What's Going 'Round
April 2015

Important Dates

April 3-18: FSU Flying High Circus Performances
April 17-19: Spring Family Weekend
April 17: Spring Fling
April 23: Academic Success chat
April 24: Last day of classes
April 27-May 1: Final exam week
May 1-2: Commencement
May 2: Residence halls close at noon
May 6: Grades available online

For more information, visit the Registrar’s Office

FSU Family Connection Gets a NEW LOOK!

The Florida State University Family Connection program is excited to reveal our new logo designs to you (please see below)! Moving forward, when you receive anything family-related from FSU, be sure to keep an eye out for our logo!

FSU Family Connection & the Office of New Student and Family Programs would also like to take this time to thank all FSU families for your continued support of our program and its

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Upcoming Online Chat Events

April 23: 4PM
Staying Motivated for Exams: Strategies for Academic Success
Go to family.fsu.edu and click on FSU Chat to get started! All chat times are EST.

Finals are Almost Here: Send a Care Package!
initiatives through this academic year! Family Connection continues to grow and could not do so without YOU! We hope that you are proud to be a member of this association and continue to stay involved throughout your student’s tenure at Florida State!

We would also like to give a special thank you to our Family Connection Advisory Council, past and present, for their support of our program, FSU families and students. This board of 25 parent/family member volunteers work hard to ensure that your voice is heard, our programs are sustained and that we continue to flourish as an organization!

If you have any feedback on our programs and services or would like to give feedback on things that you would like to see via Family Connection, feel free to e-mail us at family@admin.fsu.edu and we’d be more than happy to hear your suggestions as we plan for the next academic year!

Thank you so much again & GO NOLES!

FSU Family Connection

Wanting to send something to your student, but not sure what? PiecesofThere offers a variety of different care packages you can choose from and send! Be sure to check them out for all of your care package needs. A portion of your purchase benefits the FSU Family Fund!

Don't Miss Out!

The last Spring Family Weekend is scheduled for April 17-19, 2015!

Be sure to check out https://studentaffairs.fsu.edu/fw/ for the most up to date information.

Regional Seminole Club Updates

Tampa Bay Seminole Club
Seminole Send Off Event - May 28th, 2015
For more information, contact: info@tampanoles.com

Seminole Club of Volusia and Flagler Counties
Seminole Day of Service - April 18th, 2015
Seminole Send Off Events - May 19th, 2015
For more information, contact: nolesdb@gmail.com

For more information on upcoming regional Seminole Club events & deadlines, click here!
Written by Rebecca Robinette, Family Connection Advisory Council Member

The center of non-academic life on Florida State's campus is the Oglesby Union Complex ("Complex"), which is a series of buildings creating a community center serving students, faculty, staff, alumni and guests. A gathering place of the university, you can find services and conveniences that members of the FSU community need in their daily lives.

Located off North Woodward Avenue across the street from the bookstore and the parking garage, the first part of the Complex seen by first time visitors is the Davis building which contains the food court with offerings such as Chili’s, Subway, Einstein Bagels, Freshens, Miso, and Pollo Tropical. Off the courtyard is the Moore Auditorium familiar to many families who attend orientation activities. The Activities Building contains the Student Activities Center, and offices for recognized student organizations and the Student Government Association. Opposite Moore Auditorium on the west side of the courtyard is the Crenshaw Building where bowling and billiards have been a mainstay for many years.

The Student Services Building contains the Student Disability Resource Center, the Division of Sponsored Research Services, Sponsored Research Accounting Services, the FSU Research Foundation and a 24-hour diner. In addition, the second floor includes 4 conference rooms, meeting rooms and a banquet room.

The Administrative Offices are located in the Turner building where the Union staff manages buildings and arranges for movies, shows, performances and celebrations at the Complex. Whether it’s a band performing at Club Downunder, a St. Patrick’s Day Party, Homecoming Activities, Pow Wow, Seminole Sensation Week, Spring Fling, or a fall Haunted Harvest the Union staff provides some exciting entertainment.

Spring Fling is coming up on April 17! Be sure to have your student check out all of the fun and free events the union is putting on. Here is a schedule of what’s happening:

Career Corner

Here’s some information from the Career Center to pass along to your students:

Are you interested in pursuing a career in Education or Library services? Do you wish to become a teacher and/or learn more about obtaining certification? The Career Center has an event for you! On Thursday, April 23 in the Oglesby Union Ballrooms, we are hosting the Education & Library Career Fair. This is an opportunity for graduates of both education and non-education majors to speak one-on-one with employers hiring in your field. To ensure you are prepared and represent yourself positively, be sure to:

- Dress like you would for a job interview. Leave jeans, flip-flops and sneakers at home.
- Research participating organizations before the day of the event. You can find the list at career.fsu.edu/Students/Events/Equipment-Library-Career-Fair.
- You may bring multiple copies of your résumé. If you need assistance with this, drop by the Career Center and/or visit http://career.fsu.edu/Resources/Career-Guides for tips.
- Keep track of the employers you speak with along with their contact information.

