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Dear Parents and Families,

On behalf of Slippery Rock University, I would like to be one of the first to welcome you to the Slippery Rock community! Please accept my congratulations on your student’s decision to attend SRU. We are very excited and looking forward to your entire family joining the “Rock Nation.”

During the coming months, your student will face many changes while transitioning to college life. Like your student, you too will probably have some questions about many of our University’s resources, policies and more. With that in mind, I’m sure you’ll find this guide a great help in making the transition – for both you and your student – as easy as possible.

SRU is dedicated to creating an atmosphere which supports our students in achieving academic excellence throughout their time at our University. As your student transitions from high school to college, your relationship is bound to see some changes as well. However, as time has shown, the relationship you share with your student is still the single most important of their life. Your support, guidance and encouragement, along with the resources provided by the University, will help your student reach their goals, whatever they may be.

We encourage your continued involvement and look forward to staying in contact with you throughout your student’s time at our campus.

If you have any questions along the way, please know that we are here to help.

Again, welcome to Slippery Rock University and GO ROCK!

Cheryl Norton
President
OUR VISION
Slippery Rock University will excel as a caring community of lifelong learners connecting with the world.

OUR MISSION
The fundamental educational mission of Slippery Rock University is to transform the intellectual, social, physical and leadership capacities of students in order to prepare them for life and career success. Complementary missions are to engage in scholarly activity and professional service.

SRU is committed to serving a diverse student body and empowering anyone regionally, nationally and internationally who can benefit from its programs and lifelong learning opportunities. Thereby SRU addresses the educationally-related economic, health, environmental, social, cultural and recreational needs of the communities served by the University.

In pursuit of SRU’s educational purpose, talented faculty and staff provide creative integrated curricula and experiences that are connected to the world in which graduates will work and live. Students are taught using powerful and engaging pedagogies in appropriate learning spaces employing state-of-the-art technology. They study in an open, caring, nurturing and friendly environment; and live in a safe community with access to high-quality student services. SRU strives to be a best-value institution with an affordable cost and substantial student financial support.

OUR HISTORY
Slippery Rock University opened its doors on March 26, 1889 as Slippery Rock State Normal School. Its first president was James E. Morrow, grandfather of Anne Morrow Lindbergh, and the enrollment for the first session was 168 students. Limited to a singular mission in teacher education, the normal school over the years fulfilled its mandate well, graduating thousands of students to staff the public schools in Pennsylvania and throughout the nation.

In 1926, the institution was purchased by the Commonwealth, became a four-year teachers college and continued the tradition of teacher training. While the curricular preparations were in elementary education and a number of secondary education subjects, the area of academic focus which was assigned at that time by the Pennsylvania Department of Education was in health and physical education. It was in that concentration that the institution soon achieved a national reputation for excellence.

Slippery Rock State College was established in 1960 and for the first time, could award undergraduate and graduate degrees in the liberal arts and in the professions. Expanded curricular offerings and an increased number of degree programs created an appreciable rise in enrollment. From 1960 to 1970, enrollment rose from 1,314 to 5,446 students. Nearly five decades later, as part of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education, SRU boasts an all-time high enrollment of some 8,881 students (fall 2016) – from 44 states and 37 countries – taking advantage of more than 100 degree programs.
First Year Studies
First Year Studies has only one goal: to facilitate a student’s transition to the University.

FYRST is the home of all new students. The purpose of FYRST is to provide quality academic services that support the instructional process. Academic advisement of new freshmen is coordinated and directed by FYRST. Academic advisement is perhaps the most important faculty/student relationship outside the classroom.

Appropriate course placement and class scheduling are critical components of a successful first-year transition. The SAT student profile provides the University with a comprehensive database upon which the student may be placed in an appropriate math class and provided with numerous choices in major and non-major (liberal studies) departments.

Many academic support services are coordinated and delivered to new students by FYRST. Specifically, Learning Community Clusters, FYRST Seminar, tutoring, College Success Workshops and academic peer assistance are housed in the Academic Services Department, a major entity of FYRST. A student’s progression through FYRST is assisted by an academic adviser. However, it is the student’s responsibility to see that he/she meets the requirements of the degree-granting college.

FYRST Student Academic Progression Goals
Students progressing from FYRST to a degree-granting college should leave with:

- A sound introduction to the expectations of higher education and the behaviors and attitudes that will be helpful in their adjustment to the University
- Accurate, timely and courteous responses to their questions about University procedures, resources and programs
- Clear and accurate information regarding academic programs and how to formulate and personalize their own baccalaureate degree
- A clear understanding of both their individual rights and responsibilities and those of the institution
- A clear understanding of the requirements for their desired degree-granting college (minimum requirements are 29 credits with a 2.0 grade point average)
- A well-informed decision regarding their chosen degree program or major area suited to their interests, abilities and intended careers
- Belief that their academic advisers were willing to discuss with them any matter affecting their academic work
- An appreciation for the value that a college degree has to personal growth, career opportunities and community obligation

First Year Studies Learning Community Clusters
The transition to college life can be challenging and stressful for many students. The academic, social and personal advantages provided to first-year students who join a Learning Community Cluster help students to reduce stress and enjoy a successful first semester at SRU.

In an LCC, students enroll in a series of classes with the same students. This enables students to get to know each other better and develop a sense of community within the group. Included in each LCC is a FYRST Seminar, a student success class offered to first-year students at many colleges and universities nationally. Research has shown that the more students connect to the university, the more successful they are in their college experience.

First Year Studies Advising Program
The mission of the FYRST Advising Program is to personalize the first year by ensuring that students will receive a high standard of academic advising from pre-enrollment to orientation, and throughout their first year. FYRST advising services will provide assistance that will help students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to select an academic program. During a student’s enrollment in FYRST, they will develop a more thorough understanding of their own purpose and goals in college as well as those of the University.

In order to progress satisfactorily through a degree program, students must have available not only accurate information about requirements and procedures tailored to individual educational needs, but also a knowledgeable and caring adviser capable of helping them to coordinate their educational and career objectives commensurate with their abilities. FYRST advisement should assist students in clarifying their life/career goals and their consequences by facilitating self-assessment and helping them to develop an education plan for the realization of these goals. Finally, FYRST advising should act as a referral service to other campus agencies, including the Office of Career Education and Development.

The faculty and staff of FYRST believe that students succeed academically by developing sound student learning, success strategies and attitudes in a challenging curricular environment. These habits are enhanced through extensive and positively intervening academic advising and learning assistance experiences.

Advisers
Each student at SRU is assigned to an academic adviser to assist them through their time in college. Advisers are available to help students understand the value of a liberal arts education, University policies and procedures for scheduling courses, calculating grade point averages and many other topics. They also provide information regarding proper campus resources in order to help students solve certain concerns. Advisers offer reliable materials about selecting a major related to student’s interests, goals and abilities.
Academic Course Load
A typical course load for a full-time undergraduate student consists of five to six courses. All students are encouraged to have a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours (credits) per semester.

Academic Dismissal
Students on academic suspension for the third time will be dismissed from the University. The student will be dismissed for at least three years, and after that time only special cases will be considered by the Academic Standards Committee. The ASC is comprised of assistants to the deans of each college and the assistant to the associate provost for enrollment services.

Academic Probation
Students are placed on academic probation at the end of any academic semester in which they earn less than a 1.75 cumulative grade point average with 16.1 to 32.0 attempted credits, or below a 2.00 cumulative grade point average with 32.1 or more attempted credits (including transfer credits and credits by exam).

Academic Suspension
FIRST TIME SUSPENSION: Students on academic suspension for the first time will not be able to register for, or attend, classes at the University for one semester. Summer Term and Winter Intersession do not count as a semester for suspension purposes.
SECOND TIME SUSPENSION: Students on academic suspension for the second time will not be able to register for, or attend, classes for two semesters. Summer Term and Winter Intersession do not count as a semester for suspension purposes.
READMISSION: Students who are placed on academic suspension for the first or second time and have an interest in returning to the University after sitting out for the one or two semester period will request readmission through the director of retention services.

SUSPENDED/DISMISSED STUDENTS: Students who have been suspended/dismissed may not register for courses offered any semester, session or term. A student will not be suspended/dismissed for academic reasons in any semester that he/she has been in good academic standing (i.e., not on probation); earned a 2.00 or higher semester GPA; or complied with his/her retention services contract.

Academic Warning
Students are placed on academic warning at the end of any academic semester in which they earn below a 2.0 cumulative grade point average with .5 to 16.0 attempted credits or earn a 1.75 to 1.99 cumulative grade point average with 16.1 to 32.0 attempted credits (including transfer credits and credits by exam).

Advanced Placement
Students may be granted credit through the College Board’s Advanced Placement program for scores of 3, 4, or 5. To receive credit for Critical Writing (ENGL 102), Calculus I (MATH 225), and Calculus II (MATH 230), a score of 4 or 5 must be earned. Students should have test results sent to the Admissions Office or Academic Records Office for interpretation.

