

September '07 update - Message from Martha

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The SIS Project: How will the new SIS improve student service?

Happy September to you all! It's hard to believe that another academic year has begun. As we welcome new students to one of this country's greatest public research and teaching universities, I am reminded of all we have accomplished in the past decade to provide our students with a high quality, memorable learning environment. I am equally excited about the next few years and the completion of our new SIS (Student Information System), which begins its first implementation in the spring of 2008 when our Admissions area starts using the system.

The SIS Project initiative was developed to connect areas of academic excellence, and to provide an integrated and technologically advanced system that is able to meet the needs of our student population for many years to come.

How will the new SIS improve student service when it is fully implemented in the summer of 2009? A fully integrated SIS will provide students, as well as staff and faculty, with more comprehensive data and more accurate and timely information across the various service areas. For students, the benefits of an integrated system will be experienced first-hand every time they access the new SIS Self Service web pages. These pages will allow applicants to view the status of their admissions application. The Self Service pages will also include "To do" lists of items that are required for enrollment and will contain active links, when applicable, to documents that are needed to complete the application or enrollment process. Once enrolled, students will also be able to update and change their permanent and school addresses as needed, and to better monitor and respond to deadlines that must be met to continue their education at the university. In short, Student Self Service pages will allow staff to communicate more efficiently with students, and for students to respond more quickly to inquiries from our Central Areas, thus providing a win-win system for our students and the university.

For more detailed information about SIS Functionality Implementations, click on the [Project Timeline](#) tab above.

Sign up to receive the University Community Newsletter

In March, the first newsletter to the University Community was distributed to staff members who were identified as end users when the new SIS is implemented. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide updates and information of interest about the SIS project. If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter, I encourage you to sign up below and have the newsletter delivered directly to your inbox as it becomes available.

As always, if you have questions about the SIS Project, send an email to sis@osu.edu.