The holidays are approaching, and if your student lives on campus, it’s time to start planning for residence hall closings. For the Thanksgiving holiday, the residence halls will close at 10 a.m., Wednesday, November 22, and reopen at 9 a.m., Sunday, November 26. For Winter Break, all residents must depart their residence halls 24 hours after their last final exam is completed or by 10 a.m., Saturday, December 16, whichever is sooner. The residence halls will reopen at 9 a.m., Sunday, January 7. ODU’s apartment communities will remain open throughout both holiday breaks with limited services available. If you have questions about these residence hall closings, please contact Housing & Residence Life at 757.683.4283.

**FALL COMMENCEMENT**

ODU’s [Fall 2017 Commencement](#) program will take place on Saturday, December 16, at the Ted Constant Convocation Center. The ceremony for the Darden College of Education, College of Sciences and Batten College of Engineering and Technology will be at 9 a.m., while the ceremony for the College of Arts and Letters, Strome College of Business and College of Health Sciences is scheduled for 2 p.m.

All guests age 3 and older must have a ticket to enter the Constant Center. If you do not have a guest ticket, auxiliary viewing is provided in the multipurpose room of the Constant Center. Parking will be available in the 43rd Street Parking Garage. Plan to arrive 30-60 minutes before the ceremony is scheduled to begin. The ceremony will last approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours, and guests are welcome to photograph or videotape the ceremony so long as they are not disruptive. Plan to meet your graduate outside the arena following the ceremony as there is no space to take photos inside the arena.
ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN ACTION

University leaders, students and community members recently celebrated the official opening of ODU’s new student retail store, THE Monarch Way.

THE Monarch Way houses the products of more than 15 vendors and provides students, alumni, faculty and staff entrepreneurs the opportunity to gain selling experience in a retail environment. The store is also intended to be a learning lab for young entrepreneurs to get first-hand experience in pricing, merchandising and scheduling while offering their products to the Hampton Roads community.

ODU president John R. Broderick said the new store is one example of how the University embraces entrepreneurship and fosters principles based on experiential learning, development and innovation to measure educational outcomes. He told the crowd attending the store’s grand opening, “THE Monarch Way is emblematic of our approach to supporting entrepreneurs on this campus by providing opportunities to gain experience and partner with others as well as benefit from a strong academic curriculum.”

The store, located at 4306 Monarch Way, is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, including a list of current vendors, visit THE Monarch Way’s Facebook page.
QUICK UPDATES

STUDY ABROAD
For students interested in studying abroad, the first step is to attend an information session. Study Abroad hosts these sessions every Monday at 3 p.m. or Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in Dragas Hall 2008 through the end of the semester. These sessions introduce students to the three kinds of study abroad programs in which they can participate and some of the locations from which they can choose, as well as provide information about eligibility, costs, financial aid and scholarships. Students who cannot attend can view an online information session instead.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Career Development Services (CDS) is hosting their annual Fall Teacher Recruitment Fair in the Ted Constant Convocation Center, Big Blue Room on November 29, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., for those students looking for employment in teaching positions.

That same day, from noon to 1 p.m., CDS will also be hosting a workshop on promoting yourself using LinkedIn. Students are encouraged to bring a laptop so that they can get hands-on experience with tips that will help them prepare their online profiles for the job search.

SAVE THE DATE

◆ Course pre-registration
  For Spring/Summer 2017 courses
  November 6 - 10

◆ Thanksgiving holiday
  No classes
  November 22 - 26

◆ Exams
  December 9 - 15

◆ Fall Commencement
  December 16

◆ Spring classes begin
  January 6