



Family Reference Guide 2012-2013

The Family Reference Guide is designed to give you a better understanding and knowledge of our college and your transitioning student. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us. Please continue to pray with us and for us as we seek to integrate faith and learning and to equip the young men and women at our college for lifetimes of faithful service to Christ.

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Message from the VP for Student Life



Welcome Sterling College Family & Friends,

Your family is entering an exciting time. With your guidance, your student will be making some very important choices this year. Many of them will have a long-term impact on his/her future.

Choosing Sterling College is the first step along the path to success for students. SC is an excellent choice for any student who wants to be challenged academically and prepared for today's highly competitive workforce. SC is ideal for students who desire individual assistance and

support in their academic programs. The personal interaction with our faculty makes SC a wonderful learning environment. It's also a perfect place for students to spread their wings, grow spiritually, and get involved in campus activities.

We realize that when a student starts college, it is a time of tremendous change and growth for both the student and the family. We recognize there may be many questions left unanswered and many concerns not discussed. We have put together this handbook to help with these issues. It includes information specific to new students at Sterling College and general suggestions for all parents of new college students.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Student Life Office at 620-278-4232. We are always available to help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina Wohler". The signature is fluid and elegant, written in black ink.

Tina Wohler
Vice President for Student Life

Message from the Director of Alumni & Parent Relations



Greetings from Cooper Hall!

What a fun time! Graduation, shopping for dorm room supplies, and calling or emailing (or Facebooking) the new roommate are all exciting parts of the summer before college.

It isn't all exciting, though, is it? There's insurance, tuition, and worrying about your child, whether he/she is the first or the last to leave home. We hope this guide will calm some of your fears and prepare you as you help prepare your student to attend Sterling College.

We have been praying for you and your student. We won't stop praying. We know this is a time of great transition, and we want to help everyone make the transition successfully. Not only will the pages that follow answer some of your questions, they will provide you with contact information for various people who can continue to answer questions you may have.

We have a new Parents Council at SC, and we are working to provide you with better communication from the College with a new Parents E-Newsletter. You can also find connection with other parents and the campus on Facebook – just look for Sterling College Parents.

Part of my job is to help you. Please let me know how I can best serve you, your student, and your whole family.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy R. Thompson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Amy Thompson '96
Director of Alumni & Parent Relations

MY STUDENT'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Sterling College Email Address: _____

Building and Room Number: _____

Mailing Address (Name)
Box _____
125 W Cooper
Sterling, KS 67579

CAMPUS OFFICE HOURS

Regular office hours for all administrative offices are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, unless otherwise posted. Many offices are closed during chapel on Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 11:00 am.

CAMPUS PHONE NUMBERS

ACADEMIC DEAN'S OFFICE	620.278.4217
ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER	620.278.4463
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT	620.278.4335
BOOKSTORE	620.278.4223
BUSINESS OFFICE	620.278.4341
CAREER SERVICES	620.278.4264
COUNSELING SERVICES	620.278.4232
VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT LIFE	620.278.4232
RESIDENT DIRECTOR ON DUTY (24/7)	620.278.6218
FINANCIAL AID	620.278.4226
GENERAL STERLING COLLEGE	620.278.2173, 800.346.1017
STUDENT HEALTH CENTER	620.278.4505
PUBLIC SAFETY	620.278.4232
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE	620.278.4280
RESIDENCE LIFE/STUDENT LIFE	620.278.4232

2012-2013 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST 2012

Aug. 11 Fall Athletes Arrive

Aug. 13 First day of Fall Sport Practice

Aug. 18 New Students Arrive

Aug. 18-21 New Student Orientation

Aug. 20 Returning Students Arrive

Aug. 22 Classes Begin

Aug. 22 First Wednesday Chapel – 10:00 a.m. Culbertson

Aug. 24 Keynote Convocation 10:00-10:50 a.m. (OFFICES CLOSED) Kelsey Scholars Recognition - Culbertson

SEPTEMBER 2012

Sept. 2 First Sunday Chapel – 7 p.m. Culbertson

Sept. 3 Labor Day – CAMPUS CLOSED

Sept. 5 Last day for drop/add and pass/fail option 5:00 p.m.

Sept. 30 Composer Series – 3:00 p.m. – United Methodist Church

OCTOBER 2012

Oct. 5 Last day to remove incompletes – spring/summer

Oct. 12 Mid-term grades distributed

Oct. 17-Nov.5 Enrollment for Spring Semester

Oct. 18-20 Fall Homecoming Play

Oct. 19 Last day to officially withdraw from Fall semester

Oct. 20 Homecoming

Oct. 25-26 Fall Breather (Students and Faculty)

NOVEMBER 2012

Nov. 2 Heritage Convocation – Culbertson Auditorium

Nov. 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 9 & 10 Fall Theatre Production: Senior Project

Nov. 12 Veteran's Day – CAMPUS CLOSED

Nov. 16 Thanksgiving recess begins 5:00 p.m. – Residence Halls close at 5:00 p.m.

Nov. 19-23 Thanksgiving Break (Students and Faculty)

Nov. 21-23 OFFICES CLOSED (Staff)

Nov. 25 Residence Halls Reopen at 8:00 a.m.

Nov. 26 Classes resume

DECEMBER 2012

Dec. 2 Christmas Concert – 3:00 p.m. – United Methodist Church

Dec. 4 Last day of regular classes

Dec. 5 Study Day – No Classes

Dec. 6,7,10,11 Final Exams: Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday

Dec. 11 Residence Halls close at 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 11 Fall semester ends

JANUARY 2013

Jan. 6 Resident Assistants return to campus

Jan. 7 New and returning students move in
Jan. 7 Residence Halls Reopen at 8:00 a.m.
Jan. 8 Interterm Classes Begin
Jan. 9 Last day for drop add from Interterm
Jan. 10 Last day to withdraw from Interterm
Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Day – CAMPUS CLOSED
Jan. 25 Interterm Ends
Jan. 28 Last Day to register for Spring Semester
Jan. 29 Spring Semester Begins

FEBRUARY 2013

Feb. 1 & 2 Music Department Cabaret – 7:30 p.m.- Upper Wilson
Feb. 8 Last day drop/add for Spring semester

MARCH 2013

Feb. 28-Mar. 2 Spring Play
Mar. 8 Spring Break begins (Friday at 5:00 p.m.) Resident Halls close at 5:00 p.m.
Mar. 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar. 11-15 Spring Break Week (Students and Faculty)
Mar. 15 Spring Breather for Staff
Mar. 17 Residence Halls Reopen at 8:00 a.m.
Mar. 18 Classes resume
Mar. 22 Last day to remove incompletes from Fall semester
Mar. 24 Home Concert – 3:00 p.m. – Presbyterian Church
Mar. 26 Mid-term grades distributed
Mar. 29 Good Friday – CAMPUS CLOSED

