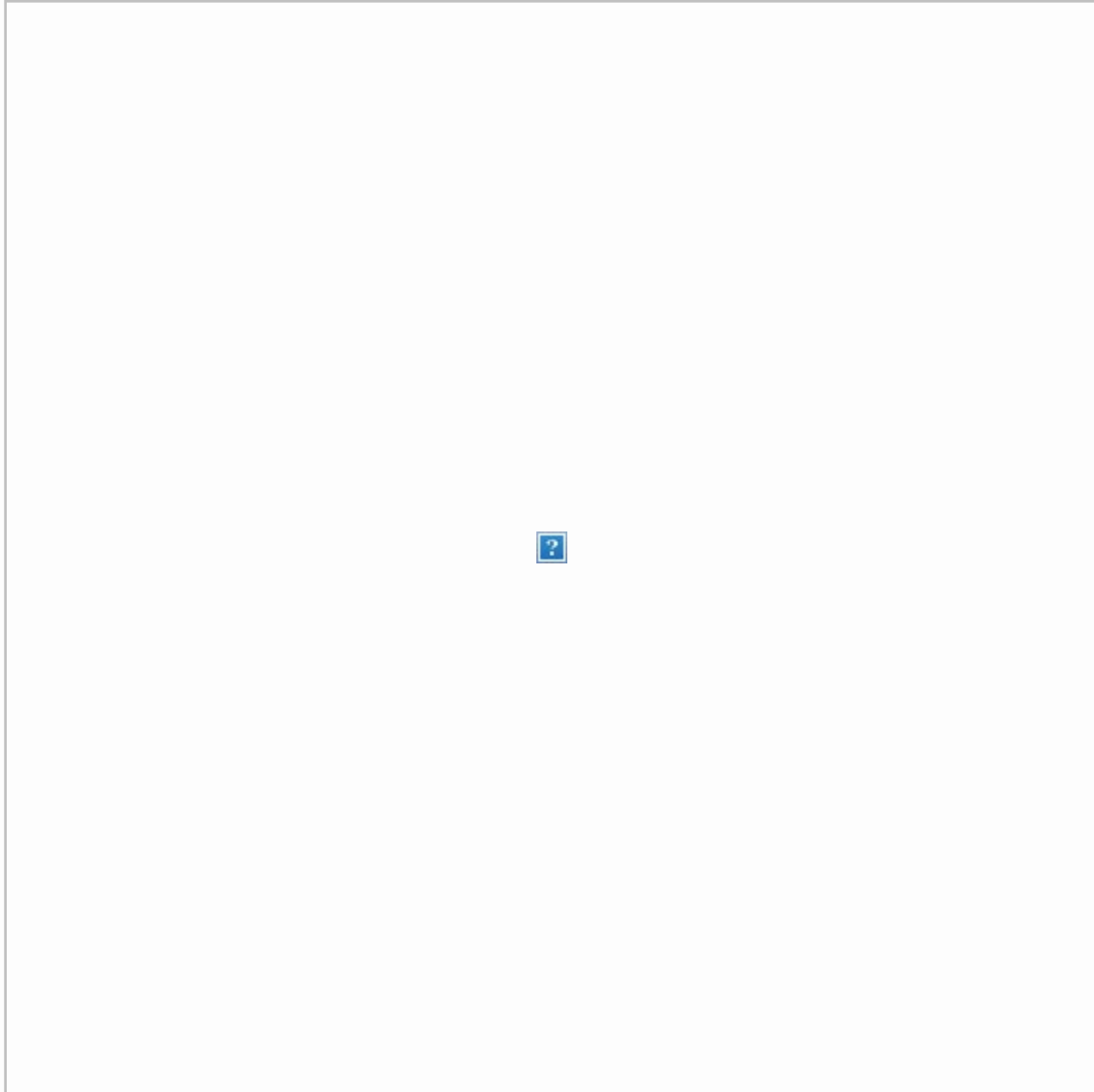


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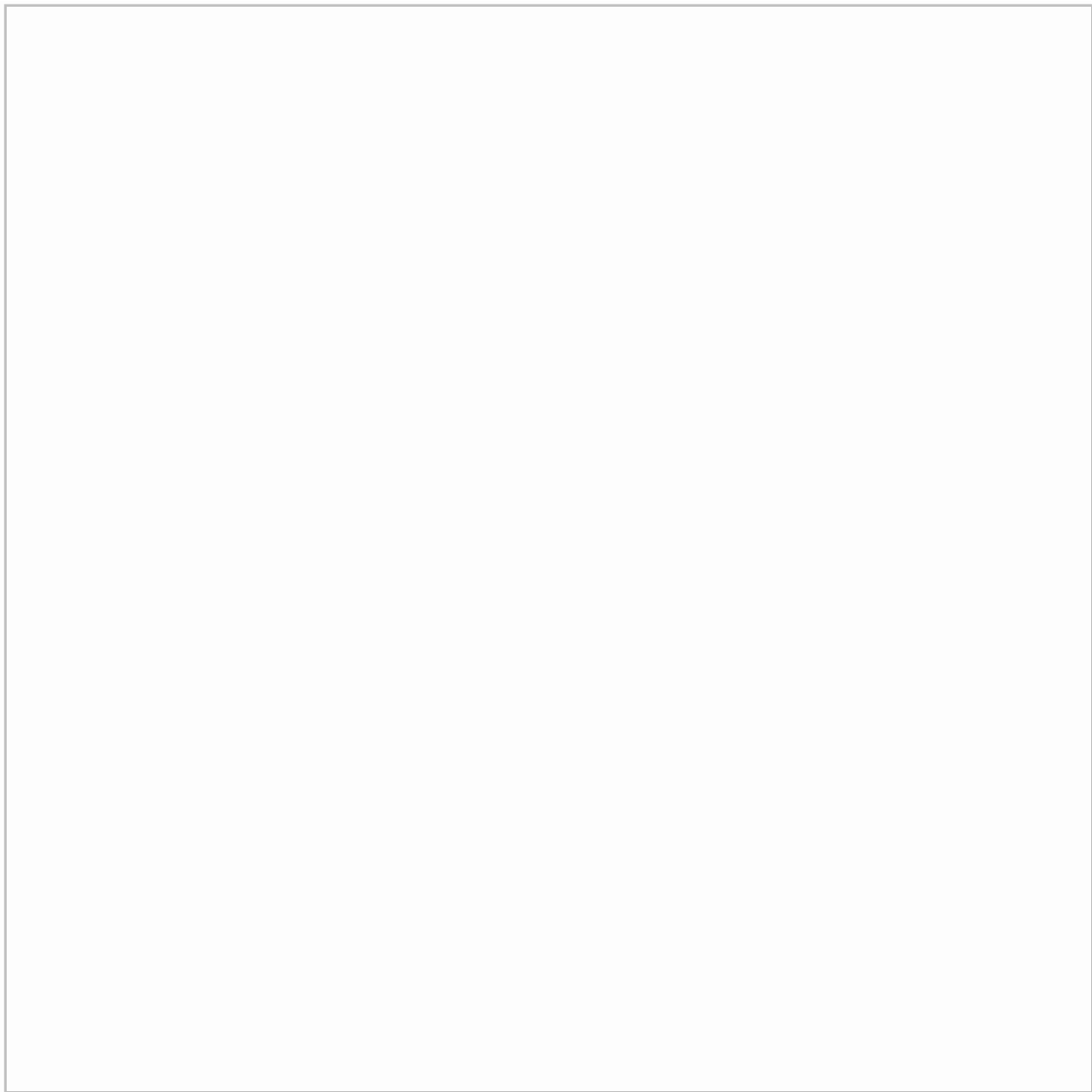


Family Update: Date

This email contains the following:

Message from the Director of Orientation,
Transition & Family Engagement

- Weekly Feature
 - Email from the President's Office regarding the election.
 - Election Night Watch Party
 - News and Notes
 - Spring 2025 Course Registration
 - Thanksgiving Break Closing
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 - This Week at Southern
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Dear Families,

This message contains important updates as we enter a very busy month for our

students. Spring 2025 course registration begins this week, with graduate students registering today and seniors on Wednesday. You can find additional registration dates in the News and Notes section.

In this week's Weekly Feature, we've included information about tomorrow's election. President Smith has shared an email, and students are welcome to watch election returns together in the library if they're interested.

Next Monday, we'll be honoring Veterans Day. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all Veterans for their service, and we recognize the many families in our community with members who have served or are currently serving. I am privileged to work closely with the [Veteran, Military, and Adult Learner Services Center](#) and its Coordinator, Britt Conroy. Our center is a valuable resource not only for Student Veterans but for all military-connected students.

