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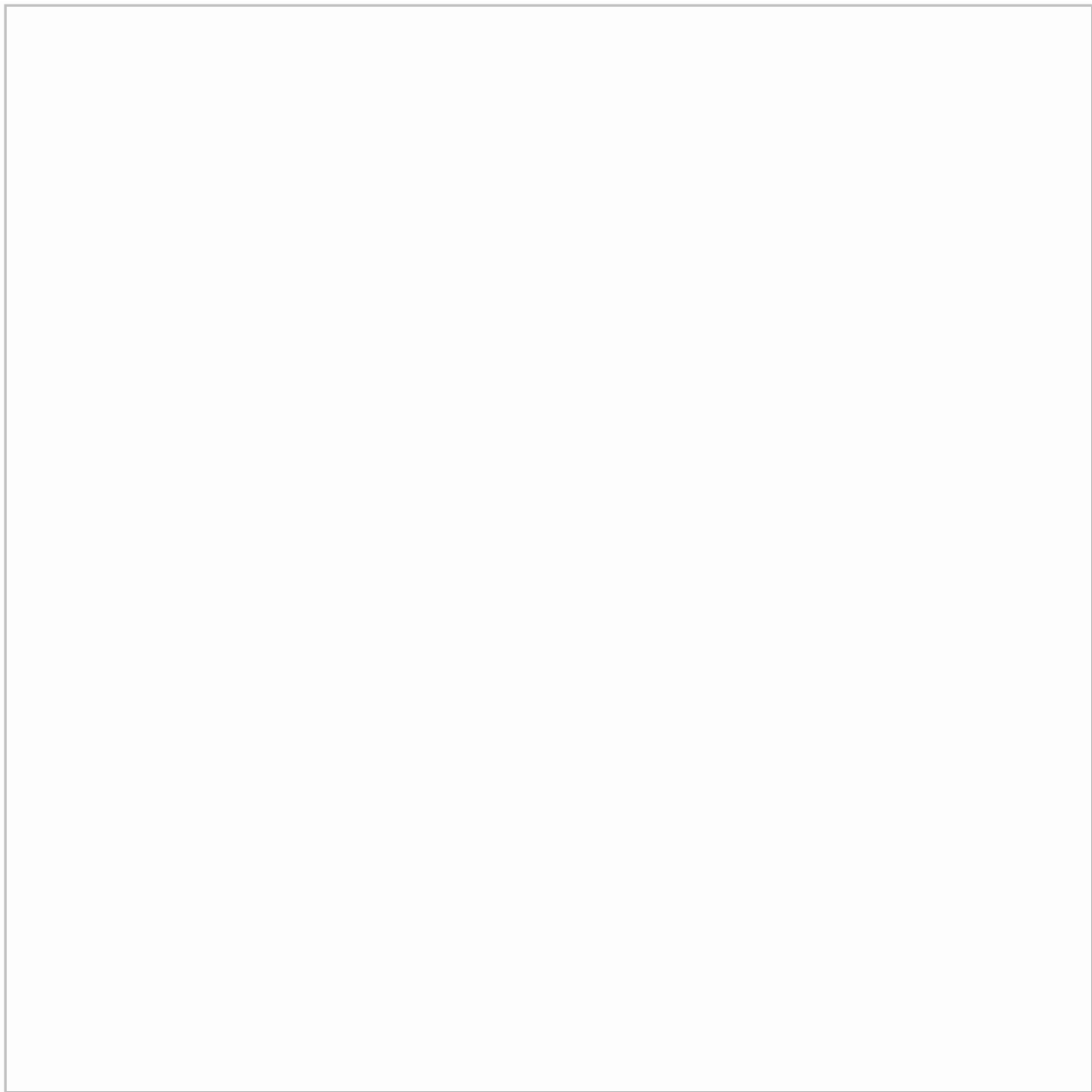
Family Update: May 6

This email contains the following:

Message from the Director of Orientation,
Transition & Family Engagement

- Weekly Feature
 - Center of Academic Success and Accessibility Services
- News and Notes
 - Residence Life Closing
- This Week at Southern

Resources



Dear Owl Families!

This week's email will be completely focused on how to support your students

as they head into the final two weeks of the semester. This week is the final week of classes, and next week will be finals week.

Here are some important tips to support students throughout the final weeks of the semester.

