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To: families@lists.southernct.edu
Subject: Happy Week Three!

Dear Owl Families Families,

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

This email includes:

1. Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement
2. Foundation Scholarship Information
3. Student Leadership Expo and Job Fair
4. Alumni, Family and Friends Reception with Dr. D in Washington, D.C.
5. This Week at Southern
6. Resources

Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Dear Owl Families,

For Families of our Graduating Seniors- We've received quite a few questions recently regarding Commencement. Please visit <https://www.southernct.edu/commencement> in the coming weeks for more information. Plans are underway in regards to ticketing, graduation robes, and senior events. I'll be sure to share information via email as I receive it. However, it is more important that your students are making sure that they are communicating with you not only about commencement but also about the other ways in which they will be celebrated. While we will certainly provide information regarding university-wide events, some departments, clubs, organizations, and more may host specific programs in which families are invited. I would also like to highlight an important resources for all students but especially our graduating seniors. Encourage your students to visit <https://inside.southernct.edu/careers/events> attend one of the many Career Fairs offered. Our Career and Professional Development Office is a critical resource for students as they prepare for their transition from college to whatever is next.

This week, we kicked off Black History Month with a great program commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We have a full slate of programs and experiences for students to celebrate and learn! Visit <https://inside.southernct.edu/multicultural-center/black-history-month> for more information.

Below you will also see a flyer for our Student Leadership Exp and Student Job Fair. This is a prime time for students to apply for on-campus positions for the upcoming summer and fall 2024. Tomorrow's fair brings together offices from all over campus currently recruiting for summer/fall 2024 positions.

I'd also like to highlight the SCSU Reception hosted in Washington D.C. on February 16th for our families that are in that area. This could be a great opportunity to meet other families and alumni that live in that area.

Last, a reminder that next week (February 15th) is the deadline for students to apply for Fall 23/Spring 24 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 2023 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!

Encourage your students to attend this event!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

EXPO

& JOB FAIR



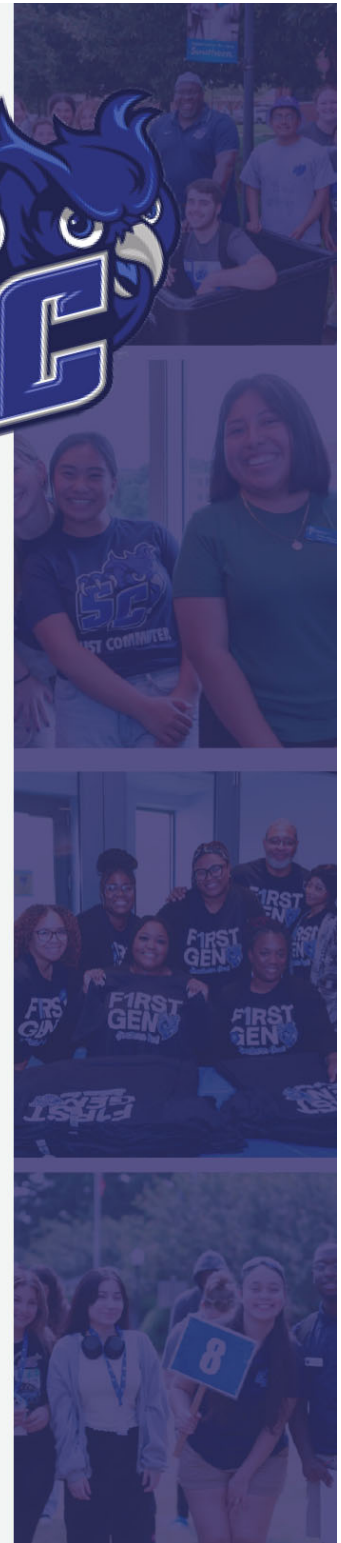
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Explore and learn about available student leadership positions from the following offices:

- ✔ Center for Academic Success and Accessibility Services
- ✔ Multicultural Center
- ✔ Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement
- ✔ Residence Life
- ✔ Student Involvement & Leadership Development
- ✔ University Access Programs

Wednesday, February 7th

ASC Plaza Level | 12:00pm – 3:00pm



From the Alumni Association



Please join SCSU alumni, friends, parents and families in the DMV area for an opportunity to meet Interim President Dwayne Smith and some of SCSU's student scholars!

It's an opportunity to connect, network with alumni and fellow parents, and hear institutional updates.

We hope to see you there!

<https://www.southernct.edu/alumni/washington>



Planning an event? Send us your flyers for our social media stories for this week!

Success Week

Success Week is designed to help you identify ways to be more successful in your college journey. From avoiding procrastination to getting involved on campus to taking care of yourself, we want to help you strengthen your academic skills, tap your potential, realize your goals, and graduate! Join different offices on campus to learn about student success resources at Southern. This week will be full of fun and engaging, surrounding you with information to support your success at Southern.

Signature Events:

All Week

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Same-Day Academic Advising

[Click here to schedule](#)

Did you know that you can schedule a meeting with an Advising Specialist when you have quick questions? Sometimes you have a question about your schedule, major, or something academic-related that can't wait. In that case, you can schedule a same-day advising meeting with a general Advising Specialist. These meetings are offered in-person and virtually! Knowing and utilizing this resource when needed is a great way to ensure your success at Southern.

