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Dear Parents and Families,

Happy Spring!

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Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Dear Parents and Families,

We hope this email finds you well! As April begins next week, we will enter the last six weeks of the semester. This is a time where our campus will be filled with so many activities and celebrations! This Saturday, April 1st will be [Accepted Students Day](#). Many of you may remember attending this event as your students were exploring their options and making the very important decision of which institution they would attend. While it may have been a few years back for some, we want to thank you for choosing Southern and continuing to do so. If you, or someone you know, has students who may be coming to Southern or are still contemplating their college choice, please encourage them to attend Saturday's event.

For many students, this is an incredibly important point in the semester. Mid-term grades have been posted. Students can access their mid-term grades via Bannerweb (<https://inside.southernct.edu/advising/resources/videos>). Please know that mid-term grades are NOT calculated in any way in a student's final grade. They should consider their mid-term grade as a benchmark, or snapshot, of their academic progress thus far in the semester. If a student has questions about their mid-term grade, they should connect with their professor. As students evaluate their performance, they could utilize several resources in developing a plan in pursuing their academic goals. In addition to connecting with their professors, they could seek academic support for both the content of their courses and guidance in improving their overall skills as a college student at the Center of Academic Success and Accessibility Services (<https://inside.southernct.edu/casas>). If a student determines that they may not be successful in a course, they can withdraw from a course before Tuesday, April 11th (<https://inside.southernct.edu/onestop/withdrawal>). Please encourage your students to connect with their advisor if they are considering withdrawing from a course.

Below, you'll see the upcoming fall 2023 course registration dates. Students should be meeting with their advisors over the next few weeks in preparation to register for their fall courses.

Lastly, earlier this week students eligible to participate in the May 2023 Commencement received an email. A copy of that email is below. Check our [Commencement website](#) for this and additional information.

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

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza

Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Day of Caring II April 4th



Tuesday April 4th is Southern's Day of Caring!! Our entire community comes together as ONE to show our school pride as we reach toward 2,000 donors strong! I hope you will join me in making a gift of any size. Your contribution directly impacts the Southern experience for students and the faculty who support them every day. There are so many incredible funds that deeply impact students. To explore, click on this link <https://www.givecampus.com/r17hgd> and you can see the different options available to give. One of the areas you may want to explore is the Student and Campus Experience section which has three funds that have just been created this year that will have a tremendous impact. Giving to University Access Programs will help fund stoles for our first-generation students that they will wear when they graduate. A donation to the SAGE Center LGBTQ+ Fund will provide support to our SAGE Center and the students which they serve. And, our Career and Professional Development Fund has been created to help support students as they explore internships and externships which are often unpaid experiences.

Message from the Registrar's Office:

Hi Owls,

Here are the upcoming registration dates by class:

- Summer registration for all students opens March 20, 2023
- Fall Graduates and Post-baccalaureate registration opens April 3, 2023
- Fall Senior registration opens April 4, 2023
- Fall Junior registration opens April 10, 2023
- Fall Sophomore registration opens April 12, 2023
- Fall Continuing Freshmen registration opens April 17, 2023

Visit the [Registration Checklist](#) in advance to help you prepare:

- Plan your schedule
- Find out how to obtain a pin
- Look up your registration time ([Quick Look Up here](#))
- Check your holds

Do not delay in scheduling an Academic Advising Appointment (for undergraduate students):

Academic advising procedures differ depending on your major and class, ranging from group advising sessions to individual meetings. You will receive an email from your major department or advisor explaining their procedure.

- If you are a freshman in your first semester, you will meet individually with your INQ instructor for course registration advising and to receive your registration PIN number.
- If you are a second-semester freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, you should follow the academic advising procedure detailed by major department or advisor for course registration advising and to receive your registration PIN number.
- If you have been not contacted by your advisor/department ([Who is my advisor?](#)), please contact your advisor or the department chairperson for your major directly.

