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Dear Parents and Families,

We hope you are all well!

As week 2 winds down and week 3 is almost upon us, we want to share some important information that we hope you'll share with your students.

In this email you will find:

1. Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement
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Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Dear Parents and Families!

The next two weeks are incredibly important. For first-year students, many of them may begin to have exams, papers that will be due, and may also start experiencing some social challenges. And for students who are in upper division courses, they may start discovering that their courses are more difficult than they remember. By week three, students start to develop their routine. For some, they have adapted and acclimated to a new semester and have a great rhythm. For others, bad habits form.

We anticipate these challenges and have created opportunities to support students in developing strong academic and personal habits as well as pursue involvement and social opportunities. Below you'll see information on Connections and Involvement Week as well as the Student Involvement Fair. This information is being shared widely on campus. Please encourage your students to engage with these opportunities. Students often share how challenging it may be to develop their social circles. The opportunities below are designed for students to meet their like-minded peers, immerse themselves in campus culture, and experience something new.

We will also begin Success Week at the end of next week which will include opportunities for students to explore ways to access resources designed for their success both inside and outside of the classrooms. One of the incredible resources is our [Center of Academic Success and Accessibility Services \(CASAS\)](#). With over 200 academic specialists, the center offers tutoring in almost every area and the majority is course based meaning students can schedule tutoring appointments for their specific courses. Additionally, they offer writing support as students write essays and research

papers, math support, and academic coaching for students who would like to improve the skills necessary to be successful in college (organizational, notetaking, time management, etc...). CASAS also supports students in accessing accommodations with documented disabilities.

Parent and Family Day- This year's Parent and Family Day will be Saturday ,October 14th. The schedule is still in development but we anticipate that the day will begin around 9am and conclude by 4pm. 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. Preliminary information can be found [here](#).

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

Connections and Involvement Week September 6-13

Today marks the start of Connections and Involvement Week! Involvement isn't just about our clubs and organizations. It's about making connections, feeling like you belong, and trying new things. Over the course of the next week, explore a host of programs, events and initiatives that center on finding your home on Southern's campus. There is something for everyone to explore! Involvement is at the heart of our campus community, fostering friendships, deepening academic engagement, and creating opportunities for personal growth. Below you will find some of the many ways in which you can make connections and become involved in ways that are meaningful to you.

Quick Links

See a list of all campus events by clicking [HERE](#).
Explore Clubs and Organizations on OwlConnect by clicking [HERE](#).
See the full Athletic calendar by clicking [HERE](#).

Important Dates and Deadlines

Involvement and Resource Fair

Due to the extreme heat forecasted for today, the Involvement and Resource Fair has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 13th at 12:00pm in the Academic Quad.

Hall Council Elections

Are you looking to get more involved within your residence hall?
Applications are live for Hall Council!
If you would like to apply, head to your Residence Hall's OwlConnect page.
Applications are due tomorrow, Thursday, September 7th at 12:00pm.
Officer Campaigning will take place from Thursday, September 7th at 12:00pm – Monday, September 11th at 12:00pm

Hall Council Officer Elections will take place via OwlConnect beginning Monday, September 11th at 12:00pm – Thursday, September 14th at 12:00pm.

Intramural Sports Registration

Looking to maintain that competitive drive on the field of play?

Intramural Sports registration is live right now!

Sign up via the Fusion app.

[Click here for Apple App Store](#)

[Click here for Google Play Store](#)

The deadline for registration is Friday, September 8th.

This season's offerings are 6 v 6 soccer and 7 v 7 flag football.

Signature Connections and Involvement Week Events and Activities

Wednesday, September 6th

1:00pm-3:00pm

Intercultural Welcome Bash

ASC 2nd Floor

Checkout the 2nd floor of the Student Center that will feature the Multicultural, SAGE, & Interfaith Centers where the fun begins in 2023. Join us for our first intercultural bash! Faculty, staff, and students are invited to take a stroll down the second-floor hallway and enjoy tasty treats, cultural cuisine, meet & greet the staffs, view the spotlight on faith leaders, play chess, MCC Trivia, and win some prizes. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends while discovering the abundance of resources and programs that are happening in these amazing centers.

Sponsored by: Multicultural Center and SAGE Center

7:00pm-10:00pm

Field Hockey vs Saint Thomas Aquinas College

Jess Dow Field

Cheer on the Owls as they take on Saint Thomas Aquinas College!

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

Sponsored by: SCSU Athletics

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Meet the Greeks

ASC Ballroom

Come and see what Greek Life is all about! Meet the Greeks has three different components that include a club fair, performances and presentations, and breakout sessions with organizations. Greek Life has so much to offer, so stop by and take the first step towards finding the right organization for you!