The schedule for the Education & Library career fair is as follows:

**Becoming a Teacher**
10:30 - 11:30am  
(For non-educational graduates)

**Teacher Certification and Employment in Florida**
11:00 - 12:00pm  
(For graduates of state-approved education programs)

**Career Fair**
12:00 - 4:00pm  
(All students)

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

Stay Connected,  
Join the Conversation Today!

The FSU Family Connection program utilizes current online social media outlets to help Seminole Family Members stay connected and up-to-date with news, announcements, advice, and...
Away from the Complex on South Woodward Avenue but managed by the Union staff is the Askew Student Life Center which houses the recently renovated Counseling Center, movie theater, graduate center, cyber café for computer gaming, and the FSU Housing Department. Further west just east of the baseball field between the football stadium and Tully Gym you’ll find the Haskin Circus Complex home to the FSU Flying High Circus.

Here are some other resources the Union offers that your student may want to check out:

- **Student Groups:** Florida State University has over 650 Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) on campus. Find out how your student can get involved with a student organization [here](#).

- **Soar Board:** The Student Organization Advisory and Review (SOAR) Board is an entity of the Student Activities Center and serves as a liaison to FSU’s Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs). SOAR Board works to help RSOs grow by providing workshops, individual consultations, online resources, and many events such as Market Wednesday, the RSO Presidents’ Mixer, and Leadership Awards Night. For more information on SOAR Board you can check out their [website](#).

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• **Peer Involvement Mentors:** Being on a big campus can be extremely intimidating, especially if you don't know what is available to you and how to get involved. Encourage your student to meet with the Peer Involvement Mentors and to get set up with a counselor to talk about their interests and start getting them involved. Whether they’re interested in the honor societies, student government, clubs, or whatever you can think of, Peer Involvement Mentors will help your student find the perfect opportunity on campus. For more information check out their page.

So when you visit FSU check out the activities at the Oglesby Union Complex with your student. Connect with the Oglesby Union on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or Tumblr and check out the latest happenings at their website union.fsu.edu/sac/.

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**Getting Ready to Graduate!**

Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors and the Class of 2015!

Updates and more information is available [here.](http://www.visittallahassee.com/)

### Spring 2015 Ceremony Schedule

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Can't make it to the ceremony? No worries!  
You can view a webcast of commencement [here.](http://www.visittallahassee.com/)

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**Family-to-Family:**  
**Seminoles Take the World by Storm**

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Blackboard [campus.fsu.edu](http://campus.fsu.edu). Read their stories on research, teaching, community service, career goals, and leadership!

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For information on local attractions and upcoming events, please visit: [http://www.visittallahassee.com/](http://www.visittallahassee.com/)

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**Family Connection Poll**

Click on the Family Connection Poll to respond to this month’s question. Your response may be featured in next month’s issue!

Our March poll asked:  
*Campus safety is of the utmost importance at FSU. What are some tips that family members can give to their students in order to stay safe?*

**Top Three Responses:**  
1. Always have your cell phone  
2. Try to walk or travel with someone after dark
In our increasingly interconnected world, Florida State University has made a strong commitment to international learning experiences. FSU International Programs (www.international.fsu.edu) offers its students a rich offering of opportunities for study abroad. Every year, more than 1,600 students participate in programs ranging from one week spring break programs to a full year abroad. More than 50 programs are offered in 20 different locations around the world.

Many of the programs take place in FSU's four permanent international study centers in Florence, Italy; London, England; Panama City, Panama; and Valencia, Spain. These study centers are a wonderful resource, providing both living and instructional facilities. Descriptions and links for the International Study Centers can be found here.

The study centers are a key to the quality and consistency of the study abroad experience. Students at each study center benefit from an experienced resident staff and visiting faculty from FSU and other institutions. Curriculum is highly coordinated with the main campus so that students can satisfy their academic requirements while studying abroad. My daughter completed her freshman year abroad - two semesters in London and summer term in Valencia - and returned to campus having completed all of her freshman requirements and half of her sophomore credits.

In addition to the study centers, there are individual academic programs in more than a dozen countries. International Programs also offers spring break programs, internship opportunities, and a full year (three semester) freshman year abroad program. Information on all of these opportunities can be accessed at www.international.fsu.edu.

