UAN Admissions Updates

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- Enrollment Deposit a down from last year at this time.
  - Reopened fall application for SC students
  - Extending Deposit Date to June 1.
  - Admitted all Waitlist opt ins
  - Strategic scholarship and need based aid upgrades
  - Developed and deployed virtual series of events.
  - Added over 40 hours of Live Chat coverage per week

- All are needed to help bring in the freshmen class
  - Be proactive and positive with all communication with incoming students.
    Everyone is a recruiter now.
  - Scott V has sent out an all call to deans for assistance with outreach.
    - https://apply.sc.edu/register/deptoutreach
  - We know many advisors are reaching out to summer starts to schedule courses.
    Any other assistance you can provide is appreciated.

- Non-freshmen Transcript Policy Change
  - Beginning May 1st students who submit an application by our stated deadline will be eligible to upload unofficial college transcripts through their Admissions Portal
  - Official transcripts will be due prior to orientation. Students will not be able to register for courses until we have received their official transcripts.
This will allow the admissions office to release decisions earlier, and it will allow the registrar’s office to begin the course articulation process earlier. In addition, this will reduce financial burden on the student when sending multiple transcripts from the same institution (students who have completed work and work in progress from the same institution).

- We are anticipating that there will be a fair number of students who stop out due to COVID-19. We are currently evaluating how to best manage the return process for these students.
  - We are discussing ways to be proactive in identifying these students and begin communication with them.
  - We are discussing ways to streamline the readmit application and progress.
  - We will be better equipped to make final decisions once it is determined what will happen this fall semester.
  - We could use your help in identifying students who stop out.
    - Military Active Duty form
      
      (https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/veterans_and_military_services/index.php)
    - Notification of Withdrawal Form
      
      - Student submits or you submit on their behalf.
      - Provides information so we can help students return when they are ready.
      - We can share information with any department that needs to know.
It is very important that any students who are stopping out to connect with Financial Aid. There may be implications with their Federal Financial Aid.