SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE

NEW STUDENT 2019 ORIENTATION

FALL

SOUTHERN BOUND
Welcome to Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical College, where every student is valued as an important part of our higher education community. I am happy that you have joined the Jaguar Nation. I know this is an exciting time in your life, and choosing where you will spend the next four years of your educational journey is an important decision. Please allow me to share a little about what makes Southern University such a special place.

Our students are the number one priority here...and every student is important to us. You will never be a nameless face at Southern University. Our campus is home to students from all over the nation and world, and SU professors and staff genuinely care and want to see you succeed.

It is our goal to ensure you have a wonderful experience, with more than 34 undergraduate programs and 22 graduate career focused majors and programs, 13 scholarship athletic sports, a huge variety of co-curricular activities, and a beautiful campus. We encourage you to take advantage of the many resources available at Southern, especially our outstanding faculty members and staff who are committed to making you feel welcomed and informed.

At Southern University, you will get an education that prepares you to succeed and build a network of lifelong friendships. More importantly, you will find the support you need to succeed in University life and beyond. Welcome to The Bluff!

Best Wishes,

Ray L. Belton, Ph.D.
President-Chancellor
Class of 1984
Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College is a land-grant institution and America’s oldest and only historically Black University System with campuses in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport, Louisiana. For 139 years, Southern has educated, nurtured and empowered citizens of the world who are focused on global change, leadership and service.

We are an institution focused on providing an affordable education in a student-centered atmosphere. All of the ingredients necessary for an outstanding educational experience are in place at Southern University, including a beautiful campus located just off the Mississippi River, strong faculty who believe in teaching and learning, and an abundance of academic and other support services. There are opportunities for involvement and interaction with students and caring alumni from across the nation and world. More importantly, we provided you with an opportunity to prepare for a career with engaged employers who want to hire our students. Southern University is all about the student.

Connections between students, and faculty, in and out of the classroom are strong predictors of academic success. We are making a commitment to students’ academic, personal, and career success through connections with faculty and staff who work closely with students in and outside the classroom.

I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities to connect with our outstanding faculty, staff, students and alumni. The Baton Rouge campus at Southern University is a great place to begin your future!

Sincerely,

James H. Ammons, PhD.
Executive Vice-President/Executive Vice-Chancellor
CHECK IN
8:00am-9:30am  Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Royal Cotillion Ballroom
Students will receive their Southern Bound Starter Bag and Orientation Housing Assignment.

OPENING SESSION & WELCOME
10:00am-10:15am  University Event Center
Kimberly M. Scott, Ph.D.,
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
De’Andre L. Dearinge, New Student Orientation & Leadership Development
Orientation Leaders
Orientation is officially in session! Students, Parents, and Families will be welcomed to the Jaguar Nation.

UNIVERSITY GREETINGS
10:15am-10:30am  University Event Center
Facilitators: Ray L. Belton Ph.D., President-Chancellor
James H. Ammons Jr. Ph.D., Executive President-Executive Vice Chancellor
Robyn Merrick, Ph.D., Vice President of External Affairs
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Donald Dunbar, SGA President
Alacia Brew, Miss Southern
A welcome from the President/Chancellor, Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor Vice President of External Affairs, Alumni Federation Executive Director, The Student Government Association President, and/or Miss Southern University.

GROUP ACTIVITY
10:30am-10:45am  University Event Center
Facilitators: Orientation Leaders

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
10:45am-11:15am  University Event Center
Facilitator: Dean of Students
Students will explore the Jaguar Nation expectations.

PROTECT, SERVE AND EDUCATE
11:15am-11:30am  University Event Center
Facilitators: Southern University Police Department (SUPD)
Maintaining a safe and secure community is everyone’s job! We are protected by a committed staff of professional law enforcement officers. The Campus Police staff work 24 hours a day patrolling the campus and adjacent streets; maintains the emergency communications center, monitors parking; and conducts education and safety programs. Students will learn about crime prevention, educational services, and Public Safety’s community policing approach to maintaining a safe campus environment.
YOUR ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

11:30am-12:15pm University Event Center
Students will learn strategies for academic success and meet academic coaches.

Facilitators: Dr. Bijoy K. Sahoo, Senior Associate VC for Academic Affairs
Zackeus Johnson, Director of First & Second Year Experience
Veronica Richardson, Director of Academic Coaches
Brittany Melancon, CSS Tutorial Program

12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Jaguar Express

GROUP ADVISING SESSIONS

1:30pm-2:30pm Various Campus Locations
SUSLA Connect, T.H. Harris Hall Multipurpose Room

MONEY MATTERS: FINANCIAL AID & FEE PAYMENT

2:30pm-3:15pm Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Royal Cotillion Ballroom
Office of Financial Aid | Office of the Bursar

Facilitators: K. Michael Francois, Director of Financial Aid
Taishieka Davis, Assistant Director of Financial Aid
Hanna Webb, Bursar

Students will receive information regarding Financial Aid and an overview of their billing statement and fee payment.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

GET CONNECTED - CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY & ONLINE RESOURCES

3:15pm-5:30pm Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union -Lake Front Room

Facilitator: Rachel Carriere, Information Technology
Learn the tips and tricks to navigating your SU Banner Account, University e-mail, banner, Moodle, Grades First, online resources (books) and mobile apps that support your academic success and keep you connected.

SOUTHERN BOUND PASSPORTS

3:15pm-5:30pm Smith Brown Memorial Student Union- Continental Room

Facilitators: Office ID Services
Students will take their official photo and receive their Jaguar Passport.

THE JOURNEY TO A SUCCESSFUL CAREER

3:15pm-5:30pm Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union- Mocha Room

Facilitator: Tamara Montgomery, Director of Career Services
Students are provided an overview of the success of Southern University students and alumni to encourage students to develop a four-year academic and career plan that includes internships, community service and Study Abroad to enhance their Southern University experience.
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION > STUDENTS

DINNER
5:30pm-7:00pm  Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Jaguar Express

GET THE JAGUAR SPIRIT!
7:30pm-10:30pm  University Event Center
Facilitators: Orientation Leaders

LIGHTS OUT
11:30pm

(DAY TWO) BREAKFAST
7:30am-8:30am  Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Jaguar Express

GROUP ACTIVITY
8:30am-9:00am  Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union- Royal Cotillion Ballroom
Facilitators: Orientation Leaders

GOLD & BLUE RESOURCES FAIR
9:00am-11:00am  Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union Lobby
Students will be able to explore the variety of outlets for involvement and leadership development while enrolled at Southern University. Students can get involved in service opportunities, social and education events, leadership workshops and retreats, career development, and more than 100+ student organizations. Students can shape their co-curricular experience, enhance their learning potential and career preparation through campus engagement and career planning that includes internships, community service and Study Abroad to enhance their Southern University experience.

On-Site Registrants; Scheduling & Financial Services
Departmental Offices | Campus Tour

FOLLOW-UP & FAREWELL
11:30am-12:00pm  Smith Brown Memorial Student Union, Royal Cotillion Ballroom

OPERATION MOVE-OUT
12:00pm-1:00pm  Residence Hall
Dear Jaguars,

I want to welcome you to the Jaguar Nation. We are a unique community of scholars committed to leading social and global change. You will find that the Southern University experience builds character, promotes leadership development, and engages you in critical thinking. You will be challenged to grow as you expand your awareness, open your heart to various campus programs and initiatives, and refine your personal, academic, and leadership skills. Your destiny is our legacy as the next four years will be spent preparing you for global leadership and service.

Getting involved and staying connected via campus activities and events are excellent ways for you to meet new friends while engaging in all that Southern has to offer. There are many opportunities for you to share your time and talents and to connect with the people, traditions, and culture that are uniquely Southern.

Every student is expected to model civility and engage as a good citizen on campus, in the community and/or as you involve yourself in leadership and service beyond the Southern University campus. In addition, it is expected that you will hold your peers accountable for being good citizens and upholding the high standards of Southern University on and off campus.

On occasion, you may find yourself in situations where you may need assistance with managing academic, personal, and other questions and concerns. I want to encourage you to visit me in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management if you have questions or concerns regarding your adjustment to Southern, your living environment, relationships with others, or health and wellness concerns.

As I close, I want you to know that everyone here at Southern University is dedicated to helping you to become a successful global leader. I encourage you to contact me anytime at (225) 771-3922 or via e-mail at studentaffairs@subr.edu. I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and to partnering with you to enhance the Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical University experience.

Warmest regards,

Kimberly M. Scott, Ph.D.

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Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
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PARENT GROUP ACTIVITY
10:30am-11:30am  Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Cotillion Ballroom
Facilitators: Administrators & Orientation Leaders

LUNCH
11:30pm-1:30pm  Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Jaguar Express

THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE: PARENT Q&A/PANEL
1:30pm-2:30pm  Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Cotillion Ballroom
## Money Matters: Financial Aid & Fee Payment

**2:30pm-3:15pm**  
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Office of Financial Aid | Office of the Bursar

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## Campus Tours

**4:30pm-5:30pm**

CAMPUS TOURS

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

**3:30pm-4:00pm**  
Donald C. Wade House

## Dinner

**5:30pm-7:00pm**

DINNER  
Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Jaguar Express

## (Day Two) Breakfast

**7:30am-8:30am**

(DAY TWO) BREAKFAST  
Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Jaguar Express

## Group Activity

**8:30am-9:00am**

GROUP ACTIVITY  
Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union- Royal Cotillion Ballroom  
Facilitators: Orientation Leaders

## Gold & Blue Resources Fair

**9:00am-11:00am**

GOLD & BLUE RESOURCES FAIR  
Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union Lobby  
Learn more about campus resources and services on campus!

