

Parent & Family Engagement

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Welcome to "*Family Connections*", our Seattle U family e-newsletter. We know how important parents and families are to our students' success. Our goal is to keep you updated on campus happenings and share information pertinent to parenting a college student.

STEM Research Showcase, 10/18



The annual College of Science and Engineering's STEM Research Showcase will highlight the work of summer research projects done by students and Seattle University faculty from departments across the college. There are a wide range of projects investigating novel and relevant questions in science, mathematics, engineering, and computer science. Please join us on campus Friday, October 18, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Bannan Arboretum.

Register for Homecoming/ Family Weekend!



Join us for a weekend of programs and fun with your student! We know the main event is spending time with your Redhawk!

- Registration open until October 31. There is no on-site registration.
- <https://events.seattleu.edu/event/family-weekend-registration#>.

Advising Period for Winter Quarter 2025



The Advising Period for Winter Quarter 2025 runs 10/21-11/8. All students should connect with their advisor for more than just course registration planning. Information about our Advising Services is available [here](#).

Fall Quarter Final Exam Schedule



Exam days are not necessarily the same days as classes meet. Please make sure your student checks their [final exam schedule](#) before making reservations to go home for the winter break.

Campus Housing Mail & Packages

As we kick off the school year, we want to send out information on sending mail and packages to your students in on-campus housing. Please follow the instructions below so that packages and mail are delivered in a timely manner.

- **Be sure to include the student's full name on their package.** This is the first name or a preferred/chosen name that matches what we have in our housing system along with their last name. Many packages come with names (either just a first name, last name, or nickname) that make it difficult to identify the student.
- **Do not use the parents' or other supporters' names as the receiver.** Parents, grandparents, guardians, friends, and family do not show up in our housing system.
- **Include the building name and room number.** We often have multiple students with the same name or very similar names.
- When sending a package, please **print the name clearly on the package**. If the staff cannot read it easily, delivery may be delayed. Typewritten is preferable over handwritten.
- The post office and most delivery vendors (FedEx, UPS, USPS, etc.) typically use optical scanners to sort packages and mail. They sort typewritten addresses more quickly. Handwritten are sorted separately and tend to go slower.
- When ordering from an online retailer, be sure to bundle the shipment into as few shipments as possible. Many students order books online for classes. We want to get these items to them quickly, but often, retailers send each book separately. Appropriately logging in separate packages can slow down the process.
- When ordering items from places like Amazon or other vendors who deliver their packages themselves or by courier, please be sure the vendor knows that **the university mail room is only open Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, and Saturday, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM**. Occasionally, we have found packages left outside of the buildings when a vendor attempts to deliver after the mailroom is closed. If the vendor knows the delivery limitations, they are less likely to leave the package.
- When packages and mail are delivered to the university, they are delivered to a central mail room. These are then sorted and delivered to our building desks. When the desk receives the package, they will scan it into our database, automatically sending the student an email stating that their package is ready to be picked up. Please note that delivery services will mark the package as delivered when it is dropped off at the university mail room, but this can delay receipt of the package to the desk by a couple of days.
- When students arrive, they are issued a mailbox and a combination for their letter mail. If they forget, they may look for the information on their profile on the Housing Portal. Their community desk can give them the information if they have difficulty finding it.

If a student experiences any delays, they can check with our desks to see if we have received the package. If we have not received it, we can check with the mail room to see if they have the package.

October questions to ask your Redhawk...

-Do you know where to get help with tutoring, writing, math, etc. if you need it?

-Have you found a club or organization to join?

Important links for you...

THIRD PARTY ACCESS TO STUDENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

There are two types of suggested access that students may give to parents or supporters.

Proxy Access allows family/supporter to speak to SFS Office about account status, balance, award letter, and required documentation.

Authorized User Access allows family/supporter login access view billing and payment information, setup payment plans, see tax documents, and get email notifications about billing invoicing. [Check out our video](#) for step-by-step instructions for how a student can set up Proxy and Authorized User access for family or supporters.

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS/IMPORTANT DATES

Keep track of important academic dates with the [Academic Calendar](#).

See what is happening on campus [here](#).

Show your SU Redhawk Spirit! Info on [Athletic Events](#).

PARENT AND FAMILY FACEBOOK GROUP

We invite you to join our [Seattle U Families Facebook](#) group. Be part of this virtual community just for SU parents and families! Share your experiences, ask questions and support one another. You are important members of the Redhawk family!

Questions? Please contact me: Laurie Prince, Director-Parent & Family Engagement, 206-296-6291, parents@seattleu.edu, www.seattleu.edu/parents-families

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