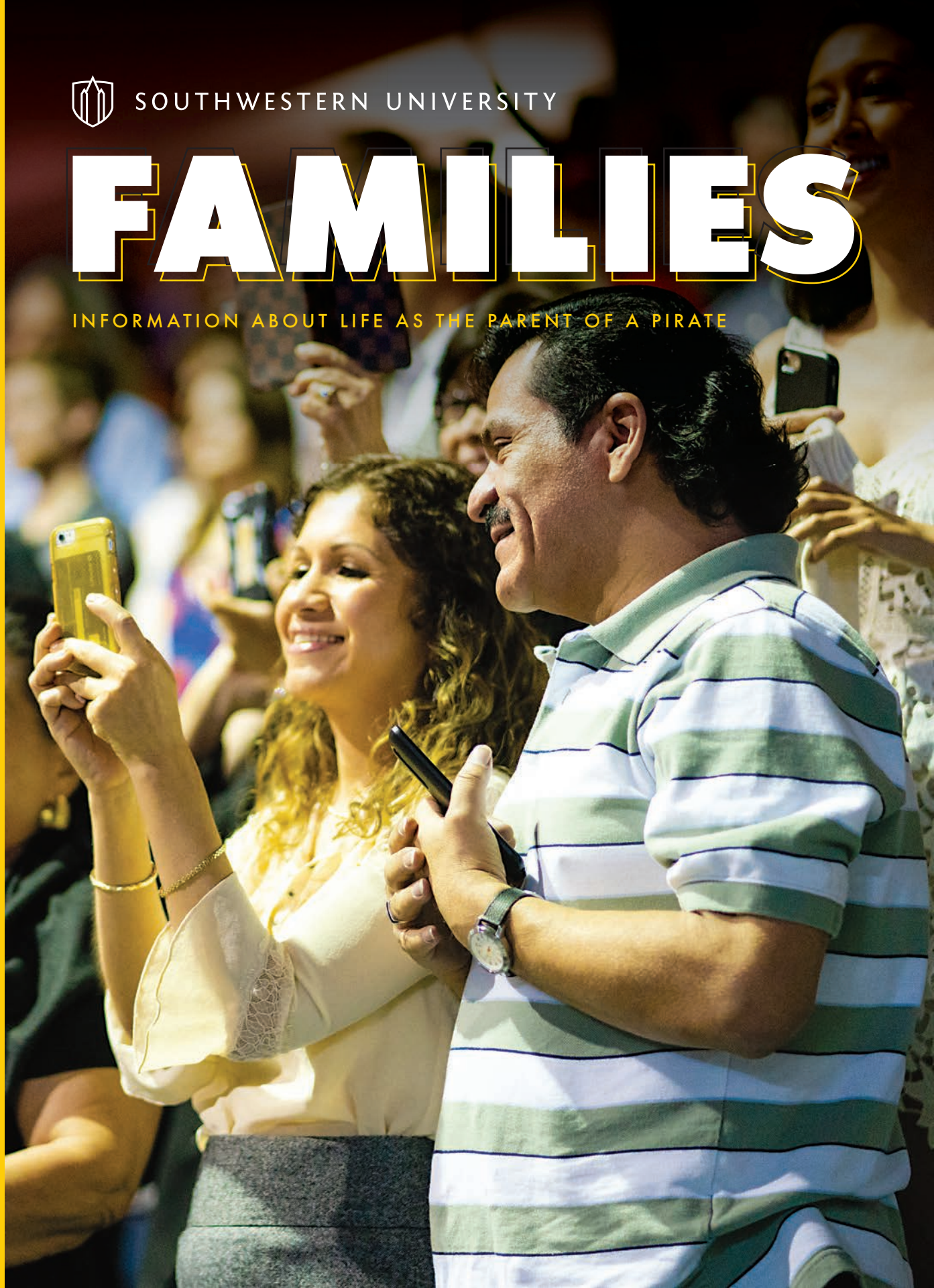




SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

# FAMILIES

INFORMATION ABOUT LIFE AS THE PARENT OF A PIRATE





## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to the Southwestern University community. Your son or daughter will soon embark on the *Southwestern Experience*, a four-year journey of intellectual and creative growth that will lay the groundwork for a lifetime of engagement, discovery, independent thought, and meaningful accomplishment. I look forward to connecting with you and your student at Parent Orientation and throughout the journey ahead.

The first institution of higher learning in Texas, Southwestern is one of the finest residential liberal arts and sciences undergraduate universities in the country. In the best spirit of our 19th-century founders, who pioneered higher education in the rough and dangerous territory of the Republic of Texas, Southwestern dedicates itself today to pioneering the future of meaningful higher learning in an ever-complex, multifaceted society. Here, your student will be asked to think carefully, effectively, and creatively; write frequently and eloquently; form arguments from various perspectives; interact with individuals from diverse backgrounds; and integrate concepts from their coursework and experiential learning opportunities to generate new ideas that respond to and enhance the world around them. In short, we hope your student will embrace our vision to Think, Create, Connect ... To Make Meaning and Make a Difference.

What should you expect from your student at the conclusion of their *Southwestern Experience*? You can anticipate that they will have sharpened their aptitude for making connections and creating solutions that prepares them not just for their first job but for all of the positions they will hold in the sum of their careers, including in vocations they themselves may create. Your student will be an ever-evolving learner able to adjust to our rapidly changing world, with the capacity to contribute in social, intellectual, and material ways to the well-being of humanity.

I speak for the entire Southwestern University community when I say we are delighted that your family has committed to this profound and purposeful educational experience. My staff and I, our faculty, and the entire campus are available to assist in any way we can. This is sure to be an exciting journey. Congratulations and welcome!

Sincerely,

Edward B. Burger  
President and Professor



# GETTING CONNECTED

Welcome to our newest Pirate parents! The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, located in the Wilhelmina Cullen Welcome Center, will serve as your connection to the University for the latest news and event invitations and also as your first point of contact when questions arise. We are always happy to direct you to the best person on campus when you aren't sure where to begin. You will hear from the University regularly, including *Southwestern*, the University magazine; *News from SU for Parents*, a monthly electronic newsletter; invitations to Family Days; and much more. The Southwestern Parents Facebook Group is also a great place to connect with fellow SU families.

Sincerely,

*Grace Josey Pyka*



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Senior Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

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**[southwestern.edu/for-parents](https://southwestern.edu/for-parents)**



# EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW *(at least right now)*



## ACADEMICS

### **CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS & REGISTRAR**

Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Center for Lifelong Learning  
(first floor)

512.863.1952 • [southwestern.edu/offices/success](https://southwestern.edu/offices/success)

- Academic coaching
- Academic skills development
- Accommodations for students with disabilities
- Planning for Academic Success Seminar (probation program)
- Academic progress and degree-plan questions
- Transfer credit or study abroad credit approval
- Declaration of major
- FERPA clearinghouse and parent questions
- Course scheduling or registration issues
- Updating student contact information
- Requesting transcripts and certifications of enrollment

#### ◆ **What does my student need to do to remain in good**

**academic standing?** "Good standing" is defined as earning at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and completing at least 24 graded credits in an academic year. Academic standing is based only on coursework attempted at Southwestern. Students who do not meet the grade point average and/or credits-passed requirements are placed on probation for one semester and may be subject to dismissal. In subsequent years, students will be placed on academic probation if their cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0 and they are not making satisfactory progress toward graduation by passing an average of at least 24 graded credits each year. Students in their first regular semester who do not pass a minimum of eight credits of coursework are ineligible to return for the following semester. Additional information on academic standing may be found in the *University Catalog*.

