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Upcoming Dates

September 1 Labor Day (No Classes)

September 2 LEP 101 Night

September 11 Mustang Success Night

September 19-21 Family Weekend

September 29
Due Date for Fall Tuition

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Greetings from SMSU:

Hello Parents and Guardians.

I hope you're doing well and enjoying the final days of summer! As our Mustangs settle into the new academic year at SMSU, I wanted to share some helpful information through this month's newsletter about the resources and support available to them.

For many of our new students, adjusting to life on campus can bring added stress or anxiety—especially as they navigate being away from home for the first time. As we enter the third week of the semester, your student may be preparing for quizzes, writing papers, or getting ready for presentations. Please know that SMSU offers a wide range of resources to support them during this transition. In this newsletter, I've highlighted a few key services that your student may find especially helpful right now. As always, your student's success is our mission!

If you have any questions or concerns about your student's experience at SMSU, feel free to contact me directly at (507) 537-7290 or Brittany.Krull@SMSU.edu.

Go Mustangs!

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For a complete list of resources and support at SMSU, check out our "Resource Guide for Mustang Success."

To access, visit www.smsu.edu/go/success

Success Strategy: Strike a Balance

The first semester of college is full of many opportunities for students to expand their horizons, but it can be difficult to learn how to manage growing studies and a growing social life. In order to stay healthy physically and mentally, students should work to create balance in their new environment. The following tips make finding that balance more manageable:

Budget your Time: Make sure to allot enough time in your schedule for all of your classes, studying, and work. After you lay out all of your necessary commitments, you can see how much free time you truly have for joining clubs and socializing.



Set Actionable Goals: Setting goals helps students prioritize for the year. If they want that 4.0 GPA, they will need to spend more time studying. If their goal is to meet one friend per semester, they will want to be more active on campus. Every time they meet their goal, they should celebrate by treating themselves with something like ice cream.

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