

PARENT GUIDE

HELPING YOUR STUDENT GROW

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COLLEGE

Parents want the best of everything for their children. Now, as your student moves toward adulthood and independence, it's more important than ever that they have the opportunities and support to achieve their most ambitious goals. You want a college that has your child's best interests at heart — today and twenty years from now.



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For lifetime preparation, choose Florida Southern.



“In addition to teaching me the business skills I needed, my faculty offered me the support and kept me motivated to grow and achieve. As a marketing consultant, much of what I do involves communication and networking. Florida Southern provided me an awesome group of people to plug into and even do business with.”

— **Jordan Arbuckle '12, MBA '13**; Founder, Conquer Today

Forget about “a career.” Think “careers.”

According to some estimates, today’s college graduates change careers five times by the age of 35. To thrive in that kind of environment, you need to see the big picture, adapt intellectually, and ask the right questions.

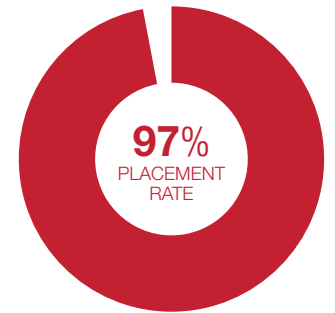
Florida Southern’s liberal arts focus instills critical qualities in students, helping them become flexible, creative, and communicative adults.

STUDENT-FACULTY INTERACTION IS AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO. Here, learning is about collaboration and problem solving, and not simply lecturing and testing. Through class discussions, group projects, and case studies, faculty members serve as facilitators, guiding students as they master their disciplines.

OF COURSE, THERE’S ALSO PLENTY OF CAREER PREPARATION Our engaged learning approach means students aren’t just sitting and listening. They’re in the lab working with technology most students at other institutions won’t see until graduate school. They’re collaborating and publishing papers with faculty. They’re giving presentations at nationally renowned conferences.

THIS IS SO MUCH MORE THAN CAREER TRAINING. Sure, your child will choose a major, but our ultimate goal is to help him or her develop into a well-rounded individual embodying the curiosity, critical thinking, and strong communication skills employers look for in college graduates. Our students graduate with a broad intellectual foundation and transformative, high-impact experiences that enhance their prospects for professional success — and a full, happy life.

Our educational experience is defined by **intimate class sizes and direct interaction with outstanding professors committed to providing your student a broad intellectual foundation and the analytical, communication, team-building, and professional skills that employers value.**



IT’S AN EFFORTLESS TRANSITION INTO THE REAL WORLD

Within a year of graduation, our students report having achieved their post-bachelor’s degree goals by securing gainful employment, entering into military or volunteer service, or beginning an advanced degree program.

Learning at Florida Southern: Hands on. High impact.

Internships at Fortune 500 companies, mentored research, international experience — our students graduate with skills that set them apart.

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

Our students work alongside faculty contributing to new discoveries, co-authoring articles in scientific journals, and presenting their findings at national conferences. Through our Faculty-Student Collaboration Initiative, students gain firsthand experience and prepare for graduate school by assisting with research projects.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Logging more than 32,000 hours of service annually, students and faculty make a difference in the lives of others — from Lakeland to Tanzania. Along with annual campus-wide service initiatives, our student groups and athletic teams work closely with organizations such as the American Cancer Society and Habitat for Humanity.



INTERNSHIPS

Each year, approximately 250 undergraduates from all disciplines participate in internships that provide opportunities to make impactful contributions. They're not fetching coffee. They're too busy analyzing sales numbers, planning marketing campaigns, and sitting in on senate debates.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Performance enhances creativity and cultivates patience, perseverance, and confidence — traits that are valuable in all aspects of life. Though we are dedicated to preparing students to become professional musicians, actors, vocalists, and dancers, theatre productions and musical ensembles are open to everyone — even non-majors.

TRAVEL STUDY

Florida Southern is one of the few institutions in the U.S. that promises every student a study abroad experience. Our goal is to give all of our students an expansive worldview. Including our Junior Journey program, Florida Southern offers an average of 47 trips annually.

