilitate the event. You will not want to miss this interactive lunch and learn session. Enjoy light refreshments as she discusses a healthier way to grow and care for your hair.

**Sponsored by: Multicultural Center**

2:00-3:00pm

### **What's On Your Mind?**

Wellbeing Center – Schwartz Hall 100

Hosted by the Wellbeing Center, this is a space where students can share what's stressing them out in a supportive group environment.

**Sponsored by: Wellbeing Center**

7:30-9:00pm

**Large Group Bible Study**

Adanti Student Center 301

Come join InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for our large group bible study! This is a place where we explore passages in the bible and how they relate to our lives as college students.

**Sponsored by: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship**

## **Wednesday, February 8**

11:30am-2:00pm

**Black History Month Luncheon**

Connecticut Hall

Celebrate the essence of Black culture with delicious cuisines. Learn about the history and origins of the amazing dishes. Listen to a wide variety of music celebrating Black history and enjoy a special lunch for all students, staff, and faculty.

**Sponsored by: Southern Dining**

12:30-2:00pm

**Football Toss**

Academic Quad

It's Super Bowl week! Join ProCon for a football themed contest with prizes and more!

**Sponsored by: Programs Council**

12:00-2:00pm

**SAGE Center Connects**

Adanti Student Center Plaza Info Table

Stop by the SAGE Center table in the Adanti Student Center plaza to learn more about who we are, what we offer, and pick up some free goodies!

**Sponsored by: SAGE Center**

12:30-2:30pm

**Valentine's Day Card Making for Spencer**

Adanti Student Center Plaza Info Table

Join us and make Valentine's Day cards for our "Child of the Year" Spencer.

**Sponsored by: Southern Connecticut State University Pediatric Cancer Awareness Organization**

12:45-2:00pm

**Digital Storytelling @ The Library**

Buley Library Room 118

The library has a collection of cameras and microphones that can be checked out for a week at a time! Come learn about the audio and visual resources available to the SCSU community.

**Sponsored by: Buley Library**

1:00-2:00pm

**Constructing Your Career: Student Life Hacks for Success**

School of Business-Conference Room

Bing Carbone, President, Modern Plastics, Student Life-Hacks: Bullet-Points for Success

Lunch provided!

**Sponsored by: School of Business**

1:00-2:00pm

**New Club Workshop**

Adanti Student Center 217

Are you looking to start a new club on campus? Please attend one of the mandatory new club workshops this semester to get started.

**Sponsored by: Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development**

1:00-2:00pm

**What's On Your Mind?**

Adanti Student Center 201

Hosted by the Wellbeing Center, this is a space where students can share what's stressing them out in a supportive group environment.

**Sponsored by: Wellbeing Center**

2:00-3:00pm

**Commuter Crew**

Adanti Student Center 217

Join us and get to know other commuting owls over delicious food & awesome prizes!

**Sponsored by: Commuter Services**

2:00-3:00pm

**Being a Diversity Hire**

Adanti Student Center 201 and online

RSVP [here](#) for link and reminder to be sent to you via email! Dive deep in the phrase "diversity hire" as you look for jobs in the future!

**Sponsored by: Career and Professional Development**

2:30-3:30pm

**Orientation Ambassador Info Session**

Engleman B121

Join the Orientation Coordinators to learn about the Orientation Ambassador position and how to begin the application process!

**Sponsored by: Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement**

3:00-6:00pm

**Spike Lee Film Series: "School Daze"**

Adanti Student Center Theater

Get ready for Oscar-winning filmmaker Spike's Lee's campus lecture in May! "School Daze" is a 1988 American musical comedy-drama film, written and directed by Spike Lee, about undergraduates in a fraternity and sorority clashing with some of their classmates at a historically Black college during homecoming weekend. Talk-back with History Professor Siobhan Carter-David following the screening. Tickets to the May 6 Spike Lee lecture go on sale soon – please check back! Don't miss the other films in this series: "Do the Right Thing" (1989) Tuesday, February 14, 12:30-3:30 pm ASC Ballroom and "BlacKkKlansman" (2018) Thursday, February 23, 5-8 pm ASC Theater.

**Sponsored by: Integrated Communications & Marketing, Programs Council, and the Greater New Haven African American Historical Society**

3:00-4:30pm

**Recover and Donate Food at Conn Hall!**

Behind Conn Hall, the loading dock

Meet one of the Office of Sustainability Interns at Connecticut Hall to pack and donate leftover foods! Wear comfortable clothes and shoes that you don't mind if a little food spills (unlikely, but possible). Tie long hair back, mask optional. Jump to 2:50, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfnG\\_ieDdOU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfnG_ieDdOU).

**Sponsored by: Sustainability Office**

5:00-6:30pm

**A Liberation Speaker Series: Olivia Ngadjui**

Virtual [here](#)

Dr. Olivia T. Ngadjui, (she/her/hers) PhD, NCC, LPC (ID) is an assistant professor of counselor education and counseling psychology at Western Michigan University. Dr. Ngadjui received her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Counselor Education from Idaho State University. She will be presenting on her earlier research on inclusive professional identity development entitled "Shaking Up The Room: The Process of Professional Identity Development of Black Doctoral Students in Counselor Education." This research was nationally funded by ACES and AADA. The presentation will be followed by an engaging question and answer session with Dr. Ngadjui.

