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samford parent



OFFICIAL 2024-25 RESOURCE GUIDE AND CALENDAR



**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 6:05 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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# JULY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	Priority Processing Deadline for Financial Aid Materials 1	Res Life Zoom Call for Parents: Room Assignment Process 2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	Orlando, FL Welcome Party 13
Greenville, SC Welcome Party 14	Payment Plan enrollment opens for Fall 2024 plans 15	16	17	18	19	20
Atlanta, GA Welcome Party 21	22	23	24	Birmingham, AL Welcome Party 25	26	27
Nashville, TN Welcome Party 28	Greek Life Zoom Call for Parents: IFC Recruitment 101 29	Greek Life Zoom Call for Parents: NPC Recruitment 101 30	31			



## THINGS TO DO

- Attend a Welcome Party near you. If there isn't one, consider hosting a "Samford Send Off" 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.
- Secure hotel reservations for Family Weekend.
- Order a Back to School care package through the office of Parent and Family Engagement.
- Attend a Greek Life Zoom call for parents and learn about the application process, recruitment events, and Bid Day.



**SCAN THE QR CODE  
FOR AREA HOTELS**



**SCAN THE QR CODE  
BIRMINGHAM PARENTS'  
RECOMMENDATIONS**



**SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO PURCHASE  
SAMFORD TALKS CARDS**

## 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)*

# AUGUST 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				Greek Life Zoom Call for Parents: NPHC Recruitment 101 1	2	3
Dallas, TX Welcome Party 4	Enrollment window for the five-installment payment plan closes 5	Res Life Zoom Call for Parents: Move-In Day Process 6	7	8	9	10
11	Initial Fall 2024 Account Statements Posted to the Financial Portal 12	13	14	15	All eligible full term financial aid will disburse to students' accounts 16	17
Returning Student Move In 18	Returning Student Move In 19	Move in for Students Attending Bulldog Days VI 20	Returning Student Move In 21  All eligible refunds delivered by direct deposit processed	New Student Move In 22  Introduction to IMPACT (Inspiring Minorities to Pursue Academics and Community Together)	New Student Move In 23	Returning Student Move In 24
Returning Student Move In 25  OSSD Welcome Back  Your School Your City	Classes Begin 26  Fall Small Group Registration Opens	University Convocation 27  Sorority 101	First "Samford United" Worship Gathering 28	Student Involvement Fair 29	Last day to add or drop a fall course(s) without financial penalty, at 4:30 p.m. 30  Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken <b>Freshman Retreat</b>	Samford Football at West Georgia 31
<b>Welcome Back Week</b>						

**Other Important Dates:**

- Students who have their own health insurance will have until late August to waive out of the Samford health insurance plan. The link to the waiver out can be found at: <https://samford.myahpcare.com/waiver>.
- August 26-30: Freshman Class Officer and Senator Election Applications & Committee Applications open
- August 30: Freshman Forum Applications and Freshman Class Officer/ Senator Applications close
- August 30: All eligible refunds delivered by paper check mailed today



## THINGS TO DO

- ❑ Make sure your student has added you as an authorized user at [connect.samford.edu](http://connect.samford.edu).
- ❑ 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. Via the Samford Student Portal, students may consent and designate the release of certain types of information.
- ❑ 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 20-22) 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 22, and Friday, August 23. For students attending Bulldog Days in August, move in will be Tuesday, August 20. Students will select a day and time to move in. Upperclassmen will choose from move-in appointments on August 18, 19, 21, 24, or 25.

When you arrive on the day of your student's chosen move in, signage will direct you to 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 Engagement 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. 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 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
1	Labor Day (University Closed)  Fall Cadre registration opens	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Payment in full due for those not enrolled in a payment plan  Payment Plan enrollment closes for the four-installment payment plan		National Pan-Hellenic Council host Greek Speak  Registration canceled, and classes dropped for incomplete or nonpayment		Samford Football at Florida	
<b>Panhellenic Recruitment</b>							
8	Freshman Class Officer and Senator Elections	9	10	11	12	13	14
Panhellenic Bid Day IFC 101					IFC Bid Day	Samford Football vs. Alabama State	
<b>IFC Recruitment</b>							
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
		Student Employment Fair			Samford Abroad Fair   <b>Family Weekend</b>		
<b>Family Weekend</b>							
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
						Samford Football at Furman	
29	30						
September 15 - October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month.							