Sponsored by: Academic Advising

Monday, February 5

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Zen Out

Zen Den Buley 303

Step into a Sensory Space, a tranquil haven within the Academic Success Center, to experience a calming environment for focused studying and stress relief. This is sure to enhance your overall academic success.

Sponsored by: Center for Academic Success and Accessibility Services (CASAS)

Tuesday, February 6th

8:30am - 10:00am

BaGoals

Engleman Hall Rotunda

Let's get this bread this semester! Stop by our table & tell us about your semester baGoals. Write them down & grab fuel for your morning.

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11:00am - 12:00pm

Sweets for Success

Engleman Hall Rotunda

Stop by & see us in the Engleman Rotunda to sweeten up your search for success this semester! We will have candy bars with tips & motivators to get you through this week.

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Wellbeing Wednesdays

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Thursday, February 8th

8:00am - 4:30pm

Success Stories

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Friday, February 9th

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This Week's Events

Southern Connecticut State University Celebrates **Black History Month. Click [HERE](#) to view all upcoming events!**

Attention students who are also parents:

You are invited to participate in a [Childcare Needs Survey](#). The results will be used to inform recommendations for childcare support on and near campus. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please follow the link below to complete the survey today! Also, please encourage other student-parents to take the survey.

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11:00am - 4:00pm

Works by Dada and Surrealist Painter and Printmaker Dimitri Petrov

Buley Art Gallery - Ground Floor

A selection of recently acquired works by American-born Dada and Surrealist painter and printmaker Dimitri Petrov are now on view at the Buley Art Gallery!

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Chocolate Day

Engleman Hall A/B 121

The month of February is not only the month of love but also the month of Chocolate! Join ProCon in dipping yummy goods in a milk chocolate fountain. Treats include strawberries, pretzel sticks, marshmallows, and more!

Sponsored by: Programs Council

1:00pm - 2:00pm

PEP Talk: Money 101: The Invention and Evolution of Money with Steve Wilmarth - RSVP [HERE](#)

School of Business Room 122

Join Steve Wilmarth, known here at the School of Business as 'The Bit Guy,' in a thrilling unraveling of money's epic journey, from ancient barter to digital revolution, and discover the 'why' behind the 'what' of currency's fascinating evolution. The PEP Talks series brings in local business experts to share their knowledge, experience, and projections with YOU, the Southern student!

Please register via OwlConnect!

Sponsored by: The School of Business and the BitCafe Project

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Warm and Cozy with ProCon

Adanti Student Center Room 217

BRRR! Join ProCon for an afternoon of relaxation and warmth. Come sip on a warm beverage while enjoying a lesson on crocheting to put your mind at ease! There will be a chance to win a basket of fan favorite cozy essentials to enjoy during those cold days! Let's stay warm and have fun!

Sponsored by: Programs Council

5:00pm - 8:00pm

History Club Movie Night

Adanti Student Center Room Theater

Join us to watch a movie!

Sponsored by: The History Club

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Black Student Union Coat Giveaway

Adanti Student Center Room 217

The Black Student Union is hosting a Winter Coat Giveaway for SCSU students. We want to ensure everyone is kept warm this winter! Surplus items go to a local shelter.

Sponsored by: The Black Student Union

1:00pm - 3:30pm

Drop-In AIMS and SAP Meetings

CASAS - Buley Library Room 303

If you haven't had your academic improvement meeting or your SAP plan signed just drop into CASAS for quick support.

Sponsored by: Center for Academic Success and Accessibility Services (CASAS)

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Tote-Tally Tubular

Adanti Student Center Room 217

Join SISTAS for a 90's theme paint night! Grab a tote bag and paint with us as we listen to the hottest 90's RnB and Hip Hop music!

Sponsored by: Sisters in School Together Achieving Success (SISTAS)

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Orientation Ambassador Info. Session

School of Business Room 132

Interested in becoming an Orientation Ambassador? Come meet the O-Team and learn about the OA experience!

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

Sponsored by: The Office of Orientation, Transition and Family Engagement

Wednesday, February 7th

9:30am - 10:30am

World Read Aloud Day

Barack Obama University Magnet School (Farnham Avenue)

SCSU is celebrating World Read Aloud Day with Pre-K-Grade 4 students at the Barack Obama University Magnet School on February 7 from 9:30-10:30 AM. Celebrity readers include Dr. Dwayne Smith, and Brody and Jules will be making a special guest appearance! If you are interested in participating, please contact Dr. Regine Randall at randallr1@southernct.edu or (203) 392-7168.

Sponsored by: College of Education Department of Curriculum and Learning

11:00am - 12:00pm

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MSW Informational Session

Psychology Library - Engleman Hall Room D055A

Join Psychology Club and Active Minds for an informational session with Professor Gardella, the MSW Coordinator, about Southern's MSW program!

