

Dear Family Members:

Hello from Russell Sage College! Now that fall is in full swing, we wanted to reach out and share some information about exciting things happening at Sage this semester. Families are a key component to student success and we hope that by reaching out through our regular newsletters, we can partner with you to ensure that our students can reach their full potential at Sage.

September has been a busy month as students get settled into their fall classes, internships, clinicals, student teaching, and so much more. Outside of the classroom we are keeping busy as well, having just celebrated Commuter Spirit Week and the opening of our new commuter lounge in Vanderheyden Hall, along with the annual Banner Night where the new students are introduced to their "Big Sisters," and more than a dozen other events just in this first month alone. We plan to end the month on a high note with Family Weekend, September 27-29. All families should have received an invitation in the mail. More information is available at [www.sage.edu/student-life/russell-sage-college-family-weekend](http://www.sage.edu/student-life/russell-sage-college-family-weekend). Most events are free of charge, including SageFest, our annual street fair on First Street that begins on Saturday at 12PM. We hope to see you there!

We would like to share some important upcoming dates and deadlines that students should be aware of. The complete academic calendar is available at [Sage.edu](http://Sage.edu).

- **October 1** - Deadline for submitting December [Graduation Application](#)
- **October 2** - Undergraduate Advisory Grades posted on SageAdvisor
- **October 12-15** - Travel & Study Days (College closed Mon, no classes Mon/Tues)
- **October 21** - Advising for Spring 2020 begins
- **November 4** - Spring 2020 Registration Opens
- **November 15** - Last day to withdraw from a course or opt for P/F
- **November 27-December 1** - College & Residence Halls Closed for Thanksgiving
- **December 2** - Payment Deadline for Spring 2020 Bills
- **December 6** - Last Day of Classes
- **December 9-13** - Final Exam Week (Schedule posted [online](#).)

Knowing these dates and key deadlines throughout the semester can help students be more successful. In addition, families who are familiar with the academic calendar can understand the needs of their students better. We want to remind you of how much we value your students and that we want to do everything we can to support their success. Please encourage them to reach out for help and we look forward to seeing them around campus at many of the exciting upcoming events.

With warm regards,

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## Upcoming Events

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**Founder's Convocation**  
September 25

**SageEngaged  
Community Service**  
October 2

**TIS Presents: The Legend  
of Sleep Hollow**  
Schacht Fine Arts Center  
October 5-12

**Sophomore Class Dinner**  
October 24

**Junior Ring Dinner**  
November 5

**TIS Presents: Oliver!**  
Schacht Fine Arts Center  
December 4-15

**Senior Caroling**  
December 5

## A Message from Rick Barthelmas, Vice President for Finance & Treasurer, Regarding Sage Billing Updates

The Sage College is collaborating with TouchNet to better the student experience related to student account management, including e-billing, e-statements and e-refunds. Debit and credit card payments as well as E-Check (ACH) payments will continue to be accepted through our new e-bill site.

**Please note that as of November 1, 2019 TouchNet PayPath will process all credit and debit card payments for the College. As part of this change, beginning November 1st all credit and debit card transactions will be charged a 2.85% processing fee by TouchNet PayPath. IMPORTANT: This fee is nonrefundable.** E-Checks or ACH transactions will not be subject to this fee and will allow students to avoid the additional cost.

Spring bills will be distributed electronically on November 18th so that students and families will have time to make payment arrangements by the December 2nd billing due date. As always, feel free to contact the Student Accounts office with any questions. 518-244-2205 | [studentaccounts@sage.edu](mailto:studentaccounts@sage.edu)

## Sage THRIVE

During this year, Russell Sage students will likely be hearing a lot more about the Sage THRIVE initiative, which is an important component of our new [strategic plan](#). During Sage's more than 100 years, we have always been committed to educating the whole person. Sage THRIVE represents a core value that builds on our reputational strength in the health sciences and leads to curricular and extracurricular themes related to wellness and well-being, broadly defined. The vision of Sage THRIVE includes a college-wide emphasis on health, well-being, life success, and happiness. This fall, as part

of the first year seminar program, all Russell Sage first year students will participate in weekly sessions on various topics, including understanding bias, mental health and wellness, the escalation of relationship violence, financial literacy, and more. We hope these efforts will provide students the tools they need to not just succeed, but thrive at Sage and beyond.



## Student Activities

### Free Commuter Coffee Hour

Oct 1, Nov 4, Dec 2

### Color Night & Sage Circle Tapping

October 10

### Commuter "Dine on us" Event

October 17

### Fall Fun Fest Weekend

Dinner & DJ - October 18

NYC Trip - October 19

Spa Night - October 20

### Halloween Cash & Prize Bingo

October 24

### Trick or Treat in Student Life

October 31

### Therapy Dogs International

October 31

### Commuter Thanksgiving Pie Social

November 20

### Stress Relief Zone

Therapy Dogs - December 3

Free Chair Massages - December 5

### Deans' 11th Hour Pancakes

December 8

**STORMING INTO SAGE SageFest 2019**

Where: Russell Sage College  
65 First Stret, Troy, New York

When: September 28th from 12pm-4pm

Inflatables & Street Performers

Club booths with fun activities and tasty treats to buy!

Dance away with a DJ

Caricature Artist

Food Available

Performance by Dance Ensemble

Raffles and Games

**AND SO MUCH MORE!**  
**COME FIND OUT ALL THE FUN YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CAN HAVE!**

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