On Monday, November 11th, at 1 p.m., we will hold our annual Veterans Day Ceremony in the Adanti Student Center Theatre. While we understand it may be difficult for families to attend, we warmly extend this invitation to all.

Please remember that our office is here to support both students and their families. If we can assist in any way, don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza

Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement





Dear Southern Community,

As we approach election day, I want to take a moment to recognize the diversity of perspectives within our university and the shared values that unite us. Voting is one of our most fundamental democratic rights as Americans, giving each of us a voice in shaping the future. It represents the opportunity to reflect on our most deeply held values and envision a world we wish to leave for future generations. For this reason, elections are also a time of heightened emotion and opinion, and it's important to be thoughtful about how we engage in political discussions.

At Southern, we are committed to maintaining a community where everyone feels

respected and valued. The open, peaceful exchange of ideas is at the heart of our educational mission, and it is strengthened when we approach each other with kindness, empathy, and understanding—even when we disagree.

The path to election day has been a stressful one due to the many divisive issues that currently confront us. If you're feeling overwhelmed, reach out and talk with someone you trust. Visit [JED's Election Stress Resources](#), connect with [Counseling Services](#) or the [Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#) for student support, or engage the [Employee Assistance Program](#) for faculty and staff assistance. Residential students should contact their RA, the RA on duty, or their Hall Director should they need additional support. Pre – and post-election, University Police will be working to ensure our campus remains safe and secure, following the protocols outlined in our [Emergency Preparedness Plan](#).

As a university community, we have a shared responsibility to stay informed, engage respectfully, and—most importantly—make our voices heard by voting. Let's approach this election with the same integrity, compassion, and commitment to community that define us every day, and lead the way by setting an example for others to follow.

Sincerely,
Dr. D.

