

## Orientation Presentation Notes

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### Buying a Computer

- Most new computers will be fine (“net books” will not be a good idea for the long haul as they are of limited expandability and limited performance functionality)
- Be sure to buy extended warranty – no repairs will be done by OIT staff
- Have a copy of installation disks if the system should fail
- Buy cable locks for laptops
- Anti-virus software provided for free (use remote registration to access the free download)
- DON’T BUY SOFTWARE – get MS Office and other academic software from University Store

### Equipment Failure

- OIT / Tech Connection will provide troubleshooting support ONLY
- NO repairs done by OIT
- Lab and classroom PCs should be used for class purposes in the event of a personal computer failure (deadlines are deadlines – equipment failure not an acceptable excuse)

### External Storage

- Purchase at least 2 USB external storage devices of at least 2GB each
- If purchasing a computer, be sure to buy external storage large enough to cover the size of the computer hard drive for making a full backup
- Make regular backups of course files and critical computer files and store copies safely

### Register Computer from Home

- See checklist in parent’s folder
- Residence hall network access governed by security that verifies operating system critical and security updates, active anti-virus software with up-to-date virus definitions. This is done to protect against the spread of malicious viral attacks.
- Failure to pass the scan will result in no network access.

### Wireless

- Wireless access is available throughout all buildings on both campuses
- Some commonly used external gathering areas have coverage
- Residence halls have wireless coverage with the exception of Worthington and Greenspring halls
- Wireless access requires an active network account (no “guest” access)

### SUAlerts – Health and Safety Alerts

- SU Homepage > Quicklinks > SUAlerts
- Register your phones (for SMS alerts) and your e-mail address
- Have your son/daughter register their phones (Stevenson e-mail accounts automatically get alerts)
- Have any local family (i.e., aunts and uncles) who will be watching over your son or daughter register.

#### Other Equipment

- Be sure to bring (at least) one network cable (at least 15 feet in length)
- Coordinate with other roommates to be sure to have at least one analog phone for the residence hall (in case of cell phone loss or battery failure). Wooded Way has IP phones installed in all rooms
- Printers in the dorms are OK – recommend coordination with roommates
- TV's in the dorm – coordinate with roommates for "sitting room" TV – many students now watching TV online through HULU and other services

#### Responsibilities

- Please be sure to read the Access and Security Policy with your son/daughter (found on the OIT web site <http://oit.stevensonuniversity.org/policies/> )
- Sharing of account credentials is a serious violation and strictly forbidden
- Failure to comply with this policy will result in loss of network privileges and/or disciplinary actions
- Students have been suspended for repeated violation of this policy