#### ◆ **Will my student have easy access to their advisor and**

**professors?** New students are assigned an academic advisor (a faculty or professional staff member) through the admission and





registration process. Because all advisors are trained to advise first-year students in any major, students may be initially assigned to an advisor outside their intended major. Students may change their advisor at any time. Although advisors are concerned with each advisee's academic welfare, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to initiate contact with the advisor. Advisors help students understand academic expectations and requirements, choose classes, and understand how to access campus resources. Generally, advisors meet with students during posted office hours or by appointment.

◆ **How is the first year of study selected? What is an average academic load?** Students who attend a Sprog pre-orientation register for courses while on campus. All other students register online through a process coordinated by the Center for Academic Success and Registrar (CASAR). The CASAR staff are available by phone and email to answer questions about the registration process. It is important that students check their new Southwestern email address frequently during the summer for important details regarding registration tasks. During Welcome

Week, each student will meet with their academic advisor to make any necessary schedule modifications. Typically, students take an average of 16 credits (four classes at four credits each) each semester.

◆ **When do we find out how much credit our student receives for AP or IB tests?** Advanced Placement (AP) test scores of four or five always earn credit; an International Baccalaureate (IB) score of at least five earns credit. Academic advisors will have this information to help facilitate registration. Students also receive a copy of their credit evaluation from the CASAR. For more information, visit [southwestern.edu/academics/records-registrar/policies-for-acceptance-of-external-academic-credit](https://southwestern.edu/academics/records-registrar/policies-for-acceptance-of-external-academic-credit).

◆ **Does Southwestern assign “watchdog” staff to first-year students?** Although faculty members and the CASAR staff are always on the lookout for students who may be struggling, it is ultimately a student's responsibility to take the first step in seeking help and guidance, which is readily available through a variety of campus resources. Faculty are able to inform the

# FERP- LUL?



The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, commonly called the Buckley Amendment, is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of education records.

In accordance with FERPA, disclosure of student information, including financial and academic, is restricted. Release of information other than directory information to anyone other than the student requires written consent from the student.

CASAR staff of specific problems in a student's performance, attendance, or engagement. Every faculty member is expected to participate in the Academic Warning System (AWS). The goal of the AWS is to identify students (first-years through seniors) who demonstrate signs of academic distress and to encourage them to seek out assistance. The student and the CASAR are notified of an academic-warning designation. When these situations occur, the student is informed and encouraged to follow up with their professor. In addition, the CASAR staff contact the student to create a plan for improvement.

❖ **What grading system does Southwestern use?** Southwestern uses an A, B, C, D, F grading system; the grades of A, B, C, and D may be awarded with a plus or minus. In addition, a grade of P (pass for a C– or better) may be awarded but does not count in a student's grade point average (GPA). Please refer to the *University Catalog* for specific instructions on determining a GPA and for additional details regarding the grading system.

❖ **Are semester grades sent to parents?** Because students may view their grades online, grade reports are generally not mailed. The best way to see grades is to ask your student. Parents may request copies of final grades at the conclusion of each semester, provided that your student has signed a release allowing this to happen. If a student did not do this prior to Orientation, they may file a release in the CASAR. The authorization to release grades to parents is effective until rescinded by the student. Because of government regulations regarding student privacy, student

performance cannot be discussed with parents without the student's explicit written permission.

❖ **Who can talk to me about my student's academic performance, and what can they tell me?** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits the release of student information without written consent from the student. Southwestern University complies with this law. Although some students still may be the financial (and perhaps legal) responsibility of their parents, this does not automatically entitle the parents access to student data. When students sign a release to issue their grades to their parents, the release only covers grades. If your student gives written consent to faculty or an administrator to discuss their progress with you, only the information specifically stated in the release will be discussed.

❖ **What is Paideia®?** Paideia is Southwestern's philosophy of making connections by bringing together multiple perspectives from different disciplines. Students integrate different ways of learning across their major, between disciplines, and in relation to both in- and out-of-classroom experiences such as community-engaged learning, study abroad, academic internships, student-faculty research, advanced language proficiency, and student-directed creative and innovative projects. Students graduate with a cultivated curiosity and desire to learn, explore, and create change. These are the valuable, real-life skills that make SU graduates highly sought-after by recruiters, employers, and the nation's top graduate programs. Learn more at [southwestern.edu/about-southwestern/paideia](https://southwestern.edu/about-southwestern/paideia)

## BILLING AND FINANCIAL AID

### BUSINESS OFFICE

Roy and Lillie Cullen Building (first floor)

512.863.1928

[southwestern.edu/business-office/student-accounts](https://southwestern.edu/business-office/student-accounts)

- Billing statements
- Tuition payments
- Payment plans
- Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan and 401(k) plan payments

- Pirate Buc\$ deposits
- Book vouchers
- Waivers for optional charges (Dewar Tuition Refund Plan, student health insurance & vehicle registration)
- Student account refund checks

## FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

The Roy and Lillie Cullen Building (second floor)

512.863.1259 • [southwestern.edu/scholarships-financial-aid](https://southwestern.edu/scholarships-financial-aid)

- Financial-aid award letters
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) information
- Scholarship declaration information
- Loan instructions
- Work-study opportunities

### ❖ How can I discuss my student's account with the Business Office?

Students and parents with questions related to paying tuition, fees, and other billing concerns are encouraged to contact the Business Office, located on the first floor of the Roy and Lillie Cullen Building. In compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Southwestern University cannot release or discuss a student's financial information to anyone—including parents or guardians—unless authorized by law or unless the student consents to the disclosure in writing by completing the Parent Access to Student Information Form found at [southwestern.edu/academics/records-registrar/transcript-request-other-forms](https://southwestern.edu/academics/records-registrar/transcript-request-other-forms).

❖ **When will financial aid be disbursed to my student's account?** Financial aid disbursements for the fall term begin in mid-August and in early January for the spring term. Until the aid is disbursed to a student's account, financial aid will appear on billing statements as either "confirmed" or "needs attention." Confirmed aid is aid that will be disbursed in August (for the fall term) or January (for the spring term). Only confirmed financial aid is considered when determining a student's balance.

❖ **Will all financial assistance automatically renew from year to year?** No. Need-based financial aid such as federal grants, state grants, Southwestern University need-based grants, and student loans require that a family submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. The FAFSA may be submitted online at [www.fafsa.gov](https://www.fafsa.gov) and can be accessed through the Financial Aid website. The deadline for submitting the FAFSA is March 1 of each year. Financial aid notices will be sent out in the spring. Most types of

## KEY DATES & DEADLINES



### All Waiver Sites Open

- Vehicle Registration
- EIIA Health Insurance Waiver
- Dewar Tuition Refund Plan Waiver

For more info and links, visit [southwestern.edu/business-office/student-accounts/waivers-for-optional-charges/](https://southwestern.edu/business-office/student-accounts/waivers-for-optional-charges/)



### Last Day to Submit All Waivers



### Fall 2019 Payments Due



### Unpaid Student Account Balances are past due

- \$100 Late Fee assessed



### First-year students move into on-campus housing

- Any students with unpaid balances will not be allowed to move in.



