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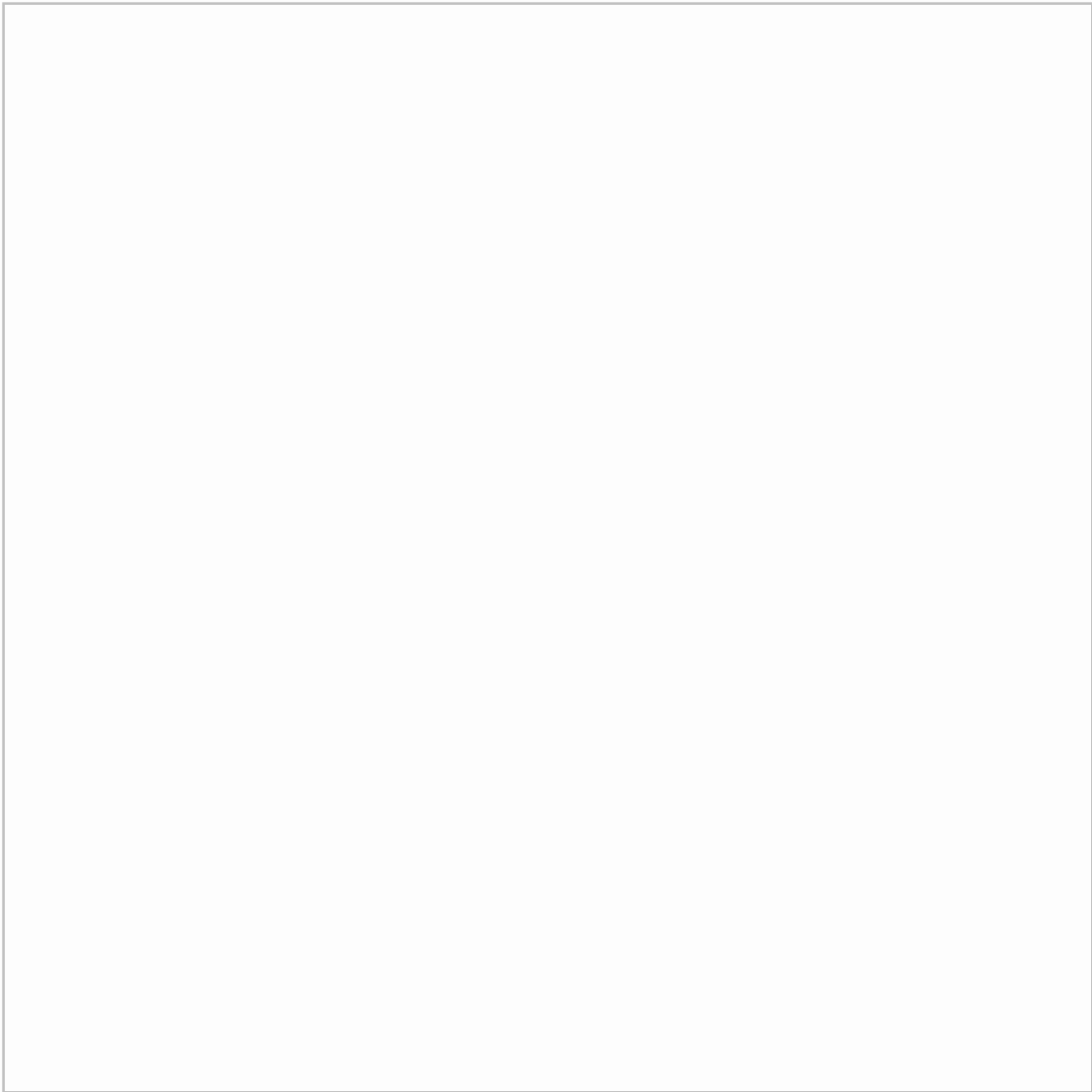


Family Update: September 8th, 2026

This email contains the following:

Message from the Director of Orientation,
Transition & Family Engagement

- Homecoming, Family Day, and Sibling Night
 - Weekly Feature
 - Family Day Registration is Open
 - News and Notes
 - Important Dates from Residence Life
 - This Week at Southern
 - Resources
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Dear Owl Families,

We've made it to the third week of the semester!

