What's Going 'Round
June 2015

Important Dates

June 21: Father's Day
June 29: Summer C Classes Begin
July 2: Last Day of Drop/Add for Summer C
June 30: Financial Aid Disburses for Summer C
July 3: Independence Day Observed (No Classes)

For more information, visit the Registrar's Office

Welcome New Families!

Send Your Student Some Summer Sunshine!

To all our new What's Going 'Round subscribers,

Welcome to the What's Going 'Round newsletter! Thank you for making What's Going 'Round and Family Connection part of your Florida State experience.

Wanting to send something to your student, but not sure what? PiecesOfThere offers a variety of different care packages you can

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Our monthly newsletters provide information on FSU events, resources, and your role as a family member. 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 your family.

Every newsletter will feature an Office Spotlight, a detailed look at various departments on campus and how they can help you and your student. There is also a Family-to-Family article written by a member of our Family Connection Advisory Council, providing a family member’s perspective on different aspects of the FSU experience. We also connect you to student perspectives, a monthly poll, student spotlights, 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 What's Going 'Round community and welcome to Florida State University!

Go 'Noles!

FSU Family Connection Program

Parents' Weekend 2015

Parents' Weekend is October 30th - 31st, 2015
Online registration opens Monday, June 1st, 2015
Visit pw.union.fsu.edu to register.

Starting May 15th*, you can buy Parents' Weekend Football Tickets for the game on Saturday, October 31st against Syracuse for $50 (same as the price you will pay for a single game).

Purchase your tickets here: Football Tickets (use promo code: "FAMILY" - in all CAPS).

"Sing It On:" Reality TV features FSU A capella Scene

Check out this FSView article about a new show that follows collegiate a capella groups, including Florida State's very own All Night Yahtzee and Acabelles, as they journey towards the International Championship of Collegiate A Capella.

Changes to Disbursement: New to Summer 2015

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

A portion of your purchase benefits the FSU Family Fund!
Office Spotlight: Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life

The FSU Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life encompasses 57 social fraternities and sororities representing four different councils. Each organization holds core values that promote leadership, scholarship, brotherhood/sisterhood, and service. With over 7,000 current FSU students who call themselves members, fraternity and sorority life is a unique opportunity to become part of a more than 100 year old campus tradition.

Check out the four councils and how they can help your student further their involvement, engagement, and growth while at Florida State:

Interfraternity Council (IFC): This council is composed of 22 mens fraternities. They are dedicated to the academic and social development of their members. Members of IFC chapters are active in every aspect of campus, from research to service to leadership roles. The IFC community is a diverse community with each fraternity bringing their own qualities, which creates a perfect fit for every man looking to join an IFC fraternity. Recruitment takes place at the start of the fall and spring semesters and more information on rush can be found here.

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC): MGC is composed of 11 culturally based fraternities and sororities. Their purpose is to unify and organize groups that seek to promote diversity and cohesion on campus and in the community. MGC organizations are proud to help students find their home away from home and create their own niche on campus. They are engaged on campus through leadership, service, and a commitment to the FSU community. Students interested in joining an MGC must attend a Mandatory Interest Meeting for more details on the membership intake process. More information on their recruitment process can be found here.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC): NPHC is a group of 9 predominantly African American fraternities and sororities. They are dedicated to creating and maintaining high standards of fraternity and sorority life as well as scholarship, community service, and the cultural enrichment of its members. Each organization has its own history and philosophy that interested individuals are encouraged to learn about. To learn more, individuals should attend a Mandatory Interest Meeting. More information on the intake process can be found here.

Panhellenic Association (Panhellenic): The Panhellenic Council at FSU is composed of 17 sororities. The council is dedicated to the values of service, note and Loan Entrance Counseling must be complete as 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 participate in discussion commentary to stay connected with other FSU families and the FSU community. Just create your own Facebook account at www.facebook.com.

On FSU Family Connection Blog, you can read blog entries regarding the FSU family experience, which may include advice pieces, news articles, photos and reflections. No account is needed! Just click fsufamily.wordpress.com to read.

Student Spotlights

Click on the faces of these Florida State University students who are featured this month on Blackboard campus.fsu.edu. Read their stories on research, teaching, community service, career goals, and leadership!
sisterhood, and scholarship and every organization has values and beliefs specific to them. Panhellenic strives for continual development of its members and inspires members to reach their highest potential. The recruitment process takes place in both the fall and spring semesters and more information can be found [here].

Contact or visit the office for more information!

Location: T114 Oglesby Union (Next to Einsteins)
Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM
850 644 9574
greeklife.fsu.edu

Summer Preparations for Your College Student's Transition to Freshman Year: One Parent's Advice

Welcome to the FSU Family! As parents and family members, we play a huge role in our student’s college success. The college transition process, and the changes that happen throughout the college years, are an adjustment for you as well as for your student.

With it being the summer before your student heads off to college, here is some advice to make for an easier transition.