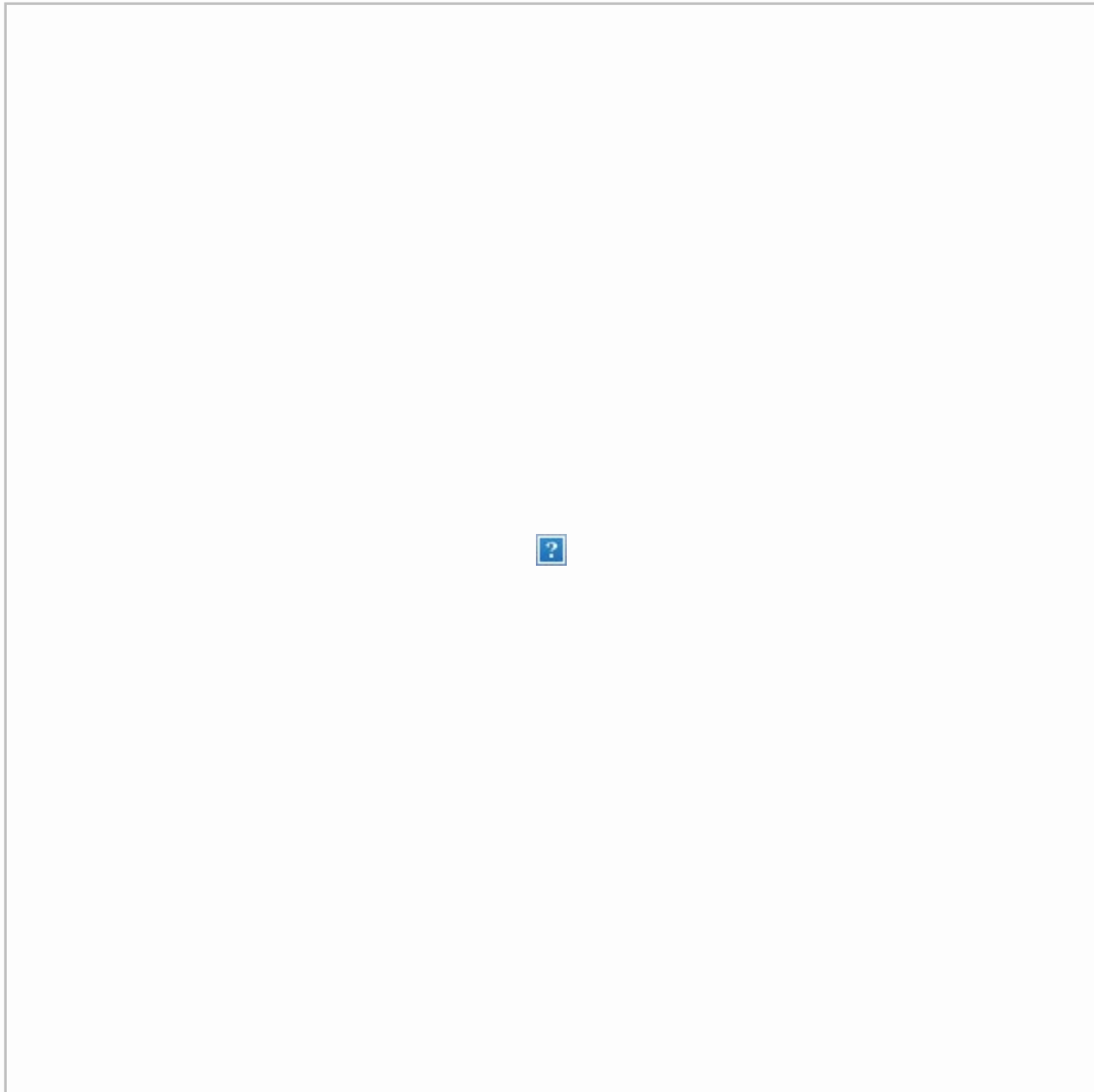
1. **Study Spaces-** Provide students with the time, space, and opportunity they need to complete their projects, essays, and study for their exams. Two of the most popular spaces are the library and student center:
 1. [Library Hours](#)
 2. [Student Center Hours](#)
2. **Academic Success-** Remind them that academic support is available in the Center for [Academic Success and Accessibility Services](#)
3. **Wellbeing-** This can be a very stressful time of year for students, and they may find themselves battling colds or other ailments. Please make sure your students are aware of the support available if they struggle with mental health or if they are feeling ill through our [Wellbeing Center](#).
4. **Other Supports-** If they are “stuck” and aren’t sure where to turn, encourage them to reach out to the many individuals who are here to help, such as Peer Mentors and INQ Professors for first-year students, Residence Life staff for residential students, coaches for athletes, Access Program Advocates for students connected to the access programs. All students have faculty advisors, and the list goes on! And please know that my office (third floor of Buley Library) is always available as well.
5. **Finals Week** begins on Monday, May 12th and concludes on Friday, May 16th.
 1. The [Final Exam schedule](#) varies from a student’s current course schedule. They should visit <https://inside.southernct.edu/scheduling/final-exams> to make sure they know exactly when their final exams will be held and, MORE importantly, should be reviewing their syllabus as well as connecting with their professors if they have questions.
 2. If a student has three exams on one day (which occasionally happens), they should notify their professor.

