Student Activities

A vital part of the college experience, student activities are designed to continue the learning process started in the classroom. These activities provide opportunities to develop leadership potential, social awareness and self-discipline. Students are encouraged to participate in student activities to maintain a proper balance between academic pursuits and personal development.

Commencement. All students who have completed college programs during the academic year are strongly encouraged to participate in commencement ceremonies. Students must apply for commencement and confirm participation by securing clearance for graduation from their student advising coach. Application must be submitted by the deadline listed in the academic calendar.

Pinning and Lighting Ceremony for Nursing Students. The traditional pinning and lighting ceremony honors the achievements of students who have completed a degree or certificate in nursing.

SouthArk Bistro. The SouthArk Bistro is located on the west campus in the SouthArk Student Center on the first level. The Bistro is an area for students to purchase a soft drink, coffee, sandwiches, hot meals, or snacks, as well as to visit with friends or to study.

Student Ambassadors. Student ambassadors represent the college at official functions. In exchange for their efforts to promote the college, Student ambassadors are awarded full-tuition scholarships and part-time work assignments on campus. For more information, contact the Financial Aid office.

Information on institutional scholarships can be found here Institutional Scholarships

Student Recognition Ceremony. Each fall and spring semester students are recognized for outstanding achievement and service to the college. All students and their families are invited to attend.

Who’s Who among Students in American Junior Colleges. Students are chosen for this honor by a vote of the faculty and staff. Students are selected each fall based on their academic achievements, service to the community and school, leadership and extracurricular activities and future potential. Those selected are formally recognized at the annual Student Recognition Ceremony.

Student Support

Off-campus Employment
Students interested in off-campus employment should check their campus e-mail regularly for job postings. In addition, students may contact the Accommodative Learning Specialist of the Carl Perkins grant program at 870-864-7108, or email gosborne@southark.edu, for information about available internship opportunities.

On-campus Employment
Students interested in finding a work-study job should visit the list of available jobs on the Financial Aid section of the college’s web site.

To learn more about work-study opportunities visit the SouthArk web site here Work Study

Job Placement
The college maintains job boards in the McGehee Building on east campus where open positions are posted regularly. In addition, the Division of Student Services routinely sends job postings to students via email. Campus jobs for students are arranged through the Financial Aid Office in the Student Services Center on west campus. SouthArk on Facebook.
Veterans’ Services
SouthArk has been recognized as a Military Friendly School by Victory Media. Students receiving veterans benefits may receive personal, career, and academic counseling as needed. Veronda Tatum, Director Financial Aid, is the college’s designated VA representative.

In addition, SouthArk provides an opportunity for students who are veterans or merely interested in the military to participate in S3, SouthArk Military Service Support student group. A student veterans’ lounge is located in Room 133 of the Computer Technology building on west campus. Learn more by visiting the Veterans’ Affairs page on the web site Veterans’ Affairs.

Reasonable Accommodations-Americans with Disabilities Act
It is the intent of SouthArk that “no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of such disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination” in programs or activities sponsored by the college. College students who have a diagnosed disability that requires reasonable accommodations should contact the Office of Accommodative Services and Instructional Support (OASIS) counselor in the Student Center on the second floor of the El Dorado Conference and Student Center. The college will work with any student to provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Transcripts
SouthArk makes every effort to ensure the accuracy and privacy of student records. The college will comply with all Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requirements. Transcripts, test scores, and shot records will be issued only at the written request of the student. No request will be processed until all financial obligations to the college have been met. Transfer work evaluated and granted for degree credit will be recorded on SouthArk’s transcript. The college will not copy and release transcripts and/or test scores from other colleges/institutions. Students should request this information directly from the appropriate college, high school, or testing service. Student advising coaches may have access to students’ records for advising purposes.

Transfer Assistance
Assistance is available to students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution upon completion of their programs at SouthArk through the Department of College Transition. Students are given information on requirements for admission to four-year colleges and transfer scholarships.

Those interested in transfer assistance should contact the College and Career Coach/Transfer Advisor, Tim Johnson at (870) 864-8416 or trjohnson@southark.edu.

Learn more by visiting the College Transition page on the web site here College Transition.