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

What's Going 'Round
September 2015

Important Dates

September 15: Engineering Day
September 16: Student Veterans Networking Night
September 17: Seminole Futures

For more information, visit the Registrar's Office

Office Spotlight: Seminole Athletics Tickets Office

Parents' Weekend 2015
Football season kicks off September 5, 2015, at Doak Campbell Stadium against Texas Tech. There are some fantastic Home games this season including University of South Florida, University of Miami, University of Louisville, Syracuse, and NC State. Students have access to the student ticket allotment for Football and Men's Basketball (Spring) by signing into their account through the Student Tickets portal. First time users will need to activate their account with the last twelve (12) digits of their Student ID and their PIN number. Your PIN number is your birth month and birth year, (ex. May 1994 would be 0594). All online student accounts must be re-activated for 2015. Students will be required to activate their account the first time they go online to purchase a Student Season Ticket or to enter the Student Game-by-Game Process.

There are 2 options for student tickets. The first option is the Student Game-by-Game Ticket. This online ticket delivery method has changed this year. Tickets will now be sent via email to each student. Your Print-at-home ticket will be emailed directly to the email address you provide during your online registration. This ticket will be attached as a PDF document and can be printed out at your convenience. The ticket will contain your name and a barcode that will have to be scanned for entrance.

The Game-by-Game process will still start at 5pm on the Sunday the week of each Home game and will continue until all 16,000 student tickets are claimed or (3) three hours prior to kickoff. General admission tickets will allow students to enter Doak Campbell Stadium through any gate, however the closest gates to the student section are L & M (beginning (2) two hours prior to kickoff. Seating in sections 40, 41, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 will be first-come, first-served so arrive to the stadium early to claim the best seats available in the student section. Gates open (2) two hours prior to kickoff. There are 16,000 Student tickets available so those will also be on a first-come, first-served basis.

The second option for students Student Season Tickets. FSU Students may purchase a discounted FSU Student Season Ticket for $240 (Limit of 2 per person). Purchasing a Student Season Ticket will give you a guaranteed reserved seat for every home game. A very limited number of these are available. Student Season Tickets will be located outside of the regular student sections. By purchasing an FSU Student Season Ticket, you will not be eligible to participate in the Game-by-Game student ticket process each week. The deadline to purchase FSU Student Season Tickets is Thursday, September 3, or while supplies last. Students can purchase up to (2) two Guest Tickets, however Guest Tickets will not be available for the Miami and Louisville games.

Another option for parents is the 3-game package starting at just $125! With this option you pick three (3) games from three (3) tiers:

- Tier 1: Miami or Louisville
- Tier 2: USF, Syracuse or NC State
- Tier 3: Texas State or Chattanooga

Seats are available in the South Endzone or along the sideline (require $60 Booster Contribution). The 3-game package is an ideal option for those looking to save on tickets, especially for those who are traveling to Doak Campbell Stadium.

The Spear It Rewards program is still in effect for this year. For those who don't know, the Spear It Rewards program is an online point-tracking service used for high priority games like Miami and Louisville. For these types of games, an ordering window system will go into effect. Students will be divided into (3) groups for high demand games. The group with the highest number of accumulated Spear It Rewards points will be allowed to order tickets starting at 5pm Sunday the week of the game. The second window will open at 5pm Monday the week of the game. If there are any tickets leftover after both windows, the third window will open at 5pm Thursday the week of the game. Spear It Rewards points will be granted to the student at the end of the Fall term. Freshmen will receive 250 points, sophomores will receive 500 points, juniors will receive 750 points and seniors and graduate students will receive 1,000 points. In addition, 25% of your accumulated Spear It Rewards points from last year will be applied to your account. Students can also accumulate points by joining Seminole Boosters, following the various FSU Athletics social media accounts, and by attending all selected home events.

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!

Encourage your Student to Apply to be an Orientation Leader!

Does your student want to welcome the next generation of ‘Noles into the Florida State community? Are they willing to make a commitment to personal growth, leadership, learning, and service? Then encourage them to apply to become a 2016 Orientation Leader! Orientation Leader applications will be available Wednesday, September 16th!

Follow this link for more information and application requirements.
The Seminole Athletics Tickets Office strives to provide students with opportunities to be a part of Seminole Athletic events throughout the year. For more information, visit their office located in the Stadium!

Seminole Athletics Tickets Office  
www.seminoles.edu  
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FSU Family Connection to Hold 5th Annual Garnet and Gold Silent Auction

Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, October 30, 2015 - The 5th Annual Garnet and Gold Silent Auction will be held during Parents' Weekend 2015. The Silent Auction is on Friday, October 30, 12 PM-4 PM in the Oglesby Student Union Art Gallery, Krentzman Lounge. Auction items include special gift cards from local shops and restaurants, leisure and recreational packages, themed gift baskets, signed FSU memorabilia, and much more. Family Connection representatives will also be present to answer questions and to help families sign up with the Family Connection program.

"The Garnet and Gold Silent Auction is our largest fundraiser," says Eddie Higganbotham, IV, Assistant Director of New Student and Family Programs, "and we hope to see parents, students, and community members at the auction bidding on the great packages."

