

## **Spotlight: Student Life Awards - Celebrating A Successful Spring Semester**

We love celebrating all the incredible things that have happened throughout this year and recognizing the impact our community has made. From big achievements to everyday moments, it's been a year full of growth, connection, and success.

RA of the Year: **Reilly Grass**

O-Leader of the Year: **Kaelyn Benoit**

MOCS Lead Students of the Year: **Mikalah James & Haley Bell**

Student Accountability Board Member of the Year: **Emma Sammons**

Religion in Life Award: **Elizabeth Gunnison**

IFC Member of the Year: **Joey Baerhold**

Panhellenic Member of the Year: **Maya Brown**

Outstanding Student Organization of the Year: **Theta Chi**

Philanthropic Initiative of the Year: **Theta Chi - Chi Glow**

Inclusive Excellence Initiative of the Year: **Association of Campus Entertainment & Hispanic LatinX Student Coalition - Sabores y Sonrisas**

Dean's Cup: **Kappa Delta**

Rising Star Award: **Kirby DeVooght**

Student Leader of the Year: **Lorna Spada**

Campus Event of the Year: **Theta Chi - Chi Glow**

Faculty/Staff Member of the Year: **Dr. Micah Brown**

James C. Rogers: **Charlie Wallace**

Agnes Johnson Rowe: **Sidney Zhao**



## **The Wright Advantage: From First Day to Career Launch**

At Florida Southern College, we believe in more than just earning a degree. We believe in preparing students for life after graduation. That's where the **Wright Advantage** comes in,

our signature career readiness philosophy.

From the moment students arrive on campus, they begin building the skills and experiences that set them up for success. Through leadership opportunities in Student Life, meaningful relationships in Residence Life, and hands-on experiences both inside and outside the classroom, students grow in confidence, communication, and purpose.

Career Services then helps students connect the dots, guiding them as they explore career paths, build professional skills, and gain real-world experience through networking events, internships, and employer connections. Opportunities like networking nights, career expos, and industry tours allow students to practice and apply what they're learning in meaningful ways.

The Wright Advantage is a campus-wide commitment to supporting students every step of the way, from their first day on campus to the day they launch into their careers. It's how Florida Southern delivers on its promise to **Prepare here. Succeed anywhere.**

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## End of the Year Celebrations

The end of the year brings lots of fun and celebration. Frank Lloyd Wright Day, Fairwell Fest, Senior Water Dome Splash, and the ultimate celebration - Commencement!

Please enjoy viewing lots of fun memories from Frank Lloyd Wright Day and the Fairwell Festival.

[View Photos](#)

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## Housing Selection

The Office of Residence Life hosted in-person housing information sessions for students and an online Parent/Family Webinar. If you missed the webinar, you can review the recorded video here: General Housing Selection Information [Webinar](#).

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

If you have any questions, please reach out to [residencelife@flsouthern.edu](mailto:residencelife@flsouthern.edu).

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## Summer Scholars & Summer Housing

Summer sessions are the perfect opportunity for students to discover new passions, improve their GPA by retaking a course, or lighten their Fall or Spring course loads while maintaining academic progress. And since students report improved study habits when they reside on campus, we are excited to offer our Summer Scholars option. Visit the Summer Scholars webpage for more information, including pricing and dates.

To request Summer Housing, students log into the Portal, navigate to the “Student” section, click the “Housing Selection” tab, and locate the “Residence Life Surveys” at the bottom of the page. Students will then be prompted to complete the “Summer Housing Application – Summer 2026.”

For any questions, please reach out to [residencelife@flsouthern.edu](mailto:residencelife@flsouthern.edu).

Summer Scholars



### Collegeboxes Ship to School Service

*The easiest way to move to school!*

Let us take the hassle out of your freshman move. With Collegeboxes' Ship to School service, we handle everything—from packing to delivery—straight to your student's dorm or apartment. Parents can rest easy knowing their student's belongings will arrive safely, on time, and ready for move-in day. Save time, reduce stress, and make your student's transition to college smoother than ever!

#### How it Works:

- Sign Up
- You Pack Boxes & Luggage
- FedEx Picks Up
- Collegeboxes delivers to your room before campus move-in day

#### Pricing:

- In State: \$45-\$60/box
- Regional Shipments: \$60-\$90/box
- Coast-to-Coast Shipments: \$75-\$100 / box
- An additional \$25 handling fee is charged for each item shipped. The handling fee covers delivery acceptance, up to one month of storage, and in-room delivery.

Learn More

## Making Florida Southern Home FSC 1010

Talk to your student about this course to help build resiliency and learn to live their best campus life and beyond. MFSH, FSC1010 is exactly what they need!

#### What We Offer:

- Healthy habits and the college experience
- Belonging on campus
- Time management skills for academic success
- Stress management and resilience building
- Recognizing your self-worth, purpose, and living through your values

Encourage your student to speak with their advisor and register for the 2026-2027 school year! **This course meets the 2-credit-hour Resiliency requirement in the WRIGHT Foundations.**

Center for Student Success

Academic Advisors and the Center for Student Success are here to actively support students in reaching their goals; students are encouraged to connect with them anytime for guidance and resources.

Summer and C term classes begin May 7. There will be academic support through the writing center and academic success coaches available beginning May 11.

Advisors can be reached at [studentsuccess@flsouthern.edu](mailto:studentsuccess@flsouthern.edu).

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## 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 in to your Federal Student Aid (FSA) account using your FSA ID and password at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) to start your application.

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## 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](mailto:evening@flsouthern.edu) with any questions.

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## Student Travel

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.

Check out our **Spring Semester in Spain 2027 program led by Dr. Grisselle Centeno!** The current room and board package should transfer over with no additional fees. Includes round-trip flight and excursions! Semester in Spain Spring 2027 [Interest Form](#).

Visit the Office of Student Travel for more information. **Students are encouraged to apply for their passports now, as priority is given to those who already have a passport.**

# REMINDERS

## Important Upcoming Dates

- May 7 - June 18: Summer A
- June 22 - July 31: Summer B
- May 7 – July 31: Summer C
- August 22 - 24: Orientation for New and Transfer Students
- August 25: First Day of Classes
- October 19 - 23: Fall Break
- November 25 - 27: Thanksgiving Break
- December 18 – January 11, 2027: Winter Break

[2026-2027 Academic Calendar](#)

# 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](#).



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