

# Parent/Family Guidebook 2009

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## SPU Mission Statement

Seattle Pacific University seeks to be a premier Christian university fully committed to engaging the culture and changing the world by graduating people of competence and character, becoming people of wisdom, and modeling grace-filled community.

# Welcome to Seattle Pacific University

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and alumni of Seattle Pacific University, we would like to welcome your student into our community of learners. We have set lofty goals for our students and a lofty goal for ourselves as well: to educate every student to go out into the world and make a difference. SPU is on a mission, to engage the culture and change the world, and we are thrilled that your student is joining this great adventure with us.

The Seattle Pacific faculty and staff understand the mixture of feelings that you experience as you and your student prepare to start the academic year, and during your student's first few days and weeks. The SPU tradition is founded on more than 100 years of welcoming new students, preparing them for personal growth, and helping them to make lasting changes in their lives, their communities, and the world.

Because we appreciate your interest in maintaining channels of communication while your student is at Seattle Pacific, we have created this handbook to provide an overview of services and resources available to students and parents, as well as our educational philosophy, important dates in the academic year, and department contact information. The Office of Academic Affairs, Student Academic Services, and the Office of Student Life are places to provide service not only to your student, but also to you as family members.

We are honored to play a role in your student's learning, linking academic and student life experiences. We would be pleased to answer any inquiries you may have or to help you reach the faculty or staff member who can answer them.

Please keep and use this booklet, and call upon us when needs arise. Remember that as you undertake this journey with your student, you have partners and friends at SPU who will teach, guide, challenge, and support your student.

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## Helpful Tips for Parents

Someone close to you is going to college. What's next? We hope you'll embrace these new experiences as part of the continuing development of your student. The first few weeks of college may be a time of disorientation for your student, so prayerfully consider how you can help your student thrive. The following tips may be helpful to support and care for your student.

- Be prepared for some significant and, at times, controversial discussions.
- Stay connected and appropriately engage in conversations about decisions.
- Respect your student's decisions. Remember that God is working in your student's life and preparing your student for the future.
- Be confident in your student's potential. Praise accomplishments.
- Be assured that the SPU faculty and staff are deeply committed to your student's success.
- Listen carefully for what is and isn't said.
- Keep your sense of humor.
- Consistently communicate with your student (email is a great vehicle).
- Keep in mind that cultivating good time-management skills will help your student succeed.
- Nurture the spirit of persistence.
- Work cooperatively on reasonable budgets.
- Understand that formation of identity, independence, and intimacy are as much a part of college as classes and papers are.
- Remember that your student is in the process of becoming a responsible adult, but it won't happen overnight. Change requires adjustment, and stress is inevitable.
- Be prepared for the "empty nest" of your home. It won't be the same.
- Be prepared for your student's return as an "adult."

Adapted from *Helping Your First-Year College Student Succeed: A Guide for Parents*, by Richard H. Mullendore, vice president for student affairs and associate provost at the University of Georgia, and Cathie Hatch; and *Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years*, by Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger.

## The First Year of College

Although each student will handle the transition to college life differently, there are some typical issues that many new students experience. The following timeline is not exact, but will provide you with a general summary of the freshmen experience:

### September

- Saying goodbye to family, friends, and pets.
- Excitement and/or fear of a new experience.
- Learning to live with someone new.

### October

- Homesickness and long-distance relationships.
- Figuring out class and time management.
- Settling into a schedule.
- Wondering whether I will be able to keep up the pace.

### November

- Academic issues are a reality. Midterm exam time, papers due.
- Campus friendships beginning to form.
- Selecting classes for next quarter.
- Going home for Thanksgiving — different expectations of home.
- Will there be skiing this year?

### December

- Finals week. All academic work is due. No slack time.
- Questions about Christmas — time, friends, family, gifts.
- Back home with family and friends. Away from SPU friends.
- Time to sleep. Time to assess the quarter.

### January

- Reuniting with SPU friends.
- Feelings about Christmas Break.
- Wondering what happened to the sun and whether spring will ever come.

### February

- Valentine's Day.
- Registering for Spring Quarter.
- Homecoming.
- Midwinter blues.
- Finding new ways to balance academics and social life.

### March

- Pushing to get it all done.
- Finals and papers due.
- What will I do for Spring Break?

### April

- Starting a new quarter.
- Planning for next year — What major will I choose? Where will I live?
- What will I do this summer?

### May

- Choosing classes for next year.
- Experiencing the beauty and wonder of springtime in Seattle.

### June

- Yikes, it's the end of the year already!
- Final exams and papers.
- Ready or not, I'm coming home!

## SPU Parent Resources

### Parents and Families “In the Loop”

Seattle Pacific’s website and quarterly e-newsletter is designed to keep parents up to date and “In the Loop” on what’s happening on campus. You will find messages from the president, faculty and staff, Tips and advice for parents, events, stories of your student’s spiritual, academic and campus life, and parent resources, as well as the *Parent Guidebook*.

E-newsletters are sent in September, December, March, and June and you can sign up to receive them on the site at [spu.edu/parents](http://spu.edu/parents). You can ask questions and pose story ideas on the site as well.

### Statement on Parental Involvement

Our goal at SPU is to help students realize their full potential as independent people who are well equipped to make wise choices. Because our primary relationship is with the student, SPU has a university policy to encourage students to tackle problem-solving as much as possible and to take responsibility for their choices. SPU policies do not include direct parental presence in proceedings dealing with academic, residential, or lifestyle matters. Although families may be separated now in distance, they are still the major influence on students’ lives and success. Parents can help their students by making sure students understand SPU policies and processes, and by providing family emotional support. SPU follows all federal and state regulations on information-sharing about students. Family members may view the full text of the FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) policy on our Student Academic Services website at [www.spu.edu/depts/sas/ferpa.html](http://www.spu.edu/depts/sas/ferpa.html). Additional information about this federal law may be found at the U.S. Department of Education website at [www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html). SPU also follows HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) policies; information may be found at [www.spu.edu/depts/studentlife/policies.asp](http://www.spu.edu/depts/studentlife/policies.asp). Parents will find various sources of information about how they can support their students’ goals at SPU from these sources:

- Activities for student involvement. Visit the Office of Student Life website at [www.spu.edu/studentlife](http://www.spu.edu/studentlife).
- Career Development Center resources for parents. Visit [www.spu.edu/depts/cdc/parents](http://www.spu.edu/depts/cdc/parents).
- Campus events calendar. Visit [www.spu.edu/qamastercal.asp](http://www.spu.edu/qamastercal.asp).

Parents may address any questions about this statement to the dean of students by calling 206-281-2481.

## Advice for Students

- 1** Learn how to learn — if you accomplish this, you will go far in life.
- 2** Be accountable to the highest standards of scholarship, integrity, and excellence.
- 3** Make strong connections with faculty, staff, and other students.
- 4** Join a club or an organization or start your own.
- 5** Use your SPU email account.
- 6** Immerse yourself in campus life at SPU the first month of school — you’ll meet more people and make lasting friendships.
- 7** Embrace diversity. Attend programs that are different from what you would usually choose, and keep an open mind.
- 8** Make an effort to eat healthy, exercise, and get enough sleep.
- 9** Remember the world can see your Facebook and MySpace profiles, including faculty and employers! Make sure your profiles represent you in a positive manner.
- 10** No matter where you live, engage with campus life at SPU!