### Classes cancelled for students with unpaid balances



### Move-in for Returning Students



### Class Begins for Fall 2019



### Release Spring 2020 e-Bills



### Spring 2020 Payments Due



### Unpaid Student Account Balances are past due

- \$100 Late Fee assessed



### Classes cancelled for students with unpaid balances



### Move-in for Returning Students (tentative date)



### Class Begins for Spring 2020 (tentative date)

# JOIN THE PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC)

Connect with Southwestern through special events, two annual meetings, volunteer opportunities, and philanthropy! Families in the PLC support Southwestern with annual gifts of \$2,500 or more. In 2017-2018, 41 member families supported the following:

ACADEMICS .....	<b>\$64,512.47</b>
ATHLETICS .....	<b>\$34,386.48</b>
SCHOLARSHIPS.....	<b>\$33,500.00</b>
PARENT FUND .....	<b>\$34,113.65</b>
STUDENT LIFE.....	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
OTHER .....	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
GRAND TOTAL .....	<b>\$174,012.60</b>



Your support impacts the student experience! [southwestern.edu/giving/parent-leadership-gift-council](https://southwestern.edu/giving/parent-leadership-gift-council)

merit-based financial aid (e.g., Barcus, Cody, Finch, Hyer, McKenzie, Mood, Ruter, Southwestern, and University Awards) are renewed each year, provided that the student maintains satisfactory academic progress as defined in the *University Catalog*. Some scholarships (e.g., the Brown Scholarship and Fine Arts Awards) have additional renewal criteria. Information about scholarship renewal criteria can be obtained from the Financial Aid website.

◆ **Are there scholarship opportunities available for continuing students?** Yes, there are a limited number of non-need-based scholarship opportunities for continuing students. Information about these scholarships is available through the Financial Aid website.

## ◆ **When does my student reapply for financial aid for the upcoming year?**

The FAFSA will be available beginning Oct. 1. The deadline for submitting the FAFSA for the upcoming academic year is March 1.

◆ **How can my student view their financial-aid information?** Your student may view this information through their self-service account.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Smith Library Center  
512.819.7333

[southwestern.edu/library-and-it](https://southwestern.edu/library-and-it)

- WebAdvisor
- Computer Labs
- Info Desk
- Apogee Telecommunications

(residence hall services)

- High-speed wireless and wired Internet connectivity and digital cable TV in every residence hall room at no additional charge.

◆ **Do students need to bring their own computers?** Students are not required to own a computer, although most do; 100% of the entering class brought a computer last year, with laptops being the most popular. If a student does not have a computer, Southwestern has several open labs and public computer workstations available in various locations around campus. Our most popular lab and printing facility is located in the A. Frank Smith, Jr. Library Center, which is open 24 hours a day, five days per week, with reduced weekend hours.



❖ **If my student brings a computer, should they also bring a printer?** A personal printer is not a necessity. Our student labs and various accessible locations across campus are equipped with high-speed laser printers; color laser printing is also available.

❖ **How much does it cost to print pages in the campus computer labs?** All students are allotted \$30 each semester for printing. Page rates are priced below commercial alternatives (e.g., FedEx Office), and students rarely exceed the initial \$30; however, additional "Pirate Print" dollars can be purchased if their account runs low.

❖ **Is Southwestern a wireless campus?** Yes. Wireless access is available in all campus buildings and many outside areas. However, to ensure uninterrupted Internet service in all residence halls, students should bring an Ethernet cable to use with their personal computers.

❖ **If my student already has a personal email account, do they need a University email account?** Yes. All students are required to maintain an active Southwestern email account for University communications. This account will become an integral part of their daily communication with faculty, service departments, and other students. Southwestern uses Google Apps for Education, which provides communication and collaboration tools for the campus and is accessed via the SU portal at [my.southwestern.edu](http://my.southwestern.edu).

## **CAMPUS POST OFFICE**

Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center  
(third floor)  
512.863.1576

❖ **Is there mail service on campus?** Yes! The campus post office is located on the third floor of the McCombs Center. The service window is open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. for students to pick up packages, mail packages, and purchase stamps and envelopes. The post office accepts cash and Pirate Buc\$ only.

❖ **How do I mail or ship items to my student?** Your student's school address includes an SU box number that is essential in order to ensure timely delivery of their mail. If a package has been sent to a student, a notice will be placed in their mailbox, which is required for pick-up. All mail and packages should be addressed as follows:

Student's name  
SU Box XXXX  
1001 E. University Avenue  
Georgetown, TX 78626

❖ **When may I begin shipping packages for my student to pick up at move-in?** Shipped packages from Amazon, Target, etc. may be shipped beginning Aug. 1. They will be held for pick-up once students move to campus. The campus post office will be open Friday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 17 from noon–2 p.m.

## **PIRATE CARDS**

Smith Library Center  
512.819.7333  
[southwestern.edu/library-and-it/infodesk/pirate-card](http://southwestern.edu/library-and-it/infodesk/pirate-card)

The Pirate Card is your student's access to the Robertson Center and the Smith Library Center as well as their dining card for their meal plan. Many buildings on campus may be accessed by students by swiping their Pirate Card at the entrance. The Pirate Card offers Pirate Buc\$, a convenient and cashless way to pay on campus. As a prepaid, stored-value account, Pirate Buc\$ can be used to pay for meals, goods, services, and much more. For a list of places where Pirate Buc\$ are accepted, visit [southwestern.edu/offices/pirate-card](http://southwestern.edu/offices/pirate-card).

❖ **My student doesn't have a Pirate Card yet. When will they get one?** If your student has not yet received a Pirate Card, there will be an opportunity during student check-in on Saturday, Aug. 17. For fall athletes arriving prior to Aug. 16, Pirate Cards may be printed at the A. Frank Smith, Jr. Library Center during their regular hours of operation.



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Pirate Bikes get you from A to B at zero MPG.

❖ **How can I add Pirate Buc\$? Can I view my student's purchases?** Family members may add money to a student Pirate Buc\$ account by visiting [southwestern.edu/offices/pirate-card](https://southwestern.edu/offices/pirate-card). Click on "LOG IN TO YOUR PIRATE CARD ACCOUNT" and choose the option "Add Money to a Student's Account." You will need your student's Pirate Card ID number and a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover card. Although family members may deposit money, only students may view their account balance and history.

❖ **What is the difference between Dining Dollars and Pirate Buc\$? How are they used?** Dining Dollars are part of the meal plan and may only be used at campus dining locations. Pirate Buc\$ may be used at these locations plus many more. Pirate Buc\$ never expire, whereas Dining Dollars must be used within an academic year. When purchasing food and beverages in the Cove, a student's Dining Dollars balance will automatically be used first. Once exhausted, purchases in the Cove will be applied to a student's Pirate Buc\$ balance.

❖ **My student is moving to campus early for athletics practice. Will their Pirate Card be activated?** Fall athletes will be able to use their cards; however, Pirate Buc\$ associated with the meal plan will be activated the Friday prior to classes beginning. It is recommended that parents or students add Pirate Buc\$ to their accounts for use of laundry facilities and campus vending machines during the first few weeks.

## **CENTER FOR CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Center for Lifelong Learning  
(first floor)






[career.services@southwestern.edu](mailto:career.services@southwestern.edu)

512.863.1346 • [southwestern.edu/career-services](https://southwestern.edu/career-services)

- Career advising
- Internships
- Graduate and professional school advising
- Career library and resource center
- On-campus interviews, job search strategy programming
- Full-time, part-time, and summer position listings
- PirateConnect

❖ **Is it too soon for my student to visit the Center for Career & Professional Development?** No! We recommend students visit "early and often!" The Center for Career & Professional Development (CCPD) encourages students to "begin with the end in mind"—that is, prioritize exploring and preparing to reach long-term goals from day one. Exploring and deciding among the many diverse career options open to bright, curious liberal arts students is an important task and takes time. Taking time each semester to break career development into manageable pieces helps students succeed. The CCPD supports students and alumni as they create well-managed lives, develop 21st-century skills, shape their identities, make meaning of their academic experiences, and contribute as global citizens.