Election Night Watch Party

Tuesday, November 5

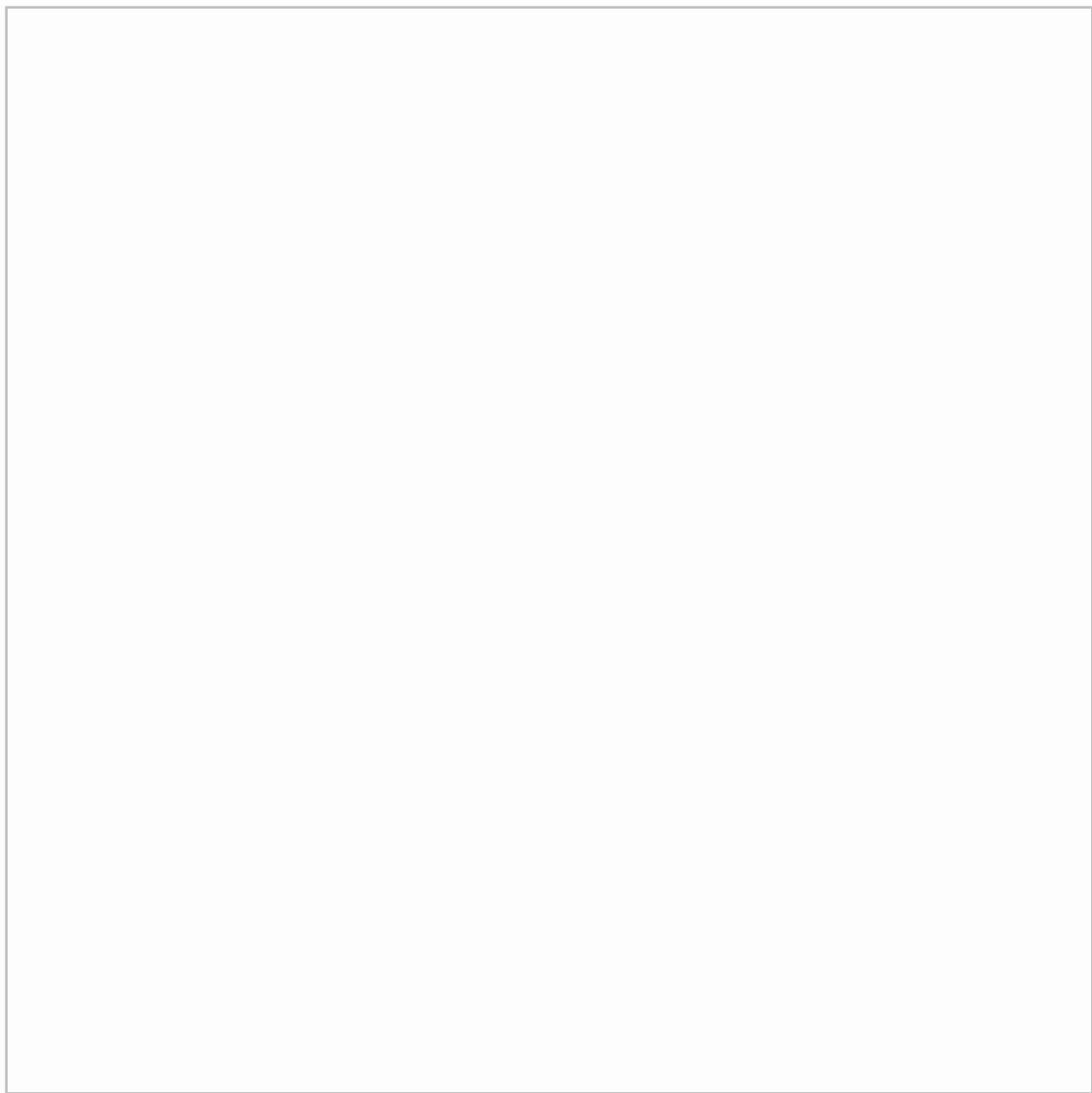
8:00pm - 12:00am

Buley Library - Ground Floor

Join us for an Election Night watch party!

We'll be watching election returns from 8 pm - 12 am (midnight). Multiple news sources will be broadcast. Space is handicap accessible. Refreshments will be served.





Email from the Registrar's Office regarding Spring registration...

Spring registration opens on November 4, 2024!

To find your specific registration date and time, [click here](#).

You can access the Spring Registration Checklist by clicking the image below, where you'll find helpful information on planning your schedule, obtaining your PIN, and checking for any holds that could affect your registration.

Spring Priority Registration Dates

- November 4, 2024 (Graduates)
 - November 4, 2024 (Post-baccalaureates)
 - November 6, 2024 (Seniors)
 - November 11, 2024 (Juniors)
 - November 13, 2024 (Sophomores)
 - November 19, 2024 (Freshmen)
 - November 20, 2024 (Non-Degree Grads)
 - November 25, 2024 (All Students)
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Email from Residence Life regarding Thanksgiving Closing....

Dear Resident Student,

The holiday season is upon us!

The Residence Halls will close for Thanksgiving break at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 26th, 2024. They will reopen on Sunday, December 1st, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

Upon closing, students will not be permitted in the building unless they have notified their hall director in advance. Student access to the residence halls will be turned off.

We understand students may have class after 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 21st. **If you must remain on campus Tuesday, November 26th for class or an extenuating circumstance, please complete the Thanksgiving Break Housing Request Application in your MyHousing to request a late checkout.** Students with extenuating circumstances may be eligible to stay on

campus until 11:00 PM and will not be billed during this time.

For an additional fee, the Office of Residence Life offers students the option to remain on campus or return early during Thanksgiving Break.

Please see below for the available Thanksgiving Break housing option at an additional cost:

- **Stay Stay the night on Tuesday, November 26th, and leave before noon on Wednesday, November 27th (the fee for this option is \$40).**
- ***Entire Tuesday, November 26th through Sunday, December 1st (the fee for this option is \$200.00).**
- **Return Arrive early on campus on Sunday, December 2nd between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM (the fee for this option is \$40).**

**Unfortunately, we do not offer a partial stay during the Thanksgiving Break. If you need to remain on campus for any part of the break (except the late checkout and early return) you will be billed \$200.00 for the entire break.*

You must complete the Thanksgiving Break Housing Application to request one of the above break housing options. **The Thanksgiving Break Housing Application is now live in your MyHousing and closes at 11:59 PM on Thursday, November 21st.**

To reach the

- Log in to your Banner Student account.
- Select "MyHousing"
- Next to the Residence Life logo in the top left-hand corner, click on the three lines.
- Select "Applications".
- Click "Thanksgiving Break Housing Request".

Thanksgiving Break Closing Procedures:

Your Residence Hall Director and Resident Advisors will be going through your room/apartment to make sure that it has been closed properly and that you have followed all closing procedures. If you wish to report a maintenance issue, fill out the [online form](#).

