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Dear Owl Families,

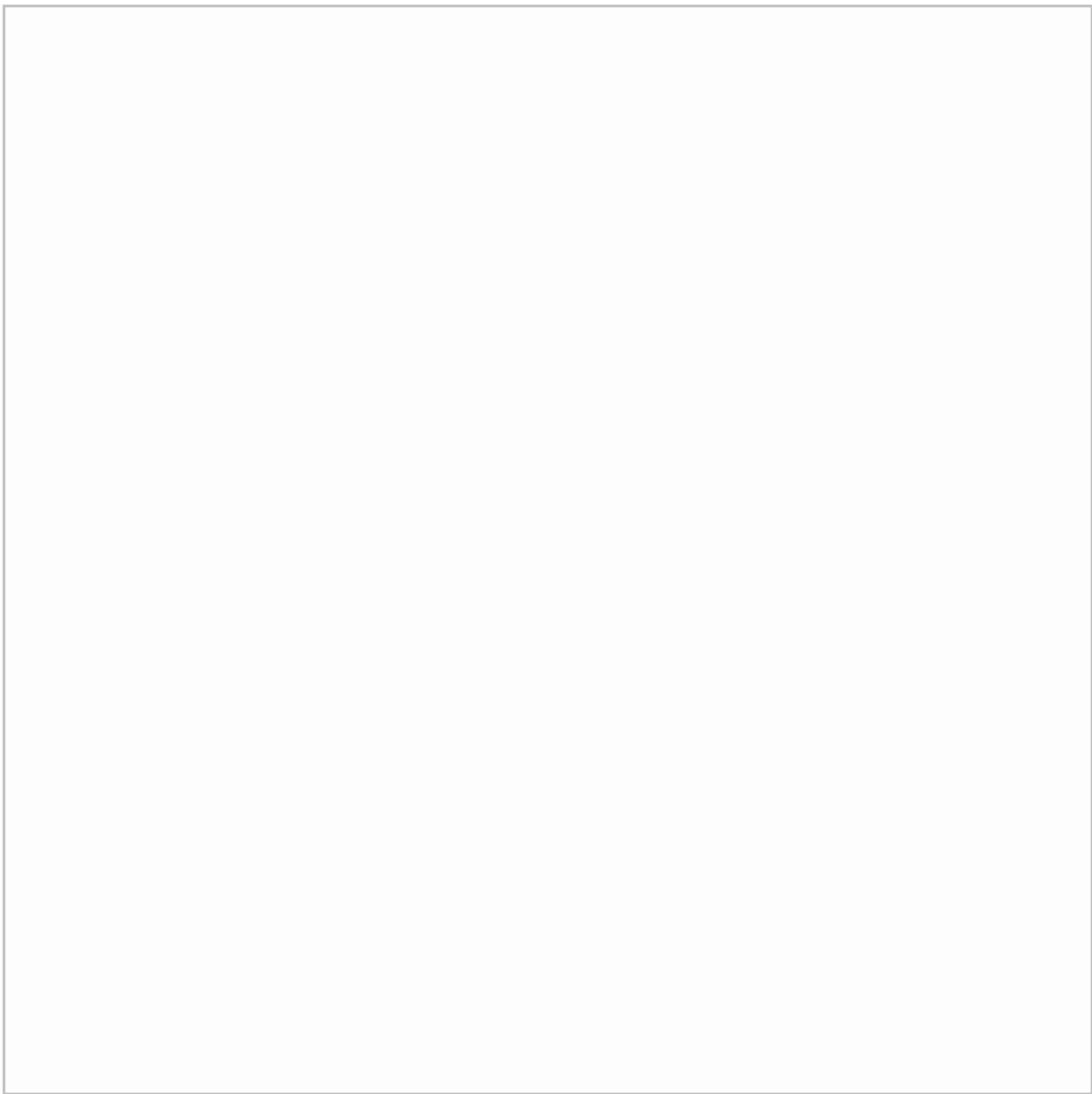
I hope this email finds you well! We are excited to introduce our new email listserv. We have identified a new platform that will allow us to better communicate with our families. With that being said, this will be the final email you will receive from this system. If you would like to continue receiving communication from our office, please take a moment to subscribe to our new system via this [link](#).

If you join us in our new email list, you'll begin receiving emails next week! For everyone else, thank you for allowing us to serve you and your family. We hope your students are thriving whether they are continuing at Southern, have moved on, or have graduated and are now proud Southern alumni.

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza  
Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

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## **Family Update: August 8, 2023**

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### **Welcome**

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to our new email listserv! We are using a new system to communicate with our families that will hopefully improve our ability to communicate important information. If you are receiving this email for the first time, your email address was listed in your student's application to Southern. Welcome! If at any point you wish to no longer receive emails from us, please feel free to unsubscribe using the button at the bottom of the email.

