

**2023-24**

**parent and family**

**CALENDAR DATES AND RESOURCE GUIDE**



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At some point this past year, you have probably asked yourself, “How on earth is it possible that my child is headed to college?” Surely, you’ve heard it at least a million times from those who punched the parent time clock before you: “It goes by so fast!” And yet, here you are now, wishing you could turn back the hands of time and asking yourself, “Where did the time go?”

Once your son or daughter is immersed in Samford life, they will become accustomed to organizing their day by the clock tower and the carillon bells that chime every 15 minutes. Before you know it, they will be asking the same question: “Where did the time go?” We only have them here at Samford a short time, but even the layout of our campus reminds students of a greater plan that God has for them.

Samford’s bell tower symbol has been used in the school’s primary logo in several forms over the last three decades. It is a symbol of time-honored tradition and scholarly excellence. The symbol is a simplified representation of the bell tower atop the library. The hands on the clock inside the logo are set at 6 and 5 to reflect the verse engraved on the front gates of our beautiful campus taken from Deuteronomy 6:5 and Mark 12:30-31: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbor as thyself.”

Time may be a thief, but it can never steal the love you have for your children. Now you are entrusting your sons and daughters to Samford University to teach and guide them over the next four years. Everyone in the Samford community commits to do all within our ability to help them reach their full potential and eternal calling. It is our privilege to partner with you in raising the next generation of Samford women and men.

Alongside...



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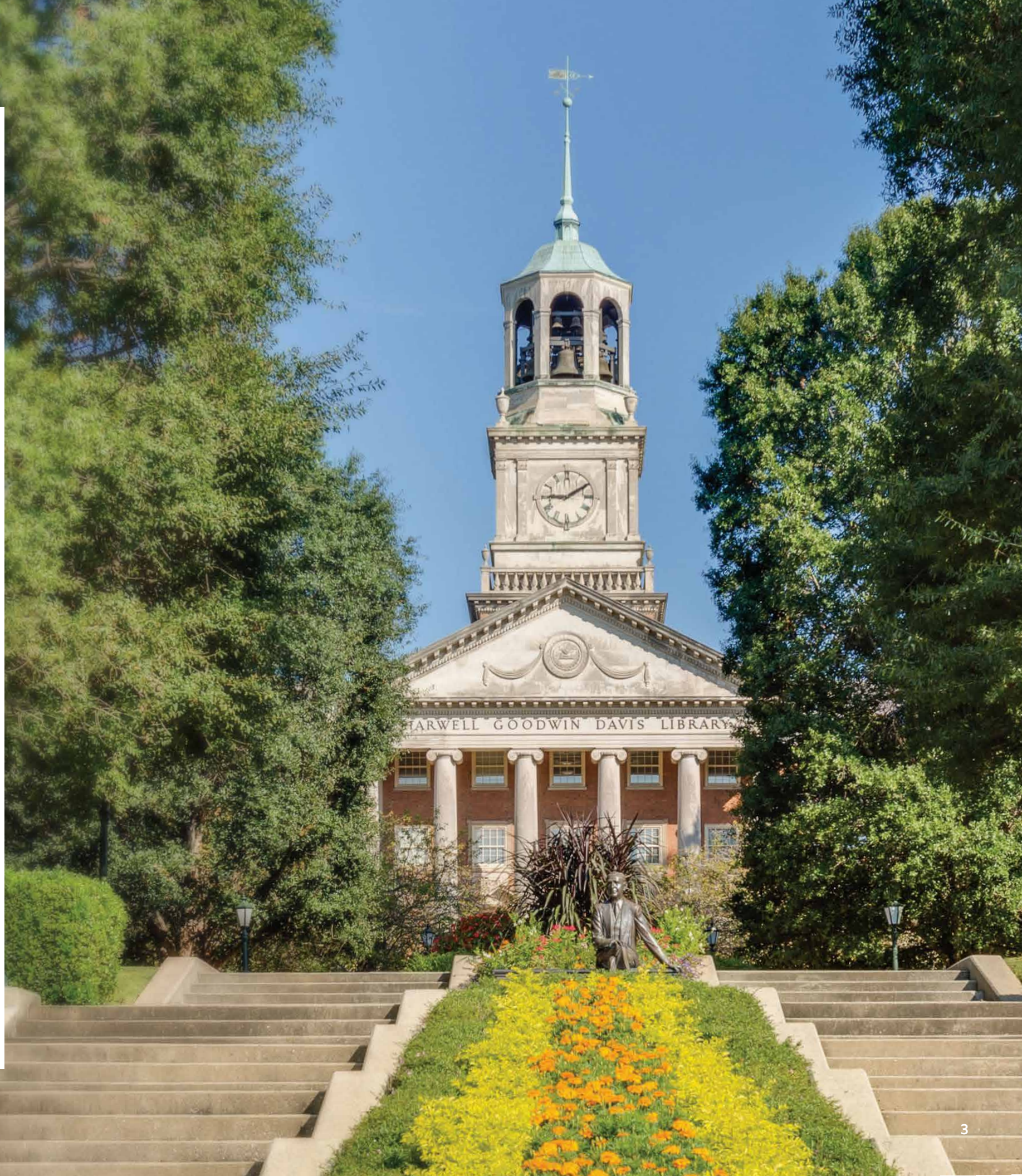
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# JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT				
						1				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
9	10	Charlotte, NC Welcome Party	Greenville, SC Welcome Party	12	13	14	15			
					Enrollment Opens for Fall Payment Plans  Fall Grad Guard Tuition Insurance Enrollment Opens					
Houston, TX Welcome Party	16	17	Huntsville, AL Welcome Party	18	Nashville, TN Welcome Party	19	Chattanooga, TN Welcome Party	20	21	22
Atlanta, GA Welcome Party	23	24	Dallas, TX Welcome Party	25	Orlando, FL Welcome Party	26	Tampa, FL Welcome Party	27	28	29
30	Birmingham, AL Welcome Party	31								