For many first-year students, this is when the reality of college begins to set in. Exams are approaching, papers are being assigned, and new social dynamics are emerging. Upper-division students may also notice that their coursework is becoming more demanding. By week three, students are beginning to establish routines. For some, those routines are productive and helping them thrive. For others, less effective habits may be starting to take hold.

One of the best ways for students to stay on track is by connecting with the **Center for Academic Success and Accessibility Services (CASAS)**. With more than 200 academic specialists, CASAS provides tutoring in nearly every subject area, much of it tailored to specific courses. Students can schedule appointments that align directly with the classes they're taking.

Beyond tutoring, CASAS offers:

- **Writing support** for essays and research papers
- **Math support** across multiple levels
- **Academic coaching** focused on organization, time management, note-taking, study skills, and other strategies for success
- **Accessibility services** for students with documented disabilities seeking academic accommodations

Encouraging your student to take advantage of CASAS early can help build confidence, strengthen academic skills, and prevent small challenges from becoming larger obstacles later in the semester.

Homecoming & Family Day 2026

Mark your calendars! **Homecoming & Family Day will take place on Saturday, October 10.** This beloved Southern tradition brings together students, families, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends for a day filled with Owl pride, community, and fun. From athletic events and entertainment to family-friendly activities across campus, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

And don't forget about **Sibling Night on Friday, October 9!** We encourage students to invite their younger brothers and sisters for an evening designed especially for them. Additional information can be found later in this email.

As always, please remember that our office is here to support not only your students, but your entire family. If there is anything we can do to assist you throughout the semester, please don't hesitate to reach out.

