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Dear Owl Families,

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

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Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Dear Families,

This week is Involvement and Connections Week! Involvement can mean many things including joining a club or organization, engaging in research with a faculty member, or simply attending athletic events. Students who are involved and feel connected to their college experience do better academically, personally and professionally. Please encourage your students to explore ways to connect to their college experience outside of the classroom.

Lastly, February 15th is the deadline for students to apply for Fall 24/Spring 25 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

Scholarship Application Deadline- February 15th

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 2024-2025 SCSU Foundation application is available from October 1, 2023 to February 15, 2024 for

SCSU students who are enrolled for the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters. Awards will be applied to the Fall 2024/Spring 2025 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!

OA Info Session

1:00pm - 2:00pm

ASC 326

Are your students interested in becoming an Orientation Ambassador?

Attending an info session is the first required step to applying for the OA position.

BE A PART OF... **the BIGGER Picture!**



#PoloSwag **#KhakiDrip** **#O-Team**

**ORIENTATION AMBASSADOR
INFO SESSION II**

Join the Orientation Team to learn about the OA experience and ask questions!

Wednesday, January 31
1-2 PM | Adanti Student Center 326

Attending an info session is the first step that is required in applying for the OA opportunity. Have a question? Email us at Orientation@southernct.edu or stop by BU 335.

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**ORIENTATION AMBASSADOR
INFO SESSIONS**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | ASC 201

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31
1:00 PM - 2:00PM | ASC 326

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM | SB 132

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
3:00 PM - 4:00PM | EN B121

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
2:00 PM - 3:00PM | SB 132

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Connections & Involvement Week: Connections and Involvement Week allows students to explore all of the involvement opportunities that exist at SCSU. Highlighted by the Involvement and Resource Fair, students will have the ability to connect with clubs and organizations, attend club meetings, learn about various resources and attend a host of events that center on getting involved.

Click [HERE](#) to view all club and organization meetings happening this week!

Signature Events:

Tuesday, January 30th

11:00am - 1:00pm

(We are First Gen) First-Gen Poster Boards

Engleman Hall Rotunda

Join us as we celebrate our First-gen identity! Meet other students and take Polaroid pictures. Enjoy light refreshments and First-Gen t-shirts on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sponsored by: University Access Programs

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Commuter Connections

Adanti Student Center Room 217

Are you an SCSU Commuter student? Visit ASC217 to connect with fellow commuting owls as well as Commuter Assistants, student leaders who serve as advocates and mentors. Stop by to say hi, to ask questions, to learn about

upcoming events, and to enjoy some delicious treats. On behalf of Commuter Services, we can't wait to connect with you!

Sponsored by: Commuter Services

Wednesday, January 31st

11:00am- 1:00pm

Get Connected with Involvement

Adanti Student Center 217

Want to learn more about getting involved? Need help finding the right club for you? Do you have an idea for a new club? Come meet the Student Involvement Staff to talk about getting involved, all while enjoying some free food!

Sponsored by: Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development

11:00am - 1:00pm

Wellbeing Wednesdays

Engleman Hall Rotunda

Stop by the Wellbeing Table and learn how to thrive as a student!

Sponsored by: The Wellbeing Center

This Week's Event List:

Trip Alert!

Saturday, February 10th

1:45pm - 6:30pm

Programs Council Powder Ridge Trip - [RSVP HERE](#) starting on 1/29 @ 1PM!

Hickerson Hall

Slide into the new semester with Programs Council! We invite you to enjoy an afternoon at Powder Ridge for snow tubing; a thrilling winter activity where participants slide down snow-covered slopes in large, inflatable tubes. Transportation will be provided, and we will be meeting in front of Hickerson Hall at 1:45pm. We will return at approximately 6:30pm. **Students can RSVP on OwlConnect starting on Monday, January 29 at 1PM.** Spots are limited to the first 39 students so if you RSVP, you are expected to attend the trip. Make sure to dress warm!

NOTE: Failure to attend without a 72-hour notice will result in a \$10.00 charge on your account.

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12:30pm - 2:30pm

Consent is as simple as tea

Student Center Plaza

Come join V.P.A.S. to learn all about consent and just how simple it is while enjoying free goodies!

Sponsored by: Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center (V.P.A.S.)

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5:30pm-7:00pm

Women's Basketball vs. American International College

Moore Field House

Come cheer on the women's basketball team to victory over the AIC Yellow Jackets! Go Owls!