Please do the following to prepare your room for Thanksgiving break:

- Take home any valuables or anything that you will need (such as medications) during Thanksgiving break. Please understand that housing and facilities staff may enter rooms to complete work orders.
- Clean your room and take any garbage to the dumpsters adjacent to your residence hall.
- Remove and discard any perishable items from your refrigerator that might spoil during Thanksgiving break.
- Lock your windows and close your curtains/blinds.
- Unplug everything within your room except fish tanks, your cable modem, and your refrigerator.
- Make sure your room door is closed and locked.

A Note About Packages During the Break:

Please note that packages delivered during the break period will be held at Facilities until the week of December 2nd. If you need to receive items during the break, please ensure that you update your delivery address to your break address/location. We also recommend pausing or delaying deliveries until after the break, if possible.

If you have any questions regarding the Thanksgiving break closing, please do not hesitate to contact your Resident Advisor, Residence Hall Director, or the Office of Residence Life at (203) 392-5870 or send us an email at reslife@southernct.edu. We are open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

We hope you all have a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving break and best wishes for the remainder of the semester!

Sincerely,
The Office of Residence Life

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This week is Class Registration Prep Week!

Class registration for the next semester is almost here! Review the “Spring Registration Checklist” [HERE](#) to confirm you’re ready to go! Make sure you’ve met with your assigned advisor to obtain your registration PIN and that you know when your registration day/time are!

Full Calendar:

Southern Connecticut State University Celebrates [Native American Heritage](#)

Month. Click [HERE](#) to view all upcoming events

Tuesday, November 5th

9:30am - 10:30am

Commuter's Cup

Engleman Hall Rotunda

Brighten up your morning commute with a refreshing juice giveaway! Join us at the Engleman Rotunda every Tuesday to grab a delicious, healthy juice on your way to class. It's a perfect pick-me-up to kickstart your day!

Sponsored by: Commuter Services

10:00am - 2:00pm

Flu Clinic

Morrill Hall Breezeway

Health Services, in partnership with ShopRite, is bringing the flu vaccine directly to you this fall semester! Join us for a convenient and quick flu shot. Remember to bring your insurance card and any prescription (Rx) cards with you to ensure a smooth and efficient process. Don't miss this easy opportunity to stay healthy.

Sponsored by: Student Health Services

11:30am - 1:30pm

Tune Up Tuesday

Connecticut Hall

Join us on Tuesdays at Conn Hall for "Tune-Up Tuesday," a dedicated time to enhance your health, happiness, mindfulness, and gratitude practices.

Sponsored by: Student Health Services

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Commuter Creates

Adanti Student Center Room 217

Join us for our weekly painting event, where we explore a new theme each week! Don't miss out on the creative fun!

Sponsored by: Commuter Services

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Native American & Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month Trivia

Outside the Multicultural Center

The Interfaith Center wants to share some facts with you about Native American and Indigenous Peoples history. Be sure to stop by!

Sponsored by: The Interfaith Center

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Let's Get Real Drop-In Group

Engleman Hall Room B219

A supportive place to be yourself and discuss personal and college experiences. Make connections, get perspective, and share coping strategies. Let's help each other have a great first semester and deal with any challenges that come up! This event is facilitated by a licensed therapist. For more information contact Elaine at 203-392-5475 or allene4@southernct.edu.

Sponsored by: Counseling Programming and Outreach

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Sit Down & Write

Online - Join [HERE](#)

The idea is that we can have a dedicated time, every week, devoted to writing...or any other quiet creative activity. By scheduling it, and having a group, we can motivate ourselves to actually Sit Down & Write. We're using the Pomodoro Technique, which consists of 25 minute working sessions and 5 minute breaks: a time-tested technique that helps many people focus and accomplish tasks.

Sponsored by: Buley Library

8:00pm - 12:00am

Election Night Watch Party

Buley Library - Ground Floor

We'll be watching from 8:00pm until midnight. Multiple news sources will be broadcast and refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by: Southern Connecticut State University

Wednesday, November 6th

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

11:30am - 12:30pm

Commuter Chat with Dr. Dwayne Smith - RSVP [HERE](#)

Adanti Student Center Room 217

Join Commuter Services for a chat with SCSU's Interim President, Dr. Dwayne Smith!

Commuter students are invited to enjoy lunch, connect with Dr. Smith, and share your

experiences. Only 40 spots available – please RSVP on OwlConnect to reserve your seat!

Sponsored by: Commuter Services

12:30pm - 2:00pm

Innovation Tea

Jennings Hall Room 108

Share with the Innovation Hub what you're researching, upcoming events, or just enjoy some coffee, tea and relax!

