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November 16-20: Asian American Student Union Fall Week
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November 25: Thanksgiving Break Begins (No Classes)
November 28: FSU vs. UF

Welcome Class of 2019!

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!
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.

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

Office Spotlight: International Programs

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

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!
The Florida State University approach to studying abroad carefully coordinates academics with cultural immersion. Students will have the opportunity to travel outside of the classroom to explore their surroundings. Every program begins with an on-campus orientation that includes travel, safety and location-specific information. All of the courses are taught in English by faculty members who are either Florida State on-campus faculty who have traveled to teach in that location or local experts who have been vetted and approved by the Florida State academic departments.

Studying abroad is one of those things that many students consider, but ultimately decide not to pursue. There are several scholarship options that can help ease the financial burden. More importantly, the experience pays for itself. Ask anyone who has studied abroad and they will tell you about the wonderful experience it was. Everyone says to seize the opportunity to travel when you’re young, so why not do exactly that? Even better, why not study abroad with fellow Seminoles! If you’re interested, more information can be found online at international.fsu.edu. Below is a message from the International Programs Director, Mr. Jim Pitts:

"Florida State University’s International Programs has been sending students abroad for almost sixty years. As we have grown, so has the need for our students to become more globally engaged.

We have joined the nationwide Generation Study Abroad campaign, which challenges universities to double their number of student studying abroad within the next 5 years. As we continue our commitment to provide high quality programs at the lowest possible prices, we have added new programs tailored to specific areas of study, as well as Spring Break Programs, designed to provide shorter, lower cost options. We are also pleased to have created several new Generation Study Abroad scholarships.

We continue to enhance partnerships with the University’s Global Pathways and Garnet and Gold Scholars programs, both of which encourage students to seek greater cultural immersion and community engagement opportunities. Participants then reflect upon and articulate their unique experiences in a manner that enhances job and graduate school applications and builds resumes.

Our outstanding faculty, extensive excursions, high quality accommodations, and dedicated support staff provide an incomparable value to our students. I challenge you to help us double the number of participants by joining over 1,700 students now taking part in our programs each year. You, too, will enjoy an educational experience with a lifetime of invaluable benefits."

Bon voyage!

Jim Pitts
Director, Florida State University International Programs

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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!

Join Our Mailing List!

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, November 14: Home vs. NC State at 10:30am
Saturday, November 21: Home vs. Chattanooga at 1:00pm

FSView

Program Helps Students Make Institutional Changes On Global Level

Written by: Matthew Bruner

Here's an article from the FSView highlighting the Global Scholars Program at FSU:
There were three oral presentations and seven table sessions at the event.

Inam Sakinah presented her work with the Arajuno Road Project in Ecuador. She partnered with the organization to develop a leadership camp for some of the indigenous communities that they work with.

“Our general focus was leadership and how we could present the idea of leadership to these students in a way that resonated with their cultural reality and the opportunities that were available to them,” Sakinah said.

She implemented and facilitated lesson plans for seventh and eighth grade students in order to present leadership as an interactive concept they can engage with.

“I came away with a completely different perspective. I realized that what was required is a lifelong commitment to turning dialogue into action in the hopes of changing the world,” Sakinah said.

John Permenter worked as a marketing intern with Asociación CREAR in Costa Rica. Asociación CREAR strives to provide supplemental educational, recreational and career opportunities for community members, primarily those with limited resources.

“CREAR’s focus is to change the perspective that you don’t need to learn English in Costa Rica. However, English is essential in order to be a successful part of the working economy, especially considering that tourism is their main industry,” Permenter said.

Permenter highlighted that CREAR needed an overhaul in terms of general awareness and presence, so his focus was to market CREAR to the community as a viable source of education. He created several videos that showcased the activities CREAR had as well as the general culture surrounding the organization.

“Next summer I intend to go back to CREAR with some more global scholars and develop a more sustainable curriculum for the organization,” Permenter said.

Rebecca Justilien traveled to Cameroon and worked with the Rural Development Center, which aims to help improve the lives of the most vulnerable populations through sustainable social and economic means of development. Justilien was interested in working with women in Cameroon in terms of community development.

“Women are the backbone of Cameroonian society,” Justilien says. “However, women do not have the same economic opportunities as men. My goal was to help the organization implement a program that would help develop the economic independence of women.”

Justilien provided micro-loans for these women that went towards helping their own individual businesses. She also established different focus groups that evaluated various topics regarding their business plans. Once the idea was set, Justilien worked with the women to turn their plans into action.

“The biggest challenge was the communication barrier. You have to adjust your
The Global Scholars Program is currently recruiting for its fifth year. Applications are due November 3. For Summer 2016, students may choose from over 150 internship placements at a wide range of community organizations located in Central/South America, Africa and Asia.

Career Corner

Get Experiences Recognized!

NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS NEWSLETTER

Career Corner

November 12, 2015

Have you heard of LinkedIn? Do you want to search for jobs or volunteer opportunities, research employers or network with alumni? LinkedIn has the tools you need as a first or second year student to do all of these things! Social networking sites, such as LinkedIn, provide opportunities to connect with professionals while creating a positive online image. LinkedIn can also help you learn more about industries/organizations, follow industry experts, and connect with FSU alumni. Take a look at our online "Building Your LinkedIn Presence" guide at http://career.fsu.edu/Resources/Career-Guides or stop by The Career Center to pick up a printed copy. LinkedIn also provides an overview of what LinkedIn can do for students at www.linkedin.com/studentjobs.

Tip: Customize your LinkedIn profile's URL by adding your name, making it easier for employers to search for you!

Still not sure how to get started? Career advisors can help you create a new profile or review your current LinkedIn profile, as well as help you discover alumni who are professionals in your field of study. Come visit The Career Center for drop-in career advising from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. If you are in need of a professional photo, visit our LinkedIn Photo Booth at Engineering Day or Seminole Futures this Spring!

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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
FSU initiated a pilot project recently to make waste on campus more sustainable - through composting! The composting pilot is a collaboration between FSU Grounds, Solid Waste and Recycling, Suwannee Room and Aramark, Dr. Laura Keller and the students from the Honors Biology Seminar, and Sustainable Campus. Located at the FSU Nursery, the composting system converts food waste from the Suwannee Dining Hall into beneficial soil supplements, a valuable asset to FSU Grounds. The Grounds Department will be able to use the supplements to maintain the healthy and beautiful campus landscapes for which FSU is known.

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!

Transportation and Parking Services
transportation.fsu.edu