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As our students prepare for a new academic year, family members have an opportunity to inspire and support students towards success. Whether your student is an incoming freshman, transfer student, or is a seasoned upperclassman, here are some helpful tips as September approaches:

COVID-19, Soar Safely - Make sure you and your student are aware of the Mask Up, Wash Up, Back Up policies on campus. Masks must be worn at all times when on campus in public settings.

More details can be found here.

Talk about goal setting - What does your student hope to accomplish this semester? What steps do they plan to take to reach those goals?

Talk about Mental Health - Remind your student of the counseling center available on campus and online and encourage them to utilize it when needed.

Remind your student that you are proud of them - No matter where they're coming from, or what experiences they have overcome, they have earned their spot as a Stockton Osprey!

Empower your student - Guide your students to find answers and resolve problems by connecting with offices on campus. Parents should only be intervening if: 1) the student or someone else may be harmed; 2) bursar's/financial aid assistance is needed; or 3) sending a gift or care package. Have questions that fall outside of those 3 categories? Email family@stockton.edu for guidance and assistance!

Have your student register your cell phone number and your students' in the goPortal for emergency text messages. This is extremely important in case of weather related school closures. Don't wait until winter, sometimes we still have weather related closures with hurricane season.

Encourage your student to get involved!

The Student Development Get Involved Fair will be held virtually September 22-24. Click to the end of this magazine for more details.

Is your student learning online at home?

Helpful Tips for at Home Online Learners:

- Designate a specific space for online learning. If possible this should be a quiet space with few distractions. A headset with a microphone is recommended.
- Talk about when synchronous classes take place and when your student prefers to study on their own in order to give them the space to do so. Reevaluate this plan after the first two weeks to see if it needs modifications.
- Layout clear expectations of what your students' responsibilities are around the house.
- Remind your student to participate in the Get Involved Fair. Staying involved with other students, even virtually, is critical to a successful college experience.

Is your student living on campus?

Helpful Residential Move In Tips:

- Check in information has been sent to all residential students via email.
- Check in times and locations have been strategically set to make your experience as smooth and safe as possible. Students *must* arrive during their assigned check in date and time.
- Please follow the directions and instructions of the Move In Team, Residential Life Staff and Campus Police upon your arrival.
 - Make sure your student is familiar with the policies & procedures found in the Guide to Residential Life.
 - For other helpful move in day tips for families click [here](#)

Is your student a commuter?

Helpful Commuter Student Tips:

- Leave plenty of time to get to class. Allow time to park, get to class and not feel stressed.
- All students living off campus are invited to join a club called Commuters On The Go, as it is a wonderful way for commuter students to be connected with Stockton.
- Check out the commuter website for NJ transit information, contact information, and a list of resources.

*For anyone who will physically be present on campus, please provide your own face covering and wear it in all public settings.

Meet the Staff

Jennifer Radwanski, M. Ed. Director of Parent & Family Partnerships

Jen Radwanski is the Director for Parent & Family Partnerships. She started at Stockton in 2004 and since then has worked with students and their family members through a variety of programs. In her role as Director, she oversees initiatives that help family members to support and empower their students and serves as the advisor for the Parent and Family Association.



"My responsibility is to help family members navigate the university system at Stockton and teach families how to support their students. Most importantly I want families to feel welcome at Stockton and know they have someone to turn to when they have questions," says Radwanski.

If you have a question you'd like to ask, simply email family@stockton.edu.

SOAR SAFELY, OSPREYS!



stockton.edu/fall2020

Follow Stockton's office of Parent & Family Partnerships on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date with the newest updates, tips, events, and support!



Click the icons to follow us!



Residential Living

Virtual Tours

Take a virtual tour of your student's Fall 2020 housing assignment by visiting the link below. Virtual Tours are available for all complexes and can help you become familiar with and plan effectively for the space!

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the Virtual Tour for your students assigned housing.