APRIL 2013

April 1 No Classes – Campus Open for Staff
April 2-12 Enrollment for Fall semester
April. 4 Last day to officially withdraw from Spring semester
April 5 Election Convocation – Culbertson Auditorium – 10 a.m.
April 12-13 Spring Theatre Production : Senior Project
April 15 Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m. – Upper Wilson
April 26 Honors Convocation – 10:00 – Culbertson Auditorium
April 28 Masterworks Concert – 3:00 p.m. – United Methodist Church

MAY & JUNE 2013

May 1 Last Wed. Chapel
May 3 One Act Play
May 5 National Day of Prayer
May 5 Last Sunday Chapel 7:00 p.m.
May 13-16 Finals: Finals must be completed by 1:00 p.m. on the 16th
May 16 Spring semester ends
May 17 Baccalaureate - 7:30 p.m.
May 18 Commencement - 9:45 a.m.
May 18 Residence Halls Close – 5:00 p.m.
May 27 Memorial Day (OFFICES CLOSED)
May 31 Last day for faculty. Will be available throughout the summer as needed.

Making the Transition

High School

• Teacher/Student Contact

Teacher/student contact is closer and more frequent (5 days per week). Very little responsibility is placed on the student to attend class – they will attend class because they are already at school.

• Competition and Grades

Academic competition is not as strong. Good grades can be obtained with minimum effort.

• Status

Students establish a personal status in academic and social activities based on family and community factors.

• Counseling and Dependence

Students can rely on parents, teachers and counselors to help make decisions and give advice. Students must abide by parents' boundaries and restrictions.

• Motivation

Students get stimulation to achieve or participate from parents, teachers, and counselors.

• Freedom

Students' freedom is limited. Parents will often help students out of crisis, if one occurs.

• Value Judgments

Students often make value judgments based on parental values. Many of their value judgments are made for them.

College

• Teacher/Student Contact

Faculty members are available during their office hours or by appointment. Students are responsible for meeting with their professors. Students must choose to attend class.

• Competition and Grades

Academic competition is much stronger. Minimum effort may produce poor grades. The student's perception that he/she is giving maximum effort may not result in a top grade.

• Status

Students can build their status as they wish; high school status can be repeated or changed.

• Counseling and Dependence

Students rely on themselves; they see the results of making their own decisions. It is their responsibility to seek advice as needed. Students set their own restrictions.

• Motivation

Students supply their own motivation to their work and activities.

• Freedom

Students have much more freedom. Students must accept responsibility for their own actions.

• Value Judgments

Students have the opportunity to develop their own opinions and values. To be successful, students must be willing to learn about and respect differences.

The Freshman Year

Your student's first year is going to be one of many ups and downs. Being aware of what your student may be going through will better enable you to help ease them into their college transition.

Phase

1 Early summer anticipation

This is when high school seniors graduate and begin to look forward to the future. They have feelings of sadness, accomplishment, and anticipation.

2 Midsummer anxiety

Now they begin to realize they will soon be less connected to home, family, friends, and the security that each offers.

3 Late summer panic

The student is plunged into the collegiate environment, complete with college bureaucracy, classrooms, homework, a foreign social world, and most likely a new roommate.

4 The honeymoon

A couple of new friends and no test for at least three weeks. Let's go have some fun! Some may use this as an opportunity to join a handful of organizations and be just as involved as they were in high school.

5 The reality check

Where did all of this work come from? What do you mean I have to read the textbook? This paper has to be how long, and it's due when? And where did all the time go? Homesickness may appear during this phase. (This would be a great time to send a care package!)

6 The grass is always greener...

They are sure that transferring somewhere else will solve their problems. No doubt they would be doing better at another college.

7 You can't go home again

This starts the first time they come home to visit. They are hit with the harsh realization that life for the rest of the family goes on without them. (TIP: Outline the new expectations you have for your student at home.)

8 Primitive coping behavior

Well into the first semester, they finally learned to use the library and hold reasonably intelligent conversations. They are excited about the things they have learned.

9 Realization

This phase usually precedes finals. They realize the great amount of work ahead and know that the future depends largely on their ability to balance academic activities with social activities.

10 Putting it together

Sometime during the second semester (we hope) they see college as a total experience. They realize that hard work and achievement must be priorities but do not totally exclude time for having fun. They learn what it takes to make the most of the college year.

Things to learn before becoming a SC student...

Based on a combination of many years' experience and feedback from our students, we have compiled a list of everyday activities that first-year students should discuss and practice with family members prior to arriving at Sterling College.

Knowing financial limitations: knowing what you, as the parents, are contributing and what the student is responsible to contribute and how. Talk to your student about what their financial responsibilities should be, whether it is working a part-time job, applying for financial aid, or taking out a student loan. Be sure to remind them that every family is different; therefore, their friends may have different financial obligations and responsibilities.

Managing money, balancing a checkbook, living within a budget, the hazards of credit card debt, and the accessibility of credit.

Protecting their belongings means locking doors and not keeping everything in the open. Parents' homeowner's insurance usually covers the personal belongings of a full-time student while living in a college residence hall. Check with your insurance company for how much insurance, if any, you have. If your homeowner's policy does not cover your student, you can get renter's insurance. Your student will receive information on this from Student Life.

Maintaining a clean and healthy living environment. Understanding how to do laundry, clean a bathroom, keep up with dirty dishes, change bed sheets, etc.

Telephoning a professor, advisor, or administrator and making an appointment to meet. What is an appropriate way to leave a voicemail/email message?

Understanding that students are responsible for their own learning.

Cooking may be desired, and there is a kitchen in each residence hall.

Learning, living, and working with people from different backgrounds. Having a new roommate(s) can be a big adjustment that requires new social skills. Contacting the new roommate(s) over the summer can be a great way to ease into the transition. It also allows for them to discuss class schedules and study habits, and it's a great opportunity to discuss who can bring certain items. That way your student won't end up with two stereos and two televisions.

Negotiating roommate conflict.

Choosing foods, either at the grocery store or in the dining hall, that will provide a healthy, balanced diet.

Living by the basic rules of life: pick up after yourself and treat others as you would want them to treat you.

Understanding that college students are held responsible for their behavior.