“Dr. Langford invited me to participate in studying the life cycle and life history of a rare parasite. This research resulted in an article in the Journal of Parasitology with me as a co-author. Not only was I able to publish, but this study also exposed me to an area of biology that I would never have considered.”

— **Jasmine Childress '15**
PhD candidate at the Marine Science Institute at University of California, Santa Barbara, studying Life Sciences and Ecology; Jasmine was recently awarded the 2016 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship



100%

OF 2018 GRADUATES PARTICIPATED IN A HIGH-IMPACT EXPERIENCE

Every student gains first-hand knowledge of their field by working as an intern, traveling abroad, conducting research, performing, or participating in other types of real-world experiences.

Full on. Nonstop.

Whether taking on leadership roles or pursuing a brand new interest, FSC students are involved full on — engaged and invested in the life of the college. As a result, activity on campus is nonstop.

100+ CAMPUS LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

With so many clubs and organizations to choose from, your student can explore anything and everything. Business-focused organization Enactus works to solve problems by collaborating with local entrepreneurs. Professional organizations, such as the American Chemical Society, connect participants with opportunities in the field. Whatever your student's interest or passion, there's probably a club for it at Florida Southern.

From concerts and comedians to snow tubing (yep, we've got snow tubing) and hot air balloon rides, campus events and activities allow students to stay busy all year long. Not only do these clubs make it easy for students to get involved and feel at home, but they also develop organizational, leadership, and time management skills while doing activities they love.

MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT

Our Wellness Center provides exercise classes, nutrition and fitness programs, and top-notch workout facilities. The Waterfront Program allows students to kayak and paddle board right on Lake Hollingsworth. Our nationally ranked intramural program also hosts outdoor recreation opportunities that include horseback riding, rock climbing, and camping trips. Florida's warm weather and wealth of wellness programming allow our students to have everything they need to stay healthy.

“Corey chose to get involved in many of the extracurricular programs Florida Southern offers. The college's intimate size allowed him to assume leadership roles in several organizations — even as a first-year student!”