**Other Important Dates:**

- Monthly account statement emailed to students and authorized users on or around the 10th of each month
- Installments due for the four & the five installment payment plans the 5th of each month for the duration of the plan





## 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.
- Support the Samford Parents Scholarship campaign that kicks off Family Weekend!

## Family Weekend *September 20-22*



General information opens in late August at [samford.edu/parents/family-weekend](http://samford.edu/parents/family-weekend).

Other information will be emailed to parents and students.

*A few highlights of the weekend include...*

- **Pops with the Prez**
- **Tours of the new Campus Recreation, Wellness and Athletics Complex**
- **Service Project for Families**
- **Vespers, featuring Acapella Choir**
- **Parents Association Annual Meeting and Breakfast**
- **Party on the Quad** (including state parent chapter tents, Greek and student organization tents, and live music)

## 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 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	Samford Football vs. VMI 5
September 15 - October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month.						
6	7	8	9	10	Midterm grade entry deadline 11	Samford Football at ETSU 12
13	14	15	16	Majors Connection 17	Graduation Application Deadline for Spring 2025 18	Samford Football vs. Mercer 19
	<b>Fall Break</b>					
20	21	22	23	Mr. Beeson's Birthday 24	25	Samford Football vs. The Citadel 26
27	28	29	30	31		

**Other Important Dates:**

- Study Abroad applications open October 18 for May Term, Summer, and Fall 2025 at [abroad.samford.edu](http://abroad.samford.edu).
- 2025-2026 FAFSA available - [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) anticipated on or after October 1, 2024
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## 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 2025, at [abroad.samford.edu](http://abroad.samford.edu).
- Talk to your family about participating in the Samford mission trip. Parents, students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to join us in this ministry adventure. Find details at [Samford.edu/parents/service](http://Samford.edu/parents/service).

**SIGN UP TODAY  
FOR THE SAMFORD  
MISSION TRIP TO  
ECUADOR, TO BE  
HELD DURING  
SPRING BREAK 2025.**

## 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 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
	November is Native American Heritage Month					1 Samford Football vs. Wofford	2
					Homecoming		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Samford Football vs. Tennessee Tech	
10	11	12	13 Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in the current semester	14	15	16 Samford Football at Chattanooga	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Samford Football vs. Western Carolina	
24	25	26	27 No Classes	28	29	30	
				Thanksgiving Holiday			

**Other Important Dates:**

- November 13: Last day to withdraw from a class or completely withdraw from all fall classes without academic penalty.
- Study Abroad applications are open for May Term, Summer, and Fall 2025 at [abroad.samford.edu](http://abroad.samford.edu).
- Mid-month: Registration begins for Spring and Summer terms (exact dates TBA)
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Parents in Chattanooga fellowship and work together to encourage students with exam care packages.

## THINGS TO DO

- ❑ Add us to your Christmas card list. Mail to:  
Samford University/Parent and Family Engagement  
800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229
- ❑ 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 area restaurants.
- ❑ Encourage your student to stay active. Campus Rec provides recreational programs and outdoor adventure activities. ([samford.edu/campus-recreation](http://samford.edu/campus-recreation))
- ❑ Plan conversations to have with your student during the Thanksgiving holiday:
  - Study Abroad options during his/her collegiate career
  - Spring Break plans
  - Summer 2025 internships, mission trips, employment, and service opportunities
  - Don't forget to use your Samford Talks Conversation Cards.

## 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 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 Last day of classes Lighting of the Way Study Abroad applications close for May Term, Summer, and Fall 2025	6 Study Day	7
8	9	10	11	12 Legacy League Christmas Home Tour	13	14 Fall Commencement
<b>Final Exams</b>						
15 Residence Halls Close for Graduating Seniors at 9 a.m.	16 Final grades due	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.
- Monthly account statement emailed to students and authorized users on or around the 10th of each month
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## THINGS TO DO

- Talk with your now-independent student about expectations you will have for each other during the holidays.
- 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 an initiative that is dear to your family's heart. Consider the Samford Parents Scholarship.
- Attend the 2024 Christmas Home Tour, a favorite community event. Find details at [samford.edu/legacyleague/events/Christmas-Home-Tour](https://samford.edu/legacyleague/events/Christmas-Home-Tour).

