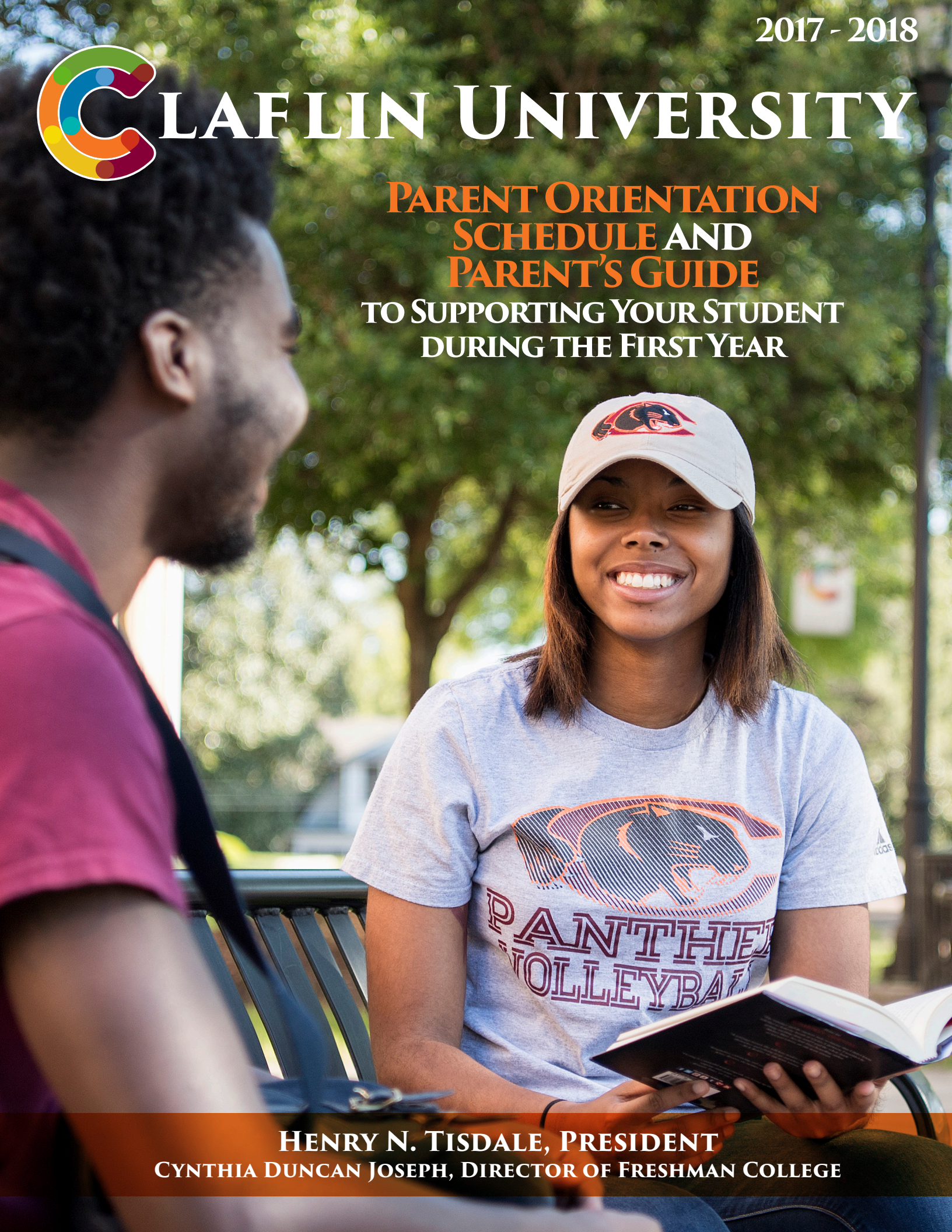


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CLAYTON UNIVERSITY

**PARENT ORIENTATION
SCHEDULE AND
PARENT'S GUIDE
TO SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT
DURING THE FIRST YEAR**



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“The World Needs Visionaries.”

Welcome to the Claflin Family!

The transition to college can be a time of excitement and a stressful readjustment for students and their families. Whether you are a parent in the literal sense, or play a supportive role as an extended family member or friend, you will find it helpful and reassuring to become aware of the academic, career, financial and emotional resources available to students on campus and to encourage students to make use of them. Please take a moment to review the enclosed materials.

