



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of Academic Affairs

TO: Vice Presidents, Deans, Directors, and Department Heads
Faculty and Staff

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DATE: June 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Start of Academic Year 2024-2025

The purpose of this memo is to provide a summary of start-up meetings, orientations, and professional development opportunities scheduled for the beginning of the 2024-2025 Academic Year.

I encourage your attendance at the SDSU Fall Conference scheduled for Wednesday, August 21. This year's fall conference will include sessions on building community through engagement and creating a sense of belonging. This conference theme includes both professional interactions and endeavors, and teaching and learning approaches in the classroom setting. The conference will feature a student panel discussing an ideal "supporting community" and creating an environment of "belonging within courses". The conference will also include interest specific conversations with a goal of offering professional development choices, which enable a personalized learning experience. Please be looking for full details regarding sessions throughout the conference in the coming weeks.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

New Faculty Orientation – Day 1
(All new faculty will attend)
University Student Union – SSU 253 A/B/C Pheasant/Crest

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

New Faculty Orientation – Day 2
(New faculty will sign up for topics of interest)
University Student Union – SSU 253 A/B/C Pheasant/Crest

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

New Department Head/School Director/Dean Orientation
University Student Union – Morrill Hall, Room 104

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

President's Welcome Back Picnic-Please [RSVP here](#)
Club 71

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

SDSU Fall Conference
Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center

All course syllabi posted to D2L page per SD BOR policy

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Time scheduled by Colleges, Schools, and Departments

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

SDSU Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 AM

Freshmen Move-In Day
(avoid scheduling meetings on this day and volunteer to welcome our new Jackrabbits)

4:30 PM

University Convocation
Sylvan Green

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Classes Begin

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

University Management Team Meeting, Volstorff Ballroom