The first day of classes is in less than three weeks (August 27th). For those of you who have students returning to Southern as upper-division students, welcome back!

This email contains the following:

- Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement
- Residence Life Move-In
- New Owl Welcome Information
- SCSU Resources

Please feel free to connect with our office at (203) 392-5189 or email us at [orientation@southernct.edu](mailto:orientation@southernct.edu) if you have any questions. We are here to help!

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza

Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

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## **Message from the Director**



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

Dear Families,

For those that attended our Family Orientation, it was wonderful to meet many of you! I hope to have the opportunity to connect with many more this year including on move-in day (August 24th for first-year students), Homecoming and Family Day (October 5th) and at the many events throughout the year. However, please know that we will continue to send emails regularly. Over the course of the semester, we will continue to share information on how to best support students.

With the first day of classes beginning on August 27<sup>th</sup>, here are some recommendations to help students prepare over the next few weeks:

- We CANNOT emphasize this enough—**please be sure that students are checking their emails daily**. From important dates to potential course changes, students receive emails that are vital to their success. While we will share important information with families regularly, students receive individualized communication directly from offices, professors and advisors directly quite often.
- For new first-year students, **ATTEND NEW OWL WELCOME!!!** This is required of all new first-year students. They have received several emails regarding New Owl Welcome and it was discussed in all summer orientation sessions. The information is below.

Please know that our office is here to support not only students, but all of you! If we can be of support, please reach out to us.

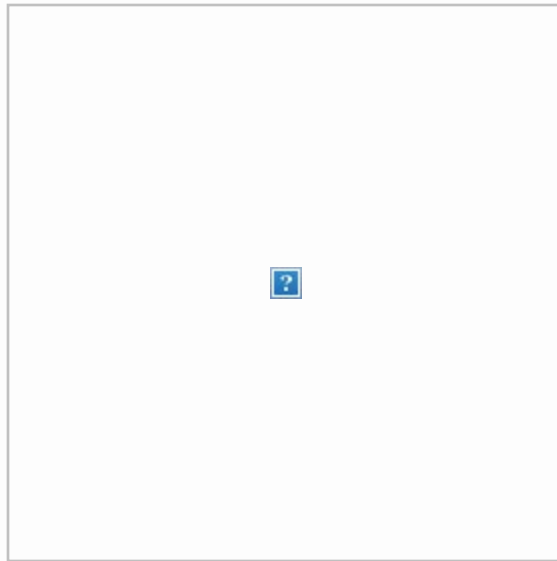
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## Message from Residence Life to Students



*Resident students received this email last week about move-in.*

Dear Student,

The fall semester is right around the corner, and we are excitedly awaiting your arrival! To prepare for your move-in day, please see the important information below regarding your on-campus housing.

You can view your housing assignment and roommate information online through your MyHousing. According to our records, you are assigned to: **{Hall}, Room {Room}**.

**To be eligible to move in, you must be:**

- Matriculated and registered for at least 6 course credits for fall 2024.
- Health compliant with an up-to-date health record (including all immunizations).
  - *Health forms were due to Health Services by Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- Financially compliant with an up-to-date payment plan or balance paid in full.
  - *University bills were due by Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.*
- Complete your check-in forms located on your MyHousing (*available now*).

**Check-in Forms:**

All residential students must complete a check-in form before they can move into their residence hall. Check-in forms include emergency contact information. You can access your check-in form through the "Applications" tab of your MyHousing.

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

- Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>: New Student Move-In Day (first-year students and new transfer students)
- Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>: Returning Student Move-In Day (Continuing students, returning students, and Graduate students)

**New Incoming Students: What to Expect on Move-in Day, Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>:**

We understand that although this may be an exciting time for some students and their families, for others move-in day/transitioning to college can cause some nervousness. We are here to help ease this as much as we can! The Office of Residence Life, in collaboration with other campus partners, has a full staff of professionals and returning Southern students here to help you on move-in day.

To prepare before move-in day:

- Ensure you are fully compliant to move in (*detailed above*).
- Select a move-in time (*detailed below*).
- Pack the essentials for the start of the semester (*see the suggested items list below*).
- Arrive to campus on your move-in day with your move-in express pass at your selected move-in time (*instructions below*). There will be plenty of signage and staff on campus ready to direct you where to park and unload your belongings.
- The driver should park in the designated unloading zone while the student quickly unloads their belongings on the curb with the help of our amazing staff and volunteers. Our volunteers will have moving bins ready to help!
- The driver should quickly move their car and park in the Wintergreen Garage or closest parking garage.
- The student should check-in at the lobby of your residence hall, here staff will direct you to your Resident Advisor (RA) to check in, sign your room paperwork, and receive your room key.
- With the help of our volunteers, bring your items into your residence hall and to your assigned floor.
- Unpack and settle into your new home away from home!
- Attend your required floor meeting. Signage will be posted in your Residence Hall for the exact time of your floor meeting and specific location within the building.
- Attend New Owl Welcome activities as outlined in the [schedule here](#).