This resource packet is designed to assist you, the parent or family member, as you become more aware of the many support services available to your student, gain a deeper understanding of the student experience, assist your student to self-advocate for their needs and empower your student to take personal responsibility for academic and social choices.

During your campus visit, feel free to talk to Claflin administrators, faculty, staff and current students. We are here to serve you and hope that you will take every opportunity to familiarize yourself with the university resources, policies and procedures and become more aware of the adjustments new students face.

If you still have questions after you leave campus, please feel free to contact the Freshman College at (803) 535-5282. You can also find information about our university by visiting the website at www.claflin.edu.

Please know that our staff is committed to helping you support your new student's academic success and personal development while attending this visionary institution of higher education.

Welcome to Claflin!

Mrs. Cynthia D. Duncan Joseph
Director, The Freshman College

Mission Statement for Parent Outreach

(adapted from Claflin's mission statement)

Claflin University is a community of visionary learners guided by our Guiding Principles that strives toward the achievement of excellence through integrity, scholarship, community, creativity, excellence, civility, service and leadership.

We are committed to the provision of a supportive environment for students as they develop the skills and character needed for engaged citizenship and visionary and effective leadership. Our University faculty and staff serve as students' partners in their educational and personal journeys towards academic and personal integrity and excellence. Claflin provides students with the essential foundation of a liberal arts education. Emphasizing critical and analytic thinking, independent research, oral and written communication skills, Claflin promotes courses and experiences that engage students intellectually, socially, spiritually and culturally.

We recognize the importance of students' relationships with you and invite you to partner with us to ensure the success of students as they embark upon their educational and personal journeys toward visionary leadership.



Saturday, August 12, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.Students Arrive
Tullis Arena
Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Physical Education Center

Business Office Counseling
Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Physical Education Center

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.CU Parent’s Association Reception
Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Physical Education Center

Help your student move in and get settled. Remember, parking on campus is limited to 20 minutes for unloading only. Speak to Campus Public Safety to be directed to long-term parking.

8:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.Looking for Coffee and a Light Snack?
Visit “The Paw” - the Claflin University Food Court
Located in the lower level of the Campus Center

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.Financial Aid Counseling
Financial Aid Office
Corson Hall, first floor

Campus Book Store Open
Laymen Hall

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.Family Luncheon
Cost \$7.40 (Class of 2021 Students Free with student ID or name badge)



Announcements

Panther Parent Association

The purpose of the Association is to support and promote the interests of parents, students, and alumni of Claflin University.

The mission of the Association is to:

1. Promote student success and academic excellence;
2. Engage parents in the university's mission and goals;
3. Support recruitment effort;
4. Involvement in fundraising efforts for student scholarship benefits, parents' association, and Claflin University Capital Campaign;
5. Assist parents to play a supportive role in student education; and
6. Connect with university administrators, faculty, staff, students, and parents.

Interested in becoming an Officer?

The following positions are vacant:

President
Vice President
2nd Vice President.
Recording Secretary
Events Coordinator
Fundraising Coordinator

If interested please contact, Ms. Camika Beaton, Program Coordinator for Service Learning and Community Service, at cbeaton@claflin.edu or 803.535.5466.



Save the Date!



Claflin University
Panther Parents Weekend

August 12, 2017

We hope to see you on see you as we kick off the annual
Panther Parents Weekend.

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.Late Arrivals Check-in
Campus Center Multipurpose Room

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.Commuter Student Check-In and Meet and Greet
Meet in Campus Center Multipurpose Room

Is your student planning to live off campus? Come meet other incoming commuter students and learn about the resources available to help commuters integrate into the campus community with ease.

