Florida State University
Dean of Students Department
Office of New Student & Family Programs

What's Going 'Round
March 2015

Important Dates

March 16: Registration for Summer and Fall 2015 begins
March 17: FSU Day at the Capitol
March 19: St. Patrick's Day
March 19-20: FSU Great Give Campaign
March 19: FSU Outdoors chat
March 21: Seminole Service Day
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April 3-18: FSU Flying High Circus Performances
April 2-4: Spring Family Weekend
April 10-12: Spring Family Weekend
April 17-19: Spring Family Weekend (discount baseball tickets - see below)

For more information, visit the Registrar's Office

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Help Family Connection raise $12,500 for the FSU FAMILY FUND!

Upcoming Online Chat Events

March 19: 10AM
FSU Outdoors: Staying Healthy and Active

April 23: 4PM
Staying Motivated for Exams: Strategies for Academic Success

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FSU’s Great Give is starting soon! The campaign lasts from Thursday, March 19th at 9 a.m. and ends on Friday, March 20th at 9 p.m. Alumni, students, family members, faculty, staff and friends all have the opportunity to show their support for Florida State during the campaign. Help us make this year an even bigger success than last year by showing your support for the FSU Family Fund!

The Family Fund was created by families as a means for them to give back to FSU in a meaningful way. All funds raised for the Family Fund go directly to services on campus that benefit all FSU students like free flu shots, leadership and diversity awareness programs, as well as special career services and programming to help students around midterms and finals.

Our goal is to raise $12,500 from families in support of the Family Fund & the Great Give. If every family made a gift, even a small one, imagine the kind of support and services we would be able to provide to your students. If you have already made a gift in support of the Family Fund, thank you so much! We hope you will still consider being a part of FSU's Great Give!

You can make your gift to the FSU Family Fund by visiting http://greatgive.fsu.edu/ and check the ‘Projects’ link for Families Supporting Students. If you want to join in with the fun of the campaign, we encourage you to split up your donation and give during different incentive hours! By having the most number of donors to the Family Fund within those respective time slots and winning the incentive hour challenge, the Family Fund gives extra money contributed towards our ultimate goal!

Please consider forwarding this message to other friends and family of the university and encourage them to be a part of FSU’s Great Give supporting the Family Fund.

We encourage you to visit http://greatgive.fsu.edu/ to track the progress of FSU’s Great Give and get more information throughout the day.

Every gift to the Family Fund makes a difference!

Go to family.fsu.edu and click on FSU Chat to get started! All chat times are EST.

Meet Our FSU Interim Dean of Students: Vicki Dobiyanski

Vicki Dobiyanski currently serves as the Interim Dean of Students at Florida State University. In this role, Vicki directly supervises Student Rights and Responsibilities, the Victim Advocate Program, Case Management Services, the Student Disability Resource Center, New Student and Family Programs and Withdrawal Services. Prior to this role, Vicki served as the Director of Student Government at Florida State University for four years and enjoyed the opportunity to engage students in the governance process and work with a diverse population of students. Her journey through higher education began at Texas A&M University where she earned her Bachelor’s of Business Administration in 2004 and Master’s of Science in Educational Administration in 2006. Vicki has also served as an advisor and student program coordinator at the University of Notre Dame and Texas A&M University.

In her role as the Interim Dean of Students, Vicki interacts with students, faculty, staff, families, alumni and community members in her efforts to assist students throughout their time at Florida State University. The Dean of Students Department supports the holistic development of students through advocacy, empowerment, leadership, accountability, and community. It does this by supporting the University’s academic mission and by providing services, advocacy, and crisis management for all students through creative problem-solving, accessibility, and accountability. We have many qualified staff members willing and ready to assist students through their journey in order to be successful at FSU and beyond.

As the end of the semester approaches at Florida State University, we would like to remind you of some services available to students. The FSU Food Pantry is housed in the Dean of Students Department and is available for any students 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday. We have staff ready to meet with any students who might find themselves in need.
4th Annual Seminole Service Day:
Saturday, March 21st

Parents & Families Encouraged to Participate!

Volunteer with your local Seminole Club® or Chapter on Saturday, March 21, as part of the FSU Alumni Association’s Fourth Annual Seminole Service Day - a coordinated day of community service. Uphold the garnet and gold by pitching in on a service project in your community.

