

# Parent & Family Engagement

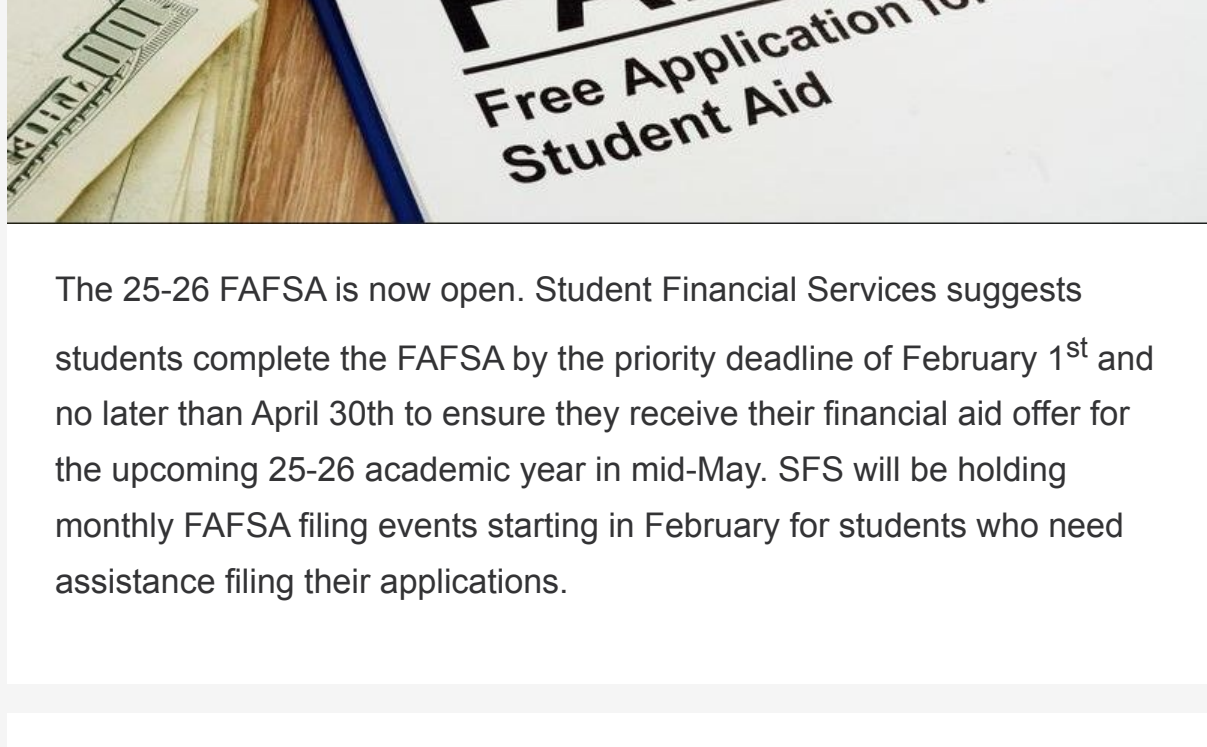
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Welcome to “*Family Connections*”, our Seattle U family e-newsletter. We know how important parents and families are to our students’ success. Our goal is to keep you updated on campus happenings and share information pertinent to parenting a college student.

