



THE LINK

fsc parent newsletter

Housing Selection Update for Fall 2025

Last spring, students' and parents' feedback indicated that students would benefit if the College were to move the housing selection window to a time that does not overlap with final exams. Separating housing selection from final exams, students said, will allow students to focus on academic preparation.



This week, in response to that feedback, current students received information regarding a new timeline for housing selection. Please [click here](#) to view the email that students received. Housing Selection for Fall 2025 will now begin on May 12, after final exams.

For additional information and answers to questions, we encourage you to join Community Living and Student Life staff during one of our two Housing Selection Webinar options, on either February 19 or 20 at 4:00 PM EST. Webinar links will be shared in the February issue of *The Link*.

General Housing Selection Timeline:

- April 7: Housing Selection Application Opens on the Portal
- April 21: Deadline for Housing Selection Application
- May 1: Time slots are released AND Roommate Form Opens on the Portal
- May 5 - 9: Spring billing & summer move-in confirmation week & prep for opening of housing selection
- May 12 - 16: First week of selections*
- May 19 - 23: *No selection times - Medical Accommodation Students will be assigned*
- May 26 - 30: Second week of selections**
- June 2 - 6: Third week of selections
- June 9 - 13: Fourth week of selections
- June 16 - 20: Fifth week of selections***

*Historically, students assigned this week have 100+ hours earned at FSC; Garden, Star, and Lake Morton are usually filled within the first week.

**Historically, students assigned this week have 90+ hours earned at FSC; apartments are usually filled within the second week.

*** Based on availability, Community Living may choose to end selection and manually assign students to remaining open bed spaces.

Please [click here for answers to frequently asked questions](#) including a summary of changes. If your student has other questions, please encourage them to contact the Office of Community Living at residencelife@flsouthern.edu.

Career Services

The Career Services office will be launching two new online, non-academic Canvas courses to help students stay on track with their career readiness and towards their post-graduation career goals.

The **FSC Career Guarantee** is an online, non-credit Canvas course for first year, first-time-in-college (FTIC) students and consists of modules that students will sign-up for and enroll in during their first year and follow along all four years of college. Enrolled students will participate in a four-year structured sequence of career preparation activities. Students who complete all program requirements are guaranteed a job or graduate school placement within six months of graduation.

The **Mocs Milestone: Graduation Ready!** is an online, non-credit Canvas course for graduating seniors in their final semester. It provides a place for graduating students to easily locate all of their final

semester, non-academic graduation-related requirements and information in one centralized place. It includes information about the graduation check and application information, two career planning activities, graduating student survey information, commencement information, and more!

Please reach out to Career Services at careercenter@flsouthern.edu with any questions.

[Learn more](#)

Winter Break

Winter Break is December 12 through January 5, 2025. Residence Communities will be closed during the Break and will reopen Sunday, January 5th at 12:00 pm. For other information about Community Living please visit the Community Living webpage.

Check out the [campus dining hours of operation during Christmas break](#)

CollegiateParent.com

[CollegiateParent.com](#) is a website for parents with college age students. There are many relevant articles on financial tips, health and well-being, career prep, and more. You may want to [read this article](#) as you prepare to have your college student back home for an extended stay during the holidays.



Interested in Sending a Care Package to Welcome Your Moc Back to Campus?

Send a Brain Boost Care Package or Birthday Party package to your favorite Moc. The [Mocs Love Care Package site](#) makes sending student-designed care packages for any occasion a cinch. And there's no better way to say thinking-of-you than with a package delivered directly to residence halls.

Spring Semester

If your Moc is flying back in to Tampa (TPA) or Orlando (MCO), FSC Shuttle Services are available. Students must register for this service at least 3 business days in advance. For more information and registration, please click below:

[Airport Shuttle Services](#)

REMINDERS

Important Upcoming Dates

- December 12: Winter Break Begins (see article above for more details and links)
- January 5-6: Students Return to Residence Halls
- January 7: Spring Semester Begins
- January 13: Last Day to Register/Adjust Classes for Full Term & A Term (by 5 PM)
- January 10 at 4:00 PM EST: Fraternity and Sorority Recruitment Information Webinar
- January 15: MLK Day of Service
- January 20: MLK Day – No Classes
- January 30: Sorority Recruitment Begins

- February 2: Fraternity Recruitment Begins
- [Full Academic Calendar Link](#)

Did You Know?

- **The Squeeze:** A free golf-cart shuttle servicing downtown Lakeland, now has a convenient stop located by the ROTC building on campus, making it easier than ever for students to easily access downtown Lakeland. This service runs Friday through Sunday, giving you a reliable and free way to explore local shops, restaurants, and events without the hassle of driving or parking. Whether you're heading out for a weekend adventure or just want to experience more of what Lakeland has to offer, the new Squeeze stop is here to make it happen! [Click here to learn more.](#)
- **2024-2025 Resident Advisor Applications are live:** The application for the '25-'26 Resident Advisor Team is now open; students can log on to Engage to apply. Applications close on December 18th.
- **Summer Scholars 2025 Courses and Housing:** Is your student considering FSC summer classes? Please refer them to the Summer Scholars website for comprehensive information about the summer experience: Summer Scholars Link. Registration is available in the portal for Summer A (May 8-June 20), Summer B (June 23-August 1), and Summer C (May 8-July 31) terms, with flexible housing options.
- **Florida Southern's Counseling Center** offers Individual Counseling, Group Counseling, Crisis Management Counseling, Wellness Education Workshops, Case Management and Mental Health Screenings. Encourage your Moc to reach out to the counseling center for any of these services.
- **Work Order:** If your Moc's residence needs service—whether it's a repair, wireless connectivity troubles, or if something needs facilities' attention otherwise—students must submit a Work Order. Work Order links can be found on the students' single sign-on page and a "Contact Us" tab on the student Portal, to improve accessibility. Work Order submissions ensure a prompt response and allow the College to identify patterns and trends to scale appropriate solutions.



RESOURCES



For upcoming important dates, please access the academic calendar.

[CALENDAR](#)



DINING ON CAMPUS

Twelve venues offer everything from home-style meals to healthful on-the-go options, keeping our Mocs happy and healthy.

[MENUS](#)



EMERGENCIES

If weather causes cancellations, closings, or other school-related emergencies, we will alert the community via the text message system.

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[Parent & Family Page](#)

Florida Southern has a page for parents and family members.

[Counseling Services](#)

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Florida Southern offers free, confidential, individual counseling and support groups.

Student Health Center

In partnership with Lakeland Regional Health, FSC provides quality, accessible health care. Walk-ins are welcome.

Academic Center for Excellence

Athletics

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