Attendance
Faculty members determine attendance requirements for their classes. These requirements should be given to students in writing during the first week of classes. Students are expected to attend all class sessions of courses for which they are registered. Instructors are to make allowances for absences occasioned by illness, by authorized activities for the University and by religious holidays. Arrangements to make up work because of class absences are the students’ responsibility.
Change of Major/Minor/Concentration
Forms for changing majors/second majors/minors/concentrations may be obtained in the Offices of the Deans, Academic Records and Summer School, Advisement Center, and/or in any academic department.

Class Standing
Undergraduates are classified as follows:
Class standing-credit hours: freshman 0-29, sophomore 30-59, junior 60-89, senior 90 plus credits.

Concentration
A program of study in a focused area within an academic program (i.e., degree program, not a minor), consisting of a minimum of 12 semester credit hours for baccalaureate degrees and a minimum of nine semester credit hours for master’s degrees. Requirements for the concentration are included within the program of study for the academic major.

Corequisite
Something required concurrently with the course the student is enrolled in during the semester.

Course Levels
The following undergraduate course number system is used: 100-199 freshman level courses, 200-299 sophomore level courses, 300-399 junior level courses, 400-499 senior level courses.

Course Repeat Policy – Undergraduate Students
Undergraduates will be limited to a maximum total of six repeats during their entire SRU academic career.

In addition, repeats of a single course will be limited to a maximum of two. This means no single course may be taken more than three times. The most recent grades (regardless of whether it is higher or lower) will be the grade used in the student’s GPA calculation. Courses in which a student has withdrawn (grade “W”) will not be included in the University’s Course Repeat Policy.

Dean’s List
Undergraduate students who earn an adjusted semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a schedule of at least 12 newly earned credits will achieve the Dean’s List as long as their cumulative GPA is at least a 2.00. Student teachers may achieve Dean’s List status if they have earned 90 or more credits and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher at the end of the semester in which the student taught. P/NC courses will not be computed into the 12 credit-hour minimum.

Double Major/Degree
Students may declare a second major by completing a Declaration of Second Major form. The requirement for all majors must be completed prior to the awarding of the student’s first baccalaureate degree. Note that students may earn two majors with 120 – 149 total credits. Students must earn at least 150 credits to earn two degrees. Two degrees will only be awarded if they are different (e.g., B.S. and B.A.) The University will not award two of the same degree at the same Commencement ceremony.

Drop, Add and Withdrawal
DROPPING – students may drop courses using yellow drop/add cards or MySRU during the first eight days of the semester. Basic Requirement courses may not be dropped after the first eight days of the semester. New first semester freshmen students are not permitted to use MySRU to drop/add courses. They must use yellow drop/add cards.

ADDING – students may add courses using yellow drop/add cards or by using MySRU during the first eight days of classes. After the first eight days of the semester, students may continue to add classes through the end of the second week of the semester, but only by processing an add card with an instructor’s signature in the Office of Academic Records and Summer School.

WITHDRAWING – after the first eight days of the semester, students may no longer drop courses and must withdraw with a grade of “W.” Blue withdrawal cards must be used to withdraw from courses. For full semester classes, a “W” will be recorded as a grade through the end of the 10th week of classes. After that date, students may not withdraw from classes and will be held accountable for and graded on all coursework, exams, etc., assigned during the last five weeks of the semester. For classes that do not meet for the full semester, students may not withdraw after two-thirds of the class meetings have occurred. The student and his/her adviser and instructor must sign withdrawal cards. Students are not permitted to withdraw from Basic Requirement courses. Students taking off-campus or online courses do not have to complete a blue withdrawal card to withdraw from a course. They are to contact their professor notifying them of their intention to withdraw from the class. The professor, in turn, will notify the Office of Academic Records of the withdrawal.

“Free Elective” Courses
Students sometimes have very little understanding of what a “free elective” is and many students often ask, “What is a ‘good’ elective?” Electives are simply the classes that a student takes that are not part of the liberal studies program requirements or a student’s major or minor program requirements. The number of free elective hours a student needs to meet minimum graduation requirements varies by major and liberal studies program requirements.

Full-time Student
A SRU undergraduate student is considered full-time when enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in a semester.

Good Academic Standing
To be in good academic standing, undergraduate students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher. Several major programs have higher requirements.
**Grade Point Average Calculation**

The grade point average (GPA) is computed by dividing the total grade points earned by the total number of credits attempted.

For example, if a student earns the following grades in his or her first semester at Slippery Rock University:

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<th>Course</th>
<th>Credits</th>
<th>Grade Earned</th>
<th>Grade Points Earned</th>
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<tr>
<td>Intro to Psychology</td>
<td>3 credits</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>12 grade points</td>
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<tr>
<td>Critical Writing</td>
<td>3 credits</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>12 grade points</td>
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<td>FYRST Seminar</td>
<td>1 credit</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>4 grade points</td>
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<tr>
<td>Intro to Music</td>
<td>3 credits</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>6 grade points</td>
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<tr>
<td>Math as a Liberal Art</td>
<td>3 credits</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>12 grade points</td>
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- **Total grade points earned:** 46 grade points
- **Total credits attempted:** 13 credits
- **Semester GPA:** 3.53

Further explanation concerning the calculation of the GPA may be directed to the student’s academic adviser, the Advisement Center or the Office of Academic Records and Summer School.

**Grade Symbols and Grade Point Conversion System**

Grade points are assigned to letter grades, as follows:

- A = 4 grade points
- B = 3 grade points
- C = 2 grade points
- D = 1 grade point
- F = 0 grade points*
- UF = 0 grade points
- P = 0 grade points*
- I, IN, or X = 0 grade points**
- W = 0 grade points
- NC = 0 grade points**
- UN = 0 grade points**

*If a student receives a grade of “F,” credits are not earned, but this grade does not affect the student’s GPA.

**If a student receives an “I, IN, X, W, NC or UN,” credits are not earned and the grades do not affect the student’s GPA.

The “X” symbol means “no grade given.” This symbol will be used only in those rare situations when professors cannot assign students a letter grade or incomplete. The “X” symbol will not affect the students’ semester or cumulative GPA at the time it is given. However, the “X” symbol must be removed from the students’ record prior to the end of the students’ next semester of enrollment. Otherwise, it will be converted automatically to an “F” and will then be used in the students’ semester and cumulative GPA calculations. The “X” symbol cannot be extended beyond the students’ next semester of enrollment.

Incomplete (I or IN) grades must be completed within 12 months (or earlier at the professor’s discretion) or they will be converted to an “F” or “NC”.

The “UF” grade is a failing grade and will be treated the same as an “F.” It is used when a student has never attended or stopped attending the class.

The “UN” grade is a no credit grade and will be treated the same as an “NC.” It is used when a student has never attended or stopped attending the class.

**Honors Program**

Students who desire to enrich their educational experience at SRU should consider enrolling in the Honors Program. It is open to all qualified students regardless of major.

**Minor**

A minor is a set of courses that meet specific guidelines and is designed to allow a sub-major concentration in an academic discipline or in a specific area within a discipline. Students cannot major and minor in the same discipline/academic area. Students may declare minors at any time by completing a Declaration of Minor form.

**Part-Time Student**

A SRU undergraduate student is considered part-time when enrolled in fewer than 12 credit hours in a semester.

**Prerequisite**

Something required beforehand; “Beginning Algebra” is a prerequisite to “General Chemistry.” Many courses at Slippery Rock University have prerequisites that must be taken first. Read the course descriptions in the online University catalog.

**Semester Hour (or Credit Hour)**

Credit hours or semester hours are awarded based upon the amount of time spent in the classroom. A lecture class which meets 50 minutes a day, three times a week for a semester, is generally a three-credit course. Classes meeting twice weekly for an hour and 15 minutes are also three-credit courses. A slightly different formula is applied to studio art, laboratory, physical education, and dance courses. A minimum of 120 semester (credit) hours are required for graduation.

**University Catalog**

Students are responsible for knowing the rules, regulations, and policies that are stated in the academic catalog. The University catalog is only available online. The catalog website is catalog.sru.edu

**Academic Resources on the Web**

From any SRU webpage click on the “My SRU” icon or visit mysru.sru.edu
Slippery Rock University believes computer competency is an important outcome for any college graduate entering today’s marketplace. Computer competency has been a graduation requirement since 2008. SRU has a range of courses that will help students achieve computer competency during their collegiate careers.

The goal of this competency requirement is to ensure that students can effectively use computers and technology to succeed in an information-based society. The purpose of the competency test is to determine if new SRU students have already acquired the faculty-designed minimum level of computer competence.

First-year students will receive an email via their SRU email after attending an orientation session. All competency exams will follow each set of orientation sessions. Included in this email will be instructions for taking the Computer Competency Examination, offered through Desire2Learn. Students will receive notification of their scores immediately after each individual exam is concluded.