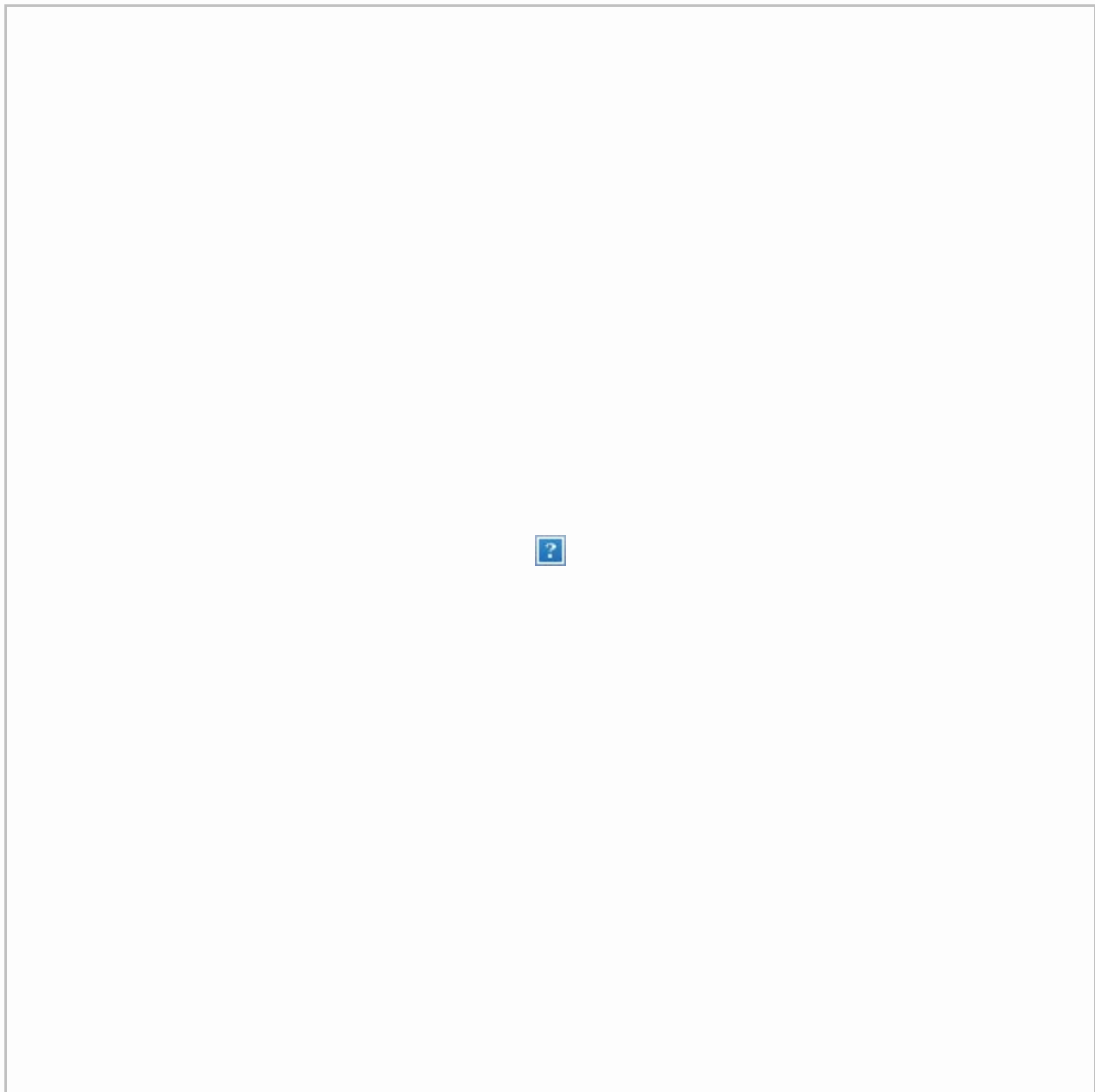
Sincerely,

Dr. Sal Rizza

Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Southern Connecticut State University

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Homecoming and Family Weekend Registration is Open!
[Click here.](#)





Registration for Sibling Night is open! Resident students received the email below:

Our annual Sibling Night Event is right around the corner! This event is for both Residential Students and Commuter Students.

The Residence Hall Association will be hosting, in collaboration with the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development, an evening that is filled with a variety of fun events and activities. We will be kicking off Homecoming weekend with our annual **Sibling Night** program on **Friday, October 9th, 2026**. Siblings, cousins, and friends are invited to Southern to spend some time with their favorite owl on campus.

Siblings, Guest, Friends of Southern students registered for the event, must be ages 5 to 15 years old to participate in the day events and ages 8 to 15 to stay

overnight.

Event Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Residence Life Quad & Farnham Programming Space

Siblings ages 5 to 7 should be picked up by 9:00 pm at the conclusion of the event on Friday, October 9th. Siblings ages 8 to 15 are permitted to stay the night in their SCSU sibling's residence hall until 10:00 am on Saturday, October 10th, 2026, with proper approval (Roommate Agreement Form, Parent Consent Form - Please see below).

Registration Date(s): Open now through 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 6th, 2026.

How to Register:

- [Click here for the event registration form.](#)
- Once completed, look for a confirmation email with forms to fill out further for your registration.
- For siblings ages 8 to 15 who are staying overnight, the [Roommate Agreement Form](#) must be signed by the student host and their roommate(s). This form can be uploaded to the application or emailed, faxed, or dropped off at the Office of Residence Life in Schwartz Hall, Room 105. This form is due to the Office of Residence Life by 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 6th, 2026.
- For all siblings attending the event, the [Parent Consent Form](#) will be emailed directly to the parent/guardian email address submitted in the application. This online form must be submitted by 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 6th, 2026.

Helpful Information about Sibling Night:

- The visiting siblings will be given special Siblings Night name tags, which will allow them access to the residence halls of their host and the ability to participate in activities and dinner on Friday night.
- Siblings must be between the ages of 5 and 15 to participate in this event. For safety reasons, only siblings between the ages of 8 and 15 are permitted to stay overnight. Students may only host up to two siblings.
- Students are responsible for their guests and must always accompany them.
- Siblings of any gender may stay in a SCSU student's residence hall room with their roommate's permission.

