Welcome Home

THE SWEET BRIAR BOOK
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Welcome Home

Welcome to Sweet Briar! I’m so glad you’ve chosen Sweet Briar as your home for the next four years.

This is an exciting time to be at Sweet Briar and you’re about to enjoy the benefits of everything we have to offer, now and into the future.

Before we get to the future, though, I want you to take a moment to celebrate all that you’ve already accomplished in getting to this point. You are all remarkable students who have achieved so much before you’ve even stepped foot on campus. You’ve led a variety of clubs and organizations, planned and coordinated community service activities, started businesses and non-profit organizations and much more, all while maintaining a high standard of academic excellence. You’re coming to us with a great set of talents and skills and a fierce determination to succeed. All of this will no doubt help you as you embark on this next phase of your life.

While you’re here, we will work with you to take the skills you already have and help you expand them into something spectacular. As you begin your journey with us, I know you are feeling a wide range of emotions—excited, scared, anxious, confident, etc., and all of them are perfectly justified. Over the next four years you’ll be able to shape your college experience into whatever you want it to be and leave us ready to take on the world.

One of the foundational theories of college student development teaches student affairs professionals to help students find a balance between challenge and support. At Sweet Briar you will be challenged, both inside and outside the classroom. You’ll be challenged to think critically, explore new ideas and create your own viewpoints on a variety of topics. You’ll be challenged to peacefully work through disagreements with friends and roommates, try a new sport, take on a leadership role. We will challenge you to give back to the community, live and work in a multicultural society and live independently. But as you face all of these challenges, you can be assured that we are here to support you. You are now part of a community that is fully committed to you and your success. The faculty and staff—and even your fellow students—will support you through the challenges that lie ahead to help you achieve your dreams.

This book is designed to provide you with useful information about Sweet Briar and what to expect in the year ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at studentlife@sbc.edu.

I now challenge you to fully engage in the college experience. Get involved and be a part of this amazing community. Embrace what is ahead, knowing that along the way, we will provide the support you need, because I know that with a little help, “there’s nothing that you cannot do.”

Kerry Greenstein
Dean of Student Life
Welcome new students,

My name is Ciara Kocik ’23 and I am the current SGA President. SGA stands for Student Government Association. We are student leaders that advocate for the needs of the student body, as well as the specific groups of constituents that we represent, such as different class years, special populations and more. By doing so, we enact change to help better the community.

This year, SGA has been restructured, which is a really exciting time in our student leadership history! SGA will now function similarly to how the U.S. government runs. The Sweet Briar Senate will now hear any community concerns that may occur and will be meeting regularly, so keep an eye out for those open meetings! All students are welcome to attend and share any concerns or ideas they have to continuously improve our student experience. Under SGA, we also have the executive branch, which is composed of various committee chairs and the judicial branch, which helps enforce and interpret Sweet Briar’s Honor Code in everyday life.

Myself, along with others on the SGA Executive Board, will be meeting regularly with members of Sweet Briar’s administration to share our ideas about how to make Sweet Briar the best that it can be! I also plan to hold office hours in the SGA office in Reid Pit, so feel free to stop by and say hi!

Welcome to Sweet Briar! We can’t wait to meet you.

Ciara Kocik ’23
SGA President
CHAPTER ONE
Preparing for Your Arrival and Life on Campus
You’re beginning a new stage in your life and we know you have lots of questions. We want to make your transition to Sweet Briar as smooth as possible, so we’re going to answer some of the most common ones.

**ACADEMICS**

How do I sign up for classes?
Dean Garrett’s office has sent you a first year academic handbook, as well as information about your faculty advisor. During the month of June you will have an opportunity to meet with your advisor virtually and sign up for classes. If you have any academic-related questions, please reach out to the dean’s office (dean@sbc.edu).

What should I do about my textbooks?
Your fall class schedule will be confirmed in July and you will be able to order textbooks and materials from the Sweet Briar online bookstore. More details are provided in your first year academic handbook.

**RESIDENCE LIFE**

When will I know where I’m living and who my roommate is?
New students will live in Meta Glass and Grammer residence halls. You should have received your housing assignment and can begin contacting your roommate to get to know each other and begin discussing what you’ll bring for the room.

What do I do if this is the first time I’ve lived with a roommate?
Learning to live with a roommate is part of the education process in college. We take great care in finding a compatible roommate for you. An adjustment period is common. Be respectful and open when you communicate with your roommate. If you need assistance in building a better relationship with your roommate, contact your resident advisor (RA) or resident coordinator (RC).

Can I move into my residence hall early?
No. You are expected to arrive to campus during an assigned time period to pick up your keys. More information about move-in will be provided later this summer. Don’t worry, you will have plenty of time to unload and set up your room. Until then, we’ll be hard at work getting campus ready for your arrival!

What should I pack?
All residence hall rooms are furnished with one standard—not extra-long—twin bed, dresser, desk and desk chair per resident. Some rooms have built-in closets or wardrobes, while other buildings have separate wardrobes and dresser drawers. All furniture found in your residence hall room must stay there during the year. There is no storage available to move these items out of the room.

You’re required to bring a waterproof mattress pad and a power strip with a surge protector. Here’s a partial list of other things you might want to consider bringing with you to campus. You can find a complete list at [sbc.edu/residence-life/what-to-bring](http://sbc.edu/residence-life/what-to-bring).

- A white outfit
  (worn during many of our traditions!)
- Towels
- Shower caddy
- Foam mattress topper
- Sheets
- Comforter
- Pillow
- Laundry bag
- Alarm clock (don’t rely on your phone!)
- First aid kit
- Bed risers
- Under-bed storage
- Bulletin or dry-erase board
- Trash can
- Academic planner
- Coffee maker (Keurig-style only, no exposed heating element)
- Flashlight
Students may choose to bring a small refrigerator (maximum capacity of 7 cubic feet) to campus, or to rent one on an annual basis from an outside vendor. The rental unit comes with a combination microwave unit which is the only approved microwave for use in the residence halls. Visit mymicrofridge.com if you’d like to place an order.

