Important Dates

July 17: Deadline to Late Drop without Dean's permission
July 31: Deadline for Late Drop with Dean's permission
August 7: Last Day of Classes for Summer A and Summer C

For more information, visit the Registrar's Office

Interested in the Family Advisory Council?

Parents' Weekend 2015

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The Family Connection program strives to keep family members of Florida State students engaged and informed regarding university events, changes, and more. The success of the Family Connection program is due in part to the hard work and dedication of the Family Connection Advisory Council. This is a volunteer group of engaged family members who advocate for the needs of families and their students. It is composed of 25 members or seats with couples able to share one seat. All members are family members of current FSU students and serve as a sounding board when the university needs family input, as well as a resource for other FSU families who may need advice or guidance while their student is at Florida State.

The Family Connection Advisory Council is a very active group. The responsibilities of the Council are varied and family members can tailor their contributions to their skills. Each member serves on one of three committees: Membership & Programming, Communications & Publicity, or Development. Family Connection Advisory Council members also attend bi-annual in-person meetings, once in the fall and once in the spring semesters, as well as monthly conference calls. Their purpose is to share information, advocate, host programming, give advice, and fundraise for the FSU Family Fund. This is accomplished through serving as a mentor in the Family to Family Mentoring Program, being a chat moderator during an FSUChat, presenting at Orientation, assisting with the silent auction during Parents' Weekend (possibly working the event or creating a basket to auction), writing content for the What's Going 'Round Newsletter, and more. The responsibilities are a mix of mandatory and optional based on which committee members serve on.

The Family Connection Advisory Council is the opportunity to take your involvement with Florida State as a family member one step further. Members create a diverse community of families, bringing experience on a range of college topics, from out of state students to leadership on campus and more. If you are interested in providing advice, support, and encouragement to fellow families during the college experience, this may be the right opportunity for you. Check out the webpage for more information and to see who currently serves on the Council.

Applications for the 2015-2016 Family Connection Advisory Council will go out on Monday, July 27th and will close on Friday, August 14th at noon. More information regarding the application process and other important dates will be sent to those who marked that they were interested in learning more about the Family Connection Advisory Council on their Family Connection Membership form.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact family@admin.fsu.edu.

Office Spotlight: Center for Global Engagement

Parents' Weekend is October 30th - 31st, 2015
Visit pw.union.fsu.edu to register!

Thank you to everyone who purchased Parents' Weekend football tickets through the FSU Family Connection special promotion! A portion of the proceeds will go towards the FSU Family Fund which provides valuable resources to all FSU students via the Division of Student Affairs.

If you still need to order football tickets, go to Seminoles.com and use the normal ticket ordering window. As for all football games, these tickets are on a first-come, first-serve basis so continue to use this site for all of your game day needs!

Thank you again, be sure to register for Parents' Weekend & GO NOLES!

The Office of New Student & Family Programs is excited to invite families to join in chats! This is a wonderful opportunity to chat with FSU staff, families, and students. Below is a schedule of chat topics for the rest of the summer along with a link to participate!

First time chatters must establish a free chat username prior to the start of the chat. Please not a log-in screen will appear 10 minutes before scheduled start time.

Join our FSUChat!

Post Orientation for Students
July 13th from 2 - 3 PM EST

General Questions for Families
July 16th from 6-7 PM EST

Student Financial Services & Financial Aid (For Students and Family Members)
July 23rd from 2 - 3 PM EST

General Questions for Students

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International Coffee Hour is a great place to get to know people from around the world

The Center for Global Engagement (CGE), located in the Global and Multicultural Engagement Building (The Globe), is a hub for various educational, social, and cultural programs throughout the year. The CGE works to facilitate international diversity, foster global understanding and awareness, and enhance internationalization efforts within the FSU community. They are a resource for students seeking to add an international or intercultural experience to their education, and they serve over 3,000 international students and 400 international scholars and faculty currently on our campus. Some of the CGE’s signature events and services include:

**Beyond Borders:** This is a cultural exchange program that offers an alternative to traditional study abroad programs. Small groups of 10-12 students spend a week at the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica during FSU Spring Break or three weeks in early May in Dresden, Germany at the Studentenwerk - in Dresden. It is an opportunity to learn about a different culture through immersion and friendships while gaining cultural competencies necessary to make a difference in a global society. For information on this program, including deadlines and information sessions, click [here](#).