Sponsored by: Athletics and Recreation

7:00pm - 9:00pm

A.F.R.O. Dance Tryouts

Engleman Hall Dance Studio - Room B025

Come try out for the African Students Association's dance team, A.F.R.O! No experience is necessary! You must attend both sessions of tryouts to be eligible to be considered to be on the team. Please come in athletic gear or clothes that you can easily move in. All questions can be asked via Instagram @_a.f.r.o_.

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1:00pm - 2:00pm

Commuter Crew

Adanti Student Center Room 217

Looking for something to do between classes? Join us for an hour of fun, food, and friendship as we host the

biweekly Commuter Crew meet up!

Sponsored by: Commuter Services

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Life Design Academy Orientation

School of Business Room 132

Take the first steps in designing the life you want. This one-hour session will include: an introduction to the Life Design Academy housed in the School of Business and how it can be useful to you, the chance to meet the Student Success Coaches who will help you identify opportunities that are geared towards your interests, strengths, and goals and more!

Sponsored by: The School of Business

Thursday, February 1st

8:30am - 10:30am

Good Morning Commuters

Adanti Student Center Room 217

Start your day off right by joining Commuter Services for the most important meal of the day breakfast! Stop by ASC217 to select from a variety of breakfast sandwiches while supplies last.

Sponsored by: Commuter Services

11:00am-12:30pm

Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Brunch

Adanti Student Center Ballroom

Join us as we celebrate the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., featuring keynote speaker Dr. Jamila Lyiscott, an award-winning community-engaged scholar, nationally renowned speaker, Associate Professor of Social Justice Education, and author of *Black Appetite*. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear Dr. Lyiscott's keynote, which will be grounded in her work around racial equity and racial healing while making important connections to the crises happening around us and helping us think about how we embody Dr. King's values moving forward. Enjoy live performances by Southern students and the delicious MLK brunch.

Early Registration is recommended.

Sponsored by: Africana Studies, Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Division of Student Affairs, Minority Recruitment & Mentoring Committee, and the Multicultural Center.

11:00am - 12:30pm

QPR (Suicide Prevention) Training - RSVP [HERE](#)

Adanti Student Center Room 326

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.

NOTE: Please sign up and RSVP thru OwlConnect beforehand!

Sponsored by: The Wellbeing Center

12:00pm - 1:00pm

PB&J Thursday

Engleman 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

1:00pm-2:00pm

Open Mic Session with Dr. Jamila Lyiscott

Adanti Student Center Theater

Join Dr. Jamila Lyiscott for a fun and interactive student session where students can come prepared with their poetry and prose. During this session, Dr. J will share some of her original pieces rooted in her experiences as a first-generation American from a working-class Caribbean household. Dr. J will also share feedback and insight for those looking to enhance their personal stories and the craft of writing. No matter what your artistic expression is – from writing to dancing, singing to rapping – come join Dr. J as we explore the multiple ways of storytelling. Dr. Lyiscott is an award-winning community-engaged scholar, nationally renowned speaker, Associate Professor of Social Justice Education, and author of *Black Appetite*. This event is part of the university's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

[Reserve your time slot in advance.](#)

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7:00pm - 8:30pm

Black History Month Jeopardy

Adanti Student Center Theater

The Brothers of The Omicron Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. would like to invite you all to participate in black history month jeopardy. Come test your knowledge and even gain some!

Sponsored by: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

7:00pm - 9:00pm

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Sponsored by: African Students Association

7:30pm - 8:30pm

SCSU InterVarsity Large Group Bible Study

Adanti Student Center Room 201

Come be in community and fellowship with SCSU's InterVarsity Christian Fellowship as explore love, faith and Christ through Bible studies, community nights worship nights and more. Looking for a faith-based spot on campus? Come check us out!

Sponsored by: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Friday, February 2nd

11:00am - 1:00pm

Beaver Brook Clean-Up

Intersection of Crescent Street and Fitch Street

Join us to help improve public access to this park and maintain a nearby green space with native plants. We will remove litter, remove invasive plants, and create a pathway to the water. Look for our crew at the intersection of Crescent Street and Fitch Street or wait in front of Schwartz Hall.

Sponsored by: The Sustainability Office

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Folio Open Mic

Adanti Student Center Fireside Lounge - 3rd Floor

Come join us for a night of poetry, prose, and art! Bring your writing to read or your artwork to show, or just come to enjoy the readings.

Sponsored by: Folio

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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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.