Maintaining a vehicle, such as knowing how to check the oil, check the tires, and use jumper cables.

Scheduling time for studying, outside interests, and family obligations can help reduce stress and improve academic success.

Communicating with your SC student

It's not always easy knowing what to ask your student when you are no longer a part of their day-to-day life. The purpose of these questions is to give you a place to start. Some are questions related to what they may be going through as the year progresses and others are planned activities on campus they can tell you about. The key is to LISTEN. Most first-year college students want to know there is someone who is physically removed from their day-to-day life who is interested in how they are doing. They want that person to listen to their joys and frustrations, and be someone on whom to unload their burdens so they can go back to their daily routines. They may ask for advice, but many times they just want to be heard. Be patient with those late night frantic phone calls or texts that sound like everything is going wrong. You're providing a real support as an advisor, sympathetic ear, or sounding board, whichever the case may be.

For those parents who don't currently text and who aren't on Facebook, seriously consider using them. Texting will probably be the best way to have regular communication with your student.

Things to Discuss With Your Student

September

- 2 – First Sunday Chapel at 7 pm
- 3 – Campus closed for Labor Day
- 5 – Last day to drop/add a class
- How are things going with your roommate(s)?
- Have you thought about joining any of the clubs or organizations on campus?
- What kinds of residence hall or CAB activities have you attended?

October

- 17 – Enrollment for Spring semester begins
- 20 – Homecoming
- 25-26 – Fall Breather, no classes
- When are your midterms?
- How has the studying been? Where have you found the best place to study?
- Have you needed any extra help in your classes?

November

- 2 – Heritage Convocation
- 4 – Daylight Savings ends, change clocks
- 9-10 – Fall Theatre Production
- Have you decided what classes you are taking next semester?
- How's the meal plan going?
- What are your plans for Thanksgiving break? Would you like to bring a friend home?

December

- 2 – Christmas concert
- 6-11 – Final exams
- How many finals will you have? Are they cumulative?
- Are you taking an interterm class?
- How would you like to spend your Christmas break?

January

- 8 – Interterm classes begin
- 21 – Campus closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- Are you having a hard time getting back into the swing of things after such a long break?
- Which classes do you think you will like best this semester?

February

- 8 – Last day to add/drop a class
- Do you have any plans for Spring break?
- Have you checked to see when the FAFSA renewal is due?
- Have you thought about what you want to do as far as dorms and roommates for next year?

March

- 6-8 Basketball national tournament
- 11-15 – Spring Break
- When are your midterms scheduled?
- When do you enroll for next year? Have you thought about classes yet?
- How does your bank balance look?

April

- 2 – Fall semester enrollment begins
- 5 – Student Government elections
- 26 – Honors convocation
- Have you been able to get all your chapel credits?
- Do you need us to plan to help you move home?

May

- 1 – Last Wednesday chapel
- 3 – One Act Plays
- 13-16 – Final exams
- 18 - Commencement
- Are you ready for finals?
- Do you know what day you have to move out of the dorms?
- How do you feel about moving home for the summer?

10 Tips for Parenting a Warrior

RULE #1: Don't ask them if he/she is homesick.

The power of suggestion can be dangerous. The idea of being homesick usually doesn't occur until someone suggests it. The first few days/weeks of college are activity-packed and friend-jammed, and the challenge of meeting new people and adjusting to new situations takes a majority of a freshman's time and concentration. Unless a well-meaning parent reminds them of it, they'll probably be able to escape the loneliness and frustration of homesickness. Even if they don't tell you during those first few weeks, they really do miss you.

RULE #2: Write or email (even if they don't respond)

Although freshmen are typically eager to experience all the away-from-home independence they can in those first weeks, most are still anxious for family ties and the security those ties bring. This surge of independence may be misinterpreted by sensitive parents as rejection, but most freshmen (although 99% won't ever admit it) would give anything for some news of home and family, however mundane it may seem to you.

There's nothing more depressing than a week of an empty mailbox. (Warning: don't expect a reply to every letter or email you write. The "you write one, they write one" sequence isn't always followed by college students, so get set for some unanswered correspondence.)

RULE #3: Ask questions (but not too many)

College freshmen are "cool" (or so they think) and have a tendency to resent interference with their new lifestyle, but most still desire the security of knowing that someone is still interested in them. Parental curiosity can be obnoxious and alienating or relieving, depending on the attitude of the person involved. "I have a right to know" tinged questions with ulterior motives or nagging should be avoided. Honest inquiries, however, and other "between friends" communication and discussion will do much to further the parent-freshmen relationship.

RULE #4: Don't worry (too much) about distress phone calls or emails

Parenting can be a thankless job, especially during

the college years. It's a lot of give and only a little take. Often when troubles become too much for a freshman to handle (a flunked test, end of a relationship, and a shrunken pair of jeans all in one day), the only place to turn is home. Be patient with those "nothing is going right, I hate this place" phone calls, letters or e-mails. You're providing a real service as an advice dispenser, sympathetic ear or punching bag. Granted, it's a service that makes you feel lousy, but it works wonders for frustrated student. Generally, a good night of sleep will work wonders for your student.

RULE #5: Visit (but not too often)

Visits by parents (especially when accompanied by shopping sprees and/or dinner out) are another part of the first-year events that freshmen are reluctant to admit liking, but they appreciate them greatly. These visits give the student a chance to introduce some of the important people in both of their worlds (home and school) to each other. Additionally, it's a way for parents to become familiar with (and, hopefully, more understanding of) their student's new activities, commitments, and friends. Spur of the moment "surprises" are usually not appreciated.

RULE #6: Don't tell your student that "these are the best years of their lives"

The freshmen year can be full of indecisions, insecurities, disappointments and mistakes. It's also full of discovery, inspiration and fun. It takes a while for some students to accept that being unhappy, afraid, confused, and disliked and making mistakes are all part of the new reality and of growing up.

Parents who believe all college students get good grades, know what they want to major in, always have activity-packed weekends with thousands of close friends and lead carefree lives are wrong. So are the parents who think college-educated means mistake-proof. Parents who insist on the "best years" stereotype are working against their student's already difficult self-development. Those who accept and understand the highs and lows of their student's reality are providing the support and encouragement where it is needed most.

RULE #7: Take time to discuss finances

Most college students are still financially dependent on their parents to some degree. Sit down and discuss your family's financial situation with your son or daughter. Students need to know how much money will be available to them and how much of the financial responsibility is theirs.

RULE #8: Prepare for their return

When the school year ends and your student returns home for break, sit down and discuss the rules of living at home. Parents need to respect the individuality their students have worked hard to achieve, and students need to know there are rules and courtesies to be observed.