If students do not pass the exam, there are multiple courses available to improve competency, including:

- CPSC 100: Introduction to Computing for Liberal Arts (1 credit)
- CPSC 110: Computer Concepts (3 credits)
- CPSC 130: Introduction to Programming Information Systems (3 credits)
- PE 202: Technology for Phys. Ed. Teacher Education (3 credits)

Transfer students who have taken a computer class at their previous institution should check their “My Rock Audit” to see if they have fulfilled the requirement for SRU.
Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at Slippery Rock University is here to help your student with all aspects of financing their education. Education is one of the most important investments that your student can make and the required paperwork and complex decisions can sometimes be overwhelming. We have a variety of helpful tools on our website, www.sru.edu/finaid, that can help guide your student through the process. Have questions? We invite your student to make an appointment or stop by our office for answers and assistance.

Contact Information:
Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships
108 Maltby Avenue, Suite 107
724.738.2044
financial.aid@sru.edu

Student Accounts

The Student Accounts Office is a student service office where students and parents can pay all charges applicable to a student’s individual account, including: tuition, fees, room and meal plans. Payments can be made by check, money order or cash. Credit card payments are not accepted in the office. Payments can also be made online by logging into the Parent Portal and selecting “Student Account Billing and Payments (TouchNet)” or signing in directly to TouchNet. Online payment methods include: electronic check or credit card (Mastercard, Visa, Discover or American Express). A 2.75 percent convenience fee is applicable to all credit card/debit card payments. The Student Accounts Office also processes and disburses all excess financial aid to students by check or direct deposit. In addition to generating bills and receiving payments, the office also administers an institutional installment payment plan.

For more information please visit: www.sru.edu/studentaccounts
Student Employment and Work Study Positions

Q: How many jobs are on campus?
A: There are about 1,600 jobs in Slippery Rock University offices plus a few hundred jobs with AVI Fresh foods. Some of these jobs are 20 hours a week while some are limited service, such as taking tickets at athletic contests. There are about 8,800 SRU students, so there are enough jobs for a little under ¼ of our students.

Q: Will my student be able to find a job before they come to SRU?
A: Most campus offices have already hired and trained their student workers for fall so that they can start the semester fully staffed. Also with new state laws, all student workers have to undergo background checks and fingerprinting, just like full time SRU employees. So students cannot be hired until after they arrive.

Q: What if my student really wants a job for fall? Is there any chance they will find one?
A: While most SRU campus offices will be fully staffed for fall, AVI Food Systems, our campus food provider will hire a large number of new students. They typically have a hiring fair early in the semester. Even though AVI is not an official SRU office, they pay at the same rate and at the same frequency as campus offices. Seek out information on jobs at AVI when your family visits campus for orientation. While this is not a “work study” position accepting a job at AVI will not affect financial aid (please see questions and answers about work study, below).

Q: If my student works at AVI do they have choices as to where they work?
A: There are many work options with AVI (catering, Quaker Steak, Starbucks, Boozel Dining Hall, T&B Coffee, and many others). AVI is more flexible on hours than most campus-based offices. First semester students are mostly in class during the times when campus offices need workers; AVI needs people all day long and into the evenings.

Q: During my student’s first semester, how do they look for a job in a campus-based office?
A: To find a job, students must visit individual offices and ask the secretary or the director. Most (more than 95%) students who eventually earn a job in a campus office (other than AVI), will find their job in the second or third semester of their time at SRU. Campus offices like to hire second and third semester students because they are acclimated to the campus, and the office can keep them on-board for 3 years, which cuts down on training.

Q: Are there part-time jobs available near SRU?
A: Yes. For students seeking part time jobs near campus or at the Grove City Outlets, as well as students seeking internships and full time jobs, the Career Education office has a tool called SRU Career Connection (SRU CC). SRU CC is not intended as an on-campus job hunting tool. New students will receive access to SRU CC over the summer.

Q: My student’s financial aid award letter says “work study”. Does that mean that they are guaranteed a job?
A: Some students received a “federal work study” allotment on their financial aid award. This does not guarantee a job. What work study means is that SRU is reimbursed by the federal government for a work study student’s wages for up to the amount shown. So, SRU offices are somewhat incentivized to hire those students with work study allotments. Since campus offices will be mostly staffed for fall, most new SRU students who are looking for a campus office job will find their jobs for spring semester, beginning in October and November and will start working in late January. Again, if a student needs a job for fall, they should seek their job with AVI Fresh Foodsystems.

Q: Does work study mean that my student can study while they work?
A: “Work study” does not mean that your student can study while they are at work. Anyone working in a campus office must be professional and follow office procedures just like full time employees.

Q: Do my student’s work study wages come off of their tuition bill?
A: Work study wages do not come off of a student’s tuition bill. Work study wages are paid to the student, not to their student account. If a work study student wishes to use their earnings to pay on their account, they must do that with a check or debit card online or in the Office of Student Accounts.

Students’ Rights Under FERPA

A student’s rights with respect to their educational records are protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. The FERPA policy can be found in the Slippery Rock University catalog within the “Academic Policies” and “Records Privacy Policy” sections. FERPA is in place to protect the privacy of students. Parents and guardians have limited access to their student’s records, such as grades, billing, financial aid, class schedules and more. SRU cannot provide any information to anyone other than the student without prior written consent.

For more information, please visit SRU’s Student Consumer Information webpage at www.sru.edu/studentconsumerinfo
Honors Program

The Honors Program at Slippery Rock University continues to grow and develop. As such, the program is hopeful of being elevated to an Honors College on or before August 2017.

The Honors Program is an interdisciplinary community of selected highly motivated, talented and engaged students. It promotes academic excellence, personal growth and engaged learning within a community that is supportive, challenging and enjoyable. The Honors Program curriculum supports and enhances all academic majors and offers many benefits to students including up to 40 four-year scholarships and the opportunity for students to be involved with mentored research, conferences and leadership positions.

All Honors students complete at least one independent research or arts project while working with a professor in their discipline. Students are also encouraged to complete Honors Contract Courses that feature one-on-one, faculty-student mentored academic projects. With the financial support of the Honors Program, students are encouraged to present their undergraduate research at national and regional conferences.

In addition to focusing on mentored research and conferences, the Honors Program encourages students to create peer groups and friendships with their classmates. Partnering with Housing and Residence Life, Honors students are able to become members of the Honors Living Learning Community, where they can create a supportive community with fellow Honors students.

For more information, please see our website at: www.sru.edu/honorsprogram

SRU Community Volunteer Corps

The Slippery Rock University Community Volunteer Corp is a cohort of student leaders, under the auspices of the Center for Service, Involvement and Leadership. The cohort offers students the opportunity to participate in on-going community service programming that addresses critical needs in local communities. Involvement in the Corp helps to build students’ leadership skills and identities as engaged citizens. These service experiences help to facilitate a student’s intellectual growth, while encouraging them to foster a lifelong commitment to civic responsibility. In addition to local service, opportunities also exist on national and international levels through our CareBreak programming.

For more information, call 724.738.4937 or visit the Center for Service, Involvement and Leadership in the Smith Student Center.

International Study Opportunities
(Preparation for overseas study and travel)

While we know that your student just got to Slippery Rock University, we’d also like to send them away…to take advantage of our International Study Programs.

Opportunities exist in more than 25 countries and can range from a week to a full year. All have an academic focus, but also offer many opportunities for cultural and personal growth, in addition to seeing another part of the world. When the time comes for your student to apply for jobs and/or graduate school, s/he will have a competitive edge over students without a similar experience.

Some programs involve language acquisition such as French, Spanish, German, Japanese, Korean or Chinese. Others involve traditional classroom experiences (in English) in a variety of fields of study, as well as internships, student teaching and short-term travel programs.

Time and again, students have indicated that their study abroad experience was the highlight of their University experience. Annually, more than 500 SRU students take advantage of these opportunities.

Further information is available in
The Office for Global Engagement
002 Spotts World Culture

Contact by phone at 724.738.4016, or by email at theresa.thrower@sru.edu.
You can also visit our website at www.sru.edu/studyabroad or find “SRU Study Abroad” on Facebook and/or Twitter.
**Residence Hall Staff**

Each community has a live-in graduate residence director who assists the assistant director of residence life of each building in providing academic and personal assistance, supervising hall staff, advising house council, and responding to your student’s concerns and building emergencies.

Each floor community has a community assistant. Typically, this is an undergraduate student who is available to assist your student and the floor community to resolve conflicts, provide social/educational programming, as well as personal and academic assistance.

All residence hall communities also have a desk attendant staff, who provide 24-7 coverage at the front desk in each hall, assist with guest registration, printing services for academic work, checking out hall equipment, and assist with issuing keys/IDs if your student becomes locked out of their room.

**SRU Residence Halls**

2,800 students live in SRU Residence Halls and R.O.C.K. Apartments. There are several types of housing options available.

