Florida State University
Dean of Students Department
New Student & Family Programs

Seminole Scoop Newsletter
September 2015
Class of 2018

Mark Your Calendar!

- September 4: Last Day to Pay or Defer Fees for Students
- September 7: Labor Day (No Classes)
- September 15: Engineering Day
- September 16: Student Veteran Networking Night
- September 16: Orientation Leader Applications Open
- September 17: Seminole Futures
- September 28: Spring 2016 Registration Guide Available

Office Spotlight: Seminole Athletics Tickets Office

Football season kicks off September 5, 2015, at Doak Campbell Stadium against Texas Tech. There are some fantastic Home games this season including University of South Florida, University of Miami, University of Louisville, Syracuse, and NC State. Students have access to the student ticket allotment for Football and Men’s Basketball (Spring) by signing into their account through the Student Tickets portal. First time users will need to activate their account with the last twelve (12) digits of their Student ID and their PIN number. Your PIN number is your birth month and birth year, (ex. May 1994 would be 0594). All online student accounts must be re-activated for 2015. Students will be required to activate their account the first time.
they go online to purchase a Student Season Ticket or to enter the Student Game-by-Game Process.

There are 2 options for student tickets. The first option is the Student Game-by-Game Ticket. This online ticket delivery method has changed this year. Tickets will now be sent via email to each student. Your Print-at-home ticket will be emailed directly to the email address you provide during your online registration. This ticket will be attached as a PDF document and can be printed out at your convenience. The ticket will contain your name and a barcode that will have to be scanned for entrance.

The Game-by-Game process will still start at 5pm on the Sunday the week of each Home game and will continue until all 16,000 student tickets are claimed or (3) three hours prior to kickoff. General admission tickets will allow students to enter Doak Campbell Stadium through any gate, however the closest gates to the student section are L & M beginning (2) two hours prior to kickoff. Seating in sections 40, 41, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 will be first-come, first-served so arrive to the stadium early to claim the best seats available in the student section. Gates open (2) two hours prior to kickoff. There are 16,000 Student tickets available so those will also be on a first-come, first-served basis.

The second option for students Student Season Tickets. FSU Students may purchase a discounted FSU Student Season Ticket for $240 (Limit of 2 per person). Purchasing a Student Season Ticket will give you a guaranteed reserved seat for every home game. A very limited number of these are available. Student Season Tickets will be located outside of the regular student sections. By purchasing an FSU Student Season Ticket, you will not be eligible to participate in the Game-by-Game student ticket process each week. The deadline to purchase FSU Student Season Tickets is Thursday, September 3, or while supplies last. Students can purchase up to (2) two Guest Tickets, however Guest Tickets will not be available for the Miami and Louisville games.

Another option for parents is the 3-game package starting at just $125! With this option you pick three (3) games from three (3) tiers:

- Tier 1: Miami or Louisville
- Tier 2: USF, Syracuse or NC State
- Tier 3: Texas State or Chattanooga

Seats are available in the South Endzone or along the sideline (require $60 Booster Contribution). The 3-game package is an ideal option for those looking to save on tickets, especially for those who are traveling to Doak Campbell Stadium.

The Spear It Rewards program is still in effect for this year. For those who don’t know, the Spear It Rewards program is an online point-tracking service used for high priority games like Miami and Louisville. For these types of games, an ordering window system will go into effect. Students will be divided into (3) groups for high demand games. The group with the highest number of accumulated Spear It Rewards points will be allowed to order tickets starting at 5pm Sunday the week of the game. The second window will open at 5pm Monday the week of the game. If there are any tickets leftover after both windows, the third window will open at 5pm Thursday the week of the game. Seniority points will be granted to each student at the start of the Fall term. Freshmen will receive 250 points, sophomores will receive 500 points, juniors will receive 750 points and seniors and graduate students will receive 1,000 points. In addition, 25% of your accumulated Spear It Rewards points from last year will be applied to your account. Students can also accumulate points by joining Seminole Boosters, following the various FSU Athletics social media accounts, and by attending all selected home events.

The Seminole Athletics Tickets Office strives to provide students with opportunities to be a part of Seminole Athletic events throughout the year. For more information, visit their office located in the Stadium!

Seminole Athletics Tickets Office
www.seminoles.edu
(850) 644-1830
1300 Stadium Dr Tallahassee, FL 32304

Jimbo’s True Seminole Tailgate

The Florida State University Academic Center for Excellence, located on the ground floor of the William Johnston Building, has a mission to help the diverse population of undergraduate students develop the study skills and personal success habits that enhance learning and encourage the highest level of scholarship and academic achievement. They are committed to working with the university community to promote a culture of academic success, with the shared mission of helping students earn a college degree and develop effective lifelong learning skills.