Of course, what you should NOT bring is just as important as what you should bring. Here’s a list of things you should leave at home:

- Pets
- Microwaves
- Cooking appliances
- Candles
- Extra furniture
- Halogen lamps
- Space heaters
- Water beds
- Hookahs
- Weapons
- Illegal drugs or paraphernalia

**PREPARING FOR THE TRANSITION**

**What should I talk about with my family before I leave?**
The first weeks of college can be tough, not just for students, but also for parents, family and others who care about you. You want to make sure you keep up communication with your loved ones, but also have plenty of time to spread your wings in this next part of your life. Here are some things you might discuss with them before you head to campus in August:

1. What expectations do you all have for touching base? For example, will you have a regular day and time of the week for a phone call? Do they expect you to respond right away if they text you?
2. What is it like to live with a roommate and in a shared community?
3. Do you have a spending budget for things like a t-shirt at the bookstore or food that is not included in your meal plan?
4. What expectations do they have about grades? Do they want to be able to see your grades?
5. Do your loved ones have advice for managing stress and how to stay healthy?

**What forms do I need to fill out before I come to campus?**
There are a number of forms you’ll need to fill out before you arrive on campus, including your new student information form, medical forms, and your new student housing application. All of these required forms and information will be housed in Canvas, Sweet Briar’s online learning management system, which you’ll also use for classes once the year begins. Please pay special attention to the deadlines in Canvas and stay on track with all of your requirements.

**Where should my family and loved ones stay when they’re helping me move in?**
Of course, the best place to stay is right on campus at the Elston Inn & Conference Center. You can reserve a room online at elstoninn.com or you can call the front desk at 434-381-6207 or toll free at 866-388-6207. Please mention that you are an incoming Sweet Briar student. If the inn is fully booked, there are some other places nearby. For a complete list, visit sbc.edu/about/where-to-stay.

**How will I make friends?**
During orientation, you’ll spend a lot of time with your fellow new students. There are a number of activities during that first week designed to help you get to know people and make friends. There are all kinds of ways to make friends at Sweet Briar: in your classes, through clubs, at social gatherings and more. Don’t be afraid to speak to others and ask questions! The first few weeks can be awkward, but soon enough you’ll find your niche.
BILLING AND STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

When will we get a bill and how do we pay it?
Your first tuition bill will come in early July and payment will be due on Aug. 5, 2022. You have several options available to you for paying your bill:

Pay online: https://sbc.edu/business-office/.

Mail checks to SBC, Business Office, PO Box 1051, Sweet Briar, VA 24595-1051

Look for an email from Nelnet Campus Commerce and click on the link to set up an optional monthly payment plan. Visit mycollegepaymentplan.com for more information about our payment plans.

If you have been awarded a scholarship or financial aid, that will appear on your bill as a credit. Your $250 deposit will also appear as a credit.

Here’s a sample bill to help you know what to expect when yours comes in the mail. It is your responsibility to send changes in your billing address to studentaccounts@sbc.edu.

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TO MAKE A PAYMENT ONLINE, GO TO: www.sbc.edu/business-office

All correspondence regarding this bill should be mailed to:
Business Office
P.O. Box 1051
Sweet Briar, VA 24595-1051

Financial Aid Memo items are pending credits due upon receipt of missing information
Financial Aid: 800-381-6156

Accounts not paid in full by due date are subject to a late fee.

Student Name: Daisy Williams
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AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL AID:
- Presidential Scholarship: 2,500.00
- Sweet Briar College Grant: 1,675.00
- Sweet Briar Merit Scholarship: 2,500.00
- Wythe Engineering Scholarship: 2,500.00

AUTHORIZED AID BALANCE: 9,125.00

MEMOED FINANCIAL AID: 0.00

**MEMOED FIN AID**

Sweet Briar College
Daisy Williams
Make check payable to Sweet Briar College. Please return this portion with your payment

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Are there options to work on campus?
Yes. If you’re interested in getting a job on campus, keep an eye on our student employment web page for the most up-to-date information about job openings on campus. The most successful applicants are those who show initiative by contacting the supervisor and submitting the application in a timely manner. All jobs on campus require a resume and cover letter, so you might want to work on those over the summer to be ready. You can also reach out to our Office of Career Services to receive assistance on developing your resume and cover letter. In order to work on campus, you will also be required to complete the on-boarding process through Paycom, our payroll system. During the on-boarding process, you will be required to complete the federally mandated employment verification process known as Employment Eligibility Verification Form I-9. The I-9 form confirms eligibility to work in the United States. In order to complete the I-9 process, the Office of Human Resources must view, in-hand, original documents of identification. Acceptable forms of identification are outlined on the last page of the I-9 form. If you have any questions about the employment verification process, please do not hesitate to reach out to Human Resources at (434) 381-6140.

CAMPUS SAFETY

How do I contact Campus Safety?
The Sweet Briar campus is very safe and we take great care in ensuring it remains so. Our campus safety officers are on duty 24/7. For non-emergencies, you can reach campus safety by dialing ext. 6144 from any campus phone or (434) 381-6144 from any phone. You can also submit information to the office using LiveSafe. For more information, visit sbc.edu/campus-safety/livesafe.

If you have an emergency, please dial ext. 6111 from any campus phone or (434) 381-6111 from any phone.

What is a Student I.D.?
Your student I.D. is your official college identification. It is required for access to essential campus services like dining, the library, some building access and laundry facilities. Students will submit a digital photo online over the summer which will allow us to have your I.D. card ready when you arrive. If at any time you need a new I.D., you can visit the campus safety office. There is a $20 fee for replacement cards.

Where do I park?
One way we keep our on-campus residents safe is by ensuring that everyone has a parking pass. If you plan to bring a car to campus, be sure to request a parking pass online by completing the Motor Vehicle Registration form on Canvas. This form will be available in mid-to-late July.

A parking pass costs $160 per academic year and the permit must be displayed at all times while on campus. Permits should be affixed in the lower left corner (driver’s side) of the rear windshield.

You may only park in designated student parking. Campus safety officers will issue tickets. Any student who is issued three or more tickets will be referred to the Student Judicial Committee.

In an emergency, how will Sweet Briar communicate with me?
Sweet Briar uses LiveSafe for its emergency communications. There’s an app for your phone and you can use it on your desktop. In the event of dangerous weather, emergency preparedness drills or other situations on campus, LiveSafe will send your updates and announcements with critical information. You can also use LiveSafe to request assistance from Campus Safety if you’re ill or injured on campus, as well as to keep friends and family aware of your location while you’re traveling or off campus. Note: The app does not track your location unless you ask it to.
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Does Sweet Briar offer recommendations or discounts on computers?
Current students can purchase a desktop or laptop computer through Apple or Dell at a discount. You can also get Microsoft Office 365 subscription for free while you’re a student. Visit sbc.edu/technology-services/purchase-hardware for information.