Registrar's Office

Southern Connecticut State University

Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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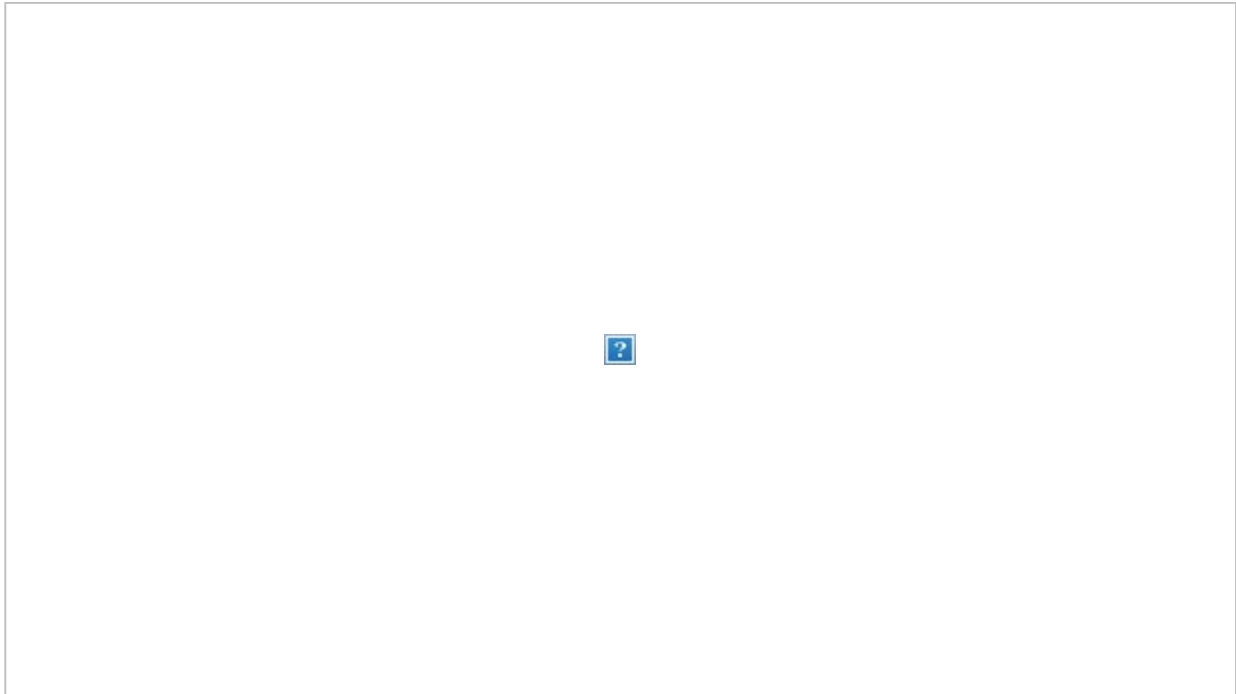
Email: Registrar@SouthernCT.edu

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The following information about Southern's 2023 Undergraduate Commencement ceremony was distributed to students who are eligible to walk May 19 at the Total Mortgage Arena in Bridgeport. More detailed information is also found at:

<https://go.southernct.edu/scsu2023/commencement.php>



Dear Members of the Class of 2023:

If you are receiving this email, you are eligible to walk in Southern's 2023 Undergraduate Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 19 at the Total Mortgage (formerly Webster Bank) Arena in Bridgeport, beginning with an academic procession at 10:15 a.m.

Eligibility to Walk

Undergraduates eligible to participate in commencement include those who graduated in the most recently completed fall 2022 or winter 2022-23 term, and students with at least 100 credits (including in-progress) who will be completing all remaining requirements in the spring 2023 or summer 2023 term. While Commencement is a ceremony to recognize recent and upcoming graduates in the 2022-23 academic year, it is not confirmation of graduation from your program and diplomas are not issued at the event. Visit [One Stop > Graduation](#) to learn more about graduation requirements and diplomas.

Commencement Registration

Later this week, you will receive an email from commencement@southernct.edu and will be asked to create an account through our partner vendor, Marching Orders. Once that is done, you will be able to choose and distribute guest tickets, confirm your information for the reader card required for commencement day and record your name so that it's pronounced correctly at the

ceremony. Reader cards will be distributed on Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday May 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lyman Center Lobby. Graduates must have their reader card with them to walk at commencement, so please make every effort to pick your card up on one of these two days.

Guest Tickets

Each candidate may choose up to four digital guest tickets, which may be distributed via email or printed out. Your guests may use either the printed ticket or the mobile version. Each individual ticket is unique, so tickets may not be shared with multiple guests. If there are remaining tickets after the first allocation, they will be distributed at a later date.

Class of 2023 Senior Celebration

We are compiling an online Yearbook for the Class of '23, in which you can submit your senior photo and tell us about your favorite times at Southern. You may start adding your memories now, [HERE](#).

Caps and Gowns

Candidates for the bachelor's degree must purchase a cap and gown at the university bookstore in order to participate in the ceremony. Caps, gowns and tassels will be available in person starting Monday, April 3 at a cost of \$52 plus tax. Students who wish to have their regalia shipped home may make arrangements to do so when they make their purchase at the bookstore. Caps and gowns will also be available for purchase during reader card distribution at the Lyman Center (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 2 and 3).

Live Stream Available

Commencement will be streamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) for friends and family who are unable to attend the ceremony.

Check our [Commencement website](#) for this and additional information.

Please note that this message and all future information regarding Commencement will go to your Southern email address only. If you are a fall 2022 graduate and you are having trouble accessing your Southern email account, [please contact the IT Help Desk](#).

We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments on Commencement Day!

The University Commencement Committee

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=IwAR1sTtbXODwnV3QixzKk4KcsMw4rMXo2c4VasAlAndGGQewpMqSK3TnCNs>

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 emailing rizzas1@southernct.edu