The Academic Center for Excellence provides these general services:

- Stay Healthy, Noles!
  The Seminole Scoop has partnered with Campus Recreation to provide you with Health and Wellness tips to remain healthy and fit all throughout the semester!

- For tips and tricks on how to help you continue your New Year’s Resolution the whole year, check out the February Wellness Newsletter!

Click Here for FSU Wellness News!

For more information and application requirements, follow this link.
ACE Tutoring (in the ACE Learning Studio)
Workshops
Study Tools and Tips
ACE Learning Studio: Summer 2015 Hours
Monday through Thursday: 10 AM - 10 PM
Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM
Sunday: 5 PM - 10 PM

Need help with a class? Want to help tutor others? Need an extra edge and tips on how to ace a test? All three of these are reasons to come check out the ACE Learning Studio so you can be successful this semester! Start out your sophomore year strong with your goal GPA!

Calculate your GPA!

Need assistance calculating your GPA?
Use this GPA calculator!

Library Hours

Strozier
Monday-Thursday: 24 hours
Friday: 12 AM - 6 PM
Saturday: 10 AM - 6 PM
Sunday: 12 PM - 24 hours

Dirac
Monday-Thursday: 8 AM - 1 AM
Friday: 8 AM - 5 PM
Saturday: 10 AM - 6 PM
Sunday: 1 PM - 9 PM

Click here for more information about library services.

Fitness Center Hours

Leach Center
Monday-Thursday: 6 AM - 11:45 PM
Friday: 6 AM - 10 PM
Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Fitness & Movement Clinic
Monday-Thursday: 6:00 AM - 10 PM
Friday: 6 AM - 9 PM
Saturday & Sunday: 8 AM - 5 PM

Don't forget: enrolled students have a variety of free services, including 4 sessions with a personal trainer!

All facilities are closed on home football games during the fall semester.

Student Life Cinema

Jimbo’s True Seminole Tailgate

Jimbo’s True Seminole Tailgate is the place to be before every home game this season! Join us for free food, games, door prizes, and more! Jimbo’s True Seminole Tailgate takes place at Wildwood Plaza, located near the Student Life Center. The festivities start 2 hours prior to kickoff each home game.

Saturday, September 5th: Home vs. Texas Tech at 6pm
Saturday, September 12th: Home vs. USF at 9:30am

Seminole Futures

Seminole Futures is an annual event where students have the opportunity to meet with over 180 potential employers in a professional setting. The event will take place at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center and there are two different time slots available for students: 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. The goal of Seminole Futures is to help students secure a future once they have graduated from Florida State. It’s never too early to start making connections to the professional world, especially with how competitive the job market can be after college.

Employers such as JP Morgan Chase, Bridgestone, Prudential, and Amazon (to name a few) will be at the event. There will be full-time positions as well as internship opportunities available. Students from all majors are encouraged to attend the event and network with as many companies as possible. The amount of booths in the Civic Center can seem daunting at first, but just know that these employers are interested in talking to and hiring Seminoles!

The Career Center has several tips for students in preparation for Seminole Futures. The first of which is to create a strong resume. Your resume is how you can market yourself to employers using your experiences, so it’s important to make sure yours is at its best. The Career Center offers a free resume critiquing service for students. In addition, it’s important to have multiple copies of your resume. It’s also a good idea to research employers before you talk to them, that way you can have an idea of what they’re looking for and how you can fit into the company. Dressing professionally is crucial to making a good first impression with employers. There will be a Linkedin Photo Booth providing students with professional headshots at the event as well.

Following up with potential employers is a great way of standing out amongst a crowd of peers. While a position isn’t guaranteed by attending Seminole Futures, building a strong network of professional contacts certainly is!
Looking for an internship but don’t know where to start? Develop the strategies and skills you need to secure your ideal internship at the Landing an Internship Workshop (Wednesday, September 2nd, 3:00pm-4:00pm). Internships are an important channel for clarifying your career goals, “testing” out industries/work settings, applying academic learning in the real world, and honing your resume. Join us in Dunlap Success Center rooms 2201 and 2202 to find support in your internship search.

Put your engineering, computer science, or technical degree to good use at the Career Center’s annual Engineering Day (Tuesday, September 15th, 9:00am-3:00pm). Students can explore full-time employment and internship opportunities with employers seeking Seminoles in technical fields. The event will take in the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering.

Are you a student veteran or a leader on-campus seeking employment? Join us at the Veterans Networking Night to connect with employers that are specially recruiting veterans and student leaders (Wednesday, September 16th, 4:00pm-5:30pm, FSU Alumni Center Grand Ballroom).

