



Greetings Redhawk Parents,

Believe it or not, your student has almost completed the year at Southeast Missouri State University! I sincerely hope 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 8 - Friday, May 12

### **Commencement Ceremony**

Saturday, May 13

### **Last Day to Return Textbooks**

Monday, May 15 by 4 p.m.

### **Summer Classes Begin (First 4-, 6- and 12-week classes)**

Tuesday, May 16

**Summer Payment Due Date**

Friday, May 19

**Memorial Day (University Closed)**

Monday, May 29

**Summer Payment Due Date**

Friday, June 16

**Fourth of July Observed (University Closed)**

Tuesday, July 4

**SUMMER SESSIONS**

**First 4-Week Session**

May 15 - June 9

**First 6-Week Session**

May 15 - June 23

**12-Week Session**

May 15 - August 4

**8-Week Session**

June 12 - August 4

**Second 4-Week Session**

June 12 - July 7

**Second 6-Week Session**

June 26 - August 4

**Third 4-Week Session**

July 10 - August 4

**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).

**CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

Southeast Missouri State University's student newspaper, the *Arrow*, was honored with the Best Overall Newspaper award among Division I schools at the Missouri College Media Association (MCMA) Conference. In total, the *Arrow* brought home from the conference 16 awards, including six first-place, five second-place and one third-place finishes, and four honorable mentions. [Read More.](#)



Three Southeast Missouri State University teams representing the Bass Anglers have snagged spots in national fishing tournaments after stellar finishes in the Carhartt Bassmaster College Series Midwest Regional Tournament and the FLW Yeti College Fishing Central Division Tournament, both held recently on the Lake of the Ozarks. [Read More.](#)



The Interfraternity Council (IFC) and National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) came together for their annual Greek Week festivities in a spirit of philanthropy, friendly competition and fun at Southeast Missouri State University. Events and service opportunities for the Greek community were planned in conjunction with the American Red Cross, Special Olympics, Missouri Veteran's Home, United Way and the Keep Cape Beautiful initiative. [Read More.](#)



See more news and student success stories at [news.semo.edu](http://news.semo.edu).

## COMMENCEMENT

Southeast has announced several changes to this year's commencement ceremonies. The largest change will be a move to two commencement ceremonies - a morning and afternoon event, both in the Show Me Center - shifting away from one large event.

Candidates in the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Health and Human Services will participate in a ceremony at **10 a.m. May 13** with Louise Bodenheimer, professor of art, presenting the commencement address. Candidates in the College of Business, College of Education and College of Science, Technology and Agriculture will take part in a **2 p.m. May 13** ceremony, with Dr. Julie Ray, chair of the Department of Elementary, Early and Special Education, serving as the commencement speaker. [Read More.](#)

## OPENING WEEK LEADER APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

As your student prepares for the next academic year, please encourage them to continue

to get involved in organizations and leadership opportunities on campus, or simply to broaden their experiences. A great opportunity is now available for your student to apply to serve as a **Fall 2017 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 2017 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 or their Current Student Checklist, both of which are located in the **Southeast Portal**.

## SPRING GRADES

As a reminder, students' spring grades with updated cumulative totals will be available on or after May 16 through the **portal**. Your student is only able to access their 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 12, 2017 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 final 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 campus 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 and LaFerla). These items can be donated at any time during finals week. Any questions regarding this program, please contact Chris Miller ([cmiller@semo.edu](mailto:cmiller@semo.edu)) or call the Community Caring Council at 573.651.3747.

**The Office of Residence Life looks forward to seeing your student again for the 2017-2018 academic year!**