## THINGS TO DO

- Attend a Welcome Party near you. If there isn't one, consider hosting a "Send Off Party" for Samford students and parents in your area.
- Enjoy Samford Talks Conversation Cards around the family dinner table.
- Remind your student to watch for fall housing assignments, sent via email in mid-July.
- Activate your Samford Parent Communication Portal account at [samford.campusesp.com](http://samford.campusesp.com).
- Secure hotel reservations for Family Weekend.
- Order a Back to School care package through Parent and Family Programs.

## PRAYER

Divine Father, I pray for my student who will soon be stepping into a new season on Samford's campus. I pray you will guide him/her in all the logistics of class enrollment, meeting professors, setting up resources and moving into housing. Surround him/her with friends who will be supportive during this transition. Help us to trust that you go before us, will be with us and never leave or forsake us. Keep us from fear and discouragement. *(Deuteronomy 31:8)*

## PARENT COMMUNICATION PORTAL

You are invited to join Samford's Parent Communication Portal and activate your account at [samford.campusesp.com](http://samford.campusesp.com). We hope this format of communication between you and Samford University's Parent and Family Programs will provide the information you want, strengthen your connection with the university and other Samford families, and equip you with the resources you most need to support your student. After all, you are the most important mentor your student can have through these years!

**A Personalized News Feed** — Campus news and events information, geared specifically to your interests.

**Articles to Save or Share** — Articles to save for later or share with friends on your social media accounts.

**Regular Newsletters** — Regular emails personalized to your interests delivered on the schedule you choose.

**We are excited to connect with you in this way!**

# AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Fall Five-Installment Payment Plan Enrollment Ends
6	7	8	9	10 Initial Fall 2023 Account Statements Distributed	11	12
Returning Student Move In 13	Returning Student Move In 14	Returning Student Move In 15	Move in for Students Attending Bulldog Days VI 16	New Student Move In 17	New Student Move In 18	Returning Student Move In 19
					<b>Connections Weekend</b>	
Returning Student Move In 20 Your School Your City	Classes Begin 21 Freshman Class Officer and Senator Election Applications and Committee Applications Open	University Convocation 22	College Ministry Expo 23	Student Involvement Fair 24	25 Last day to add or drop a Fall course(s) Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken	26
	<b>Welcome Back Week</b>				<b>Freshman Genesis Retreat</b>	
27	Fall Semester Payment Due 28 Fall Tuition Insurance Enrollment Ends Fall Four-Installment Payment Plan Enrollment Ends	29	Sorority 101 30 Enrollment Cancellation for Nonpayment of Fall Charges	Samford Football vs. Shorter 31		

- Other Important Dates:**
- August 21: Freshman Small Group Registration Opens
  - August 28: Cadre Registration Opens

## THINGS TO DO

- ❑ Make sure your student has added you as an authorized user at [samford.edu/go/financialportal](http://samford.edu/go/financialportal).
- ❑ Student information is restricted by FERPA. Ask your student to consider adding you to his or her release, so university officials may speak with you about their record.
- ❑ Help your student prepare, health wise:
  - Make a plan in case of a medical emergency.
  - Make a first-aid kit to keep in their car and/or dorm.
  - Make copies of health insurance cards.
  - Make sure your student has set up and completed their Med+Proctor account.
  - If your student requires medication, plan to send a month's supply and begin the transfer process to a local Birmingham pharmacy.
- ❑ Remind your student of sorority and fraternity recruitment deadlines. ([samford.edu/greeklife](http://samford.edu/greeklife))
- ❑ Watch for emails to register for Family Weekend (September 22-24) at [samford.edu/parents](http://samford.edu/parents).