## Undergraduate Degree Program Learning Outcomes

### Purpose

The entire SPU community of educators and professionals across the curricular and co-curricular programs joins in commitment to seek the achievement of these outcomes and to sow the seeds for their continuing development in the lives of our student after graduation.

### Mission of Seattle Pacific University

*“Seattle Pacific University seeks to be a premier Christian university fully committed to engaging the culture and changing the world by graduating people of competence and character, becoming people of wisdom, and modeling grace-filled community.”*

### Becoming People of Wisdom

SPU graduates will make decisions that reflect what is true and good even within complex or ambiguous situations.

#### COMPETENCE

SPU graduates will articulate discipline-specific knowledge and apply essential skills enlivened by the liberal arts.

#### MODEL GRACE-FILLED COMMUNITY

SPU graduates will cultivate a life of friendship, civility, and community through responsible discourse and respect for each other.

#### CHARACTER FORMATION

SPU graduates will embody personal and professional integrity by serving the public good in doing what is right and doing so with an awareness of consequences.

Graduates should:

- Demonstrate knowledge of Christian narrative and beliefs.
- Demonstrate knowledge in disciplinary field as articulated by the departments.
- Integrate liberal arts and disciplinary knowledge.
- Apply knowledge, inquiry, and critical thinking skills in problem-solving.
- Demonstrate a global perspective.
- Communicate effectively.

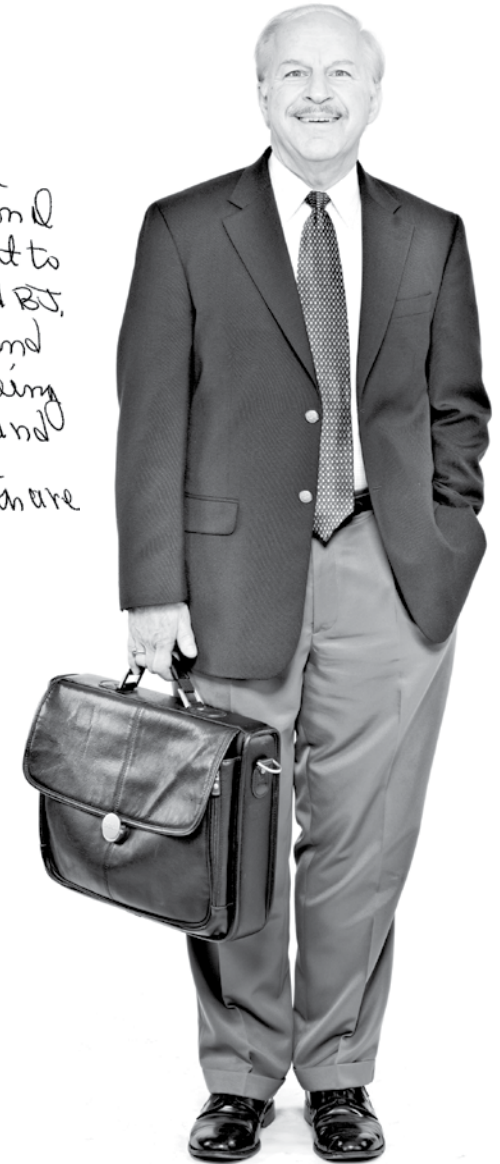
Graduates should:

- Demonstrate interpersonal skills necessary for effective personal and professional relationships.
- Engage with diverse others.

Graduates should:

- Reflect upon ideas and actions through the lens of Christian faith and ethics.
- Balance interests of self, others, and the community in pursuit of the common good.

*“I’m Ed Smith, SPU Professor of Education & Ministry, and parent to SPU students Josh and BJ, along with teaching and disciplining students, being a father to my sons and making sure they are growing in their faith are the most important things I do.”*



# Checklist for New Students Autumn 2009

**Set up** your SPU email account and check it at least twice a week.

**Apply** for housing and submit your housing deposit. If you apply and submit a deposit by June 1, you'll receive your housing information (room and roommate assignments) in August. If your application or deposit is received between June 2 and August 14, you'll receive your assignment when you check in (September 24). Applications and deposits received after August 14 will be processed as space permits. For more information on campus living, visit [www.spu.edu/reslife](http://www.spu.edu/reslife).

**Provide** a final, official, and complete transcript from each high school and college you have attended.

**Become familiar** with all items available through the Student Menu in the Banner Information System. [www.spu.edu/banner](http://www.spu.edu/banner)

**Sign and return** all financial aid forms to Student Financial Services by August 14, 2009.

**Visit** the Computer and Information Services website for information regarding buying a computer for school, software and virus protection requirements, and downloads. [www.spu.edu/CISHelpDesk](http://www.spu.edu/CISHelpDesk)

**Send** in your health record and insurance forms if you didn't turn them in during your New Student Advising event.

**Review** the online *Student Handbook*, including "Lifestyle Expectations." [www.spu.edu/handbook](http://www.spu.edu/handbook)

**Register** your car and apply for a parking permit by clicking on "Parking Information and Application" on the Main Menu in Banner. [www.spu.edu/banner](http://www.spu.edu/banner)

**Start** a packing list for move-in day. [www.spu.edu/whattobring](http://www.spu.edu/whattobring)

**Move In** to residence halls and campus apartments. Move-in begins at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2009. No early move-ins will be allowed.

**Attend** Welcome Week, Thursday, September 24–Sunday, September 27, 2009.

## SPU Lingo

### ASSP

Associated Students of Seattle Pacific  
(Student Government)

### Central Campus

Martin Square-area buildings

### CCS

Campus copy center located in Lower Marston

### CIS

Computer and Information Services:  
where to go with computer and network questions

### Falcon

Student newspaper

### FFMC

First Free Methodist Church: the church on Third Avenue West in which SPU chapels (and various other events) are held

### Freeway

The walkway through Marston Hall

### group

Student-led worship night on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., usually in Upper Gwinn

### Gwinn

The dining hall on campus

### Lower Campus

Loop-area buildings, including Marston/Watson and Moyer halls

### Martin Square

Paved, open area in the center of campus

### MEP

Multi-Ethnic Programs

### OA

Office Assistant

### OSL

Office of Student Life: the office that houses Residence Life, Student Programs, Career Development, Center for Learning, the Student Counseling Center, Health Services, and Multi-Ethnic Programs

### PA

Peer Advisor: the trained student on each floor in each residence hall who is responsible for the floor and the residents; the person to go to with questions, problems, or comments

### RBP

Royal Brougham Pavilion: the gym

### RHMC

Residence Hall Ministry Coordinator: the student in the residence hall who is responsible for all the SMCs in that hall

