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Follow Us on Twitter!
Follow the Office of New Student and Family Programs on Twitter and receive constant updates for all students and family members!

Apply to be an Orientation Leader!
Do you want to welcome the next generation of 'Noles into the Florida State community? Are you willing to make a commitment to personal growth, leadership, learning, and service? Then apply to become a 2016 Orientation Leader! Orientation Leader applications will be available Monday, September 14th!

Follow this link for more information and application requirements.

Welcome Class of 2019!
Welcome to the Seminole Scoop newsletter! Thank you for making Seminole Scoop and the Office of New Student and Family Programs part of your Florida State experience. Our monthly newsletters provide information on FSU events, resources, and more to make your time at FSU the best it can be. We collaborate with several on campus departments to ensure you receive the best information each month. Our content is tailored to be timely. Instead of receiving everything at once, we create content that is relevant to the time of year and most useful to you.

Mark Your Calendar!
- August 19: Residence Halls open at 9 AM
- August 19 - 25: Seminole Sensation Week
- August 21: Live Life at Performance Level with Curtis Zimmerman
- August 22: Drop/Add Opens
- August 23: New Student Convocation
- August 24: First Day of Classes
- August 25: Fall Involvement Fair
- August 27: Drop/Add Ends
- August 31: AlcoholEdu and Think About It Open
- September 1: Part 1 of AlcoholEdu and Think About It Due
- October 21: Part 2 of AlcoholEdu Due
Stay Healthy, Noles!
Seminole Scoop has partnered with Campus Recreation to provide you with Health and Wellness tips to remain healthy and fit all throughout the semester!

FSU Campus Recreation

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!

The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE)
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:
ACE Tutoring (in the ACE Learning Studio)
Workshops
Study Tools and Tips

Every newsletter will feature an Office Spotlight, a detailed look at various departments on campus and how they can help you. There is also a Career Corner article from the Career Center, providing detailed information on services at the Career Center. We also connect you to Health and Wellness Newsletters, Sustainability information, and any updates from university departments. We invite you to join the conversation and connect with us on social media and our blog to stay connected to the Seminole community.

Once again, thank you for joining the Seminole Scoop community and welcome to Florida State University!

Go ‘Noles!

Office of New Student and Family Programs

Your FSU Experience Starts at Seminole Sensation Week!
Residence halls open at 9 AM on August 19th and the fun begins right away. Seminole Sensation Week is a myriad of activities and events that will make your first days at Florida State a whirlwind of fun and games. There will be sno-cones, Pitch Perfect 2, a hypnotist, Breakfast for a Buck, and so much more.

On Friday night, you can learn how to Live Life at Performance Level with the inspirational speaker, Curtis Zimmerman, as he delivers his dynamic, interactive, and entertaining program. You’ll laugh, learn, play Simon Says, and leave empowered, challenged, and changed. This event will be in the Union ballrooms with doors opening at 8 PM and the show at 8:30 PM! Don’t miss out!

For a full list of all Seminole Sensation Week events, visit sssweek.fsu.edu and don’t miss out on this fun welcome into the Florida State community!

Convocation 2015
Sunday, August 23
Donald L. Tucker Civic Center

All new students are required to attend Convocation, which marks their entrance into the life and traditions of Florida State University. Family members and friends of new students are also invited to attend. At Convocation, new students will be
ACE Learning Studio 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
welcomed by the President, Provost, academic Deans, and current student leaders. The ceremony celebrates the history of Florida State University’s academic community and calls upon students to make a commitment to live by the values embodied in the torches on the University seal: strength, skill, & character.

New Students will sit in reserved seating during Convocation. If you live on campus, your Resident Assistant (RA) will escort you to the Civic Center. Please enter the Civic Center using the street level doors at the north entrance of the building; look for signs. Students will be escorted to their seats by ushers, and students should arrive inside the Civic Center by 1:00 p.m. Travel early, especially if taking the campus shuttle, to allow time to take your seat and enjoy the musical entertainment that will open the program. Doors open at 12:00 p.m.