Enjoy this time of celebration.
This can be a stressful time for you and your student, but try not to focus so much on the upcoming departure and instead enjoy the senior year festivities and the joy of summer. I had a great opportunity to travel with my daughter the summer before she left for FSU. I was in between jobs and was relocating back to Florida from California. We got to spend several weeks hiking, sightseeing and discussing both our expectations for the upcoming year.

Attend a summer orientation session.
Hopefully you have attended FSU Orientation or have one scheduled this summer. This is an ideal way for your student to connect with other students, get important information, and become a part of the Tallahassee community. My daughter met her current roommate at an orientation session - they kept in touch through summer and freshman year and are now best friends. Family sessions at orientation will answer your questions and give you the opportunity to meet other parents and key administrators.

Sibling Relationships
Encourage your college student to spend a bit of extra time with their brother or sister. This extra time spent with their sibling will remind the sibling that they haven’t been, and won’t be, forgotten. Have the sibling make or buy a special gift your student can take with them to college.

Written by Cathy VanDeMark, Family Connection Advisory Council Member

Plan your trip to Tallahassee TODAY!

Best known as Florida’s capital city, Tallahassee shares a deep-rooted history and culture with unparalleled natural adventure and an upbeat vitality. From performing arts to outdoors and nature, Tallahassee offers something for everyone.

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

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: 
Summer is almost here! What are your favorite things to do during summer break when your student is back home?

**Top Three Responses:**
1. Family vacation
2. Planning for the next year

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Make a financial plan and discuss expectations with your child. Develop a tentative budget and be clear about who will pay for what. I told my daughter when she was applying for college that she would have to get some student loans for tuition. My husband and I agreed our daughter should not get a job her first year so she could focus on her classes. Therefore we agreed to pay for food, housing, books and spending money. Many parents I have spoken to want their students to have some financial responsibilities during college so they have them pay for car insurance, sorority or fraternity dues, or just spending money.

Discuss academic goals and expectation ahead of time. Everyone hopes grades will be good, but remember many freshmen do not do as well their first semester as they did in high school, and many change their minds about their proposed course of study. My daughter was an Exploratory major her first year, and it was the best thing for her. She spent her first semester talking to advisors and other students, reviewing the coursework of different majors, and really deciding what she wanted to do as a career. Discuss whether you expect certain grades or GPA and what may happen if he or she doesn’t meet those expectations.

College students care more about what you think than they are likely to let you know. They quote you, talk about you, and look to you for encouragement. As they journey toward adulthood and independence, sometimes they want your advice and sometimes they just want you to listen. Normally, my daughter just wants me to listen. Welcome to the delights and dilemmas of being a parent of a college student. The more conversation you have now, the more comfortable you will both be as you make this transition. There will still be bumps in the road, but you may be able to minimize them - and you will have opened many important lines of communication. Good Luck!

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**

**Gainesville**  Hosted by Gainesville Seminole Club®
Saturday, June 13 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Splitz Bowling Alley  
1301 NW 76th Blvd.  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
Advance registration is available but not required to gainesvillenoles@gmail.com.  
Join Gainesville Seminole Club® as they welcome incoming students and their parents to the FSU family. Free to attend and free bowling for the first 20 students who arrive. For more information, contact Stephanie Brod at gainesvillenoles@gmail.com or 352.575.4677 or visit the club’s website or Facebook page.

Hosted by Brevard Seminole Club®

Indian Harbour Beach  

Wednesday, June 10 | 7-9 p.m.

Doubles Beachside - Indian Harbour Beachside Hotel  
1896 S Patrick Drive  
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937  
Join Brevard Seminole Club® as they host a Seminole Send-Off for the class of 2019. For more information, contact Alexis Haber at brevardseminoleclub@gmail.com, or visit the club’s Twitter or Facebook page.

Hosted by Brevard Seminole Club®

Jacksonville

Hosted by Jacksonville Seminole Club®

Thursday, June 11 | 6-8 p.m.

Maggiano’s Little Italy  
St. John’s Town Center  
10367 Midtown Parkway  
Jacksonville, FL 32246  
Jacksonville 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 Ashley Folladori at fsu_ash@yahoo.com or at 904.412.1219 or visit the club’s website, Twitter or Facebook page.

Hosted by Jacksonville Seminole Club®

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.

Hosted by Miami Seminole Club®

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.

Hosted by Panama City Seminole Club®

Sarasota

Hosted by Sarasota Seminole Club®

Thursday, June 4 | 6-7:30 p.m.

FSU’s Sarasota Regional Medical School Campus  
201 Cocoanut Ave.  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
Sarasota 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 John Maxwell at info@sarasotaseminoleclub.com or 941.812.3638, or visit the club’s website or Facebook page.

Hosted by Sarasota Seminole Club®

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.

North Texas
Hosted by Seminole Club of North Texas®

Sunday, June 14 | 2-4 PM
Ashwood Bar & Kitchen
5500 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX

The Seminole Club of North Texas® would like to welcome you to the Florida State family during a special event for local FSU students and their parents. Check out their website for information on the 2015 Kickoff & Send-Off!
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