**Global Café:** On select Fridays, the CGE, in partnership with cultural RSOs, hosts a culturally enriching lunch hour with food from around the world and students from the featured culture. The meal is just $7! Past cafes have included meals from Haiti, Thailand, Brazil, and India.

**Global Pathways Certificate:** This certificate is designed to maximize the rich cultural learning experiences offered on campus, in the community, and abroad. It is customizable to your interests, goals, and academic courses, and also allows you to participate in international or intercultural experiences. It is open to any major and will show on your transcript!

**International Coffee Hour:** On Friday afternoons between 5 - 6:30 PM, students, scholars, and faculty come together at the CGE for coffee and snacks from around the world. This weekly event is a great chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new people from various parts of the globe.

**International Bazaar:** This is the CGE’s biggest event of the year and takes place each spring. The International Bazaar gives campus and community cultural groups the chance to share their history and heritage, while giving individuals the opportunity to learn about many different cultures and traditions. In addition to performances from cultural groups and table displays from student and community organizations, the International Bazaar also features a variety of global foods to sample.

The list of services and programs provided by the CGE extends far beyond what is presented here and serve as a springboard for enriching your college experience through global awareness and intercultural education.

Visit the CGE for more information and start enriching your college experience today!
Why Go Greek?: A Family Perspective

Have you ever wondered what Greek Life is all about? Is your daughter or son considering joining a sorority or fraternity, or perhaps is already a member of one? When my son first mentioned he was thinking about rushing in the fall, I was not sure how it all worked. My first concern was his academics, but what I soon learned was eye-opening. I am an alumnus of a sorority and very familiar with the whole process of rushing, pledging, and Greek Life. It was one of the best experiences for me, and I was happy to hear my son was interested, as I know firsthand what it is like. It truly felt like a home away from home, and I made lifelong friendships while gaining valuable leadership experience. However, I know that there have been numerous changes since my experience in a sorority, and I was curious as to what those changes may be.

What exactly is Greek Life?
Consider Greek Life as a community of organizations that embrace common principles and values. The organizations are held to the highest standards and deviation is not allowed by the organization, the organization’s National Headquarters, the University Administration, or the Office of Greek Life at Florida State.

The Office of Greek Life’s Mission Statement - "To enhance the quality of student life at the Florida State University by empowering members of the Greek community through advising with developmental approach, educating with purpose, communicating with stakeholders, and cultivating collective partnerships." They advocate for the expression of ritual through the shared values of leadership, scholarship, service, and brotherhood/sisterhood within the Greek community.

The Office of Greek Life’s Vision Statement - "We strive to develop a community that enables individuals to make values based decisions, learn tangible skills, and contribute to the betterment of the global community."

Order of Omega, which consists of representation from all four Greek Councils, was established at FSU in 1998 and unites Greek Life at FSU. The councils work together to better the campus, community, and themselves. The Order also acts as an honor society, as it presents various awards annually. Some of these awards include Highest GPA, New Member of the Year, Chapter Advisor of the Year, and President of the Year.

What can Greek Life do for my son or daughter?

Early Disbursement:
Traditionally FSU has disbursed aid at the end of the Drop/Add period for each term, but starting with the Summer term, students may be eligible to receive their disbursement for some types of aid prior to the start of the term (the week before the term starts).
To be eligible, students must:

- have a complete financial aid application on file (no outstanding documents)
- be enrolled/attending at least the minimum number of hours for the aid to be disbursed (generally no less than 6 credit hours but some types of aid require 12 credit enrollment)
- Not be on Satisfactory Progress hold or subject to Academic Plan review
- for Stafford loans - loans must be ACCEPTED through the myFSU online award page and Master Promissory note and Loan Entrance Counseling must be complete at StudentLoans.gov.

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 other items relevant to being family members of college students.