Seminole Futures Career Fair allows students to meet with recruiters from corporate, non-profit, and governmental organizations (Thursday, September 17th, 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm, Donald L. Tucker Civic Center). This all-majors career fair brings over 150 organizations to campus looking to hire Seminoles for full-time opportunities and internships. Dress is business professional, and bringing copies of your resume is highly encouraged! A list of participating employers can be found at http://www.career.fsu.edu/Students/Events.

www.career.fsu.edu | 850-644-6431
October 30 & 31st
Registration is from June 1, 2015 to October 16, 2015
For more information click here.

ATTN: Religious Observance Policy

As we approach fall semester, we encourage students to be aware of Florida State's policy regarding absences to observe one's religious holidays. The full policy can be found at this link:

http://fda.fsu.edu/content/download/25650/164546/file/ReligiousHolyDaysFall14.pdf

Specifically, the Florida State University policy on student observance of religious holy days provides:

1. Each student shall, upon notifying his or her instructor within the first two weeks of the semester, be excused from class to observe a religious work-restricted holy day of his or her faith.

2. While the student will be held responsible for the material covered in his or her absence, each student shall be permitted a reasonable amount of time to make up the work missed.

3. Instructors and University administrators shall in no way arbitrarily penalize students who are absent from academic or social activities because of religious work-restricted holy day observance.

Please communicate with your instructors about your plans at the beginning of every semester.

Garnet and Gold Goes Green

Fall Semester has started, and with it, another exciting season of FSU Football! FSU's football tradition is an enormous source of Seminole pride for FSU students, the University, and the community. Game Day draws huge crowds with the beautiful 80,000 seat Doak Campbell Stadium and large parking lots filled with tailgaters. The Garnet & Gold Goes Green program (G4), the game day tailgate recycling program, is staffed entirely by student volunteers who help encourage fans to recycle! Over the past 10 seasons, the G4 program has successfully recycled over 160 tons of bottles and cans! We can't do it without fan participation, so remember on Game Day: True Noles Recycle! If you're interested in volunteering, e-mail recycling@fsu.edu with the number of volunteers, your name, phone number, and e-mail address! GO NOLES!

Transportation and Parking Services
Transitioning to college is interlaced with a myriad of questions, but where to park and how to get around town should not be one of them. FSU Transportation and Parking Services work hard to bring students many resources and travel options for your time at FSU. Here are just a few programs, services, and guidelines to familiarize yourself with:

**Parking:**

Parking Permits: Starting this year, parking permits have gone virtual. They are required on all vehicles parking between 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Students received their permit at no additional charge for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information on all permit types, including visitor permits, click here.

Parking garages: There are six multi-level parking garages located around campus. The top floor of each parking garage is for overnight parking, great if you are living on campus. In the West Pensacola and Traditions Way garages, the top two floors are overnight. The mid-level floors are commuter spaces, so no overnight parking there. The first floor is for faculty and staff, so you will be ticketed if you park there. You’ll notice that parking stall lines are red or white. Always remember white is for student parking, red lines are for faculty. To avoid a parking ticket, stay away from the red lines, no matter how tempting that parking space may look. You can also use the FSUTranz app to check available parking in each garage before you even get to campus!

Surface lots: All around campus there are parking lots that can be either overnight or commuter. Some are right next to residence halls while there are gravel lots on the outskirts of campus. At each lot entrance, there is a sign that designates it as either commuter or overnight, so keep an eye out for that if you are ever unsure of what a lot might be. Check out this map to see where all student lots are located!

**Transportation Services:**

NiteNole: From 10:30 PM to 3:00 AM during the fall and spring semester, this late night bus service offers free rides to students. The route takes you all around campus, down Tennessee, High Road, and Pensacola Street.

NoleCab: For just five dollars with a valid FSUCard, students can catch a late-night ride home. This cab service runs from 10 PM to 4 AM 7 days a week.

S.A.F.E. Connection: Did you put in another late night at the library and need a ride somewhere on campus? The S.A.F.E (Student Alert Force Escort) Connection partners with the University Police to bring free rides to students on campus. It can be reached at 850 - 644 -SAFE (7233) and runs seven days a week from 7 PM to 2:45 AM.

Seminole Express: This is a student service that provides transportation to, around, and from campus to the surrounding Tallahassee areas. There are several routes, all of which can be tracked in real-time on the TransLoc app! Hours vary based on semester, but in the fall all routes will run from Monday to Friday from 7 AM to 8 PM.

ZipCar: Need to run errands but don't have a car? Well, ZipCar is your transportation solution. This is a car rental service at an hourly rate. You sign up online, pay an annual membership fee, and you'll receive a Zipcard that unlocks various Zipcars located around campus. The keys are already in the car as well as a gas card provided by Zipcar. Hourly rates range from $7.50 to $8.50 an hour or $69-77 for the day.

Transportation and Parking Services encompasses a wide range of services while seeking to be student friendly and focused. For more information, visit their office located next to the FSU Bookstore!