How do I connect to Sweet Briar WiFi?
Sweet Briar’s technology staff maintains an extensive wired and wireless network that includes all residence halls, public spaces and many outdoor locations. You can access the network using your SBC Online Services password. Please note that this password is different from your email password.

If you need assistance with accessing any of the SBC Online Services or SBC Wifi, please email helpdesktickets@sbc.edu or call (434) 381-6282.

MAILING SERVICES

Is there a post office on campus?
Sweet Briar has a post office right on campus, located on the first floor of Meta Glass Hall. The post office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:15 p.m. You can reach them by phone at 434-381-6176 or by emailing mailingservices@sbc.edu.

On most days, packages are processed by 9 a.m., although it can be later on busy days like Mondays, the day after a holiday and the beginning of the semester. FedEx and UPS packages are usually ready to pick up by noon. When you receive a package from the U.S. postal service, you will get a yellow card in your mailbox. You will get an email when you receive packages shipped by other carriers. If you are shipping something out, you should have mail and packages at the office by 3:45 p.m. for same-day processing. Please note that the Sweet Briar post office does not ship internationally, unless the customs forms are filled out online prior. In order to fill out forms online, you will need the weight of the package first. We are happy to weigh your package for you if you bring it to the post office. Once you have the weight, you can go online to https://cfo.usps.com/cfo-web/labelInformation.html and fill out the forms. When forms are completed, you will need to bring the three copies to the post office in order for us to complete the mailing process.

Important points to remember:

- The post office only accepts deliveries for packages with paid postage on them. They cannot accept deliveries from local florists, food vendors, etc.
- When placing an order, please include your first and last name. If a street address is required, you may use 134 Chapel Road, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. Do not use “Amherst or 24521.” This will cause your package to be returned to sender by the Amherst post office!
- Only official Sweet Briar mail and packages can be placed in campus P.O. boxes without postage.
- No UPS or FedEx packages can be accepted or delivered at the front counter per USPS regulations. Please come to the side door when picking up or shipping all non-USPS packages.
- UPS and FedEx do not deliver to 134 Chapel Road when the SBC post office is closed (e.g. Saturdays and SBC holidays).
Can I ship belongings to campus ahead of time?
Yes! Once you’ve received your Sweet Briar PO Box number, you can begin using that to ship and receive mail. If you are shipping via a carrier other than USPS (UPS or FedEx for example) please use 134 Chapel Road, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 as your shipping address. Be sure to include your first and last name. These items will be waiting for you when you arrive on campus and can be collected from the post office in Meta Glass.

DINING

Who should I contact regarding my dietary restrictions?
Meriwether Godsey provides dining services for Sweet Briar. They are committed to healthy, sustainable meals and regularly offer vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options. Because we recognize that each of our students may have individual needs, we encourage you to reach out to the staff in the dining hall to let them know if you have allergies or other nutritional needs. Visit sweetbriardining.com/dietary-needs to fill out a survey. You can also find weekly menus at sweetbriardining.com.

What are Flex Dollars?
All traditional undergraduates will automatically be given $200 worth of “Flex Dollars”. These funds will be electronically available on your ID card. Funds may be used for printing costs or food purchases in Daisy’s Cafe, including Daisy’s After Dark and the Byte refrigerator.

What is Sweet Cash?
In addition to Flex Dollars, students or families may load additional money, called Sweet Cash, onto their IDs for personal use by visiting the business office or online at sweetbriarcard.com. Sweet Cash can be used in the Book Shop, Daisy’s Cafe, Prothro, the Bistro and vending machines.

LAUNDRY

How do I pay for laundry?
Students can download an app that will preload $5 worth of laundry cycles for the year. Each wash or dry “costs” one cent. Each time a student uses the app, a penny will be taken off the starting amount. There are no free laundry machines, but there is no actual cost to students.

Laundry machines can be found in Dew residence hall, Meta Glass residence hall, the Vixen Den, House 5 and Patteson House.

ACCOMMODATIONS

What do I do if I need academic accommodations?
For academic accommodations, contact accessibility services at accessibility@sbc.edu. You can also find the accessibility services website at sbc.edu/accessibility-services.

What do I do if I need housing accommodations or an emotional support animal?
Sweet Briar recognizes the importance of providing reasonable accommodation in its housing policies and practices where necessary for students with disabilities to use and enjoy College housing. A reasonable accommodation is an exception to the usual rules or policies that a resident with a disability may need to have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy College housing.

On the Canvas on-boarding page, students will find links to our online forms to request specific types of housing or other accommodations like an emotional support animal. These requests typically require an official verification form from your doctor. Once all required documentation has been submitted, the College will review your request and follow up with any questions or approved accommodations.
CHAPTER TWO
What will happen in the first few weeks of school?
Starting college can be an exciting experience, but it can also be a little scary. Here’s what you can look forward to in the first weeks of school.

Important Dates

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What to Expect at Move-in

A student’s assigned move-in date and time will depend on if they are a part of a specific group such as international students, bridge program participants or Sweet Briar student athletes. Please refer to the information below and make note of your move-in date/time to make travel plans accordingly.

International Student Move-In

Arrival to campus on Aug. 11 is strongly recommended. If you are coming to Sweet Briar from another country and must arrive on Aug. 12, please contact Meghan Gladle (mgladle@sbc.edu) prior to making your travel arrangements. International students must attend the check-in on Friday, Aug. 12, in Wailes.

Move-in Dates and Times

Please arrive at the Wailes Building for check-in no earlier than your assigned check-in time.

Thursday, August 11 - Bridge Program Participants Arrive
Check-In: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Wailes Building, Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center

Friday, August 12 - New Athletes (all seasons) and International Students Arrive
Check-In: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Wailes Building, Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center

Saturday, August 13 - All Remaining New Students Arrive
Check-In: 8:30 a.m. – Noon
Wailes Building, Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center

This window of time is for check-in only (receiving keys and orientation packet). Students will have until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13, to move into their rooms and unpack. There will also be additional time to unpack on the morning of Sunday, Aug. 14. If you experience travel delays or otherwise need to arrive after your scheduled check-in time, check-in will be open until noon.

8:30 a.m. – Students with confirmed reservations at the Elston Inn for the evening of Friday, Aug. 12
9 a.m. – Students with last names A-D
9:30 a.m. – Students with last names E-K
10 a.m. – Students with last names L-R
10:30 a.m. – Students with last names S-Z
11:30 a.m. – Commuter students
Parents, families and loved ones are invited to attend family orientation on Saturday, Aug. 13, and Sunday, Aug. 14. All sessions are optional and we invite you to attend what you are able to, based on your travel needs. Family orientation will end with the Daisy Ceremony beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14.