**Sponsored by: Department of Counseling and School Psychology**

6:00pm

**Being a "Diversity Hire"**

Buley 102

Dive deep into the phrase "diversity hire" as you look for jobs in the future!

**Sponsored by: Career and Professional Development**

6:22-9:00pm

**Meet the Poodles**

Adanti Student Center 303

Come and meet the Scintillating Sigma Gamma Poodles!

**Sponsored by: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.**

8:00-9:00pm

**Let's Talk Consent Culture**

Adanti Student Center 201

Join the ladies of the Supreme and Sophisticated Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated in having the opportunity to gain insight into the topic of consent in a college environment. The concept of consent will be examined with practical examples and practices for creating a "consent culture" on the campus of Southern Connecticut State University.

**Sponsored by: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. And Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center (VPAS)**

## Thursday, February 9

8:30-10:30am

**Commuter Breakfast**

Adanti Student Center 217

Start your day off right by joining Commuter Services for the most important meal of the day ... breakfast!

**Sponsored by: Commuter Services**

12:00-1:00pm

**PB&J Thursday**

Engleman B121 Breezeway

Join ProCon for PB&Js on Thursdays!

**Sponsored by: Programs Council**

5:30-7:30pm



### **Black History Month Game Night**

Adanti Student Center 234

Celebrate Black History Month by playing fun & traditional games inspired by Black culture! Snacks and refreshments will be provided!

**Sponsored by: Multicultural Center and Wellbeing Center**

6:00-7:00pm

### **Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. - First Informational**

Adanti Student Center 309

Join us and get to know about our Precious and Rare Organization!

**Sponsored by: Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc.**

6:30pm

### **Virtual Viewing: "An Act of State: The Execution of Martin Luther King"**

Virtual [here](#)

This event will be a viewing and discussion of the documentary on the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In the documentary, Dr. Pepper reveals truths about the assassination. Explore never-before-heard details about what happened to King on the day of his death, revealing the true story of the plot to kill Dr. King. The documentary will be followed by an engaging discussion with Dr. Bonjo.

**Sponsored by: Department of Counseling and School Psychology**

7:00-9:00pm

### **The Price is Right**

Farnham Programming Space

Come join Programs Council for an evening of prizes and giveaways. Hope to see you there!

**Sponsored by: Programs Council**

## **Friday, February 10**

9:00am-4:00pm

### **Mental Health First Aid**

Adanti Student Center 201

Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis.

**Sponsored by: Wellbeing Center**

9:30am-12:30pm

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**

Connecticut Hall Seminar Room

Every Friday Health Services partners with Griffin Health & DPH to offer the public access to COVID-19 vaccine and booster shots.

**Sponsored by: Health Services**

12:30pm

### **Leadership Luncheon Series**

Adanti Student Center 217

RSVP for this great event [here](#)!

Join in on a conversation with Southern leaders with Dr. Allyson Regis, Southern's Wellbeing Center coordinator, about taking care of yourself while promoting healthy habits in others.

**Sponsored by: Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development and Wellbeing Center**

3:30-4:30pm

**Orientation Ambassador Info Session**

Buley Library 326

Join Orientation Coordinator Britny to learn about the Orientation Ambassador position and how to begin the application process!

**Sponsored by: Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement**

4:30-6:00pm

**Hybrid Shabbat**

Adanti Student Center 219 and online [here](#)

Join Rabbi Barbara and Hillel for our weekly Shabbat! 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 in the Interfaith Office, ASC 227. We will also have a computer set up on Microsoft Teams if you would like to join virtually.

**Sponsored by: Hillel – Jewish Students Organization**

## **Saturday, February 11**

12:00-1:00pm

**Valentine's Day CandyGrams**

Farnham Programming Space

Join us in creating candygrams for Valentine's Day to send to your friends, roommates, RA's, HD's or anyone you'd like!

**Sponsored by: Office of Residence Life**

12:00-3:00pm

**Valentine's Day Party**

Buley 207

Come celebrate Valentine's Day with us and Spencer's family! We will be playing games, enjoying some snacks, and making some Valentine's Day arts and crafts.

**Sponsored by: Southern Connecticut State University Pediatric Cancer Awareness Organization**

1:30pm

**Women's Basketball vs. Adelphi University**

James Moore Field House

Come support the women's basketball team as they take on Adelphi University!

**Sponsored by: SCSU Athletics**

3:30pm

**Men's Basketball vs. Adelphi University**

James Moore Field House

Come cheer on the men's basketball team as they take on Adelphi University!

**Sponsored by: SCSU Athletics**

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## **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.

University Calendar- <https://calendar.southernct.edu/>

Academic Calendar- <https://catalog.southernct.edu/undergraduate/academic-calendar.html?fbclid=IwAR1sTtbXODwnV3QixzKk4KcsMw4rMXo2c4VasAIAndGGQewphMqSK3TnCNs>

*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.*