Since Southwest Minnesota State University was established in 1967, the following is a bucket list of “67” things every new Mustang should do their first year at SMSU to make the most out of their college experience!

1. Follow the Student Success & Advising Center on Twitter (@SMSUSuccess)
2. Participate in Gold Rush Days
3. Receive your official Mustang welcome by attending convocation
4. Check your SMSU email daily
5. Read the ‘First Six Weeks’ checklist on www.smsu.edu/go/ssac
6. Sit in the front row of at least one of your classes
7. Identify at least one faculty or staff member at SMSU you can go to in time of need
8. Make a new friend and introduce classes
9. Attend Career Services part-time job fair and weather announcements via text message
10. Sign up for SMSU Alert to receive emergency, safety, and weather announcements via text message
11. Stop by the club & organization fair to learn about involvement opportunities
12. Review the Resource support services that you would benefit from a Mustang
13. Attend our annual Mustang Success Night to learn more about these support services
14. Investigate potential scholarship opportunities on the Financial Aid website
15. Tailgate at football games with friends
16. Seek assistance from a tutor in IL 224
17. Take your picture with our mascot Stanger
18. Check SMSU Today for the latest news and announcements and make it your homepage
19. Invite your family members to attend SMSU Family Weekend
20. Grab some candy at the SMSU Homecoming Parade
21. Utilize the Speech Center in BA 511 to prep for an upcoming presentation
22. Test your luck at Residence Life’s annual Casino Night
23. Attend Assistant (RA) 24. Go mini-golfing, ride the go-an intramural team and take a team photo
24. Join at least one on-campus club or organization (more is encouraged)
25. Join an intramural team and take a team photo
26. Play Frisbee Golf on SMSU’s Frisbee Golf Course
27. Verify your major or find a career path by taking the FOCUS assessment on the Career Services website
28. Study at The Coffeehouse and indulge in some Starbucks coffee
29. Visit a professor during their office hours to discuss your grade and see how you can improve one night each week
30. Go to bed before 10pm at least one night each week
31. Ride the Marshall Area Transit for free with your SMSU ID
32. Check out the trails in the ADM & SMSU Environmental Learning Area
33. Meet with your Academic Advisor 3+ times a semester (not just on Advising Day)
34. Attend a Student Activities program on put on by your Resident in the arcade at AJ’s Arcade
35. Attend a Student Activities Committee (SAC) event
36. Use your Mustang ID for a discount at a local business
37. Visit local state parks and discover nature
38. Attend an event sponsored by the Office of Diversity & Inclusion
39. Meet with a tutor in the Writing Center to proofread your paper
40. Complete a job shadow in an area of interest
41. Show your school spirit and participate in Mustang Mondays
42. Attend class attendance at least one semester
43. Achieve perfect class attendance at least one semester
44. Invite a faculty or staff member to have lunch with you
45. Join at least one on-campus club or organization (more is encouraged)
46. Go sledding at Independence Park
47. See a show in the planetarium
48. Take a selfie with SMSU President Kumara Jayasuriya
49. Take the initiative and form a study group in one of your classes
50. Discuss with SMSU study room in the Center for Civic Engagement in BA 161 and volunteer five hours in the community
51. Take a picture on spring break wearing SMSU gear
52. Participate in Winter Meltdown Week
53. Utilize a study room in the McFarland Library
54. Apply for a student leadership role on campus
55. Go ice-skating at the Red Baron Ice Arena
56. Dress up in Hawaiian gear and attend the Mustang basketball games on Hawaiian Night
57. Eat a panino downtown at Extra Innings – Varsity Pub
58. Visit the William Whipple Art Gallery and be inspired
59. Take a picture on spring break wearing SMSU gear at the Marshall 6 Theatre
60. See a movie
61. Create an account on (www.smsu.edu/Go/CareerServices) and explore available opportunities
62. Expand your taste buds and attend International (or perhaps Food Festival)
63. Take a summer class at SMSU to get ahead
64. Relieve end of the semester stress
65. Make the Dean’s list at a joy ride on the bike paths
66. Take around the City of Marshall
67. Register for Fall 2021 semester classes