### RLC

Residence Life Coordinator: the full-time, professional SPU employee responsible for the residence hall and the residents

### SAS

Student Academic Services: where to go for academic advising, questions regarding transcripts, or class schedules

### SFS

Student Financial Services: where to go to get answers to financial aid questions, pay your bill, and find student employment

### SMC

Student Ministry Coordinator: students on each residence hall floor responsible for the spiritual nurturing of the residents

### SPRINT

Seattle Pacific Reachout INternational: John Perkins Center organization that facilitates domestic and international short-term mission teams

### STUB

Student Union Board: group of students who plan all-campus activities

### SUB

Student Union Building

### Tiffany Loop

Grassy area with big, beautiful trees just outside the SUB; also called "the Loop"

### Tradition

The annual all-campus Christmas party that STUB puts on every December

### UI

Urban Involvement: John Perkins Center organization that coordinates opportunities for students to serve the local community

### Upper Campus

Ashton and Hill residence halls

# Welcome Week 2009

Community life at Seattle Pacific University is focused on students actively engaging academics, faith, and service. Your student will attend Welcome Week, which is designed to support students in making a smooth transition into community life at SPU. And a major part of this transition involves providing information, resources, and connections to the SPU community — not just for new students, but for parents and families as well.

Students and their families should plan to arrive to campus no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, and families should plan to leave late Friday evening or early Saturday morning, September 25 or 26. Students can reserve space for their families by completing the online form found at [www.spu.edu/orientation](http://www.spu.edu/orientation) (the same form students use for registration). There is no fee for families, but each student is asked to limit guests to four.

## Accommodations for Families

While the residence halls open for students on September 24, guests will not be allowed to stay in the halls. To see a list of local hotels, motels, and bed-and-breakfasts, visit [www.spu.edu/hotels](http://www.spu.edu/hotels). Contact hotels directly for reservations and information.

## Transportation

For a fee of \$10, we offer transportation to SPU for students traveling alone and arriving in Seattle by train, bus, or plane on Thursday, September 24, 8 a.m.–7 p.m. To plan for transportation, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 206-281-2021 or [admissions@spu.edu](mailto:admissions@spu.edu) by September 11.

*Students traveling with their families will need to arrange their own transportation. Here are several choices available in the Seattle area:*

<b>Shuttle Express</b>	206-622-1424
<b>Yellow Cab</b>	206-622-6500
<b>Far West Taxi</b>	206-622-1717

# Campus Events

When you arrive at SPU on September 24, you will be provided with a Welcome Week brochure that will guide you through the week's events. Here is a taste of what those first few days will be like:

## Thursday, September 24

### Check-in/Move-in

Students living in residence halls: Check in in the lobby of your hall. Students living in campus apartments and off campus: Check in at Orientation Central in the SUB.

### President's Opening Welcome

President Philip Eaton welcomes new students and their families to the SPU community.

### Residence Life Family Welcome

The Associated Student of Seattle Pacific (ASSP) officers and other student leaders roll out the welcome mat for new students.

### Connections Dessert

Parents and families are invited to join President and Mrs. Eaton, and other SPU leaders, for a time of live music, dessert, and meeting other parents.

## Friday, September 25

Various events will take place on campus to provide information to new students and their families, and to assist students and parents in making the college transition.

### President's Forum

President Eaton will speak on the purpose and unique qualities of an SPU education followed by introductions of the vice presidents and other SPU leadership.

### Break-out Sessions

### University Seminar Meet and Greet

What is University Seminar (USEM) anyway? Come meet your student's USEM professor and their student academic mentor. Learn more about what academics will be like at SPU.

### Leaving the Nest

Pastor Mark Abbott shares a heart-to-heart reflection on the transition that parents, families, and students face as the college years begin. An open time for discussion follows.

### New Student Convocation

Join faculty, who will be robed in traditional academic regalia, for this formal ceremony of initiation and adoption into the SPU community.

### Goodbye Celebration

All good things must come to an end. As the Parent and Family portion of Welcome Week comes to a close, say goodbye to your student — and make plans to come back in January for Family Weekend!

## Move-in Day Tips

New Student Move-in Day

Thursday, September 24, 2009

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

If students are moving into the residence halls and know their room assignments, they should go directly to the residence hall and check in in the hall lobby. If they don't know their assignments, they can find out in the Residence Life Office, Second Floor, SUB, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on Thursday, September 24.

If students are moving into an SPU apartment, they should check in at Welcome Week Central, where they'll receive their Welcome Week packets and directions to their apartments. Parking in unloading zones will be limited to 45 minutes, but there will be plenty of uPod leaders and other student leaders available to help students move into their new living spaces.

### Welcome Week

Second Floor, SUB | 206-281-2831 | [www.spu.edu/welcomeweek](http://www.spu.edu/welcomeweek)

## Transfer and Non-Traditional Student Orientation

We understand that as a transfer student or a non-traditional student (your student is considered a non-traditional ("non-trad") student if 25 years old or older), students have different needs as their academic careers begin at SPU. That's why we created Transfer Express. While students are welcome and encouraged to come to any of the other campus activities happening during the week, we particularly invite them to come to Transfer Express on Sunday, September 27, 3:30–5:30 p.m. in Upper Gwinn Commons. In this condensed two-hour program, they will get all the information they need to make a good start at SPU, including information about how they can get involved on campus as transfer students or non-trads, and what services are available to them on campus.

## Residential Living

It's our pleasure to introduce students to Seattle Pacific University's residential community. Living on campus extends their education beyond the classroom and offers important opportunities for growth. They'll find there are many choices to be made as they develop relationships with roommates, friends, faculty, and staff. They'll also make decisions that affect academic success, including how to stay healthy, manage a busy schedule, and have time for recreation. The residence life experience is an integral part of a student's education.

Professional residence life staff oversee every residence hall and campus apartment. Students will come to know these people as their "RLCs" (residence life coordinators). A student staff member, known as a "PA" (peer advisor), will live on their floor. Together, the RLCs and PAs will support students in their transition to SPU living and encourage them to experience the campus community through scholarship, leadership, service, and spiritual formation.

Depending on when students' housing applications and deposits are submitted (for dates, see [www.spu.edu/reslife](http://www.spu.edu/reslife)), they may be notified of their room and roommate assignments before they arrive on campus. It is a good idea to contact roommates before the end of the summer. Here are some things roommates may want to discuss:

- Start with a basic introduction: where they're from, what high schools they went to, what they like to do for fun.
- Who will contribute what items to the room? There won't be room for two TVs or refrigerators, so students should plan ahead on large items that they can share. For a suggested list of what they should bring, see [www.spu.edu/whattobring](http://www.spu.edu/whattobring) (PDF).

As they prepare to share a room with their roommate, think about what their expectations may be, realistic or not. They should ask what kind of roommates they will be. Do roommates expect to be best friends? How do they feel about sharing their possessions? Are they clean or messy persons? What are their priorities in coming to SPU and how will roommates be affected by these priorities? Students should remember to keep open minds when meeting new roommates. Getting to know one another will take time and understanding. Students should avoid snap judgments that will not allow them to really get to know their roommates.