RULE #9: Trust them

Finding one's self is difficult enough without feeling that the people whose opinions you respect most are second-guessing you. One of the most important things you can do as a parent is to let your child know that you trust his/her judgment.

RULE #10: Expect change

Your student will change (either drastically within the first months, slowly over the college years, or somewhere in between). It's natural, inevitable, and it can be

inspiring and beautiful. Often it's a pain in the neck. College, and experiences associated with it, can affect changes in social, vocational and personal behavior. A pre-med student may discover a strong love for drama or literature, or a high school radical may become a college preppy. Students find college a time to explore their personal belief system. No one is forcing your student to attend church, and they may choose to sleep late or try other denominations. This is a time where young people make their faith personal, and we strive to encourage that with each student. You can't stop change. You may not even understand it, but it is within your power to accept it.

Remember that your freshmen will remain basically the same person you sent away to school, aside from the interest and personality changes. Don't expect too much too soon. Maturation is not an instantaneous or overnight process, and you might discover your freshmen returning home with some of the habits and hang-ups, however unsophisticated, that you thought he or she had "grown out of."

Care Package Ideas

Sending care packages to your student is one of the nicest things you can do. Receiving a package in the mail not only will make your student the envy of the residence hall, but it will also let him or her know you care. There are many times when a small gift can brighten up a bad day, a bad grade or a bad situation.

• ANYTHING EDIBLE

Cookies, granola bars, chocolate, macaroni and cheese, candy, dried fruit and nuts, soup, cereal, microwave popcorn.

• SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pens, pencils, binders, erasers, index cards, Post-it notes, paper, rulers, highlighters.

• TOILETRIES

Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, Q-tips, toothbrushes, deodorant, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, stain remover, Febreze.

- **ANYTHING FAMILY**

Pictures, letters, cards, drawings from younger siblings, newspaper clippings or a subscription to the local paper.

- **ANYTHING FUN**

Board games, computer games, deck of cards, crossword puzzles, yoyos, crayons and coloring books.

- **SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

Gift certificates for local restaurants, money, DVD's, posters, flowers, birthday cakes from the SC cafeteria.

Academics

Academic Regulations

- **Student Responsibility**

Academic integrity is a cornerstone of teaching and learning at Sterling College. It is expected that all members of the College community will uphold high intellectual and ethical standards. It is the responsibility of students to protect their own work from inappropriate use by others and to protect the work of other people by properly citing the sources of references and ideas. It is the responsibility of students to ensure that examinations are honestly held and that work for a course is honestly done.

- **Academic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism and cheating. Plagiarism is the use of another's words or ideas, verbatim or paraphrased, consciously or unconsciously, without giving credit to the creator of the work. Cheating is the unauthorized use or exchange of information before or during an examination, unauthorized collaboration on an assignment, submitting the same work for more than one course, or buying or selling work for a course. Similarly, it is cheating to conspire to do any of the above or to aid or assist those who do.

- **Catalog**

Specific information regarding academic policy and requirements is contained in the Sterling College Catalog. It is the responsibility of the student to fulfill all requirements as stated in the catalog. The College reserves the right to change policies at any time when such changes are necessary. In regards to the Student Handbook, the College community shall receive written notice of these changes if they are made during the academic year.

- **Class Attendance**

Regular class attendance is required of all students. Students with excessive absences may likely earn a failing grade. Individual instructors will establish the attendance policy for their own courses. Students should contact the instructor as soon as a need for an absence becomes apparent. Health issues must be excused through the Academic Dean's Office, Student Life Office, or a physician's office. Make-up work for all unexcused absences is at the discretion of the instructor of the class. Faculty members will allow excused absences for all students involved in College-approved activities and events and accommodate the students by offering them opportunities, without penalty, to either make up the work or do work ahead of time to meet course requirements.

Academic Advising

Each full-time student is assigned a faculty member to assist with planning his/her schedule and to monitor academic progress. While the faculty advisor will be assisting the student to plan for degree completion, it is the responsibility of the student to confirm that all requirements are met.

A change in your student's academic major may warrant a change in advisors. If your student desires to declare/change their major, the required form may be obtained from the Registrar's Office. Until their major is officially declared with the Registrar's Office, by the completion of the form, their advisor will be the faculty who assisted them with their initial SC enrollment.

Academic Support Center

Sterling College's Academic Support Center is located in the center of campus, in the beautiful Mabee Library. Personnel in Academic Support are committed to helping students succeed academically. We offer peer tutoring services, disability services, and assistance for students wanting to improve their time management or study skills. Please visit the Academic Support website for detailed information on each of these services: www.sterling.edu/academics/academic-support-center.

Student Life

Office of Career Services

Career Services is here to help students formulate a vision for their lives that aligns their strengths, goals, and academic interests.

Career Counseling

We offer one-on-one counseling appointments to help students identify their interests, abilities, values, and motivations when choosing their career path and/or major. Career assessments are available for use during this process.

Jobs & Internships

With our online resources and by visiting the Career Services office, students can find work on campus (work study), locally, nationally, and internationally. Through our website, www.sterling.edu/job-internship-opportunities, students can access a list of part-time, summer, and full-time job opportunities and internships.

Interview Prep

Students can visit the Career Services office to discuss successful interviewing, including how to prepare and what to wear. Mock interviews can also be arranged for those who want to practice their interviewing skills.

Graduate School Preparation

Students who are considering graduate school can get assistance with planning and test preparation.

Career Development Workshops & Events

Workshops are offered on the topics of graduate school preparation, resumes & cover letters, job searching, and interview preparation. Other career events provide opportunities for students to visit with professionals and learn how to network.

Resume Assistance

Potential employers get their first impression of applicants from their cover letters and resumes. It is important that these documents accurately reflect a student's skills and how he/she can be an asset to a company. Students can receive assistance in creating and perfecting these essential documents.

Contact Information

Student Life Office, room 120 E

620-278-4264

career@sterling.edu

www.sterling.edu/career-services

Dining Services

Each student residing on campus is required to have a meal plan. There are two meal plan options available for residential students: unlimited or a 200 block plan for the semester. In the event they have exhausted all of their meal plans for the semester, students can purchase an extra 10 meal block for \$60 and an extra 20 meal block for \$110. Students cannot share their meal plan.

Commuters can purchase a 5 meal per week plan for \$430 a semester.

Dining Room Hours:

Monday - Friday

Full Breakfast 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Dinner 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday - Thursday

Late Night 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Weekend Hours

Continental Breakfast 10:00 a.m.