The International Programs staff, both at the home office and in the study centers, are very experienced in helping students to navigate the challenges of study abroad, including finances, housing, visas, and transportation. They have systems in place to address health care needs and maintain a safe environment for students. My experience as a parent confirms that the program staff is extremely responsive to both students and parents. For example, my daughter made a last-minute decision to switch her summer venue from Florence to Valencia. Program staff helped get her re-registered, and advised us on visa, travel and baggage arrangements.

Here are a few examples of International Programs offerings:

First Year Abroad

The First Year Abroad (FYA) program allows students to complete the first 12 months of their FSU careers studying abroad with International Programs. Students can choose to spend their first year at any of the four study centers. Students can opt to change their location for the summer term and spend it at another study center, though visa restrictions apply for some locations. Freshmen are able to take up to 49 credit hours over the 12 months, and meet first-year prerequisites for most majors. FYA offers several group travel experiences and also sets aside time for independent travel. During my daughter's year abroad, she took several trips within England and Spain, and traveled to France, Belgium, Ireland, Scotland, Greece, Morocco and Portugal. By the end of the year, she was an experienced independent traveler, capable of making all her own travel arrangements.

3. Avoid wearing headphones when walking or driving around campus

Question Corner

Click on the Family Connection Question Corner icon to ask us any questions you may have about supporting your student at FSU. You can also email us at family@admin.fsu.edu.

Donate to the FSU Family Fund

Please donate to the Family Fund within the Division of Student Affairs by clicking the box above. Your gift helps fund student support services throughout the academic year to meet the needs of FSU students!

Want a Student's Perspective?

Click the image above to get your questions answered by current FSU students.

We Love Feedback!

In order to give you the best experience possible, we need your feedback! Please click the Suggestion Box above and let us know what you like, what you do not like, and what you would like to see included in future editions of "What's Going 'Round!"
Theater Academy London

London has a rich theater tradition and a vibrant theater arts community. FSU’s Theater Academy London allows students to experience the London theater scene while being taught by a distinguished faculty, including some of London’s leading theater artists. Full semester and summer programs are offered.

Costa Rica Program for Social Workers and Helping Professionals

This program prepares helping professionals (e.g., social work, clinical psychology, nursing, medicine) to work successfully with Latino populations both in the United States and abroad. The curriculum integrates international social work and social welfare by incorporating site visits to agencies within the host community, language study, and cultural immersion within a six-week program (2 weeks online; 4 weeks in Costa Rica). Set in the tranquil hills of Santa Ana, west of San José, students live and learn within a totally integrated, community experience.

These and many other programs offer FSU students the opportunity to live and learn with a new perspective. International Programs students have a terrific blog for sharing stories and experiences. Student-written articles such as “Things I have Learned Studying Abroad”, “London: How to Avoid Breaking the Bank”, and “The Two Best Methods of Learning Spanish without Getting Bored” are a great place to tune in on the International Programs experience from the students’ perspective.

From my perspective as a parent, First Year Abroad was an incredible learning and growth experience for my daughter. An added benefit is that it has given her a wonderful peer group of friends with whom she lived and studied in London and Valencia. Now that she is back in Tallahassee, these relationships help make the FSU big campus experience a bit more intimate and congenial.

Stop Cybercrime in It's Tracks

The evil cyber villains are at it again. New strains of phishing emails, malware and viruses appear every day, and it’s up to you-more than ever-to thwart the latest threats to a safe cyberspace at Florida State University. Use these tips to help protect yourself and the university.

- Be cautious about links and attachments: Be careful when clicking on email links or attachments—even those supposedly from coworkers or friends. If it’s suspicious in any way, don’t click it.

- Be careful with Wi-Fi: Sensitive browsing—such as updating student records or viewing your paycheck—should only be done on a secure network that you trust. Don’t use a public computer or public Wi-Fi to conduct confidential university business.

- Use strong passwords: Never use easy-to-guess passwords like "p@$$word" or "football." When creating a password, include uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers and symbols, and don’t use your FSU password for other, non-FSU sites.

- Lock your devices: Lock your computer whenever you walk away from your workstation or office and create a hard-to-guess passcode for your phone or tablet.
• **Keep software and apps updated:** Always install the latest operating system, software and app updates as soon as they are available for your computer and mobile devices.

• **Stay alert:** Monitor your accounts for any suspicious activity. If you think your FSU account has been compromised, contact the ITS Service Desk immediately at 850-644-HELP.

To learn more ways to reduce your risk of becoming a cybercrime victim, visit the Information Security and Privacy Office (ISPO) website and register to watch a short series of security awareness training videos: [security.fsu.edu](http://security.fsu.edu).

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