### MAILBOXES

-  **Inbox** 2
-  Drafts
-  **Outbox** 5
-  Sent
-  Trash

to: **Southwestern Parents**  
from: **parents@southwestern.edu**  
subject: **Parent Info Form!**

Don't miss a single message from Southwestern! The University will send monthly e-newsletters, important billing information, urgent updates from campus, messages from President Burger, and event invitations. Provide your contact information by visiting [southwestern.edu/parentinfoform](https://southwestern.edu/parentinfoform).

### ◆ How can my student get an internship?

The CCPD has two staff members dedicated to helping students connect with internship opportunities, and all staff members are knowledgeable about opportunities for high-impact experiences (e.g., internships, shadowing, and research). These experiences add value to the overall educational and professional development critical for student success, allow students to test the fit of possible future careers, and greatly increase their marketability to employers upon graduation.

## HEALTH & COUNSELING CENTER

Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Center for Lifelong Learning (second floor)  
512.863.1252

[southwestern.edu/health-center](http://southwestern.edu/health-center) and  
[southwestern.edu/counseling-center](http://southwestern.edu/counseling-center)

### HEALTH SERVICES

- Management of acute and chronic illness
- Point-of-care diagnostic testing for the flu, strep throat, mono, H. pylori, urine dipstick, and pregnancy
- Physical exams for study abroad programs, internships, and camps
- Prescriptions (when indicated) sent to the student's pharmacy of choice
- Well-woman exams, birth control information, and prescriptions
- Laboratory testing, including STI screening
- Seasonal flu vaccines



### ◆ When can my student visit the Health Center, and who will treat them?

The Health Center is open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters. Appointments are strongly recommended, and same-day appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Our team of healthcare professionals includes physicians, a physician assistant, a nurse practitioner, and a registered nurse. Our services include treatment of common illnesses, chronic conditions, and mental-health issues; wellness exams; physicals; laboratory testing; and prescriptions.

When appropriate, we will make referrals to off-campus resources and specialists. The Health Center does not provide emergency care. Students should always call 911 for life-threatening emergencies. A list of local after-hours resources can be found at [southwestern.edu/health-center](http://southwestern.edu/health-center).

### ◆ Does my student need health

**insurance?** All students are required to have an active health insurance policy at all times, and students should always bring a copy of their most current health insurance card to all appointments. The Health Center will see all students

regardless of what health insurance coverage they have. All students will be automatically enrolled in a student health insurance plan unless they opt out. They may waive the auto-enrollment by entering their current health insurance information before the deadline at [eiiastudent.org/southwestern](http://eiiastudent.org/southwestern).

### COUNSELING SERVICES

- Individual counseling
- Relational counseling
- Group counseling
- Motivation and stress management

The Counseling Center provides confidential, short-term counseling regarding personal issues. Southwestern students may seek counseling for a wide variety of concerns, including adjustment to college, making friends, motivation, depression, anxiety, sexuality, body image, eating disorders, sexual assault, alcohol or drug abuse, stress management, bereavement, family issues, and romantic relationships. Counseling Center staff members also offer outreach programs, group counseling, and referrals to off-campus professionals for psychiatric medications and long-term counseling. While the counselors at Southwestern



represent varied areas of expertise and diverse personal backgrounds, they all have training in helping college students grow through the personal problems they occasionally encounter.

❖ **What can parents do if a time comes when they have concerns about their student's emotional welfare?** Parents are welcome to call the Counseling Center to talk with a counselor about their student. Because of confidentiality laws, the counselor typically cannot disclose whether their student is a client but can listen to the parents' concerns and help them explore various strategies for offering support and assistance.

## **DIVERSITY EDUCATION**

Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Center for Lifelong Learning (second floor)

512.863.1342 • [southwestern.edu/diversity-education](https://southwestern.edu/diversity-education)

The Office of Diversity Education seeks to make Southwestern a welcoming and affirming place for the entire community. In order to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice, the Office of Diversity Education facilitates workshops, supports student programs and events, and explores cultural and identity awareness. The Office of Diversity Education specifically works with student organizations such as the Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice and the nine cultural- and identity-based groups within the coalition: the Asian Student Association, EBONY, the Hispanics and Latinx Organization (HALO), Kappa Delta Chi, Pirates for Pride, Students for Environmental Activism and Knowledge (SEAK), SU Native, the Food Justice Association, and the Reproductive Justice Alliance.

Diversity Education events include the following:

- Asian American Heritage Month
- The Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice Retreat
- The Borderlands Symposium
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Week
- Black History Month
- The SU Native Powwow
- The Cesar Chavez Dinner
- The Drag Ball
- The Multicultural Recognition Ceremony

- Lavender Graduation
- Lavender Spaces Training
- Diversity Student Leadership Retreats
- Documentaries, forums, symposia, and workshops
- The Office of Diversity Education Lecture Series

## **INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**

Corbin J. Robertson Center

512.863.1381 • [southwesternpirates.com](https://southwesternpirates.com)

Southwestern University prides itself in providing a unique athletic program that allows student-athletes to pursue athletic excellence with the ultimate commitment of preparing them for the world beyond college. Southwestern competes in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III and adheres to their guidelines of awarding financial aid based only on family need and academic merit. The intercollegiate program offers 20 varsity sports, 10 for women and 10 for men. Nineteen of those sports compete in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) with the only exception of football which competes in the American Southwest Conference (ASC). With nearly 500 student-athletes and over 300 contests taking place each year, the Athletic Department places the highest priority on academic success and the overall quality of the educational experience while striving for excellence on the playing field. The primary goal is for our athletics programs to reflect Southwestern's commitment to the principles of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, honesty, fairness, and respect for others, emphasizing the health and welfare of the student-athletes. The Athletic Department at Southwestern works with other campus constituencies to implement programs



that provide fair and equitable treatment of men and women while maintaining focus on a values-centered education of the whole person. Faculty members play an important role in helping student-athletes balance the rigors of their academic studies with the challenges of intercollegiate athletic participation, and because of this partnership, Southwestern has graduated a significant number of outstanding student-athletes who have distinguished themselves as scholars and as athletes.

◆ **Does participating in intercollegiate athletics hurt students academically?**

Rarely. The average GPA for student-athletes is usually comparable to the overall average student GPA.

◆ **What about missing classes? Are the athletes excused?**

Team travel is considered a University “field trip” under the excused absence policy. Student-athletes must work closely with their professors and discuss missed classwork in advance of the absence. Southwestern faculty are generally very supportive of student-athletes.

◆ **My student was not recruited; can they still make the team?**

It is possible. Varsity athletics are competitive at Southwestern, and our coaches recruit throughout the year to fill their team rosters with qualified student-athletes. However, the tryout process is open to all students, and those wishing to seek a position are encouraged to contact the respective coach to immediately declare their intention.

◆ **How good are the athletic programs at Southwestern?** Excellent and highly competitive. Our teams have won multiple conference championships, and many teams have competed in NCAA Regional and National Championships. Our goal is to become one of the top Division III programs in the country!

**INTRAMURAL & RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SIRA)**

Corbin J. Robertson Center  
512.863.1665

**[southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/intramural-recreational-activities-sira/](http://southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/intramural-recreational-activities-sira/)**

Southwestern Intramural and Recreational Activities (SIRA) provides the University community with opportunities for physical, social, and educational development through participation in intramural sports, fitness and wellness classes, sport clubs, and outdoor recreation programs.