## MOVE-IN AND CONNECTIONS:

This year, two days have been set aside for new student move-in—Thursday, August 17, and Friday, August 18. For students attending Bulldog Days in August, move-in will be Wednesday, August 16. Students will select a day and time to move in. Upperclassmen will choose from move-in appointments on August 13, 14, 15, 19, or 20.

When you arrive on the day of your student's chosen move in, signage will direct you and volunteers will greet you to help you know where you may offload your student's belongings and then park. As soon as your student's room is set up, you will want to say goodbye so your student can jump into an amazing college experience. Parent and Family Programs will have stations set up at Centennial Walk behind the Mr. Beeson statue to allow you to walk through a special goodbye time with your student. We will also provide Parent Drive-Home bags for you to pick up at a tent located at the Parent Programs Office, west entrance of the University Center/Westmoreland Hall. After you depart, new students will enjoy Connections, a weekend of activities planned and led by students to help them get acquainted with their classmates, the campus and their new city.

## PRAYER

Faithful Lord, I pray that my student will have clear discernment to choose right over wrong. I pray that he/she will shape opinions and choices about life based on Your Word and what is right in Your sight. Lead my student to trust in You with all his/her heart and not lean on human understanding. (*Proverbs 3:5-6*)



# SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					Freshman Forum Applications and Freshman Class Officer/ Senator Applications Close 1	2
	September 15 - October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month.					
3	Labor Day (University Closed) 4	Payment Plan Installment Due (Five-Installment Plan) 5	6	7	8	Samford Football at Western Carolina 9
<b>Panhellenic Recruitment</b>						
Panhellenic Bid Day 10	Account Statements Distributed 11	12	Freshman Class Officer and Senator Elections 13	14	15	Samford Football at Auburn 16
17	18	19	20	21	Study Abroad Fair IFC Bid Day 22	Samford Football vs. Chattanooga 23
<b>IFC Recruitment</b>				<b>Family Weekend</b>		
24	25	26	27	28	29	Samford Football vs. ETSU 30
<b>Family Weekend</b>					<b>Kappa Delta Recruitment</b>	

**Other Important Dates:** • National Pan-Hellenic Council host Greek Speak. (Date, TBD)



## THINGS TO DO

- Encourage your student to get involved in campus ministry groups.
- Watch for opportunities to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 - October 15.
- October brings the new pressures of midterms. Encourage your student to get ahead and make appointments with professors to talk about expectations and assignments.
- Recommend your student has a conversation with their roommate to work out any problem areas before issues arise. Encourage your student to generate his/her own solutions to problems. If help is needed, your student should reach out to his or her Resident Assistant.

## September 22-24

General registration opens in late August at [samford.edu/parents](http://samford.edu/parents). Other information will be emailed through the Parent Portal.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Pre-Family Weekend event with Acrobats of Cirque-tacular in the Wright Center

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Open Houses

Party with the President, including family pictures with a professional photographer, shaved ice, and music

Vespers, featuring Acapella Choir and University Chorale

Dinner and Live Music, featuring student bands, in the newly renovated Caf

Volleyball Game, celebrating Samford's Southern Conference Athletic Championship Teams

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Parents Association Annual Meeting and Breakfast

Tailgate on the Quad (including state parent chapter tailgates and family games)

Bulldog Walk

Samford Football

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Worship with your student at a local church.