Brunch 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dinner 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Visitor Meal Rates:

Meal	Charge
Breakfast	\$4.70
Lunch	\$6.00
Dinner	\$6.70
Special Night	\$7.90

Sick Trays Sick trays are available for students who are too ill to come to the dining hall.

Residential Life

Resident Directors

The Resident Directors are full-time professional staff who live in the residence halls. It is their responsibility to manage the operation of the halls, train and supervise resident assistants, implement the rules and regulations, coordinate programming, and counsel students with personal and behavioral problems. It is their role to develop a comfortable and productive living environment.

Resident Assistants

A Resident Assistant (RA) is assigned to each floor or wing. These upperclassmen have been carefully selected and trained to coordinate and assist a floor or a wing of a residence hall. They are an excellent source of information regarding both personal and college related matters. The RAs are responsible for creating a floor community, providing a variety of social and developmental programming, and enforcing policies and procedures. The RA is a personal liaison between the College community and the residence hall student. If you have a problem or question, the RAs are here to help you in any way possible.

Custodians

Each hall has its own custodial team. The custodian assigned to your hall is responsible for cleaning the bathrooms, hallways, and other common areas. Residents' cooperating in accommodating and accepting any brief inconvenience caused by the daily cleaning routine is greatly appreciated.

Maintenance Staff

A team of personnel performs maintenance in the residence halls. Each member of the team has trade specialties, but performs maintenance duties in a variety of areas. Both the custodians and the maintenance personnel have lead supervisors who direct their efforts.

Staff on Call

There is always a RD on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergencies. If a student has any issue, they can contact the RD on Duty at 620-278-6218.

Health Services

Sterling College Health Services provides professional care in a friendly and caring manner.

Contact: nurse@sterling.edu
620-278-4505
toll free 1-800-346-1017 ext.505

Location: East Campus (blue house, east of Cooper Hall)
712 North Broadway

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday – Closed Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

- Prescheduled appointments are available when appropriate.
- Medical Consultant: Dr. Stacy Dashiell
- With a few exceptions, treatment is free to all Sterling College students.
- Sterling Health Center will work with a student's family doctor with approval of our Medical Consultant.
- Equipment Loans: crutches, slings, heating pads, ace bandages
- Referral of students as needed or requested. Sterling College Health Services is a nurse-directed health service. Students are referred to doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dentists, optometrists, and other medical personnel as needed or requested.
- Educational references available.

FOR EMERGENCY dial 911

- **Local Health Care.** The Sterling Medical Center is available to provide health care to Sterling College students. The medical center is located at 239 N. Broadway, and can be reached by phone at (620) 278-2123.
- **Emergency Care.** Emergency services are provided by Rice County Emergency Services by dialing 911. Rice County Hospital's phone number is 620-257-7153.
- **Reporting Accidents.** All accidents should be reported to a Resident Assistant or Resident Director as soon as possible.

Please be informed about your insurance company's coverage.

Exercise Center

The Underground Pulse is located in the basement of Evans Hall. Hours are 24/7 with security code entrance only. This is free for students to use. The center contains an assortment of treadmills, ellipticals, recumbent bikes, upright bike, Bowflex home gym, exercise balls, free hand weights. Registered users are responsible for reporting any problems with equipment and to bring their own water and music. Students are required to leave the area in a clean condition.

STUDENT COUNSELING

College experiences carry with them certain predictable pressures, as well as coming at a time in student's life when he or she may feel quite unsure about himself/herself, the ability to relate to others, and future career plans. There are likely to be times when students feel that things just aren't coming together.

A variety of different options are available to students for counseling depending upon the needs of the individual. The Counseling Center office is located in the Student Life Office. Counseling sessions are no cost to SC students. Information shared in the counseling relationship will be considered confidential and no information will be released to anyone within the College or outside of it without the student's permission.

Counselor's Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sterling College also provides limited on-campus counseling by our Campus Chaplain at no extra charge to students. For further information about our counseling services, or to make an appointment, stop by the Student Life Office or call 620-278-4232. www.sterling.edu/counseling-services

Safety and Emergency Procedures

Sterling College strives to provide a safe and secure environment for its students, employees, and visitors. While instances of criminal activity on campus have been infrequent, Sterling College is not immune to the criminal elements that affect society. The College benefits from a community whose members truly care about one another. By watching and remaining alert to our surroundings, we can work together to help preserve an educational environment that is conducive to learning and growing. Please contact the Student Life Office or other appropriate campus personnel if your son or daughter has any safety concerns or you have questions or suggestions regarding campus safety.

E2 Campus Alerts

Should there be a campus emergency, your student will receive notification through e2 campus, our emergency alert system. They will receive both an email and a text message about the nature of the emergency and instructions about how to stay safe. All students are automatically enrolled in e2 campus; if your child does not receive e2 campus alerts, encourage him/her to contact the Student Life Office right away.

Marking & Inventory of Personal Property

Students are encouraged to permanently mark and inventory all personal property. Students are asked to write down the serial numbers of all expensive or technical items on a property identification form, which can be obtained in the Student Life Office. This form should be returned to the Student Life Office, and the student should keep a copy in a safe place. In the event of property loss, this form can be used to provide proof of ownership so that the property can be returned or replaced by the police or insurance company. It is a good idea to review your homeowner's insurance policy and determine if your child's belongings will be covered at school under your policy. If your homeowner's insurance does not cover these belongings, renter's insurance may be purchased from many different companies for a minimal fee.

On-Campus Security

Staff are available in the residence halls through the evening hours in case of emergency. A professional, live-in Resident Director is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week while classes are in session. During office hours, 8 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday, please contact the Student Life Office at 620-278-4232. During any other time, please call the RD on-call cell phone at 620-278-6218. Sterling College employs on-campus security personnel who patrol grounds and buildings every evening and throughout the night. The Student Life Office oversees campus security. Campus Security assures proper lock-up of campus buildings and general well-being of students during the night. Should one need a security officer, they can be contacted by calling the Resident Director on call 620-278-6218. A Daily Crime Log is maintained in the Student Life Office. The crime log has criminal incidents and

alleged criminal incidents that are reported to the Student Life Office. Students and employees are encouraged to report incidents/crimes to the Student Life Office. Any individual may obtain a copy by coming to the Student Life Office or calling at 620-278-4232.

Emergency Preparedness Plan

A copy of Sterling College's emergency preparedness plan can be found online at www.sterling.edu/emergency-preparedness-plan.

