



SEWANEE

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

STUDENT LIFE

Welcome back from Student Life!

We're looking forward to a wonderful Easter semester with many opportunities for fun and connection. Learn what we and our students have been up to and what exciting things are planned in the weeks ahead.

Vice-Chancellor's Late Night Breakfast



We were thrilled to see so many of you take a break from studying to join us for the Vice-Chancellor's Late Night Breakfast at McClurg in December. Though the end of the semester can be a very busy time, we were grateful to be able to share a moment of fellowship as a community before the winter break. We can't wait to do it again before finals in May!

If you dropped by the photo booth, make sure to [click here](#) to find your picture!



Student Success Initiative

We are working to improve student success across the campus. As part of this work, we launched a hazing prevention initiative last Easter semester and are continuing the good work. Dean of Students Erica Howard and Director of Greek Life Donald Abels teamed with ISC/IFC presidents Jane Austin Murdock, C'23, and Brown Myers, C'23, to update the Board of Regents in September about ongoing efforts.

Jane Austin and Brown (pictured below) both spoke about their personal experiences with hazing and why they believe hazing prevention is particularly important at Sewanee.



Jane Austin shares, “Hazing is an issue that is so deeply embedded into our culture at Sewanee, that oftentimes we fail to recognize it. We have become desensitized to the destruction. Hazing is found in more than just Greek Life, it is everywhere. We must draw a line between tradition and personal safety and respect. Just because it is tradition, does not make it a good one.

I fear that if we do not act accordingly and implement hazing prevention and education structures, alongside attempting to change the culture, it may come at the price of someone’s life.”

Donald also spoke about the Hazing Prevention Coalition (HPC), a group of students and staff charged with developing the University’s philosophy statement on hazing and implementing initiatives grounded in a public health approach and prevention science. Visit hazing.sewanee.edu to learn more.

Interested in helping to stop hazing at Sewanee?
Fill out [this form](#) to receive information about getting involved!

Supporting Inclusive Community

One of the ways we can be more intentionally inclusive is to help ensure accessible parking spaces are available for those who need them. Frequently, we see these designated spaces being used for loading or unloading instead of as intended for those with mobility issues. It is important to remember some people may walk with a cane or use a wheelchair, but there are many invisible disabilities that also impact mobility. By using an accessible parking space—even just for a moment—you may prevent someone who needs it from having equitable access to all of the things Sewanee has to offer.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

- Easter Term Move-In—Sunday, Jan. 15 & Monday, Jan. 16
- New Student Orientation—Sunday, Jan. 16
- MLK 2023 Day of Service—Monday, Jan. 16 at 8:30 a.m.
- Winter Convocation—Friday, Jan. 20 at 4:30 p.m.
- [Winter Involvement Fair](#)—Sunday, Jan. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.
- [Murder Mystery: Best Laid Plans](#)—Friday, Jan. 27 from 6 to 9p.m.
- Room Change Requests period opens—Wednesday, Feb. 1
- Shake Day—Saturday, Feb. 4
- Sign up for an [SOP Trip](#), check out gear, or stop by the bike shop in the Wellness Commons!