Move-In Guidelines

All residential students were emailed a Move-In Magazine on Monday August 3, 2020. Check-in will be more days than it traditionally has been in the past and the hours of check-in will be extended to promote social distancing and allow everyone to have a safe experience. Students will only be permitted to bring two guests with them for check-in, and to promote social distancing, we will ask that the students guests remain outside of the check-in building. The Move-In Magazine clarifies move-in instructions, including the following important points:



Students must sign up for a date and time so social distancing can be maintained



No more than 2 guests may help them move-in

Guests will need to be screened prior to move-in



Guests must wait outside of the check-in area



All students were notified August 3, 2020



No move-in BBQ

What to Bring/ What Not to Bring

[Click here for a list What To Bring for Housing 2/3 \(Traditional Style Housing\)](#)

[Click here for a list of What to Bring for Housing 1/4/5/AC \(Apartment Style Housing\)](#)



ITS recommends that students own or have easy access to a laptop for their academics since many are learning via remote online classes.

Fast.com is a free resource available to help identify if the issue that your student is experiencing is WiFi related - if it indicates low connectivity, that issue could be resolved by a simple call to your internet provider!

In the market for a new laptop? Your student can reach out to their program faculty to see if there are any specific program compatible recommendations (for example, Graphic Designers may actively utilize Apple programs), etc)

Stockton's ITS offers a laptop buying guide ([CLICK HERE](#)) with recommended specs to assist students and family members in buying tools that will be useful for college academics.

ITS does not service students' personal devices, however, they can help a student troubleshoot and identify the issue!

CLICK HERE for ITS resources helpful for students working remotely



ITS

IT Help Desk: 609-652-4309

ITS recommends investing in a headset to assist in completion of online courses. A headset can be utilized in Zoom meetings and can help a student working on their coursework focus while in a distracting environment. The headset does NOT need to be expensive, just functional!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Residential Student Move-in

All Students have been emailed a move-in newsletter with instructions from Residential Life.

Welcome Week for New Students

September 3, 2020- September 7, 2020

Classes Begin

Tuesday September 8, 2020

Parent and Family Association Open Meeting (Virtual)

CLICK [HERE](#) to tell us when you're available via our online poll!

Stockton Golf Classic at the Seaview Hotel & Golf Club

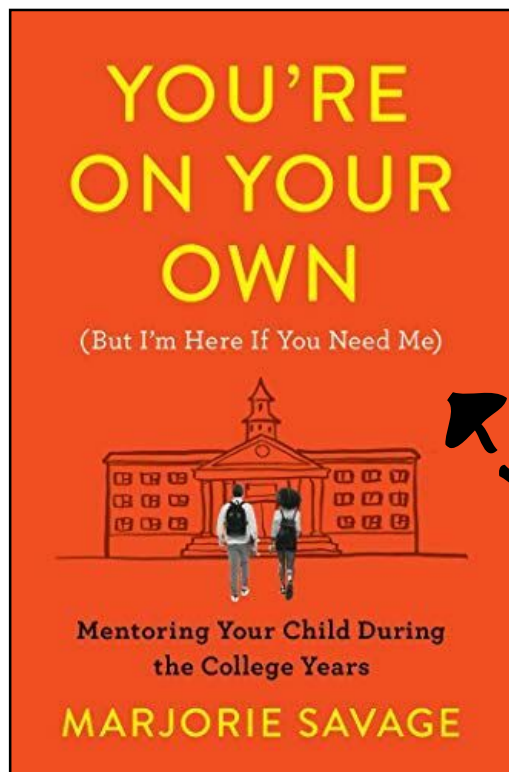
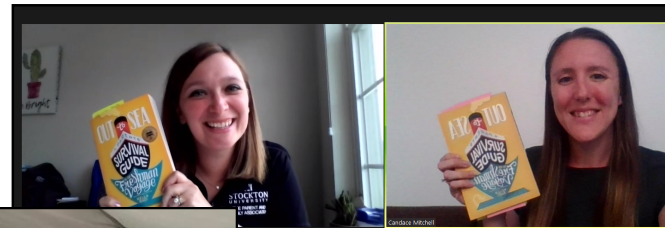
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Our Students say...



“Balancing learning from home and family responsibilities can be difficult when your student is used to having an independent routine at school. It’s helpful to **increase communication** when your student is online learning from home to ensure balance and help each other. **Allow times where the student can be focused on coursework or their classes without being disrupted.** In return, times can be coordinated to help with family and pet responsibilities without sacrificing academic performance.”

- Anthony, Class of '21



PFP Book Club

PFP Book Club's Next Pick:

You're On Your Own (But I'm Here if You Need Me): 2020 Edition

by Marjorie Savage

Join the conversation! Grab a copy from your local bookstore or order online!