Sponsored by: Greek Life Council

Thursday, September 7th

12:00pm-2:00pm

Commit to Connect

Buley Library

At this event, we will encourage the campus community to pledge commitments to connectivity and involvement through the creation of a patchwork quilt.

Sponsored by: Division of Student Affairs Themed Weeks

Friday, September 8th

3:00pm-5:00pm

Volleyball vs Dominican University of New York

Pelz Gymnasium

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Saturday, September 9th

12:00pm-3:00pm

Football vs Assumption University

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Complete list of events happening through the remainder of the week

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4:30pm-6:00pm

WHOOOOO DAT? SCSU MPH Program

HHS 341

Come let's celebrate! Welcome SCSU MPH Graduate Students! Come grab a snack or a drink before class, enter a raffle, or grab a welcome bag!

Sponsored by: Public Health

4:30pm-6:30pm

Student-Parent Social Hour

Nursing 104

An opportunity for student parents to socialize and get to know one another. Pizza, refreshments and childcare will be provided.

Sponsored by: Compass Childcare Center

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Thursday, September 7th

10:00am-11:00am

Unwind with the Neurodiversity Club

CASAS

Come check out the new sensory space in CASAS with the Neurodiversity Club! Unwind and enjoy a variety of sensory items, such as a tent, pop-its, and more!

Sponsored by: Neurodiversity Club

12:00pm-1:00pm

PB&J

Engleman B121 Breezeway

Join Programs Council in the Engleman Breezeway for a free PB&J sandwich and snacks this Thursday and every Thursday during the school semester!

Sponsored by: Programs Council

12:00pm-2:00pm

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Advising Workshop #1: Accommodations w/ CASAS

TEAMS: [Join the Teams meeting here](#)

Learn more about student accommodations at Southern – why students have them and how to meet their needs. We'll also learn more about a new process CASAS is implementing to help students and professors avoid misunderstandings about course expectations.

Sponsored by: Center for Academic Success and Accessibility Services

5:30pm-7:00pm

Pizza & Conversations on Goals & Beginnings

ASC 236

Join SCSU Catholic Ministry for an evening to hang out, grab a bite to eat, and get to know your Campus Minister and community!

Sponsored by: Newman Society

7:00pm-10:00pm

Thursday Tabletop Club Meeting

ASC 306, 308, and 311

This is for anyone who wants to play board or card games. All are welcome, feel free to bring any of your own games to play at the club.

Sponsored by: Tabletop Club

8:00pm-9:00pm

Recruitment Night 1: DPhiE's Reputation

Engleman B121

Come to Delta Phi Epsilon's first night of recruitment to learn more about our values of Justice, Sisterhood & Love! We can't wait to meet you! For more info feel free to follow us on instagram @dphie_scsu or reach out to our Vice President of Recruitment: Giana Cardonita

(cardonitag1@southernct.edu) or Chapter President: Suhanee Patel (patels42@southernct.edu)!

Sponsored by: Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority

Friday, September 8th

1:00pm-4:30pm

Hiking with the Brothers

Sleeping Giant State Park

Join the Brothers of TKE in taking a hike up Sleeping Giant State Park in Hamden CT! Take photos, see sights, and enjoy nature this day with us. Contact Collin Pedersen at

pedersenc1@southernct.edu if you have any questions about the event or transportation.

Sponsored by: Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity

2:00pm-3:00pm

Creativity Club Meeting

ASC 303

Come join us to do fun art, music, and more creative art activities!

Sponsored by: Creativity Club

3:00pm-5:00pm

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4:30pm

Shabbat!

ASC 236

Join us in the new interfaith space on Fridays during the semester for Hillel's Shabbat celebration!

Refreshments will be provided. Open to all students, faculty, and staff

Sponsored by: Hillel

5:00pm-10:00pm

Buffalo Wild Wings and MMA Night

Buffalo Wild Wings

Join the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon for a night of food, sports, and fun at Buffalo Wild Wings in

North Haven, CT! Meet the brothers, learn about our chapter, and see if Greek Life is for you! Rides

Can be provided by the chapter. Food prices will be covered by the chapter. Contact Collin Pedersen

at pedersenc1@southernct.edu if you have any questions about the event or transportation.

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Fall 2023 Involvement Fair



Due to the heat, the Involvement Fair has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 13th from 12-2pm in the Academic Quad. Don't miss your chance to get connected with our amazing student organizations! Please visit OwlConnect to view the calendar for club meeting times and locations. Follow SCSU_OSI for more updates.

