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Dear Parents and Families,

We hope you are all well!

In this email you will find:

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

Dear Parents and Families!

**Happy Almost November!** We are ending week 9. This is an incredibly important time for students as they consider the progress they've made in their courses and begin preparing for the Spring 2024. Consider checking in with your students regarding their status in their courses.

**Mid-Term Grades-** 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. Please also know that some students may find that they don't have a mid-term grade reported. If a student has questions about their mid-term grade or lack there-of, 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 November 20<sup>th</sup> (<https://inside.southernct.edu/onestop/withdrawal>). Please encourage your students to connect with their advisor if they are considering withdrawing from a course.

**Course Registration for the Spring 2024-** Seniors begin registering for the Spring 2024 courses on Tuesday, October 31st! Students can learn more about the registration process by visiting the Registrars website (<https://inside.southernct.edu/onestop/registration/dateandtime>). All undergraduate students are required to meet with their advisor in order to register for their Spring courses. Please encourage your students to connect with their advisors as soon as possible. Naturally, an advisor's schedule will fill quickly as student's procrastinate and delay and try to meet closer to their registration date instead of doing so well in advance.

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

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza

Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

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*Email students will receive from the Academic Advising Center this week:*

Hi (Student Name),

Just a quick note that mid-term grades for your current courses should now be available to view in either of the following locations:

- Banner Student (Click “Records and Registration” and then “Midterm and Final Grade Report”)
- Blackboard

If grades for any of your courses are not showing in either of the places listed above, please touch base with your professor. It’s very important that you know how you’re doing in each of your courses! If you are struggling, you still have time to improve and should take advantage of the free support resources available to you (see them listed below).

Please remember that the last day to withdraw from a full-semester course is Monday, November 20. For second 8-week courses, the last day to withdraw is Monday, December 4.

## AVAILABLE SUPPORT RESOURCES

**Academic Advising Centers** The AACs provide support for students, including but not limited to students unsure of their intended major, struggling within a major and/or seeking a new major; students who are experiencing challenges that are impacting their academic success; and students who need help navigating University curriculum, policy, and/or procedure. Please refer to their website for more information: <https://inside.southernct.edu/advising>

**Center for Academic Success and Accessibility (CASAS)** Located on the 3rd floor of Buley Library, CASAS offers academic support and enhancement for classes (e.g. content support and understanding of material in classes, tutoring) and academic skills support (e.g. time management, test taking strategies, academic coaching, etc) as well as assisting with academic accommodations to qualified students with disabilities. Please refer to their website for more information: <https://inside.southernct.edu/casas>

**Dean of Students Office** Located in Engleman A106, the Dean of Students Office is a central place for students to receive assistance with navigating the complex issues of student life. They provide support to individual students or groups experiencing life situations impacting their Southern experience (e.g. basic needs insecurities, hospitalization, etc) and coordinates the appropriate

individual or campus-wide response. Contact them at 203-392-2556 or [deanofstudents@southernct.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@southernct.edu)

Financial Literacy and Advising Located in Wintergreen 108E, the Office of Financial Literacy and Advising helps students understand how to pay for college. Students will learn payment plan options as well as financial aid and scholarship opportunities through one-on-one advising, presentations and resources. Please refer to their website for more information:

<https://inside.southernct.edu/financial-advising>

Your Faculty Communicate regularly with the faculty who teach your courses. Attending their offices hours, informing them when you are struggling, being a visible participant in class and forging strong relationships with them is an effective strategy to progress in every class.

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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=IwAR1sTtbXODwnV3QixzKk4KcsMw4rMXo2c4VasAlAndGGQewphMqSK3TnCNs>

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*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.*

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