



SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

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South Suburban College Delays Start Date until January 18 to Benefit Students

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – The South Suburban College (SSC) Board of Trustees voted unanimously to delay the Spring 2022 Semester start date until January 18, 2022. The move was presented by the college’s executive leadership team at their December 9 Board Meeting as a “student-centered” academic calendar adjustment. The proposal comes after “more than a month of planning, including dialogue with students and faculty,” according to Dr. Lynette Stokes, SSC President.

SSC’s goal for the eight-day delay is to provide current and prospective students with additional time for both in-person and remote registration, counseling, financial and student services between the on-campus return from holiday closure on January 4, and the short turnaround to the start of classes. Students may continue to navigate the college’s newer processes for applying for free laptops from www.ssc.edu/technology-relief-fund/ and the SSC Student Debt Relief Fund from www.ssc.edu/student-debt-relief-fund through the additional time frame.

Stokes noted an additional benefit as it relates to COVID-19: “Safety remains the college’s primary concern and with holiday travel we want to start the spring semester with an abundance of caution.”

In response to the board action, SSC has added three new dates for registration and counseling services to be available for students on previously closed days as follows:

- December 28, 10am–2pm: Virtual Services
- December 29, 10am–2pm: Virtual Services
- January 15, 9 am–2pm: In-Person Services

The semester will be extended with finals week now pushed back to May 16-21 and Commencement on Sunday, May 22, while all other scheduled activities including spring break week will remain unchanged.

To request help with enrollment, current and new students may access a LIVE CHAT button from ssc.edu, call (708) 210-5718 or email registration&records@ssc.edu.

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