Emergency

In the unlikely event that a crisis does occur on the Sterling College campus, you can stay up to date by visiting sterling.edu/emergency

Finances

Financial Aid

There are a variety of financial aid programs available to students. The first step in determining your eligibility for financial aid is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, better known as the FAFSA. You may file the FAFSA on-line and request a pin number (used as your electronic signature) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. After you have submitted your FAFSA, the federal processor will electronically transmit your information to all colleges listed on the form. If you have included the Sterling College school code (001945), we will automatically receive a summary of the information you reported on the FAFSA. Students must apply for financial aid annually.

Application Deadlines

It is important to meet Sterling College's deadline for submitting your FAFSA form since it can sometimes affect the amount of financial aid you will receive. Late applicants may miss opportunities for state or other sources of aid. Sterling College's priority deadline for completing the FAFSA each year is March 15th. Sterling College's Financial Aid Office will send emails to notify students if items are incomplete in the file.

- Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant

Financial Aid Assistance

Sterling College participates in the following aid programs:

Federal Aid

- Pell Grant
- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- Direct Loans
- Perkins Loans
- Direct PLUS Loans
- Work Study
- Teach Grant

State Aid – must be Kansas Resident

- Kansas Comprehensive Grant (KCG)
- Minority Scholarship
- State Scholar Scholarship
- Teacher Scholarship

Institutional Aid – see website (www.sterling.edu)

- Academic Scholarships
- Performance Scholarships
- Other Aid
- Outside Scholarships
- Private Loans

Sterling College Business Office

Payment Options:

Methods of Payment: Sterling College accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, check and cash.

Online payments: The above credit cards and e-check is available. These payments can be made by students using their Sterling account. On www.sterling.edu, click resources, mysterling, login with username and password, click students, finaid and student account, my account information, my account balance, and make a payment.

Payment Plan: Sterling College uses an outside company, Tuition Management Systems (TMS) to administer a monthly payment plan. This optional plan and online enrollment can be completed at www.afford.com. Please keep in mind that most of the plan options are for the YEAR and the statement that you receive will be by semester only.

Finance Charge: Sterling College will charge .75% finance charge for any accounts monthly that are not paid. Please make sure you are on a TMS plan or financial aid is in place so you do not incur this fee.

Miscellaneous Matters:

- Bookstore vouchers are available up to the amount of credit that the student has on his/her account. Credit balances are estimates!
- Refunds- Credit balances will be refunded to the student or to the parent (Plus Loan). Refunds cannot be issued until all financial aid has been received.
- Check cashing policy is up to \$100.00
- We sell quarters for the vending/washing machines.

Contact Information:

Business Office phone 620-278-4341

Fax 620-278-4411

Email: asmart@sterling.edu

Checklist for each semester:

- Complete all paperwork for financial aid in a timely manner.

- Submit copies of outside scholarships to Financial Aid.
- Health insurance – accept or prove that you have your own insurance. A copy of your card is needed.
- Set up your payment plan with TMS for the balance you will owe after all the charges and financial aid have posted or pay by check or credit card.
- Verify that you have a plan in place before you get to Sterling.
- Books-be prepared to pay for them separately at the bookstore.
- Fill out a Business Office Promissory note for amount due.

Campus Activity fee covers the following:

- Accident Insurance \$3000.00 for any injury related to any campus related event
- Admission to Home Athletic Events
- Admission to Fine Arts Events
- Guest speakers at Chapel and Convocation
- Student ID – there will be a charge for a replacement card
- Parking permit
- Access to on-campus registered nurse
- Access to campus-wide internet
- Access to the Underground Pulse
- On-campus counseling services
- Tutoring services

Health Insurance:

All students (5- or more credit hours) are eligible to enroll. Students must be physically attending classes on campus to enroll. Sterling College requires that you have health insurance either from the company we offer or from a company of your choice or your parents. The brochure is online at www.sterling.edu. The health insurance this year is 06/30/12-06/29/13, \$635.00 for the year.

Off-Campus Resources

Accommodations in the Area

Year-round guestrooms are available on campus if you are visiting Sterling. Whether coming for your student's big game, concert, theatre production, or art show, or to visit family in the community, our guestrooms allow you to stay right in the heart of campus. Each guestroom has a private bath, a television, and wireless internet access. If you are staying in Cooper Hall, feel free to use the kitchenette and lobby on the fourth floor. To book a room, please contact Guest Services at 620.278.2173 or guestservices@sterling.edu. Cooper Hall rooms cost \$50 a night. Dorm guestrooms are \$36 a night.

Prairie Garden Bed and Breakfast

320 E Monroe St, Sterling, KS
620.204.6500 www.prairiegardenbandb.com

Celebration Center Inn-Suites (about 15 minutes away)

1108 E Highway 56, Lyons, KS
620.680.6022 www.celebrationcentreinn.com

The Lyons Inn (about 15 minutes away)

817 W Main, Lyons, KS
620.257.5185

Hedrick's Bed and Breakfast (about 15 minutes away)

7910 N Roy L Smith Rd, Nickerson, KS
888.489.8039 www.hedricks.com

Ramada Hotel (about 30 minutes away)

1420 N Lorraine St, Hutchinson, KS
620.259.7616
Ask for David and say you are with SC for a discount (invalid during KS State Fair and the NJCC Tournament). www.ramada.com

For other lodging in Hutchinson (about 30 minutes away) visit www.hotel-rates.com/us/kansas/hutchinson/.

Area Restaurants

STERLING

Subway, Gambino's Pizza, Sterling Café, Paddy's Café, Broadway Market, J&B's Dairyland, and Jethro's Steakhouse! All are located on Broadway/K96.

LYONS

Wendy's, Dairy Queen, Sonic, and El Potrillo are all located on K56, west of the intersection of K96 and K56. You will also find a delicious Chinese restaurant tucked in north of the Lyons town square on the corner of East Ave. and 1st St (Empire China).

