



New Student Orientation Spring 2018

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Quinn Skouson,
Student Association President

Welcome to Knight Academy

Knight Academy is our annual new-student orientation where you will learn what it means to be a Southern Virginia University Knight. This newsletter will help you prepare for the Spring 2018 Knight Academy, which will take place on campus from January 9-10.

Knight Academy is so much more than just orientation meetings; it's the first step in your educational journey. At Knight Academy, you will meet new friends, connect to campus resources, and receive tools that will help you succeed in college.

We invite you to participate in this annual tradition and congratulate you on your decision to become a Knight!

A Message from the Student Association

By Quinn Skouson, 2017-18 Student Association President

Welcome, new students, to Southern Virginia University! We are excited to welcome you to campus and this year's Knight Academy. By reading this, you have taken your first steps to becoming a Knight and joining the Southern Virginia Family.

Southern Virginia is a very special place that strives to create leader-servants — but it's up to you to decide who you will become here on campus. I am here to help you transition into college life so that you will have a fantastic student experience.

At Southern Virginia, we have a one-of-a-kind campus spirit, driven by our commitment to serving others. By living high standards and participating in your education, you will come to love this university. I am so excited for what this upcoming year has in store for all of us!

Welcome to the family, Knights!

Knight Academy Schedule

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	University & Housing Check-in	Main Hall Lobby
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30-11:30 a.m.	University & Housing Check-in	Main Hall Lobby
1 p.m.	Knight Academy Check-in	Main Hall Ballroom
1:30 p.m.	Academic Welcome	Main Hall Ballroom
2:30 p.m.	iPad Deployment	Main Hall Ballroom
3 p.m.	Student Welcome	Main Hall Ballroom
3:30 p.m.	University Services Fair	Main Hall Ballroom
4 p.m.	Campus & Library Tours	Various Locations
4:30 p.m.	Service Project	Various Locations
6 p.m.	Welcome Dinner	Dining Hall

(Locations subject to change)



Knight Academy Check-In

Check-in for Knight Academy will take place in Main Hall. Please come through Main Hall's front doors into the lobby to get your student ID and your Knight Academy information packet.

TWO WAYS TO GET YOUR STUDENT ID:

1. Upload a photo to the housing application on [MySVU](#) and we'll pre-print your ID so it's ready at check-in.
2. Bring a photo ID (driver's license, state ID, or passport) to check-in and we'll take your photo on the spot.

Airport Shuttle

We provide a [shuttle service](#) for students flying into Roanoke Regional Airport on the following dates, January 9 and 10, at the following times, 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m., 11:45 p.m. The shuttle fee is \$45 per passenger and students must [request the service online](#) 24 hours before arriving at the airport.

Housing Check-In

Your Residence Hall Area Coordinators will email you instructions about housing check-in. For questions, please contact us at housing@svu.edu or 540-261-8458.

1. Notify your Residence Hall Area Coordinators and Athletic Coach (if necessary) that you have arrived.
2. Once you've checked in to Knight Academy, bring your newly issued Student ID to your Residence Hall. A Residence Life team member will be waiting to check you into your new room.
3. After you've checked into your room, review your Knight Academy packet and schedule, then come to Chandler Field for the President's Welcome Dinner.

EARLY CHECK-IN

If you are arriving to campus early, you will receive details from your program director about check-in.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PARENTS

Family members who are staying overnight can find hotel accommodations in nearby Lexington, Virginia.



Canoeing on the Glenn Maury River



The Jefferson Memorial,
Washington D.C.

Area Activities

Besides our proximity to metropolitan hubs like Washington D.C. and historic destinations like Monticello, Southern Virginia also has many local recreational opportunities. Hike the Appalachian Trail, drive the Blue Ridge Parkway, or canoe down the Maury River. For a list of activities in Buena Vista and our neighboring city of Lexington, check [out this list of activities](#).



Main Street, Lexington

LDS Environment

One of the defining features of our educational model is our commitment to the teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Classroom discussions are informed not only by textbooks and the best of secular thinking, but also by scripture and the teachings of Church leaders. Gospel principles are at the center of everything we do. If you would like to learn more about what Latter-day Saints believe, please visit mormon.org and read about our visit from [Elder Ronald A. Rasband](#) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

Standards of Conduct

The University has [Standards of Conduct](#) consisting of the Code of Honor, Dress and Grooming Standards, and Community Bill of Rights. Based on the teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, these standards should be reviewed with a completed [Ecclesiastical Endorsement](#) before arriving on campus.



