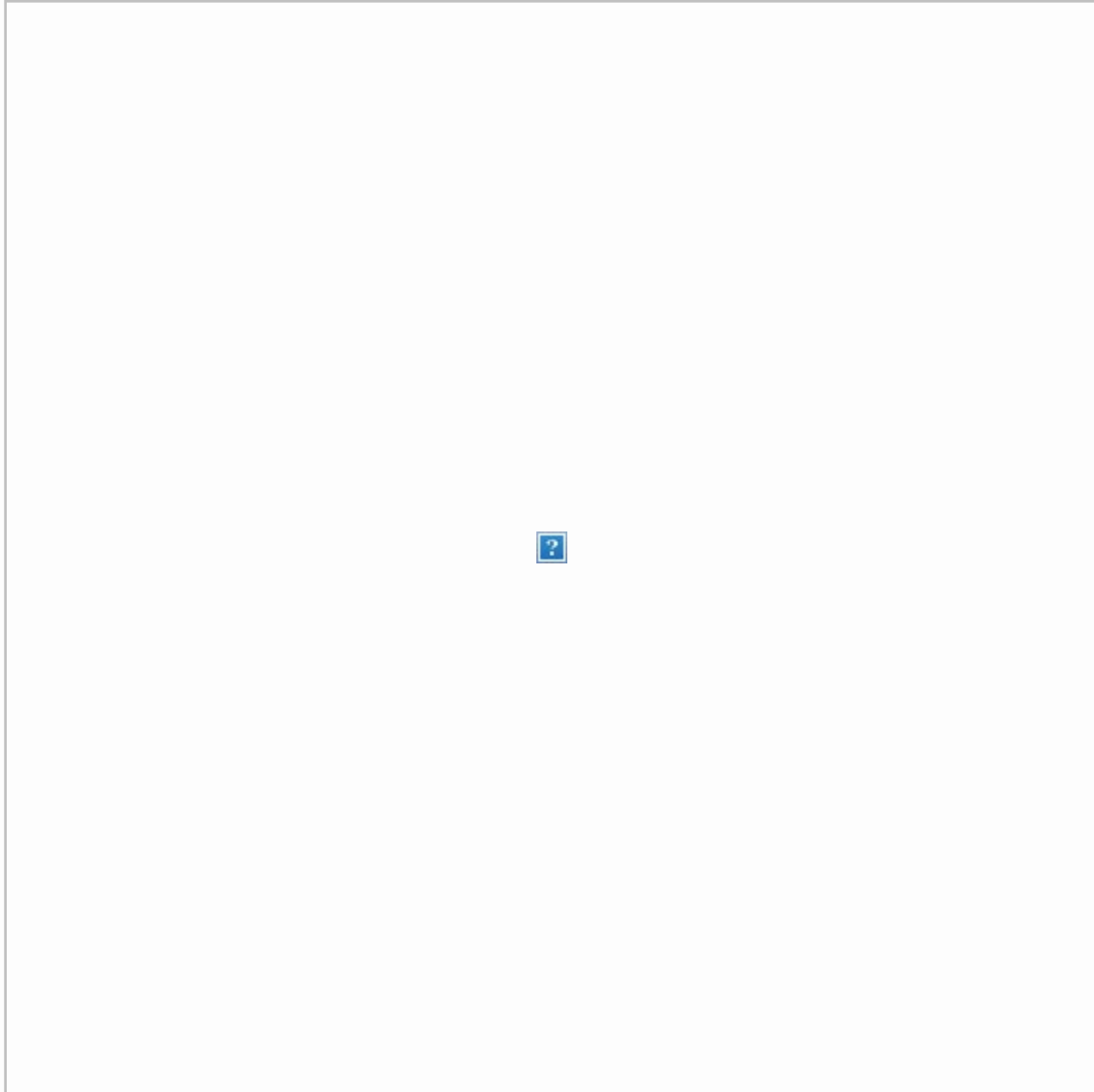


From: [Southern Connecticut State University](#)
To: [Rizza, Salvatore A.](#)
Subject: SCSU Family Update: August 16
Date: Friday, August 16, 2024 12:50:44 PM



Family Update: August 16, 2024

Getting Ready

Dear Parents and Families,

In just a week (August 24th), first-year students will be moving in marking the start of the Fall 2024 semester. As your students continue to prepare for a new academic year, we want to share some information that may help!