Sibling Night Activities May Include:

- Euro Bungee

Stuff-a-Plush

- Face Painting
- Video Games
- Board Games
- Photo booth
- Raffle prizes
- Novelties
- T-shirt Giveaways
- Blanket Giveaways
- Crafts
- Meet Otus the Owl and so much more!

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do we have to check in somewhere when we arrive?

Check-in begins on Friday, October 9th, at 6:00 pm in the Farnham Hall Programming Space. SCSU hosts and their siblings/guests must go there to check in and receive their name tags. Games, crafts, and other fun activities will be going on in the Farnham Hall Programming Space from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Siblings who are staying overnight and guests will then go with their hosts for the night to their respective residence hall.

Do we have to check out?

All siblings must check out with a staff member in the Farnham Hall Programming Space by 9:00 pm on Friday, October 9th. Siblings ages 8 to 15 who are staying overnight must check out by 10:00 am at the front desk of their SCSU sibling's residence hall on Saturday, October 10th, 2026.

Where do siblings sleep?

Siblings will stay in the same room as their college student sibling.

What should siblings bring?

Bring a sleeping bag and pillow, warm clothes, and a toothbrush. You might also consider extra money for late-night pizza and any items related to the options for the weekend.

Is this only for younger siblings?

All siblings are welcome from ages 5 to 15; there will be activities during Siblings Night that are appropriate for all ages.

Will food be provided?

On Friday evening, catered food options will be available.

What is Owl Family Day?

Each fall, SCSU invites parents and families of students to attend Owl Family

Day on Saturday, October 10 , 2026 a special day on campus during one of New Haven's most beautiful seasons. Family Day is a part of our Homecoming festivities where alumni, families, and students celebrate the spirit of Southern. This annual event provides an opportunity for you to visit your student's campus home, talk with university faculty and staff, tour downtown New Haven, cheer the SCSU football Owls to victory, and meet other SCSU families. [Click here for more information about Owl Family Day!](#)

We look forward to having an enjoyable night filled with fun, laughter, and sibling bonding. If there are any questions, please call the Office of Residence at (203) 392-5870. We are open Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Thank you,

