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**FOR PARENTS  
FROM SOUTHEAST**

Greetings Redhawk Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope your year is off to an excellent start.

The spring semester is in full swing on campus. Dr. Mary Frances Berry joined us for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. events, including the annual dinner during the first week of classes, and Shawn Johnson joined us this week to round out this year's speaker's series. As the semester continues, the University will continue to offer many wonderful events and programs. Please encourage your student to visit the Southeast website and check their emails frequently to receive information about upcoming events. Most are free or deeply discounted for students.

Please enjoy the content provided in this newsletter, and just a reminder: whatever your student does at Southeast, they won't be doing it alone.

All the best,

[Katie Foshee](#)

Assistant Director of Admissions for New Student Programs

## UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

### Mid-Term Grade Reporting

Friday, March 3 - Monday, March 13

### Second Half of Semester Begins

Thursday, March 9

### Spring Recess

Monday, March 13 - Friday, March 17

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

Monday, March 20

**Designated Holiday (University Closed)**

Friday, April 14

**Last Day to drop a Full Semester Class  
Last day to Drop a Second Eight-Week Class**

Friday, April 21

**Final Exams**

Monday, May 8 - Friday, May 12

**Honors Ceremony**

Saturday, May 13

**Commencement**

Saturday, May 13

**Last Day to Return Textbooks**

Monday, May 15

**SAVE THE DATE****Family Weekend**

Saturday, September 30

**Homecoming**

Saturday, October 14

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

It's the time of year when inclement weather can strike. Southeast encourages all students, faculty and staff to sign up for emergency text messaging. Used only in critical situations, this free service is used to notify our community of delays or closures on all Southeast campuses. Students can register online at the portal log-in screen.

Weather-related campus closure information will also be updated online at [semo.edu/closings](http://semo.edu/closings).

**SUMMER AND FALL ENROLLMENT**

What is your student doing this summer? Southeast offers an abundance of summer course offerings - most of them online! If your student is interested in taking a summer course, please encourage him/her to visit with an academic advisor. Summer enrollment begins **Monday, February 13**.

Fall enrollment begins **Monday, April 3**. Please encourage your student to make appointments as early as possible, so they can register on the first day based on their academic level. Priority enrollment dates can be found on the [Registrar's website](#)

## REDHAWKS CARE

### SOUTHEAST NAMED COMMUNITY PARTNER

Southeast Missouri State University recently was recognized as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri's 2017 Community Partner of the Year. This is the first time that a university has been recognized as their Community Partner of the Year. The award was presented at the National Mentoring Month Celebration Jan. 18 in St. Louis. **Read More.**

### REDHAWK FOOD PANTRY TO LAUNCH THIS FALL

Southeast will soon join the growing number of college campuses across the country taking action to help students who don't have enough to eat. The new Redhawk Food Pantry will be housed in the Textbook Rental area in the basement of Kent Library and will provide non-perishable food items, as well as necessities like shampoo, soap, and school supplies, to Southeast students and employees. Efforts are currently underway by various organizations to begin stocking the pantry with an on-campus food drive scheduled for Feb.13-March 3. Faculty, staff, student organizations and community agencies are invited to participate. **Read More.**

### ALUMNI & STUDENTS TALK AS PART OF MLK CELEBRATION

For two weeks in December, current students met members of our alumni or staff for a coffee to discuss their own experiences in college. To say these conversations taught us a great deal would be an understatement.



## FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

It's time to start preparing for the 2017-18 academic year by completing the 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)-Yes, it is an annual thing! Southeast's priority processing date was February 1, but if you haven't filed, you can still do so.

**March 1** is the deadline to apply for 2017-2018 Endowed and Sponsored scholarships. Encourage your student to submit their application by the deadline at [semo.academicworks.com](http://semo.academicworks.com). Students must complete this process every year.

Student Financial Services also encourages you to check in with your students regarding their Satisfactory Academic Progress and Scholarship Renewal Eligibility. For information on these policies, contact SFS at (573) 651-2253 or visit [semo.edu/sfs](http://semo.edu/sfs).

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