We wish your students luck and please feel free to contact our office if we can be of support to you.

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza

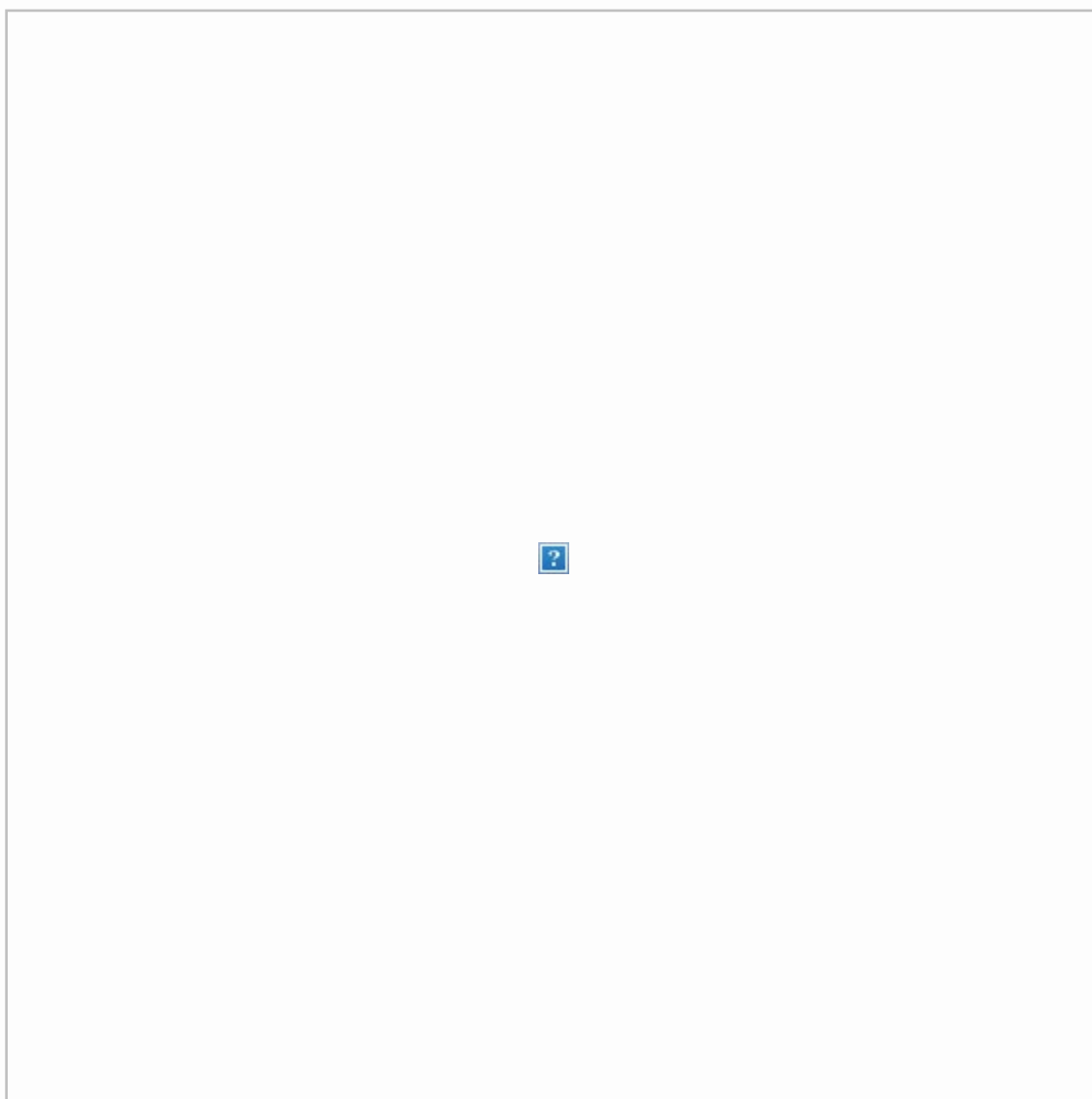
Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement





The Center for Academic Success and Accessibility Services located on the 3rd floor of Buley Library is an amazing resource. There are hundreds of tutors and academic specialists available for students. The center also oversees all accommodations students receive for disabilities. Please take a moment and review the [website](#) for an overview of everything they do! The CASAS team, under the leadership of their director Dr. Katie De Oliveira, is committed to helping students achieve their goals.