## 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 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Payment Plan enrollment opens for Spring 2025 plan All eligible full term financial aid will disburse to students' accounts Initial Spring 2025 account statements posted to the financial portal	4
5	6	7	8 All eligible refunds delivered by direct deposit processed	9	10	11 Move In for Spring Semester
12 Move In for Spring Semester	13 Classes Begin	14 University Convocation Step Sing Ticket Sales Open to Participants	15	16	17 Step Sing Ticket Sales Open to the Public	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (University Closed) Spring Cadre Registration Opens	21 Payment in full due for those <u>not</u> enrolled in a payment plan Enrollment window for the payment plan closes	22	23 Registration canceled, and classes dropped for incomplete or nonpayment	24	25
26	27 Spring Small Group Registration Opens Study Abroad Applications open for Spring 2026 at <a href="http://abroad.samford.edu">abroad.samford.edu</a>	28	29	30	31	

**Step Sing**

**Other Important Dates:**

- January 17: Last Day to Add or Drop a Spring Course(s) without financial penalty
- January 17: Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken
- January 17: All eligible refunds delivered by paper check mailed today
- Monthly account statement emailed to students and authorized users on or around the 10th of each month
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## THINGS TO DO

- ❑ Purchase tickets to Step Sing this month or livestream a performance and host a watch party. Send your pictures to us for a chance to be featured on our social media accounts: [parents@samford.edu](mailto:parents@samford.edu).
- ❑ Arrive early to Step Sing to find a good parking place, hang out in Parent Commons, and enjoy special events planned by the Parents Association on Saturday in the University Center.
- ❑ Remind your student to keep up with Convo credits.
- ❑ Ask your student about spring Greek recruitment options.
- ❑ 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.

## 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 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
		February is Black History Month					1
						Step Sing	
2	3	Online Family Academy Class	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	Online Family Academy Class	11	12	13	14	FAFSA Priority Filing Deadline 15
16	17	Online Family Academy Class	18	19	20	Samford Grandparents' Day	21
22							22
23	Officer Election Applications Open	24	Online Family Academy Class	25	Job & Internship Fair: For-Profit	26	Job & Internship Fair: Non-Profit
					SGA Executive Board, Senator and Class Election Applications Close	27	28

**Other Important Dates:**

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## 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.
- February is Family Month at Samford. Participate in Family Academy, support Grandparents' Day on February 21, and make plans to attend a Family Day basketball game, date TBD.

## 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 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
						1	
	March is Women's History Month and National Reading Month.						
2	3	4	5	6	7 Midterm grade entry deadline for all undergraduates	8	
						<b>Samford Mission Trip to Ecuador</b>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
<b>Spring Break</b>							
16	SGA Executive Board, Senator and Class Election Campaigning Begins	17	18	19	20	21 Graduation Application Deadline for Fall 2025	
22						22	
23	SGA Executive Board, Senator and Class Election Elections	24	25	26	27	28	
29						29	
30	31						

**Other Important Dates:**

- Mid-March: Registration begins for Fall term (exact dates TBA)
- Monthly account statement emailed to students and authorized users on or around the 10th of each month
- Installments due for the payment plan the 5th of each month for the duration of the plan





## THINGS TO DO

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- 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.
- March is National Reading Month. 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.

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## PRAYER

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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 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
Samford observes Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month in April.						
6	7	8	9	10	11 Payment Plan enrollment opens for Summer 2025 plans	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Initial Summer 2025 account statements posted to the financial portal	19
Easter 20	Easter Monday (University Closed) 21	22	23	24 Study Abroad Applications close for Spring 2026 at <a href="http://abroad.samford.edu">abroad.samford.edu</a> Last Day of Classes	25 Study Day	26
27	28	29	30	*Students should plan to move out of the Residence Halls 24 hours after their last exam.		
Final Exams						