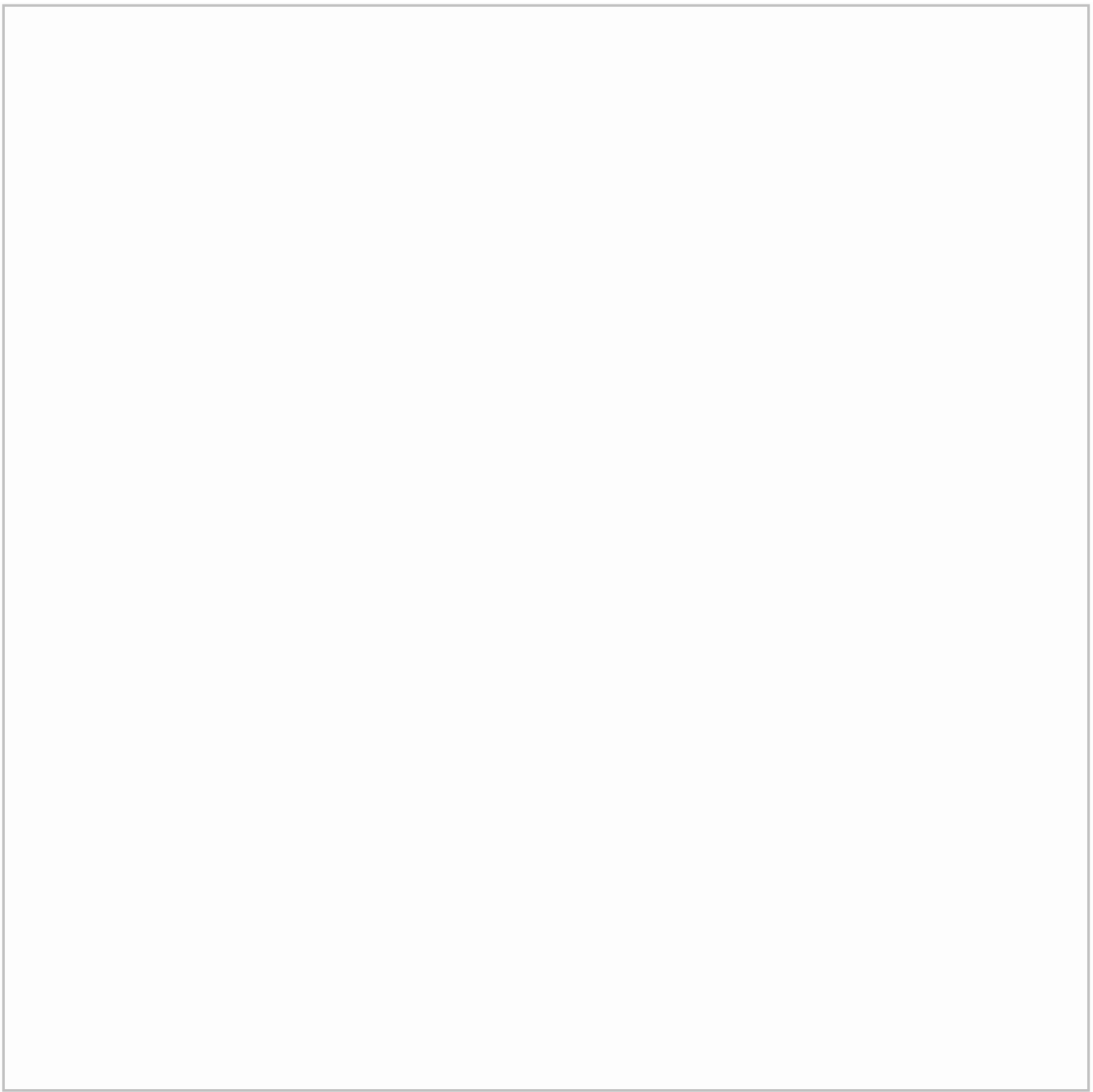
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The Department of Residence Life sent the following information to residents last week!





Every week, Southern sends an email to all students highlighting the events for the week. We will share a selection of those events here.

Trip Alert!

Sunday, September 13th

9:00am-1:30pm

Visit Lyman Orchards with ProCon

Registration Opens Tuesday, September 8th @ 12:00pm [HERE](#)

Meet at Hickerson Hall @ 8:45m

It's the beginning of Fall, so join Programs Council as we get together to pick our own bushels of apples and find our way through their corn maze!

Hosted by: Programs Council

Tuesday, September 8th

5:00pm-7:00pm

Women's Volleyball vs University of Bridgeport

Pelz Gym

Cheer on the Owls as they take on the University of Bridgeport at Pelz Gym!

Hosted by: Athletics & Recreation

6:00pm-9:00pm

ASA Open House

ASC 301

We will be holding our first recruitment event where we will be going through some basic info about our sorority!

Hosted by: Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority

7:00pm-10:00pm

Southern Hospitality with ProCon

Residence Life Quad

ProCon invites you to the quad for a grand old time where you can decorate your own cowboy hat, ride a mechanical bull, take custom photos and get some eats from a Fork in the Road food truck. This is one event you will not want to miss!

Hosted by: Programs Council

7:00pm-10:00pm

DPhiE - Love in Action

ASC 201

Join us for DPhiE's first recruitment event!

Hosted by: Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority

8:00pm-10:00pm

CSA Dance Team Tryouts

ENGB027

Tryouts for the CSA Dance Team!

Hosted by: Caribbean Student Association

Wednesday, September 9th

10:00am-2:00pm

GYT

Granoff Hall

Get Yourself Tested! Appointments Preferred! Drop-Ins Welcome!

