



Spotlight: Homecoming Weekend and Founders Day Convocation

As the spring semester gains momentum, Florida Southern is preparing for one of its most storied traditions: Homecoming Weekend, March 13–14. While this weekend primarily serves as a time for our alumni to return home, the energy on campus is felt by every student as we celebrate the College's rich history and vibrant future.

This year's celebration features several landmark events, including our Founders Day Convocation, March 13 at 10:30am in Branscomb Auditorium; and the formal installation of our 88th Honorary Chancellor. Students will also be participating in various milestone celebrations for the Student Government Association's centennial and our Greek Life community.

For our families who are also FSC alumni, this weekend offers a special opportunity to celebrate your own Golden or Silver Moc milestones and reconnect with the campus that continues to shape your student's journey today.



Homecoming 2026

Course Registration for Fall 2026

Please remind students they need to have met with their academic advisor to be granted registration clearance, and they need to make sure there are no holds on their accounts. Students can confirm who their Academic Advisor is through the Portal under the Students tab.

Registration begins at 7:00 AM ET on the following dates:

- March 30 (for students with 93+ hours, all Honors students, and Hollingsworth Scholars)
- April 2 (for students with 60+ hours)
- April 6 (for students with 30+ hours)
- April 8 (for students with 0-29 hours)

The Registrar's Office, in collaboration with the Center for Student Success, has provided students with a student registration instructions document that can be accessed by clicking the button below.



[Student Registration Instructions](#)

Center for Student Success

Academic Advisors and the Center for Student Success are here to actively help students in reaching their goals - students are encouraged to connect with them anytime for guidance and resources. Advisors can be reached at studentsuccess@flsouthern.edu.

SPRING 2026 ACADEMIC SUCCESS ZONE

WRITING CENTER

Students can engage in scholarly conversations about their academic, personal, or professional writing. Consultations are 30 minutes each, allowing students to discuss their work, read aloud with a peer writing coach, and engage in initial revisions.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS COACHING

Unlock your full potential with our dedicated Academic Success Coaches, here to support you at every stage of your academic journey. Whether you're proactively seeking ways to refine your skills, elevate your performance, or overcome challenges, our experienced mentors are ready to guide you. Our coaches provide personalized support to help you develop effective strategies, sharpen your strengths, and achieve your goals with confidence.



INDIVIDUAL PEER SUPPORT

Students can schedule individual appointments to work with a Peer Scholar one-to-one for guidance in a specific course or subject. Sessions are 30-minutes, by appointment only, and in-person.

ACC, BIO, CHE, ECO, EX
SCI, MAT, NUR, PHY, STAT



SMALL GROUP PEER SUPPORT

During Small Group Peer Support, students get a chance to work with a faculty-endorsed Peer Scholar for support in a class or general subject area. Bring a friend or come on your own! These sessions provide a chance for students to ask questions, complete homework, or study in a quiet space near a Peer Scholar for assistance as needed.

A&P 2, BIO CHEM, BIO,
CHE, MAT, ORG CHEM



COURSE-SPECIFIC PEER SUPPORT

Course-specific Peer Support is supplemental instruction for a specific course. These sessions are held by peer mentors, students who have successfully completed the course and who are actively involved in the course this semester. In these sessions, students will engage with course material and classmates while learning new study techniques and reviewing weekly lecture content.

BIO 1500, BIO 2215,
CHE 1111, CHE 2231/2251



SCAN HERE

for more information on FREE mentoring and coaching for your academic success, or to book with a Peer Scholar today.

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Residence Life

The Office of Residence Life recently hosted in-person information sessions for students and an online Parent/Family Webinar. If you missed the webinar, you can review the recorded video via the button below.