Seminole Clubs® and Chapters around the country will wear their FSU colors and uphold the Garnet and Gold by pitching in on local service projects in their communities. We are asking that you give of your time, not of your treasure - break a sweat, get your fingernails dirty, and represent FSU to the fullest!

The response to past Seminole Service Days has been overwhelming. Many of our Seminole Clubs® and Chapters combined their day of service with a social event immediately following their volunteer work: a picnic, a happy hour, you name it!

Seminole Service Day is a great way to represent Florida State University in your area and to get new Seminoles involved with your clubs.

For more information about Seminole Service Day, click here.

struggling with the end of the semester due to stress, financial needs, medical issues, etc. in the Case Management services area. Please let us know how we can assist.

“I look forward to working with the families of our FSU students!” - Vicki

You're Invited!
FSU Day at the Capitol

Come one, come all! FSU Family Members are welcome to attend! If you are able to attend, be sure to stop by the FSU Family Connection table on the 3rd floor between 10am & 2pm! We hope to see you there!

Finals are almost here:
Spread the Love!
FSU Spring Family Weekends:  
April 3-5, 10-12, & 17-19

A Weekend for Every Family!

As we celebrate the start of Spring, we invite you to Tallahassee to see your student and participate in a number of activities available to the campus community. This is an especially unique time to visit your student and the university community because of all of the great things happening in the capitol city.

Unlike Parents’ Weekend in the fall semester, Family Weekend has three weekends which are packed full of activities - too many for us to choose just one - so we encourage you to choose which of these weekends fits your interest, schedule, and convenience.

There is no registration process or registration fee required to attend. Simply view the calendar of campus and community event and attend what you’d like!

More events will be added to the Spring Family Weekend website in the coming weeks!

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.

Congrats Grads!

For updates on FSU Commencement Ceremonies & other graduate information, click here!

FSU Students Stand F.T.K.

Congratulations to Dance Marathon at FSU and all of the participants. DM is the largest student run philanthropy at FSU and this year marked their 20th year of dancing!

Dance Marathon benefits the Children’s Miracle Network Hospital, UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital, and the FSU College of Medicine. DM is a 40 hour weekend split into two 20 hour shifts with a line dance every hour on the hour. Participants stand for the entirety of one shift for the kids.

This year, DM was able to raise a record breaking total of over 1.1 million dollars! This is the first time the event has broken one million dollars. Congratulations to DM and its participants.
Attending the April 17-19th Family Weekend?
Get Discounted Baseball Game Tickets!

Attending the spring Family Weekend baseball game on Saturday, April 18th is a great way to show your FSU spirit and spend time with your student.

Be sure to purchase your FSU vs. Pittsburgh tickets through FSU Family Connection!

Because you are a member of Family Connection, the FSU Ticket Office will provide you the opportunity to purchase these game tickets at a rate of $3 per person regardless of age - a special reduced rate from the regular price of $7 per adult and $5 per child.!

*Don't miss out on this great deal!*

Tickets are on sale from March 2nd through April 3rd, 2015.

To purchase these discounted baseball game tickets, please contact:
Chris Asa
Account Executive, Seminole Boosters & FSU Ticket Office
850-645-9771
casa@fsu.edu

**Note:** To receive this deal, you must purchase them prior to the above deadline. This offer will not be available after this time.

*Please make sure you mention you are calling about the Family Connection Family Weekend baseball tickets*

We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing you at the game!

Office Spotlight: University Housing

For more information about DM and how to get involved visit [noles4kids.org](http://www.noles4kids.org)

**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.

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*Through Twitter, you can “follow” the account [@FSU_Family](https://twitter.com/FSU_Family) to receive brief updates from the family connection program in a Tweet announcement. Just create your own Twitter at [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) to follow us!*

*On Facebook, you can “Like” the [FSU Family Connection Fan Page](https://www.facebook.com/FSUFamilyFanPage) 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](http://www.facebook.com).*

*On [FSU Family Connection Blog](https://fsufamily.wordpress.com), 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](http://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](http://www.campus.fsu.edu). Read their stories on research, teaching, community service, career goals, and leadership!
University Housing at FSU is a great resource for students and family members. Besides providing on campus accommodations for thousands of students, University Housing helps to support and execute several programs for residents.

As a family member, University Housing considers you to be an integral part of the process of your student’s development. For that reason, Housing offers a few resources for family members! Some of the resources include information about supporting your student’s independence, how you can help your student, and information about the staff members in each of the halls. Additionally, members of the University Housing staff are always available to answer any questions you may have.

