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Family Update: August 17, 2026

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Message from the Director



Dear Families,

Welcome to Fall 2026-Spring 2027 Southern Connecticut State University Family Listserv!

For those joining us for the first time, welcome to the Southern family listserv. Whether your student is beginning their first semester at SCSU or transferring to Southern, we are excited to partner with you throughout their college experience.

Please know that we will not inundate your inbox. We typically send approximately one email per week, and you may unsubscribe at any time.

For our returning families, welcome back! We are grateful for your continued engagement and look forward to supporting you and your students throughout another successful year.

As we prepare for the start of the fall semester, I wanted to share a few important upcoming dates:

- **New Student Move-In Day:** August 22
- **New Owl Welcome:** Required for all new first-year students (freshmen)
 - August 23rd, 10am- 5:30pm
 - August 24th, 9am- 1:00pm
- **Returner Move-In Day:** August 24
- **First Day of Classes:** August 25
- **Homecoming & Family Day:** October 10

Throughout the semester, this listserv will provide important information, resources, deadlines, and tips to help families support student success. We hope these communications help you stay connected to the Southern community while encouraging your student's independence and growth.

As your student prepares for the semester, here are a few important reminders:

- **Please encourage your student to check their SCSU email daily.**

We cannot emphasize this enough. Students receive important communications directly from faculty, advisors, Financial Aid, Residential Life, Student Affairs, and other university offices. While we will continue to share important information with families, students receive individualized messages that are essential to their success and timely attention.

- **For our new students, attend New Owl Welcome!**

New Owl Welcome is an important part of the transition to Southern Connecticut State University. Through these programs, students will connect with their peers, learn about campus resources, meet faculty and staff, and begin building their sense of belonging within the Southern community. We strongly encourage all new students to fully participate in the experience.

We are excited to welcome students back to campus and begin a new academic year. Whether this is your family's first semester at Southern or one of many, please know that our office is here to support both students and families. We look forward to connecting with many of you throughout the year, including during Move-In Day, Homecoming & Family Day, and other campus events.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sal Rizza

Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement
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**Weekly
Feature**

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New Students Received this Information via Email

New Owl Welcome is this Sunday, August 24th and Monday, August 25th. 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 23rd from 10:00am- 5:30pm and Monday, August 24th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Resident students move in to their halls on August 24th.



Every week beginning with the first week of the semester, this will include highlights of events, activities and programs.

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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.

Important Dates – Fall 2026

August 25 – First Day of Classes

September 7 – Labor Day Holiday, No Classes

October 9–11 – Homecoming & Family
Weekend

November 25–29 – Thanksgiving Recess, No
Classes

December 6 – Last Day of Classes

December 7–13 – Final Exams



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