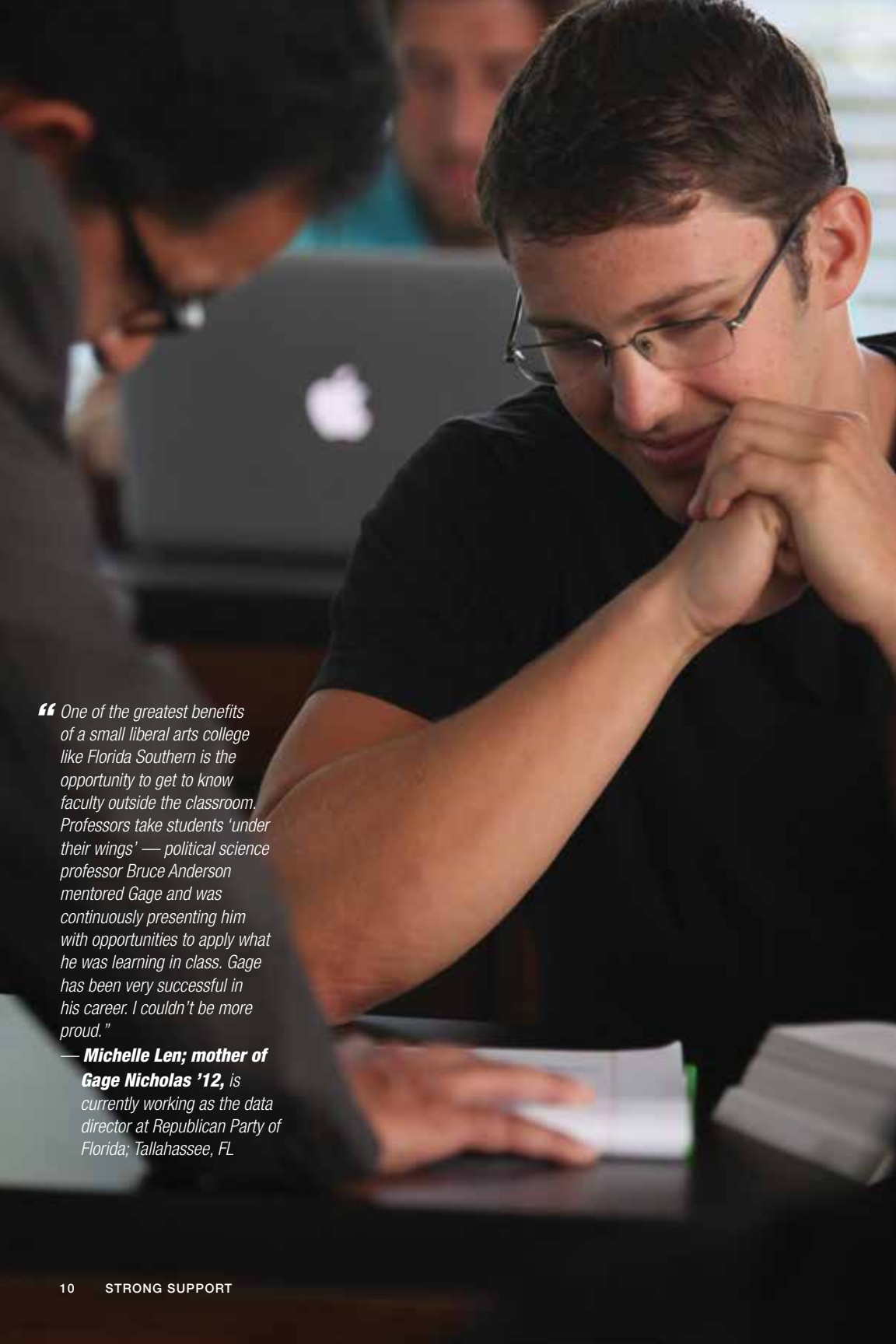
— **Barbara Koch, mother of Corey Koch '16,**
former SGA President who is currently working as a pricing analyst at Baker McKenzie in Washington, D.C.



MOCCASINS ARE IN IT TO WIN IT

Moccasins are proud to have won more national championships than any other institution in the Sunshine State Conference, but sports are more than a game at FSC. Our coaches expect excellence — on the field and in the classroom. With more than **890 All-Americans**, our scholar-athletes graduate knowing the true meaning of discipline, dedication, and teamwork.

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Sometimes it's all about **who** you know.

Our commitment to delivering hands-on learning requires an exceptional level of dedication from our faculty — and they never fail to rise to the challenge.

INTELLECTUAL ROLE MODELS

Our **15:1 student-faculty ratio** ensures close connections with faculty. They bring professional colleagues to class for networking and career advice. They'll give your student the individual attention that just isn't possible at larger schools.

Along with stellar faculty support, your student will have a vast network of administrators, advisors, career counselors, and alumni committed to seeing him or her excel.

TRANSITIONING TO COLLEGE LIFE ISN'T ALWAYS SEAMLESS

But whatever the circumstance — whether it's time management, study skills, questions about financial aid, or a personal problem — our Student Solutions Center has experts trained to assist.



CAREER PREP STARTS EARLY

Our Career Center wastes no time in getting your student to think about life after college. As early as the first week of school, we start encouraging students to explore career opportunities. Through events such as our Career Spotlight Series, your student will learn about various industries, career options, and connect with Lakeland's business leaders.

30,000+ ALUMNI ARE HERE TO HELP

Knowing the value of the education they received, our alumni are always looking for opportunities to give back by sponsoring internships, helping with case studies, and involving your student in research.

52 WORKS PUBLISHED

170 PRESENTATIONS

60 PERFORMANCES

35 ACCOLADES

FACULTY ENDEAVORS

As dedicated as they are to their students, our professors are equally accomplished — making it a practice to work with students side by side. Engaging in scholarship with expert faculty is a significant part of what makes Florida Southern a destination for the nation's top scholars.