Encourage your student to take advantage of the floor programs their RA hosts or even check out an all-hall program for all of the residents in their hall. It never hurts to meet new people and University Housing definitely helps to facilitate those connections. For more information, check out housing.fsu.edu.

FSU Safety Information:
From Chief of Police, David Perry

Florida State University considers the safety of its students, faculty, staff, and visitors to be of paramount importance. Over the course of the school year, the FSU Police have issued a number of Crime Alerts to inform our community of dangerous situations which are required by federal law. Our philosophy is that an informed community can better protect itself and assist law enforcement in solving crimes. While this practice may alarm some people, we believe that it enhances the safety of our community.

Crime Alerts are just one of the many ways we are working toward a safer campus every day. Listed below are some of the other strategies that we use to increase our community's safety.

- During Orientation sessions to all incoming students and parents, we stress the importance of safety and taking precautions while on and off campus.
- The number of cameras on the FSU campus is approaching 300 with more being continually added. Blue-light Emergency Phones are located throughout campus, within viewing distance from most areas. Although many schools have done away with them due to a cell phone ownership, FSU maintains the Blue Light phones as deterrents and as quick and convenient ways to contact the police.
- For the last two years, FSU has offered the free safety service called Guardian. This smart phone technology allows students to set a virtual timer to call police automatically in case of trouble, and if/when that happens, provide police with the information needed for a more effective police response.

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/

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 February poll asked: Midterms are right around the corner. How can parents/families best support their students?

Top Three Responses:
1. Help my student learn from their experiences instead of being critical

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• Our **SAFE Connection** program operates every day the university is open from 7 pm until 2:30 am free of charge, providing convenient rides for students anywhere in the near vicinity of the campus.
• Annual Campus Safety Walk: Students, employees and law enforcement officers survey the campus for hazards and providing feedback on areas of concern.
• Florida State University Police embraces a highly proactive approach to policing by implementing innovative methods and proven best practices to address crime.

**Additional Programs Offered by the University Include:**

• FSU partners with Yellow Cab for subsidized $5 cab rides for students.
• FSU Residential Life provides night security service in all halls and works in partnership with the Adopt-A-COPP project.
• Police routinely conduct undercover and plainclothes patrol operations referred to as "Crime Suppression Details" and surveillance details. FSUPD has conducted operations known as "decoy" details, where undercover officers pose as students out alone at night in an effort to detect criminals with the intent to make an arrest of an assailant. Due to the covert nature of these details, often the police cannot announce them to the public.
• FSU campus facilities are better lighted than ever before.
• Comprehensive efforts have been initiated by the University to address violent crimes not only involving direct police action, but also including substantial investments in technology, crime prevention, and practical education on minimizing risk for students.

Although we take them with the utmost seriousness, we are fortunate that serious criminal incidents remain a rare occurrence on our campus, and we are pleased with our record for solving these crimes, including some of the recent cases you may have read about.

This summary provides a portion of the information and resources provided by the FSU Police Department. For more information about the safety programs at FSU please visit our main webpage at [police.fsu.edu](http://police.fsu.edu). Be sure to click on Annual Security Report for comprehensive coverage of our efforts and programs.

Our campus safety and security is of the utmost concern. We are proactive in our policing. We are committed to providing a safe environment for students.

Sincerely,

David L. Perry
Assistant Vice President for Safety and Chief of Police

**St. Patrick’s Day Programming for Students:**
**Celebrate Responsibly!**

2. Sending my students random messages/care packages as a pick me up
3. Help teach my student financial independence (sending less money & giving spending advice)

**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.

**Ask The Experts!**

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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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION
TUESDAY, MARCH 17
FREE* FOR EVERYONE

25% OFF PAINT-A-POT
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Art Center
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LIVE MUSIC AND MORE
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
CQ Club/Dorm

FOOD, GAMES,
AND LIVE MUSIC
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
ASLC Library
OPEN MIC NIGHT:
EXTENDED EDITION
7:00 PM
ASLC Library
BOWLING SPECIAL:
FREE NIGHT OF BOWLING
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
DNA Center

TRAVEL SAFELY AND ENJOY
EXTENDED HOURS FOR
TRANSPORTATION &
PARKING SERVICES
- Senatoria Express, 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Senatoria Buses, 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- Safe Convo, 11:00 PM - 2:00 AM
- Night Taxi, 11:00 PM - 2:00 AM
- Night Cart, 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM

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