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fsc parent newsletter



Kicking Off 2024-25

New Resident Advisors and Orientation Leaders are finalizing their training, student leaders are wrapping up a leadership summit, fall athletes are prepping for the official start of practices, internships are concluding, and campus is abuzz with applications of final touches before the start of the Florida Southern College 2024-25 academic year.

Whether they are new or returning Mocs, students and their families can use the information below to ensure a successful start to the semester.

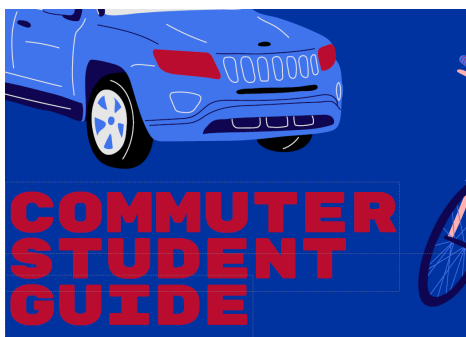


Community Living's Move-in Guide provides up-to-date information regarding residence halls, moving in, what to bring, and what to leave at home. Move-in Day for new Mocs is Saturday, August 17; returning Mocs move-in on Sunday, August 18 and Monday, August 19.

Please contact residencelife@flsouthern.edu with any questions about residence halls or move-in.

New Student Orientation begins this weekend, ahead of returning students' arrival. The Orientation schedule includes programs for new families, Friday evening through Sunday at noon. Parents of new Mocs, please review the schedule with your student ahead of arrival. New transfer and commuter students are encouraged to participate in Orientation programs.

If you or your student missed the Fall Orientation Webinar on August 7, a recording is available.



Commuters

Constantly on the move, **Commuters at Florida Southern** need easy access to guidance and campus resources. FSC's Commuter Guide provides just that. Commuters have a new lounge area for studying and relaxing on the first floor of the Carlisle Rogers Building; and the Southern Association of Commuter Students, a commuter-only student organization, is reinstated this year. Students should check Engage for more details.

Elevating Residences

Lakeland-based Amber Coker Creative provides solutions for families that are looking for options to elevate their student's residence space. This service offers a full range of design and decorative services, along with customized packages.

Contact Amber Coker Creative for more information: info@ambercokercreative.com



Convocation

What Is Convocation? Florida Southern College students attend Convocation, held in Branscomb Auditorium two or three times each year. A ceremonial gathering that marks families' departure from Orientation, the start of the academic year, and the start of the spring semester, Convocation at FSC typically



begins with a procession of faculty and college administration, adorned in their own graduation regalia. The College's President, Vice Presidents, student leaders, faculty leaders, and special guest speakers often share messages and news.

At Florida Southern College, Convocation is a time to celebrate our campus community, announce exciting opportunities, and model the persistence that leads to successful outcomes and graduation.

Care Packages

["Mocs Love" Care Packages](#) are now available for order! Designed by students for students, these care packages—with many personalization options and a delivery date of your choice—are delivered directly to students' FSC residences.



Disney's Magic Kingdom

Looking to give your Moc a Magical Labor Day Weekend experience? Visit the [Discover Florida page](#) on FSC's website to purchase a ticket for your student! For more information, please email rprince@flosouthern.edu.

Hurricane Plan

When they log into the Portal, all students have an annual requirement to complete a Hurricane/Evacuation Plan before proceeding. In the event of a tropical storm or hurricane forecasted to affect the College's area, residents will be guided to safely evacuate campus. With communication between the College and students, students and their families, and the College and families, safe evacuation plans may include traveling home, temporarily relocating to a shelter, staying with a friend, or—if evacuation is not possible and the student has authorization—temporarily relocating to shelter in a safe place on campus.

Students' completion of the Hurricane/Evacuation Plan helps the College account for all students' safety. Please review the College's [Emergency Preparedness page](#) for additional information.

REMINDERS



Family Weekend

Family Weekend 2024 is October 4-6. The 2024 schedule will be posted soon on the [Family Weekend page](#) on the FSC website. In the interim, if you are planning travel and accommodations, we encourage you to [use last year's schedule](#) as guidance for the start and end of programming times.

Important Upcoming Dates

- August 17: Move-in for New Students
- August 18-19: Move-in for Returning Students
- August 20: Fall Term Classes Begin
- August 26: Final Day to Add or Drop a Course
- August 26: Family Weekend Registration Opens
- October 4-6: Family Weekend
- October 14-18: Fall Break

Did You Know?

- Parents have their own version of Florida Southern College's online pre-orientation course for new students, *Your Southern Journey*. [Click here to access the course](#).
- Parents have access to the public side of [Engage](#), the site students and student organizations use to share upcoming campus events and engagement opportunities. Please encourage your student to get involved!
- Parents will receive Mocs Weekly, the same email sent to students at the start of each week, with important reminders and upcoming events.
- [Blast Off](#), the fair for all student organizations, is the best opportunity for students to explore the myriad of on-campus student orgs, campus resources, and opportunities. Please encourage your student to attend Blast Off and other Weeks of Welcome programs!
- Students interested in [FSC's study abroad programs](#) are encouraged to apply for or renew (if needed) their U.S. Passport now. Students can learn more at the Student Travel Showcase on Thursday, October 10 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM in Honeyman Pavilion.
- Dining Plan Clarification: For students who started at FSC before August 2023, the dining plan remains unchanged from last year, in that there are no restrictions on where students must use their meals. For those who started at FSC in August 2023 or later, the dining plan continues as it was when students first arrived on campus.

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.

OPT IN
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Parent & Family Page

Florida Southern has a page for parents and family members.

Counseling Services

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.

Student Accounts

Community Living

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