Sponsored by: SCSU Innovation Hub

1:00pm – 2:00pm

RHA Open Forum with President Smith

Farnham Programming Space

Join RHA for a chat with SCSU's Interim President, Dr. Dwayne Smith! Residential students are invited to enjoy lunch, connect with Dr. Smith, and share your experiences.

Sponsored by: Residence Hall Association

1:00pm - 2:00pm

PEP Talk: Finance 101 - Shifting Your Money Mindset - RSVP [HERE](#)

School of Business Room 122

Join us for great conversations and free lunch every Monday and Wednesday this semester at the School of Business PEP Talks! Please be sure to RSVP to confirm your attendance.

Sponsored by: The School of Business Professional Enrichment Platform

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Film Screening: “One Life”

Adanti Student Center Theater

Join us for a screening of *One Life*, a film about Sir Nicholas Winton's efforts to rescue 669 children from Prague before the outbreak of WWII, featuring Anthony Hopkins, Lena Olin, and Helena Bonham Carter.

Sponsored by: SCSU College of Arts and Sciences, SCSU Judaic Studies Program, and Voices of Hope and its Holocaust Education Resource and Outreach Center.

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Women's Soccer vs. University of New Haven

Jess Dow Field

Cheer on the Owls as they take on the University of New Haven!

Sponsored by: SCSU Athletics and Recreation

7:30pm

Art of Trio, featuring SCSU Jazz Faculty

Engleman Hall Room C112
Take a midweek break to hear some jazz!
Sponsored by: The Music Department

Thursday, November 7th

8:30am - 10:30am

Good Morning Commuters

Adanti Student Center Room 217

Looking for a nutritious and delicious breakfast? Commuter Services has your back! Join us every Thursday for breakfast sandwiches.

Sponsored by: Commuter Services

12:00pm - 1:00pm

PB & J Thursday

Engleman Hall Breezeway

Head to the breezeway outside Engleman B121 for ProCon's PB&J Thursday! We are your lunch providers every Thursday as we provide snacks, drinks, and most importantly, PB&J sandwiches!

Sponsored by: Programs Council

3:00pm - 4:30pm

ProCon's "Way Too Soon" Holiday Party

Adanti Student Center Room 217

Do you like to start celebrating the holidays as soon as Halloween ends? If so, this is the event for you. Join ProCon to create your own photo snow globe from Party Plug USA, decorate ornaments, eat snacks and listen to holiday music! Snow globes are limited to the first 100 students, so come while supplies last!

Sponsored by: Programs Council

8:00pm - 12:00am

Noche de Gala - Get tickets [HERE](#)

Adanti Student Center Ballroom

Join OLAS at their annual semi-formal! Each year Noche De Gala highlights and celebrates a different Latin country, and this year SCSU will come together to celebrate La Herencia de La Republica Dominicana, Colombia Y Mexico! Come and enjoy a night of Hispanic foods and dancing to a variety of music (not just Spanish) as we pay tribute to and honor Latin culture! Funds raised from this event will benefit scholarships for incoming Latino students.

Sponsored by: The Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS)

Friday, November 8th

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Community Headstone Preservation and Cleaning Event - Register [HERE](#)

Westville Cemetery - corner of Osborn Ave. and Blake St.

In honor of Veteran's Day, we invite you to join us for an afternoon of remembrance and reflection at Westville Cemetery. Participants can either meet at the cemetery or gather outside the SCSU Veterans' Office (Engleman Hall A 014) at 12:30 PM for the short walk to the cemetery. Please register in advance for this event!

Sponsored by: The History Department and Veterans' Services

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Poetry Contest and Open Mic

ASC Fireside Lounge - 3rd Floor

Come join Folio and the Reading Club for a themed poetry contest! When we're done, we'll move into an open mic, so bring your poetry, prose, art, and music! Light refreshments will be provided, and prizes will be awarded for the poetry contest.

Sponsored by: Folio and the Reading Club

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Shabbat

The Interfaith Center - ASC 236

Come join Hillel for Shabbat every Friday throughout the semester!

Sponsored by: Hillel

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Volleyball vs. American International College

Pelz Gymnasium

Cheer on the Owls as they take on American International College!

Sponsored by: SCSU Athletics and Recreation

Saturday, November 9th

9:30am – 2:00pm

Undergraduate Open House

All around campus

Prospective students and their families will be visiting Southern for our Open House. If you encounter some of our guests, please make them feel welcome. Perhaps you might even share why you love Southern (and we hope you do) and talk about your experience.