Living on campus with a roommate is an exciting adventure that will be remembered!

### Residence Life

Second Floor, SUB | 206-281-2043 | [www.spu.edu/reslife](http://www.spu.edu/reslife)

# Student Services

## Career Development Center

How do students find their calling in life? How do they choose a major that will suit them? How can they find a career that they're passionate about? The Career Development Center is here to help them answer these questions, and find an internship and, after graduation, a job that will suit their gifts and values. Students should see [www.spu.edu/cdc](http://www.spu.edu/cdc) or visit the Career Development Center for information on discovering their calling, choosing a major, finding an internship or a career, and more.

### Career Development Center

Second Floor, SUB | 206-281-2485 | [www.spu.edu/cdc](http://www.spu.edu/cdc)

## Center for Learning

The Center for Learning (CFL) assists students in reaching their academic potential. The Center offers a number of services for students who would like to improve their learning skills or increase their academic success at Seattle Pacific.

- Peer tutoring is available for many undergraduate classes such as biology, chemistry, psychology, statistics, and foreign languages. Fifty-minute individual and group sessions are available for a minimal fee.
- The Writing Center, staffed by trained peer tutors, provides students the opportunity to improve writing skills while working on papers. The service is free of charge.
- Courses and workshops are available, covering topics such as time management, test-taking, memory, stress management, reading rate and comprehension, and learning styles.
- Individual learning consultations are available for students who wish to discuss specific learning concerns and strategies with a professional staff member.
- Disability Support Services provides educational access, through support, resources, advocacy, collaboration, and academic accommodations, for SPU students with disabilities.

The staff at the Center for Learning is committed to students' growth as lifelong learners and looks forward to working with each of them. Students are welcome to visit our website for more information about our learning resources.

### Center for Learning

Lower Moyer Hall | 206-281-2475 | [www.spu.edu/cfl](http://www.spu.edu/cfl)

## Computer Services and Support

Computers are an essential part of academic life at Seattle Pacific University, and students are encouraged to bring a computer for their personal use. While desktop systems are common, laptops have been increasing in popularity due to their portability and convenience.

SPU's main computer support department is Computer and Information Systems (CIS). CIS operates the campus computing HelpDesk that provides assistance getting connected to the Internet as well as basic technical assistance to students in a variety of ways, including by email, by telephone, and online.

Students should check out the CIS Help pages for the most up-to-date information that they'll need to know before coming to campus. Specific topics for new students include:

- SPU's computer and network "Acceptable Use Policies"
- Residential computing requirements for hardware, software, and virus protection
- Educationally priced software, including Microsoft Windows Vista, Office Professional, and our free McAfee antivirus software (please note: CIS cannot provide support for antivirus products other than our provided McAfee software)
- Information about wireless networking
- Instructions for accessing each student Banner Information System account (for registration, financial aid, etc.)

## Email and Internet/Web

Email is the official communication medium at SPU. All students automatically receive an SPU email account, and are expected to use them often throughout their time at SPU. Each student is assigned an SPU email address upon admission to SPU.

To set up new email addresses, students should follow these steps:

- 1** Go to the Banner Information System at [www.spu.edu/banner](http://www.spu.edu/banner). To log in to Banner, enter your SPU ID# and your birth date as your PIN. Your birth date should be entered in MMDDYY format. If this is your first time logging in to Banner, you will be asked to create a new PIN. Please choose a six-character PIN that you can remember and use throughout the year.
- 2** From the main menu in Banner, choose “Computer Resources Menu (MARS)” and then “SPU Username.” This account gives you access to many SPU online resources. You’ll need to create a new password by selecting “Change password.” When selecting a new password, be sure to follow the password recommendations shown. Your SPU email address is your *SPUusername@spu.edu*.
- 3** To log in to your SPU email, return to the SPU home page and click “Webmail” from the Online Services dropdown menu or go to [www.spu.edu/webmail](http://www.spu.edu/webmail).

## Computer and Information Systems

Lower Marston Hall | 206-281-2982 | [www.spu.edu/cishelpdesk](http://www.spu.edu/cishelpdesk) | [help@spu.edu](mailto:help@spu.edu)

## Health Services

Any SPU student may use the health care facility. The focus of Health Services is to provide prompt medical care and health education, and to keep students fully engaged in their academic life. Students may call 206-281-2231 to make an appointment. Nurse practitioners can evaluate and treat illnesses and injuries. They can prescribe medications as needed. When a condition requires further attention, or in case of an emergency, the clinic may refer a student to an area specialty clinic or hospital.

A student does not need an insurance plan to visit Health Services. The Health Services fee is included in the housing charges for on-campus students. Off-campus undergraduate students will be billed \$25 per quarter when the Health Services are used. Any additional charges resulting from a student visit may be applied to the student’s account or be paid at the time of the student visit.

All records are confidential, and no information will be released to anyone without the student’s written consent, unless required by law or public health.

## Medical Insurance

It is advisable that students carry adequate health and accident insurance to avoid unexpected interruptions to their education due to high medical expenses. Students should consider using the student insurance program, an alternative comparable program, or a family plan to cover their health needs. Insurance packets with applications are available in the Health Center and in Student Financial Services. Students should keep a copy of their insurance information with them at all times.

For more information regarding insurance, students should contact Health Services.

## Health Services

First Floor, Watson Hall | 206-281-2231 | [www.spu.edu/healthservices](http://www.spu.edu/healthservices)

## John Perkins Center

The John Perkins Center for Reconciliation, Leadership Training, and Community Development exists to see generations of global urban leaders, organizations, and institutions engaging the culture and changing the world by modeling reconciliation and contributing to community health and wholeness. Students can participate in this work through local and international service teams.

- CityQuest connects uPods to community-serving organizations across Seattle in the weekend before Autumn Quarter classes begin. [www.spu.edu/cityquest](http://www.spu.edu/cityquest)
- Latreia provides quarterly service days and an online database of volunteer opportunities around the city. [www.spu.edu/latreia](http://www.spu.edu/latreia)
- Urban Involvement organizes weekly volunteer teams to serve with and learn from organizations in Seattle. [www.spu.edu/ui](http://www.spu.edu/ui)
- SPRINT sends teams of students to international missions projects during summer vacations. [www.spu.edu/sprint](http://www.spu.edu/sprint)

## John Perkins Center

Second Floor, SUB | 206-378-5403 | [www.spu.edu/perkins](http://www.spu.edu/perkins)

## Mailing Services

Mailing Services sells stamps and mails packages for students, staff, and faculty. A fax machine operated by CCS is also available for a fee. For campus mail, students may take advantage of the free on-campus mailing service by dropping their letters in the mail slot outside the SUB or at the Mailing Services counter.

Students living in the residence halls and selected campus houses and apartments will receive a campus mailbox free of charge. Boxes are assigned at the beginning of their first quarter.