Within the video, we review important websites such as the Applying for Fall Housing page for important dates, eligibility criteria, and FAQs; and the College Housing page for information on communities and housing costs. We also provide a step-by-step guide that students can use to navigate Portal when the General Housing Selection Process begins.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our office at residencelife@flsouthern.edu.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Greetings from the Financial Aid Office! Did you know that you must reapply for federal student aid annually? The 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) is open now and easier than ever to complete! As a reminder, if you plan to utilize federal aid (Pell Grant, Direct Student Loans, Parent PLUS Loans, or Federal Work-Study) for the 2026-27 academic year, you must re-apply. Simply log into your Federal Student Aid (FSA) account using your FSA ID and password at fafsa.gov to start your application.

4+1 Accelerated Programs

What is 4+1 and what are the benefits?

4+1 is a program that offers students the opportunity to begin graduate coursework while finishing their bachelor's degree.

Benefits:

- Take graduate-level courses while still enrolled as an undergraduate student.
- Get a jump start on graduate internships and career opportunities.
- Work with many of the same faculty you have come to know in your undergraduate program.
- Save money by taking graduate courses as a part of your undergrad tuition rate.

Programs offered for all majors:

- Master of Arts in Transformational Curriculum and Instruction
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Analytics
- Master of Science in Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Programs offered within specific majors:

- Master of Accountancy
- Master of Education in Transformational Curriculum and Instruction

Please email evening@flsouthern.edu with any questions.

Success Workshops

The Center for Student Success offers engaging workshops throughout the semester designed to help Mocs build the skills they need for lifelong success.



SUCCESS WORKSHOPS

60-minute sessions
built to help you Learn,
Grow, and Succeed.

Targeted Skills

Roux Library Classroom
11 AM OR 5 PM



Prioritize Your Success - Jan 26, 2026

- Develop effective time management strategies to build academic performance.
- Apply practical tools to reduce procrastination and improve focus.
- Build organizational skills to balance academic and personal responsibilities.



Study for Success - Feb 9, 2026

- Apply active reading strategies to identify, annotate, and summarize key information.
- Utilize mnemonic and note-taking techniques to improve comprehension and long-term retention.
- Incorporate effective study tools and technology to enhance learning efficiency and academic performance.



Communicate for Success - March 16, 2026

- Adapt your communication for different audiences and situations
- Write clear, professional emails and reach out with confidence
- Use office hours effectively to build academic confidence



Successful APA Formatting - March 23, 2026

- Understanding the basics of APA 7th edition formatting
- Formatting in-text citations
- Avoiding common APA mistakes

**CENTER FOR
STUDENT SUCCESS**

Become a Summer Scholar

Benefits of taking summer courses at FSC:

- Fast track graduation
- Lighten your fall and spring course load
- Save money on more affordable housing and tuition

Use the button below to learn more!

[Summer Scholars](#)

Attention Parents of Spring 2026 Graduates

Cap and gown orders are now open and MUST be placed by **Friday, March 20, 2026** directly through Herff Jones. Announcements, rings, and diploma frames can also be ordered through the website. Orders will be available for pick up beginning **Monday, April 20, 2026**, at the FSC Bookstore. Payments must be made when placing orders. If you have any questions, please be sure to call (863) 680-4186, or visit the FSC Bookstore. Make sure your Moc doesn't wait too long to secure everything they need for their special day. Let's get ready to celebrate this incredible milestone in style!

Spring Commencement will be held on May 2, beginning at 1:30pm, at Lakeland's RP Funding Center (701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland). 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 2-3 weeks before Commencement. More information will be shared in upcoming issues of *The Link*.

[Order from Herff Jones](#)

Junior Journey

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—offering students opportunities to earn between one and six credit hours. Students are encouraged to apply for their passports now as priority is given to those who already have a passport. Click the button below for more information.

[Office of Student Travel](#)

Care Packages

Our Mocs Love Care Package site makes sending care packages for any occasion easy. And there's no better way to say thinking-of-you than with a package delivered directly to your student in their residence hall.

[Send a Care Package](#)

Planning to Send Mail to Your Student?

