



## SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY · 1873



Greetings Redhawk parent,

Believe it or not, your student has almost completed the year at Southeast Missouri State University! I sincerely hope that it has been a successful one.

This edition of the newsletter, the last for this academic year, includes information I think may be helpful as the spring semester wraps up.

For those families of graduates: I hope to see you at commencement! And for families of students only leaving for summer break: We look forward to seeing your student again this August!

All the best,

[Katie Foshee](#)

Assistant Director of Admissions for New Student Programs

### UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

#### Final Exams

Monday, May 9-Friday, May 13

#### Commencement and Honors Ceremony

Saturday, May 14

**Last Day to Return Textbooks (by 4 p.m.)**

Monday, May 16

**Summer Payment Due Date**

Friday, May 20

**Memorial Day**

***University Closed***

Monday, May 30

**Summer Payment Due Date**

Friday, June 17

**4th of July Observed**

***University Closed***

Friday, July 4

***Summer Sessions:***

**1st 4-week Session**

May 16-June 10

**1st 6-week Session**

May 16-June 24

**12-week Session**

May 16-Aug. 5

**8-week Session**

June 13-Aug. 5

**2nd 4-week Session**

June 13-July 8

**2nd 6-week Session**

June 27-Aug. 5

**3rd 4-week Session**

July 11-Aug. 5

See more important dates at [semo.edu/parents](http://semo.edu/parents).

## OPENING WEEK LEADER APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Please encourage your student to get involved in organizations and leadership opportunities on campus. A great opportunity is now available for your student to apply to serve as a fall 2016 **Opening Week Leader (OWL)**. OWLs can move into their residence hall room early, if living on campus. They will mentor incoming first-year students, receive two free t-shirts

and other goodies, and it will look great on their resume! New Student Programs will select up to 70 students to serve as OWLs. Please encourage your student to [apply!](#)

## FALL ENROLLMENT

By now, your student should have met with their academic advisor to plan for fall 2016 courses. If your student hasn't met with an advisor yet, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Students can access their advisor information through DegreeWorks, which is located in the [Southeast Portal](#).

## SPRING GRADES

As a reminder, students' spring grades with updated cumulative totals will be available on or after May 19 through the portal. Your student is only able to access his/her grades through the portal. Grade reports are not mailed.

## RESIDENCE HALL CLOSING INFORMATION

Will your student be able to get all their belongings home in one trip? Has your student contacted businesses, organizations, etc., who regularly send mail to them to have their address changed so their mail is sent home for the summer? With the end of the semester right around corner, your student may be more focused on completing their remaining academic papers and projects and doing well on their final exams and they will need your assistance in reminding them of these simple, yet often overlooked, tasks as they check out of the residence halls. The Office of Residence Life wishes to remind parents and students the residence halls close on **Friday, May 13, 2016 at 5 p.m.** Students not graduating or moving to summer session housing are required to check out of their room 24 hours after their last finals week exam.

## PREPARING TO MOVE OUT

The Office of Residence Life provides two options as your student prepares to move out of the halls at the end of the academic year. Residents have the option of completing a Traditional Check Out or the alternate Express Check Out. The Office of Residence Life encourages residents to complete the Traditional Check Out procedures if they are the first person to check out of the room and/or to take responsibility for damages incurred while occupying the room.

Express Check Out is an alternative residence hall check out process for residents who wish to leave the hall without a formal "walk through" appointment. Express Check Out is best used for students who do not have damages to their room and have cleaned their room thoroughly. In exchange for the ability to check out without a formal process, *the ability to contest/appeal cleaning or damage charges is waived.*

Regardless of their selection, their room must be in its original condition prior to check out or they may be charged for damages/cleaning. Charges may also be assessed for failing to check out properly.

## DON'T DUMP...DONATE!

As part of our sustainability efforts the Office of Residence Life partners with the Cape Area Community Caring Council to accept unwanted items (clothes, furniture, working electronics, fixtures, bicycles, non-perishable food, etc.) students don't want to take home. The Cape Area Community Caring Council hosts a garage sale and uses the proceeds to help the people of the Cape Girardeau community. Items can be donated at the Towers Complex (north campus) or individual building customer service desks (south campus). These items can be donated at any time during finals week. Any questions regarding this program, please contact [Chris Miller](#) or call the Community Caring Council at 573.651.3747 x104.

The Office of Residence Life looks forward to seeing your student again for the 2016-2017 academic year!

## SAVE THE DATES



**Family Weekend**  
Saturday, Sept. 17

**Homecoming**  
Saturday, Nov. 5

Southeast Missouri State University, One University Plaza, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

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