**Traditional Residence Hall**

North Hall and Rhoads Hall are traditional residence halls. Students can request several types of rooms, including:

- Triple suite (in-suite bath)
- Triple
- Double

**Residential Suites**

Building A, Building B, Watson Hall, Building D, Building E and Building F are residential suites. Rooms available include:

- Double Studio
- Double Suite

New students will most likely be assigned to double or triple occupancy rooms in the traditional halls or double occupancy style rooms in the residential suites*. New students are able to request a roommate, as long as the request is mutual.

*Some first year students may be assigned to other residential suite room types that are typically only available to upper-class students. This occurs when all of these rooms are not selected by upper-class students during their housing selection period. Housing and residence life does not accept requests for placement in these room types. Assignments are randomly generated based on vacancies available.

**R.O.C.K. Apartments**

Upper-Class students only

**Community Building Activities**

As a resident of Slippery Rock University residence halls, we want your student to find an environment that provides a place for them to grow as an individual. A large part of that development comes from learning how to express themselves in an assertive manner, as well as be observant of how their actions affect those around them. To help, their community assistant will periodically hold what we refer to as “Community Circles.” These circles offer a time for each resident to share things that are on their minds, concerns they have, as well as fun things they have found to attend or become involved with on campus.

Experience has shown that this direct sharing and communicating (without the use of cell phone or other technology) helps students to connect as a community, support each other and be good neighbors – the beginning of the road to good citizenship.

Remember, that this is your student’s new community. Encourage them to be involved, share their input and take an active role of keeping their community positive. Their opinion is valued, and they have the right to be heard.

**Educational and Social Programs**

All residence halls provide educational programs (topics relevant to college students) and social programs (opportunities to relax and enjoy time with other residents) throughout the year.

**Community Room Norms: Roommate/Suitemate Agreement**

Your student and their roommate/ suitemates will be asked to complete a roommate agreement within the first few weeks of their time living together. As a resident of the room, your student will have an opportunity to identify their preferences for study time, social time, guests, borrowing and sharing items, etc. Once they have done this, they will together agree on the “room norms” for the year. The community assistant will be available to assist with developing and revising room norms, as well as mediating roommate or suitemate conflicts that might arise later.

**Room Furniture**

All residence hall rooms contain the following items for each student: a bedframe, mattress, desk and chair, closet and dresser. The room is also equipped with a window blind, cable, and Internet access.

**Residential Suites**

The residential suites have one in-room bathroom for every two students, a snack preparation area with a refrigerator and microwave. Some styles of suites also have cabinets, closets and lounge furniture; including a sofa, chairs and end tables.

**Residence Halls: Access and Safety**

Each residence hall room has sprinklers, smoke detectors and a fire protection plan. Residence halls and R.O.C.K. Apartments windows, front and side doors are lockable 24-hours a day. Exceptions for front doors are made during regular business hours for two residence halls which house University offices and for selected requests for short periods during opening, closing, special events and academic classes.

Access to front doors and selected side doors is provided to residents through their University ID. Additionally, floor communities are locked and are accessible to residents only through their University ID. Guests of residence hall students are permitted in residence halls between 10 a.m. and 2 a.m., Monday through Friday, and between 10 a.m. Friday and 2 a.m. Monday. Guests must be registered with residence hall front desk staff and are only permitted to sleep in the room of a resident of the same gender during weekends and with the permission of the roommate(s).

Overnight guests must be at least 18 years of age unless special permission has been granted by the Office of Residence Life and only after the guardian has submitted an approval form which can be found on our website.

**Living Learning Communities at The Rock**

Living Learning Communities at SRU offer the opportunity for residence hall students to live with other students who share similar academic, career or personal interests. Research shows that students living in an LLC are more successful academically, socially engaged and more likely to persist. Students living in LLC are more successful academically, career or personal interests.

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Getting Ready for Residence Hall Living

Before your student arrives on campus

- Have a conversation with them about their first steps toward establishing their independence.
- When working with college students, the residence life staff will always take calls from parents, but will insist that the student attempts to ask his or her own questions or solve his or her own challenges.
- Agree about how your student will take the first steps to solving future challenges or asking questions once they arrive on campus. Students may find it helpful to use parents or guardians as an important resource for consultation regarding solving a problem and then take the initiative to solve the problem themselves. Some of a student’s first challenges on campus may include who puts their clothes away in their new room, setting up their room with their roommate and agreeing on room norms.
- Encourage students to share their mailing address, phone number and email with their friends and family. You can send your student a package for them to open their first weekend away or at any point throughout the semester.
- Remind students to pack lightly and look for creative storage options.

Living on campus provides a diverse community environment, where students will live among other students from varied religions, cultures, races and/or sexual orientations. Remind your student to keep in mind that living on campus with a roommate will be much different from living at home, but with an open mind and positive attitude they will quickly form friendships that will last a lifetime.

Move-In Day

WOW (Weekend of Welcome) volunteers will be available to assist with unloading vehicles.

Once the vehicle is unloaded, the driver will be asked to move it to a specified parking lot so others can unload. Prepare to have someone who can stay with your student’s items while they check-in and someone to move the vehicle once all items are unloaded. A shuttle service is available to and from parking lots. For more information about WOW, visit www.sru.edu/wow

A limited number of carts and dollies are available to assist with moving-in.

All buildings have elevators and stairs. Good planning can make check-in a smooth and easy process. Once your vehicle is unloaded, a student’s items should be moved from outside to inside. The WOW volunteers will assist you with this process. Please place your student’s name and room number on all boxes and belongings in case an item(s) gets misplaced.

Arrive at your scheduled time and date.

After July 1, students will be asked to log on to their MyHousing portal and choose a check in time. Please do not arrive early in an attempt to “beat the rush.” Arriving during the predetermined time will get students through the check in process quickly and efficiently.
Dining is an important part of the campus life experience. Studies have shown that eating a well-balanced meal helps students succeed in the classroom – good nutrition and good study habits go hand-in-hand. SRU Dining Services wants to make sure students get the best of both by providing a wide selection of food in its dining facilities. The convenience of a meal plan means students will have more time to concentrate on studies and activities; while being provided the opportunity to socialize and make friends. Each dining center is a destination with its own atmosphere and unique menu. We recommend that students visit all the dining operations to experience the great variety offered.

**Boozel Dining Hall**, located on the lower end of campus near the Smith Student Center is a contemporary dining facility featuring an open-kitchen and multi-station food courts offering hot entrees and ethnic foods; hot and cold sandwiches; pizzas and pastas; vegetarian entrees; soup/salad bars; fresh-baked breads and desserts; and a variety of beverages. For those with allergies and/or special dietary needs, there is also a food intolerance station. **Boozel Express**, in the lobby of Boozel Dining Hall, offers a hot or cold take-out meal option 24/7.

**Weisenfluh Hall**, located across from North Hall on the upper campus, features four dining concepts, including: Elia’ (coffee shop/gastro-pub menu); The Met (grill/healthy options); Horizons (international street fare and Mexican); and Umami (Pan Asian).

**Robert M. Smith Student Center**

Students can use flex funds, credit/debit cards, or cash to purchase items or meals at the following dining locations:

- **ROCKY’S**, located on the second floor, is a food court featuring Italian specialities and pizza, subs, wraps, chopped salads and grab-n-go items. Pizza delivery is provided to students on the meal plan (distance restriction for off-campus deliveries).
- **QUAKER STEAK & LUBE**, the first QSL operation located on a college campus, is adjacent to Rocky’s on the second floor. The popular chain restaurant features its famous wings, burgers and side dishes.
- **STARBUCKS**, a fully-licensed store, is located on the first floor next to the SGA Bookstore.
- **T & B Naturally Coffee Shop** is located in Bailey Library and serves 100 percent certified organic coffee, organic pastries and a variety of other items.

**Flatz Express at Watson Hall**, located in the residential village, offers a variety of breakfast items, individual pizzas, specialty coffees, bottled beverages, salads and sandwiches.

**Campus Drive Grill** is a food trailer parked adjacent to the North Hall lawn. Students on the go can choose from a selection of sandwiches, soups, salads, fresh-cut french fries and more. Students can use a meal or pay for their purchases with flex funds or cash.

Dining operations are open from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m., Sunday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Hours are subject to change.

For additional information regarding meal plan options, call: 724.738.2038.

**Food Allergies and Special Dietary Needs**

The eight major food allergens are labeled in the dining facilities: tree nuts, peanuts, fish, shellfish, dairy, eggs, soy and wheat. Boozel Dining Hall provides a separate service line for those with allergies and/or special dietary needs. A dietician is on campus twice a month – more frequently if needed – to review the dining operations, provide educational sessions and conduct personal consultations with students. Students who are required to follow a medically-prescribed diet must provide documentation from their physician.