Sponsored by: Active Minds and the Psychology Club

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Pop Out Stigma: Black World AIDS Day Awareness

Adanti Student Center Plaza Level

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is held every year on February 7th to unite people around the world in the fight against HIV, to show support to those living with and affected by the virus, and to commemorate those who have been lost to HIV and AIDS. Join the Multicultural and SAGE Center for their Pop Out Stigma event and learn some ways you can become part of the national and international conversation.

Sponsored by: The Multicultural Center and SAGE Center for Black History Month

12:00pm - 3:00pm

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1:00pm - 2:00pm

PEP Talk: Recipe for Success with Gina Lauri - RSVP [HERE](#)

School of Business Room 122

Imagine being in your 20's and turning your idea for a restaurant into a \$100 million business and branding success! That's exactly what business superstar Gina Lauri did, and she is here to share her secrets for breaking barriers. The PEP Talks series brings in local business experts to share their knowledge, experience, and projections with YOU, the Southern student!

Please register via OwlConnect!

Sponsored by: School of Business and the SCSU School of Business's Women In Leadership Initiative

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Sheheroes

Engleman Hall Rotunda

Come celebrate and learn about Sheheroes in the anti-sexual violence movement.

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

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Women's Basketball vs. Pace University

Moore Field House

Cheer on the Southern Owls as they take on Pace University!

Sponsored by: SCSU Athletics and Recreation

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Men's Basketball vs. Pace University

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Thursday, February 8th

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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

12:00pm - 1:00pm

PB&J Thursday

Engleman Hall 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

1:50pm - 2:30pm

Planetarium Presentation: "Out There"

Campus Planetarium - Morrill Hall Room 104

A full dome screening in the planetarium of a 30-minute movie will discuss scientific progress toward understanding if there is life on other planets. We invite all students, faculty, and staff to attend!

Sponsored by: The Physics and Earth Science Departments

6:45pm

The Viewing of Monique Morris' film *Push Out*

Virtual Event via Zoom. [Click here for link.](#)

Join the doctoral students in the Department of Counselor Education and Supervision for a viewing of Monique Morris' film *Push Out*, a documentary on the criminalization of black girls in our society.

Sponsored by: Department of Counselor Education and Supervision for Black History Month

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Heartful WellnesZ - Empowering Black Women's Heart Health

Adanti Student Center Room 201

Join the ladies of the Supreme and Sophisticated Psi Omicron Chapter in a night of raising awareness about heart disease.

Sponsored by: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Pizza Palooza

Farnham Programming Space (FPS)

Indulge your taste buds in a cheesy celebration at our World Pizza Day event! Join us for a mouthwatering experience featuring free pizzas of various flavors from local restaurants. Test your pizza knowledge with exciting trivia for a chance to win gift card prizes! #PizzaDayCelebration

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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 meet us in front of Schwartz Hall.

Sponsored by: The Sustainability Office and the School of Business

7:00pm

Horror Fiction, Poetry, Realistic Fiction: Mackenzie Hurlbert and Steve Ostroski

The English Common Room - Engleman Hall Room D253

Mackenzie Hurlbert is a horror writer with publications in Pyre, The CT Literary Anthology, Not One of Us, and anthologies by Flame Tree Press, Eerie River Publishing, October Nights Press, and others. Steven Ostrowski is a widely published and award-winning poet, fiction writer, painter, and songwriter. We invite all students, faculty, and staff to attend!

Sponsored by: The Creative Writing Program

Saturday, February 10th

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Liberation Table: A Black Diasporic Tradition - REGISTER [HERE](#)

School of Business

Join us for the Liberation Table – an opportunity for Black people of the African Diaspora to host family and friends over a traditional meal with African roots and to reflect upon our history of innovation, strength, and overcoming oppression.

Each ticket is \$12/person. Every attendee needs to pre-register. If you plan to come, please arrive on time and plan to stay for the full duration of the event.

Sponsored by: Africana Studies, the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and the Integrated Justice & Social Change Collaborative for Black History Month

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Gymnastics vs. Rhode Island College & Springfield College - Senior Day & Alumni Day

Moore Field House

Cheer on the Southern Owls for their only home meet as they take on Rhode Island College and Springfield College and celebrate Senior Day and Alumni Day!

Sponsored by: SCSU Athletics and Recreation

1:45pm - 6:30pm

Programs Council Powder Ridge Trip - RSVP [HERE](#)

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. Spots are limited to the first 39 students so if you RSVP, you are expected to attend the trip. Make sure to dress warm!

A confirmed RSVP via Owl Connect and a completed Assumption of Risk form are required to attend this trip! Failure to attend without a 72-hour notice will result in a \$10.00 charge on your account.

Sponsored by: Programs Council

Sunday, February 11th

2:00pm

***The Color Purple* Panel Discussion**

Engleman Hall Room A120

We invite you to join the University Honors College for a panel discussion led and moderated by Dr. Siobhan Carter-David on the film, *The Color Purple*.

Sponsored by: The University Honors College for Black History Month

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=IwAR1sTtbXODwnV3QixzKk4KcsMw4rMXo2c4VasAIAndGGQewphMqSK3TnCNs>

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.