



# THE LINK

fsc parent newsletter



## **Featured Program: Marine Biology**

Florida Southern College students are in close proximity to top marine research facilities on the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean, and students have options to enhance their research through study abroad opportunities in places like Costa Rica, Jamaica, and the Bahamas. Click [here](#) to learn more about how Marine Biology students make positive and consequential impacts in their field.

[Link](#) for more information on the Marine Biology Program at FSC



## **Celebrating Black History Month**

Throughout the month of February, FSC students, faculty, and staff are spotlighting programs that celebrate Black History.

Please click [here](#) to view the programs.

## Helping Students Advocate for Themselves

Florida Southern's students regularly cite relationships with their faculty and their faculty's accessibility as top contributors to their academic successes. Some students, however, may still be building the self-advocacy skills necessary to take full advantage of the resources offered by campus partners. Regularly talking to students about how they are leaning into the challenging role of self-advocate is one effective way families can support students' growth from afar. These resources can help: [Link](#) & [Link](#)



## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Colleges use the FAFSA form to determine how much financial aid (which could include grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans) students are eligible to receive. Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA annually. The 2024 FAFSA is now open and we encourage your student to visit the [FAFSA website](#) and complete the federal government's updated 2024 paperwork. If your student has questions, please have them contact FSC's Financial Aid Office: [financialaid@flsouthern.edu](mailto:financialaid@flsouthern.edu)

# REMINDERS



## Group Advising and Pre-Registration

On Feb. 28, students will re-engage with their academic departments to receive relevant updates, connect with peers, and explore opportunities for research in Group Advising, an annual precursor to course registration. Students should watch their FSC email for Feb. 28 meeting locations and times; and if they have any

questions, students should contact their Academic Advisor.

Following their required meetings with their Academic Advisor, registration begins at 7:00 AM ET on the following dates:

- April 1 (for students with 93+ hours, all Honors students, and Hollingsworth Scholars)
- April 4 (for students with 60+ hours)
- April 8 (for students with 30 + hours)
- April 10 (for students with 0-29 hours)



## Spring Break

March 4-8, during Spring Break, residential students will be able to remain in their place of residence, if they are not traveling. During Spring Break, meal plans are paused and on-campus dining is limited; meal plans resume on Monday, March 11.



## Junior Journeys

International travel is a benchmark students often recall as a time that was essential to their self-discovery. Students interested in traveling abroad with their FSC peers and faculty to immerse themselves in new cultures and experience engaged learning in diverse environments are encouraged to sign up for a Junior Journey. FSC faculty design trips—which take place over spring break, summer, and fall break—as passion projects, with curriculum and clear learning objectives that incorporate local resources, offering students opportunities to earn between one and six credit hours. Destinations in 2024 include Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Germany, Greece, Japan, Latvia, and Spain.

Students qualify to take advantage of significantly discounted prices once they've completed four semesters at Florida Southern—hence the name *Junior Journey*. Transfer students qualify for the same discounts after completing three semesters at FSC.

For more information, students should plan to attend the Junior Journey Showcase on Thursday, February 29 from 10 AM - 3 PM in Honeyman Pavilion. Students may also explore options via the Travel tab on the Portal, and families are encouraged to read more on [FSC's Office of Student Travel page](#).



## Housing Selection 2024-25

Housing Selection for 2024-25 is just around the corner, and the Office of Community Living is working hard to prepare presentations that ensure students and families understand the process. Community Living will host separate informative webinars for families and students. The webinar for families will be on **Thursday, February 22 at 4:00 PM**. Please watch the official [Florida Southern](#)

[College Parents Facebook page](#) for a link to the webinar. *Note: the presentation will be recorded and posted on the [Parents and Families page](#)*, for any families who cannot attend the live session.



## Spring Commencement

is on May 4 at Lakeland's RP Funding Center. Doors open at noon for the 1:30 PM ceremony. Graduating seniors will receive an email (via their FSC email account) from the Registrar's Office during the week of Spring Break with Commencement details. Attending family members must have tickets, which will be distributed to graduating students, and they are

encouraged to arrive and be inside the venue before 1:10 PM; due to safety precautions, venue entry will be suspended while students and faculty process into the arena.

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## Brief Survey

Please take a moment to help Florida Southern College enhance communications with our parent and family partners: [Click here](#).

Thank you for your assistance!

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- The **deadline** for students to withdraw from a full semester course is 5:00 PM on March 22.
- It's Sophie's birthday! FSC's own Counselor Canine is turning 7. To celebrate, students are invited to join the Wellness Center and the Counseling Center for a Pool Paw-ty like no other on Friday, Feb. 9 from 12 - 2 PM. Free subs and smoothies will be served, and students will have a chance to swim with Sophie and her brother Goose!
- The Panhellenic Recruitment process followed by Florida Southern College is set by the National Panhellenic Conference. Pre-recruitment workshops are offered annually to all students, to help them understand the process. During the period of post-recruitment, chapters continue to issue remaining open bids until remaining spots are filled.
- Interfraternity Council Recruitment begins on February 11. For your reference, FSC's VP of Recruitment sent this message to students. Potential new members may receive up to six bids, which are determined by each of the six fraternity chapters, based on experiences during recruitment week and campus events. IFC and the College do not assign bids; bids are assigned by individual chapters.
- New Orientation Leader applications open on Engage on February 12.
- If your student received an invitation to join FSC's chapter of the **National Society for Leadership and Success (NSLS)** and they have questions about this accredited leadership honor society, students can find answers to frequently asked questions on Engage or reach out to Kirby Thomas: [fccsi@flsouthern.edu](mailto:fccsi@flsouthern.edu).
- Residence Move-out and Fall Move-in information is now available on the Community Living page on FSC's site. Move-out information. Move-in information.
- There are a number of **ways for students to watch the Big Game with campus friends**:
  - Super Bowl Sunday in Wynnee's Bistro: Wynnee's will have all of students' football favorites starting at 4:30 p.m., including a Hand-Tossed Chicken Wings Bar, Nachos, Beef Hoagies, Potato Skins, and Mozzarella Sticks. Get ready to watch the game on one of the brand new flat-screen TVs in the Lakeside Room!
  - Football Fun in Fannin: The Fannin Center will be hosting an intimate watch party starting at 5:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served, while supplies last!
  - Lake Morton Villas Super Bowl Celebration: RA Rachel and RA Gabe invite the residents of Lake Morton to watch the super bowl together and enjoy free food! The celebration starts at 6:00 PM.



## RESOURCES



For upcoming important dates, please access the



DINING ON CAMPUS



EMERGENCIES

academic calendar.

CALENDAR

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

MENUS

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**

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**

### **Bookstore**

### **Academic Center for Excellence**

### **Athletics**

To see updates & reminders throughout the week, follow our [\*\*Parent Facebook page\*\*](#).