Hymn Sing in Reid Chapel

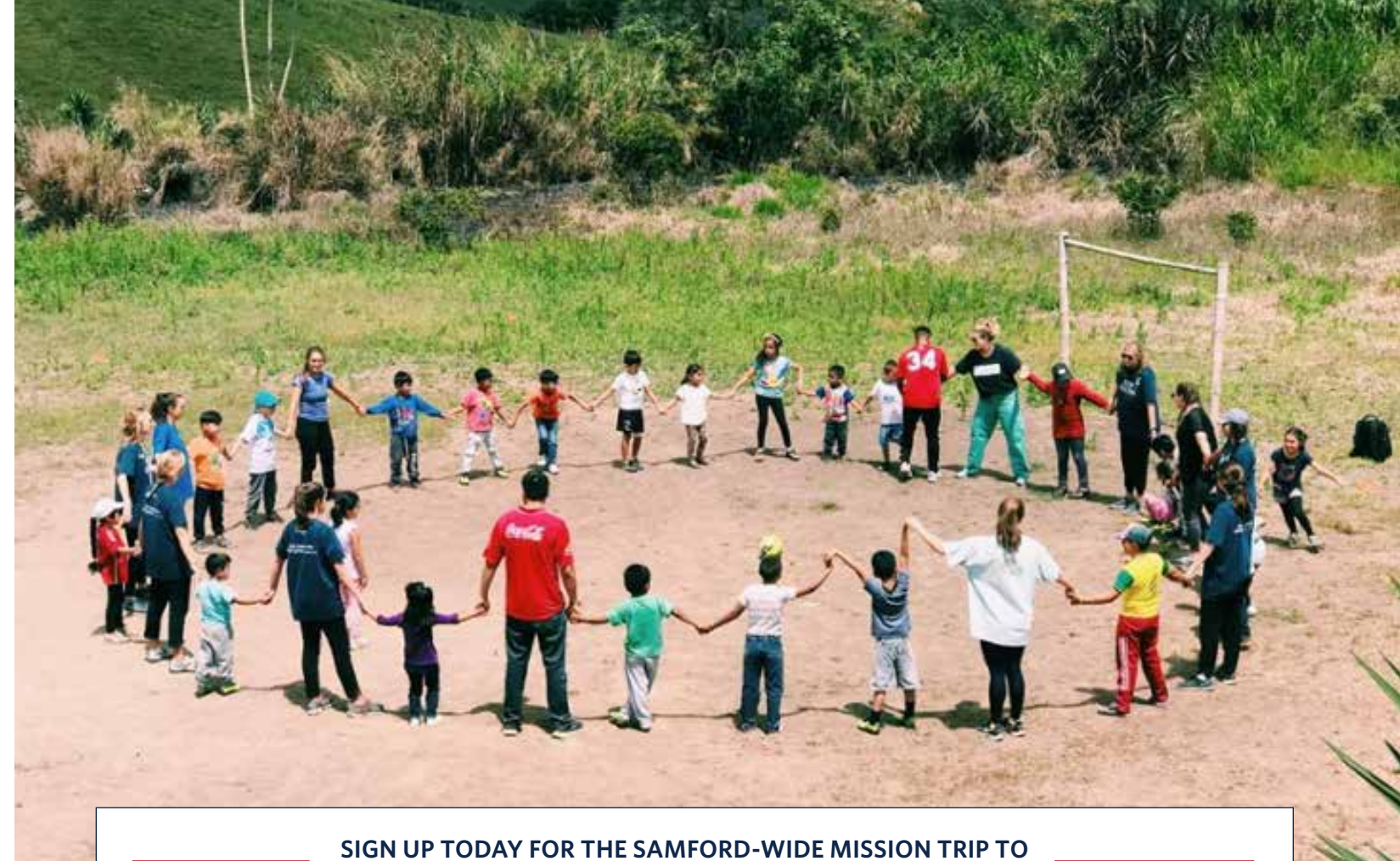
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## PRAYER

Victorious Father, please give my student a spirit of THANKFULNESS and COMPASSION. Thank you for instructing us whatever we do, whether in word or deed, to do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, and as God's chosen people, holy, and dearly loved, to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. *(Colossians 3:17, 12)*

# OCTOBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT				
1	2	3	4	Account Statement Payment Due Payment Plan Installment Due (Both Fall Plans)	5	6	Samford Football at Wofford	7		
<b>Kappa Delta Recruitment</b>	8	9	Account Statements Distributed	10	11	Majors Connection	12	13	Samford Football vs. Furman	14
<b>Fall Break</b>										
Graduation Application Deadline for Spring 2024	15	16	17	18	Majors Connection (Rain Date)	19	20	Samford Football at VMI	21	
22	23	Mr. Beeson's Birthday	24	25	26	27	Samford Football vs. The Citadel	28		
				<b>Homecoming</b>						
29	30	31	<b>September 15 - October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month.</b>							



**SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE SAMFORD-WIDE MISSION TRIP TO ECUADOR, TO BE HELD DURING SPRING BREAK 2024.**

## THINGS TO DO

- ❑ Encourage your student to meet with an academic advisor prior to registration for spring semester.
- ❑ Make sure student accounts are up to date to be ready for spring semester registration.
- ❑ Plan ahead! Make hotel reservations for Step Sing weekend.
- ❑ Talk to your student about studying abroad next year. Study Abroad applications open this month for May Term, Summer, and Fall 2024, at [abroad.samford.edu](http://abroad.samford.edu).