- April 1: Last day to withdraw from a Spring course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Spring courses without academic penalty
- April 1: Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course taken in the current semester (undergraduate only)
- Watch social media for Lead with Love week details.
- Monthly account statement emailed to students and authorized users on or around the 10th of each month
- Installments due for the payment plan the 5th of each month for the duration of the plan
- All eligible financial aid will disburse to students' account on varied dates depending on session enrollment
- All eligible refunds delivered by direct deposit processed on varied dates depending on session enrollment
- All eligible refunds delivered by paper check mailed on varied dates depending on session enrollment

**Other Important Dates:**





## THINGS TO DO

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- Volunteer now to help with your state tailgate during fall 2025 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))

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## PRAYER

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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 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT			
				Final Exams Senior Walk and Baccalaureate	1	2	3		
				<b>Commencement Ceremonies</b> <hr style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; vertical-align: middle;"/>					
Residence Halls Close for Graduating Seniors at 9 a.m.	4	May Term Classes Begin	5	6	Enrollment window for the Summer 2025 payment plan closes	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
25	Memorial Day (University Closed)	26	27	Last Day of May Term Classes	28	Final Exams	29	30	31

**Other Important Dates:**

- May 7: Last day to add or drop a May Term course(s)
- May 7: Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken
- May 12: Last day to withdraw from a May Term course OR to withdraw completely from ALL May Term courses without academic penalty
- May 12: Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in the current term
- June 6: Payment in full due for those not enrolled in a payment plan (for all summer sessions other than the final summer session which is due July 10, 2025)
- June 9: Registration canceled, and classes dropped for incomplete or nonpayment (for all summer sessions other than the final summer session)





## THINGS TO DO

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- 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.
- Consider hosting a Samford Send Off this summer. Visit [samford.edu/parents/events](http://samford.edu/parents/events) for details.

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## PRAYER

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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.

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



# 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 the ways your involvement helps fund efforts to connect and support all students and their families:

- Parent e-newsletters
- Family Weekend
- Care Packages for Samford CARES student needs
- Campus-wide experiences beyond tuition-based programming
- Support for the Parents Scholarship Fund
- Family Hospitality Ministry
- Parent Commons amenities

Below are some of the connection opportunities for parents and families, both on campus and in your home city and state:

- One association meeting each year
- Local events in cities around the country for parents and families, such as Coffee Connections, Samford Send Offs and Care Package Parties
- Parents in Prayer monthly Zoom calls
- Note-writing campaigns
- On-campus support during move-in and exam week
- Seasonal care package offerings

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.

<b>Your partnership provides the following:</b>	<b>Complimentary Partner</b>	<b>Scholastic Partner-\$200 INDIVIDUAL PARTNERSHIP 100% tax-deductible gift</b>	<b>Collegiate Partner-\$500 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP \$400 tax-deductible gift</b>
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 Monthly Newsletter	●	●	●
Parents Association Annual Breakfast Invitation	●	●	●
Local and Regional Event Invitations	●	●	●
One Samford Parent T-Shirt		●	
One Samford Parent Car Decal		●	
One Samford Flag			●
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



Alongside,

*Eric and Sharla*

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



### **SAMFORD PARENTS ASSOCIATION:**

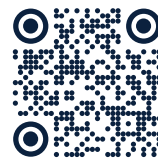
When you give as a Scholastic or Collegiate Partner, you help provide extra care to our students. Some examples of these are snack bars during exams and special events during Family Weekend and Step Sing weekend. Additionally, your gifts help fund a major project within Student Affairs that will benefit all Samford students. Every year during Family Weekend, our partners vote on one of five proposals that will make a tremendous impact on our campus. In 2023, we designated \$25,000 to support students with food insecurities, and we purchased seating for Ben Brown Plaza, a favorite hang-out spot for all Samford students. In 2024, we provided funds to build a home for a displaced family in Ecuador, and Samford students and parents participated in the construction of the home. Cast your vote at the Parents Association annual meeting during Family Weekend. Parents are encouraged to give via the website 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 especially helpful for late night needs or for those without their own transportation. In 2023 and 2024, parents gave over \$60,000. Be on the lookout for a new Samford Giving Day project in 2025.



### **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. The Parents Scholarship has provided support for 15 students in a time of crisis. Parents and friends of Samford are encouraged to give each year during the Parent Scholarship campaign.



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)





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# 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).

