

# The First Six Weeks

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### The First Six Weeks A Guide for Parents

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### From the research...

- *"Memories of critical moments and events cluster heavily in the first few weeks of college."*

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### Finding a Sense of Place

- Encourage your student to get involved
- Check SSU e-mail daily
- Connect to SSU using social media
- Use the **Presence** App
- News and Events on the SSU Website
- Look for signs and posters
- Attend SGA Meetings
- Get involved in a student organization with the L.E.A.D Office
- Volunteer through Center for Civic Engagement
- Visit the First Year Experience Office

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### Accessing Resources

- **Convince your student to get connected before they need help...**
  - Academic Advisor
  - First Year Experience Office
  - Center for Academic Excellence
  - Career Services
  - Counseling and Health Services

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### Accessing the Details...

- **Move In**
  - Scheduled times on Saturday, Sept. 1

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- **Academic Advising**
  - First Day of Classes – Sept. 5
  - Add/drop week Sept. 5 – Sept. 11
- **Compliance**
  - Last day to waive/enroll in health insurance Sept. 28

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### Accessing the Details...

- **Career**
  - Student Employment Fair – September 6
  - GoPro! Career Development Class – Week of September 24
- **Wellness – E Checkup To Go**
  - Email sent August 1<sup>st</sup> – required for all incoming students. Must be completed by the first week of the semester. Confidential.
  - Immunizations/Health Forms due 2 weeks before move-in

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### A Place of Opportunities

- **FYE**
  - Convocation/First Year Reading Experience – Sept. 4
  - Meet your Major-all first year students are required to attend-September 17
  - Majors/Minors Fair – October 10
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- **L.E.A.D.**
  - Student Involvement Fair – Sept. 10
  - Program Council Welcome Week – Sept. 4-8

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#### A Place of Opportunities

##### Orientation

- Viking Plunge Events – Sept. 1 – 10
- Required Events Sept. 2-3

##### Center for Civic Engagement

- First Year Day of Service – Aug. 31

##### Wellness

- Campus Wellness Fair & Recreation Fest – Sept. 27

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#### Campus Resources

##### Academic Advising

**Location:** Berry Library and Learning Commons,  
first floor (North Campus)

**Phone:** 978.542.7049

##### Career Services

This office guides you from your first day on campus through your entire professional life, from career exploration to resume building, from finding an internship to sharpening your interviewing skills.

**Location:** Ellison Campus Center Room 105  
(North Campus)

**Phone:** 978.542.6406

**Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm

##### Center for Academic Excellence

**Location:** Berry Library and Learning Commons,  
first floor (North Campus)

**Phone:** 978.542.6215

##### Center for Civic Engagement

This office is responsible for developing and supporting programs that connect our students, faculty, staff, and alumni to the greater community.

**Location:** Meier Hall Room 250 (North Campus)

**Phone:** 978.542.2873

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### Disability Services

This office coordinates services for students with disabilities, provides campus accessibility tools and support, and facilitates classroom and educational accommodations.

**Location:** Berry Library and Learning Commons  
Room 20 (North Campus)  
**Phone:** 978.542.6217  
**Video Phone:** 978.910.0167  
**TTY:** 978.542.7146  
**Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm

### First Year Experience

This office ensures you have access to the resources and support you will need to successfully navigate the transition from high school to university life.

**Location:** Meier Hall Room 100A (North Campus)  
**Phone:** 978.542.2618  
**Email:** [firstyear@salemstate.edu](mailto:firstyear@salemstate.edu)

### LEAD (Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy, and Diversity) Office

This office oversees all student organizations including the student government association, program council, and Greek life on campus. Its focus is to place social justice education and identity development exploration at the center of their leadership and engagement programs.

**Location:** Ellison Campus Center Room 204  
(North Campus)  
**Phone:** 978.542.2681  
**Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm