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

What's Going 'Round
May 2015

Have a Great Summer!

Important Dates

- May 14: Last day to Drop/Add classes for Summer A or B
- May 19: Financial aid is available
- May 22: Last day to pay or defer tuition for Summer A or B
- May 25: Memorial Day - No classes
- May 29: Prorated end of 7th week of classes for Summer B

For more information, visit the Registrar's Office

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL 2015 GRADUATES
& THEIR FAMILIES!

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Send Your Student
Some Summer
Sunshine!

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 packages.
Summer 2015 Has Arrived!

As your son or daughter prepares for their next year, help them remember to use the resources available to them - many can be found on the following link: 
https://dos.fsu.edu/infop/resources/helpful-links

This might also be a good time to revisit your expectations for the summer and for your son or daughter’s return to campus in the fall (or later this summer).

What's Next?

This is the perfect time to finish finalizing summer plans, academic schedules for the summer and fall semesters and re-evaluate goals for the future! This is a great time for your student to take a little bit of a break and evaluate their campus involvement, research opportunities they are interested in and devise a study plan for the coming semester.

Here are some great tools for you and your student as you begin your planning:

- [http://summer.fsu.edu/](http://summer.fsu.edu/) - Click here to see what is happening on and around campus this summer! (Live & updated in June 2015)
- [http://registrar.fsu.edu/](http://registrar.fsu.edu/) - Click here to keep up with the academic calendar and semester start dates.
- [http://fsunews.com/](http://fsunews.com/) - Click here to keep up with campus news while you’re away.
- [http://www.career.fsu.edu/](http://www.career.fsu.edu/) - Click here if your student is looking for a job on campus or an internship for the upcoming year.
- [http://union.fsu.edu/sac/](http://union.fsu.edu/sac/) - Click here if your student is interested in getting involved on-campus in the upcoming semester.

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 5/13/2015 - 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

Clearwater - Hosted by Pinellas Seminole Club®

Tuesday, May 26 | 7-9 p.m.

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 note and Loan Entrance Counseling must be complete at StudentLoans.gov.

#SupportFSU

SupportFSU aims to support excellence in academic programs, scholarships and student activities at Florida State University.

Be sure to follow them on Twitter and like them on Facebook for the most up to date information.

Don’t forget, you can also support FSU by donating to the Family Fund.

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.

Join Miami Seminole Club® for a reception in honor of the future FSU class of 2019!

Tuesday, May 26 | 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Karol Vargas at info@miaminoles.com or visit the club's website or Facebook page.

Join the Seminole Club® of Volusia Flagler Counties 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.

Advance registration available but not required to pinellasnoles@gmail.com.

Join Pinellas Seminole Club® as they welcome incoming students and their parents to the FSU family.

For more information, contact Tre Stevenson at pinellasnoles@gmail.com, or visit the club’s website, Twitter or Facebook page.

Join the Seminole Club® of Volusia Flagler Counties as they welcome incoming students and their parents to the FSU family.

For more information, contact John Jones at nolesdb@gmail.com or 386.308.1255, or visit the club’s website or Facebook page.

Join the Seminole Club® of Volusia Flagler Counties as they welcome incoming students and their parents to the FSU family.

For more information, contact Stephanie Brod at gainesvillenoles@gmail.com or 352.575.4677 or visit the club’s website or Facebook page.

Join the Seminole Club® of Volusia Flagler Counties as they welcome incoming students and their parents to the FSU family.

For more information, contact Ashley Folladori at fsu_ash@yahoo.com or at 1410 Pine Ridge Road Naples, FL 34108 SeminoleClubNaples@gmail.com.

Join the Seminole Club® of Volusia Flagler Counties as they welcome incoming students and their parents to the FSU family.

For more information, contact Lynne Kerven at SeminoleClubNaples@gmail.com, or visit the club’s website, Twitter or Facebook page.

Join the Seminole Club® of Volusia Flagler Counties as they welcome incoming students and their parents to the FSU family.

For more information, contact the club at madisoncountyseminoleclub@aol.com or visit the club’s Twitter or Facebook page.

Join Madison County 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.

Advance registration available but not required to pinellasnoles@gmail.com.

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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.

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.

Sebring  
Hosted by Highlands Seminole Club®
July | 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.

Tampa  
Hosted by Tampa Bay Seminole Club®
Thursday, May 28 | 6 p.m.
The Tampa Club
101 E. Kennedy Blvd. Ste. 4200
Tampa, FL 33602
Advance registration is available but not required to max@tampanoles.com.
Join Tampa Bay Seminole Club® as they host a Seminole Send-Off for the class of 2019.
For more information, contact Max Oligario at max@tampanoles.com or 813.732.3438, or visit the club’s website, Twitter or Facebook page.

