



PARENTS AS PARTNERS

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TODAY...

- What are common **transition experiences** that **students** and **parents** may encounter?
- What are the **roles** of incoming **students**, their **parents**, and the **University**? [Click to add text](#)
- What **University resources** are available to all in the South Carolina experience?
- How can students and parents make a **successful transition** to South Carolina?





WHERE DO YOU CALL HOME?

- a. South Carolina
- b. Southeast
- c. Northeast/Mid-Atlantic
- d. Midwest/Mountain States
- e. West/Southwest/International





HOW MANY OF YOUR STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED COLLEGE?

- a. one
- b. two
- c. three
- d. four or more!

SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY...



THE THREE I'S

- Identity
- Intellectual Development
- Independence



CONTINUING ROLES

Students: Emerging Adults

Parents/Families: Coach(es)

University of South Carolina:
Resources & Support





I EXPECT MY STUDENT TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME:

- a. Two or more times a day
- b. Once a day
- c. Two to three times per week
- d. One to four times a month
- e. I'll know more from their Facebook than by talking to them

**What your mother is
thinking**



**When you don't
answer her texts**

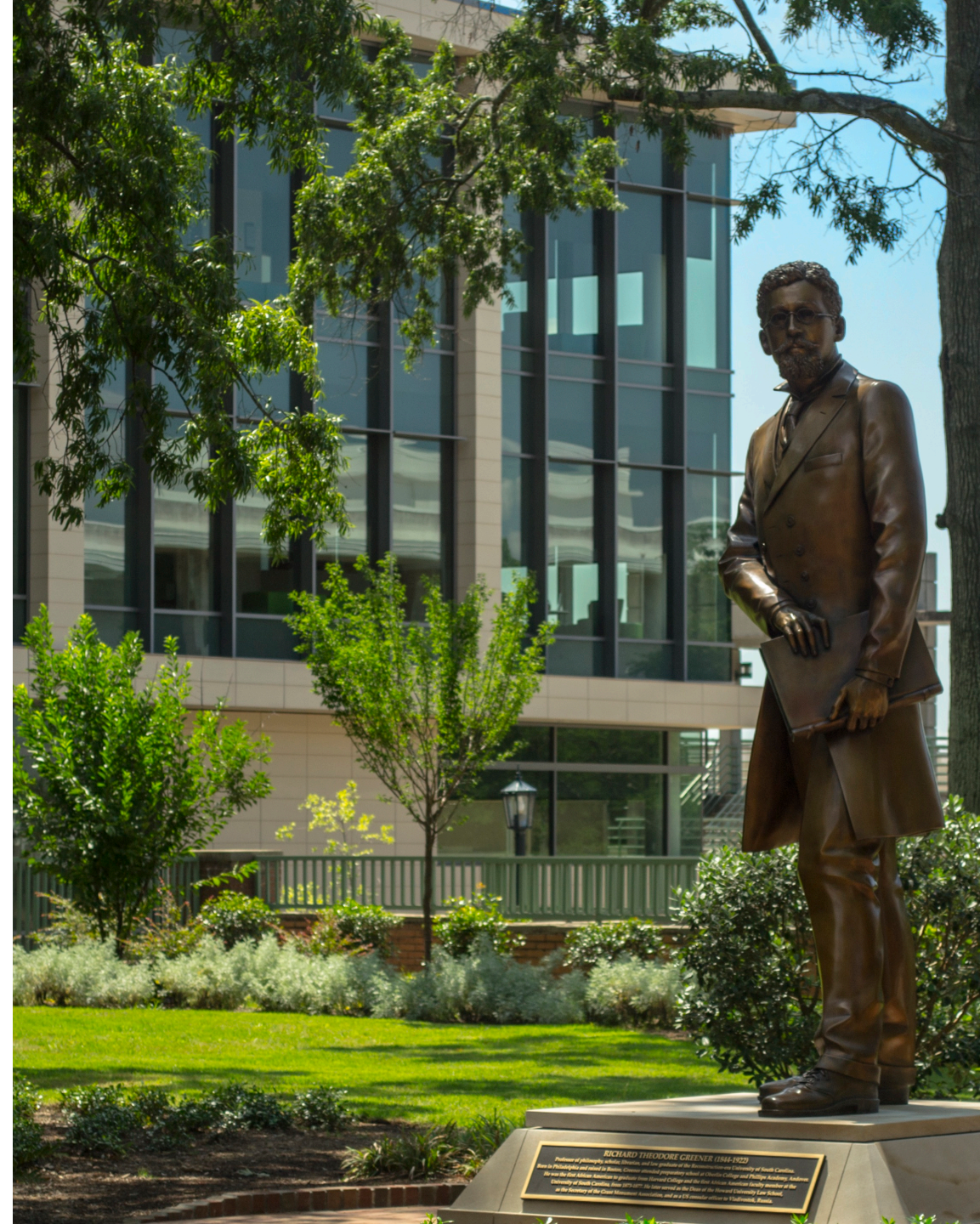


PROMOTING HEALTHY COMMUNICATION

- How frequently will you communicate?
- How will you communicate?

