

Orientation Ambassadors host their summer info session

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The university’s Orientation Ambassador program is eager to recruit new student workers for the 2025 summer session.

Orientation Ambassadors help to guide new students, such as transfer students and incoming freshmen, around campus. These leaders give new students a variety of tools to help navigate the university.

“The session we are holding today is the very first step to becoming an OA,” elementary education major Kaylee Salas, a junior, said. “Students get to meet the current orientation coordinators and get a feel for what the team is like.”

Salas said she has been working as an orientation ambassador for three years and met some of her closest friends through the program. This will be her first year in a leadership position: an Orientation Coordinator.

“I get so excited to come back for the summer because I get to spend so much time with these people,” Salas said.

Students interested in applying for an Orientation Ambassador position

must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and be enrolled as a full-time student. Those who are accepted into the program must be able to live on campus for two weeks over the summer to complete training.

“During orientation, offices across campuses come in and give us presentations about what they offer to students,” Salas said. “I would say the first half of training is just meeting and getting used to the other students that will be working with you.”

The ambassadors give new students resources that can help them when facing difficult situations; whether that be personal matters, health issues or tutoring.

Those accepted into the paid role will be training for two weeks at the end of May and help hold orientation sessions throughout the month of June.

There are usually five two-day overnight sessions in June for new students, a parent and family orientation that highlights the resources available to students on campus and one-day sessions for transfer students in July and August.

Those applying for the

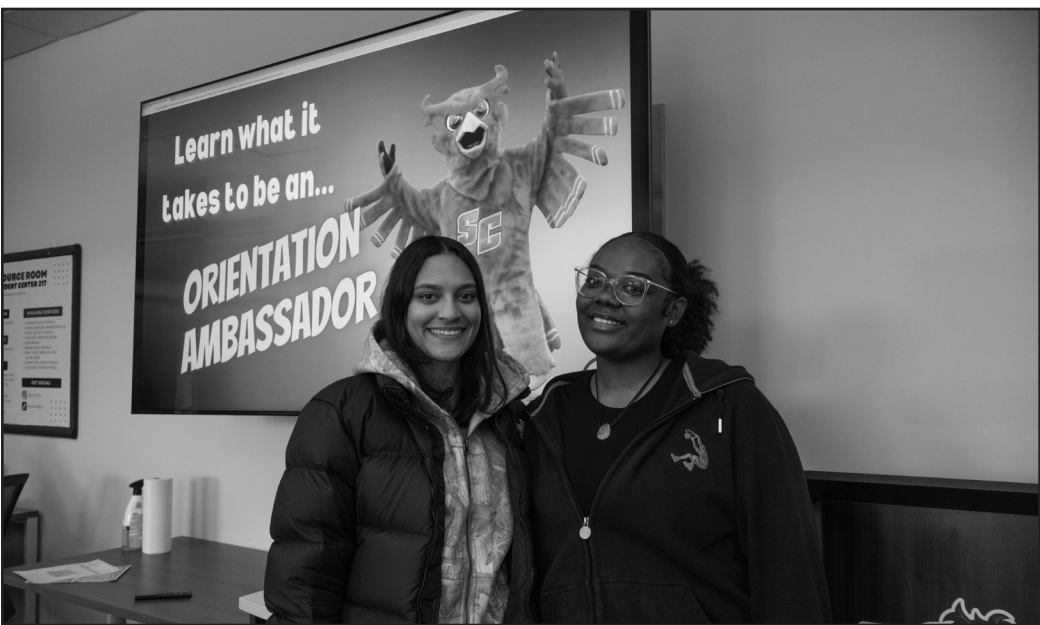
position must be open to learning and demonstrating the university’s values, have punctuality and show their leadership with enthusiasm and interpersonal skills.

Business administration major Brenea Pagon, a junior, said she has applied for an orientation ambassador position previously and did not get accepted. She said she hopes this year is different.

“It took a lot for me to come to the session today because I was turned down before, but I am not going to let that stop me,” Pagon said. “I am going to apply again because I am really interested in helping the freshmen be ready for the school year.”

Another student who attended the orientation ambassador informative session was accounting major Christopher Pearson, a freshman. He said that being a first-year student makes him want to help other students who will be in the same boat he is now.

“Even though being a new student at a university can be challenging, I want to help students realize that if they stay on-top of their studies, they can succeed,” Pearson said.



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Marketing major Kaia Inoa and sociology major Amayia Roach, juniors, getting ready to show students the Orientation Ambassadors presentation.



Students listening to the Orientation Ambassador presentation.

Exposure Photography Club sparks creativity in students

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Students who are interested in photography are in luck as the new photography club makes its way on campus.

The club has been up and running since late fall of 2024 and already boasts 16 members in a short period of time.

Interdisciplinary studies major Sophia Gugliotti, a sophomore, is the current president and

helped create this club.

“Exposure Photography Club has actually been an on and off running club on campus,” Gugliotti said.

Business major Zach McCarthy, a freshman, is a member of the Exposure Photography Club.

“I was glad to join the photo club because I love photography, and I want to get better at capturing the world around me. I am also glad to meet people who share this kind of passion and enthusiasm,”

McCarthy said.

The club is looking to host a plethora of events this semester and in the fall.

“So, we are hoping around October or November, preferably October of this year we will be having a photography exhibition,” Gugliotti said. “It will probably be off campus but everyone in the club will be displaying their work.”

Studio art major Tiara

Pagan, a freshman, joined for the shared love for photography.

“I like being in the Exposure Photography Club. I joined because there are not a lot of people, I know who understand photography and my love for it. I can connect with people who understand and I’m really looking forward to the exhibition in October/November,” Pagan said.

Photography major Xui Davis, a freshman, wanted

to perfect his photography craft.

“I decided to join the Exposure Photography Club because I have a deep love for photography. I believe this club will help me gain confidence in my skills as well as giving me a sense of community,” Davis said.

If interested in the Exposure Photography Club, then you should attend one of the body meetings you can find on OwlConnect.

“I just want everyone to know that anyone can join the Exposure Photography Club no matter what your experience is,” Gugliotti said. “Its really meant to be an inclusive, safe space for all creative minds.”

The club meetings are sporadic as they are held every other Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Earl Hall Room 211.

Check out their Instagram for more information: @scsu.exposure_photographyclub.

Owls Decide: Grammy Album of the Year thoughts?

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“I think Billie Eilish should have won because her album was so good.”
-Psychology major Manny Jean, a freshman



“I think Beyoncé deserved the win because her album was really good.”
-Nursing major Savannah Craig, a senior



“I think Beyoncé winning was how it should have been because she’s proven herself in the industry.”
-Accounting major Henry Gloria, a junior



“I think Sabrina Carpenter should have won because I think she did really good this year.”
-Accounting major Vivien Szaniszl, a sophomore



“I think Beyoncé deserved to win because her album was that good.”
-Business administration major Chris Carmona, a sophomore



“I think Billie Eilish should have won because I think her album was more popular than Beyoncé’s album.”
-Nursing major Abigail Lawrie, a sophomore