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To: families@lists.southernct.edu
Subject: Family Update: Happy New Year!

Dear Owl Families,

Happy New Year!

First, I'd like to take a moment to welcome all of our new family members. If you are receiving this email for the first time, it means that your students have recently joined the Southern community and listed this email address in their application. Through the Office of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement we send regular emails to our family members with important information and strategies on how to best support your students. We also invite you to join our Family Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents>).

In this email you will find:

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Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Dear Owl Families,

We hope you and your students had a wonderful holiday break. Spring 2024 courses begin on Wednesday, January 17th. Below you'll find the email from Residence Life regarding the return to campus. The Department of Residence Life is monitoring the weather and as of this afternoon, move-in day will still be taking place on Tuesday, January 16th as scheduled. Please be sure to have your students check their emails, social media and the website for any updates.

As students gear up for another semester, here are some ways they can prepare for success!

- From first-year students to seniors, all students can take a moment to reflect on their challenges and successes and consider how they can continue doing the things that helped them find success or modify the behaviors that causes challenges. If they are looking for someone to help them navigate these conversations, I'd recommend an Academic Coach (<https://inside.southernct.edu/casas/coaching-and-programming>)!
- In a conversation a few weeks ago with a family member, they shared with me that their student's break schedule included very, very late nights and even later morning starts. They mentioned that they were encouraging their student to adjust their schedule to align with their semester schedule which is a great tip! I'm sure that most students will not do so and suffer from a serious case of jet lag for a few weeks.
- Lastly, many of your students will be entering their final semesters and will soon be college graduates. This is an incredibly exciting time but also comes with a different sent of stressors and anxieties. One of the resources we would like to recommend is the Office of Career and Professional Development (<https://inside.southernct.edu/careers>). While it is beneficial for all students to familiarize themselves with

the services that OCPD offers, seniors may particularly may be most apt to engage with them as they prepare for the next stage in their journeys.

As always, our office is here to provide support so please feel to reach out at any time.

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza

Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Email from the Registrars Office

Happy New Year! Southern’s Spring 2024 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, January 16 th	<u>Last day for</u> full-time students to withdraw during 100% refund period
Wednesday, January 17 th	Spring classes begin
Tuesday, January 23 rd	<u>Last day for</u> full-time students to withdraw during 90% refund period
Tuesday, January 23 rd	Last day to add/drop classes (How To Add/Drop Video 33secs)
Tuesday, January 23 rd	<u>Last day for</u> part-time students to withdraw during 100% refund period
Tuesday, January 30 th	Last day to withdraw during 60% refund period
Tuesday, February 13 th	Last day to withdraw during 40% refund period
Tuesday, April 9 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.

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Opening Email from Residence Life-

Dear (Student),

We hope you are having a safe winter break and a great start to the new year! To prepare for your move-in/arrival back to the residence halls in just two weeks, please see the important information below regarding your on-campus housing.

You can view your housing assignment and any roommate information (if applicable) online through your MyHousing. According to our records, you are assigned to:

{Hall}, Room {Room}

To be eligible to live on campus you must be:

- Registered (for at least 6 course credits) as a matriculated student.

- Health compliant with the university, including all immunizations.
- Financially compliant with the university with a zero-account balance or up-to-date on a payment plan. *As a reminder, University bills were due Friday, December 15th, 2023.*
- Complete check-in forms located on your MyHousing. *(See below for information regarding check-in forms).*

Move-in Date: *(See below for information regarding move-in time selection.)*

Continuing and Incoming Students: Tuesday, January 16th, 2024, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

New Residential Students: Still not sure what to bring with you on move-in day?

[Click here](#) to check out our suggested list of items to bring and more information regarding living on campus!

Check-in Forms:

Check-in forms must be completed before you can move into your residence hall. Check-in forms include emergency contact information. You can access your check-in form through the "Applications" tab of your MyHousing. Check-in forms will be live starting today, Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024.

Move-in Time Selection:

Move-in times can be selected on your MyHousing beginning today until midnight on Friday, January 12th. To select a move-in time, you must be registered for classes, be health compliant with the university, and your billing account balance must be zero (or you must be on a payment plan).

To ensure a smooth return/move-in experience, please complete your check-in forms and select a move-in time before January 11th.

Early Move-In Requests:

Students who have a conflict with the move-in date or need to be on-campus for university business before the start of the semester may request to move in early. The Office of Residence Life offers early move-in beginning Friday, January 12th, 2024. Check-in will be between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on whichever day you request to move in early.

Please be aware that there is a nightly charge to move in early:

- \$40.00 per night charge for early move-in.
- \$16.50 per night charge for students moving in early to work on campus between January 12th and January 16th. Your request must include your university supervisor's name and contact information. Supervisors will be contacted to verify you are working during the date(s) requested.

The last day to request early move-in is Thursday, January 11th at noon. Students will receive a confirmation e-mail later in the afternoon on Thursday, January 11th regarding moving in early.

Parking Decals: *(Required for on-campus parking.)*

To have a vehicle on campus for the Spring 2024 semester, all residents are required to complete a Southern Connecticut State University Police Department Resident Vehicle Registration & Parking Permit Application online [here](#). Online registration is now available and closes at 11:59 pm on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024. Once the form has been completed and submitted, the application will be reviewed and processed.

All residents' permits will be available for pick-up at the University Police Department in Granoff Hall starting at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024.

If you currently have the resident parking permit that was issued during the fall 2023 semester there is no need to apply for another permit. This permit is still valid.

Please be sure to bring your SCSU student ID, a current valid driver's license, and a current valid vehicle registration.

Meal Plan Changes:

If you are an incoming freshman, your meal plan will remain the "unlimited meal plan" for the entire 2023-2024 academic year. All other residents are eligible to change their meal plans on their MyHousing by Friday, February 2nd, 2024. After February 2nd, all meal plans are **final** for the semester.

If you have been reassigned to or selected an apartment-style building, please verify that you are on your preferred meal plan; we do not automatically change your meal plan. Your housing assignment may affect your meal plan options.

To change your meal plan or view the available options, select the "Meal Plan" tab in your MyHousing, then select Spring 2024 and choose the meal plan you prefer.

We look forward to seeing you all on campus very soon! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our office at reslife@southernct.edu or (203) 392-5870. We are open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,
The Office of Residence Life

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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.

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.