**Meal Plans**

The meal plans at SRU offer the most convenient way to take advantage of all the features of our Dining Services program. Visit [www.sru.avifoodweb.com](http://www.sru.avifoodweb.com) for a complete list of the meal plan options.

Meal contracts are for one semester and provide a designated number of meals per week or per semester (block plans). A week begins with Monday breakfast and ends with Sunday dinner. Any meals remaining at the end of a week will not be refunded or carried into the next week. Students may use up to four meals per day; however, there is no refund of any unused meals. Students also have five Bonus Meals per semester to use for friends and family who may want to dine with them. Bonus meals are not redeemable at retail locations.

**Flex Fund**

Most meal plan options include a Flex Fund account with a predetermined dollar minimum. Off-campus students may contract for a Flex Fund only plan, a debit account that can be used for purchases at any of the food service operations. Unused Flex Funds will carry over from fall to spring semester if a spring meal contract is signed. All Flex Funds must be used by the end of spring semester. The Flex Fund may be increased at any time throughout the year at [www.sru.edu/dining](http://www.sru.edu/dining).

Students living in University residence halls are required to contract for a meal plan and will automatically be enrolled in the 15-meal plan/$355 Flex Fund. Students have a two-week grace period at the beginning of each semester during which they may change their meal plan. Off-campus, ROCK Apartment and commuter students may choose from any of the meal plans.
University Police. It is divided into two sections, Police headquarters. The blotter is a chronological informed, SRU Police have established a police in an attempt to keep the campus community assuring an accurate statistical count of crimes. 

The sharing of information follows federal and University members is, therefore, shared with the SRU of a criminal nature concerning Slippery Rock agencies to perform more efficiently in an effort to relationship enhances the ability of law enforcement working relationship with PSP, borough police, as well State Police (PSP). The SRU Police have an excellent SRU officers assist them in emergency situations. Slippery Rock Borough has a police department and half in Slippery Rock Township. They are also recertified annually, as required, in first aid and CPR, haz-mat, blood-borne pathogens, and OC spray. The officers must qualify with their firearms and auxiliary weapons three times each year. Slippery Rock University is situated half in Slippery Rock Borough and half in Slippery Rock Township. Slippery Rock Borough has a police department and SRU officers assist them in emergency situations. Slippery Rock Township utilizes the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP). The SRU Police have an excellent working relationship with PSP, borough police, as well as all other law enforcement agencies. This working relationship enhances the ability of law enforcement agencies to perform more efficiently in an effort to provide a safe community. SRU Police work closely with the Slippery Rock University Student Judicial System. Information of a criminal nature concerning Slippery Rock University members is, therefore, shared with the SRU administration and/or the student judicial system assuring an accurate statistical count of crimes. The sharing of information follows federal and commonwealth law.

In an attempt to keep the campus community informed, SRU Police have established a police blotter, which is open for public review at SRU Police headquarters. The blotter is a chronological summation of crimes reported to Slippery Rock University Police. It is divided into two sections, crimes and arrests. Media, as well as the general public, may view this information. SRU also alerts the campus community of the occurrence of certain incidences which may pose an ongoing threat. Alerts are posted in residence halls, public bulletin boards, entrances to campus buildings, etc. Electronic communications are also utilized, including e-mails and those who register for E2Campus alerts. 

Public information concerning individuals registered pursuant to “Commonwealth Sex Offender Registration Statute” may be obtained by going to the Pennsylvania State Police website: www.psp.state.pa.us

SRU Police and Campuswide Safety

Below are a list of safety measures and services that SRU Police provide to students.

**BLUE LIGHT TELEPHONES**

Slippery Rock University is equipped with outdoor emergency “blue light” telephones located throughout the campus. The E-phones are used for emergencies and immediate contact with University Police.

**METIS ALERTING SYSTEM**

Slippery Rock University is equipped with the Metis Alert System, an emergency notification and communications system that is installed in all academic buildings and the Robert M. Smith Student Center. Press the “Help” button and this system communicates emergency information independently to the University Police. Slippery Rock University can also use this system to inform faculty and staff if there is an emergency that requires early dismissal, such as dangerous weather.

**THE CRIME PREVENTION TEAM**

University Police Department offers a variety of crime prevention and safety training programs to all students and staff. Programs may be requested by fraternities, sororities, faculty, staff and student organizations. Please call University Police at 724.738.3333 to request a program.

**E2CAMPUS ALERTS**

In an effort to better disseminate emergency information, SRU’s new emergency text messaging system will alert students, faculty, and staff during, before and after emergencies and immediate contact with University Police. SRU Police provide to students.

**A victim of interpersonal violence or someone who is aware of a victim may report an incident to any of the following:**

- Slippery Rock University Police, 145 Kiester Road - 724.738.3333
- Emergencies off campus - 911
- McLachlan Student Health Center charge nurse, Rhoads Hall - 724.738.2052
- A graduate-in-residence is located in each residence hall.
- A counselor in the Counseling Center, Rhoads Hall - 724.738.2034
- Director of Student Conduct, Old Main - 724.738.4985
- Executive Director of Student Health and Wellness, Old Main - 724.738.2728
- Executive Director of Student Development, Robert M. Smith Student Center - 724.738.2525
- Women’s Center, Robert M. Smith Student Center - 724.738.2992

Victims of crime at Slippery Rock University have several options in the pursuit of remediation. They are as follows:

- Criminal prosecution
- Disciplinary actions through Conflict Resolution Services
- Human Resources
- Civil action
- Or a combination of the above

Police services are available 24/7/365. Students may talk to an officer directly at the dispatch desk in police headquarters on Kiester Road (Across from Old Thompson Field), or an officer on patrol (we utilize vehicle, bicycle, and foot patrols). Individuals may contact us online at www.sru.edu/police or by phone at 724.738.3333.
Responsible for a variety of campus safety initiatives, the Department of Environmental Health and Safety works to ensure Slippery Rock University is in compliance with applicable federal, state and local legislation related to occupational safety and environmental health matters. EHS collaborates with University Police during emergency incidents and planning, and Facilities and Planning to facilitate maintenance, renovation and construction projects to ensure activities are performed in a safe and compliant manner. Working in conjunction with University officials, EHS recommends policy and procedure development for safety, risk management and emergency preparedness; promotes a safe and healthy work place; and encourages proactive measures towards sustainability and environmentally responsible programs.

Some of the many programs for which EHS is responsible for the management and oversight of include:

- General safety and environmental compliance
- Accident reporting
- Emergency management and preparedness
- Fire safety and prevention
- Hazardous materials and chemical safety
- Planning for campus renovation projects
- Recycling
- Risk management and insurance
- Workers’ compensation

For detailed information about EHS and University safety and health programs, visit: [www.sru.edu/EHS](http://www.sru.edu/EHS) or call 724.738.2055.
The award-winning Robert N. Aebersold Student Recreation Center (ARC) is distinguished by its unique design, which includes a series of pyramid-shaped skylights. The layout of the facility is functional as well as aesthetically pleasing. The ARC provides programming opportunities for aquatics, rock climbing, intramural sports, informal recreation, fitness, wellness, outdoor adventures, group fitness, sports clubs and educational adventures that stimulate, satisfy and educate students.

The 82,000 square foot facility includes:

- 40-foot tall climbing wall leading to the main skylight
- Russell Wright Fitness Center which offers numerous fitness and wellness avenues for students to enhance their physical well-being; more than 100 pieces of cardio, selectorized and plate-loaded equipment; as well as a free weight area
- 22,000 square-foot gymnasium featuring four courts for basketball, volleyball, badminton and pickleball
- 3,428 square-foot aquatic center that provides water space for lap swimming, aqua aerobics, water basketball and water polo
- 200-meter indoor track for running and/or walking
- 1,100 square foot multi-purpose recreation room/classroom that can be utilized for small recreational programs, group fitness and safety certification classes
- Multiple activities court used for group fitness classes, indoor soccer, floor and roller hockey

The ARC provides students with on-campus employment opportunities to develop good work ethic, strong leadership abilities and personal responsibility as officials and field/court supervisors. Student employment is available in the Russell Wright Fitness Center, pool and group fitness, as well as facility operations.

An SRU ID is required to access the ARC and to participate in intramural sports.

Dr. James McFarland Recreational Sports Complex (The MAC)
The MAC consists of six lighted fields (four multi-purpose and two softball fields), a rugby field and the dek hockey rink, surrounded by a walking path. The complex is available for informal use by SRU students. The MAC is also used for all scheduled outdoor intramural sports, some sport club events and student club/organization activities. It is also available for summer rentals and adult sports leagues.

Ski lodge/campground
Campus Recreation also manages and schedules the use of the ski lodge and an 18-site campground. Reservations are accepted for student organizations and academic departments, as well as community. Campsites are available for rental by parents, friends and students.

Disc golf links course
An 18-hole, on-campus course with “holes” starting behind Building F. The course, which played host to the 2015 World Pro Disc Golf World Championship, is open to anyone.