### **Move-in Time Selection:**

All residential students must self-select a move-in time slot once fully compliant. Move-in times can be selected on your MyHousing beginning Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. 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).

On Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will email you your move-in time confirmation notice which will include your move-in day express check-in pass. All residential students must present this pass to move in. Please screenshot or print your express check-in pass and bring it with you on move-in day.

To ensure a smooth move-in experience, please complete your check-in forms and select a move-in time before Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> in your MyHousing.

### **Early Move-in Request:**

Residents who have a conflict with the move-in day or need to be on-campus for university business before the start of the semester may request to move in



early. Students must indicate a valid reason for their need to move in early.

To request to move in early, please complete the Early Move-in Request Form located in the Applications tab of your MyHousing.

The Office of Residence Life offers early move-in beginning Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Check-in will be in the lobby of your Residence Hall between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm on whichever day you request to move in early. Early move-in requests will NOT be approved for students who are not compliant.

The last day to request early move-in is by noon on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Early move-in requests will NOT be accepted after noon on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Students approved to move in early will receive a confirmation e-mail on August 15<sup>th</sup> regarding moving in early.

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

- \$40.00 per night charge for early move-in.
- \$20.00 per night charge for university student employees moving in early to work on campus between August 16<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - You must include the name of your university supervisor and contact information for verification.

### Meal Plan Changes:

Please see below for the updated meal plan options for the Fall 2024 semester:

- Full Dining Plan (All Residents are Eligible)
  - Dining Locations: Connecticut Hall
  - Food Loot Included: \$150
  - Total Plan Cost: \$3,369.00
- 30 Meals Per Semester (Residents with Kitchens are Eligible)
  - Dining Locations: Connecticut Hall and ASC Food Court
  - Food Loot Included: \$150
  - Total Plan Cost: \$470.00
- 60 Meals Per Semester (Residents with Kitchens are Eligible)
  - Dining Locations: Connecticut Hall and ASC Food Court
  - Food Loot Included: \$100
  - Total Plan Cost: \$715.00

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Your meal plan has been added to your account and can be verified in your MyHousing.

All residents who have a housing assignment with a kitchen in their suite/apartment are now eligible to upgrade their meal plan on their MyHousing by Friday, September 13th, 2024. **All meal plans are final after Friday, September 13th, 2024.**

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

If you have been reassigned to or selected a housing assignment with a kitchen, please verify that you are on your preferred meal plan; we do not automatically change your meal plan.

Please be aware that your housing assignment does affect your meal plan options.

### [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! We suggest only packing what you will need for the first few weeks of the semester.

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### [Parking Decals \(Required for On-Campus Parking\):](#)

If you plan to bring a vehicle on campus for the fall, you must register for your parking decal online [here](#). Online registration is now available and closes on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Decals will be distributed on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> (New Students ONLY) in the Farnham Programming Space from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Returning students can pick up their parking decals on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> in the University Police Department in Granoff Hall starting at 10:00 am.

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

### [Fitness Center:](#)

Looking for a convenient place to work out? Want to improve your mood, reduce stress, and gain energy to get you through the semester? [Click here](#) to join the Fitness Center today so you can stay fit all semester long. With group fitness programs and fitness challenges as well as late-night and weekend hours, you'll be sure to find something you enjoy without ever leaving campus!

When you join, a \$45 fee will be added to your SCSU bill. Join online today or contact us for more information! Email: [fitness@southernct.edu](mailto:fitness@southernct.edu) | Phone: (203)392-8971

We look forward to seeing you all on campus soon! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Residence Life at (203) 392-5870 or send us an email at [reslife@southernct.edu](mailto:reslife@southernct.edu). We are open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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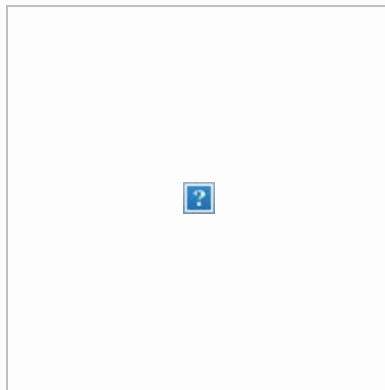
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## New Owl Welcome



New Owl Welcome is this Sunday, August 25th and Monday, August 26th. New Owl Welcome is a way to welcome students to campus, get excited about the journey they are starting, and provide them with the tools to start their time at SCSU off right! They should expect to attend on Sunday, August 25th from 8:30am- 4:30pm and Monday, August 26th from 8:30am to 2:30pm. Resident students move in to their halls on August 24th.

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## Resources



**[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](#)**- these is another general page filled with links that may be helpful!

**[Residence Life](#)**- with so many questions regarding residence life, this may be a great place to find information!

**[Advising](#)**- information regarding academic advising.

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