## PRAYER

God of Peace, please give my student a spirit of CONFIDENCE and CALMNESS. Thank you that we can do all things through Him who gives us strength. Help us not to be anxious about anything, but in everything with prayer, petition and thanksgiving, present our requests to you, and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard our hearts and our minds through Christ Jesus.

*(Philippians 4:13,6)*



# NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
				1 Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in the current semester  Last day to withdraw from a Fall course OR to completely withdraw from all Fall courses	2	3	4
November is Native American Heritage Month							
Account Statements Payment Due	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Payment Plan Installment Due (Both Fall Plans)					Account Statements Distributed	Samford Football at Mercer	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Samford Football vs. UT Martin
19	20	21	No Classes	22	23	24	25
				<b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>			
26	27	28	29	Last Day of Classes  Lighting of the Way	30		

**Other Important Dates:**

- Study Abroad applications are open for May Term, Summer, and Fall 2024 at [abroad.samford.edu](http://abroad.samford.edu).
- Mid-month: Registration begins for Spring and Summer terms (exact dates TBA)

## THINGS TO DO

- ❑ Remind your student that November 2 is the last day to withdraw from a Fall course or to completely withdraw from all Fall courses
- ❑ Put together an exam care package to encourage your student before exams and/or purchase from Parents Association "A Taste of Homewood Before You Head Homeward", a set of gift cards to four area restaurants.
- ❑ Calendar conversations to have with your student during the Thanksgiving holiday:
  - Study Abroad options during his/her collegiate career
  - Spring Break plans
  - Summer 2024 internships, mission trips, employment, and service opportunities
  - Don't forget to use your Samford Talks Conversation Cards.
- ❑ Encourage your student to stay active. Campus Rec provides recreational programs and outdoor adventure activities. ([samford.edu/campus-recreation](http://samford.edu/campus-recreation))

## PRAYER

God of Wisdom, please give my student a spirit of TEACHABILITY and DILIGENCE. Thank you that your Word says if a wise man is instructed, he will be wiser still, and if a righteous man is taught, it will be added to his learning. Whatever we do, help us to do it all as working unto you and not unto man.

*(Proverbs 9:9, Colossians 3:23)*



# DECEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					Study Day 1	2
3	4 Account Statements Payment Due  Final Payment Plan Installment Due (Both Fall Plans)	5	6	Legacy League Christmas Home Tour 7	8	Fall Commencement 9
<b>Final Exams</b>						
Residence Halls Close for Graduating Seniors at 9 a.m. 10	Account Statements Distributed 11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

**Other Important Dates:**

- Students should plan to leave for Christmas break 24 hours after their last exam.
- Study Abroad applications close this month for May Term, Summer, and Fall 2024

## THINGS TO DO

- Talk with your now-independent student about expectations you will have for each other during the holidays.
- Attend the Samford School of the Arts Christmas events.
- During the holiday break, help your student reflect on his/her first semester and assess it honestly.
- Make a year-end tax-deductible gift to the Samford Parents Scholarship Fund.

## PRAYER

Victorious Father, please give my student a spirit of PURPOSE and SECURITY. Thank you that you help our eyes to look straight ahead and fix our gaze directly on you. Lord, you alone are our portion and our cup; you make our lot secure.

*(Proverbs 4:25, Psalm 16:5)*





# JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Spring Grad Guard Tuition Insurance Enrollment Opens	2 Initial Spring 2024 Account Statements Distributed  Spring Payment Plan Enrollment Opens	3	4	5	6 Move In for Spring Semester
7 Move In for Spring Semester	8 Classes Begin	9 University Convocation	10	11	12 Step Sing Tickets Go on Sale to the Public at 9 a.m.  Last Day to Add or Drop a Spring Course(s)  Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (University Closed)	16 Payment Due for Spring 2024 Spring Four-Installment Payment Plan Enrollment Ends  Spring Grad Guard Tuition Insurance Enrollment Ends	17	18 Enrollment Cancellation for Nonpayment of Spring Charges	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			<b>Step Sing</b>			
28	29	30	31			



## THINGS TO DO

- Purchase tickets to Step Sing this month or livestream a performance and host a watch party.
- Encourage your student to visit the Career Development Center. The CDC will prepare students by offering opportunities and workshops leading up to the job and internship fair next month.
- Remind your student to keep up with Convo credits.
- Ask your student about spring Greek recruitment options.
- Arrive early to Step Sing to get a good parking place, then enjoy a coffee from the University Center, and hang out in Parent Commons.

## PRAYER

Mighty Counselor, please give my student a spirit of DIRECTION and AVAILABILITY. Thank you that whether we turn to the right or the left, You show us the way we should walk. When we hear your voice saying, "Whom shall I send?" help us to respond with, "Me!"

