



# Welcome Parents

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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# 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.

- 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 sign a release in MySSU
- The release of information signature applies to the student with only a limited exception for conduct related issues
- A password is created and required to obtain information



# Several critical tools can help your student.

- Syllabus & Academic Calendar
  - Family time/needs vs Academic time/needs
- Midterm Grad Reports on MySSU
- Advising
- Accessibility Services
  - Michelle Patrick
- 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
  - *Dr. Glennna Heckler-Todt*
- **Math Labs, Writing Center**
  - Free for students
- **Ombudsperson**
  - *Linda Hunt*
- **Clark Memorial Library**
  - Study Areas/Rooms
- **Bear Necessities Pantry**
  - *Tiffany Hartman*
- **Bear Cave - 24 hour study space**
- **First Generation Mentoring Program**
  - *Marcie Simms*
- **Health Clinic**
- **Veterans Services**
  - *Eric Ramaekers*
- **Career Services**
  - On campus job postings, career exploration, resume building
  - *Angie Duduit*
- **Counseling and Health Services**
  - Free & Confidential
  - *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



# RAVE Early Alert System

- SSU Early Alert notifies the campus community cases of an emergency, i.e., campus closure, class cancellation due to inclement weather
- This attempt to notify will occur by phone, text, and email
- If you chose to opt into this service, you will be notified when an on campus emergency occurs.
- Sign up on MYSSU





# 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
- Be your student's guest for a midnight movie night
- Encourage your student to talk to their professors or roommates if they are having problems
- Take advantage of every resources SSU has to offer
- Encourage your student to Study Abroad, visit the CIPA 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
  - October 1 & 2





# Questions?

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