West Palm Beach  
Hosted by Palm Beach County Seminole Club®
Wednesday, May 27 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Embassy Suites
1601 Belvedere Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
Advance registration is required by Friday, May 22, to david.brobst@pbnoles.com.
Join Palm Beach County Seminole Club® for a reception in honor of the future FSU class of 2019!
For more information, contact David Brobst at david.brobst@pbnoles.com or 561.232.4243, or visit the club’s website, Twitter or Facebook page.

Parents’ Weekend 2015 Football Tickets
Get Your Tickets Early & Support the FSU Family Fund!

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

Starting May 15th*, you can buy Parents' Weekend Football Tickets for the game on Saturday, October 31st against Syracuse for $45 (same as the price you will pay for a single game).

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

If you buy through this link, a portion of your proceeds will benefit the Family Fund, providing excellent resources & services for all FSU students via the FSU Division of Student Affairs!

*Family Connection receives a fixed allotment of pre-season Parents' Weekend tickets from the FSU Ticket Office. This allotment will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. When this allotment is depleted, the promotion will end.

Family-to-Family:
Making the Most of Orientation

1. Family vacation at the beach
2. Spending time with them & their other siblings
3. Camping/Traveling

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?

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!"
It is that time of year. No, not hurricane season, but FSU orientation season. I have experienced FSU orientation as a participant, as a parent speaker, and even as the mother of an extremely passionate orientation leader (OL). So I have some experience. And take it from me--the whole orientation session is valuable academically, socially, and emotionally. It is well designed to provide important experiences for both parents and students. When I participated I learned about my child. I discovered areas of academic interest that I had not known he had. I heard about his college expectations. I shared my expectations. We discussed the university’s expectations. We had the “Back when I was in college...” talk. Being away from the day-to-day distractions of home actually gave us a chance to talk about some pretty important topics.

So with that in mind here are my recommendations for getting the most out of attending FSU Orientation with your student:

• **Record as much information as possible (take notes and/or pictures).** You will never remember everything. Your head may spin by the end of the day, but you never know what detail you will need to use in the future. You might want that Career Center phone number three years down the road when you want to encourage your child to search for an internship.

• **Talk with other parents.** Although every family’s situation is unique, it really does help emotionally to share what you have in common—especially if it is your first/last/only going off to college. What we’d love to do with the extra bedroom was a favorite topic of conversation. It really does help to know that you are not alone.

• **Use your time together to discuss your child’s academic and personal goals.** Once he gets caught up in starting school there may not be an opportunity for those types of conversations. And while he may think that his goal is to make lots of friends and party, helping him articulate other goals as well can be very productive. Share your hopes and dreams for his college experience as well.

• **Support your child’s interactions with other adults but watch from a distance.** As much as you may want to rush up and sign paperwork and map out the day’s schedule, try to step back and allow your child to be in charge. If asked, you can point out the auditorium on the map, and perhaps pay the bill at breakfast, but otherwise give her space to figure things out or ask questions on her own.

• **Support the adult decisions he makes while going through the orientation process.** You might not think that graphic design is the best class option for the first semester, but there will be counselors available when the students sign up for classes, so defer to the experts and to your child’s decision making and resist the urge to jump in with your opinions. Try to stay in listening mode unless directly asked for advice. I guarantee that your child will appreciate it.
• Relax and enjoy the event. Relish the opportunity to spend time with your child, and while the students are participating in their organized evening social activities find something that you like to do. You'll need to practice, because once she goes off to college you definitely will have more time on your hands.

FSU staff works hard to design meaningful activities for both students and parents. Students are provided with a strategic blend of information and social activities. And the Orientation Leaders receive extensive training and are very knowledgeable about everything related to FSU. Your child will be in excellent hands throughout the orientation, and if you follow these suggestions you, too, will be able to make the most of your orientation experience.

Office Spotlight:
FSU Police Department

The Florida State University Police Department (FSUPD) aims to support the mission of Florida State University by promoting a safe and secure higher education environment while providing proactive police and customer related services aimed at reducing crime.

Not only does FSUPD provide protection for our campus and the surrounding area, they also boast a number of different resources for both you and your student to utilize.

Some of these services include:

• **FSU Guardian:** A free service that provides FSUPD with information about your student. There is also a free smartphone app called Rave Guardian that allows the user to set a safety timer and easily access emergency numbers among other features.

• **S.A.F.E. Connection:** A free on-campus transportation service running from 7:00PM to 2:45AM seven days a week. To utilize this service, just call 850-644-SAFE(7233). Students may also use a Blue Light phone to request S.A.F.E. Connection.

• **R.A.D. Training:** FSUPD provides Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) training for students of FSU that equips them with useful self-defense skills. This course can be taken for free over a weekend or for a physical education credit over a semester on campus.

• **Register Your Personal Property:** Students can use the FSUPD’s website to register anything of value that they own. If the item is ever lost or stolen, FSUPD can pull up any information your student included in order to help recover the item.

For more information on everything FSUPD offers, visit their website [here](http://campUS-police).
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- WE STORE IT
- WE REDELIVER IT

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In the Oglesby Union • Phone: 850.561.9180

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