Welcome!

Greetings, Parents! You are receiving this issue of The Parent Perspective newsletter because we understand that as parents, you have a very important role in your student’s college admission and selection process. Our goal through this monthly newsletter is to keep you informed on exciting news and events that take place on the Florida Southern College campus, as well as to provide insight on what FSC has to offer as an educational institution.

Florida Southern College At a Glance

Florida Southern is a friendly, vibrant, and energetic campus, offering dynamic engaged learning opportunities that include guaranteed internships, a guaranteed travel-study experience called the Junior Journey, student-faculty collaborative research and performance, and service learning. To learn more about FSC, click here.

Connect with your Admissions Counselor

Your son or daughter’s FSC Admissions Counselor is a great resource as you work through the college application process with Florida Southern. Click here to learn more about your family’s Admissions Counselor and email him or her today!

Upcoming Campus Visit Events:

- **Scholars Weekend**
  (For accepted students receiving academic scholarships)
  - January 31 - February 1, 2014
  - February 21-22, 2014
  - March 14-15, 2014

- **Saturday Tours**
  - Saturday, December 28, 2013
  - Saturday, January 11, 2014
  - Saturday, February 1, 2014
  - Saturday, February 22, 2014
  - Saturday, March 15, 2014

- **Day on Campus**
  - Saturday, April 5, 2014

- **Preview Days**
  - Thursday, April 17, 2014

- **Individual Campus Tours**
  We offer daily campus visit tours on Monday through Friday in the morning and afternoon, with the exception of some holidays.
  Click here to schedule a tour or register for a special event!
Articles of the Month

Publisher of Influential Florida Trend to Speak at Winter Commencement

LAKELAND (Dec. 10, 2013) – Andrew P. Corty, president and publisher of the influential Florida Trend magazine, will be the speaker at the winter commencement convocation at Florida Southern College on Saturday, Dec. 14. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Branscomb Auditorium on campus. Approximately 190 degrees will be awarded, including almost 70 graduate degrees in business, education, and nursing. One of the graduating seniors will be presented the President’s Scholar medal. The medal honors a graduate whose academic standing is in the top 1 percent, who exemplifies the values of the College, and who has a demonstrated commitment to scholarship, student leadership and service. Read more…

Students Assemble 1,000 Health Kits For Philippines Relief

The Fannin Campus Ministries Center was a beehive of activity on Dec. 5, as students swarmed over tables laden with towels, soap, combs, and Band-Aids. In assembly-line fashion, more than 75 students worked for an intense hour on a project to make life a little easier for afflicted people half a world away. Student Government Association and the Chaplain’s office collaborated to sponsor the project, in which the students assembled health kits to be sent to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. About 1,000 kits were assembled, and they will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the disaster relief agency of the United Methodist Church. Read more…

Derek Wallace Lands Prestigious Kennedy Center Internship

It’s a pretty big step from taking classes in music management to running a show every week at one of the most prestigious arts organizations in the country. Derek Wallace admits that the prospect gives him pause. “I’m not going to lie. Sometimes it seems intimidating,” he says. But then his characteristic confidence returns. “I feel like I can handle it. If they hadn’t seen something in me to begin with, I wouldn’t have gotten the internship.” Wallace, a senior music management major, received a 4½-month internship with The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., beginning in January. The center is a mecca for the performing arts in the Northeast, hosting performances in theater, dance, jazz, and popular and classical music. Read more…
Festivities Inaugurate Christmas at FSC

The Christmas season officially got underway at Florida Southern on Dec. 4 with three events ranging from the festive to the inspirational. The evening began with the annual Alumni Christmas Dinner in the Honeyman Pavilion. Alumni from around the Central Florida region joined faculty and staff for a dinner that included traditional holiday foods. Participants had their pictures taken with a playful "Mocsie Claus," and National Alumni Board of Directors President Laurie Alter ’80 brought a word of seasons greetings. The dinner was followed by the Festival of Lessons and Carols in Annie Pfeiffer Chapel. The service, based on one presented each Christmas Eve at King's College, Cambridge University, featured readings from the Bible alternating with carols and hymns. Read more…

Music Students Chosen for All-State Honors Band

Three students from Florida Southern's Department of Music were selected to play in the All-State Intercollegiate Band, which will perform during the 2014 Florida Music Educators’ Association Professional Development Conference, which will be held January 8-11 in Tampa. The students chosen for the honor, and their instruments, are Ashley Patterson, flute (music performance major); James Cornelius, percussion (music performance major); and Carole Leidi, oboe (music education major). Chosen through an audition process, these students competed against the best collegiate instrumentalists from colleges and universities throughout Florida for a place in this honors ensemble, the goal of which is to provide expanded musical experiences for collegiate wind and percussion students. A little more than 80 students were chosen for the band. Read more…

Fall Fiat Lux Lets Students Showcase Research

The full array of academic accomplishment at Florida Southern was on display at the fall 2013 academic showcase, Fiat Lux. About 30 presentations, both in oral and poster form, were given in the Christoverson Humanities Building on Nov. 22. The topics ranged from highly technical chemistry research to studies in corporate responsibility and making Shakespeare comprehensible to middle school students. The fall version of Fiat Lux is much smaller than the annual spring showcase, but the participation was good nonetheless, said Dr. Mary Crowe, associate provost of experiential education. "It gives students doing research as part of their fall classes, and some who did research in the summer, an opportunity to show what they've done rather than waiting nine months until the spring," she said. Read more…
Next Steps: Apply to Florida Southern College

Your son or daughter can submit his/her application to FSC, and applying for admission is easy! FSC is on rolling admission. Your student can apply anytime between now and March 1, but the sooner the better! Click here to visit our application website and learn more about the application.

In addition to submitting the application, the following items are required to be submitted:

- Personal Statement/Essay (included in online applications, but must be submitted separately if submitting paper application).
- Official High School Transcript
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Academic Letter of Recommendation or Recommendation Form
- List of Extracurricular Activities & Leadership Experiences

Early Decision Deadline: December 1, 2013 (Binding Decision)

Regular Decision Priority Deadline: March 1, 2014

Important Dates to Remember:

- **September 2013 – March 1, 2014**: Apply for admission to FSC
- **January 1, 2014**: Fill out the FAFSA
- **January, February or March 2014**: Attend Scholars Weekend
- **March 15, 2014**: Set up a financial aid meeting with your Admissions Counselor
- **May 1, 2014**: Decision Day: When all accepted students must notify FSC where they will be attending

We look forward to working with you this year. Please let us know how we can help!