All proceeds benefit the Family Fund, which supports valuable student services and programs at Florida State University. Last year, Family Fund supported more than 2,500 free flu shots for students through University Health Services, funded Stress Buster Day and depression screening through the University Counseling Center, offered career advising and counseling programs through the Career Center, as well as promoting diversity awareness programs through the Center for Global Engagement.

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.

**Upcoming Chat Schedule:**

- October 1: Parents' Weekend 2015
- October 7: Advising & Registration Tips for Families
- October 20: Crime Prevention Programs
- October 29: Staying Healthy on Campus
- November 9: Job Search Support
- November 17: Holiday Break & Exam Support

Join our FSUChat!

**Check out our FSU Family blog posts from last month!**

With fall in full swing, it's important to stay in the loop with some information for you and your family.

**The "BIG Six" - 6 Experiences to Enhance & Life: College is a whole new world with a new set of problems and adventures. This post covers some ways to make the most of you experience.**

**Find What Moves You: FSU has over 40 student-led sport clubs. This post gives more information on how the clubs work and how to get involved.**

Stay Connected,  
Join the Conversation Today!

The FSU Family Connection program utilizes current online social media outlets to help Seminole Family Members stay connected.
Family-To-Family Article:
Marching Chiefs

Written by Noel Bickford

FOOTBALL WEEKEND?
DON'T MISS THE WORLD FAMOUS FLORIDA STATE MARCHING CHIEFS!
Over 400 of Florida State’s finest march and play every Saturday of our home games and you can see them in action in a number of ways.

- On select Friday nights prior to home games, the Marching Chiefs will play the Friday Night Block Parties. The Downtown Get-Down in Klemen Square is a multi-venue event with food vendors, amusements and general good fun. They are joined by the Cheerleaders at many of the Block Party stages. Select Friday nights from 5 - 10 pm....check the Seminoles.com website.

- Pregame Section warm-ups occur on Saturday around the Chiefs Practice Field near the Doak Campbell Stadium in the hours leading up to the game.

- "Skull Sessions" at Dick Howser Baseball Field (adjacent to the Stadium) happen approximately 2 hours prior to kick-off. Each section plays a number from the current half-time show before the entire band, flags and majorettes warm-up together. CDs of last year’s program are available for sale providing you with a chance to listen to the Chiefs in your car on your way to the next game! This time at the "Skull" will be your first chance on Football Saturday to do the "chop" and yell the Warchant - a great way to get in the Seminole spirit.

- Follow as the Chiefs march from Howser to the Doak Campbell Stadium along Chieftan Way after the "Skull Sessions." The Chiefs enter the Stadium at Gate J (this area is under construction at the time of this writing - so follow the posted signs). Many fans line the entrance to cheer the Chiefs.

- See the Big 8 Drumline under the stands in the South End Zone just before the game. This will get you fired up like nothing else.

- The Marching Chiefs take the field in pre-game ceremony which includes the drum majors, the high stepping musicians, flags and majorettes with Osceola and Renegade.

- While many use half-time for the concession stands, you don’t want to miss the half-time show that the Chiefs have worked on the week before. Each half-time home game show throughout the season is different with new music and choreography. It is this pageantry and effort that have earned the FSU Marching Chiefs world acclaim.

Send Your Student Some Fall Love!

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!
• Then finally at the end of game, no matter the result, the Marching Chiefs play the moving "Hymn to the Garnet and Gold". Stay for this and feel and see first-hand the bonds of friendship and musicianship that tie all FSU Marching Chiefs.

GO CHIEFS! GO NOLES!
Check out this link to the Marching Chiefs and learn more about the history and program: marchingchiefs.fsu.edu
Follow the Marching Chiefs on Twitter @FSUChiefs, Vimeo, Instagram - fsuchiefs and Periscope - @FSUChiefs

Observing Religious Holidays

As we approach fall semester, we encourage students and families to be aware of Florida State’s policy regarding absences to observe one’s religious holidays. The full policy can be found at this link:

http://fda.fsu.edu/content/download/25650/164546/file/ReligiousHolyDaysFall14.pdf

Specifically, the Florida State University policy on student observance of religious holy days provides:

Each student shall, upon notifying his or her instructor within the first two weeks of the semester, be excused from class to observe a religious work-restricted holy day of his or her faith.

While the student will be held responsible for the material covered in his or her absence, each student shall be permitted a reasonable amount of time to make up the work missed. Instructors and University administrators shall in no way arbitrarily penalize students who are absent from academic or social activities because of religious work-restricted holy day observance.

Please encourage your student communicate with instructors about his/her plans at the beginning of every semester.

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.

FSU News:
FSU Ranked Among Top Public Universities

Check out FSU News article about FSU being ranked as one of the best schools in the country!

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!

Reema Tawfiq
Exercise science student and aspiring physician discovers passion for research

Omar Ismail
Communications student seeks to affect positive change through research in Bangladesh
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 August poll asked:
What is one of the best ways to support your student during their transition into the new academic year?

Top Three Responses:
1. Establishing boundaries while being supportive as possible
2. Don’t overwhelm with questions - listen to what they're saying (and what they are not saying!)
3. Suggest ways to get involved on 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!

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!"