

Dear Family Members:

On behalf of Russell Sage College, it is our pleasure to welcome you, again, to our community! We also want to welcome aboard Stacy Gonzalez as our new Dean of Students. Many of you may have met Stacy in her former role as Associate Dean for Academic Services; we are excited that she will be serving in this new role at Sage.

As September progresses, please keep in mind that this can be a time of anxiety as students realize how they are doing academically at the collegiate level. They are also settling into their residence halls if they live on campus. Should students have any issues with their room, roommate, or anything in the residence halls, they should first contact their resident assistant who can begin the process of supporting them. This is also a time where students are realizing their newfound freedom and may test their limits as a young adult. We encourage you to communicate with your student regarding expectations and safety. Sage offers programming and support for these conversations, as well, in the residence halls and first year seminar courses.

In October students will receive mid-term grades which can be a time of encouragement when a student is doing well, and a cause of some stress and concern if they aren't earning the grades they had hoped for. In addition, students who have not made significant social connections with peers may begin to experience some loneliness and begin to question whether they fit in. As an institution we use the midterm grade process as an opportunity to identify students who may be in need so we can offer targeted outreach and support. You can direct your student to one of our offices to help connect them with resources and services to help them succeed.

As always, please feel free to contact our offices with any questions or concerns. Our contact information is below.

With warm regards,

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RSC Class of 2020 on the steps of Bush Memorial

## Family Weekend

**September 23-25, 2016**

Parents and families  
are encouraged  
to attend!

Register online to attend  
events, including:

- Trivia Night (9/23)
- President's Reception (9/24)
- Family Day Dinner (9/24)
- Ice Cream Social (9/24)
- Sunday Brunch (9/25)

## Upcoming Events

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**Family Weekend**  
September 23-25

**Sage Fest**  
September 24

**Yours**  
**Meader Little Theater**

October 6 – 16

## Important Resources

### Academic Advising

The Office of Academic Advising and students' faculty advisors can assist them with choosing a major, selecting courses to fulfill degree requirements, and tailoring their college education to prepare them for the career of their choosing.

Location: 3rd Floor of the Shea Learning Center

<https://www.sage.edu/academics/academic-advising/>

### Academic Support Services

At the Academic Support Center, students can receive tutoring, learning style assessments, assistance with time management and other study skills, and help with writing from the Writing Studio.

Location: 3rd Floor of the Shea Learning Center

<https://hub.sage.edu/document/academic-support>

### Career Planning

The Office of Career Planning Office assists students at all stages in the career development process. Guidance is provided on resume writing, career exploration, internships, community service opportunities. Students are highly encouraged to meet with Career Planning early in their first year.

Location: 3rd Floor of the Shea Learning Center

<https://www.sage.edu/student-life/career-planning/>

### Wellness Center

The Wellness Center provides a range of services to assist students in reaching their optimal level of health and wellness through direct treatment and prevention. Most services are free for all Sage students.

Location: Lower Level of Kellas Hall.

<https://www.sage.edu/student-life/wellness-center/>



## Important Dates

### October 10 and 11

No classes

### October 13

Midterm grades posted

### November 18

Last Day to withdraw from a class  
Last Day to opt for Pass/Fail option

### November 23 – 27

Thanksgiving Break

### December 9

Last Class Day

### December 12

Reading Day to prepare for final exams

### December 13-16

Final Exams