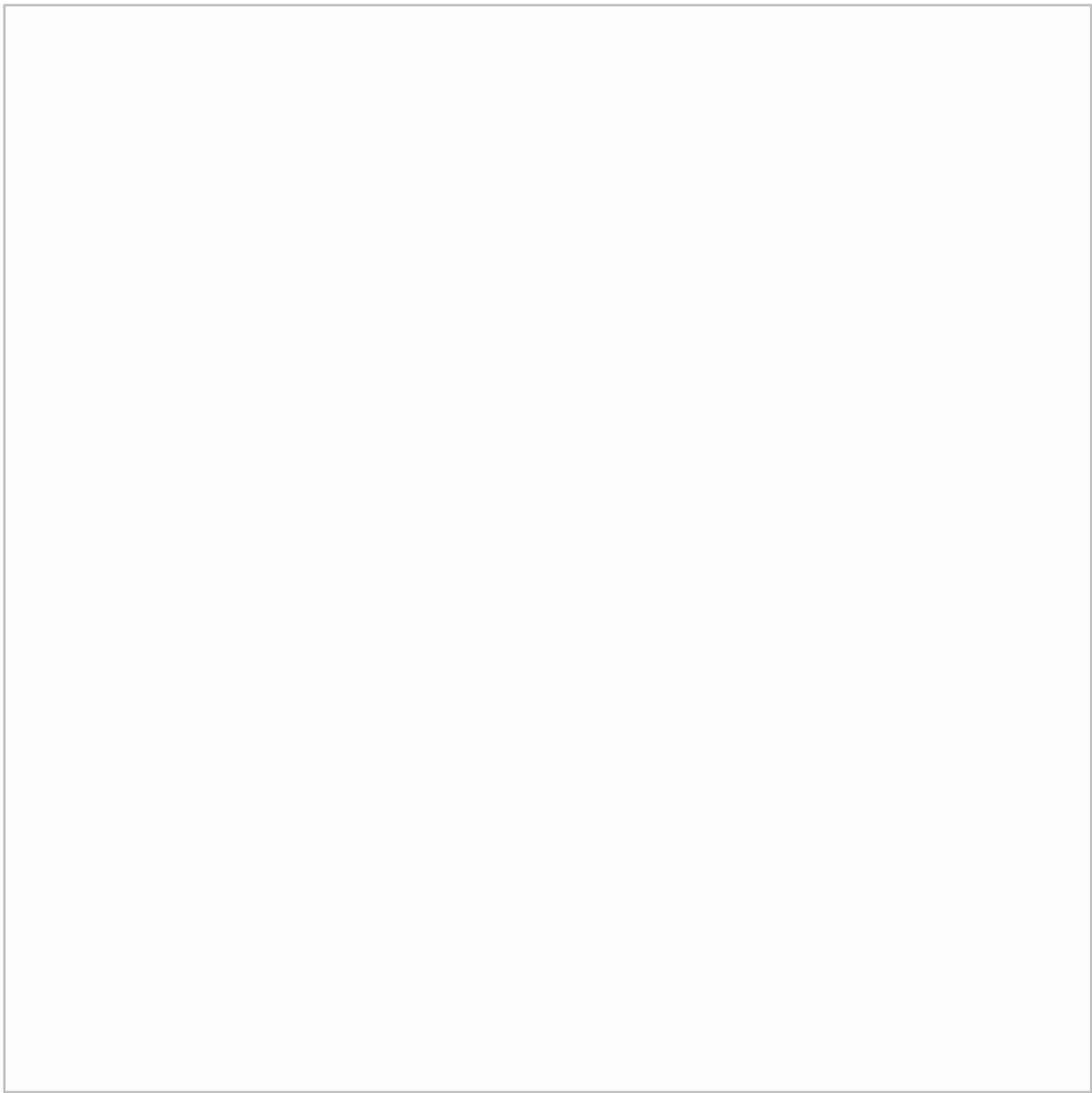
This email contains the following:

- Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement
- Family Orientation Survey
- New Owl Welcome Information
- New Owl Convocation and Rite of Passage Ceremony
- Food Pantry Information/Support
- SCSU Resources and Important Dates

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

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza
Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement



Message from the Director



Message from the Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Dear Families,

This week we started welcoming back athletes, Resident Advisors, and participants in the Summer Institute. Campus is starting to have real energy!

With less than two weeks before the first day of classes, this is a great week to have conversations with your students about starting strong. In this communication and others we will share strategies for student success as well as the resources available to support them. One of the questions I like to ask is, "how can you make this the best semester possible?" or "at the end of this semester, what would like to have accomplished?"

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.