Students can find their mailbox numbers and combinations in Banner. They should click on “Computer Resources Menu (MARS)” and then “Mailstop.” They will see their mailstop numbers and corresponding combinations. The number before the hyphen is the address of the box, while the number (either 1 or 2) after the hyphen indicates whether a student is the first or second person assigned to the mailstop. Students should include only the first number in the address they give to friends and family. All mail and packages sent to students should be addressed as follows:

Student Name  
Mailstop xxxx  
3307 Third Ave W  
P.O. Box 79011  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seattle, WA 98119-7911

### Mailing Services

Lower Marston Hall | [www.spu.edu/mcs](http://www.spu.edu/mcs)

## Multi-Ethnic Programs

Multi-Ethnic Programs (MEP) is a resource for all students. Its mission is to pursue biblical reconciliation by:

- Facilitating campus engagement in issues of race, ethnicity, and justice;
- Equipping students of color to be successful academically and in leadership at the collegiate level and beyond; and
- Inspiring Christ-like social activism in all students.

## MOSAIC

MOSAIC is a club advised by Multi-Ethnic Programs and comprising students from diverse backgrounds committed to establishing cross-cultural community at SPU. We explore issues related to racial and ethnic diversity, and we work to create an environment at SPU where all students feel welcome.

## Intercultural Retreat

Does your student want to dive into the campus dialogue on race, culture, and justice? Need a place to chill out from culture shock? This retreat offers a fun time with students from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Offered early Autumn Quarter.

## Leadership Development

MEP is committed to developing culturally competent student leaders, who understand their own racial identity, who are comfortable in diverse cultural settings, and who are sensitive to issues of race and ethnicity. We meet with students one-on-one and connect them with opportunities for growth.

## Clubs and Events

Students may want to get involved and connected with other students who share interests, or learn about issues, cultures, and celebrations that may be new to them. They should check out clubs like the Black Student Union (BSU), SALSA (Spanish and Latino Student Awareness), Asian American Association, ACF (After Choir Flava', a hip-hop dance club), and AU (Africa United).

### Multi-Ethnic Programs

2nd Floor, SUB | 206-281-2598 | [www.spu.edu/mep](http://www.spu.edu/mep)

## Safety and Security

The Office of Safety and Security helps to maintain a safe and healthy environment for the SPU community. Safety and Security patrols the SPU campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Because no security system can completely eliminate loss of property through theft or vandalism, all members of the campus community are expected to contribute their alertness to the safety and security of the campus. Although this makes property loss less likely, the University is not responsible for loss or damage to personal possessions brought to campus by students. Students can help by valuing campus facilities, respecting the personal property of others, and reporting any strange or suspicious circumstances they observe.

In case of any emergency on campus, students should call x2911 from any campus phone. We would also strongly suggest they add 206-281-2911 to their cell phones as the emergency number for Safety and Security. They can find more information on improving their own personal safety at [www.spu.edu/security](http://www.spu.edu/security).

## Security Escort Service

Security escort service is available for faculty members, staff members, and students who need to walk to different areas of the campus. This service is offered 24 hours a day and is for campus community safety, although it is restricted to the University campus. For an escort, a student may call x2922.

## University Emergency Information

“Stop. Think. Act.” flipbooks with readily available emergency procedures have been attached to podiums or located in another conspicuous place

in each classroom. Booklets are secured in most gathering spaces on campus such as lounges, residence hall lobbies, and campus dining facilities. RLCs and PAs in each residence hall have copies of the flipbook as well.

### **SPU-Alert Mass Notification System**

The SPU-Alert System is a communication tool used to notify the campus community about any situation or condition that could threaten the safety of individuals on campus. Text messaging has proven to be the quickest way for students to receive an alert about a campus emergency. To receive a text message, it is necessary for each student to provide a cell phone number. Students can submit or update their information through the Banner Information System on the web at [www.spu.edu/banner](http://www.spu.edu/banner). They should select “Personal Menu”; then choose the “SPU-Alert System.” Students should contact the CIS Help Desk if they have questions concerning entering their personal contact information into the Banner Information System.

### **Emergency Contact Information**

Students should take some additional time to add or update their emergency contact information. While the SPU-Alert System identifies how they will be contacted in the event of a campus emergency, their emergency contact information identifies who will be contacted if something happens to those students. To review and update emergency contact information, students should log into the Banner Information System, select “Personal Menu,” and then choose “Emergency Contact Information.”

#### **Safety & Security**

601 W. Emerson | 206-281-2922 | [www.spu.edu/security](http://www.spu.edu/security)

## **Student Academic Services**

Student Academic Services consists of two departments — Undergraduate Academic Counseling, and Registration and Records — both under the leadership of the University Registrar.

### **Undergraduate Academic Counseling**

Staff in the Undergraduate Academic Counseling office are the “policy experts” regarding undergraduate degree requirements. Along with faculty advisors, academic counselors are a primary resource to help students navigate the path from admission to graduation. Academic counselors transfer credits from other institutions, advise students on academic probation, process applications for graduation, and award honors and degrees.

Undergraduate academic counselors help coordinate new student advising and registration. They see students on a drop-in basis for schedule changes throughout the first week of each quarter, including

Autumn Quarter, and for two days at the end of Winter and Spring quarters for advance registration periods.

### **Registration and Records**

Registration and Records does much more than help students register for and withdraw from courses. This office also prepares the annual Online Time Schedule, records SPU credits and grades, verifies academic standing, certifies veterans and/or dependents for benefits, and maintains files on all present and former students.

For answers to questions related to Student Academic Services, visit [www.spu.edu/sas](http://www.spu.edu/sas) and select “Get Answers” under “General Resources” in the top bar.

### **FERPA**

SPU has the responsibility to supervise any access to and/or release of official information about its students. The University is committed to protecting the right to privacy of all individuals about whom it holds information, records, and files.

SPU’s policies comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). To learn more about student rights under FERPA, which include students’ right to inspect their education records and request amendments, and to keep personal information from being published, see [www.spu.edu/ferpa](http://www.spu.edu/ferpa).

#### **Student Academic Services**

Demaray Hall 120/151 | 206-281-2031 | [www.spu.edu/sas](http://www.spu.edu/sas)

## **Student Counseling Center**

The Student Counseling Center (SCC) is dedicated to the emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of SPU students. The Center is staffed with professional master’s- and doctoral- level counselors and therapists and supplemented with master’s- and doctoral-level graduate interns. In addition, the SCC has a registered dietitian on staff dedicated to supporting a healthy body image and the nutritional well-being of students. Services are provided for currently enrolled SPU undergraduate students and include:

- Responsive mental health assessment and referral services for all undergraduate students
- Crisis intervention for students experiencing serious acute emotional distress
- Individual, couple, premarital, and family therapy (a six-session limit is applied in most cases)

- Eating disorder treatment program for students struggling with issues of body image and disordered eating (a limited number of spaces are available within this program; no session limits are applied)
- Nutritional counseling
- A variety of counseling groups covering a range of topics and issues that affect the emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of college students
- Consultation services to SPU faculty and staff on issues of student mental health
- On-campus presentations on various mental health topics
- Collaboration with Health Services nursing and psychiatric staff to coordinate medication evaluation and treatment

### Student Counseling Center

1st Floor, Watson Hall | 206-281-2657 | [www.spu.edu/scc](http://www.spu.edu/scc)

## Student Financial Services and Financial Aid

### General Requirements and Financial Aid Disbursement

- Students should make sure their file is complete. They should promptly return all requested documents and/or information. An incomplete file will delay the disbursement of aid.
- Students should enroll for 12 or more credits (full time). If students will be enrolled for fewer than 12 credits, they should let SFS know; it may change their aid. Students must be enrolled for the number of credits upon which their financial aid was based for their aid to be disbursed.
- Students should maintain satisfactory academic progress: They must complete at least 80 percent of the courses they attempt, and keep a minimum GPA, to remain eligible for financial aid and scholarships.