**What to Expect at Orientation**
Orientation is the first step in a new student's collegiate career. This program is designed to familiarize new students with the Sweet Briar campus and help students become comfortable with one another as roommates, classmates and members of the Sweet Briar community.

Many of the sessions held during orientation are mandatory and will contribute to a successful transition. Please plan to have a clear schedule starting on your move-in date through the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 19. Attendance is expected whenever possible. If you have concerns about attending orientation, please email the Office of Student Life (studentlife@sbc.edu).

**Here's what you can look forward to:**
- Making new friends and meeting student leaders.
- Developing community with your roommate and hallmates.
- Participating in traditions.
- Engaging in discussions about academic expectations and resources.
- Learning the value of our Honor Code.
- Completing a service project with your class.
- Participating in pre-season if you’re a fall athlete.
- Taking placement tests if you’re an equestrian.
- Getting to know the ways you can get involved and make an impact on campus.
- Games and fun activities that will help you get to know the campus and each other.
- Developing relationships with faculty and staff who are there to support you!

**What to Expect in the Residence Halls**
Residential living is about more than just a room; it is an important part of your educational experience because it gives you the opportunity to establish meaningful relationships, develop self-discipline and become responsible members of our community.

Many of you are living away from home for the first time. Likewise, this will be the first time many of you have had a roommate. To help our new students transition to life in the residence halls, we employ student and professional staff. These staff members have a high degree of visibility and serve as resources for students.

Alongside you will be resident coordinators (RCs)—part-time professionals who live in the residence halls—as well as resident advisors (RAs). RCs serve on-call after hours, including weekends. RAs are the student members of the residence life staff who serve as community resources. They also live and work with upperclass students to help educate and empower fellow students. RAs assist the College in its overall operation of the residence life program and work collaboratively to provide balance, support and fun to the residential community.

**Getting Your Mail**
After checking in and receiving your residence hall key, you’ll need to take your student ID card to the post office, located on the first floor of Meta Glass Hall. The staff there will help you complete the application to get your mailbox set up and give you the combination to your designated P.O. Box.
Tips to Make the Most of Your First Weeks—And Beyond

**Check your email.**
Check your Sweet Briar email daily. You’ll get information about activities happening on campus, upcoming deadlines, information from professors and more. To make it easier, you can download the Gmail app so your email will come directly to your phone. Contact helpdesktickets@sbc.edu if you experience any issues with your Sweet Briar email account.

**Take time for yourself.**
Orientation can be a busy time, learning your way around campus and meeting lots of new people. We encourage you to take time for yourself to catch your breath. Go on a walk. Scope out a great place to study. Explore a new place on campus. Decorate your room. Call a family member to tell them about all the fun things you’ve gotten to experience thus far!

**Read your syllabus.**
Each professor will give you a syllabus: a road map for the semester and the requirements of their class. One way you can reduce your stress level is to read the syllabus for each of your classes and make a note of deadlines. If you have trouble reading your syllabus, reach out to a peer academic mentor (PAM), resident advisor (RA) or orientation leader (OL) for help.

**Ask for help.**
The transition to college can be challenging. Don’t be afraid to ask for help. Everyone on campus is here to assist you. Reach out to your advisor, the student life staff, a mental health professional or visit the Academic Resource Center (ARC) in the library. Come to the dean’s office and ask your question. Whatever you may need, there is someone on campus who can help you. If they can’t help you directly, they’ll help you find someone who can!

**Visit the Fitness and Athletics Center (FAC).**
An important part of staying healthy in your first weeks of college is to get some exercise. Visit the FAC to get in some time on the treadmill or a few laps in the pool.

**Attend events on campus.**
Throughout the year, there will be special events on campus—everything from guest speakers to performances. We encourage you to attend these events when you can. Not only will they broaden your Sweet Briar experience, you’ll also meet new people and build on relationships with your professors and staff.
CHAPTER THREE
How can I get involved on campus?
Dear new students,

My name is Shahed June Alomari. I am a member of the Class of 2024, as well as the president of the Campus Events Organization (also known as CEO). CEO is a committee dedicated to planning a variety of on- and off-campus events for the student body, such as charcuterie board making, murder mystery parties, trivia, craft nights, as well as parties and formal dances. We are incredibly excited to meet you during your first semester on Sweet Briar’s beautiful campus, and cannot wait to see what you accomplish during your time here!

During my first semester, I found that going to different campus events, as well as engaging with my hallmates, were both amazing ways to make new friends. With that said, I encourage you to attend as many events as you can! There are always many options hosted by clubs, organizations, and departments to choose from.

I hope that as you adjust to your new environment you are able to take the necessary steps to ensure a great first year here at Sweet Briar. Know that faculty and staff members are here to support you, so don’t be afraid to reach out!

I am thrilled to have you on campus and wish you all an amazing first semester!

Holla Holla!

June Alomari ’24
Campus Events Organization (CEO) President

Hello new vixens,

We are all so excited to have you here at Sweet Briar! My name is Kate Campbell and I am a junior double majoring in engineering science and mathematics. I am involved in many things on campus, but my primary leadership role is as president for the Inter-Club Council (ICC), which is the governing body for clubs on campus. We provide leadership development opportunities for student leaders and the broader student body. We also help students who are interested in forming new clubs, which is one of my favorite things about ICC. We also offer a week of programming dedicated to hazing prevention and bystander education.

Each year, the ICC hosts our club fair, Quad Rocks! At this event, all clubs and organizations have informational boards that explain what their club is, how to join and some examples of events they host. Most clubs have sign up sheets so that you can join the club's email list. Some clubs and organizations even have positions specifically dedicated to first-year students, so that you have a chance to become leaders on campus right away! Clubs and organizations often advertise these positions at Quad Rocks. Quad Rocks is a great way to learn more about the ways you can become involved on campus and I strongly encourage you all to attend! This year, Quad Rocks will take place on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, so put it on your calendar!

Don’t be afraid to get involved at Sweet Briar. I know it can be a little daunting coming to campus and having so many opportunities, but I would advise you to go to any event that interests you and sign up for a few clubs during your first semester. If you do not see any clubs or organizations that interest you, you can always come to ICC to chat with us about starting a new club!

Welcome to Sweet Briar! I hope to see you at Quad Rocks.

Kate Campbell ’24
Inter-Club Council (ICC) President
Clubs and Organizations

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (AAC)
The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) serves as the student counterpart to the Faculty Senate. AAC members provide input on academic changes and host a variety of events to promote academic engagement including End Procrastination and Meet Your Major.

