



# Welcome, Parents & Guardians!

*New Student Orientation*

**Jeff Hamilton**  
Interim Dean of Students



## You are Our Partner.

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

# Let's work together to help your student...



- Be successful
- Make healthy decisions
- Develop a growth mindset academically, personally, and socially
- Graduate!
- Be prepared for the workforce & life after graduation

# Your support makes a big difference in student success

- Expect change
- Mistakes happen; they are learning opportunities
- Be interested & listen
- Check-in occasionally
- Encourage students to use campus resources
- Encourage students to be problem solvers
  - 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 engagement and academic services.
  - Begins Thursday, August 21th
- **Critical Time – First Semester**
  - Numerous changes and additional stress levels
  - Balancing Act with academics, friends, family, finances, job, extracurricular responsibilities, social relationships, etc.
- **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 Boldman, Coordinator  
[mboldman@shawnee.edu](mailto:mboldman@shawnee.edu)
- Computer Labs
- Student Success Center

# Tutoring Centers

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



# Resources

Athletics	<a href="http://ssubears.com">ssubears.com</a>	Veteran Services: supporting military connected students	Brian Caudill 740-351-4441
Student Business Center: Bursar, Financial Aid, Registrar	<a href="mailto:sbc@shawnee.edu">sbc@shawnee.edu</a> 740-351-4357	Student Success Center: tutoring, computer labs	Dr. Glenna Heckler-Todt 740-351-3277
duMeleau Math Center	740-351-3827	Department of Public Safety	740-351-3243 (non-emergency) 740-351-3232 (emergency)
Writing Center	740-351-3488	IT Service Help Desk	740-351-3538
Ombudsperson	Dr. John Whitaker 740-351-3630	Clark Memorial Library: study rooms, research assistance	740-351-3255
Bear Necessities Pantry: non-perishable food items	Marlita Cadogan 740-351-3516	First Generation Mentoring	Taylor Mershon 740-351-3123
Career Services: job postings, career exploration, resume building	Austin Raines 740-351-3784	Bear Care Clinic Health & counseling services	<a href="http://shawnee.edu/bear-care">shawnee.edu/bear-care</a> 740-355-7102
Bear Cave: 24-hour study space	Located in Clark Memorial Library	Bear to Bear Network: informal support/guidance from peers	<a href="mailto:beartobear@shawnee.edu">beartobear@shawnee.edu</a> 740-351-3455

# Purchasing Books

- **SSU Bookstore – Morris University Center, 1st 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)
- [Crime Alerts](#) webpage
- [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...

- Listen—your student will experience many new things. Encourage them to share their experiences
- 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, roommates, or peers if they are having problems
- Take advantage of every resource SSU has to offer
- Encourage your student to Study Abroad, visit the CSPA 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

# Questions?

Email Jeff Hamilton

[jhamilton@shawnee.edu](mailto:jhamilton@shawnee.edu)

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