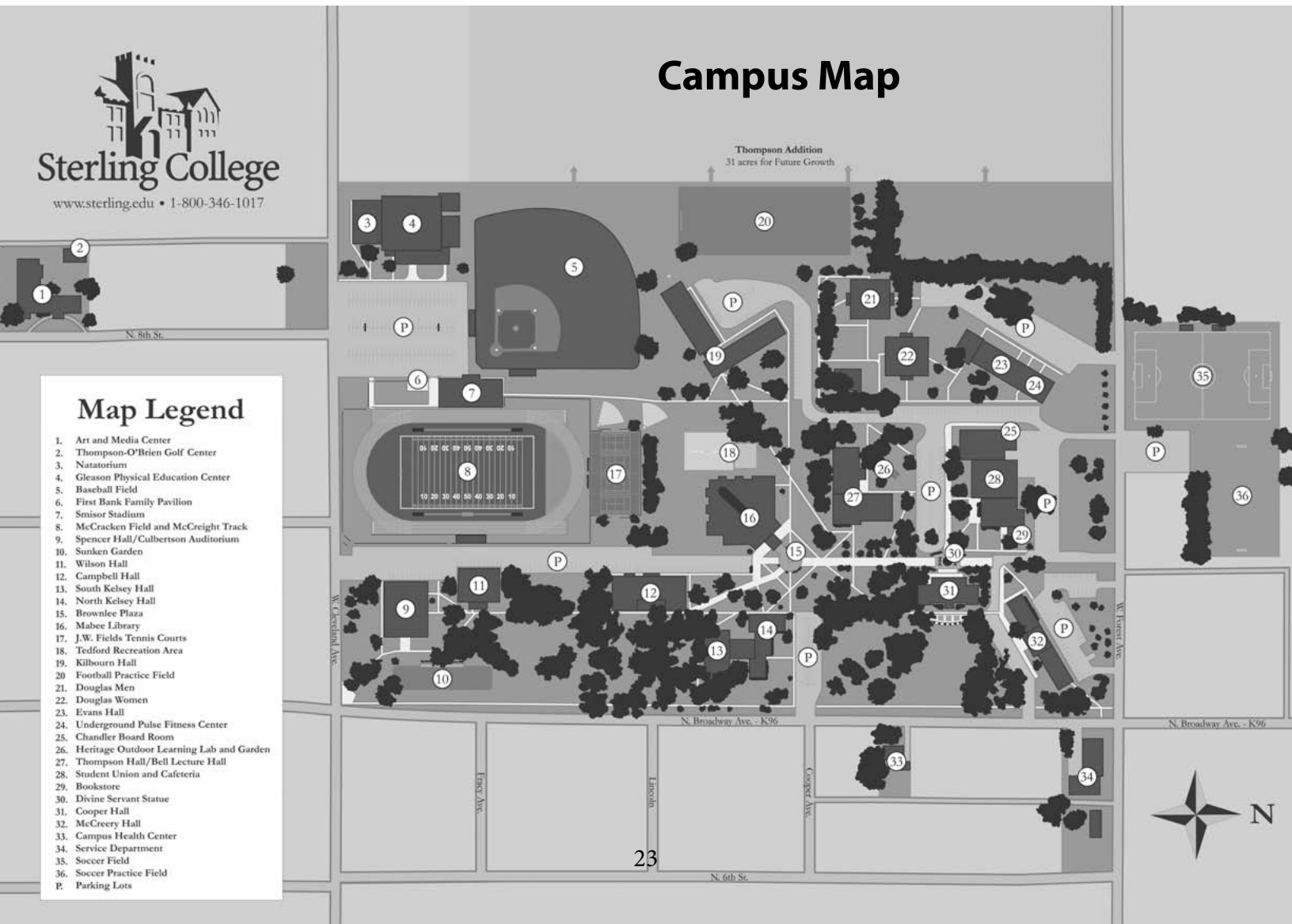
NICKERSON

Pizza Connection and the Sunshine Café are both located just north of the K96 turn in downtown Nickerson.

Area Churches

We have a number of churches in town and in the surrounding area. Even if a student does not have a vehicle, there are churches within a block or two of campus, or there is generally another student heading to the same worship service. Listed below are just some of the churches in the area.

- Midland UCC;** 1955 22nd Rd, Sterling 620.422.3678
- Assembly of God Church;** 407 N 6th St, Sterling 620.278.3564
- United Presbyterian Church (USA);** 309 N Broadway, Sterling 620.278.3217
- Calvary Baptist Church;** 212 1st St, Sterling 620.278.3000
- First United Methodist Church;** 137 N Broadway, Sterling 620.278.2615
- Reformed Presbyterian Church;** 421 N 8th St, Sterling 620.278.3507
- Cross Point;** 109 W Garfield, Sterling 620.204.1109
- Sterling Evangelical Bible Church;** 3017 N Sterling Rd, Sterling 620.286.5367
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church;** 520 East Ave S, Lyons 620.257.5955
- Christian Church;** 220 West Ave S, Lyons 620.257.2071
- Church of the Nazarene;** 400 W Truesdell St, Lyons 620.257.2222
- Church of Christ;** 831 W Taylor St, Lyons 620.257.3612
- St. Paul Catholic Parrish;** 1205 S Douglas Ave, Lyons 620.257.3503
- Grace Lutheran Church;** 1111 W Lincoln St, Lyons 620.257.2884



New Student Orientation



Warrior Welcome Begin Your Adventure New Student Orientation Fall 2012 Schedule

Saturday, August 11th

8:00 am – noon

Residence Halls Open for New & Returning Fall Athletes: Cross Country (Men's & Women's), Football, Soccer (Men's & Women's), Volleyball, & Cheer Squad
Residence Life staff members will be in the residence hall lobbies to check student-athletes into your new home-away-from-home. New students and their families should arrange their travel plans so that they can check in to their residence hall between 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Students will settle in to their rooms and visit several offices before the first student session at 1:00 p.m.

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch

Cafeteria

Fall meal plan begins for residential students. Please bring your student ID card. Family members & guests can pay \$6.00 at the door.

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Mandatory Warrior Welcome for New Students & Families

Culbertson Auditorium in Spencer Hall

Learn helpful hints about academics from Spencer Wagley, Assistant Professor of Education.

2:15 – 3:15 pm

Mandatory Students: SGA Welcome

Culbertson Auditorium in Spencer Hall

Hear from this year's Student Government Association officers about the structure of the organization and how you can be involved in leadership opportunities on campus. You'll also catch the Sterling Warrior spirit with your fellow new students by learning traditional SC cheers.

2:15 – 3:15 pm

Parents: Parenting a College Student

Heritage Hall in Cooper Hall

Learn how you can help make your student's first year of college successful.

3:30 – 4:45 pm

Students: Hall Hangout

Residence Halls

Get to know the other students living in your residence hall and participate in some fun activities together.

3:30 – 4:45 pm

Parents: Student Life/Athletics/Understanding Your Bill

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Learn about the support services available for your student, learn how to read and pay your bill, and hear all about Sterling College athletics.

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Mandatory Service of Dedication

Culbertson Auditorium in Spencer Hall

This is a special time of worship and a space for parents to pray with and for their students.