Sponsored by: Undergraduate Admissions

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Men's & Women's Swimming and Diving vs. Adelphi University

Hutchinson Natatorium

Cheer on the Owls as they take on Adelphi University!

Sponsored by: SCSU Athletics and Recreation

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Women's Basketball vs. Georgian Court University

Moore Field House

Cheer on the Owls as they kick off their season at home against Georgian Court University!

Sponsored by: SCSU Athletics and Recreation

Sunday, November 10th

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Women's Basketball vs. Mercy University

Moore Field House

Cheer on the Owls as they take on Mercy University!

Sponsored by: SCSU Athletics and Recreation

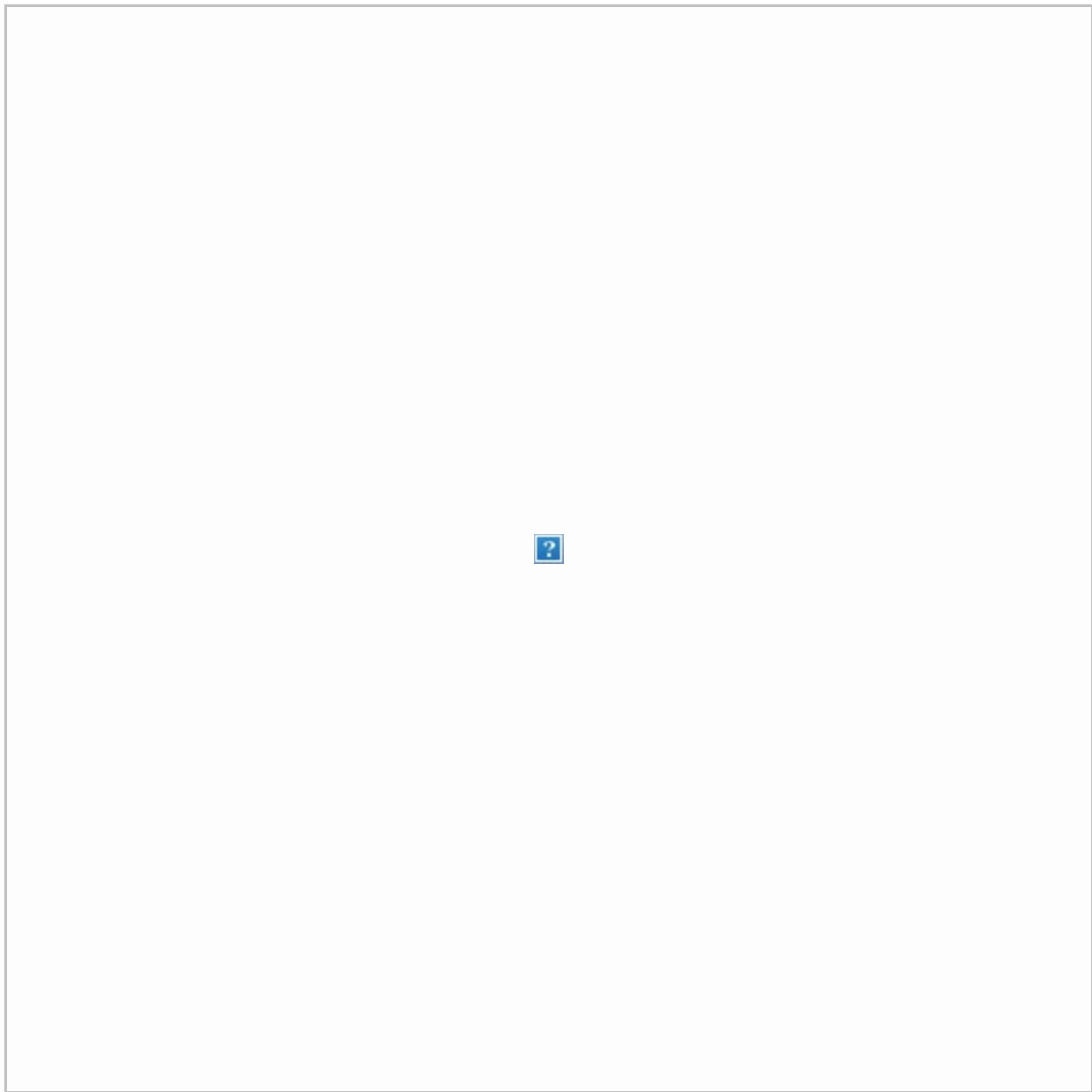
7:00pm - 10:00pm

PALS in the Farnham Programming Space

Farnham Programming Space

Are you taking MAT100P? Come work with Peer Academic Leaders in FPS to earn math hours, enjoy a quiet space to work in, and bring your laptops!