“One of the greatest benefits of a small liberal arts college like Florida Southern is the opportunity to get to know faculty outside the classroom. Professors take students ‘under their wings’ — political science professor Bruce Anderson mentored Gage and was continuously presenting him with opportunities to apply what he was learning in class. Gage has been very successful in his career. I couldn't be more proud.”

— **Michelle Len; mother of Gage Nicholas '12**, is currently working as the data director at Republican Party of Florida; Tallahassee, FL

Four-year graduation. Guaranteed.

Earning a bachelor's degree shouldn't take more than eight semesters. That's why we guarantee first-year students the ability to graduate in four years.

OUR FOUR-YEAR PROMISE

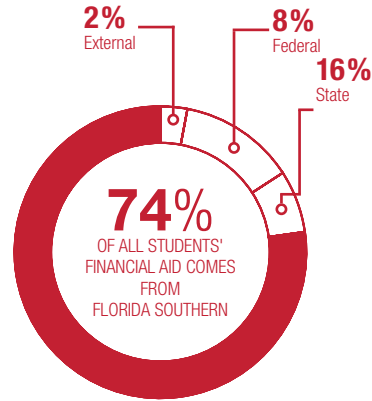
We believe that college should be a four-year proposition, both for your child and your bank account. At orientation, your student and a faculty advisor will map out a four-year plan that includes skill-building courses from multiple disciplines, major requirements, goal-specific electives, and time for meaningful hands-on experiences. In the rare case that a student has met the requirements of the agreement and is still unable to graduate on time, we assume tuition costs until graduation.



GET MORE FROM YOUR INVESTMENT

When thinking about costs, also think about value — not only what you'll spend, but also about what your child will gain. At FSC, our students are deeply engaged in every level of their education, from first-year support programs to internships that launch careers. And because they carry these advantages through life, the value you receive is outstanding.

Our mission is to provide students with life-changing, future-defining opportunities. That mission has been recognized by trusted guidebooks such as *Forbes*, *The Fiske Guide to Colleges*, and the prestigious *Colleges of Distinction*.



OUR INVESTMENT IN YOUR STUDENT

Students receive aid from multiple sources, however, the most significant percentage comes from Florida Southern. **74 percent of first-year students' scholarships and grants come from Florida Southern.** Our generous scholarships reward their efforts — and yours.

A
**"BEST BUY"
COLLEGE**

COMBINING AFFORDABLE
COSTS AND QUALITY
ACADEMICS
- *Fiske Guide to Colleges*

A
**BEST
BANG
FOR YOUR BUCK**

- *Washington Monthly*

**A BEST
VALUE**

IN THE SOUTH
- *U.S. News and World Report*



What's life like on the "most beautiful" campus in the nation?

More than a college campus, this is a safe, comfortable second home to our undergraduate students. Coming from all over the world, they chose Florida Southern because we are a college that emphasizes community.

CLOSE-KNIT, FAMILY ORIENTED. Your student will find room to live and grow on our beautiful, 113-acre campus and will benefit from the diverse collection of backgrounds, opinions, and interests represented by our student body. And because we attract such capable, multi-talented people, our students learn a lot from one another.

As a residential community, housing is guaranteed for all four years, ensuring your student will live among friends. With options ranging from interest-themed halls to apartment-style living, your student will seamlessly transition into adulthood.

MORE THAN JUST BEAUTY. Because we invest heavily in making sure your student has everything they need to pursue their passions, this is an inspiring place to live and learn. Our facilities include a state-of-the-art business building with a trading room floor, renovated biology labs outfitted with the latest technology, expanded dining options, plentiful meeting spaces, and a relaxing wellness center.

LAKELAND OFFERS THE IDEAL LOCATION Tampa and Orlando are both less than an hour away. That means students have access to the internship and job opportunities of two major metropolitan areas. They also have access to world-class attractions like Walt Disney World and Universal Studios, as well as the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean.