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza

Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Family Orientation Survey

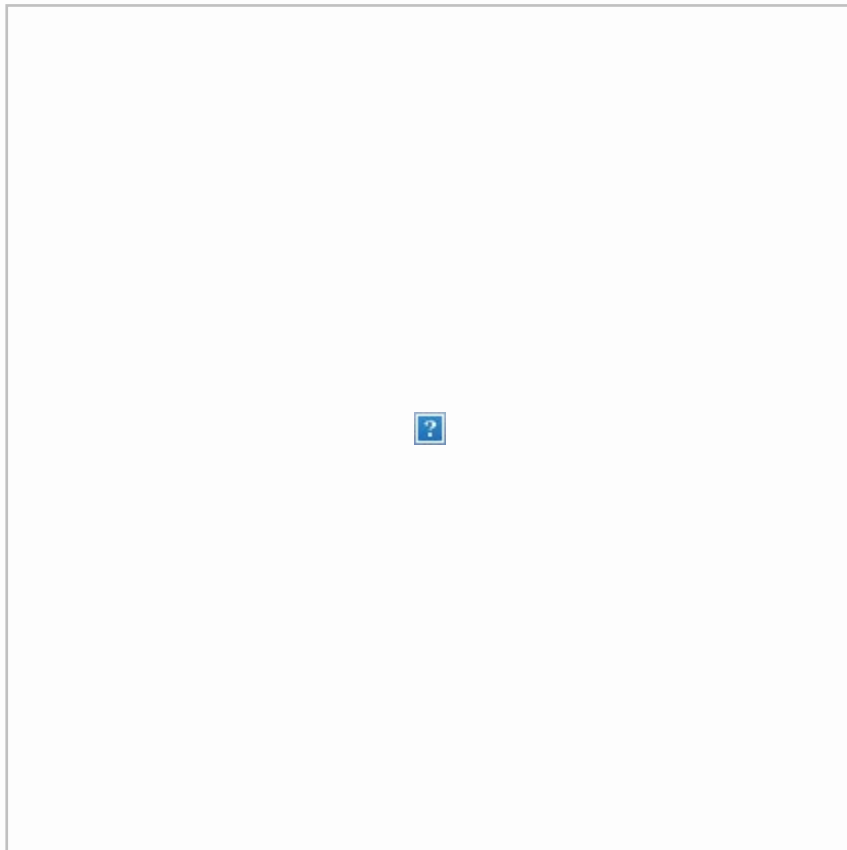


For families that attended Family Orientation this summer, would you be so kind as to complete this [short survey](#)?

We received so few responses and really want to know your thoughts!

Family Orientation Survey

New Owl Welcome



New Owl Convocation and Rite of Passage Ceremony

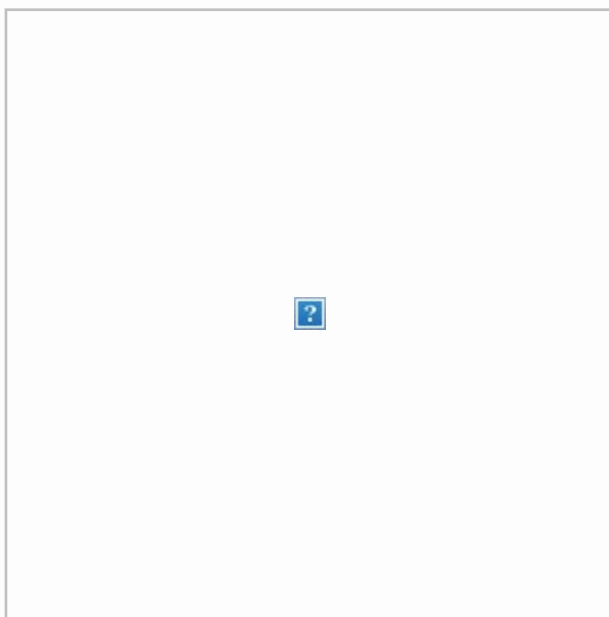
Monday, August 26th

10:30am- 12:30pm

[Stream Live](#)

As part of New Owl Welcome, all first-year students will participate in New Owl Convocation and Rite of Passage Ceremony. Universities around the country hold similar traditions in which student are formally inducted to the university. During the ceremony, each student will be individually recognized, cross the Convocation stage and be congratulated by President Smith and university leadership. While our Lyman Center doesn't have the capacity to invite our families to join, we are happy to invite you all to participate virtually!

Message from the SCSU Food Pantry



Hello SCSU friends and family!