New Student Reminders:

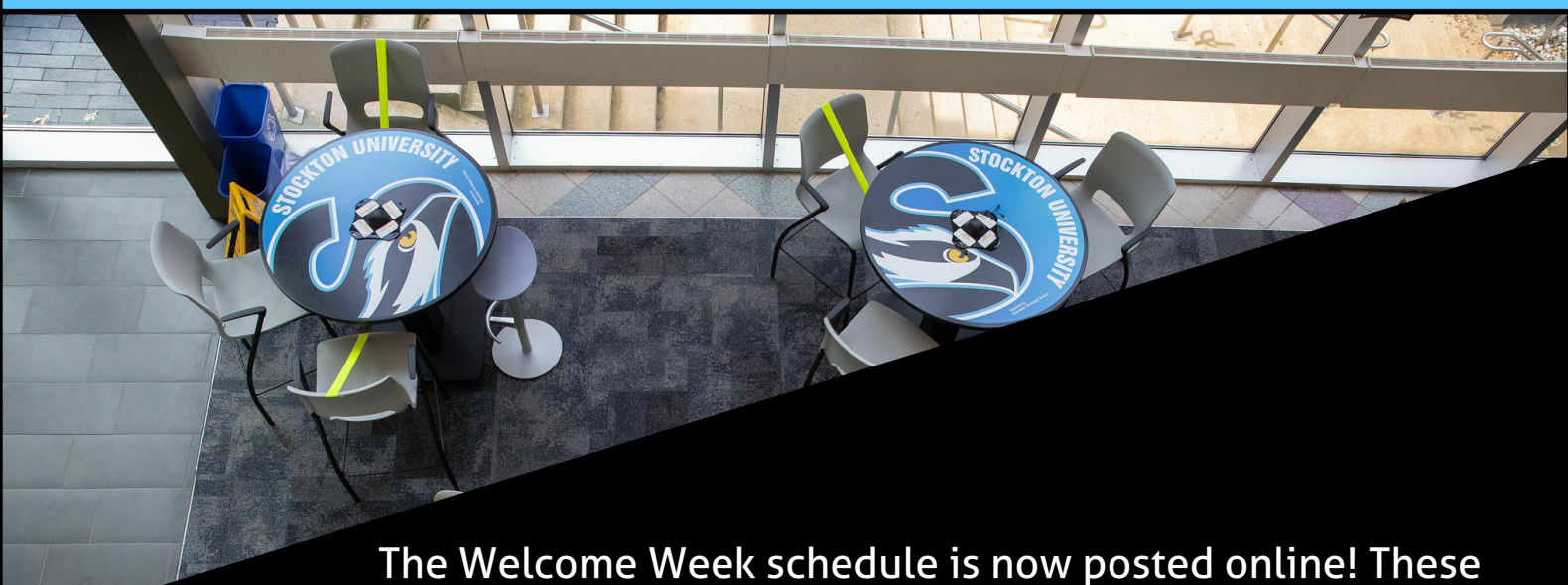
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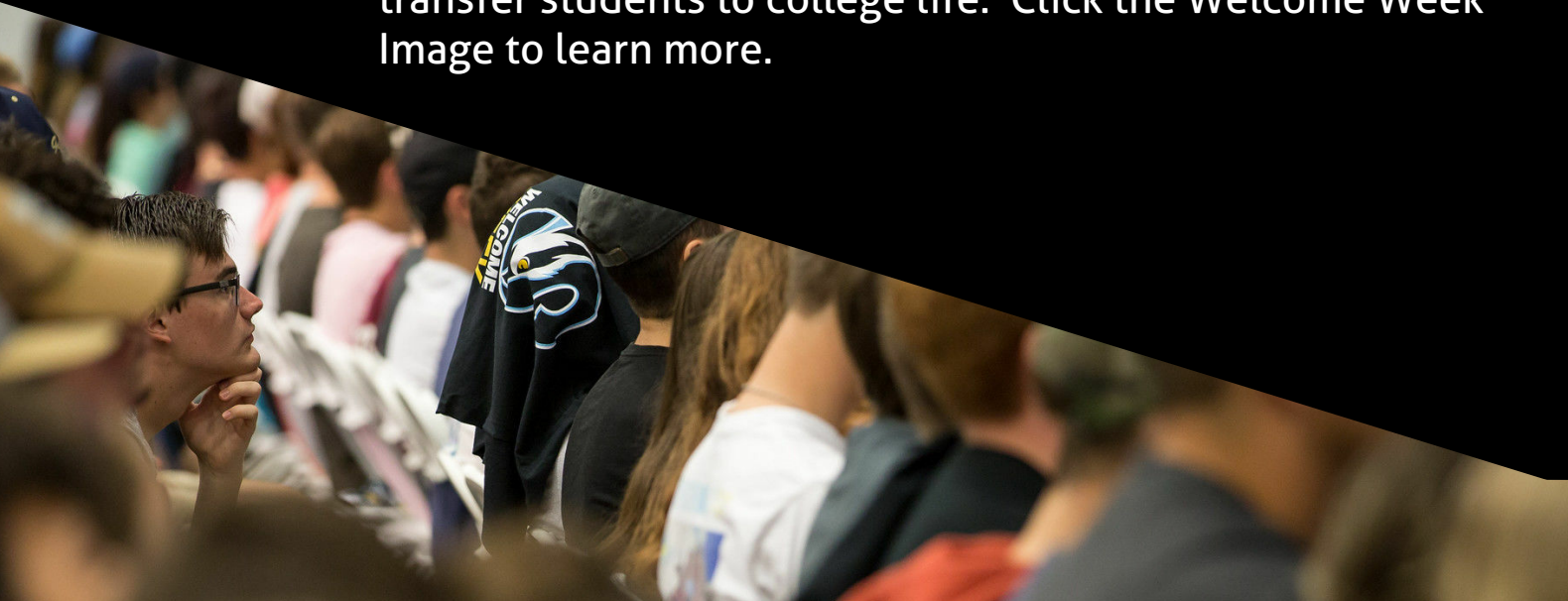
Welcome WEEK