This is the address and format to use:

Student Name
Mailbox #
111 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.
Lakeland, FL 33801

Worship Shuttle

Shuttle service will be provided by the Office of Campus Safety to each church at the times listed below and return service within 20 minutes after worship ends at each congregation. Shuttles depart from and return to the ROTC Bus Loop every Sunday, providing transportation to the following churches:

Worship Shuttle Schedule

Resurrection Catholic Church - Bus departs at 10:00 AM, mass begins at 10:30 AM

First United Methodist Church - Bus departs at 10:45 AM, traditional & modern worship services begins at 11:00 AM

Access Church - Bus departs at 11:30 AM, worship begins at 12 PM

Grace City - Bus departs at 12:00 PM, worship begins at 12:30 PM

The Citrus Connection

Does your student know that The Citrus Connection is now offering special late-night shuttles to the downtown area for FSC students?

LATE-NIGHT SHUTTLES

WHAT?

Free Lakeland
Golf Cart Shuttles

WHEN?

Fridays & Saturdays
4:00pm-2:00am

WHY?

To conveniently transport students
downtown and back to campus

WHERE?

FSC Stops:

- ROTC Loop
- FLW Visitor Center
- Lake Morton
- Star Apartments

Lakeland Stops:

- The Joinery
- Rec Room
- Lemon Street
- RP Funding Center



NOTES:

- Full routes and schedules are available by searching Citrus Connection The Squeeze Routes online
- Shuttles are identifiable by a green LED strip underneath and the Citrus Connection logo
- Enclosed shuttle buses will be used during inclement weather or in sub-55°F temperatures

Collegeboxes

Moving out for the summer has never been easier! Florida Southern College has partnered with Collegeboxes to offer students a seamless, affordable, and secure way to store or ship their belongings.

With Collegeboxes, you can seamlessly move out for the summer in just a few simple steps:

1. Sign up and order Supplies: Register online and get packing supplies shipped right to campus.
2. Pack & label: Pack up and label your belongings.
3. Collegeboxes Pickup: Enjoy hassle-free pickup right from your dorm room. Choose to have your items stored for the summer or shipped home.
4. Dorm Room Delivery: When you return to campus, Collegeboxes will deliver everything directly to your new dorm room.

Say goodbye to moving stress and focus on what really matters—your studies and finals!

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REMINDERS

Important Upcoming Dates

- March 2–6: Spring Break
- March 9: B Term Begins
- March 9: Orientation Leader Applications close
- March 11: Last Day to Add “B” Courses
- March 13: Founders Day Convocation
- March 13-14: Homecoming 2026
- March 20: Final Day to Withdraw from Full-term Courses
- April 3: Good Friday Holiday; No Classes
- April 7: Final Day to Withdraw from “B” Courses
- April 8: Convocation: Student Life Awards
- April 9: Frank Lloyd Wright Day; No Classes
- April 15: Fiat Lux
- April 18: Fairwell Festival
- April 24: Full-term Classes End
- April 27-29: Final Exams
- April 29: B-term Classes End
- April 30: Senior Water Dome Splash
- May 2: Spring Commencement

[2025-2026 Academic Calendar](#)

Do You Know?

- 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 on campus!
- On the [Parents and Families page](#) of the FSC website, there is a Submit a Question button, should you have any questions for FSC staff.
- Parents will receive Mocs Weekly, the same email sent to students at the start of each week, with important reminders and upcoming events.
- FSC's email policy requires Faculty and Staff to contact students through their Mocs Email account, rather than personal email addresses such as Gmail. Please encourage your student to check their Mocs email.

RESOURCES

DINING ON CAMPUS

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

[Menus](#)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

For upcoming important dates, please access the academic calendar.

[Calendar](#)

EMERGENCIES

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

[Opt in Here](#)

[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](#)

[Center for Student Success](#)

[Athletics](#)

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