AINTS ‘N’ ASSES
The Aints ‘n’ Asses are Sweet Briar’s in-house comedy tap club. Every year they produce two sketch comedy shows, which are open to Sweet Briar students, to satire and parody on-campus events and any topic they deem worthy of comedy. Their rival is Paint ‘n’ Patches.

AUDUBON SOCIETY
A nationally recognized society dedicated to conserving the natural environment for the well-being of birds and people. Audubon Society participates in avian observation, or bird-watching.

BAM
BAM is a dedicated tap club for anonymous community service. They often can be found collecting dishes, cleaning classrooms or leaving notes during finals.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Biological Sciences is a club dedicated to creating interest in the field of biology. The club hosts educational, fun events and is open to all students regardless of major.

BLACK STUDENT ALLIANCE (BSA)
BSA is dedicated to promoting, uplifting and educating about the black experience and culture on campus.

BUM CHUMS
Bum Chums are a mysterious tap club dedicated to campus culture, community well-being and the respect of tradition. They wear sacred bells on select days and host the Bum Bazaar, an annual vendor fair. Their rivals are the QVs.

CAMPUS EVENTS ORGANIZATION (CEO)
The Campus Events Organization is responsible for many student-planned events on campus. These creative individuals organize such events as Oktoberfest, Winter Formal, Spring Fling and Boathouse parties, as well as Sweet Briar After Dark.

CHEMISTRY CLUB
The Chemistry Club’s purpose is to create outreach and interest in chemistry. All students regardless of major are invited to join.

CHUNG MUNGS
Known as the “friendly ghosts,” Chung Mungs are a secretive tap club known for their contributions to fun, light-hearted campus activity. They host trick-or-treating for the children on campus and love their ghostly traditions. Their rivals are Tau Phi.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS
This club is for and dedicated to those who are interested in keeping up with politics concerning the Republican Party or are interested in conservative values.

THE CRAFTY VIXEN
The Crafty Vixen encourages resourceful crafting by utilizing recycled materials and everyday objects to create meaningful art pieces and crafts.

CULTURE CLUB
The aim of this group is to share international cultures and identities with the Sweet Briar community.

DELIGHT MINISTRIES
Delight’s mission is to invite college students into a Christ-centered community that fosters vulnerability and transforms stories. We are a community that grows together, serves together, learns together and does life together while chasing the heart of God.

EARPHONES
Known across campus for their loud voices, as well as their personalities, the Earphones tap club spread spirit and encouragement wherever they go. Their rivals are the Sweet Tones.

FALLS ON NOSE
Because they “fall on their nose” to help others, this tap club promotes helping others and being a good friend. Their rivals are Taps ‘n’ Toes.

F.A.N. CLUB
Fantasy Vixens and the Nonchalant, or FAN Club, is a safe space dedicated to anyone who shares a love for all things pop culture, whether it be video games, comics, movies, cosplay and more!

GLOW
Gay, lesbian or whoever (GLOW) is Sweet Briar’s LGBTQ+ society. They advocate for sexuality, gender and marginalized identity rights, as well as host fun educational events across campus.

HIDDEN OPPONENT
Hidden Opponent believes that everyone should be able to speak openly about their mental health experiences and use our platform to help amplify the voices and needs of student athletes.

INDOOR FIELD HOCKEY
Indoor Field Hockey is a club organized for students to play the sport and is open to all. If you’re looking to play, but want a less formal avenue than being on the varsity team, this club might be for you!
The Inter-Club Council represents all clubs and organizations at Sweet Briar and ensures that all clubs foster the Sweet Briar spirit. Every year ICC hosts Quad Rocks to help show first-year and returning students what clubs are available on campus.

Journaling Vixens share a love of journaling as a form of self-care. Whether you’re an avid journal-er or looking to start, this club holds creative events that will show you how!

The Judicial Committee operates Sweet Briar’s student-run judicial system. Their responsibilities include educating students about the Honor Code and conducting hearings.

Latinx provides a meeting place for all cultures to come together, celebrate Latinx tradition and cultivate a community of understanding on Sweet Briar’s campus.

Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) are devoted to positive personal and career development. They host events and workshops on topics such as personal finance, goal setting and more!

The multicultural community council (MCC) advocates for and supports underrepresented student populations. They promote an inclusive and welcoming environment by organizing events and initiatives.

Sweet Briar’s theatre society is Paint ‘n’ Patches! This tap club supports all theatre productions on campus, such as main-stage and black box productions, senior projects and other performance-based art. Their rival is Aints ‘n’ Asses.

Although no one but the members of this tap club know what QV stands for, everyone knows them as kind and friendly members of the Sweet Briar community. The QVs are dedicated to bonding their class through selfless acts. Members of this club are voted for at the end of the their first year by classmates. Their rivals are the Bum Chums.

92.7 The Briar is Sweet Briar’s community radio station. Members host radio shows and DJ independent music for Sweet Briar and the surrounding area.

Red Clay is the campus literary magazine. You don’t have to be an English and Creative Writing major to take part, as everyone is invited to submit works or assist with assembling the semester’s edition. Be sure to keep an eye out for their signature Poetry and Pie events!

Riding Council promotes equestrian lifestyle on campus. Members of this group are selected for their knowledge and skill of riding.

Sweet Briar’s SGA advocates for the student experience, provides funding for club/organization events and seeks to identify opportunities for campus improvement. SGA also provides leadership experience to students holding officer positions.

The Sustainability Club’s focus is to facilitate discussion around Sweet Briar sustainability as a whole, to contribute to bettering the surrounding environment and to foster genuine interest and initiative in enjoying and protecting natural resources.

Connected with colleges like Hampden-Sydney and VMI, Sweet Dancers provides Sweet Briar students the opportunity to learn various dance styles such as ballroom and swing.

This campus organization is known for promoting health education across campus.

The Sweet Tones are Sweet Briar’s acapella group. Members of this tap club are known for their beautiful voices and sonorous singing. They hold auditions every semester and encourage all members of the community who have a passion for vocals to audition. Their rivals are the Earphones.

Get dancing! Taps ‘n’ Toes is the tap club honoring dancers and dance technicians for their ability to bring joy to Sweet Briar’s campus through the art of dance. Their rival is Falls on Nose.

This tap club honors students who go above and beyond academically. Their rivals are the Chung Mungs.

