

Dear Family Members:

Hello again from the Russell Sage College Deans! By now we have survived our first few weeks of the spring semester and even our first snow day! In anticipation of more inclement weather we wanted to make sure you were aware of the College's new emergency alert system. On February 1st Sage moved to a new emergency alert system called **Send Word Now**. Through Send Word Now the College is able to simultaneously send vital information via email, text message, and voice alerts to any phone number. As part of the College's emergency response plan, we aim to use this technology to alert students and staff with emergency notifications regarding:

- Snow closings and delays
- Gas leaks, floods, other environmental hazards
- Imminent threats to campus safety (bomb threats, active shooter, etc.)

Every Sage student received an email on their Sage email accounts at the end of January requesting that they register online at sage.sendwordnow.com. The Sage email addresses for all students have already been uploaded in the system and all will receive email alerts on their Sage accounts in the event of an emergency or snow closing/delay. However, if students want to have text or phone alerts sent to themselves or a family member, they will have to register online using their Sage username and password and ID number (without leading zeros). We encourage all students to take this extra step to ensure that they receive the most up to date information. If they have any questions about the Send Word Now registration process, they can contact the Help Desk at 518-244-4777.

We aim to make sure that all students feel safe and secure on campus to create the best environment for academic success. In addition, during difficult winter weather we urge commuters, regardless of the College's decision to remain open or to close, to assess the travel conditions near their home and use their best judgement -- certainly allowing extra time for a safe commute.

With warm regards,

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Upcoming Events

Rally Night
February 17

TIS Presents: I Never Saw Another Butterfly
Schacht Fine Arts Center
February 24 - March 5

Commuter Brown Bag Lunch/Activity
March 23

First Year Class Dinner
March 23

RSC Formal
March 25

Go to www.sage.edu/parent to Sign Up for Future Newsletters

In an effort to increase communication with students and families the Deans' offices will be printing and mailing the February and April 2017 newsletters.

After April 2017 newsletters will only be distributed electronically to those who have provided valid email addresses.

Sign up today at www.sage.edu/parent and provide an e-mail address where we can send future newsletters and updates from the Deans.

Financial Aid Deadlines 2017-2018

More information is available at: <https://www.sage.edu/academics/financial-aid/>
Or you can email: FinAid@sage.edu

Starting with the 2017-18 academic year, students can file a FAFSA as early as October 1, 2016. This is to remind you that if you have not already applied for federal student aid for the 2017-18 school year, you can do so now using FAFSA on the Web. Go to www.fafsa.gov, select "Login" to access your FAFSA information. You will be given the option to complete a FAFSA Renewal that has your application data from last year. You will need your FSA ID to access your 2017-18 FAFSA on the Web application.

Please mark your calendar for FAFSA filing deadlines and financial aid packaging:

Deadline	Financial Aid Task
February 15, 2017	Students who will be enrolled in classes for summer 2017 or fall 2017 semester should file FAFSA by this date.
March 27, 2017	The Summer Intent Application for Financial Aid will be available. This application is required for students who wish to receive financial aid for the summer term.
April 3, 2017	The Financial Aid office will begin mailing packages to returning students that filed their FAFSA by Feb. 15.
June 1, 2017	Deadline to submit verification documents for the fall semester.
July 5, 2017	Students who submit verification documents after this date will not be eligible to receive need based institutional grants from Sage regardless of whether or not they have received them in the past.
July 28, 2017	Students whose FAFSA is received after this will not be eligible to receive need based institutional grants from Sage regardless of whether or not they received them in the past.

**To file the 2017-18 FAFSA go to www.fafsa.gov
The Sage Colleges school code is 002810**

Important: Please note that students whose financial aid applications are selected for verification are required to submit all requested materials to the Financial Aid Office no later than 30 days from the date the request was received.



Important Dates

Filing Deadline for May Graduation
February 15

Undergrad Advisory Grades posted on SageAdvisor
March 1

Spring Break
March 4-12

Advising for Fall 2017 Begins
March 13

Fall 2017 Registration Begins
March 27

Last Day to Withdraw from Class or Opt for P/F
April 7

Last Undergrad Class Day
April 28

Reading Day
May 1

Final Exams
May 2-5

RSC Baccalaureate
May 12

Sage Commencement
May 13