What to Bring

Wondering what to bring with you or buy when you get here? Here's a helpful list of items you'll need.

IMPORTANT

- Cleaning supplies
- Lamp
- Laundry bag and supplies
- Pillows
- Shower shoes
- Towels and washcloths
- Twin sheets and comforter

OPTIONAL

- Dishes and silverware
- Fan
- Formal attire
- Iron & ironing board
- Microwave & Mini-fridge
- Rain and snow gear
- Shower caddy
- Storage bin



Advice from Peer Mentors

The Peer Mentor Program is a student group that assists new students in their academic transition to Southern Virginia University. Peer Mentors are upperclassmen that offer support, respond to questions, and provide information about campus life and resources.

“When you have a chance to get involved, take it. The best way to get the most out of Southern Virginia is to stay involved.”

-Ben Petty

“Commit to balance. How much time you give to your spiritual, academic, social, physical, and emotional needs will ALL impact your happiness, quality of life, and sense of success in college.”

-John Gaughan

“Try to make at least one friend or a few acquaintances in every class.”

-Maya Watkins

“Don’t be afraid to ask for help, whether it be from a professor, your bishop, peer mentor, or a trusted friend. Everyone at Southern Virginia wants you to succeed in all aspects of your life.”

-Alayna Brovont

“You create your experience. You will have whatever kind of experience you expect to have. So get out there, try new things. Try things that you have always wanted to do but haven’t had the nerve, and if you don’t know how, that’s where your Peer Mentor comes in, to help you find those opportunities. So come and talk to us.”

-Tara Brown



Student Resources

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Use the [Academic Calendar](#) to check important dates including finals schedule and holiday breaks.

BOOKSTORE

Purchase all your textbooks and other course materials on our [Bookstore Website](#).

CAMPUS LIFE

Learn about the full variety of [campus life](#) offered at the University including activities, clubs, performing groups and service opportunities.

DINING SERVICES

Conveniently [dine on campus](#) at both the Dining Hall and Jonzzey's Café. Three different meal plans are available to work with your dining preferences.

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SUPPORT

The [Health Center](#) is located in the basement of Main Hall and offers a variety of health services for students. [Campus Security](#) enforces parking on campus and provides timely warnings for threats to campus safety. The [Student Support Center](#) provides student counseling services.

INSTITUTE & YSA WARDS

The Institute building accommodates six YSA wards and the largest daytime Institute of Religion on the East Coast. [Register now for Institute](#).

MAIL CENTER

The [Mail Center](#) is located on the first floor of the Kimball Student Center. All mail and packages are delivered to this location.

PARKING

To park a vehicle on campus, you will need a campus Parking Pass from Security. Visit the Campus Tab on [MySVU](#) to complete the Vehicle Registration form.

STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

You can use the Finances Tab in [MySVU](#) to manage and monitor your student finances. For assistance, please contact us at student.finances@svu.edu, 540-261-8405, or visit us on the second floor of Main Hall, Office 215.

STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The [Student Professional Development Center](#) provides students with guidance in selecting career paths, creating resumes, and applying and interviewing for jobs, as well as assistance during the graduate school application process. The Student Professional Development Center is located on the second floor of Main Hall. Schedule your appointment through [MySVU](#). For more information, email cameron.crowther@svu.edu.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Our Information Technology (IT) department assists students with technology-related questions and issues. From troubleshooting laptop bugs to setting up your internet, IT is here to help with technology needs. The IT office is located in the basement of Main Hall.

TUTORING CENTER

The Tutoring Center is located in the Von Canon Library and provides student tutoring for a variety of subjects. For more information on what tutoring resources are currently available, contact the tutoring coordinator at 540-261-4087 or log on to [MySVU](#).

VON CANON LIBRARY

The [Von Canon Library](#) provides student resources including more than 90,000 print books, a wide selection of online databases, research assistance, photocopying and printing services, a computer lab, and a free shuttle to other nearby libraries.

Questions? Contact April Harris at april.harris@svu.edu or 540-261-8476