Campus Recreation Programs

Group fitness classes
Campus Recreation offers free group fitness classes geared toward improving cardiovascular health and body composition. A variety of classes are offered throughout the year. Classes typically include: aqua fitness, boot camp, high/low, hip-hop, pilates, step, yoga and Zumba. A complete schedule of classes is available at the Welcome Center or online at: www.sru.edu/arc
Special Events
Mr. and Ms. SRU
A competitive bodybuilding and fitness show for male and female student participants. Interested persons meet during the fall semester to plan for this spring event at which more than 45 competitors vie for titles. For more information on this program, contact Brian Mortimer at 724.738.4413.

HealthFest
This annual fall semester event features more than 100 health-related exhibits, screenings and displays. “In the Pink: Stride for a Cure” breast cancer awareness walk is held in conjunction with HealthFest to raise the awareness of breast cancer.

Mini-triathlon
Sponsored by Campus Recreation and consisting of a 400-yard swim, 10.5 mile bike ride and a 2.5 mile run. The event is co-sponsored by the triathlon and cycling clubs.

“Race to Anyplace”
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society sponsored stationary bike race hosted by Campus Recreation in the spring. The event serves as a fundraiser for LLS and sees participation from more than 30 campus teams each year. For more information, visit: www.sru.edu/arc

Sport Clubs
Bridging the gap between intramural and intercollegiate athletics by providing competition at specialized levels, sports clubs participate in a variety of tournaments. Each club is formed, developed and governed by its student members. The Sports Club Federation hosts an annual leadership summit for club officers/members to review club rules, by-laws and constitutions and to learn more about travel policies, incident/injury reports and accounting processes. A complete listing of current sport clubs is listed on the ARC website and at: www.imleagues.com/SRU

Outdoor Adventures
Programs are offered throughout the academic year including backpacking, canoeing, white water rafting, indoor and outdoor rock climbing, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, indoor kayak clinics and caving. The programs provide for both introductory and advanced activities for students in an economical and educational manner. Day trips and weekend adventures are also offered. The OA program also includes the informal usage of the rock climbing wall in the ARC. The wall is open for bouldering throughout the day and for informal rope climbing with trained staff provided between 3-9 p.m. each day throughout the academic year.

Aquatics
The aquatics program offers daily informal usage of the handicapped-accessible, six-lane pool. Lap and open swim is available, as well as aquafit classes. Water polo and water basketball are also played in the pool area. Fully equipped locker rooms are available.

Intramural Sports, Sport Clubs, Outdoor Adventures and Aquatics

Intramural Sports Program
The program offers a variety of coed individual and team sports during the fall and spring semesters either at a competitive MUG or recreational T-shirt level. Visit www.imleagues.com/SRU for details, registration deadlines and team meeting dates.
BAILEY LIBRARY

The Bailey Library is a crucial resource for SRU students. The building has three floors with different environments:

**FIRST FLOOR:** computer lab, group and independent study areas and offices related to student services such as Academic Advisement, Career Center, Tutoring Center and the Writing Center

**SECOND FLOOR:** computer lab and group meeting rooms

**THIRD FLOOR:** computer lab, quiet study areas for uninterrupted, intense, independent study and archives

To access Bailey Library’s virtual resources from a remote location, students will need their University ID or SRU network username and password. They will be prompted for this information when they log on. If students experience difficulty logging in, they should contact Kathleen Manning at: kathleen.manning@sru.edu or call the library at: 724.738.2637

LIBRARY HOMEPAGE AND SERVICES

[www.sru.edu/library](http://www.sru.edu/library)

From this page, students can access the library catalog, journal articles and databases, resources by subject, research guides and library services and information.

**Research Help**

Ask a librarian

Call: 724.738.2641

Email: askalibrarian@sru.edu
Why Career Education and Development?
When students visit the Career Education and Development Office, they will always learn something about themselves or about the world of work; that is the “education” part. But what about “development?” It is so important that students develop professionally, inside and outside of the classroom. Our office serves as a sort of window through which students can view the professional world. We work with more than 2,000 employers each year, so the information that we provide students is current, factual and aligned with today’s world of work.

Encourage your student to use Career Education and Development
No one talks to students more than their parents, guardians and mentors. We know that and encourage “the power of home” in recommending that students visit CED for major and career exploration; first year resumes; academic minor choices; attending career fairs and alumni networking events; and building an effective online presence. Later in their academic careers, we will work with students on things like cover letters, mock interviews, graduate school applications and job search strategies.

Services provided to all SRU students include:
• Administration of standardized tests required for teacher certifications, admission to graduate schools and professional licenses
• Assistance with cover letters, resumes, interview skills and creating job search strategies
• Career coaching
• Career fairs
• Networking support
• On-campus interviews by employers seeking entry-level professionals or interns
• Part-time work opportunities

Major Career Events available for first year and transfer students include:
• Accounting Career Day
• The SRU Fall Career Expo
• WestPACS Job and Internship Fair
• Fall Teacher Professional Development Day and Job Fair
• Backpacks to Briefcases
• The Social Sciences Career Expo
• Chem/Geosciences Professional Preview
• The Summer Job and Service Expo
• Rocked and Ready: The Senior Transitions Conference
• PERC – The Pittsburgh Education Recruitment Consortium

NOTE ON PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION AND JOB SEEKING:
Today’s job market demands that students build their network, so our programming options are designed to provide opportunities for all students to expand their professional network during all four years of study. Moreover, CED is visited by more than 3,500 students each year for advice on major choice; career path; job and internship search strategies; LinkedIn use; resumes; cover letters; mock interviews; career fair preparation; graduate school applications; and much more. All services are free for SRU students and alumni.

CED also maintains a career management system – SRU Career Connection – that contains thousands of jobs and internships posted just for SRU students and alumni. The office has also added services for those who plan to seek employment opportunities abroad, through its new GoinGlobal tool.

CED is highly engaged with SRU faculty. As a result, hundreds of students each year will have career related assignments that they must complete for their major. At SRU, we are very serious about building parallel career and academic experience.
THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES
105 University Union, 724.738.4877

The Office of Disability Services provides accommodations and services to ensure equal access to education as intended by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Services include assistance with, but not limited to, the following disabilities: learning, physical, hearing, vision and/or psychological.

The following are examples of disabilities that are covered by the above laws:
- ADD/ADHD
- Ambulatory
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Emotional/psychological impairments (bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety, etc.)
- Hearing impairments
- Learning disabilities (dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, etc.)
- Medical health (cardiac disease, diabetes, arthritis, cancer, seizure disorder, etc.)
- Physical/mobility impairments
- Traumatic brain injury
- Visual impairments
- Wheelchair

Students must identify themselves and provide appropriate documentation to be eligible for services. Upon acceptance to SRU, students are encouraged to meet with the director of disability services to determine the accommodations that they will need.

Services may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Enlarged print
- Extended test time
- Interpreter
- Note-taker
- Separate test location
- Taped texts or books on tape
- Test reader
- Test scribe and/or use of computer

The Office of Disability Services is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, visit: www.sru.edu/swd

OFFICE FOR INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE
234 Robert M. Smith Student Center, 724.738.2700

Our Vision
The Office for Inclusive Excellence creates opportunities for all students to excel at Slippery Rock University and beyond. Grounded in the Social Change Model the office offers programs and opportunities designed to create productive campus citizens who can effectively work with others and bring about positive social change.

Our Mission
The Office for Inclusive Excellence is established in an understanding of diversity that welcomes people of all abilities, ages, ethnicities, genders, nationalities, races, religions, spiritual traditions, socio-economic classes, and sexual orientations. Our goal is to practice inclusive excellence so that it is implemented and accomplished consistently throughout the institution.

Our Goals
- Provide mentoring and coaching designed to offer academic and social support, build individual capacity and self-efficacy, and connect students to the University community
- Create opportunities for all students to explore and celebrate cultures and identities in a safe and supportive atmosphere
- Give voice to the needs of students while teaching them to be positive advocates for change
- Advocate for and support the holistic development, persistence, and achievement of multicultural students
- Encourage the development of academic, leadership, and cultural identity competencies among members of the Slippery Rock community
- Collaborate with campus and community constituents promoting inclusivity and respect to issues regarding pluralism, race, class, gender, and sexual orientation

Jump Start Program
The Jump Start Program at Slippery Rock University has proven to be an effective tool in the recruitment and retention of a diverse student body. Designed to serve as a transition program, Jump Start assists students with their acclimation to life here on campus, both academically and socially. Students are provided early access to departmental faculty and advisors to discuss course preparation and career exploration. The Jump Start Program also pairs participants with mentors, facilitates areas for studying, as well as offers life skills workshops throughout the year.

