You are about to embark on what may be the most significant adventure of your life. We want your college years to be filled with learning challenges and excitement so that you are fully prepared to enter the global workforce and ready to embrace the opportunities that await you.

As you prepare to make this transition, you and your family may have many questions. Whether you are entering college for the first time or transferring to Savannah State University from another institution, we want this to be a smooth transition as you prepare to “ascend to new heights.”
New Student Orientation is **required** of all students who will take classes at SSU for the first time. It is an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with the campus, university policies, procedures, resources and services. Academic advisors will be available to discuss degree requirements and help you plan your first semester schedule.

### PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parental involvement is a crucial ingredient to your college success. For that reason, we welcome and encourage parents or guardians to attend at least the first two days of orientation, where they will find informational sessions geared specifically to answer their questions and concerns. We want to make sure that parents are equipped with the knowledge to help students to succeed.

There will be advice on parenting a college student, the ins and outs of residential living, financial aid, and how to keep the communication lines open via e-mail and more. Parents will have the opportunity to pose questions to the president and other administrators, faculty members, orientation leaders and others.

### ORIENTATION LEADERS

Orientation 2006 is packed with learning and fun. The New Student Orientation Leaders are eager to make Orientation 2006 an unforgettable experience. They will serve as your guide and mentors during the orientation sessions and will be available to assist you throughout the academic year.

### MARKET PLACE

At the Market Place, we will have representatives from campus clubs & organizations, area banks, insurance companies and outside health services on hand to acquaint you with their services.

### LODGING

Students who have signed and returned their housing reservation agreements will have access to campus housing when they arrive for orientation. Parents, guardians and other guests will need to make reservations with one of the many fine hotels, inns or motels in Savannah; a partial listing is on the opposite side of this form. For more information about campus housing, contact Residential Services and Programs at 912-356-2324.

### TESTING

All new students must take a diagnostic writing assessment prior to advisement and registration for classes. Some students may also need to take the placement exams in reading, English and mathematics. Also, students pursuing degrees in the College of Sciences and Technology may have to take an additional test. Unless otherwise noted, all test sessions begin at 8:00 a.m. in Whiting Hall, Room 112. Please bring with you two #2 pencils, a ballpoint pen with blue or black ink, and a valid photo ID for admission. For more information about testing or to schedule a test, contact the Testing Office at 912-353-3112.

### SERVICE OF DEDICATION

One of the university’s longstanding traditions is the New Student Service of Dedication. During this sacred program, all new SSU students are officially inducted into the Tiger Family. Women are asked to wear white dresses, and men are asked to wear dark suits or white shirts and dark pants and ties for this ceremony.

### FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available to students who demonstrate the need for funds. The first step in the process is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You should check with the Office of Financial Aid to make sure that all required documents have been submitted so that the staff may evaluate your request. Student aid programs include grants, employment and loans. Also, a number of scholarships are available through the Office of Institutional Advancement, (912) 356-2286. For more information about financial aid, contact the office at (912) 356-2253 or visit www.savstate.edu.

### ORIENTATION REGISTRATION

The orientation fee for each participant is $75 per student, which will cover all program materials, activities, a t-shirt, and social events. Parents and guardians may register at no cost. Due to limited space, we ask that students bring no more than three guests. Complete the enclosed reservation form and return it with the appropriate fees by July 31, 2006.

### CANCELLATION

If it becomes necessary to cancel, 80% of the registration fee will be returned if your written notification is postmarked by **August 3, 2006**. Include the student's name and social security number in all correspondence and mail to Savannah State University, P.O. Box 20316, Savannah, Georgia 31404. Refunds will be processed approximately eight weeks after the end of orientation. Letters postmarked after **August 3, 2006**, and no shows will not be eligible for refunds.
### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE | Orientation 2006

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2006
- **8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.** Residence Halls Open / Move In  
  Location: Prospective Residence Halls

[For those students traveling 500 or more miles]

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2006
- **8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.** Residence Halls Open / Move In  
  Location: Prospective Residence Halls
- **10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.** Orientation Check - In  
  Location: Tiger Arena
- **2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.** Orientation General Session  
  Location: Tiger Arena
- **3:45 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.** New Student Group Assignments & Mixer  
  Location: Assigned Class Rooms
  - Parent Orientation  
    Location: Tiger Arena
- **5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.** Dinner & Free Time  
  Location: Campus Dining Hall
- **8:00 P.M.** Evening Social Activity  
  Location: TBA