On-Site Registrants; Scheduling & Financial Services  
Departmental Offices

## Follow-Up & Farewell

**11:30am-12:00pm**

FOLLOW-UP & FAREWELL  
Smith Brown Memorial Student Union, Royal Cotillion Ballroom

## Operation Move-Out

**12:00am-1:00pm**

OPERATION MOVE-OUT  
Residence Hall
### FALL SEMESTER 2019  
(August 19 – November 29)

#### JULY
- **Orientation Session 1**: July 8 – 9, Monday – Tuesday
- **Orientation Session 2**: July 11 – 12, Thursday - Friday
- **Orientation Session 3**: July 15 - 16, Monday – Tuesday
- **Orientation Session 4**: July 18 - 19, Thursday - Friday
- **Orientation Session 5**: July 22 - 23, Monday – Tuesday
- **Orientation Session 6**: July 25 - 26, Thursday - Friday
- **Orientation Session 7**: July 29 – 30, Monday - Tuesday

#### AUGUST
- **First Priority Payment Due Date**: August 2, Friday by 5:00 P.M.
- **Book Vouchers**: August 7 – 30, Wednesday - Friday
- **Orientation Session 8**: August 12 – 13, Monday - Tuesday
  - **Out of State Students Only with Room Assignments**
- **Welcome Week**: August 12 – 16, Monday – Friday
- **Faculty Reports**: August 12, Monday
- **New Freshman/New SUSLA Connect/Transfer**
  - **Move-In**: August 14, Wednesday (9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.)
  - **Returning Student Move-In**: August 15, Thursday (9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.)

**TUITION AND FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL FOR MOVE-IN**

- **Second Priority Payment Due Date**
  - **Non-Payment Purge**: August 16, Friday by 5:00 P.M.
  - **Last Day to Register for Fall 2019**: August 16, Friday
  - **Late Fee Begins ($100)**: August 17, Saturday
  - **100% Refund for Classes Dropped**
    - **Dropped for Fall 2019**: August 18, Sunday (by 12:00 midnight)
  - **Add/Drop Period Begins**: August 19, Monday
  - **Classes Begin**: August 19, Monday

#### SEPTEMBER
  
**Attendance Reporting Period (NS/SH)**

- **August 19 – September 6**: Monday – Friday

  **Student who do not report to classes during this period will have their classes removed and financial aid reduced or cancelled.**

- **75% Refund for Classes Dropped**
  - **for Fall 2019**: August 19 – September 4, Monday – Wednesday

  **Labor Day Holiday**
  - **September 2**: Monday

  **Classes Resume**
  - **September 3**: Tuesday

  **Final Day to Add Classes for Credit**
  - **September 3**: Tuesday
Final day to Drop Courses without Receiving a Grade of “W” September 5 Thursday
Withdrawal Process Begins September 6 Friday
Deadline for Receiving Applications For Graduation for Fall 2019 September 6 Friday
50% Refund for Classes Dropped for Fall 2019 September 5 – 10 Tuesday – Thursday
Deadline for Paying Tuition and Fees (including the late fee) September 6 Friday by 5:00 P.M.
Census Date September 9 Monday
Student Refunds Begin September 16 Monday
Career Fair September 18 Wednesday

OCTOBER
Deadline to Apply for Admissions for Summer 2020 October 1 Tuesday
Fall Holiday October 3 – 4 Thursday – Friday
Classes Resume October 7 Monday
Mid-Semester Examinations October 7 – 10 Monday – Thursday
Mid-Semester Grades Due October 15 Tuesday by 5:00 P.M.
Advisement and Registration for Spring 2020 Begins October 21 Monday

NOVEMBER
Last Day to Withdraw from Courses or the University November 1 Friday
Thanksgiving Break November 27-29 Wednesday – Friday
University Closed for Thanksgiving November 28 – 29 Thursday – Friday
Last Day of Semester November 29 Friday

DECEMBER
Final Examinations for Fall 2019 December 2 – 6 Monday – Friday
Final Grades Due (Degree Candidates) December 5 Thursday by 5:00 P.M.
Non-Graduating Students Depart Housing December 6 Friday by 5:00 P.M.
Final Grades Due (Non-Degree Candidates) December 11 Wednesday by 5:00 P.M.
Graduating Students Depart Housing December 13 Friday by 5:00 P.M.
Fall 2019 Commencement December 13 Friday
University Closed Christmas Holiday December TBA TBA
*The Academic Calendar is subject to change
ALMA MATER

Dear Southern
O Southern, Dear Southern, Thy praises we shall sing
Until all the heavens and echoes loudly ring. The winds of the sky
as they pass us by
Will adoration bring.
O Southern, Dear Southern, we owe our all to Thee In
downfall or victory, we'll always loyal be.
Thy Sons and Daughters as they work
Will be inspired by Thee.
O Southern, Dear Southern, Thy name will ever be As
mighty as the river that flows on to the sea.
As pure and true as the Gold and Blue,
That stands out bold for Thee.

Words and Music by R.R. Brown, Jr.
Arranged by T.W. Langston

FIGHT SONG

Southern University,
Defenders of the gold and blue
We will always loyal be
And raise a cheer for you.
All for one and one for all
We’ve got the will to win for thee
And We’ll fight, fight, fight fight
Til we win the victory.

(Huel Perkins, 1951)