### Scholarships and Grants

- Scholarships and grants are automatically credited to student accounts in equal disbursements at the beginning of each quarter.
- A minimum of 12 credits each quarter is required for SPU scholarships.

### Outside Scholarships

- Awards made to SPU students by agencies and organizations

not affiliated with SPU are divided equally over three-quarters of enrollment, unless the sponsor or donor instructs otherwise.

- If a scholarship doesn't appear on the student's first bill, the student should ask the sponsor or the donor when the funds will be sent.
- Students should submit their outside scholarship documentation to SFS by August 1.

### Student Loans

- Students should be sure to complete all requirements. Students will be notified via email regarding their requirements, so they should be sure to check their SPU email frequently.
- Loan funding will be automatically credited to student accounts.

For more detailed information about student accounts, financial aid, and other financial education resources, visit [www.spu.edu/sfs](http://www.spu.edu/sfs).

### Billing

After students have registered for classes, they'll receive an email at their SPU email address letting them know that their account statement is available. This will happen by the third week of each month. Their electronic statements will reflect tuition and fee charges, payments, and the current amount due.

Payments can be made:

- 1 By mail. Make the checks payable to Seattle Pacific University. Student ID numbers should be written on the memo line of the check.

**Student Financial Services**  
Seattle Pacific University  
3307 Third Ave W, Suite 114  
Seattle, Washington 98119-1922

- 2 In person or deposited in the drop box.
- 3 Online. Payment information for e-check, credit card, or authorized payer service can be found at [www.spu.edu/onlinepayments](http://www.spu.edu/onlinepayments).

### Payment Plan Options

SFS provides students with three options to pay their bill:

- Option A: Pay in full; Autumn Quarter payment due October 15, 2009. Automatic option for all students; available all year.
- Option B: Nine monthly payments for the academic year (three payments per quarter). Required application due by August 14. Student must be enrolled for classes by August 14.

- Option C: Three-monthly-payment installment plan for one term. Application required for enrollment; Autumn Quarter application due by August 14. Also available for Winter and Spring quarters.

Students should visit [www.spu.edu/sfs](http://www.spu.edu/sfs) for details and applications. If they have any questions, need advice, or have unique financial circumstances, they should contact SFS.

### Student Financial Services

10 Demaray Hall, Garden Level | 206-281-206; 1-800-737-8826  
[sfs-info@spu.edu](mailto:sfs-info@spu.edu) | [www.spu.edu/sfs](http://www.spu.edu/sfs)

## Student Employment Information

When looking for jobs, students are encouraged to use the Student Employment website at [www.spu.edu/studentjobs](http://www.spu.edu/studentjobs). This information is available for year-round opportunities, both on and off campus. If they know that they will need a job in the fall, this is the place to find it. They should start looking before school starts!

### Student Employment

10 Demaray Hall | 206-281-2047 | [www.spu.edu/studentjobs](http://www.spu.edu/studentjobs)

## University Ministries and the Center for Worship

University Ministries and the Center for Worship staff are the campus pastors, here to help students learn what it means to build lasting relationships and discover how their lives fit into God's plan for the world. The Office of University Ministries and the Center for Worship (OUM/CFW) offers a wide variety of voluntary programs to help students learn and grow during their time at SPU.

We focus on three big ideas: gathering together, building relationships, and investing.

### Gathering Together

When we come together to worship God, we also learn more about who we are and how we are called to join in the Holy Spirit's work of redeeming and healing the whole world. We learn that we are part of a story that is bigger than ourselves — it's the story that God is writing in all of creation. As campus pastors, we work with teams of student leaders to offer at least three worship services on campus each week.

### Worship services include:

Chapel: Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. | group: Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.  
 Prayer and Communion: Fridays, 7:30 a.m.

## Building Relationships

If we really want to know what it means to be connected with God and with other people, we need to step outside of our own comfort zones, and allow ourselves to know others and be known by them. Our office helps build relationships through small groups, Bible studies, intentional living communities, and mentoring. Relationship-building ministries include Student Ministry Coordinators (SMCs) on each residence hall floor and the Sharpen ministry for off-campus students.

## Investing: The 37five Project

At SPU, we're learning how to be people who engage the culture and change the world with the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe that this starts with learning certain lifetime habits, such as worshiping together, living in community, and reaching out to others. The 37five Project is a grant program that allows students to invest money in nonprofit organizations that are doing God's work in the world. To participate in this grant program, students commit to meet together in small groups and worship together at SPU worship services.

### University Ministries and the Center for Worship

Second Floor, SUB | 206-281-2966 | [www.spu.edu/um](http://www.spu.edu/um)

## ASSP: Students Serving Students

The Associated Students of Seattle Pacific (ASSP) is the organized undergraduate student voice on the SPU campus. ASSP consists of students who want to make a difference in the SPU community, who want to voice their opinion on campus, and who desire to learn what it takes to be a leader. We believe that SPU should be more than a school. It should be a place students can belong and a place that is as dynamic as the students who are involved.

Put simply, ASSP is the students. Whether it is one of our four student media organizations, one of our six student-led ministry programs, student government, or one of more than 35 clubs, students can find a way to get involved and make a difference. We are confident that they can find their niche with one of ASSP's broad variety of programs. Students should check out [www.spu.edu/assp](http://www.spu.edu/assp) for more information.

## Involv-o-rama

Involv-o-rama is a showcase of the various involvement opportunities on campus. On Sunday, September 27, returning student leaders will be available to share their clubs', organizations', or groups' mission and purpose with new students looking for ways to be involved on campus. Students should not miss this great opportunity ... it could change their lives!

## Alumni and Parent Relations Office

New students at Seattle Pacific University begin a lifelong adventure and join a family of 36,000 members of the SPU Alumni Association. Stewards of campus traditions, we represent the connection between the present and the past. Alumni have given back to our school in many ways, including through scholarships, mentoring, and job opportunities.

The Alumni and Parent Relations Office works closely with the Young Alumni Council (YAC) to stay connected with students and recent grads. Young alums have given back to the University in many ways, including the funding of a student scholarship. The YAC hosts the annual Senior Salute boat cruise, the Santa booth at Tradition, and the Endowment Dinner, which is used to raise student scholarship funds.