Students can make an appointment online by visiting SSC Navigate in MySCSU, calling the center, or simply coming to the 3rd floor of Buley Library.



Email sent to all residential students regarding Spring closing-

Hello Residential Student,

The spring semester is soon coming to an end! It is a bittersweet time as we will miss you all in the halls during the summer break. In preparation for the semester's closing, we have provided everything you need to know below.

The residence halls will close for the spring semester at **5:00 p.m. on Friday,**

May 16th, 2025. At this time, they will officially be closed for the semester, and students will not be permitted to enter the building.

If your last final is before Friday, May 16th, we ask that you **vacate your residence hall on the day of your last final**. Residents can check out anytime during finals week with a staff member in their residence hall. (*Please see Closing Information below.*)

Late Check Out Options:

If you require additional time past Friday, May 16th to vacate your residence hall due to final class exams or extenuating circumstances, please submit your request to check out late in your MyHousing. You have until **noon on Wednesday, May 7th** to complete the application for additional time.

To complete this request, please:

Go to your BannerWeb account through MySCSU.

Click *Student Services*.

Select *MyHousing* and follow the prompt.

Next to the Residence Life logo in the top left-hand corner, click on the three lines.

Click *Applications*.

Complete the *Spring Late Check Out Request* application.

The late checkout options are as follows:

Check out by 10:00 PM on Friday, May 16th.

There is no fee for this late check-out option.

Check out by noon on Saturday, May 17th.

There is a \$40 fee for this late check-out option.

Closing Information:

All residential students must check out of their residence hall with a staff member before leaving for the summer break. Once you have packed up your belongings and have removed them from the room, please see your building's front desk staff for assistance with check-out.

Before leaving for the summer break, you must properly check out of your room by completing the following steps:

Take home all your personal belongings.

Dust, vacuum, and/or mop the floors.

Take out all garbage to the dumpster adjacent to your residence hall. ***PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE OF ANY GARBAGE IN THE COMMON SPACES OF YOUR HALL.***

Lock all windows and close all curtains and blinds.

Remove any tape, hooks, etc. from walls/ceilings.

Unplug and fully defrost and clean your micro-fridge unit.

Leave your modems and cable boxes plugged in.

To report any maintenance concerns in your room, please notify your Resident Advisor, email your Hall Director, or place an [online maintenance request here](#).

Follow any additional closing procedures set forth by your hall director. These procedures can be obtained through your residence hall office.

If you find that you have unwanted, gently used items, please consider donating to the Thrifty Owl or to the non-perishable food drive, which will directly impact Southern students through the Food Pantry. Bins will be in your Residence Hall lobbies through the end of the semester.

Please note that **24-hour Quiet Hours will begin at 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7th** and remain in effect until the end of the semester. We ask you to be courteous to your fellow students by keeping volume levels low within the residence halls and by maintaining an environment conducive to academic study. During this time, **overnight guests are not permitted** in the residence halls. The last day for overnight guests will be Tuesday, May 6th.

A Note Regarding Damage Charges:

After your checkout, your residence hall director and resident advisors will be going through your room/apartment to ensure you have followed all closing procedures. If Residence Life staff members determine that you have failed to follow the closing procedures or that the condition of furniture/fixtures in your room surpasses reasonable wear and tear, you may be billed.

Possible damage charges include (but are not limited to):

Failure to clean or remove garbage.

Rips or stains to furniture, mattresses, etc.

Lost keys.

Missing or broken furniture.

Holes in walls and doors or painting are required because of excessive marks,

tape, hooks, etc.

Broken seal on your Comcast box.

Please review the [Guide to Living on Campus](#) for more information about damage charges.

Summer 2025 Housing:

We are offering housing for summer 2025 for students who are registered for Fall 2025 courses and matriculated. Students must be enrolled in summer courses or working on campus to be eligible for summer housing. Please visit the [Summer Housing webpage here](#) for more information!

Students requesting to remain on campus into the summer break must complete the Summer Housing Application by noon on Wednesday, May 7th so that we can process billing and access before the end of the semester. The application can be found in your MyHousing in the applications tab.

Students requesting summer housing will remain in their current residence hall assignment until Monday, May 26th. On Monday, May 26th all summer housing students will relocate to their summer housing assignment. Please read the summer housing application opening page in your MyHousing for more details!

If you have any questions regarding the spring semester 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer, and congratulations to all of our graduating students! For those of you who are not graduating, we look forward to welcoming you back for the 2025-2026 academic year!