*(Isaiah 30:21, 6:8)*



# FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
	February is Black History Month					
4	Account Statements Payment Due Payment Plan Installment Due	5	6	7	8	Account Statements Distributed
10						
11	12	13	14	FAFSA Priority Filing Deadline	15	16
17						
18	Officer Election Applications Open	19	20	Business/For-Profit Job & Internship Fair	21	Government/Non-Profit Job & Internship Fair
22						SGA Executive Board, Senator and Class Election Applications Close
23						
24						
25	26	27	28	29		

## THINGS TO DO

- ❑ Consider ways to encourage racial unity by reading the book, *Madison Park: A Place of Hope*, by Samford alumnus, Eric Motley.
- ❑ Encourage your students to talk with his/her advisor and department chairs about eligibility for department and program scholarships.
- ❑ Ask your student to check his/her email inbox for fall housing information and have a conversation about their plans.
- ❑ Advise your student to attend the Job and Internship Fairs hosted by Career Development Center.

## PRAYER

Merciful Savior, please give my student a spirit of STRENGTH and REST. Thank you for giving strength to the weary and increasing the power of the weak. Help us to find true rest in you alone, for our hope comes from you.

*(Isaiah 40:29, Psalm 62:5)*





# MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
	March is Women's History Month and National Reading Month.					
3	4	Account Statements Payment Due Payment Plan Installment Due	5	6	7	8
<b>Spring Break</b> Samford-wide Mission Trip to Ecuador						
10	Account Statements Distributed SGA Executive Board, Senator and Class Officer Campaigning Begins	11	12	13	14	15
					Graduation Application Deadline for Fall 2024	16
17	SGA Executive Board, Senator and Class Officer Elections	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Easter	31					

**Other Important Dates:**

- Study Abroad Applications are open for Spring 2025 at [abroad.samford.edu](http://abroad.samford.edu)
- Mid-March: Registration begins for Fall term (exact dates TBA)



## THINGS TO DO

- Remind your student of summer term housing sign-up deadline.
- Drop an encouraging note in the mail to your student.
- If your student is trying to decide on a major, encourage him or her to make an appointment with the CDC to meet with a career counselor and take advantage of their resources, including assessments.
- If you are a Samford parent who has authored a book, please send a signed copy for the Parent Commons' library.
- Put together an exam care package to encourage your student before exams and/or purchase a special spring care package from Parents Association.

## PRAYER

Supreme God, please give my student a spirit of GIFTEDNESS and WISDOM. Thank you for instructing us that we should use whatever gift you have given us to serve others as faithful stewards of your grace in various forms. Help wisdom to enter our hearts and knowledge to be pleasant to our souls.

*(1 Peter 4:10, Proverbs 2:10)*



# APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	Easter Monday (University Closed) 1	Samford Giving Day 2	3	4	Account Statements Payment Due 5	6
7	8	9	Account Statements Distributed 10	11	Summer Payment Plan Enrollment Opens 12	13
14	15	16	17	Last Day of Classes 18	Study Day 19	20
			Account Statements Distributed (summer only)			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	<b>Final Exams</b>			<b>Commencement Ceremonies</b>		
Residence Halls Close for Graduating Seniors at 9 a.m. 28	29	Final Grades Due 30				
<b>Commencement Ceremonies</b>						

- Other Important Dates:**
- April 4: Last day to withdraw from a Spring course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Spring courses without academic penalty
  - April 4: Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course taken in the current semester (undergraduate only)
  - Students should plan to move out of the Residence Halls 24 hours after their last exam.
  - Study Abroad Applications close for Spring 2025 at [abroad.samford.edu](http://abroad.samford.edu).



## THINGS TO DO

- Volunteer to help the families from your state tailgate together during fall 2024 Family Weekend. Email your interest to [parents@samford.edu](mailto:parents@samford.edu).
- Encourage your student to add culture to their college experience by attending a year-end Samford Arts event in Harrison Theatre, the Art Gallery and/or Brock Recital Hall. ([samford.edu/arts/events](http://samford.edu/arts/events))

## PRAYER

Mighty Rock, please give my student a spirit of EMPOWERMENT and PEACE. Thank you that the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective and he has peace whose mind is stayed on you. Help us to have peace in all things as we pray without ceasing.