- Intramural sports
- Fitness classes: Cardio Sculpt, Barre Above, Yoga and Zumba
- SU Cheerleaders and SU Pom Squad
- Camping and sports equipment that can be checked out for weekend use at no cost to SU community members.

◆ **Is any experience necessary to participate in intramural and recreational activities?** No experience is necessary, and the majority of activities can accommodate students of all ability levels.

◆ **Is there any cost to participate?** Many activities are free to current students. However, the sport clubs charge dues, and all fitness classes have a modest participation fee (e.g., a \$20 fee for 7–8 weeks of class one day per week).

**RESIDENCE LIFE**

Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center  
(third floor)

512.863.1624

**[southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/office-of-residence-life/](http://southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/office-of-residence-life/)**

Residence halls are a vital part of the Southwestern campus community, complementing the educational program by providing an atmosphere conducive to meeting students’ academic, social, and personal needs. Students who have completed less than four full semesters are required to live on campus. Students living in traditional residence halls are required to participate in the meal plans provided by Southwestern’s Dining Services. Students who have completed at least four full semesters (after high school graduation) are not subject to the residential requirement; however, most juniors and seniors choose to live on campus. Currently, 78% of Southwestern students live on campus.

◆ **Is there an adult in the residence halls?** Yes. Although Southwestern considers its students young adults, it also recognizes the adjustments college students—and especially first-year students—are attempting to manage. There are three professional staff members who are employed by the



## **A DAY IN THE LIFE**

Students populate the Academic Mall on a sunny spring day on campus.











The Mosaic approach encourages the Southwestern student to develop as a whole person. At SU, our students have a variety of opportunities to get involved in activities that align with their personal and professional goals. As students interact with their peers, faculty, and staff, Mosaic helps them identify and enhance those opportunities through formal and informal experiences designed to support their growth as an individual.

Throughout your student's first year, they will have a chance to learn more about Mosaic so they can take advantage of this uniquely Southwestern opportunity.

[southwestern.edu/mosaic](https://southwestern.edu/mosaic)

University and live on campus to help with building community, managing crises, and handling emergencies.

◆ **What are the roles of resident assistants (RAs)?** Selected upper-class students hold positions of responsibility within the residence halls. These students, called resident assistants (RAs), provide direct assistance to the students in their living area (approximately 30 students per RA in upper-class halls and 15 students per RA in first-year halls) by providing information; helping to ensure that University community standards are met through brief counseling and/or referral; offering acquaintanceship; fulfilling basic administrative tasks; and helping to organize interesting educational, social, and recreational events and programs.

◆ **What is your alcohol policy?** Each individual and group within the Southwestern University community is required to comply with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to the possession, use, and distribution of alcoholic beverages. Students 21 and older are allowed to consume alcohol in their private rooms. Student organizations must register parties where alcohol will be allowed.

◆ **Are there any curfews? What are the policies regarding coed visitation?** There are no curfews in the residence halls. In single-gender first-year halls, coed visitation ends at midnight Sunday through Thursday and at 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Guests of students are

required to have escorts in single-gender halls.

◆ **How do you reconcile differences between roommates or suitemates?**

RAs and sometimes professional staff use roommate contracts and meetings between the students to reconcile differences. Although this normally works, students are allowed to change roommates if an unresolvable situation exists. The Southwestern residence-life philosophy is that no situation in the residence halls should be allowed to negatively affect a student's academic experience.

◆ **How much does it cost to do a load of laundry? How accessible are the machines?** The cost is \$1.25 per wash and \$1.25 per dry, which the student can pay with their Pirate Card. Laundry rooms are located in all residence halls and in the Grogan and Betty Lord Community Center.

◆ **Is there a place to cash a check on campus? An ATM?** Students may cash checks for up to \$100 in the Business Office. An ATM is located in the Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center.

## **SPIRITUAL & RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Julie Puett Howry Center  
512.863.1527 • [southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/spiritual-and-religious-life/](https://southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/spiritual-and-religious-life/)

To keep up with the current offerings of Spiritual and Religious Life, follow @SpiritualLifeSU on Facebook, Twitter,

and Instagram. Spiritual and Religious Life offers opportunities for the campus community to slow down, breathe, and take care of the body, mind, and spirit. The spiritual dimension of life is integral to a liberal arts education; therefore, there are a number of ways to engage with Spiritual and Religious Life throughout the week that help students explore spiritual identity; seek true meaning and understanding; and ask big questions through intentional conversation, unlikely relationships, and shared action. These opportunities allow each individual to develop and affirm their identity in relationship to the larger spiritual community and the world as a whole.

◆ **Are there opportunities to worship on campus?** Each week on campus, there are multiple worship gatherings, Bible studies, and other small group meetings that will support your student's spiritual growth. In addition to the on-campus spiritual communities, it's also important to many students that they find a local church to be involved in while they're at school. Most students do this by visiting local congregations with friends or roommates, talking with upper-class students about where they go to church, or asking others on campus for suggestions.

◆ **How can my student connect with other students around their faith?** The student religious organizations on campus offer places for students to meet others who believe similarly to them and help one another grow in their faith journeys. A list of organizations

is available online: [southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/student-organizations/religious/](https://southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/student-organizations/religious/).

◆ **Are religious holidays observed on campus?** Southwestern faculty work with students of all faith backgrounds to ensure they have the time needed to celebrate the observance days affiliated with their religious tradition. If your student needs accommodations for a religious holiday, encourage them to talk with their faculty to make the appropriate arrangements.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center (third floor)

512.863.1345 • [southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/student-activities/](https://southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/student-activities/)

The mission of the Office of Student Activities is to act as an advisor, ally, educator, and mentor to the students of Southwestern University by facilitating learning experiences through leadership opportunities, student organizations, social activities, and services that promote personal growth and the empowerment of students for success in our diverse community and beyond. The office works closely with all student organizations, student leaders, and various University committees. Student Activities has responsibility for the development and coordination of campus-wide programming, leadership development, advising various student organizations, and Welcome Week.



◆ **How can my student get involved?** There will be a Student Involvement Fair early in the fall semester to give students an opportunity to visit with members from many of the organizations. An Organizations Guide, which lists and describes all organizations and cites contact names and addresses, is available at [southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/student-activities/organizations/](https://southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/student-activities/organizations/).

◆ **Is there anything to do on weekends?** Yes! Weekend programming includes nationally touring performances in The Cove every Friday night and monthly Saturday-night first-run movies, complete with freshly popped popcorn. The University Programming Council (UPC) is a group of students who plan, organize, and execute a variety of campus activities. Student Activities can provide more information about UPC membership.

◆ **Is there student government?** Yes. One benefit of university life is the opportunity for students to participate in their own governance. This opportunity comes through participation in the





Southwestern Student Government Association (SGA) and other campus-wide committees. The SGA is a group of elected representatives who sponsor monthly meetings to inform students of campus issues and to provide a forum for concerns and opinions. In addition, students have the unique opportunity to participate with faculty and administrators in the major governing councils of the University.

◆ **When is social fraternity and sorority recruitment?** Deferred recruitment, held in January, provides students with a chance to get organized academically before joining a Greek organization. Recruitment information will be made available during the first semester. Students may also choose to wait until their sophomore year to join a fraternity or sorority.

◆ **What percentage of students pledge social fraternities and sororities?** Approximately 30% of Southwestern students are involved in Greek organizations. Southwestern has four

national social fraternities (Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, and Pi Kappa Alpha) and six national social sororities (Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Delta Chi, and Zeta Tau Alpha).