Warmly,
Office of Residence

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It's Finals Prep Week!

Finals Prep Week marks the final stretch of the semester - a time dedicated to studying and reviewing for final exams. Amid the academic hustle, self-care is

essential for managing stress and staying healthy. As the semester winds down, be sure to reconnect with family, plan for the fall semester, and tie up campus responsibilities! Good luck with your last week of classes!

Signature Events:

Monday, May 5th

11:00am - 12:00pm

Study Spot Cafe

Adanti Student Center Room 217

Commuter Services invites you to a quiet study session. Commuter Assistants greet you with coffee, snacks, and a contract. Complete everything on your contract, you will be entered for a chance to win a Southern gift basket.

Sponsored by: Commuter Services for Finals Prep Week

Tuesday, May 6th

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Destress Yoga

Outside Engleman Hall / Academic Quad

Take a break from the pre-final hustle and join us for Pre-Final De-Stress Yoga! This calming session is designed to help you unwind, focus, and recharge before exams. Through gentle stretches, mindful breathing, and relaxation techniques, you'll leave feeling refreshed and ready to tackle your studies.

Sponsored by: Programs Council for Finals Prep Week

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Latino America Unida, Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity Inc. Study With the Condors

Adanti Student Center Room 309

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12:00pm - 3:00pm

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Buley Library Patio

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Sponsored by: Programs Council, the Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management Program, and Sodexo Dining Services for Finals Prep Week and International Travel and Tourism Week

Thursday, May 8th

2:00pm - 3:00pm

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Programs Council: Movie Night!

Adanti Student Center Theater

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This Week's Event Calendar:

All Week

Senior Art Exhibition

Buley Library Ground Floor

The SCSU Department of Art & Design proudly presents the Senior Art Exhibition.

Sponsored by: The Department of Art & Design

Monday, May 5th

10:00am - 2:00pm

GYT Express Testing

Granoff Hall - Health Services

Come down to Student Health Services to get STD tested. Available to all students, appointments are recommended and walk-ins are also available. Click [HERE](#) to visit the Health Portal and make an appointment.

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12:00pm - 2:00pm

Adorn Your Crown: Graduation Cap Decorating

Engleman Hall Room B121

Express your achievements proudly by decorating the crown you'll be wearing when you cross the stage at Commencement! Stop by the event to grab a snack and pick up supplies to enhance your graduation cap! Caps will not be provided, but the supplies to decorate it will be available.

Sponsored by: The Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

1:00pm - 2:00pm

PEP Talk: One-Time Session: The Future of Work - Neurodiversity and the Power of Belonging - RSVP [HERE](#)

School of Business Room 122

Discover how embracing neurodiversity is shaping the future of work. Belonging isn't only good for people – it's good for business. Learn how inclusive leadership and workplace innovation are creating new opportunities for success.

Sponsored by: The School of Business's Professional Enrichment Platform (PEP)

1:00pm - 3:00pm

OLAS Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Academic Quad

Join OLAS for a vibrant celebration of Mexican culture right in the Academic Quad. Enjoy delicious Mexican food, fun cultural activities, and a festive photo op with flags and a Polaroid station so you can capture the moment!

Note: Rain location is the back of the Student Center 1st Floor, by the theater!

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

2:00pm

Sit Down & Write

Online - Learn more [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

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Commuter Creates

Adanti Student Center Room 217

Join us for our crafting event every week, hosted by CA Chelsea, where we explore a new theme each week! Don't miss out on the creative fun!

Sponsored by: Commuter Services

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Prayer Night

Adanti Student Center Room 306

Join us for an inspiring and heartfelt evening of prayer at InterVarsity Christian Fellowship prayer night. This is the opportunity for believers to come together to pray, read scriptures, and fellowship.

Sponsored by: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

6:30pm - 9:30pm

Latino America Unida, Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity Inc. Cinco de Mayo Game Night

Adanti Student Center Room 306

Come kick it with the Hermanos of Lambda Alpha Upsilon for a night full of games, snacks, and good energy as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo! Whether you're trying to show out in Uno, race in Mario Kart, or just have some chips and guac and meet new people — this is the spot to be.

Sponsored by: Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc.

Tuesday, May 6th

9:30am - 10:30am

Commuter's Cup

Engleman Hall Rotunda

Brighten up your morning commute with a refreshing juice giveaway! Join Commuter Services at the Engleman Hall 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

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Button Bonanza! AAPI Button Making

Buley Makerspace - Ground Floor

Stop by and create a button with artwork from AAPI artists!

Note: If you would like to submit an image from one of our favorite AAPI artists, please click [HERE](#) and we will make sure to have it ready to create when you arrive!