*(James 5:16, Isaiah 26:3)*



# MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
Asian American/ Pacific Islander Heritage Month.						
5	May Term Classes Begin	6	7	8	9	10
			Summer Payment Plan Enrollment Closes		Account Statements Distributed	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Memorial Day (University Closed)			Last Day of May Term Classes	Final Exams		

**Other Important Dates:**

- May 8: Last day to add or drop a May Term course(s)
- May 8: Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken
- May 13: Last day to withdraw from a May Term course OR to withdraw completely from ALL May Term courses without academic penalty
- May 13: Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in the current term
- June 6: Summer Payment Plan Due (Includes May and all terms except Summer II)

## THINGS TO DO

- ❑ Looking ahead: Students receive fall housing assignments via email in mid-July.
- ❑ Don't make major changes at home without informing your student. Keep them in the loop on family decisions.
- ❑ Watch for opportunities to celebrate Asian American/ Pacific Islander Heritage Month, observed by Samford during the month of May.

## PRAYER

Holy Father, please give my student a spirit of RESPECTFULNESS and HUMILITY. Thank you that we will show one another proper respect, love the brotherhood of believers, and fear and honor You, our King. Help us to be completely humble, gentle, patient and bearing with one another in love.

*(1 Peter 2:17, Ephesians 4:2)*





# PARENT PRAYER GUIDE

We invite you to join Samford families around the world in praying for the university through the month. We are blessed by your prayers as we strive to exemplify and promote the Christian mission.

<b>Samford University:</b> 1 to follow Christ's example and to remain true to its mission.	<b>Board of Trustees and Overseers:</b> 2 for wisdom and discernment as they make decisions.	<b>President Beck Taylor:</b> 3 for health, wisdom and spiritual encouragement.	<b>Vice Presidents and Deans:</b> 4 that they may be good stewards of time, talents and energy as they manage the affairs of the university.	<b>Faculty:</b> 5 that they teach, research and write with a passion for learning.	<b>University Staff:</b> 6 that they offer students encouragement in abundance and find strength in the challenges.	<b>University Ministers and the Office of Spiritual Life:</b> 7 that they lead and mentor with wisdom and sensitivity.
<b>Small Groups:</b> 8 that student facilitators lead with wisdom and that groups grow in Christ.	<b>Guest Campus Ministry Organizations:</b> 9 that the leaders focus on Christian community and a commitment to global missions.	<b>Area Churches:</b> 10 that their ministries, worship and services enhance the spiritual life of Samford students.	<b>Graduate Programs:</b> 11 that students are equipped and the program grows.	<b>Students:</b> 12 that each grows in knowledge, faith and wisdom.	<b>Student Leaders:</b> 13 that their skills and leadership grow and glorify God.	<b>Global Students:</b> 14 that they find a home on our campus, thrive in this new culture and develop lasting friendships.
<b>Family Life:</b> 15 that the relationships develop and deepen as students transition into adulthood.	<b>Fellow Parents:</b> 16 that God will richly satisfy, renew and give wisdom to all parents.	<b>Office of Student Affairs:</b> 17 that the staff effectively promote community on campus in creative and healthy ways.	<b>Campus Counseling Services:</b> 18 that the counselors help students find peace and solutions to life's difficulties.	<b>Samford Student Organizations:</b> 19 that students find their passions and engage in ways that are honoring to God.	<b>Residence Life:</b> 20 that the staff will make wise decisions for the good of all students.	<b>Athletic Teams:</b> 21 that they represent the university and the Lord in their sports and are protected in their travel and participation.
<b>Global Mission Programs:</b> 22 for students sharing the love of Christ beyond the campus and around the world.	<b>Samford's Global Commitment:</b> 23 to have a global reach both educationally and missionally.	<b>Efforts to Deepen Diversity:</b> 24 that Samford continue to foster community and be a safe and welcoming place for all.	<b>Campus Facilities:</b> 25 that all who live and work here would be good stewards of our facilities and that the Lord would provide for our needs.	<b>School of the Arts Performing Ensembles:</b> 26 that their talents and abilities glorify God and bring joy to audiences.	<b>Media Outlets:</b> 27 that productions and publications would communicate with integrity and honorably represent Samford.	<b>Student Financial Needs:</b> 28 that financial needs would be met and students would grow in stewardship and fiscal responsibility.
<b>Samford Office of Admission:</b> 29 for the counselors as they travel and encouragement as they connect students and families to Samford.	<b>Young Alumni:</b> 30 that they thrive in their place of service and stay connected to Samford.	<b>Samford Alumni:</b> 31 for graduates to represent Samford with honor and to seek the eternal purpose of their profession.				

# PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We are so excited to serve as co-chairs of The Samford Parents Association, an organization that exists to support and encourage the university, our students, and Samford families in very intentional ways. As parents and family members who are dedicated to seeing our sons and daughters thrive at Samford University, our Association is one of the strongest, most vital partnerships at Samford.