5:00 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.President’s Old Fashioned Family Picnic
Cafe & Panther Plaza

**** Parents are welcome to explore Orangeburg or depart. Students will be involved in NSO activities from 6:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.***



Sunday, August 13, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.Family Worship Service
(Last names A-K)
James and Dorothy Z. Elmore Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.Family Brunch, Café
Cost \$7.40 (Class of 2021 Students Free)
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.Family Worship Service
(Last names L-Z)
James and Dorothy Z. Elmore Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.University Offices Open
Bookstore, Business Office, Financial Aid Office
- 12 Noon – 3:00 p.m.The Paw Food Court Open
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.Family Information Session
James and Dorothy Z. Elmore Chapel
- “Understanding the University’s Structure” – This parents-only session will provide insight into the various offices that can help students throughout their matriculation at the university and achieve success within their first-year and beyond.
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.Gathering & Seating for the Parting Ceremony**
W. V. Middleton Fine Arts Center
- **Please connect with your student prior to entering the auditorium and sit as a family.
- 3:30 p.m.Claflin 2021 Parting Ceremony
W. V. Middleton Fine Arts Center

Sunday, August 21 - Class of 2021 Confirmation Ceremony

This special ceremony is reserved for the Class of 2021. Priority Seating is provided to students in the Class of 2021. Seating for guests may be limited.



IMPORTANT dates and events to help you connect during your student's first year

FALL 2017

August 12 -----Move-in day

August 13 -----Family Worship

Parting Ceremony

Before you leave, ask an Orientation Leadership or member of the Freshman College staff for a Connections letter. Take a moment to write a note and tell your student how proud you are of his/her decision to enroll at Claflin.

August 17 -----First day of classes

August 19 ----- Call your student to wish them well during the Confirmation Ceremony.

August 20 -----Freshman Confirmation Ceremony W. V. Middleton Fine Arts Center
4:00 p.m.

August 22 ----- Plan to Skype, FaceTime or simply call your student and ask about the first full week of classes.

August 24 -----Last day to register and/or add classes. Classes purged for students not cleared.

August 30-----Books are critical to student success. Has your student purchased text books? Please call and encourage them to do so. Please encourage your son or daughter to check-in with their academic advisor.

August 31----- If your student commutes or lives at home, this is a good time to encourage your student to identify campus organizations and get involved.

September 4 -----Labor Day. No classes, but the residence halls are open. Encourage your student to balance the day off with some rest, reviewing their syllabi and completing assignments due during the week.

September 5 -----Classes Resume

September 7 ----- Matriculation Day. 11:00 a.m. If you live in close proximity, we welcome you to join the morning festivities as we officially start the academic year with reflection and celebration.

September 9 -----Has your student created a scholarship profile at www.uncf.org.

- September 14 ----- Review the academic and student development support materials shared in your parent resource folder. Familiarize yourself with the campus services so you can support and encourage your student during their transition.
- September 18 ----- Campus organization fair and welcome meetings have been held. We have over 50 student clubs and organizations— social, academic, athletic you name it, we likely have it! Ask your student whether or not they have found at least one organization to join. Encourage them to balance studies with one activity that will help them enjoy meeting new people and engaging in positive activities.
- September 18-22 ----- Week of Early Warning for students.
- If students are having academic difficulty, instructors will complete an Early Warning Form and submit it to the Academic Success Center. Representatives from the Academic Success Center and the Freshman College contact students via e-mail and telephone to set up individual counseling sessions The Freshman College will follow up with instructors and students to discuss actions of academic improvement.
- September 29 ----- Invite your student to summarize a chapter from their University 101, African American Heritage or English course. Your interest and their sharing will help reinforce their learning. Don't worry if you don't understand the content. Your student values your support.
- October 2 ----- Is your student indicating that things "aren't coming together inside or outside of class?" Encourage your student to speak with the staff at the Freshman College and urge your student utilize campus resources to help them resolve their problems.
- October 9-13 ----- Mid-semester examinations. Ask your student how they are feeling about their first set of mid-semester exams and how you can support them. Please encourage your son or daughter to check-in with their academic advisor.
- October 14----- If your student has received an alert about their grades, encourage them to sign up for tutoring—it's FREE. Stop by Freshman College in Bowen Hall to sign up. Tutoring can be scheduled daily from 8 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and remember...there's no cost to the student.
- October 14-30 ----- Please encourage your son or daughter to meet with their academic advisor to discuss their educational plans.
- October 16-17----- Mid-semester break. Classes suspended. University Open
- October 22 ----- Holiday transportation schedule will be released soon. If your student is planning to travel home for the Thanksgiving or Winter break, encourage them to sign up for transportation to the bus station or airport.
- October 23 ----- It's time for advising. Students are asked to meet with their academic advisor to begin course selection for the spring. Ask your student what classes they would like to take.