Immediately following Convocation, new freshman and transfer students are invited to join President John Thrasher and First Lady Jean Thrasher for a reception featuring Seminole spirit and entertainment. You won’t want to miss this unique opportunity to meet your new classmates and interact with FSU’s Deans and administrators in a fun and dynamic atmosphere. Let your “Student Life Take Flight” as you become a Seminole of Florida State University.

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.

Looking for Leadership?
Check out the Freshmen Leadership Institute!

Interested in becoming a student leader on the campus of Florida State University? The Freshman Leadership Institute is the answer for you then! FLI has birthed many of FSU's leaders, and they can do the same for you if you're up to the challenge. Applications become available online August 3rd-28th on the FLI website: sga.fsu.edu/fli

http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=c9b2708a-8c7f-472a-aa6d-26a2815881... 8/6/2015
Office Spotlight: 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 St. Augustine 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:

We Love Feedback

We want to hear from you! Do you like what you’ve been seeing? Please click the suggestion box and let us know how we’re doing!
**NiteNote:** From 10:30 PM to 3:30 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. Bus:** Did you put in another late night at the library and need a ride somewhere on campus? The S.A.F.E (Student Alert Escort Connection) Bus 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!

Transportation.fsu.edu
850 644 5278
10 N Woodward Ave Tallahassee, FL 32306
Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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**Parents' Weekend 2015**

**October 30 & 31st**
Registration is from June 1, 2015 to October 16, 2015
For more information click [here](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=c9b2708a-8c7f-472a-aa6d-26a2815881... 8/6/2015).

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**Career Corner**
Get Recognized for Experiential Learning Opportunities!

Thinking of participating in an internship? Enjoy volunteering in your spare time? If you answered yes to either of these questions, you may want to consider having these experiences recognized formally for your hard work! The Career Center offers two programs designed specifically to provide students with the opportunity to both reflect on their experiences and be recognized for their achievements:

- **Experiential Recognition Program (ERP)**
  - This program consists of an online, non-credit bearing course that results in an opportunity for you to earn a notation on your transcript. Students must be degree-seeking and will need to register for the course during the open registration period to earn recognition for future experiential learning engagements.
  - The experience can be paid or unpaid, however, students should learn skills and knowledge that enhance their academic training.
  - To be eligible to enroll students must be declared in an approved academic major. For a listing of the approved majors and more information on ERP, please visit: [http://career.ez.fsu.edu/Students/Gain-Experience/Experiential-Recognition-Program](http://career.ez.fsu.edu/Students/Gain-Experience/Experiential-Recognition-Program)

- **Experiential Certificate Program (ECP)**
  - Students participating in ECP receive a certificate that signifies that participation in an experiential learning activity (i.e. internship, co-op, etc.).
  - This program is open to all majors at FSU, both at the undergraduate and graduate level, and does not have any fees or costs associated to enroll. Students must enroll in the program during the semester that they will be completing the experiential learning activity.
  - For more information regarding this program please visit: [http://career.ez.fsu.edu/Students/Gain-Experience/Experiential-Certificate-Program](http://career.ez.fsu.edu/Students/Gain-Experience/Experiential-Certificate-Program)

For additional assistance in planning and organizing your experiential learning opportunity, drop by the Career Center in the Dunlap Success Center to speak with a Career Advisor anytime Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

www.career.fsu.edu | 850-644-6431

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Garnet and Gold Goes Green

Fall semester is upon us! New beginnings give you the fantastic opportunity to decorate and furnish your new living space! Chat early on with your new roommate to make sure who will bring which items to avoid duplicates. Also understand which necessities will be provided for you and which you will be responsible for bringing yourself.

Check out some local resources:
The Free & For Sale open group on Facebook specific to Florida State University is a great resource for furniture and other home decor. Tallahassee Craigslist serves as a waste reduction strategy and resource that often offers items at a lower cost than buying new. Similarly, Tallahassee has many consignment, vintage, and resale storefronts available to fit any budget and any taste.