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Dinner

Cafeteria

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7:00 pm

Farewell to Parents

Parents, this ends the events we've planned for you. We pray that as you leave campus, you are assured that God has led your student to this place. We are committed to serving you and your student in the years to come.

7:30 pm

Mandatory Athletic Meetings

Gleason Physical Education Center

New and returning student-athletes will have the opportunity to meet fellow Warrior athletes and hear from Athletics staff members.

10:00 pm

Mandatory Hall Meeting

Residence Halls

Residence Life staff members will discuss what living in a residence hall is like. Topics will include policies, roommates, community-building, programming, and how to make the hall your home-away-from-home.

Sunday, August 12th

8:00 – 9:00 am

Breakfast ***Cafeteria***

Please bring your student ID card.

Morning

Attend a church of your choice

Sterling, Lyons, or Hutchinson

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch

Cafeteria

Please bring your student ID card.

Afternoon

Mandatory Physical Exams

Gleason Physical Education Center

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Dinner

Cafeteria

Please bring your student ID card.

August 13th – 17th

Mandatory Athletic Practices

Saturday, August 18th

8:00 am – noon

Residence Halls Open for New Students

Residence Life staff members will be in the residence hall lobbies to check you into your new home-away-from-home. New students and their families should arrange their travel plans so that they can check in to their residence hall between 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Students will settle in to their rooms and visit several offices before the first student session at 1:00 p.m.

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5:30 – 8:00 pm

BBQ Dinner

Cafeteria

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7:00 pm

Group Class Picture

Steps of Cooper Hall

Don't miss this chance to be part of SC history by having your photo taken with your new classmates.

7:15 – 8:00 pm

Alumni Parent Dessert Reception

Cooper Hall Lobby

Parents who are SC alumni are welcome to join us for dessert and a time of fellowship.

7:30 – 8:00 pm

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8:00 – 9:30 pm

Church Fair/Worship Band

East Lawn of Cooper Hall

Get information about local churches and listen to music performed by SC's talented worship band.

10:00 pm

Mandatory Hall Meeting

Residence Halls

Residence Life staff members will discuss what living in a residence hall is like. Topics will include policies, roommates, community-building, programming, and how to make the hall your home-away-from-home.

Sunday, August 19th

8:00 – 9:00 am

Breakfast

Cafeteria

Please bring your student ID card.

Morning

Attend a church of your choice

Sterling, Lyons, or Hutchinson

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch

Cafeteria

Please bring your student ID card.

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Free time

Get settled in your room, hang out with new friends, run errands, or just relax!

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Mandatory Pool Party, Sand Volleyball & Games

Sterling Lake

Have fun in the sun while enjoying quality hangout time with your new classmates!

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Taco Bar

Sterling Lake

Please bring your student ID card.

8:00 – 9:30 pm

Mandatory Playfair

Football Field

Playfair is an energizing team-building experience and an entertaining way to make new friends.

10:00 pm

Outdoor Movie or Hide & Seek

Mabee Library Lawn

Both events will take place, so you can choose the one that sounds most fun! If you're going to the movie, make sure you take a lawn chair or blanket.

Monday, August 20th

7:00 – 8:30 am

Breakfast

Cafeteria

Please bring your student ID card.

9:00 – 10:00 am

Mandatory Gearing Up for a Great Year

Culbertson Auditorium in Spencer Hall

Get motivated and encouraged for the new school year by Andy Addis, an area pastor and motivational speaker.

10:00 – 11:00 am

Mandatory Personal Responsibility

Culbertson Auditorium in Spencer Hall

Topics include conflict resolution, managing your money, and utilizing valuable campus resources.

11:00 – 1:00 pm

Mandatory Servant Leadership Overview & Sack Lunches

Culbertson Auditorium in Spencer Hall

Learn about the fundamentals of servant leadership and why SC values it so much. You'll also enjoy lunch with your Foundations of Servant Leadership class.

12:00 – 2:00 pm

Information Technology Assistance

Mabee Library Computer Lab

Visit with Information Technology staff members to ask questions or handle any information technology-related matters (mySterling/email issues, etc.).

1:00-3:00 pm

Mandatory College Entrance Testing (only for randomly selected students)

Mabee Library

Students selected for testing will receive an information packet with all the details. If you are chosen, please go to the library at the time specified in your paperwork.

Afternoon

Free time

Mandatory Athletic Practices

Mandatory Finalize Registration

The business, financial aid, registrar, and student life offices will be open until 5:00 pm. Please make sure to finish any remaining registration tasks during this time.

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Dinner

Cafeteria

Please bring your student ID card.

7:00 -8:30 pm

Mandatory Highland Games

Front Lawn of Mabee Library

Participate in one of Sterling College's most beloved traditions. You don't want to miss out on these quirky, competitive games!

Tuesday, August 21st

7:00 – 8:30 am

Breakfast

Cafeteria

Please bring your student ID card.

9:00 – 9:30 am

Mandatory Sterling College History/Pride

Culbertson Auditorium in Spencer Hall

Learn about SC's 125 years as a college. Video clips will be shown of SC alumni and traditions.

9:30 – 11:00 am

Mandatory Student Life Expectations

Culbertson Auditorium in Spencer Hall

We'll review the Community Life Covenant using entertaining videos. The Sterling Police Chief will also discuss Kansas laws related to college life.

11:00 – 11:30 am

Mandatory Freshmen Class Elections

Culbertson Auditorium in Spencer Hall

Elect your student leaders for the academic year. Freshmen class officers include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Two of your peers will also be elected to represent you on Student Senate.

11:30 am-12:00 pm

Mandatory College Student Inventory

Culbertson Auditorium in Spencer Hall

This survey will help SC know how to best meet your needs while you are a student here.

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Lunch

Cafeteria

Please bring your student ID card.

Afternoon

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5:00 – 6:30 pm

Dinner

Cafeteria

Please bring your student ID card.

9:00 – 10:30 pm

Variety Show

Culbertson Auditorium in Spencer Hall

This is another one of SC's best Orientation traditions. Don't miss this chance to watch your peers showcase their many talents.

Wednesday, August 22nd

Classes Begin

Thursday, August 23rd

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Meet the Merchants & Organizational Fair

Outside Student Union

This is an opportunity to learn about the various businesses and services available in the Sterling community. You'll also get information about being involved in the student organizations on campus.

Sponsored by

Gambino's of Sterling

Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center

Kansas Underground Salt Museum

L.R. Communications

Sterling Services