## **UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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512.863.1944 ("0" from on-campus phones) • [southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/safety-security/](https://southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/safety-security/)

The mission of the Southwestern University Police Department (SUPD) is to serve our diverse and inclusive community by promoting a safe, secure living and learning environment that fosters thinking, creativity, and connection. The SUPD accomplishes this mission by engaging with students, faculty, and staff under a community policing philosophy; by sponsoring a variety of proactive safety and awareness programs and events; and by protecting life and property through equal and

unbiased enforcement of University policy as well as local, state, and federal laws. Each SUPD officer holds a master peace officer license. SUPD officers are always available to offer assistance when needed and patrol campus 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

◆ **Is there any crime on campus? What are the crime statistics?** Southwestern is not immune to crime. Most crimes on campus are crimes of opportunity, which include theft or criminal mischief. Crime statistics are kept on a calendar basis, are compiled in an annual report per the Campus Safety and Security Act of 1990, and are available on request or by accessing [southwestern.edu/southwestern-university-annual-fire-safety-2018](https://southwestern.edu/southwestern-university-annual-fire-safety-2018). The SUPD presents crime awareness programs throughout the year.

◆ **What measures are taken to ensure safety for students on campus?** Campus grounds are patrolled 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by uniformed, armed, state-certified police officers. Officers patrol in highly visible vehicles and on foot for easy access to the interior of campus. Residence halls are locked 24 hours a day and are checked by SUPD and resident assistants on a regular basis. Police provide an on-campus escort for any student requesting one. The University has also instituted an Emergency Notification System to alert students, faculty, and staff about on-campus emergencies via telephone, email, and/or text message.

◆ **Where do students park their cars? What is the cost to keep a car on campus?** Southwestern has parking lots throughout the campus for students, staff, and faculty. Students must register their vehicles with the SUPD by filling out a registration card and affixing a parking permit to the vehicle's rear window. All Southwestern students are automatically charged a vehicle registration of \$100 per semester (\$200 for the academic year). If a student does not park a vehicle on campus, the charge may be waived by completing the Vehicle Registration Waiver form online at [tinyurl.com/parkingwaiver](http://tinyurl.com/parkingwaiver).

The online waiver form must be submitted each semester by the required deadline date. For Fall 2019, the waiver site will open May 1, 2019, and the online waiver must be completed by July 18, 2019, to receive the credit to the student account. For Spring 2020, the waiver site will open Nov. 1, 2019, and the online waiver must be completed by Dec. 12, 2019.



## Welcome to PirateConnect

Maximize the Power of the Tower, and connect online at PirateConnect, Southwestern's new digital gateway to the Southwestern network.

- Through PirateConnect, your student can
- Expand their Southwestern professional network
  - Share and receive career advice and guidance with Southwestern alumni
  - Connect with Pirates in your student's industry or city of interest
  - Learn more about industries and initiate conversations
  - Access career-development resources
  - Set up phone, video chat, or in-person meetings with ease

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QUESTIONS? EMAIL [PIRATECONNECT@SOUTHWESTERN.EDU](mailto:PIRATECONNECT@SOUTHWESTERN.EDU).



## SPRING FAMILY DAY

Southwestern Ring Ceremony, Honors Convocation, SING!, Student Organization Events, and more!

# FEB. 22, 2020





# PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS

## SOUTHWESTERN AND PARENTS

Southwestern University, like you, is focused on one outcome: the success of our students. Southwestern's academic and student life programs seek to engage students' minds and transform their lives through a rigorous liberal arts education and a vibrant residential campus. Our objectives are likely very similar to your own. We aim to help your student develop into an intelligent, resilient, responsible, productive, well-rounded young adult prepared to contribute to the well-being of humanity.

With these shared aspirations, we ask parents and family members of Southwestern students to partner with us. Taking responsibility for one's own education is central to the *Southwestern Experience*. Southwestern offers an extensive network of resources so students can help themselves, solve problems, and build the confidence to manage their own educations. By learning to use these resources, students develop competencies that will serve them well in life.

We invite you to share our hope that Southwestern students and graduates will be confident, self-motivated young adults in charge of their lives, capable of dealing equally well with both challenges and opportunities and prepared to contribute to the world.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY STUDENT FROM A DISTANCE?

Here are some ways that you can enhance your student's growth into adulthood as well as their experience at Southwestern. The following is adapted, with gratitude, from *You're on Your Own (But I'm Here if You Need Me): Mentoring Your Child during the College Years* by Marjorie B. Savage (2009, revised edition):

1. **Listen to their concerns.** Even though your almost-adult is experimenting with independent choices, they still need to know that you're there and available to talk about everyday events and difficult issues. If your student needs help or support, the subject is more likely to come up if you are not inquiring pointedly about what time they came in last night. Listen to the melody, not just the content. Do not trivialize any of your student's concerns or emotions. Much of what they are saying is "I'm changing, and I'm scared," even when the content is "I know what I am doing."
2. **Stay in touch (but not too much)!** Remember the names of roommates and friends who are mentioned often. Encourage your student to send you pictures of their room and friends. Be interested but not intrusive. Send photos of family activities and pets as well as care packages at exam times.
3. **Negotiate frequency of communication.** Talk about how often you'll speak on the phone, text, visit each other, or send emails. If an uncharacteristically long amount of time passes with no word, it's not bad to check in and make sure everything is going smoothly.
4. **Be willing to cut the cord.** Encourage an appropriate level of independence and responsibility. Let them use their own judgment to decide what is best for them, and trust them to make good decisions. Teach them life skills such as how to do laundry, live on a budget, set up a checking account, and manage their time.
5. **Help your student problem-solve.** If your student calls home with a problem, stay calm. Practice reacting to such





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“melt-down calls.” For example, you could say, “I’m sorry you are having a rough time. How are you going to handle it?” Then coach; don’t rescue. Coach them in talking things through with their roommate or making their own phone calls to the professor. Encourage your student to use the University’s services instead of relying solely on you for help. On-campus professionals have a wealth of experience to quickly help resolve your student’s issue.

6. **State your concerns.** It is OK to ask whether they have thought about study habits, sexual conduct, or alcohol. As parents, you can send a clear message to your student that they can choose not to drink, and if they choose to use alcohol, they should do it moderately, legally, and appropriately. Don’t glorify your own “youthful drinking days” if you had them.
7. **Don’t overburden your student with your own emotional issues.** What you want is to be useful to them, and you will need to find someone else to help you with how you feel. They want to know you care, but they don’t want to know too much. Keep them informed, but grant them a little distance from any family problems that arise.
8. **Encourage smart financial practices.** Most students come to college with a fairly detailed plan about how tuition, room, board, and books will be paid for and what their family’s expectations are about spending money. Work together to set up a budget plan for the year. Warn your student not to apply for every credit card offered. Smart money management is a lifelong skill that will benefit your student.
9. **Be realistic about academic achievement and grades.** Southwestern attracts bright students from all over the country, but not every first-year student who excelled academically in high school will be a straight-A student here. Developing or refining the capacity to work independently and consistently and to demonstrate mastery can be more important than grades as long as the student meets the basic academic requirements set out by the University. Instead of focusing on grades, ask your student to discuss class projects and papers with you. Again, these are choices that each individual student makes, though certainly it is appropriate to coach your student in setting their own long-term goals.
10. **Keep your cool.** Students tend to share their good times with friends and rely on family in difficult times. Although a “melt-down call” may be troubling, it is a sign of trust. They are allowing themselves to be vulnerable with you. Try not to be overly reactive to their venting or jump to intervene.
11. **If your student does experience difficulties at Southwestern, encourage them to take advantage of the wealth of resources available for students.** The small and personal environment of the University offers many sources of help. For academic issues, talking with a professor or academic advisor is probably the first step, but the Center for Academic Success and Registrar (CASAR) is also available to help. For stress, relationship problems, or more serious concerns, the Office of Counseling Services is available and free for students.