November 12-19 ----- Homecoming! Join our annual home- coming celebration. Encourage your student to connect with the alumni, attend spirit day, the parade, bonfire and more!

November 20 ----- Claflin is a beacon of light for Orangeburg families in need during the holiday season. The campus community, including the Freshman class, is asked to help collect canned goods and holiday meal trimmings to contribute to the annual food drive. Ask your student about their level of participation.

November 20 -----Get ready for your student's first visit home.

November 22-24 ----- Thanksgiving Holiday Recess; University closed

November 26 -----Students return to campus; residence halls reopen at 1:00 p.m.

November 27 ----- Classes resume. Freshman Class Christmas Tree Lighting. Encourage your student to get in the holiday spirit, sing Christmas Carols and sip cocoa as we light the tree.

December 1 -----Last day of classes. Consider sending your student a care package to wish them good luck on finals.

December 2 -----Reading Day. Reading Day. Is your student studying alone? Remind them to attend a review session or talk with their professor as a final review.

December 4-8 ----- Final Examinations for Undergraduate students. Encourage your student to balance rest with review. Cramming isn't advised.

Students will be anxious to try to take exams early. Remind them to review the exam schedule closely and not to schedule rides prior to the end of their exam period.

December 8 -----Exams end. Congratulate your student on completing their first semester. Residence Halls close at 6:00 p.m. If your student cannot travel home for the holidays, prior arrangements and conversation with the Director of Housing is required.

December 20 -----University Offices closed for winter holiday break at 5:00 p.m.



Spring 2018

January 1 -----FAFSA APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE. Get yours started soon.

January 9 -----Residence Halls open for returning students at 8:00 a.m.

January 16 ----- Please encourage your son or daughter to check-in with their academic advisor.

January 18 -----Ask your student about plans for summer. Is your student interested in internships or summer employment? Encourage your student to visit Career Development, the Leadership Development Center and the academic advisor to discuss the many available options. Last Day to register/add classes.

January 25 -----Spring Semester Convocation. If you live in close proximity, we welcome you to join the morning festivities as we officially start the second semester of the academic year with reflection and celebration.

February 5 - 9 -----Early Warning Week for students Is your student encountering difficulty in a course? Inquire whether or not your student has signed up for tutoring. It's FREE.

February 11 ----- Call your student and express your pride and love for their participation in this academic journey.

February 17 -----Begin preparing for your student's return for spring break. Encourage your student to sign up for transportation to the bus station or airport, if needed.

March 3 - 9 -----Mid-semester examinations. Your student has made it halfway through the second semester. Send a word of encouragement to their email or campus mailbox.

March 3 - 9 -----Please encourage your son or daughter to check-in with their academic advisor.

March 7 -----Has your family completed the FAFSA? Have questions? Call to speak with a financial aid counselor.

March 9 -----Residence Halls close for Spring Break at 6:00 p.m.

March 12-16 -----Spring Break. Classes suspended. University is open. Have a question about campus resources? Feel free to call our offices.

March 15 -----Does your student need additional school supplies before returning to campus?

March 18 -----Residence Halls Reopen at 12:00 p.m.

March 19 -----Classes resume.

March 19 - 30 -----Please encourage your son or daughter to meet with their academic advisor to discuss their educational plans.

March 21 -----Last day for students to withdraw from classes without penalty. Urge your student to speak with an advisor BEFORE a course is dropped.

March 27 -----Honors and Awards Convocation. Join the Claflin family as we celebrate the academic accomplishments of our students.

March 26 - 29 -----Honors Week

March 30 -----Good Friday. Classes Cancelled. University Closed

April 2-----Classes resume.

April 15 -----Start preparing for your student to move back home for the summer. Ask your student and any siblings still living at home how they feel about this transition.

April 20 -----Reading Day. No classes. What are your student's plans for the day? Encourage your student to attend a study review session.

April 27 -----Last Day of Classes.

April 30 - May 4 -----Final Examination period.

May 4 -----Examinations end. Congratulate your student on the completion of the first year of college.

May 5 -----Residence Halls close for students at 6:00 p.m.



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University Resources

Claflin University, 400 Magnolia Street, Orangeburg, SC 29115

Below please find contact information for Academic and Student Support Services frequently used by students. Claflin University values excellent customer service and is committed to the Panther Service Commitment to “greet you professionally, listen effectively, and respond quickly.”

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