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Texas

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Allison Nieto**

Midwest

**Lawren Nunn**



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# PARENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Samford University Parent Advisory Board (PAB) works to support the university's Christian mission to nurture persons in their development of intellect, creativity, faith and personhood. Board members have a first-hand understanding of the impact the university has on students and their families. Members seek to strengthen the relationship between the university and the parents of current undergraduate students; encourage relationships within the Samford family; positively represent the university to others; and financially support the university.

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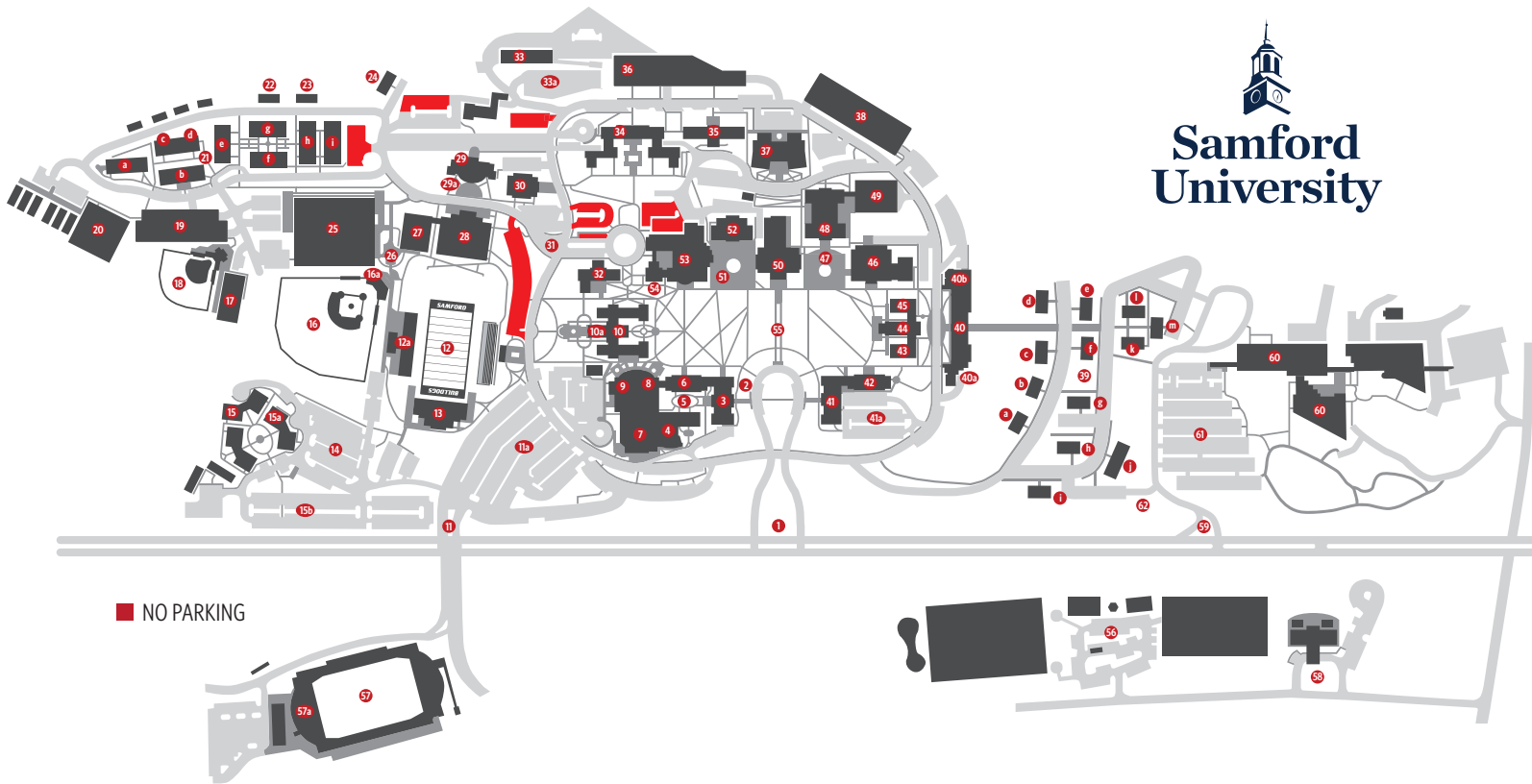
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