# Parent Orientation S C H E D U L E



## FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

**12 p.m.**

### **Captain's Academy Luncheon**

*Red & Charline McCombs Center, McCombs Ballroom*

Incoming first-generation students and their families are invited to lunch prior to moving into the residence halls. Learn about the Captain's Academy and meet faculty and staff mentors.

**2–7 p.m.**

### **Parent Orientation Check-in and Information Desk**

*Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center,  
Bob and Vivian Smith Concourse*

Check in and receive information that will help you navigate Parent Orientation Weekend.

**2–6 p.m.**

### **Residence Hall Move-in**

*Residence Halls*

By the end of June, your student will receive an email with a specific residence hall room assignment. Please mark all boxes and personal items with the building and room assignment. Upon arrival on campus at your student's designated time,

your student will go to their assigned building and floor. A resident assistant will give them pertinent information and keys. Students with last names A–L may begin moving into the residence halls at 2 p.m.; students with last names M–Z may begin at 3 p.m.

**4:30–5:30 p.m.**

### **Campus Tour**

*Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center,  
Bob and Vivian Smith Concourse*

For family members who are visiting campus for the first time, get acquainted with Southwestern's buildings and grounds through this hour-long walking tour.

**5:30–8 p.m.**

### **Dinner in the Commons**

*Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center, Mabee Commons*

New Pirates and their parents require sustenance and nutrition for the heavy lifting that accompanies shipping off to college. The galley is open. Stop in for your evening meal. There is no formal program at this meal.

**6:30–7:30 p.m.**

### **Athlete Meetings**

*The Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center,  
Alma Thomas Theater*

All athletes and their parents should gather first in The Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center, Alma Thomas Theater. Afterward, they should go to the rooms as listed below.

#### ***F. W. Olin Building***

Men's Baseball, room 105  
Women's Softball, room 226  
Women's Basketball, room 207  
Men's and Women's Swimming, room 111  
Men's and Women's Cross Country and Track, room 324  
Men's Basketball, room 209  
Men's Soccer, room 305  
Men's and Women's Tennis, room 323  
Men's Lacrosse, room 110  
Women's Volleyball, room 222  
Women's Soccer, room 322

#### ***Fine Arts Building***

Men's and Women's Golf, room 137  
Women's Lacrosse, room 148

**8–9:30 p.m.**

### **Parent Orientation Kick-off Party**

*The Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center,  
Jim and Pat Walzel Lobby*

The Southwestern University Alumni Association–Greater Georgetown Chapter invites new parents to kick off the weekend and kick back with alumni and fellow Southwestern parents. Light appetizers, desserts, and beverages will be served. Note: Your student will attend an alternative activity running concurrently with this program.

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

**8 a.m.–1 p.m.**

### **Check-in and Information Desk**

*Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center, Bob and Vivian Smith Concourse*

Check in and receive information that will help you navigate Parent Orientation Weekend.

**9–9:15 a.m.**

### **Orientation Welcome**

*The Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center,  
Alma Thomas Theater*

Join us for an official welcome from University President Edward B. Burger.

**9:15–10:15 a.m.**

### **Academic Life Panel: Beyond the Grade**

*The Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center,  
Alma Thomas Theater*

Degree plans. Study abroad. Advising. First-Year and Advanced-Entry Seminars. Paideia®. Faculty and academic administrators discuss the University's educational program, enrichment opportunities, and resources for success.

**10:30–11:30 a.m.**

### **Student Life Panel: Exploring Our Resources**

*The Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center,  
Alma Thomas Theater*

Now that your student is settled into their residence hall and has experienced their first meal in the Commons, it's time to know what else happens outside the classroom. Parents' first questions usually revolve around health services, counseling, campus safety and security, Welcome Week, and other student

activities. These are followed closely by career planning and internships, campus diversity, athletics, recreational activities, and spiritual and religious life. The professional Student Life staff, representing all of those areas, will provide an overview of their programs and answer your questions.

**10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

### **Brunch in the Commons**

*Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center, Mabee Commons*

Brunch: The Southwestern student's favorite meal. Meet up with your student, and share all you've learned about SU. There is no formal program at this meal.

**12:30–1:30 p.m.**

### **Current Parent Panel**

*The Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center,  
Alma Thomas Theater*

Get the scoop from current parents and faculty members who are willing to share their best advice about life at Southwestern.

**2–3:15 p.m.**

### **Matriculation Convocation**

*Corbin J. Robertson Center,  
Robertson Courts*

The defining event of Orientation Weekend, the matriculation ceremony marks the official induction of students as members of the Southwestern community. Faculty dress in academic regalia for this formal ceremony. Casual dress is encouraged for families and students. Seating begins at 1:15 p.m.



## NEW STUDENT WELCOME WEEK SNAPSHOT SCHEDULE

Your student's attendance at the following weekend's events is critical to their transition to SU! The full Welcome Week schedule is available at [southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/new-student-orientation](http://southwestern.edu/life-at-southwestern/new-student-orientation)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

2–6 p.m.  
Residence Hall Move-In  
5:30–8 p.m.  
Dinner in the Commons  
6:30–7:30 p.m.  
Varsity Athlete Meeting  
8–9 p.m.  
New Student Mixer  
9:30–11 p.m.  
Residence Hall Meetings

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Student Check-in  
10–11 a.m.  
Campus Tours  
10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
Brunch  
2–3:15 p.m.  
Matriculation Convocation  
3:15–3:30 p.m.  
New Student Photo  
3:45–4 p.m.  
Legacy Photo  
4–5 p.m.  
Music Theory  
4–5 p.m.  
Language Placement Exam  
5:30–8 p.m.  
Dinner  
6–7 p.m.  
Mosaic Reflection  
7:30–8:45 p.m.  
Entertainment  
9–10 p.m.  
Safety Talk  
10–11 p.m.  
Residence Hall Meetings

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

10:30 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Brunch  
11 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Worship Service  
12–1 p.m.  
Religious and Spiritual Life Lunch  
2–5 p.m.  
Pirate Training: Pep Rally

3:15–3:30 p.m.

### New Student Photo

*J. N. R. Score Quadrangle*

Watch as your student joins their fellow students for a photo of all incoming Pirates immediately following the matriculation ceremony.

3:45–4 p.m.

### Legacy Photo

*Julie Puett Howry Center*

Incoming students with alumni family members are invited to take a photo commemorating their special Southwestern connection. Alumni are encouraged to join in the photo.

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*Parents are invited to attend the following additional student programming:*

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

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5:30–8 p.m.

### Dinner in the Commons

*Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center, Mabee Commons*

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

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10:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

### Brunch in the Commons

*Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center, Mabee Commons*

11 a.m.–12 p.m.

### Worship Service

*Lois Perkins Chapel*

Come enjoy Sunday morning worship in the beautiful Lois Perkins Chapel. This is a great opportunity for your student to meet others in a friendly atmosphere. Those students wishing to learn more about Spiritual and Religious Life are invited to join us for lunch in the Dan Rather Room of the Commons in the Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center following the service.



## REGISTER NOW!

Visit [southwestern.edu/orientation](http://southwestern.edu/orientation) to register for Parent Orientation by Sunday, Aug. 11. For local hotel accommodations, please visit [southwestern.edu/admission/visit/individual-visits/where-to-stay/](http://southwestern.edu/admission/visit/individual-visits/where-to-stay/). See you there!