MY STUDENT'S BIGGEST TRANSITION WILL BE:

- a. Being away from home
- b. Adjusting to the new academic environment
- c. Leaving a significant relationship or close friends
- d. Managing their lives independently
- e. Getting involved in Student Life



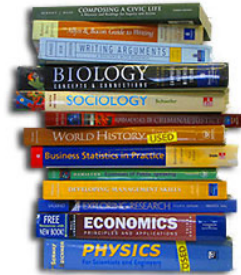
WHAT TO EXPECT: FIRST SEMESTER



August



October



December

September



November



PREPARING FOR THE TRANSITION

- Coach your student through hardships by encouraging them to solve their own problems
- Allow your student to chart a course toward adulthood
- Help your student learn to use campus resources



Possible Scenarios







WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE THIS STUDENT IS FACING?

- a. Health and wellness issues (i.e. stress, anxiety, mild depression)
- b. Sleeping too much
- c. Having trouble getting involved on campus
- d. Having trouble making friends
- e. All of the above

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center and Blatt
Physical Education Center

Healthy Carolina

Center for Health and
Well-Being

Counseling and Psychiatry



CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Student Organizations

- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Multicultural Student Affairs
- Faith-Based
- Community Service Programs
- Leadership Programs
- Sports clubs
- ...and much more!

Professional Opportunities

- Internship
- Organizations
- Work Abroad

Academic Interests

- Study Abroad
- Undergraduate Research







HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND TO YOUR STUDENT IN THIS SITUATION?

- a. Reprimand them for missing the test and make sure this is a learning opportunity
- b. Email your student's academic advisor and ask for a repeal on the student's exam grade
- c. Encourage them to schedule a meeting with the professor and to explore campus resources for improving study skills and academic success
- d. None of the above

EMPOWER YOUR STUDENTS

Speaking with the professor shows maturity and investment in the coursework

Student Success Center

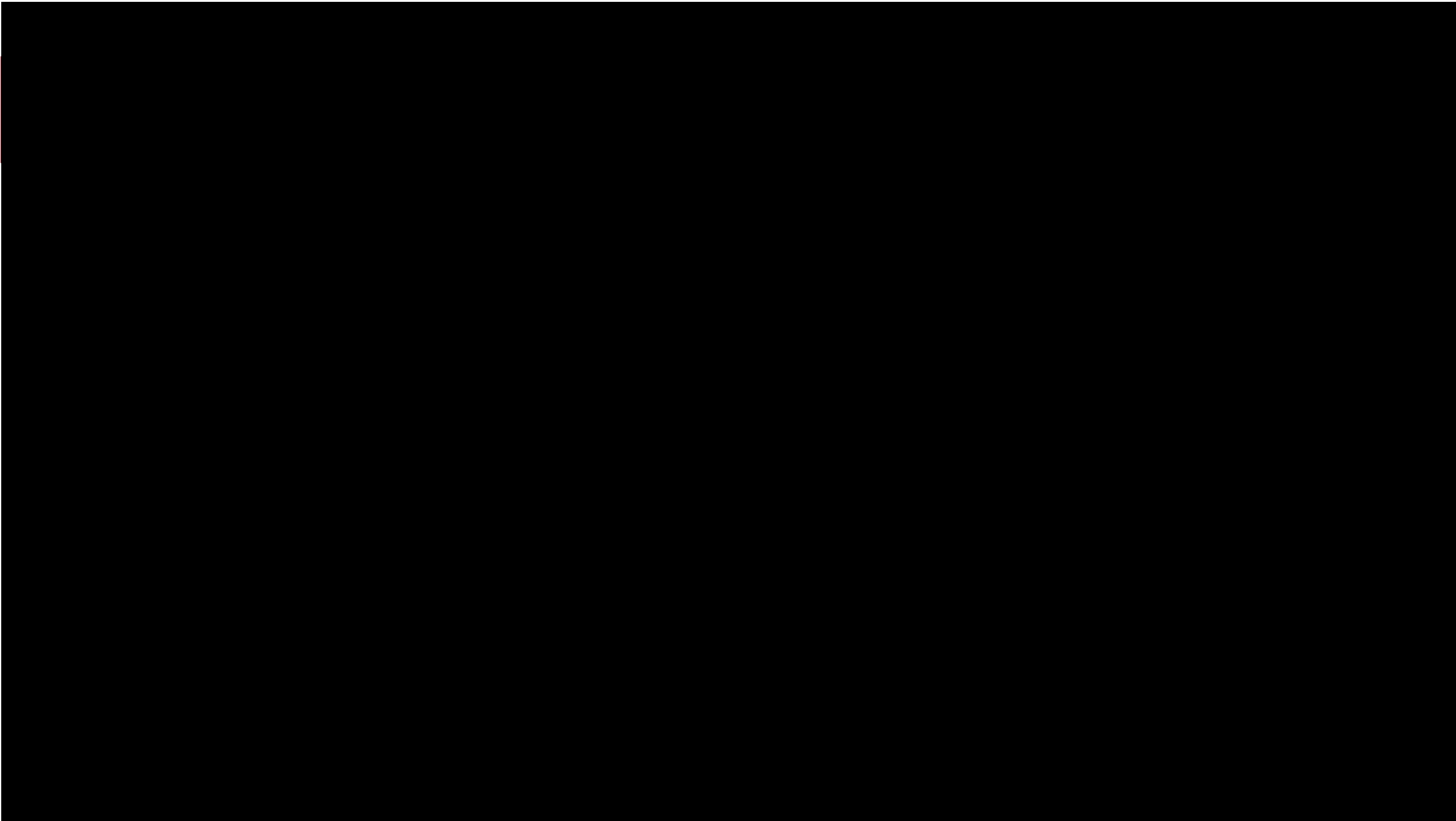
- Tutoring
- Supplemental Instruction
- Writing Support
- Study Skills
- Money Management