Hosted by: Health Services

11:30am-1:30pm

Take the Mic

Academic Quad

New semester. New friends. New voices. Take the Mic is your chance to showcase your talents or discover the amazing performers in our campus community. Enjoy live entertainment, airbrushed tattoos, and complimentary empanadas, while celebrating the start of the semester. Whether you're stepping into the spotlight or cheering from the audience, this is one event you won't want to miss!

Hosted by: Programs Council

12:30pm-1:30pm

LaFe Bible Study - Intervarsity

ASC 303

Join us this semester as we discover our identity in Christ through His Word and grow together in faith and community with fellow Latinos on campus.

****Not exclusive to Latino students only****

Hosted by: Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

12:30pm-1:45pm

Sips & Sketches

Jennings 244

Bring a friend for this Bio-themed Pictionary showdown with make-your-own mocktails and prizes for the winning team!

Hosted by: SCSU ASBMB Student Chapter

1:00pm-2:00pm

PEP Talk Presents: Digital Marketing, Analytics, and Career Acceleration in Business

SOB 122

The School of Business Professional Enrichment Program brings in professionals twice per week, on Mondays and Wednesdays, to speak about interesting and enriching business topics. Free lunch is served, and students can earn certificates to add to their resumes when they attend three talks on the same topic.

Hosted by: School of Business

7:00pm-8:30pm

Bible Study

Buley 207

Join 412 Christian Organization for our weekly Bible Studies!

Hosted by: 412 Christian Organization

7:00pm-10:00pm

Field Hockey vs Mercy University

Jess Dow Field

Cheer on the Owls as they take on the Mercy University at Jess Dow Field!

Hosted by: Athletics & Recreation

Thursday, September 10th

11:30am-12:30pm

PB&J Thursday

Engleman B121 Breezeway

Thursdays just got a whole lot better!

Join ProCon on campus for PB&J Thursdays!

Stop by, grab a free PB&J, enjoy snacks, a refreshing drink, and take a well-deserved break from your busy day!

Hosted by: Programs Council

5:00pm-6:00pm

Thursday Bible Study and Gathering

Interfaith Center ASC 236

Join Catholic Ministry for our weekly meeting at 5pm in the Interfaith Center!

Hosted by: Interfaith Center

6:00pm-9:00pm

ASA Open House

ENG A120

We will be holding our second recruitment event where we will be focusing on our philanthropies.

Hosted by: Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority

7:00pm-10:00pm

DPhiE - To my future sisters...

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8:30am

September 11, 2001: 25th Anniversary Memorial Observance

Buley Patio

On the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Southern Connecticut State University will gather as a community for a solemn memorial observance honoring the nearly 3,000 lives lost, the courage and sacrifice of first responders and members of the armed forces, and all those whose lives were forever changed by the events of that day.

The approximately 30-minute outdoor observance will bring together university leadership, Veterans Office, University Police, students, faculty, and staff for remembrance, reflection, and a call to carry the meaning of September 11 forward through service and community.

Hosted by: SCSU

5:00pm-7:00pm

Women's Volleyball vs Post University

Pelz Gym

Cheer on the Owls as they take on Post University at Pelz Gym!

Hosted by: Athletics & Recreation

6:00pm-8:00pm

CSA Dance Team Tryouts

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Hosted by: Caribbean Student Association

Saturday, September 12th

12:00pm-2:00pm

Field Hockey vs Molloy University

Jess Dow Field

Cheer on the Owls as they take on the Molloy University at Jess Dow Field!

Hosted by: Athletics & Recreation

3:00pm-5:00pm

Women's Soccer vs St. Thomas Aquinas College

Jess Dow Field

Cheer on the Owls as they take on St. Thomas Aquinas College at Jess Dow Field!

Hosted by: Athletics & Recreation

Sunday, September 13th

12:00pm-2:00pm

Men's Soccer vs Mercy University

Jess Dow Field

Cheer on the Owls as they take on Mercy University at Jess Dow Field!

Hosted by: Athletics & Recreation



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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