



# Welcome Parents

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

*Dr. Marcie Simms, Dean of Students*





# You are Our Partner.

We have shared goals — with the ultimate goal of helping your student reach graduation.



# We want to work together to help your student...

- adjust to being a college student
- be successful
- be safe
- grow academically, personally, socially
- graduate!





# Your support makes a difference in student success.

- Expect change
- Expect mistakes
- Be interested & Listen
- Check-in occasionally
- Encourage student to use campus resources
- Encourage student to find their own solutions to problems
  - Have you tried?
  - What else might you do?
  - What resources could help?



# Encourage your student to get off on the right foot.

- Attend Weekend of Welcome
  - Second half of the orientation process
  - Students learn about the business of being a college student, and get connected to key student life and academic services.
  - Begins Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>
- Critical Time – First 8 Weeks
  - Numerous changes and high stress levels
  - Balancing Act with academics, friends, family, finances, job, extracurricular responsibilities, boyfriend/girlfriend
- Encourage your student to build positive relationships on campus (peers, faculty, staff)
  - Develop and build study habits
  - Use Faculty office hours to ask questions
  - Get involved with campus activities



# FERPA

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

- Parents/guardians no longer have access to records of your son or daughter
- Students can complete a release for a parent in MySSU
- Contact the Tami Sheets, Registrar at [tsheets@Shawnee.edu](mailto:tsheets@Shawnee.edu) if you have FERPA questions



# Several critical tools can help your student.

- Syllabus & Academic Calendar
  - Family time/needs vs Academic time/needs
- Midterm Grade Reports on MySSU
- Advising
- Accessibility Services
  - Michelle Cole, Coordinator
- Computer Labs
- Student Success Center



# Tutoring Centers

- Math Lab – Massie Hall
- Writing Center – Library Basement
- Small Group Tutoring – Student Success Center
- Individual Tutoring – Student Success Center
- Tutoring Job Opportunities





# Campus Resources are available for you and your student.

- **Student Business Center**
- **Bursar, Financial Aid, Registrar**
- **Student Success Center**
  - Free tutoring, computer labs, disability services*Contact: Dr. Glenna Heckler-Todt*
- **Math Labs, Writing Center**
  - Free for students
- **Ombudsperson***Contact: Dr. John Whitaker*
- **Clark Memorial Library**
  - Study Areas/Rooms
- **Bear Necessities Pantry***Contact: Tiffany Hartman*
- **Bear Cave - 24 hour study space**
- **First Generation Mentoring Program***Contact: Christina Baker*
- **Health Clinic**
- **Veterans Services***Contact: Doug Shoemaker*
- **Career Services**
  - On campus job postings, career exploration, resume building*Contact: Austin Raines*
- **Counseling and Health Services**
  - Free & Confidential*Contact: Dr. Linda Koenig*



# Purchasing Books

- SSU Bookstore – Morris University Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor
  - Choose: Rental, Digital, New and Used
  - Student Financial Aid (FSA) Convenience
  - Our SFA program allows students to purchase textbooks and other eligible items in the bookstore with your financial aid refund with your Bear Card
- Alternative Options
  - Buy online and have books shipped to your campus mailbox
  - Use OhioLINK and check-out books for free



# Safety

- SSU Early Alert notifies the campus community in cases of an emergency, i.e., campus closure, class cancellation due to inclement weather. (Sign up on MYSSU)
- Department of Public Safety 24-hour campus coverage  
Emergency Line- 740-351-3232
- Title IX Coordinator
- Complaint Process
- Collin's Law - Anti-Hazing Training and Resources





# Shawnee State offers many opportunities to enhance student life.

**student organizations – academic clubs – intramurals – campus jobs –  
community service – athletics – student events**







**We share in your pride for your students' accomplishments, today – and every step of the way to graduation.**



# Last minute advice for parents...

- Like the Student Life at Shawnee State University Facebook page and remind your student of events to attend
- Send your student mail and packages
- Encourage your student to talk to their professors or roommates if they are having problems
- Take advantage of every resources SSU has to offer
- Attend Weekend of Welcome
- Encourage your student to Study Abroad, visit the CISPA website for more information
- Complete an internship and do community service
- Download the SSU app in the app store
- Encourage your student to check their SSU email and MySSU
- Attend Homecoming and Family Weekend
  - September 23-24







# Questions?

**Email Marcie Simms**  
*[msimms@shawnee.edu](mailto:msimms@shawnee.edu)*

**Visit the Dean of Students webpage to view this PowerPoint**





# Housing & Residence Life

WHERE YOU LIVE MATTERS.





Our mission in Housing & Residence Life is to provide a safe, supportive, and engaging living environment that empowers our students to achieve academic success; personal growth; and responsible citizenship.



# Why Live On Campus?

## **Your chances of success increase**

- Nationally, college students who live on campus make better grades and manage their time better. Our themed housing communities allow for students with similar interests or majors to live among each other.

## **Convenience**

- Everything on our campus is just a short walk away from our residence halls. Also, all utilities, internet, and cable are all included!

## **Your safety is a priority**

- Our Department of Public Safety patrols our campus around the clock, providing both security and police services.
- Each building has at least one Resident Assistant who is there for guidance, support, and policy enforcement.







## **You'll have a built in social life.**

- Living on campus gives you a unique opportunity to make friends and build connections with your apartment-mates, neighbors, and Resident Assistants.
- Intentional and specific building programs and Housing & Residence Life events means more fun things to do!





At Shawnee State University, you won't hear us talk about "dorms." That's because we don't have any.

**All of our housing units are apartment style** — each with a fully-equipped kitchen, living room, dining area, bathroom, bedrooms and on-site laundry facilities.





# Security Features

- Centralized fire alarm and sprinkler system
- Surveillance cameras
- Carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers
- SSU Campus Security and SSU alerts
- On-call Residence Coordinators, Counselors, and Resident Assistant's

# Amenities

- Cable and wireless internet
- Air conditioning
- On-site laundry



# New Student Room Selection

- New student room selection goes live June 15, 2021.
- Students will be able to self-select their own placement for Fall 2021.
- Students can select their living space: specific room types, theme housing, roommate matching.
- New student room selection process can be found on the Housing Portal on MySSU.



# COVID-19 Guidance

- The health and safety of our campus community is our priority.
- All of our housing are professionally sanitized.
- Designated quarantine buildings.
- Fall 2021 Move-In: We plan to return to a more traditional campus environment - while continuing a focus on community health and wellness.
- Staggered Fall Move-In and testing.
- Health Pass on the SSU App - where you can monitor and track your health as part of new COVID-19 procedures.





# Helpful Housing Tips!

- Communicate with your roommate/housemates before move-in.
- Get familiar with our campus resources.
- Get involved on campus and stay on campus on the weekends.
- Attend RA and Housing & Residence Life programs.
- Use your meal plan.
- Visit the Housing and Residence Life webpage for a full list of “What to Bring”.







# Questions?

Email us at:  
[housing2@shawnee.edu](mailto:housing2@shawnee.edu)



SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY

# Welcome to Orientation 2021!

