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Greetings Redhawk Parents!

I am delighted to be sending you the first Parent Newsletter of the 2016-2017 school year! By now, we hope students have begun to settle into (or back into!) their life at Southeast. As you may remember from your student's First STEP orientation, you will receive these Parent Newsletters periodically throughout your student's time here at Southeast.

The purpose of these newsletters are to keep you informed of important deadlines, upcoming events and exciting opportunities for your student. This edition of the newsletter features information about how to assist a first-year student with their transition to college; information concerning Financial Aid and some key deadline reminders for your student.

Your student is part of a vibrant community, and I hope you were able to join us for Family Weekend to experience that yourself. I want to thank you for sending your student to Southeast. I am so happy they are a part of our community!

[Katie Foshee](#)

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UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

**Last Day to Audit or Take a Full
Semester Class as Pass/Fail**
Friday, Sept. 23

Last Day to Drop a First

Eight-Week Class

Friday, Sept. 23

**Last Day to Add a Second
Eight-Week Class**

Monday, Oct. 17

Midterm Grade Reporting

Saturday, Oct. 8 - Monday, Oct. 17

October Payment Due Date

Thursday, Oct. 20

**Last Day to Audit or Take a Second
Eight-Week Class as Pass/Fail**

Friday, Oct. 28

November Payment Due Date

Friday, Nov. 18

Last Day to Drop a Full Semester Class

Friday, Nov. 18

**Last Day to Drop a Second
Eight-Week Class**

Friday, Nov. 18

Thanksgiving Break

Monday, Nov. 21 - Friday, Nov. 25

Final Exams

Monday, Dec. 12 - Friday, Dec. 16

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

Monday, Dec. 19

See more important dates at semo.edu/parents.**SOUTHEAST NEWS**

With the highest retention rate in school history and a flourishing beginning freshman class, Southeast Missouri State University begins the fall 2016 semester in robust fashion.

[Read More.](#)

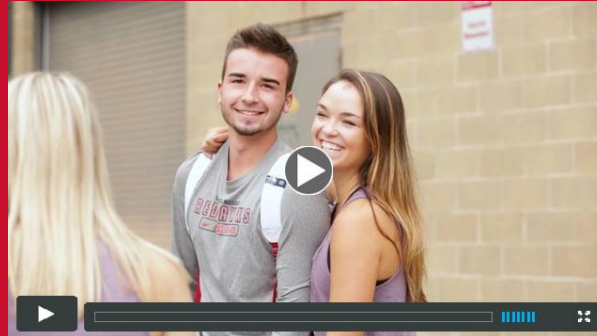
Southeast Missouri State University has been recognized among the best regional universities in the Midwest and 29th among top Midwestern public schools in the

2017 U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges rankings released last week. [Read More.](#)

Have a friend or family member interested in Southeast? Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend "Show Me Day" on Saturday, Oct. 15, on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University. [Read More.](#)



OPENING WEEK 2016



FINANCIAL AID AND STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Information from Student Financial Services (SFS):

- Big changes are coming to the FAFSA for 2017-2018. [Be prepared!](#)
- The Endowed and Sponsored Scholarship application for 2017-2018 is now open.
- Reminders about Student Accounts
 - Refunds: Credit balances existing on accounts due to loan funds paid or other aid paid to accounts are processed weekly. This process begins in mid-September. Direct deposit is available for refunds. Students can sign up through their SE Portal under the Direct Deposit tab of their Account Summary.
 - Students who borrowed loan funds before they knew exactly what they would be required to pay the school directly or for other outside expenses associated with going to school such as clothing, transportation, laundry, etc: We strongly encourage students to borrow only those funds needed for these types of expenses. If your student receives a refund and determines that he or she has borrowed more than needed, the student can return funds to the lender to lower the loan balance. SFS will assist students with the information needed to return funds to the lender, if desired.
- All students need to be aware of the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. It determines financial aid eligibility for continuing students. The full policy can be found [here](#).

[Student Financial Services](#)

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RESIDENCE LIFE

ROOMMATE PROBLEMS? UTILIZE THE RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF

The faculty and staff at Southeast want your student to be a successful member of our community. Please encourage them to utilize all of the resources that are available to them.

When direct conversation with your student's roommate(s) does not seem to be improving concerns within the room, their Resident Assistant (RA) can help. RAs are trained to act as mediators between roommates by providing an objective and impartial setting for residents to communicate and resolve their concerns. The goal of the mediation process is to open the lines of communication and create a positive living experience for both roommates. Please encourage your son/daughter to approach their RA for help under the following circumstances:

- When they feel intimidated and need a supportive environment to articulate their rights in the room.
- When they are at such odds with their roommate(s) that they can't speak without fighting.
- When their roommate(s) refuse to recognize that there is a problem even though it is apparent to others.
- When they are concerned about their own health or safety or that of their roommate(s).
- When they have continually tried to discuss the problem and cannot reach a reasonable solution.

If your student approaches their RA, they can expect the first question to be "Have you already talked to your roommate about your concern?" If they have not done so, the RA can provide them with helpful suggestions as to the best way to initiate this conversation. The RA can even help them practice what to say and offer suggestions to make their conversation more effective and meaningful.

If your student has spoken with their roommate(s) already, they can expect the RA to spend some time getting both sides of the story. Once the RA understands their concerns, he/she will ask the roommates to sit down and talk with each other, listen, and reach an appropriate resolution. In some situations, the concern may be resolved in one brief meeting, other concerns may require additional time and dialogue. When appropriate, the RA may also refer the concern to the professional Hall Director (HD) for assistance in determining a resolution.

For additional tips, we encourage you to check out the information on our website.

ROOM MOVES

Students interested in moving rooms within their current residence hall or moving to another residence hall can begin contacting their Hall Director to talk about options available to them (for a list of contact information, please see here. Students will be

given information about resident(s) currently residing in rooms who need a roommate to determine if they would be a good match. Once a new roommate has been found, the Hall Director will assist the student with the paperwork to start the move process.

For additional questions regarding room moves, please contact the Hall Director for your student's building or the Office of Residence Life at 573.651.2274 or via email at residencelife@semo.edu.

SAVE THE DATE

Homecoming

Friday, Nov. 4 & Saturday, Nov. 5

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

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