Sponsored by: The Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the Buley Library Makerspace, and the Center for Intercultural Engagement

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Sponsored by: Programs Council and Finals Prep Week

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Men's Health Awareness

Side of Connecticut Hall

Join Men in Nursing in educating our Southern community on men's health topics, such as testicular self-exams and awareness of testicular cancer. Additionally, we will be practicing manual blood pressure screenings on your peers.

Sponsored by: Men in Nursing

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Particles and Popcorn!

Adanti Student Center Theater

Join the SCSU Chemistry Club for a movie, pizza, popcorn, and beverages!

Sponsored by: The Chemistry Club

7:00pm

Music Club Concert!

Garner Recital Hall

Come enjoy live music with the members of Music Club! We'll be hosting a showcase of original music and covers from various genres, including indie, acoustic, metal, jazz, and more!

Sponsored by: The Music Club

7:30pm - 9:30pm

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Wednesday, May 7th

8:00am - 10:00am

Bike Month Breakfast

Buley Library Patio

Join us for coffee and pastries! Please note that the rain location for this event is in Engleman Hall.

Sponsored by: CARE and the New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation

11:00am - 12:00pm

Crafts & Chill

Engleman Hall Room D055A

As the semester is coming to a close, join us in doing some crafts and disengaging from school (you need breaks, too).

Sponsored by: Psi Chi - International Honor Society for Psychology Majors and the Psychology Club

12:00pm - 3:00pm

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Sponsored by: Programs Council, the Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management Program, and Sodexo Dining Services

1:00pm

Vocal Scenes Workshop

Engleman Hall Room C112

Scenes from musical theatre and opera, performed in high style!

Sponsored by: The Music Department

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Wildfire Topics - Tariffs: Good or Bad for America and the World? (Part 2 of 2 Part Track) - RSVP [HERE](#)

School of Business Room 122

Join the School of Business for this week's PEP Talk!

Sponsored by: The School of Business's Professional Enrichment Platform (PEP)

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Commuter Crew

Adanti Student Center Room 217

Come meet fellow commuter students for a relaxed afternoon of food, fun, and meaningful conversation. Whether you're looking to chat about campus life, share ideas, or just take a break from your routine, this is the perfect space to connect.

Sponsored by: Commuter Services

2:00pm - 3:30pm

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. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to participate. Please sign up and RSVP through OwlConnect beforehand!

Sponsored by: The Wellbeing Center

3:25pm - 4:40pm

SCSU Arts Administration & Cultural Advocacy Students Present: Community Partner Projects!

Engleman Hall Room D253

Join the SCSU Arts Administration & Cultural Advocacy program's introductory class, AAC 200, for an exciting presentation of their completed group projects from the semester.

Sponsored by: SCSU Arts Administration & Cultural Advocacy

7:15pm - 9:15pm

Latino America Unida, Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity Inc. Open Informational (Fraternity & Sorority Life Recruitment Event) - RSVP [HERE](#)

Adanti Student Center Room 303

Come learn what Latino America Unida, Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc. is all about. Founded on the principles of academic excellence, leadership, and cultural awareness, our brotherhood is committed to empowering our communities and supporting one another through every stage of life.

Sponsored by: Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc.

7:30pm

Senior Recital

Engleman Hall Room C112

Come and enjoy the percussion sounds of graduating senior Gregory Vanderlyn.

Sponsored by: The Music Department

Thursday, May 8th

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

9:00am - 5:00pm

Systemic Mediation Management Certification

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP and learn more!

This 40-hour advanced training, taking place both in-person and online, is designed for future managers and leaders who want to thrive in today's ever-changing

workplace. A generous donation from the SCSU Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) has made it possible for the first 8 SCSU students to enroll for free! This is a rare opportunity to gain professional mediation training at no cost—don't let it pass you by! To sign up or ask questions, email delossantoj4@southernct.edu.

Sponsored by: The Mediation Club and the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

12:00pm - 1:00pm

PB&J Thursday

Engleman Hall

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

2:00pm - 3:00pm

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Friday, May 9th

9:00am - 10:00am

Science of Autism: Environmental Risk in ASD: substantive results and methodological issues presented by Dr. Eric Fombonne

Virtual - Register [HERE](#) to receive the meeting link!

A virtual presentation on the current research in environmental factors associated with ASD prevalence.

Sponsored by: The Center of Excellence on Autism Spectrum Disorders

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Friday Planetarium Theater Series

Morrill Hall - Planetarium Interior Door

Join us for 50 minutes or so of watching popular science-related shows with friends on a very large hemispherical screen, maybe chat as a group after and even make suggestions for Fridays ahead! We meet every Friday during the semester while classes are in session.