Through Twitter, you can "follow" the account @FSU_Family to receive brief updates from the family connection program in a Tweet announcement. Just create your own Twitter at www.twitter.com to follow us!

On Facebook, you can "Like" the FSU Family Connection Fan Page to see photos, receive news and
There are so many reasons to join a fraternity or sorority at FSU. The lifelong friendships and connections with a group of students that share the same set of values and ideals is certainly a compelling reason to join. Furthermore, these student-run organizations plan officer elections, recruiting, initiations, fundraisers, and community involvement projects, which teaches invaluable skills for life after college.

The leadership opportunities are abundant and provide an environment to develop leadership experience extremely similar to that needed to run a company or a business. My son ran for treasurer of his fraternity immediately after pledging, and it was a great learning experience. Winning the position helped boost his confidence tremendously, and he has since taken the role seriously and done an amazing job.

Yet another advantage to joining a fraternity or sorority is the opportunity to give back to the community. Each Greek organization participates in numerous community-focused events. In addition to their own organized service events, Greek members are also the main participants in the popular Dance Marathon, Relay for Life, and other major campus service events. They devote countless hours and raise millions of dollars to benefit a multitude of causes.

Important Upcoming Dates:
August
16th-22nd - Panhellenic Recruitment/Seminole Sensation Week
27th - IFC Rush Information Session
September
1st & 3rd - IFC Rush Orientation
8th-9th - IFC Rush Preview
10th & 11th - Meet the Greeks Showcase (NPHC & MGC)
14th-17th - IFC Rush

This article is just a brief summary of all the great things that Greek Life offers. Please visit www.greeklife.fsu.edu for more detailed information. It is a great opportunity, as are so many other clubs and organizations at FSU, but Greek Life in particular will be a tradition and experience that will stay with your student for all of his or her life.

Do you have a New Seminole joining us in the Summer or Fall?

Each summer, incoming Florida State students are invited to attend a Seminole Send-Off hosted by your local Seminole Club or Chapter. These events are a great way to learn about life at Florida State and meet other FSU students from your area.

Seminole Clubs and Chapters typically host a Seminole Send-Off in May or June. New events are being added weekly; please check back frequently for the latest information.

*Below are the Send-Off events in the state of Florida as of 5/27/2015 - CLICK HERE to see all events throughout the country. Also, be sure to check the Seminole Send-Off website regularly. New Seminole Send-Off events will be posted throughout the summer!*

Florida
Miami

Hosted by Miami Seminole Club®
August | TBD
TBD

Join Miami Seminole Club® for a reception in honor of the future FSU class of 2019! Check back soon for more information! For more information, contact Karol Vargas at info@miaminoles.com or visit the club’s website, Twitter or Facebook page.

Panama City

Hosted by Panama City Seminole Club®
Thursday, August 13 | 5-7 p.m
Bland Conference Center - Florida State University Panama City
Panama City, FL 32405

Panama City Seminole Club® would like to welcome you to the Florida State family during a special event for local FSU students and their parents. For more information, contact the club at info@pcnoles.com, or visit the club’s website, Twitter or Facebook page.

Sebring

Hosted by Highlands Seminole Club®
July | TBD
TBD

Highlands Seminole Club® would like to welcome you to the Florida State family during a special event for local FSU students and their parents. Check back soon for more information! For more information, contact Erin McCarta at mantarayem@earthlink.net, or visit the club’s website or Facebook page.

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 May poll asked: What can you and your student do this summer to prepare for the upcoming school year?

Top Three Responses:
1. Review everything that was covered at Orientation
2. Reach out to another future FSU student and share notes and information
3. Take summer classes

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?
AT THE GAME OR ON THE ROAD
SUPPORT YOUR SEMINOLES

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AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Display your pride in Florida State University with the purchase of an FSU license plate. Proceeds from plate sales are applied to the university’s general scholarship fund to support need- and merit-based scholarships for Florida State students. Rebates for first-time buyers, as well as gift certificates and information on purchasing your FSU license plate is available online at fsu.edu/mytag.

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Ask The Experts!

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!”

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