Sponsored by: Residence Life and CASAS

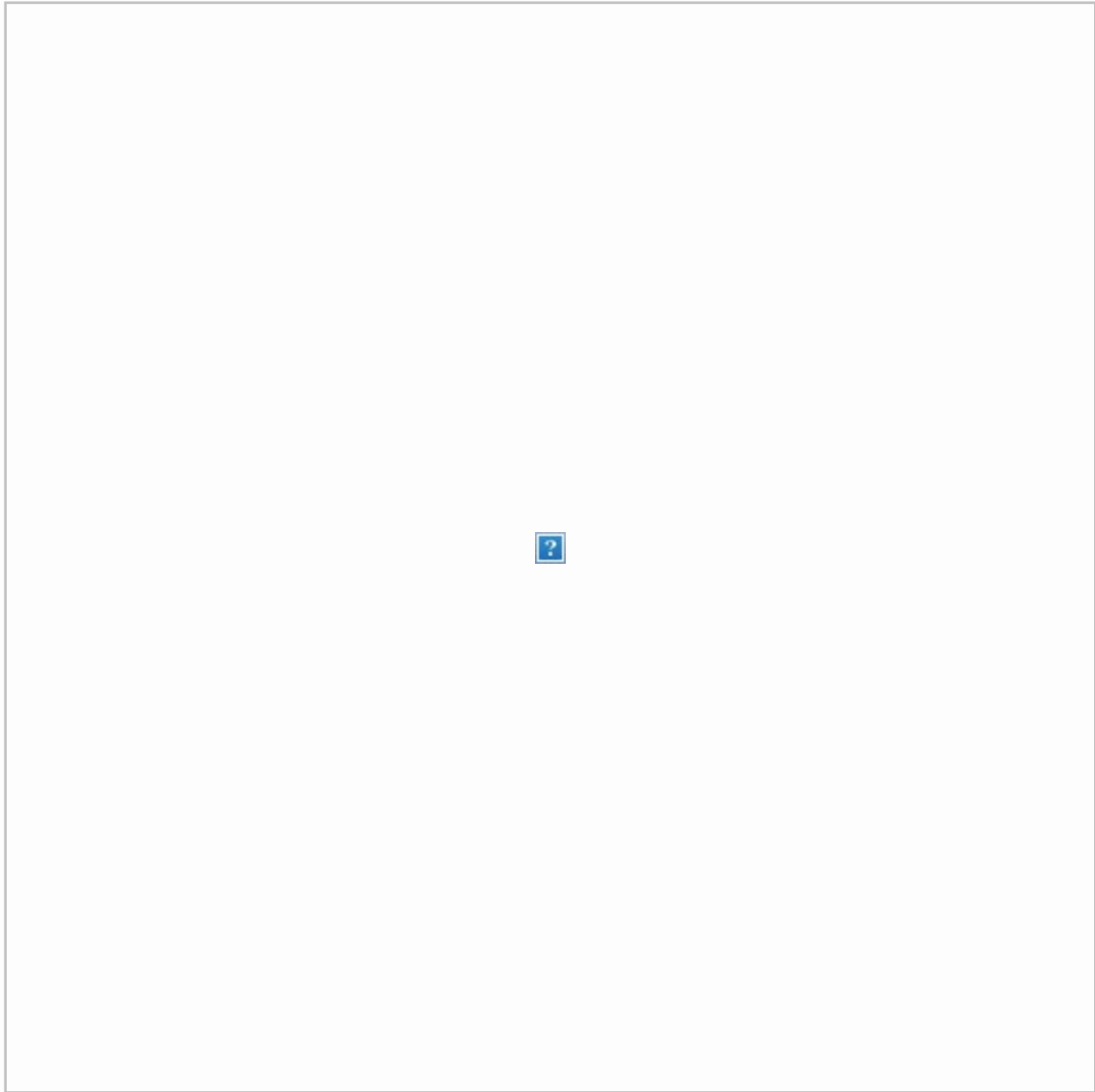


Helpful Links- these are a number of helpful links that we have gathered specifically for parents/families that will be helpful now and in the future.

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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