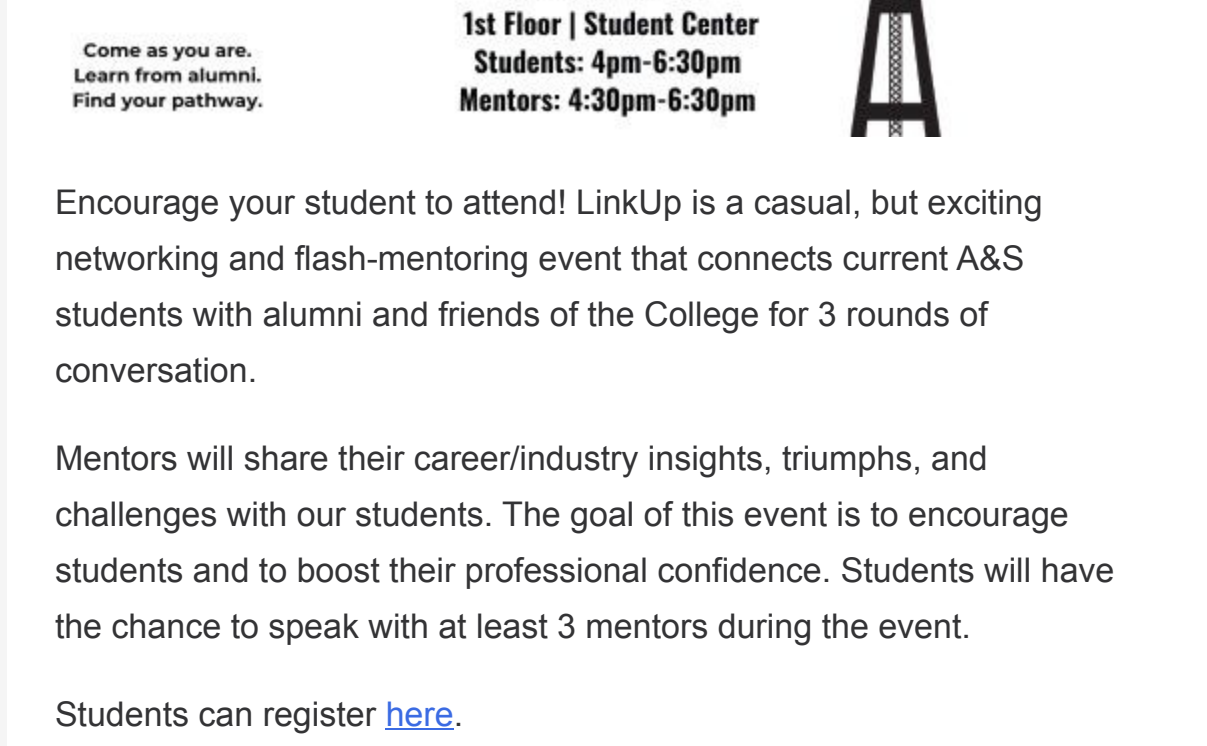
**HAPPY NEW YEAR, REDHAWK FAMILIES!**

## 2025-26 FAFSA completion



The 25-26 FAFSA is now open. Student Financial Services suggests students complete the FAFSA by the priority deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup> and no later than April 30th to ensure they receive their financial aid offer for the upcoming 25-26 academic year in mid-May. SFS will be holding monthly FAFSA filing events starting in February for students who need assistance filing their applications.

## College of Arts & Sciences “LinkUp”



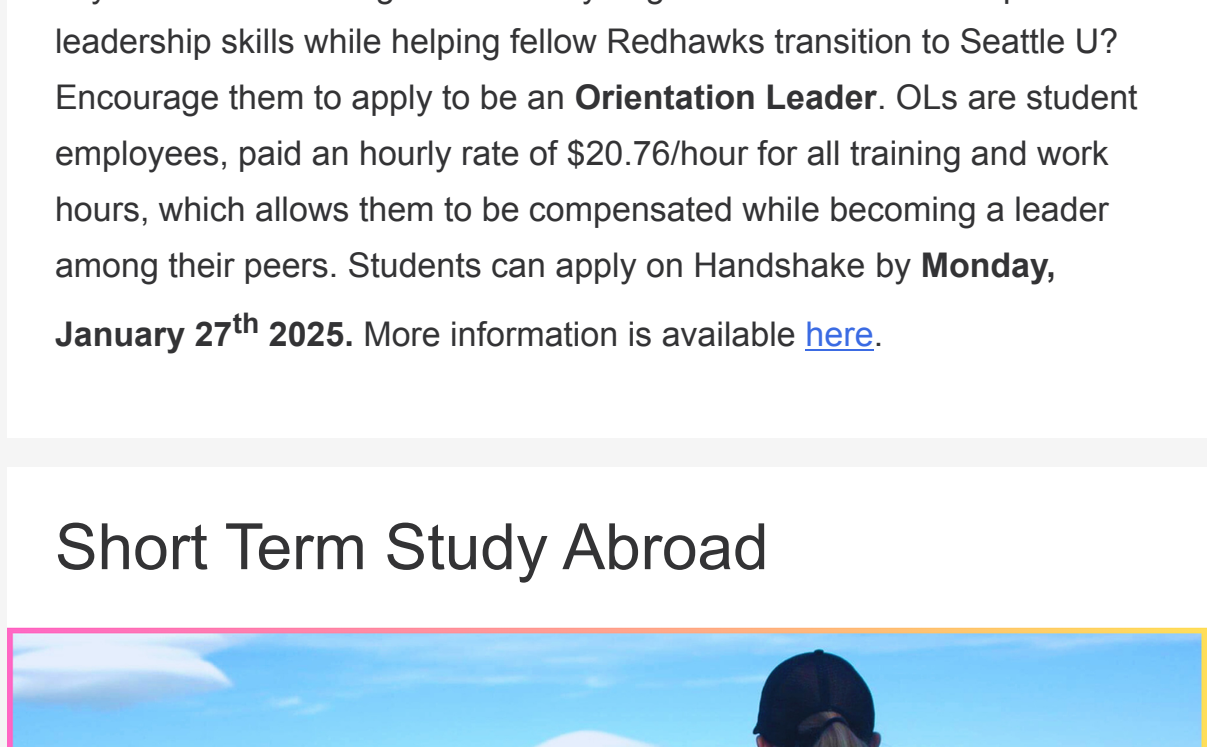
Encourage your student to attend! LinkUp is a casual, but exciting networking and flash-mentoring event that connects current A&S students with alumni and friends of the College for 3 rounds of conversation.