Sponsored by: The Physics Department

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Loosen Your Laces Field Day - Sign up [HERE](#)

Pelz Gymnasium

Relive your childhood field day with the SCSU PE Club! Create a team or compete solo in our **first annual** Loosen Your Laces Field Day! Note: If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please click [HERE](#)!

Sponsored by: The Physical Education Club

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Trip to Dinosaur Park

Dinosaur State Park

Come visit Dinosaur State Park for a tour!

Sponsored by: Earth Science Club

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Folio Release Party + Open Mic

Adanti Student Center Fireside Lounge - 3rd Floor

Join Folio for the release of the 2025 edition of the Folio magazine! We'll have a giveaway, snacks, and an open mic!

Sponsored by: Folio

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Shabbat

The Remembrance Garden

Come join Hillel for Shabbat every Friday night during the semester!

Sponsored by: Hillel

Saturday, May 10th

8:00am - 12:30pm

College of Education Literacy Conference - Register [HERE](#)

Davis Hall

Literacy Revolutionized! Changing Practice and Pedagogy to Support All Learners

Sponsored by: The Graduate Reading Program and the Faculty Student Research Committee

9:00am - 3:00pm

Systemic Mediation Management Certification

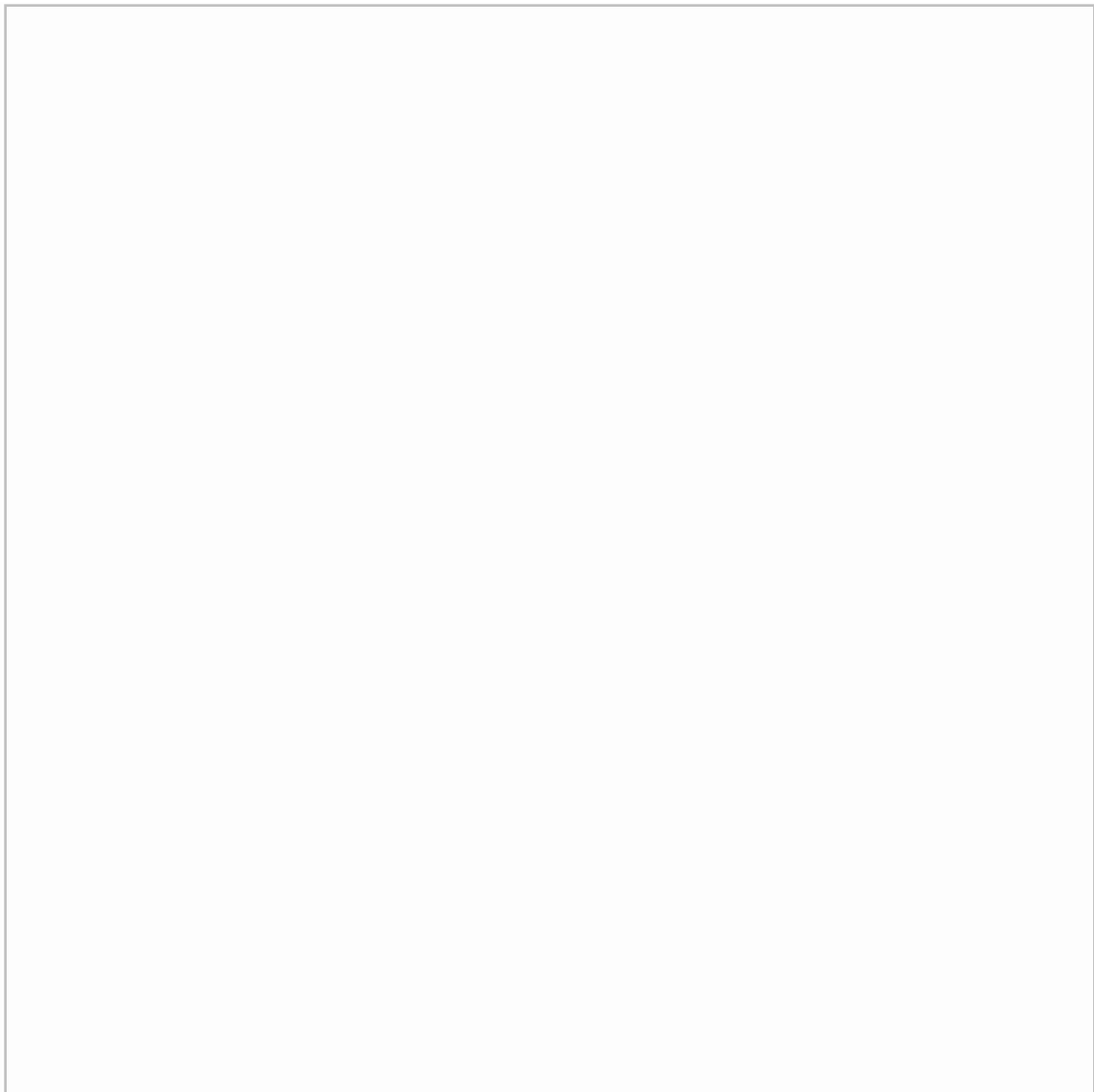
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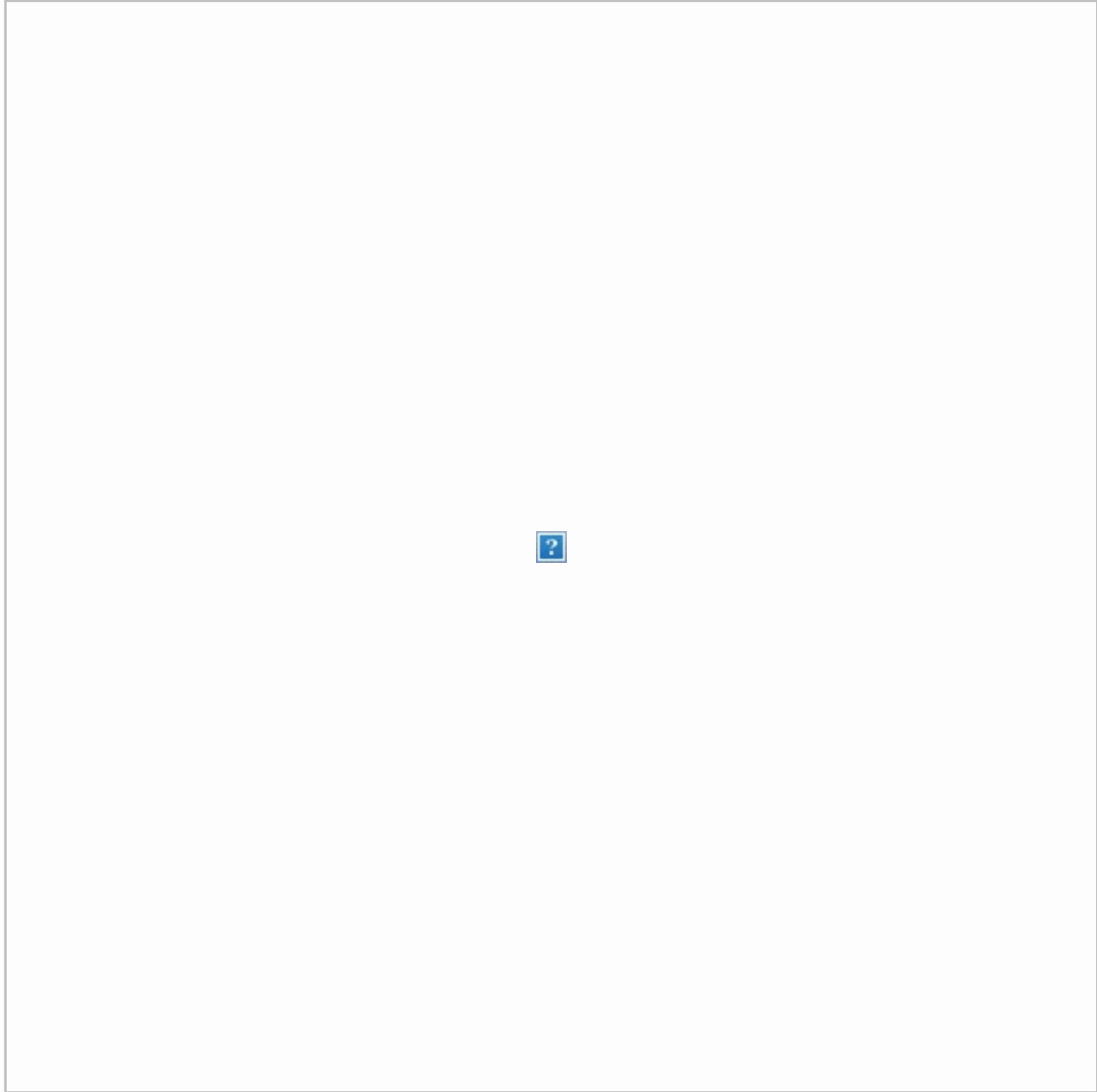


Helpful Links- these are a number of helpful links that we have gathered specifically for parents/families that will be helpful now and in the future.

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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