## Intercollegiate Athletics

Athletics at Seattle Pacific University is an exhilarating experience, whether students are exuberant fans, intramural competitors, or distinguished varsity athletes. Falcon Fever runs deep and strong at SPU — and for good reason. New students have come to a university whose teams finished in the top five percent of all NCAA Division II members last year!

### Intercollegiate Athletics and Falcon Fans

Ask anyone who squeezed into the NCAA regional basketball championships hosted in Royal Brougham Pavilion seven of the past 10 years, or joined overflow crowds at Interbay Soccer stadium as our soccer teams advanced to the Final Four, and students get a hint of what awaits them as Falcon fans. The atmosphere is electric, the rewards great, and the memories lifelong. When, year-in and year-out, season after season, the Falcons flex their collective muscles with amazing results, it's easy to see why Falcon fans are so enthusiastic. Plus, tickets for all home events are free for students. We can't wait to see and hear them cheer!

## SPU Athletics Facts

To date, cross country/track and field runner Jessica Pixler has earned six NCAA Division II national championship titles. At the 2008 NCAA Division II Women's Cross Country National Championship, the women's cross country team earned a fourth-place finish.

The 2008 women's soccer team defeated University of West Florida in double overtime to win its first NCAA Division II national championship. This is SPU's ninth National Championship team title. Women's soccer player Meredith Teague was the NCAA Division II Athlete of the Year for 2008. She and Jessica Pixler were both chosen as Honda Collegiate Women Sports Award finalists.

## Keep Up With the Scores

When SPU teams are on the road, visit [www.spufalcons.com](http://www.spufalcons.com) for the latest results.

## Intramurals

SPU students consistently rate the intramural program as one of their favorite aspects of University life. Having fun, keeping physically fit, and making new friends are just a few of the many benefits of intramurals.

Do floors need to register a team? Where can students see the standings? Not sure when the next game is? Students can find out this information and more at [www.spu.edu/intramurals](http://www.spu.edu/intramurals).

### Single-Day Tournaments

Badminton	Ping Pong
Basketball	Tennis
Bowling	Turkey trot
Chess	Weight lifting
Cross country	
Pickleball	

### League Sports

Basketball
Floor hockey
Football
Soccer
Softball
Volleyball

## Fine and Performing Arts

**Autumn Auditions: September 28, 29, and 30**

### Choirs and Ensembles

Students interested in these groups should plan to audition on September 28 or 29. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the lobby of the Crawford Music Building in the fall. Each audition should take no more than 15 minutes. Opportunities are available in Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Women's Choir, Men's Choir, Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Clarinet Choir, Flute Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and Brass Ensemble.

## Theatre Auditions

One of only three audition opportunities this year will be held during the first three days of school for our autumn and winter play productions. On September 28, 29, and 30, we will be auditioning for our autumn and winter productions. There are a number of male and female roles. Interested students should have a willingness to work hard, and to commit to seven to 10 performances. Academic credit is available. Sign-up sheets for audition appointments will be located in the lower lobby of the Crawford Music Building in the fall.

For more information, students should visit the Fine and Performing Arts website at [www.spu.edu/fpa](http://www.spu.edu/fpa).

# SPU Traditions

## Convocation

The first fall Convocation was held in 1932 as an informal recognition that new students and faculty had become part of the community and that the challenges of a new school year lay ahead. Ultimately, Convocation became a formal ceremony for opening each year with faculty robed in traditional regalia. The New Student Convocation is a formal ceremony of initiation and adoption into the SPU community.

## Day of Common Learning

Beginning with the inaugural Day of Common Learning in October 2002, featuring the theme of "Integrity," the Day of Common Learning is a campus in-service day during which faculty, staff, and students have the opportunity to participate in a learning community outside the traditional classrooms. The Day of Common Learning for 2009 will be on Wednesday, October 14, with the theme of "Transformational Leadership."

## Fusion

Each year, the Office of Residence Life advises the student population in the planning and implementation of FUSION on the first Thursday night in October. FUSION is a time of celebrating floor communities in the residence halls and promoting floor unity while honoring and remembering others in the larger community. FUSION replaced former traditions of initiation in an effort to eliminate activities that were in violation of anti-hazing regulations. Most students choose to participate in this voluntary celebration.

## Homecoming and Family Weekend

Our annual Homecoming celebration was instituted in 1935 at Commencement. Subsequently, as it grew and became very significant to the University, Homecoming was moved to Winter Quarter. In 1994, Homecoming was officially combined with Family Weekend, as well as class reunions, which had been celebrated in the spring. Homecoming and Family Weekend offers a variety of activities, including athletic games, theatre, concerts, talent show, chapel, luncheons, reunions, and award recognitions. It's a wonderful celebration that brings together alumni, parents, and students.

## Senior Salute

The Alumni Office and the Young Alumni Council (YAC) have been honoring the graduating seniors with a year-end celebration since 1987. It became an annual boat cruise in 1990 and is a way for the YAC to welcome graduates into the Alumni Association. This cruise takes place on the recently renovated Virginia V wooden steamship, the same ship that transported Seattle Pacific College freshmen to Orientation at Camp Casey more than 50 years ago.

## Ivy Cutting

The notion of an ivy ceremony began in 1922 as a time to plant ivy to cover the historical bricks of Peterson Hall. From that planting came Ivy Cutting, a ceremony which has become a part of the Commencement activities. At Ivy Cutting, graduates gather in Tiffany Loop and are encircled by a quarter-mile-long ivy wreath. SPU's president, assisted by other members of the administration and faculty, cuts the ivy between the graduates, and gives each graduate a piece for planting — thereby signifying the graduates' tie to SPU and their independence, as they end their college years and enter the world.

# SPU Timeline

## 1891–1900

- 1891** Seattle Seminary is founded as an elementary school. Later a high school is added.
- 1892** Alexander Hall is completed. Originally known as the “Red Brick Building,” it was later named for Alexander Beers, the first president of Seattle Seminary (for obvious reasons, it was decided that the building would bear President Beers’ first name only).
- 1895** The first student newspaper, *The Seminary Echo*, is published as a four-page monthly paper.

## 1901–1910

- 1903** Students have three ways to get to downtown Seattle: by streetcar, by horse, or by rowboat.
- 1904** The first student club is organized: the Student Volunteer Missionary Band
- 1905** Peterson Hall is completed.
- 1910** A full college program is added.

## 1911–1920

- 1911** *The Cascade* is first published as a monthly magazine.
- 1913** Seattle Seminary becomes The Seattle Seminary and College.
- 1915** The first three bachelor of arts degrees are awarded.
- 1915** Seattle Seminary and College becomes Seattle Pacific College.
- 1917** *The Cascade* becomes an annual (it is called *Tawahsi* from 1950 until 1984).

## 1921–1930

- 1924** The Ivy-Planting Ceremony is begun. It later becomes Ivy Cutting.
- 1925** *Seattle Pacific College News* is first published by students. It later becomes *The Falcon*.
- 1926** Basketball and baseball become varsity sports, but, due to Free Methodist Church stipulations, the teams can participate only in church leagues.