I'm Alandre Alexis, Student Affairs Case Coordinator for the Support & Opportunity Center here at SCSU. Within my role, I work with Southern students who struggle day-to-day to access basic needs or experiencing personal issues that often interfere with their academic success. Through collaborations with Dean of Students and the rest of the Student Affairs Division, we strive to remove as many barriers as we can to allow those at Southern the ability to persist, graduate, and make a positive impact to our world.

One of our many resources to aid students in distress is our SCSU Food Pantry. Statistics show that **40% of college students struggle with accessing basic needs like food** or face some form of food insecurity. In our mission to Erase Hunger on our Campus, our food pantry is open year-round and available to all current Southern students. In the past year alone, we were to support and connect with over 3000 of our students dealing with food insecurity and connect them to critical resources on and off-campus. Most of our success is thanks to the donations of our own Southern Family. In hopes to help more students and their families, we ask that you consider donating to our Food Pantry and other student support resources.

If you would like to learn how you can help us in our mission to Erase Hunger on our Campus, click on the link below.

Link: https://linktr.ee/scsu_soc

Thank you for being a part of our Southern Family!

Sincerely,

Alandre Alexis

Dates Resources



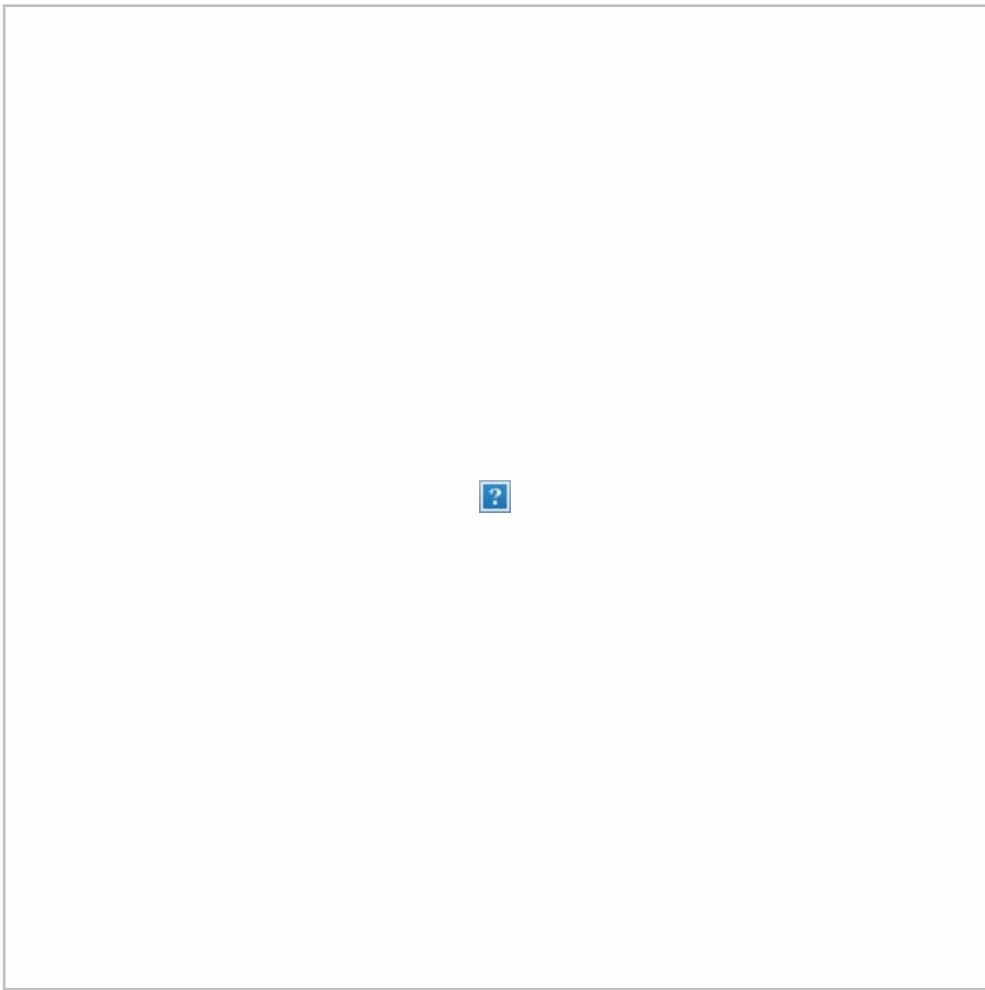
Helpful Links- these are a number of helpful links that we have gathered specifically for parents/families that will be helpful now and in the future.

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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