Young Democrats provides a meeting place for college-aged democrats interested in political action.
CHAPTER FOUR
Sweet Briar A-Z
The Sweet Briar Book

20 Minute: The small parking lot in front of the post office/Meta Glass, where you can park for twenty minutes to unload or pick up a friend. Be sure not to leave your car here or you might get a ticket!

Advising: This is a period where you meet with your advisors for any majors/minors you have declared in order to prepare to register for classes.

Alumna: A student that has graduated from Sweet Briar.

Alumnae: A group of students who have graduated from Sweet Briar. The plural of alumna.

Apiary: This is where Sweet Briar's bees live! Located in the field adjacent to Guion Science Center, there are various opportunities for students to attend beekeeping events during the year.

ARC: The ARC, or Academic Resource Center, is located in the lower level of the Mary Helen Cochran Library. This where you can meet with an ARC subject tutor for homework help and exam prep. The ARC also holds office hours for writing tutors to help review essays and papers.

Art Barn: Located behind Green Village (GV), the Art Barn is where studio art classes are held. The barn hosts drawing, painting and photography classes, while a nearby building hosts ceramics courses.

Atrium: Prothro Atrium is the area between the servery in the dining hall and the main dining room. Different groups on campus host events and programs in the Atrium throughout the year.

Babcock: Babcock Fine Arts Center is where everything related to music, theatre and dance happens on campus. Babcock contains two dance studios, a recording studio, a music lab, a Black Box theatre, an auditorium (Murchison Lane Auditorium) and even an art gallery!

Bell Tower: The Bell Tower loudly, but kindly, lets the campus know what time it is! On special occasions, you might find a club-related banner hanging on the front of it. When a sports team scores a big win or when something HUGE happens on campus, people will enter the bell tower to ring the bells.

Benedict: The main academic building on campus. Chances are you will have at least one class in Benedict during your time at Sweet Briar. Benedict holds a lecture auditorium (Tyson) on the first floor, several seminar rooms and a computer lab.

Bigs and Littles: Bigs and Littles is one of the many traditions we have on campus. Juniors get to pick a first-year to be their “little” sister, a special connection and mentor for the first-year to have during their time here. During Founders’ Day, your Big will accompany you on your walk up to Monument Hill until you get your own little.

The Boathouse: The Boathouse is located at the end of Boathouse Road, past Sweet Briar House. This is where you can join the Outdoor Program for canoe certification, check out canoes and paddle boards once you’re canoe certified or just hang out with your friends on the dock!

Campo: Campus Safety (affectionately known to students as Campo) is the group of officers that keep our campus safe and secure. They are on-call 24/7 at the guardhouse located at the front entrance to campus and in their office (located in Wailies) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Canvas: Canvas is a learning management software where you will submit assignments and find resources uploaded by your professors for your classes.

Care Closet: Located in the Reid Pit Student Center, this is where you can find free toiletries available for your use if you’re in need. Laundry detergent, feminine products, razors, shampoo and conditioner? It’s all there if you need it!

Career Services: This is where you can get help preparing for life after Sweet Briar! Career Services can help with writing your résumé to make sure it stands out, applying to grad schools or figuring out what it is you want to do with your life. Your adult life can be scary, but Career Services can help!

CEO: Campus Events Organization (CEO) is responsible for planning some of the events you will see around campus. They are known for Oktoberfest, Winter Formal, Spring Fling and their Dell parties, but also for their bingo nights and outdoor movies! There is a board of elected officers that assists the CEO president, but there is also a general membership that assists with events.

Christmas Tree Lighting: Christmas Tree Lighting is a special holiday tradition that invites the whole Sweet Briar community to Upper Quad to light the tree that is lit every evening until the holidays are over! Once the tree is lit, the group is invited to sing carols together.

Convocation: Convocation takes place the day before classes begin in the fall and in recognition of Founders’ Day. Students, faculty and staff come together in Murchison Lane Auditorium in Babcock to hear about the state of the College from President Meredith Woo.

CORE: The Leadership Core is Sweet Briar’s version of general education requirements. The core is a group of ten courses that each student is required to take in order to graduate, and they cover material that Sweet Briar believes will help you become an outstanding, successful citizen!

The Dairy Loop: The Dairy Loop is a big trail that circles the main campus, as well as the Riding Center and Guion. One end of the loop starts behind the parking lot of Guion and the other end of the loop starts down by Green Village and Lower Meta parking lot. The Dairy Loop passes landmarks such as the apiary, the vineyards, Monument Hill, the Harriet Howell Rogers Riding Center and the Art Barn. It’s a great trail to get some exercise or walk to clear your head!
Daisy’s Café: Daisy’s is Sweet Briar’s own coffee shop that offers a wide selection of coffees, teas, bottled drinks, tasty treats and snacks. They also offer meal swipes for late night dinner after the main dining hall closes.

The Dell: The Dell is located next to the main part of campus (Upper and Lower Quads) and is the location for Dell parties, as well as other campus events such as Spring Fling and Oktoberfest. The Dell also serves as a great place to hold a picnic or sit and enjoy nature!

Dell Party: A dell party is a fun party held in the Dell, typically hosted by CEO. They can feature live entertainment ranging from DJs to live bands, and they almost always entail a lot of dancing!

End Procrastination: End Procrastination is an event held each semester on Reading Day. Sponsored by AAC, students are invited to Prothro to start working on their final papers/projects and start studying for exams! The longer you stay to work, the more entries you will have in a prize raffle.

Eyebrow: The Eyebrow is the small, curved parking lot in front of Randolph Hall and Manson Hall.

FAC: The Fitness and Athletics Center (FAC) is home to most of Sweet Briar’s athletic facilities. You can find the pool, basketball courts, tennis courts, an exercise gym, the Houston Bistro and more within the FAC.

Faculty Row: Faculty Row is one of the locations where faculty and staff can opt to live on campus. Faculty Row is also where House 5 is located.

Families Weekend: Families Weekend occurs during the first weekend in October and is where families of students are invited to visit for a weekend of fun programming!

Gatehouse/Guardhouse/ Guard Shack: Known by many names depending on who you ask, this is the small building located at the entrance to campus that is staffed by Campo. This is where students and visitors check in.

Hitching Post: Located in Upper Quad, the First-Year Hitching Post is the campus landmark that—you guessed it—belongs to the First Years! This landmark plays an important role in the Rock and Hitching Post fight between the sophomores and the first-years. Tap clubs also spray paint the hitching post in their club colors during tap night.