**1930** The basketball team is allowed to play against the College of Puget Sound and the University of Washington’s freshman team.

**1932** group begins as Wednesday night Vespers.

**1934** The Falcon is chosen as the school mascot because of its many associations with swiftness, bravery, and fairness in battle.

**1935** Homecoming, the annual celebration of alumni, begins.

**1936** Seattle Pacific College receives full accreditation.

**1936** The high school program is dropped.

**1939** The quarter system, popular among Northwest colleges and universities, is adopted.

## 1941–1950

**1941** McKinley Hall is used for the 49th Commencement ceremonies, even though it wouldn’t be completed for three more years.

**1942** Watson Hall is completed as a women’s dorm, kitchen, and dining hall.

## 1951–1960

**1953** The first Homecoming basketball game is held in the newly constructed Royal Brougham Pavilion against Portland State College.

**1954** Moyer Hall is completed as a men’s dorm.

**1955** Hillford House, on the corner of 6th and Dravus, is constructed and occupied by President Watson, the first of many presidents to live there.

**1955** Seattle Pacific College acquires Camp Casey on Whidbey Island.

**1958** Students vote to assess themselves an increased student fee to contribute toward building a new Student Union Building, which opens in 1960.

## 1961–1970

**1960** Doris Brown Heritage becomes the first woman to compete intercollegiately as a Falcon. She goes on to win five national cross-country championships and five world championships.

**1962** Hill Hall is opened in time for the new school year, complete with a parents’ visiting area.

**1962** Seattle Pacific becomes affiliated with the NCAA, and it remains the Northwest’s most long-standing Division II member.

**1962** A new dining hall, Gwinn Commons, is completed.

**1963** Weter Hall is completed as a memorial library.

**1965** Ashton Hall, originally known simply as “Upper,” is completed.

**1965** Robbins Apartments are renovated to become married student housing.

**1966** Dick Smith becomes the first Falcon basketball player to be drafted by the NBA.

**1968** Demaray Hall, along with the clock tower, is dedicated for use. The art on the clock tower was created by a professor and three students, with the panels symbolizing the Trinity and the three branches of learning. The East Panel represents the spirit of man as expressed in the fine arts; the West Panel portrays the physical sciences; and the South Panel with its cogged wheel portrays human industry. The lower portion represents the different conditions of humanity in history.

**1968** The SPC Fellows program, now the SPU Fellows, is initiated.

## 1971–1980

**1971** The first minority affairs director is appointed.

**1974** Casey Quarter, in which students spend a quarter at Camp Casey, begins with an emphasis on environmental concerns.

**1975** Women’s varsity sports officially begin.

**1976** Blakely Island, a 965-acre wilderness environmental research campus, is donated.

**1976** Miller Science Learning Center opens.

**1977** The School of Business and Economics is added.

**1977** Seattle Pacific College becomes Seattle Pacific University.

**1978** The School of Fine and Performing Arts is added.

**1978** The men’s soccer team captures the first of five national championships (1978, 1983, 1985, 1986, and 1993).

## 1981–1990

**1983** The SPRINT program is introduced.

**1986** The women’s gymnastics team wins the first of three national championships (1986, 1992, and 1997).

## 1991–2000

**1994** The new Library opens.

**1995** Dr. Philip W. Eaton is appointed president of SPU.

**1998** The “Common Curriculum” approach is introduced.

## 2001–Present

**2001** Emerson Hall is opened for residents.

**2003** The Science Building opens with L.E.E.D. Silver status for its energy-efficient design and construction.

**2007** The first annual Social Venture Competition takes place, in which students develop projects that create solutions to social needs, with the winners receiving \$2,500 to make their plan a reality.

**2008** The women’s soccer team wins the national championship.

# Important Dates to Remember

## Autumn Quarter 2009

Residence halls open for new students	September 24	9 a.m.
Welcome Week	September 24–27	
Classes start	September 28	
Opening Convocation	September 29	9:30 a.m.
Last day to add classes	October 2	
Tuition payment due	October 15	
Veterans Day holiday (no classes)	November 11	
Thanksgiving holiday (no classes)	November 26–27	
Finals Week	December 7–9	
Residence halls close	December 10	10 a.m.

## Winter Quarter 2010

Residence halls open	January 4	1 p.m.
Classes start	January 5	
Last day to add classes	January 11	
Tuition payment due	January 15	
Martin Luther King Jr. holiday (no classes)	January 18	
Homecoming and Family Weekend	January 29–30	
Presidents' Day (no classes)	February 15	
Finals Week	March 15–17	
Residence halls close	March 18	10 a.m.
Spring Break	March 18–30	

## Spring Quarter 2010

Residence halls open	March 30	1 p.m.
Classes start	March 31	
Good Friday (half-day holiday)	April 2	
Last day to add classes	April 7	
Tuition payment due	April 15	
Memorial Day holiday (no classes)	May 31	
Finals Week	June 8–10	
Residence halls close	June 11	4 p.m.
Commencement	June 12	

# Student Services at a Glance

## Career Development Center

Second Floor, SUB  
206-281-2485  
[www.spu.edu/cdc](http://www.spu.edu/cdc)

## Center for Learning

Lower Moyer Hall  
206-281-2475  
[www.spu.edu/cfl](http://www.spu.edu/cfl)

## Computer and Information Systems

Lower Marston Hall  
206-281-2982  
[www.spu.edu/cishelpdesk](http://www.spu.edu/cishelpdesk)  
[help@spu.edu](mailto:help@spu.edu)

## Health Services

First Floor, Watson Hall  
206-281-2231  
[www.spu.edu/healthservices](http://www.spu.edu/healthservices)

## Housing and Meal Plan Services

3220 Sixth Ave. W.  
206-281-2188  
[www.spu.edu/reslife](http://www.spu.edu/reslife)

## Library

Martin Square  
206-281-2228  
[www.spu.edu/library](http://www.spu.edu/library)

## Mailing and Copying Services

Lower Marston Hall  
206-281-2077  
[www.spu.edu/mcs](http://www.spu.edu/mcs)

## Multi-Ethnic Programs

Second Floor, SUB  
206-281-2598  
[www.spu.edu/mep](http://www.spu.edu/mep)

## Orientation/Welcome Week

Second Floor, SUB  
206-281-2831  
[www.spu.edu/orientation](http://www.spu.edu/orientation)

## John Perkins Center

Second Floor, SUB  
206-378-5403  
[www.spu.edu/perkins](http://www.spu.edu/perkins)

## Residence Life

Second Floor, SUB  
206-281-2043  
[www.spu.edu/reslife](http://www.spu.edu/reslife)

## Safety and Security

601 W. Emerson  
206-281-2922  
[www.spu.edu/security](http://www.spu.edu/security)

## Student Academic Services

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[www.spu.edu/sas](http://www.spu.edu/sas)

## Student Counseling Center

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[www.spu.edu/counseling](http://www.spu.edu/counseling)

## Student Employment

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