EXPERIENCE IT FOR YOURSELF

Grab a latte at Tütü's. Toss a Frisbee on Mr. George's Green. Poke your head into a lab in Polk Science. Strike up a conversation with the girls in JR lobby. Explore downtown Lakeland. We know you'll love it here as much as we do.

PLAN YOUR DAY AT FLSOUTHERN.EDU/VISIT

FSC AT A GLANCE

Founded
1883

Florida Southern College is a private coeducational school dedicated to the liberal arts.

3000+

STUDENTS come from nearly every state in the U.S. and 50 countries, including Venezuela, New Zealand, Sweden, Ireland, and France.

3.76
GPA

1130-1290
SAT

23-29
ACT

Florida Southern receives more than 7,000 first-year applications annually and accepts approximately 51 percent.

50+
MAJORS

plus self-design options and a range of career tracks, concentrations, and pre-professional preparation, with graduate degree programs in business, nursing, and education.

139
FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBERS

Nearly **88 percent** hold PhDs or terminal degrees in their field.

SUPPORT WHEN NEEDED

A full range of guidance and support services, including career planning and placement.

47+

STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS

include trips to China, Australia, and the Galapagos. Partnerships with Regents University in the U.K. and Proyecto Español in Spain allow students to spend an entire semester abroad.



INTERNSHIPS ARE GUARANTEED

and are available in every major and located in Lakeland, Central Florida, and beyond.

100+

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

focused on the arts, math and sciences, business, media, music, service, culture, politics, pre-professional interests, faith, and Greek life.

94% OF FIRST-YEARS
LIVE ON CAMPUS

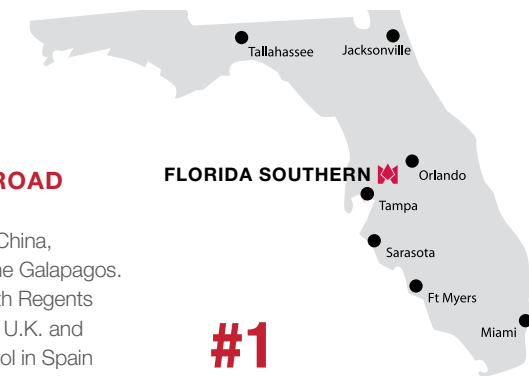
18 RESIDENCE HALLS

including four apartment complexes of various styles.



20 NCAA DIVISION II TEAMS

include water skiing, tennis, baseball, and equestrian club — to name a few. Florida Southern Moccasins hold **30 National Championships**.



FLORIDA SOUTHERN

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MOST BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS

ranked two years in a row by *The Princeton Review* is comprised of **57 buildings** on more than **113 acres** in **LAKELAND, FLORIDA**, a city located between Tampa and Orlando in Florida's High Tech Corridor.



APPLYING IS EASY

We encourage completed applications by **March 1** for fall admission. Visit fلسouthern.edu/applynow for additional details and deadlines.

\$31+
MILLION

IN FINANCIAL AID AWARDED ANNUALLY

on the basis of academic merit, talent in athletics, fine arts, leadership, community service, and need.

Learn how we can help make a Florida Southern education affordable for your student at fلسouthern.edu/financialaid.

What does Florida Southern have to offer your student? See for yourself.

GET CONNECTED

Discover more about Florida Southern through our website at fissouthern.edu.



*Founded in 1883, **Florida Southern College** is the oldest private college in the Sunshine State and welcomes 3,000 students seeking a high impact, hands-on college experience.*

A comprehensive, selective college, we offer a superb liberal arts core, more than undergraduate 50 degree programs, and outstanding professional programs in business, nursing, education, and pre-professional programs in medicine, dentistry, engineering, law, pharmacy, physical therapy, podiatry, theology, optometry, and veterinary medicine.

Florida Southern is located in historic Lakeland, 40 miles east of Tampa and 50 miles west of Orlando, in the heart of Central Florida's emerging High Tech Corridor.



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