Mentors will share their career/industry insights, triumphs, and challenges with our students. The goal of this event is to encourage students and to boost their professional confidence. Students will have the chance to speak with at least 3 mentors during the event.

Students can register [here](#).

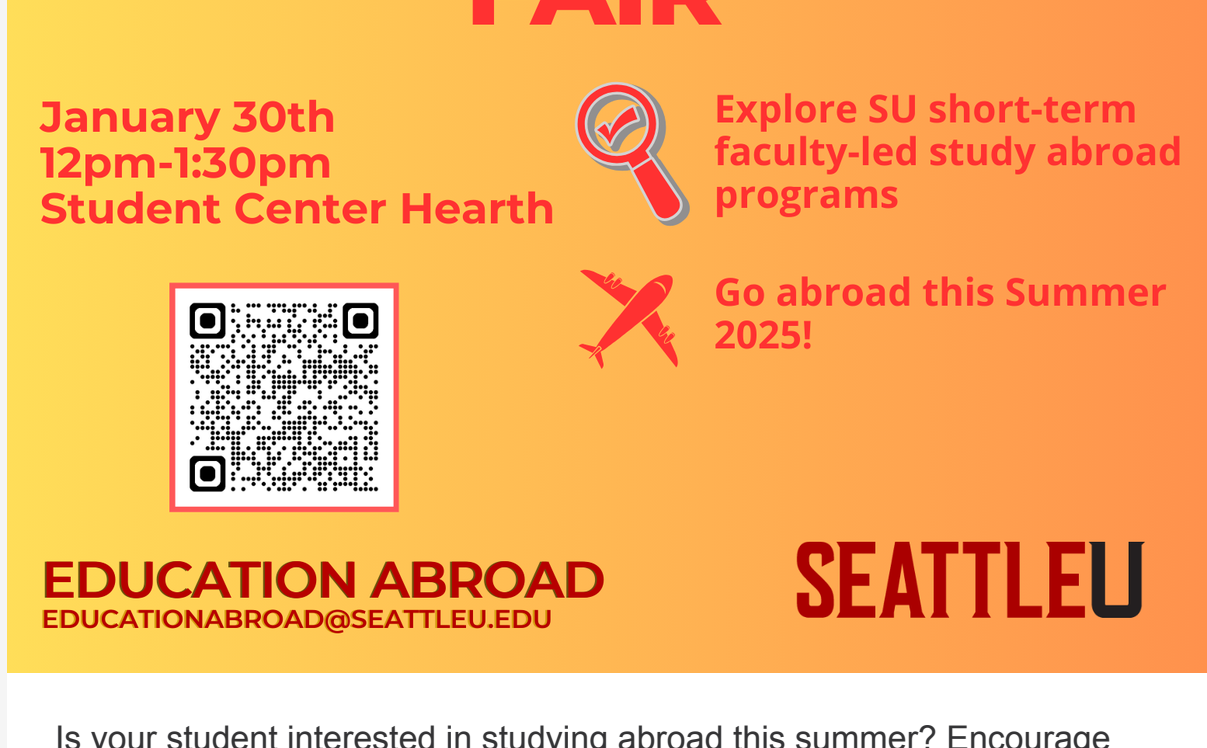
Focused on College of Arts and Sciences students, but all SU students are welcome to participate.

## 2025 Orientation Leader positions



Is your student looking for a fun way to get involved and develop leadership skills while helping fellow Redhawks transition to Seattle U? Encourage them to apply to be an **Orientation Leader**. OLs are student employees, paid an hourly rate of \$20.76/hour for all training and work hours, which allows them to be compensated while becoming a leader among their peers. Students can apply on Handshake by **Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 2025**. More information is available [here](#).