Below are a few of the ways your involvement helps fund efforts to connect and support students and their families:

- Parent Communication Portal
- Special Events during Family Weekend
- Support for students in Samford CARES
- Snacks for all students during Exam Weeks
- The Good Measure Fund
- Support for the Parent Scholarship Fund
- Family Hospitality Ministry
- Parent Commons amenities

We hope you will register and find your place within the Samford Parents Association—identifying the type of partnership and involvement best suited for your family. Our sons and daughters, and the many students who will come long after them, benefit from our combined efforts. You can count on it.

Alongside,

*Eric and Sharla*

**ERIC AND SHARLA STAFFORD**  
SAMFORD PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
CO-CHAIRS

Your partnership provides the following:	Complimentary Partner	Scholastic Partner-\$200 INDIVIDUAL PARTNERSHIP 100% tax-deductible gift	Collegiate Partner-\$500 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP \$400 tax-deductible gift
Parent and Family Calendar	Given at Bulldog Days	Given at Bulldog Days	Given at Bulldog Days the First Year and Mailed the Next Three Years
Parent Commons Access	●	●	●
Samford Parent Communication Portal Access	●	●	●
Parents Association Annual Breakfast Invitation	●	●	●
Local and Regional Event Invitations	●	●	●
One Samford Flag		●	●
One Samford Parent Car Decal		●	
One Samford Parent T-Shirt		●	
Two Samford Parent Car Decals			●
Two Samford Parent T-shirts			●
Samford Shop Discount Coupon (25% off one regular-priced, non-textbook item)			●
Limited Edition Signature Gift at Joining (Samford University L.L. Bean Boat and Tote Bag)			●
Samford University Fleece Blanket			●
Annual Invitation to Collegiate Partner Reception in the President's Home, hosted by the President and First Lady, during Step Sing Weekend			●

\* Partnership active while student is an enrolled undergraduate



### SAMFORD PARENTS ASSOCIATION:



When you give as a Scholastic or Collegiate Partner, you help provide extra care to our students. Some examples of these are snack bars during exams, special events during FW, and access to the Parent Portal for all parents. Additionally, your gifts help fund a major project within Student Affairs that will benefit all of Samford students. Every year during Family Weekend, our partners vote on one of five proposals that will make a tremendous impact on our campus. Last year we designated \$25,000 to support students with food insecurities and added benches for Ben Brown Plaza, a favorite hang-out spot for all Samford students. Cast your vote at the Parent Association annual meeting during Family Weekend and celebrate the announcement of the winning project during half time of the football game. Parents are encouraged to give via the website or the portal from July to September of each year.

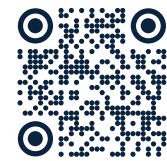


### SAMFORD GIVING DAY:

The first Tuesday of April is an annual campus-wide effort to encourage the entire Bulldog Family to support

the university. The Samford Parents Association is sponsoring the 24-hour convenience store in our newly renovated Campus Rec, Wellness and Athletic Complex scheduled to open fall of 2024. The store's availability will allow students to get essentials they need at any time. Food, over-the-counter medicine and personal items will be available, so students do not have to leave campus. This will be especial helpful for late night needs or for those without their own transportation. In 2023, parents raised over \$28,000 towards our \$100,000 goal. You don't have to wait until Samford Giving Day to support this important initiative.

### SAMFORD PARENTS SCHOLARSHIP:



This special fund provides a safety net to upperclassmen who encounter unforeseen circumstances that may cause a significant financial burden and interrupt a student's Samford education. In 2022-23 this fund provided support for seven students in a time of crisis. Parents and friends of Samford are encouraged to give each year during the Parent Scholarship campaign between September and December.

There are numerous ways to support your student's experience at Samford University including scholarships, academic programs, Legacy League, Student Emergency Assistance Fund, Athletics, and the Arts. For more information on each of these initiatives, visit [samford.edu/giving/where-to-give](https://samford.edu/giving/where-to-give).





# STATE AND REGIONAL PARENT CHAPTERS

Within the Parents Association, you will find state and regional parent chapters that provide ways to support students and connect parents locally. Chapters are led by current parents who oversee projects to encourage students throughout the semester; enlist other parents to participate in activities such as coffees, care package packing parties, prayer teams, and note-writing campaigns; and help plan Send Off parties and Family Weekend tailgates.

When you join the Parents Association, you will begin receiving information about chapters closest to you. If you are interested in helping lead local events in your city or state, please contact [parents@samford.edu](mailto:parents@samford.edu).

## STATE AND REGIONAL CHAIRS

To contact the chair in your state or region, visit [samford.edu/parents/leadership-council-contact](http://samford.edu/parents/leadership-council-contact).

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