# Why attend Parent Orientation?

## The numbers speak for themselves!

FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION RATE OF STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS:		FIRST-YEAR GPA OF STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS:	
Attended Parent Orientation	74%	Attended Parent Orientation	3.21
Did Not Attend Parent Orientation	38%	Did Not Attend Parent Orientation	3.05

Register online by Sunday, Aug. 11 at [southwestern.edu/orientation](http://southwestern.edu/orientation).

### Parent Orientation Locations and Hours of Operation

**A. FRANK SMITH, JR. LIBRARY CENTER**

**Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

**BUSINESS OFFICE**

*Roy and Lillie Cullen Building*  
*First Floor*  
**Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT & RESIDENCE LIFE**

*Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center*  
*Third Floor*  
**Friday: 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**INFORMATION SERVICES & PIRATE CARDS**

*A. Frank Smith, Jr. Library Center*  
**Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

**BOOKSTORE**

*Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center*  
*Third Floor*  
**Friday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

**THE COVE**

*Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center*  
*First Floor*  
**Friday: 1–5 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 9 a.m.–10 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 9 a.m.–11 p.m.**

**FINANCIAL AID OFFICE**

*Roy and Lillie Cullen Building*  
*Second Floor*  
**Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**CAMPUS POST OFFICE**

*Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center*  
*Third Floor*  
**Friday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 12–2 p.m.**

**SOUTHWESTERN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center*  
*Charles & Elizabeth Prothro Bishops*  
*Memorial Lounge*  
**Saturday: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
**\*For immediate assistance, call SUPD at 512.863.1944. Officers are on campus 24/7.**



# RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN



## WHAT TO EXPECT



### SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY PACKING LIST

\* COORDINATE WITH ROOMMATE

#### BED & BATH

- LINENS (FIRST-YEAR HALLS ALL HAVE EXTRA-LONG TWIN BEDS)
- PILLOWS
- BATH TOWELS
- POSTERS, DECORATIONS, ETC.
- MATTRESS PAD
- 3M COMMAND ADHESIVE STRIPS (FOR HANGING PICTURES & POSTERS ON WALLS IN RUTER, MABEE, & KURTH)
- PUSH PINS (FOR HANGING PICTURES & POSTERS ON WALLS IN BROWN-CODY)

#### DESK & STUDY SUPPLIES

- COMPUTER + CHARGER
- STUDY LAMP
- EXTENSION CORD(S)
- HDMI CORD + ADAPTER
- STAPLER
- TAPE
- SCISSORS
- PENS/PENCILS
- NOTEBOOKS
- ETHERNET CABLE
- BINDERS
- STICKY NOTES
- FOLDERS
- FLASH DRIVES

#### PERSONAL ITEMS

- UMBRELLA
- HANGERS
- LAUNDRY HAMPER
- TV \*
- WATER BOTTLE(S)
- TISSUES
- WET WIPES
- HEADPHONES
- SPEAKER

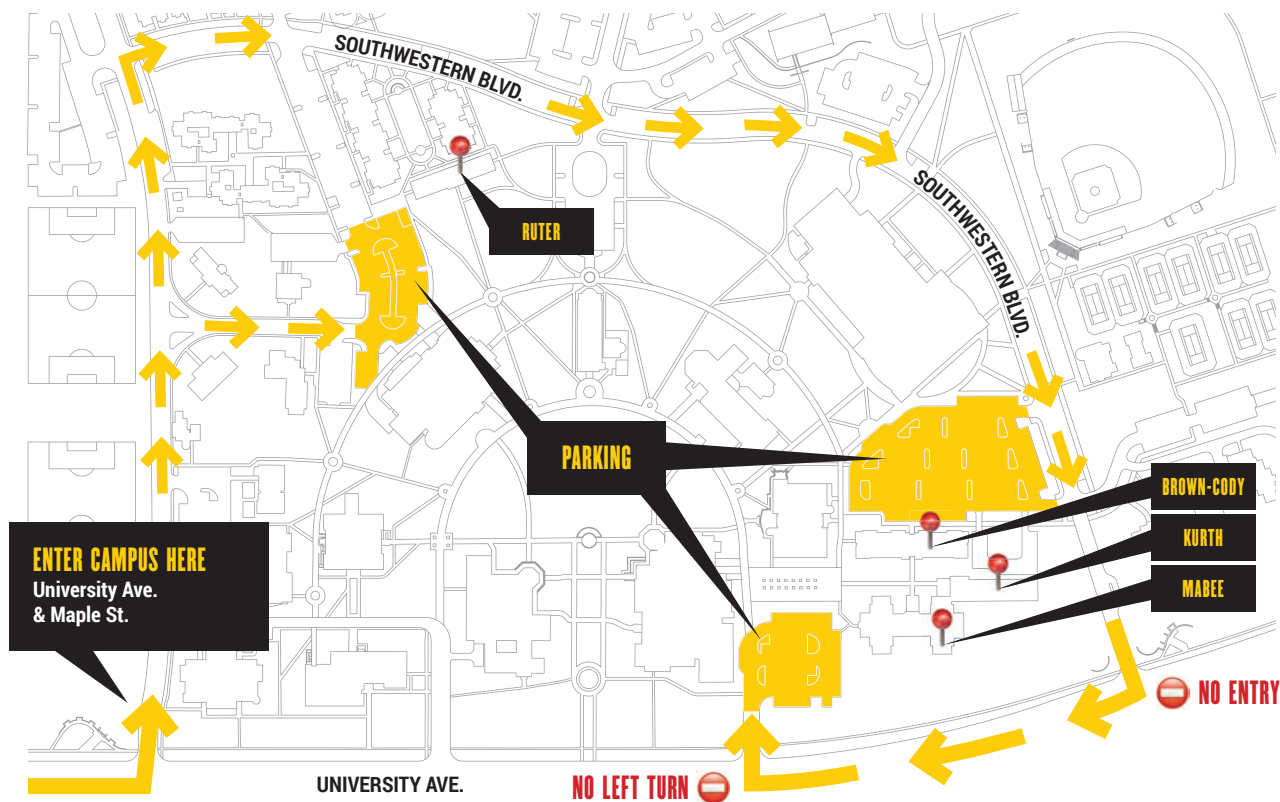
#### CLEANING SUPPLIES

- TRASH BAGS
- BROOM
- VACUUM \*
- PAPER TOWELS
- LAUNDRY BAG AND DETERGENT (NOT PODS)

#### SNACKS & MEALS

- MICROWAVE \*
- REFRIGERATOR \*
- SNACKS, MICROWAVE MEALS, BREAKFAST FOODS





## GETTING PREPARED

By the end of June, your student will receive an email with a specific residence hall room assignment. Please mark all boxes and personal items with the building and room assignment. Blue painter's tape and a permanent marker work very well. It will also be helpful to box as many items as possible together in cardboard boxes, plastic storage containers, or luggage.

## MOVE-IN PROCEDURES

Upon arrival on Aug. 16 at your student's designated time, please enter campus at Maple Street and University Avenue, as shown on the map. Follow traffic-pattern signage and University police to your student's assigned hall. Once you are in the car line and nearing the building, your student should get out of the car and make their way to their assigned building and floor. A resident assistant will give them pertinent information and keys. While your student checks in and receives their keys, you will advance in the car line, and student athletes and other members of the SU community will move all belongings out of your car and to your student's room. Once unloaded, please find a parking place nearby.

***Students with last names A–L may begin moving into the residence halls at 2 p.m.; those with last names M–Z may begin at 3 p.m.***



### **YOU'LL HAVE HELP!**

SU student-athletes and other members of the University community will help your student move their belongings into their room!





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