## Short Term Study Abroad



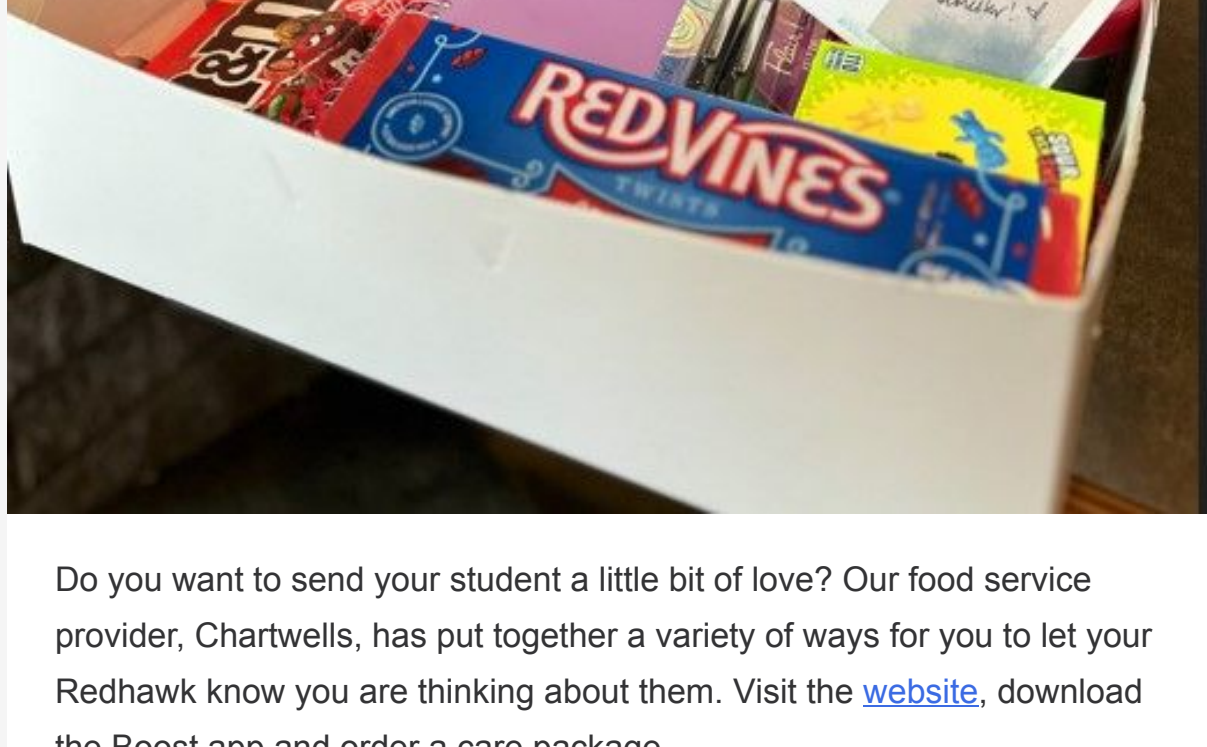
Is your student interested in studying abroad this summer? Encourage them to attend the Short Term Hawks Abroad Fair.

## Winter Career & Internship Fair, 2/6



A career fair provides a valuable opportunity for students to connect with employers with job openings. Employers from diverse sectors, including business, government, industry, and non-profits, will be in attendance. The Winter 2025 Job & Internship Fair, taking place on February 6, is open to students of all majors and class years, as well as recent alumni who graduated within the past year. For a complete list of participating employers, students can visit Handshake.

## Send Your Redhawk a Treat



Do you want to send your student a little bit of love? Our food service provider, Chartwells, has put together a variety of ways for you to let your Redhawk know you are thinking about them. Visit the [website](#), download the Boost app and order a care package.

## Commencement 2025



We are excited to announce Seattle University’s 2025 undergraduate commencement ceremony will take place at Climate Pledge Arena on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 11:00 a.m..

This Monday date is a change over last year, due to Climate Pledge Arena’s complicated navigation of NHL and WNBA schedules. We are delighted to return to this incredible place for the university’s biggest event!

Visit the [2025 Commencement website](#) for additional details and regular updates leading up to the big day.

## January questions to ask your Redhawk...

What classes are you most excited about this quarter?

What new clubs/organizations will you explore this quarter?

## Important links for you...

**THIRD PARTY ACCESS TO STUDENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

There are two types of suggested access that students may give to parents or supporters.

**Proxy Access** allows family/supporter to speak to SFS Office about account status, balance, award letter, and required documentation.

**Authorized User Access** allows family/supporter login access view billing and payment information, setup payment plans, see tax documents, and get email notifications about billing invoicing. [Check out our video](#) for step-by-step instructions for how a student can set up Proxy and Authorized User access for family or supporters.

**CAMPUS HAPPENINGS/IMPORTANT DATES**

Keep track of important academic dates with the [Academic Calendar](#).

See what is happening on campus [here](#).

Show your SU Redhawk Spirit! Info on [Athletic Events](#).

**PARENT AND FAMILY FACEBOOK GROUP**

We invite you to join our [Seattle U Families Facebook](#) group. Be part of this virtual community just for SU parents and families! Share your experiences, ask questions and support one another. You are important members of the Redhawk family!

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