Each participant of the Jump Start Program is paired with an upperclassman student based on their major and/or common interests. Jump Start Study Tables are held on a weekly basis and seek to provide an atmosphere where participants can study and complete homework with the assistance of their mentor. A series of workshops held throughout the year focused on leadership, time management, personal development, and study skills, which aid students academically and socially.
COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT
SRU Counseling Center
Rhoads Hall 724.738.2034

The Student Counseling Center is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services. Our faculty includes licensed psychologists and/or licensed professional counselors with earned doctorates, including a drug and alcohol counselor.

The SCC supports and promotes the psychological, academic and holistic health of SRU students. To accomplish this, the counseling center provides the following services:

- Counseling to students through the developmental, social adjustment, academic preparedness and psychological challenges and opportunities they face during their decisive college years
- Short-term counseling, implements programming on issues relevant to students to enhance their personal growth, assists during crisis situations and is a resource for referral to both on campus and community-support services;
- A safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment for all students
- Wellness through programming, training and consultation to the University community

Services
- The Student Counseling Center provides high-quality individual and/or group counseling and evaluation services to students who may be experiencing psychological, behavioral or learning difficulties, in accordance with current professional, ethical and legal standards
- The Student Counseling Center provides programming to meet the developmental needs of students to maximize their potential and to benefit from the academic environment/experience. It shall promote development by encouraging positive and realistic self-appraisal, intellectual development, appropriate personal and career choices, the ability to relate meaningfully with others and the capacity to engage in a personally satisfying and effective lifestyle
- The Student Counseling Center offers consultation and education services to the University so as to promote mental health and a living/learning environment that is conducive to emotional, intellectual and physical growth

In the event of an after-hours emergency, students can contact: Health Services at 724.738.2052 or University Police at 724.738.3333. For more information, visit: www.sru.edu/counseling

Services provided free of charge to enrolled SRU students include:
- Individual and/or group counseling;
- Alcohol & other drug program assessment;
- Crisis intervention and emergency services;
- Referral services;
- Educational and outreach activities;
- Consultation services; and
- A proactive approach

Concerns addressed may include, but are not limited to:
- Adjustment
- Relationship concerns (romantic, roommate, family and friends)
- Low self-esteem
- Communication skills
- Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual concerns
- Academic or learning difficulties
- Stress/anxiety
- Alcohol or drug use, misuse and abuse
- Test anxiety
- Eating disorders
- Depression
- Grief
- Abuse issues (physical, sexual, emotional)
- Victimization

Other reasons someone might want to see a counselor:
- Frequently missed classes
- Eating disturbances; appetite loss or compulsive eating
- Sleep disturbances, insomnia or excessive sleeping
- Inability to concentrate
- Unexplained tearfulness or emotional outbursts
- Social withdrawal
- Restlessness or irritability
- Significant behavior changes
- Change in academic performance
- Alcohol and/or drug abuse
- Confusion or thinking disturbance

Thoughts, comments and threats of suicide should always be taken seriously. Most individuals request counseling of their own volition. Some individuals need encouragement from friends, residence hall staff, professors, academic advisors, administrators or family. Parent support materials are available on the Counseling Center website at: www.sru.edu/counseling-resources
The mission of Student Health Services is to enhance the educational process by providing quality health care and promoting an optimal level of health and wellness among the student body.

The Student Health Center is professionally staffed by a physician, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, a certified health education specialist and clerical staff experienced in assisting college students with their health needs. It was the first health center in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to receive national accreditation through AAAHC. The Health Promotion Program serves to enhance the educational process by promoting an optimal level of wellness, which is vital to your student’s academic success.

Student Health Services is available 24/7 during the academic year, with physician and nurse practitioner appointments available from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Services include:

- Registered nurse evaluation;
- Treatment and management of acute and chronic illnesses;
- Medical services appointments;
- Sexual health services including sexually transmitted infection screenings;
- Birth control;
- Pregnancy testing;
- Safer sex supplies;
- Medications;
- Immunization and allergy injections;
- Flu shots; and
- Other services

Students also have access to nursing observation areas for overnight care, van transportation to local referral providers and local ambulance service if needed.

To be eligible for treatment, students must be currently enrolled in classes at SRU and have paid the student health fee. Students should submit their health history and immunization information via the Student Health Portal at studenthealthportal.sru.edu before arriving on campus. For more information, visit www.sru.edu/shs

PARKING AND ID CARD OFFICE
102 University Union, 724.738.4785.

ID Cards
A student’s SRU ID card is their key to many services on and off campus, including: residence hall access for those students living on campus, admission ticket to the dining facilities, sports events and other campus activities.

ID cards can also be used as identification for cashing checks at the SGA Bookstore or in town and to check out materials from the library. ID cards are personalized with each student’s photo in order to prevent usage by another person if lost or stolen.

A student ID card may also be linked to a PNC bank account, allowing the ID card to act as a PNC debit card.

Students should contact the ID Card Office if they have questions regarding their student ID card or to report/replace a lost or stolen ID card. The fee for a lost or stolen ID card is as follows: first replacement, $15; second and subsequent replacements, $20.

Each academic year, the first two damaged ID cards are replaced for free, if the damaged ID is presented at time of replacement. Additional damaged ID card replacements within the same year are $10, if the damaged ID is presented at time of replacement. For more information visit www.sru.edu/IDcard.

Parking and Traffic Regulations
All parking at SRU is by permit. All parking lots are marked with signage designating if the lot is residential, commuter or staff parking. A color coded parking map is also available online at: www.sru.edu/parking. At SRU, freshman are permitted to park on campus.

Purchasing SRU student/staff parking permits, payment of parking tickets, filing parking ticket appeals and managing your parking information can be completed online at: www.sru.edu/parking. The Parking Office is located in the University Union, Room 102. The office is open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. After 4 p.m., students or guests may visit the University Police Station to obtain a temporary or visitor parking permit.

Strict enforcement of designated parking areas will occur between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. During weekend and evening hours, all designated parking lots are considered open to the public. Penalties for parking violations range from $30 to $200 depending on the violation. For complete parking and traffic regulations, visit: http://www.sru.edu/Documents/offices/parking/Parking_Traffic_Regulations.pdf.
TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUS

Computers
When trying to decide which type of computer to bring to SRU, students should consult with the department/college in which their declared major is housed. Clarification on specific software requirements related to the major may aid in the decision. As always, choose a personal computer or laptop based on the needs of the student.

Be aware that SRU is unable to complete repairs to student computers. If a student is in need of such services, they will need to contact a repair shop to have such work completed.

The Help Desk
The Help Desk at SRU is dedicated to providing quality technical support for your student. Assistance is available for the following:

- Password problems
- Email questions
- Desire2Learn (D2L) access and assistance
- Limited applications assistance
- Lab locations
- Channel 68 advertisement

SRU’s Help Desk is located at the Maltby Center, Room 104. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact the Help Desk at: 724.738.HELP (4357) or helpdesk@sru.edu.

HAPPY BUS
Slippery Rock University’s Student Government Association provides all SRU students with access to on and off campus transportation via two “Happy Buses.” Daytime routes are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

One bus makes continuous loops of the campus, while a second bus circles off-campus locations including: Pine Glen, The Grove and University Village. A third daytime bus route takes students to off-campus locations such as Giant Eagle, The Heights, Subway and many more.

An evening route, offered from 4:30-9 p.m., Monday through Friday, makes on and off campus runs.

There is also a late night route, 9:40 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., Fridays and Saturday. Students can call: 724.698.2049 to determine the location of the bus.

The Happy Bus also takes shopping trips to the Clearview Mall, Target and Walmart in Butler. Students may find dates for these trips on the SGA website at www.srsga.org/happy-bus.
Student Services

Center for Service, Involvement and Leadership (CSIL)

234 Student Center, 724-738-2092

OrgSync

OrgSync is a one-stop shop to involvement at Slippery Rock University. OrgSync is an online engagement network that connects students to organizations, programs, events and departments on campus. Learn about student clubs and organizations, find out what’s happening on campus, track community service initiatives and more. Check it out at www.sru.edu/orgsync

Greek Life

Greek life at SRU is committed to providing opportunities for leadership development, life-long fraternal friendship, campus involvement, philanthropic service and civility. The staff serves as a liaison between the collegiate chapters, alumni, national organizations and the community. Our campus currently hosts six sororities, seven fraternities and three National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations. Each organization is nationally affiliated, which allows our alumni to continue their involvement following graduation, enabling them to be associated with professional men and women throughout the country.

Student Organizations

The CSIL recognizes more than 200 student clubs and organizations that provide SRU students with a wealth of co-curricular opportunities to develop leadership skills, personal interests, social awareness and philanthropic consciousness.