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2006
- **7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.** Breakfast  
  Location: Campus Dining Hall
- **8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.** Registration Made Simple  
  Location: Tiger Arena
- **9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.** Freshmen Advisement & Registration  
  Location: Various Offices
- **5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.** SSU Market Place & Campus Cook Out  
  Location: Campus Circle
- **8:00 P.M.** Cabaret & Amateur Theater  
  Location: Tiger Arena

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2006 (cont.)
- **10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.** Academic Survival & Student Success 101  
  Location: Savannah Ballroom
- **11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.** Lunch (on your own)
- **1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.** Orientation Group Meeting  
  “Who Am I & Where Am I Going”  
  Location: Assigned Classrooms
- **3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.** Dinner & Free Time  
  Location: Campus Dining Hall
- **7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.** New Student Service of Dedication  
  Location: Savannah Ballroom
  - **Women - White Dresses / Men - Dark Suits**
- **8:30 P.M.** Presidential Reception  
  Location: King – Frazier Student Center

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2006
- **10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.** Brunch  
  Location: Campus Dining Hall
- **10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.** Worship Services  
  Location: Church TBA
  - Meet in front of the King-Frazier Student Center to catch a shuttle to a place of worship of your choice
- **4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.** Dinner & Free Time  
  Location: Campus Dining Hall
- **8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.** Movie on the Lawn  
  Location: TBA

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2006
- **7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.** Breakfast  
  Location: Campus Dining Hall
- **9:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.** Exploring SSU & its Community  
  (On Your Own)
- **4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.** Dinner  
  Location: Campus Dining Hall

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2006
- **7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.** Breakfast  
  Location: Campus Dining Hall
- **9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.** Student Orientation Meeting  
  Alma Mater Practice  
  Location: Assigned Class Rooms

### “A Little Touch of SSU”

If you would like to get an early start on testing, advisement and registration, please join us for “A Little Touch of SSU” on June 2, 15, 16 or 23 and July 20 or 21, 2006. Call the Office of Testing at 912-353-3112 for more information or to make your arrangements.
### Housing & Other Information Checklist

1. Have you submitted a Certificate of Immunization to the Admissions Office?
   - Yes
   - No (If not, please call the Admissions Office at (912) 356-2181)

2. Have you taken the Writing Assessment and/or College Placement Exam?
   - Yes
   - No (If not, please call the Testing Office at (912) 353-3112)

3. Have you reserved a Residence Hall room for the 2006-2007 academic year?
   - Yes
   - No (If not, please call Residential Services & Programs at (912) 356-2324)

4. Have you received a room assignment?
   - Yes
   - No (If not, please call Residential Services & Programs at (912) 356-2434)

### Local Hotels

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### Masters Inn Suites

- 7110 Hodgson Memorial Dr.
- (912) 354-8560 • 800-344-4378

### Directions to SSU Campus

#### FROM 1-16: EAST

Take exit 164A/ Lynes Parkway South, which becomes DeRenne Avenue at the first traffic light.

1. Continue East (straight ahead) on DeRenne Avenue to LaRouch Avenue. You will go through 11 traffic lights until DeRenne ends. Landmarks include Checkers, Candler Hospital, Walgreen’s, Jenkins High School, and Coastal Christian Church.

2. Turn left onto LaRoche Avenue, Keep straight. Landmark include a BP/Amoco convenience store, Bible Baptist Church.

3. Turn right onto campus at first light.

3. At stop sign make a right and follow orientation signs.

#### FROM 1-95 NORTH/SOUTH

Take I-95 to I-16 (Savannah) and refer to the above instructions.

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New Student Orientation 2006
Post Office Box 20316
Savannah, Georgia 31404
912-353-3149
Savannah State University
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2006 | REGISTRATION FORM

~PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE~

CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name of Student Attending:  Last  First  MI
SS#  -  -  Phone#: (  )  ___Male ___Female

Address:
City:  State:  Zip:
E-mail Address:

Full Name of Parent / Guardian #1 Attending:
Full Name of Parent / Guardian #2 Attending:

Disabled or have special needs?
If yes, specify:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration fee is $75 per student. Fee covers all materials, souvenirs, T-shirt & social events. There is an additional $15 late registration fee if postmarked after July 31, 2006.

Please include the student’s name and social security number on the CASHIER’S CHECK or MONEY ORDER for proper identification. Cancellations must be received in writing before August 3, 2006.

Number of students) registering __________ x $75.00 = $ ______________

Additional late fee__________ x $15.00 = $ ______________

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:  $______________

*Postmarked after July 31, 2006

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