Writing Center

University Advising Center

- First-Year Advising
- Academic Coaching
- Academic Peer Mentorship
- Exploratory Advising





WHAT DO YOU ANTICIPATE YOUR STUDENT'S FIRST VISIT HOME BEING LIKE?

- a. Everything will be the same as it was when they left for school
- b. It will be a tough transition, but we will have a discussion beforehand
- c. My student will be coming home almost every weekend, so things won't be that different
- d. I already plan to convert their old bedroom into a home office



DISCUSS EXPECTATIONS

- Acknowledge first-semester transitions
- Help your student recognize that high school relationships may have changed
- Affirm your student's newfound independence
- Discuss your expectations with your student



WHAT ABOUT...?

Campus Safety

Behavioral/Conduct issues

Alcohol and substance abuse

FERPA/HIPAA





IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, MY STUDENT:

- a. Is not afraid to call the police and others for help
- b. Has the street smarts to make good decisions
- c. Still has a lot to learn
- d. Is oblivious to possible danger

CAMPUS SAFETY

Common-sense safety

Division of Law Enforcement and Safety

- Emergency Call Boxes
- Evening Shuttles and Rides on Demand
- Property Registration
- RAVE Guardian Safety App
- Carolina Alert



IF YOUR STUDENT IS WRITTEN UP FOR A VIOLATION OF UNIVERSITY POLICY, YOU WOULD LIKELY TELL YOUR STUDENT:

- a. “I will support you, but please learn from your mistakes.”
- b. “Call me regularly with updates; I’m paying for this education and need to know every detail.”
- c. “Don’t do anything; I’ll take care of this.”
- d. My student won’t tell me anything.



STUDENT CONDUCT

- The Carolinian Creed
- Student Code of Conduct
- Academic Integrity and the Honor Code
- BIT Reporting
- Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity: www.sa.sc.edu/academicintegrity



Alcohol and Substance Abuse



- USC Student Code of Conduct
 - Alcohol Policy
- AlcoholEdu/Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates
- Gamecock Recovery
- Substance Abuse & Prevention Education Office:
 - sape@sc.edu
 - (803) 777-3933

FERPA/HIPAA

- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- FERPA waiver
- The best way to get information about your student is from your student





IN SUMMARY:

- Acknowledge your student's transition
- Understand the balance of challenge and support
- Encourage your student to work through problems
- Recognize campus resources
- Discuss your expectations with your student
- Appreciate the importance of joining and contributing to an inclusive community

QUESTIONS?

- If you have any further questions, please feel free to check out:
 - Your student's Going Garnet 101 modules
 - Our various Resource Fairs that we will be offering throughout the summer
 - Our upcoming Next Steps presentation





ENJOY YOUR DINNER!

Our Next Steps presentation will begin shortly.



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