Founders’ Day: Founders’ Day is an annual celebration of the College’s founders. This special weekend traditionally includes events like Convocation, the walk to Monument Hill and the Founders Day Dance, one of the biggest social events of the year!

Green Village/GV: Green Village (better known as GV) is a housing option for junior and senior students who have a GPA of at least 2.7. It features fully furnished living areas, patio/balconies, single bedrooms and two full bathrooms per unit.

Guion: Guion is the academic building where STEM classes are held. Have a lab? You’ll be here!

Heuer Auditorium: Located on the first floor of Guion, this is one of the largest classrooms on campus.

Kelsey Health Center: The health center, which can be found on the first floor of Mills Chapel, is home to the campus nurse and Horizon Behavioral Health.

House 5: House 5 is located on Faculty Row and is a housing option for turning point students.

ICC: Inter-Club Council (ICC) is the governing body over our campus clubs! ICC sets standards regarding club activities, community service and registration. The group meets on the first Monday of every month with all club presidents.

Indie: Indie is our beloved mascot, the Sweet Briar Vixen!

Indiana Fletcher Williams: Indiana Fletcher Williams is the mother of Daisy Williams and the main founder of Sweet Briar College. When her husband, James Henry, passed away, he left the Sweet Briar estate to Indiana. She decided that when she died, it would be turned into an institute of higher education for women.

Interfaith Prayer Room: All members of the community are welcome to practice their faith, meditate or reflect at any time using this room.

Invisible Founders: The Invisible Founders are the enslaved African Americans who helped build Sweet Briar so many years ago. While they were not thanked for their tireless efforts at the time, we are doing our part today to thank them and remember them for their contributions. Every year for Founders’ Day, students are invited to attend a service to honor our Invisible Founders at their burial grounds by the Upper Lake. Today, we also recognize members of the Monacan tribe. Sweet Briar College is located on traditionally Monacan land.

Junior Bench: Located in Upper Quad, the Junior Bench is the campus landmark that belongs to the juniors! No one is allowed to sit or stand on the bench unless they are a Junior.

Junior Week: Junior Week is a week dedicated to the juniors directly prior to Junior Banquet, where they participate in activities before receiving their ring and senior robe. The week is full of fun events and themed days to dress up for! All juniors are invited to participate in this tradition.

Lantern Bearing: Lantern Bearing is the last, and one of the most heartfelt, traditions that seniors participate in before Commencement. All students are invited to participate in honoring the seniors, but some students may be approached by a senior asking them to make a lantern. The lantern is usually a traditional lantern decorated with items, quotes, or artwork that means something to the senior being honored.

Late Night Breakfast: Late Night Breakfast takes place the night before finals week starts. The dining hall makes all your favorite breakfast treats like pancakes, omelets and bacon in the evening. It is a fun time to join your fellow Vixens in some much-needed stress-relief before finals!
Lower Quad: Formally known as the Class of 1972 Student Commons Courtyard, this is where most of socializing happens, especially during mealtimes. When the weather’s nice, students will enjoy meals at the picnic tables and other outdoor seating options. Sometimes clubs will also hold events there!

Monument Hill: Monument Hill is where the original founders of Sweet Briar College—Indiana Fletcher Williams, her husband James Henry Williams and their daughter Maria Georgiana Williams, affectionately known as Daisy—lay in eternal rest. They are buried in the peaceful courtyard on the hill that overlooks the entire campus. This is also the location that the campus community is invited to walk to on Founders’ Day, where we hold a service remembering and thanking them for giving us this beautiful place we now call home.

Multicultural Center: The Multicultural Center is located in the Reid Pit Student Center. It is a space for members of Sweet Briar’s multicultural communities to connect, belong and grow.

MySBC: MySBC is your Sweet Briar services portal where you can register for/drop classes, view your unofficial transcript and place work orders for Physical Plant.

Outdoor Program: The Outdoor Program (or OP) is open for all students to participate in, regardless of your skill level! The OP hosts events on-campus, as well as trips off-campus, including hiking, rock climbing, skiing, stargazing, canoeing and clinics such as fire-building. Their office is located in the FAC.

PAMs: Peer Academic Mentors (or PAMs) are student leaders who have shown exceptional skill in their academic lives, including time management and note taking. These students host programs for the community and can meet one-on-one with students to provide academic advice and tips.

Pannell Gallery: Pannell Gallery is the campus art gallery located in Upper Quad. Typically, there is a different exhibition shown there every semester. If you take any studio art/art history classes, you might spend a good bit of time there! A fun fact about the gallery is that the building used to house the Refectory, the old dining hall before Prothro was built.

Physical Plant: Physical Plant is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of campus buildings, including residence halls. If something is broken or needs attention in your room or dorm, be sure to put in a work order online with Physical Plant, using mySBC.

Quad Rocks: Quad Rocks is an event held on the first Friday of the semester where all clubs and organizations share information about their club. While it is marketed toward first-years, everyone is invited to attend. This is an event you don’t want to miss!

RA/RC: Your RA (resident advisor) is a student that lives on your hall who serves as a mentor and resource if you’re experiencing homesickness or have a question. They also host programs to bond members of your hall. Your RC (resident coordinator) is essentially your RA’s RA. They are a professional staff member who makes sure things are going well for the RAs in their buildings and helps them whenever and wherever they can.

Reading Day: Reading Day is the day after classes end, but before exams begin. This day is used for studying and finishing up final projects/papers, as well as for stress-relief events like Late Night Breakfast.

Red Clay: Red Clay is the campus literary magazine. You don’t have to be an English and Creative Writing major to take part, as everyone is invited to submit works or assist with assembling the semester’s edition. Be sure to keep an eye out for their signature Poetry and Pie events!

Reid Pit Student Center: Reid Pit has lounge seating, a TV, pool tables, vending machines and tables for recreation or study time. It is a popular location for students to unwind together after classes. This space also houses the offices for SGA, ICC, CEO, the Multicultural Center and Daisy’s Closet.

Riding Center: The Harriet Howell Rogers Riding Center houses Sweet Briar’s horses and the indoor/outdoor rings. This is where riding classes and off-campus horse shows are held! Students may also board their private horse in the Howell Lykes Colton Stables.

Rock and Hitching Post: Rock and Hitching Post is a paint fight between the first-year class and the sophomore class, judged by the juniors. The first-years defend their landmark, the hitching post, while the sophomores defend their landmark, the rock. The game ends when the juniors declare the winner, which is the class that has prevented the most paint from getting on their landmark.

