



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.

- **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 Thursday, August 22nd
- **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 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
- Computer Labs
- Student Success Center

Tutoring Centers

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

Resources

Resource	Contact	Resource	Contact
Student Business Center: Bursar, Financial Aid, Registrar	sbc@shawnee.edu 740-351-4357	Student Success Center: tutoring, computer labs	Dr. Glenna Heckler-Todt 740-351-3277
Math Lab	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	Bailey Reader 740-351-3241
Career Services: job postings, career exploration, resume building	Austin Raines 740-351-3784	Counseling, Health, & Accessibility Services: personal counseling, basic healthcare, accommodations	Kim Weddington 740-351-3608
Bear Cave: 24-hour study space	Located in Clark Memorial Library		

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 CISPAs 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 Dr. Elizabeth Kline
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