Meet the Greeks will still be happening Wednesday, September 6th starting at 7pm in the Adanti Student Center Ballroom. Come learn what it means to Go Greek @ SCSU!

Drug Free Schools Act Fall 2023, *From the Dean of Students*

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**

Important Dates from the Registrar’s Office

Southern’s Fall 2023 semester is here! We would like to share some important information and deadlines with you:

Important Deadlines

As a reminder, you may also view, search, or subscribe to the full academic calendar here: https://calendar.southernct.edu/	
Tuesday, September 5 th	Last day for full-time students to withdraw during 90% refund period
Tuesday, September 5 th	Last day to add/drop classes (How To Add/Drop Video 33secs)
Tuesday, September 5 th	Last day for part-time students to withdraw during 100% refund period
Monday, September 11 th	Last day to withdraw during 60% refund period

Monday, September 25 th	Last day to withdraw during 40% refund period
Monday, November 20 th	Last day to withdraw from full-term classes or the university and receive “W” grades

Attendance

Weekly participation in all classes is expected regardless of the meeting schedule or delivery method (online, hybrid, or on ground). It is critically important that your instructor can confirm your participation at the beginning of the semester as we work to finalize your registration and financial aid awards. If you are not certain that one of these has taken place for each of your classes, please email your instructor to confirm your participation so they can record your attendance for us:

- Attendance in a class where there is an opportunity for direct interaction with your instructor
- Submission of an academic assignment
- Completion of an exam, interactive tutorial, or participation in computer-assisted instruction
- Attendance in a study group that is assigned by the instructor
- Participation in an online discussion about academic matters
- Contact with your instructor to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course

Students are billed for all registered courses on their schedule, so even if you have not participated in a course, you may be billed if you have not dropped the course from your schedule during the refund periods noted above.

Registrar’s Office

Southern Connecticut State University

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

Tel: 203-392-5301

Email: Registrar@SouthernCT.edu

Web: OneStop.SouthernCT.edu



Religions Observances

Dear Southern community:

Southern communities will be celebrating their respective upcoming religious holidays and observances this fall academic semester. We can show we care by being aware, respectful, and supportive to all.

Please note, practices and observances vary between and among faith communities. Some may request time away to observe, while others may seek accommodations for a day of fasting, attending a religious service, or a time of prayer while at work or school. No one should be penalized because of a religious observance or practice, and accommodations should be made. Please be mindful to avoid scheduling major events or business meetings during these religious observance days.

Suggestions for religious and holiday accommodations for students in teaching are avail through the Office of Faculty Development website: <https://inside.southernct.edu/facu-development/syllabus-statements/religious-accommodations-in-teaching>

Highlighted below is a partial list of upcoming religious observances. For more information, please visit <https://www.diversityresources.com/interfaith-calendar-2023/>

Arbaeen	Muslim	September 6
Janmashtami	Hindu	September 6
Coptic New Year	Coptic Orthodox Christianity	September 11
Rosh Hashanah (New Year)	Jewish	September 15 - 17
Mabon: Autumn Equinox	Pagan & Wiccan	September 21 - 29
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Jewish	September 24 - 25
Mawlid al-Nabi (birthday of Mohammad)	Islamic	September 27
Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)	Jewish	September 29 – October 6
Pitru Paksha	Hindu	September 29 – October 1
Shemini Atzeret	Jewish	October 7
Simchat Torah	Jewish	October 8
Navaratri/Dussehra	Hindu	October 15 – 24
Birth of the Bab	Baha'i faith	October 16
Birth of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i faith	October 17
Samhain	Pagan & Wiccan	November 1
All Saints Day	Catholic	November 1
Anniversary of the Crowning of Haile Selassi	Rastafarian	November 2
Diwali	Hindu	November 12
Guru Nanak Ji's Birthday	Sikhism	November 27
Jain New Year	Jain	November 27
St. Andrew's Feast Day	Catholic	November 30
Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	December 8 - 15
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Catholic	December 8
Yule (Winter Solstice)	Pagan & Wiccan	December 21 – January 1
Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday	Sikh	December 22
Christmas Day	Christian	December 25
St. Stephen's Feast Day	Christian	December 26

If you have any questions, please contact:

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Cindy Cardozo, Cardozoc2@southernct.edu

Interfaith Office: Rabbi Barbara Paris, Hillel Advisor, EN 227; 203-581-1363; parisb4@southernct.edu

Center for Intercultural Engagement: Dian Brown-Albert, Director of Multicultural Affairs, brownd2@southernct.edu

Religious Studies Program: David Pettigrew, pettigrewd1@southernct.edu

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 visiting <https://lists.southernct.edu/mailman/listinfo/families> or simply reply to this email.