Secret Sophomore: Secret Sophomore is a tradition between seniors and sophomores. The sophomores choose a senior (that isn’t their Big) to get small gifts for throughout the year. Gifts are dropped off once per month on the day corresponding with the date of graduation in May. The sophomores remain secret until the end of spring, when they reveal themselves to their senior.

Scream Night: Scream Night takes place the night before finals begin at 10 p.m. This is a stress-relief activity and free snacks are provided! This event is hosted by the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) of SGA.

Senior Doors: The Senior Doors are the middle doors that lead to the main dining room in Prothro. Out of respect for tradition you should only walk through these doors if you are a senior or an alumna.

Senior Robes: Senior Robes are decorated graduation robes that are passed down from the senior class to the junior class at Junior Banquet. Specific clubs have robes that are passed down to specific people, but there is a robe for everyone to wear with pride.
Senior Steps: The Senior Steps are the steps leading up to Pannell in Upper Quad. You can only sit on the steps and enter Pannell through that doorway if you are a senior or alumna.

Senior Week: Senior Week is the period leading up to Commencement that has traditions for the graduating seniors to participate in, as well as informal events for students approved to stay on campus for Senior Week to attend. It is a fun few days to bid farewell to our beloved seniors!

SGA: SGA stands for Student Government Association. All students are considered general members of SGA and are encouraged to attend their meetings.

Sophomore Rock: The Sophomore Rock is located next to the Bell Tower in Upper Quad. It is a part of the Rock and Hitching Post fight between the first-year and sophomore classes. It is also painted at various times throughout the year by different campus organizations, along with the hitching post.

Spring Fling: Spring Fling is a signature event hosted by CEO. There is usually live music, food trucks and other fun activities and giveaways.

Step Singing: Every fall and spring semester all the classes gather together in Upper Quad while each class sings a teasing or admiring song for each of the other classes and one bragging song of themselves.

Student Life: The Office of Student Life, located on the 2nd floor of Prothro, is the center of all things related to the student experience at Sweet Briar. Come up to the office to talk to Dean of Student Life Kerry Greenstein, Residence Life Manager Nakia Johnson, Director of Student Engagement Jess Austin or Senior Administrative Assistant Gloria Smith about anything relating to student life. They can’t wait to meet you and are happy to help!

Sweet Briar House: This is the house where President Meredith Woo lives on campus. It is used for various events throughout the year and features beautiful decor and lush gardens.

Sweet PEAs: Sweet PEAs (or Peer Educators and Health Advocates) are student leaders who care about promoting a healthy lifestyle on campus! PEAs are selected by application each year and host events to promote physical and mental wellbeing.

Tap Clubs: Tap clubs are selective-membership groups of students that have some sort of common interest. Each club has its own protocol regarding selection. Students can become members of these tap clubs through various processes including election, application and sometimes audition. Members are given hats in the club’s colors that are decorated and adorned with a symbol by current members. Students can be members of more than one tap club, although there are restrictions. Since new members are selected by current members of the club, there is no formula to being asked to join a tap club. It is generally best practice to just be yourself when interacting with members of these groups and attending their open, campus-wide events!

Tapping: Tapping is the club-specific (and often secretive) tradition surrounding inducting new members into tap clubs. Tapping (or tap night) typically begins as a boisterous and exciting event during which the tap club’s song can be heard throughout campus, including in the residence halls.

This Week at Sweet Briar: This Week at Sweet Briar is a biweekly newsletter that goes out to the student body and other members of the Sweet Briar community containing events happening around campus that week, as well as links to register for those events. Make sure to read those emails to be informed about all there is to do on campus!

Upper Quad: The grassy area in front of the chapel where many Sweet Briar traditions take place, including Step Singing, Lantern Bearing and Rock and Hitching Post.

Vespers: The Vespers service is a traditional holiday service of music, scripture and reflection. This event is held each December in Mills Chapel and invites the campus community to participate or attend.

Vixen Den: The Vixen Den is the building located next to the main traffic circle on campus. This is home to a laundry center, as well as an event space.

Wailes: The Wailes Building at the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center (often shortened to Wailes) hosts many campus events including dances, Junior Banquet, Orientation check-in and other various functions - even some classes!

Winter Formal: Winter Formal is hosted each February by CEO. This dance is typically the most formal or fancy and always has a unique theme.

Work Order: Work orders communicate to Physical Plant that something in your room or residence hall needs to be fixed or addressed. You can submit a work order online through mySBC for things like broken furniture or lighting issues.
CHAPTER FIVE
Information for Families
What does my family do on move-in day?
Families are invited to be a part of your move-in day and orientation experience. They can help you move into your residence hall and we even have a special track of orientation programming just for families on Saturday, Aug. 13, and Sunday, Aug. 14. Families are invited to stay for this programming as their travel schedules allow. Family programming will end with the Daisy Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14.

What is FERPA?
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, also known as the Buckley Amendment, helps protect the privacy of student education records. The intent of the legislation is to protect the rights of students and to ensure the privacy and accuracy of education records. The act applies to all institutions that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

Students who are currently or formerly enrolled, regardless of their age or status in regard to parental dependency, are protected. With certain exceptions, educational records are defined as any record directly related to a student from which a student can be personally identified and that is maintained by an education agency or institution, or by a party acting for the agency or institution.

What does all of that mean? It just means that your student must give the College permission before we can discuss their Sweet Briar records with you. Permission forms will be available for students during a session with the registrar’s office during orientation. To learn more about the specifics about how FERPA affects your family, visit studentprivacy.ed.gov.

What can I do if my student is suffering from homesickness?
Homesickness is fairly common, but there are some things you can do to help:

- Encourage your student to become involved in and out of the classroom. For example, encourage them to join a club or find someone to study with.
- Send a note. We know you’ll be talking often by phone and text, but sometimes seeing your handwriting can make home seem a little less far away.
- Encourage them to use the resources available on campus. Our Academic Resource Center (ARC) can help your student manage the stress of college-level academic work. The staff in the Office of Student Life can help them find a club or other ways to get involved. Resident advisors can help manage living with a roommate.
- Contact the Office of Student Life sooner, rather than later, if you have concerns. We are all invested in your student’s success. Professional staff members are happy to help make sure the first year in college is a great one.

What if I miss my student more than they miss me?
This, too, is common. Sometimes the first few weeks of college are so busy that students seem particularly distant from their families. We encourage you to set up a regular time and day for a phone call or video chat to keep you in the know about their life, but don’t take it personally if you hear from your student less often than you’d like between those calls. It probably just means they are making lots of friends, studying hard and getting involved!
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