Types of student organizations include:

- Academic
- Cultural
- Faith and spirituality
- Fraternities and sororities
- Honoraries
- Performance
- Publications and media
- Service and philanthropy
- Special interest
- Sports and recreation

To learn more about the specific organizations and other involvement opportunities, visit: www.sru.edu/orgsync

First-Year Leader Scholar Program (FLSP)

The FLSP empowers participants to become global citizens through engagement in leadership seminars, peer mentoring, community service and real life experiences. Students participating in FLSP will meet weekly with a group of other first-year students facilitated by peer mentors; undergraduate student leaders who have previously completed FLSP. Students are also provided early access to departmental faculty and advisors to discuss course preparation, leadership opportunities and career exploration.

Slippery Rock Student Government Association (SRSGA)

The SRSGA enhances the student experience through advocacy, programs and services designed to support the students of SRU. The SRSGA also serves as a governing body and funding source for more than 200 student organizations. Learn more at: www.srsga.org.

Services provided include:

- Child daycare center
- SGA Bookstore
- Vending operations
- Free legal counsel for students
- SGA shuttle aka “The Happy Bus”
- SGA movie series
- Student Safety Week
- Student life survey
- Off-campus housing information

University Program Board (UPB)

The UPB is a student-run organization that provides a variety of creative, educational, cultural and exciting entertainment programs for the SRU community. Students involved with UPB lead specialized committees that work to bring a variety of concerts, comedians, speakers, special events and community service opportunities to campus. Learn more at: www.srupb.com.

Homecoming

Each year, family and friends are invited back to SRU for Homecoming, a celebration of everything green and white! Student leaders, in collaboration with the SRU Alumni Association, plan a week-long schedule of festivities to promote school spirit and campus traditions. Events include: “Paint the Town;” the crowning of the Homecoming King & Queen; theme meals; alumni networking events; a parade; various sporting events; and more.
The Parent Portal gives authorized users viewable access to their student’s financial and academic information.

**PROXY ACCESS**

The assigned Proxy will be able to view student information such as mid-term grades; final grades; student class schedule; student account information; financial aid information. The Proxy will also be given permission by the student via the Passphrase (created by the student) to discuss viewable content with the offices of Academic Records and Summer School, Accounting Services and Financial Aid.

**FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)**

FERPA rules apply and the Passphrase does not permit the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office to disclose Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) information to non-custodial parents. Students must sign a Financial Aid Release of Information for the non-custodial parent to speak with financial aid.

**STUDENT: AUTHORIZE ASSIGNED PROXY**

Students (the account manager) may authorize parent(s) and/or guardian access to view specific student information within their own portal. For directions go to:
- [www.sru.edu/family](http://www.sru.edu/family)
- Click on Parent Portal
- Student instructions link

**PARENT: CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

Once the student has identified intended Proxy in MySRU, the Proxy may then create an account. To access complete step-by-step directions go to:
- [www.sru.edu/family](http://www.sru.edu/family)
- Click on Parent Portal
- Proxy instructions link

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**PARENT PORTAL**

**Proxy Authorizations**

Student may authorize the Proxy to access any or all of the following listed below (all records are hyperlinked):

**Financial Aid Information**
- Status of financial aid requirements
- Financial aid by aid year
- Award history

**General Information**
- View address and phone
- View email address
- View emergency contacts

**Registration Information**
- Registration status
- Look up classes
- Concise student schedule
- Week at a glance
- Student detailed schedule

**Student Academic Records**
- View holds
- Banner course catalog
- View student information
- Class schedule
- View application to graduate

**Student Account Information**
- Statement and payment history
- Account summary by term
- Account summary
- Student account billing and payments (Touchnet)

**Student Grades**—checking these boxes only permits your proxy to see your grades but not permission to discuss grades
- Midterm grades
- Final grades
- Grade details
- Academic transcript
Example of a Viewable Record:

Registration Status

If you have a hold that prevents you from registering, please click the "view holds" link at the bottom of the page. If your "academic standing" or "student status" prevents you from registering, please contact Academic Records at extension 2010.

You may register during the following times

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- Your Academic Standing is Good Standing which permits registration.
- Your Student Status permits registration.
- Your Class for registration purposes is Senior 1.

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Curriculum Information

Current Program
Bachelor of Science

- Level: Undergraduate
- Program: Geography-Appld Geo Tech (BS)
- Admit Term: Fall 2013
- Admit Type:
- Catalog Term: Fall 2013
- College: Coll of Health, Envrnmnt & Sci
- Campus: Slippery Rock University-Main
- Major and Department: Geography - Applied Geo Tech, Geography, Geology & Environm

Important Links and Contact Information

- www.sru.edu/family
- Click on Parent Portal link
- Scroll down on page to access Student and Proxy Instructions

If you experience any problems, please contact the IATS Help Desk

- Location: 104 Maltby Center
- Hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Phone: 724.738.4357 (HELP) or campus extension x4357
- Email: helpdesk@sru.edu
**Communication**

**STAY IN TOUCH**

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**Email**

All Slippery Rock University students are provided with an SRU email address. This is the only address to which the University will send SRU-related communications. The format of an SRU student email address is abc1234@sru.edu, which are the student’s initials followed by a randomized four-digit numeral.

**Regular Mail**

All students housed in SRU residence halls receive a mailbox. Mail that will not fit in the standard mailbox will be considered a package. When this occurs, an email will be generated to the student’s campus email address with detailed information as to where and when the student may pick up his or her package. The University receives U.S. Mail, FedEx, UPS and other courier services.

The mailing address for resident students should include:

Student name, student room number and residence hall name, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1326

For example:

Suzy Snowflake
591 Residence Hall A (or B, D, E or F)
or 591 Watson Hall
or 591 North Hall
or 591 Rhoads Hall
Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1326

The U.S. Postal Service has requested that all mail sent to students living in Residence Halls A, B, D, E and F use the exact format shown above. The word “Residence” must be spelled out, no abbreviations and the room number preceding it. It is not necessary to include “Slippery Rock University” in the address. Using this exact format will help assure that your student receives mail without delay.

Packages that are being sent through a carrier other than USPS may require an official street address. In those cases, “1 Morrow Way” may be used on the line after the student’s name. That address should only be used in cases where a street address is required. The room number/residence hall name line still needs to appear and be directly above the city/state/ZIP code line.

**Care Packages**

Sponsored by National Residence Hall Honorary, parents can send their student care packages throughout the year. Parents can choose the type of package they want to send and include a personal note. The success of this program helps SRU to support various student activities. NRHH will notify your student as to when and where to retrieve their Care Package. All unclaimed packages will be donated to charity if they are not picked up. For more information about the program, email NRHH at nrhh@sru.edu.

**Celebrate**

**Friends and Family Weekend**

Family and Friends Weekend is Sept. 16, 2017. SRU will host a variety of fun activities such as the Slippery Rock Student Government Association movie series, various SRU athletic events, ROCK the ARC and so much more. Slippery Rock VillageFest also takes place during this time. We hope to see you there!

**Slippery Rock VillageFest**

VillageFest is the annual fall festival held in downtown Slippery Rock. There are numerous vendors, community booths, carnival foods, games and live entertainment. This festival occurs the same weekend as Friends and Family Weekend. For more information, visit: www.slipperyrockpa.org/villagefest.
Communication
What to Expect During Your Student’s First Year

Fall Semester

August/September
- Beginning of college career
- Nervousness about starting at a new place
- Homesick – frequent communication with family
- Starting to get familiar with campus
- Join extra-curricular clubs and organizations
- Begin search for on-campus employment opportunities

October
- Nervous about exams and course load
- Figuring out ways to stay organized and complete all assignments
- Fall Break – relationships with family may change
- Think about housing situation for next school year
- Meet academic adviser
- Register for spring semester courses
- Utilize campus resources after receiving exam scores such as the Tutoring Center, the Writing Center, professor’s office hours, etc.

November
- Increase in workload before end of semester
- Homesick – ready for Thanksgiving break
- Begin preparation for final exams
- Understand campus and how to get around

December
- Stressed about final exams
- Excitement to go home for winter break
- Figuring out holiday break plans with family and friends
- Separation from new friends and campus life
- Looking for winter employment plans, volunteer hour opportunities and taking winter courses

Spring Semester

January
- Excited to return to campus to see friends
- Readjust to routine created during fall semester
- Continue making new friends

February
- Plan spring break vacations
- Uncertainty with major choice
- Utilizing more resources on campus after feeling comfortable on campus

March
- Stress and preparation for midterm exams
- Spring break – relax before second half of semester
- Feel comfortable with professors to ask for help
- Taking on leadership roles as campus involvement increases

April/May
- Register for fall semester courses
- Complete many assignments before finals
- Preparation for finals
- Excited to complete first year of college
- Leaving new friends for the duration of summer break
- Figuring out summer employment plans and/or beginning summer courses
Slippery Rock University is committed to a policy of affirmative action. Slippery Rock University assures an equal opportunity to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, creed, disability, ancestry, national origin, age, gender or veteran’s status in accordance with the state and federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Slippery Rock University provides students with a comprehensive learning experience that intentionally combines academic instruction with enhanced educational and learning opportunities that make a positive difference in their lives.
“It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.” — Ann Landers