Virtual & In-Person

September 3-7



The Welcome Week schedule is now posted online! These mandatory programs take place the few days before classes begin and are important to help acclimate both freshmen and transfer students to college life. Click the Welcome Week Image to learn more.

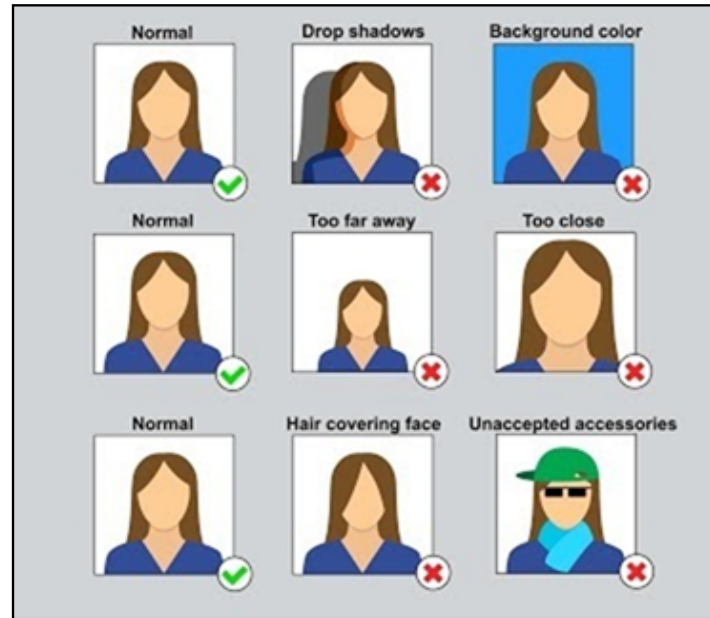


New Student ID Cards:

Attention family members of NEW students...

Stockton is now accepting online photo submissions for new incoming students for photo ID cards. ID cards will be used to access campus facilities and purchase meals. Students who are commuting or are taking all online classes need to submit a photo in addition to residential students.

Please make sure your student submits their photo this week by following the specific link that was emailed to their Stockton email account. Students will be notified when the card is ready along with Instructions on where and how to obtain their IDs.



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How does my student buy textbooks?

<https://www.bkstr.com/stocktonstore>

Buying Textbooks:

Did you know that your students can purchase their books from the Stockton Bookstore and have them shipped? Students simply need a copy of their course schedule, the rest is easy to navigate from the Campus Bookstore website!

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SEPTEMBER 22, 23, & 24

11AM - 2PM

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