



Spotlight: Day of Giving 2026

Mocs Give 2026 is almost here, and I hope you'll join me in being part of it.

As we get ready, I keep coming back to something uniquely FSC: Have you ever heard the story behind our iconic Water Dome? Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, it was envisioned as a fountain that would rise upward, creating something bold, unexpected, and full of movement. It's become a symbol of what makes FSC so special, and it's the inspiration behind this year's theme: Make a Splash.

From April 7 to 8, Mocs everywhere will come together for our annual celebration of the people and programs that shape the FSC experience.

I invite you to visit our Mocs Give [website](#) to explore the many ways you can make an impact once again, from academics and athletics to scholarships, student life, and preserving our campus.

Together, we can continue to make waves for our students and for the future of Florida Southern.

Thank you for supporting the FSC community—and Go Mocs!

Heather M. Pharris
Vice President for Advancement

P.S. There's nothing like a bit of friendly competition! Explore matches and challenges on our website to see how you can get your favorite cause on the leaderboard.



Mocs Magic

Our last Mocs Magic event for the year was on April 1, 2026– SGA makes some Mocs Magic! We are grateful for the connections and uplifting interactions this initiative provided throughout the 25-26 academic year, and we look forward to making more magic next year!



Frank Lloyd Wright Day

Students will celebrate Frank Lloyd Wright Day on Thursday, April 9, a full day dedicated to fun, community, and school spirit! There will be an amazing lineup of food trucks, live concerts and performances, exclusive event shirts, awesome giveaways, and even more surprises throughout the day. This is the perfect chance to take a break, soak up the atmosphere, and celebrate together as a campus community.

Attention Parents of Spring 2026 Graduates

Cap and gowns, announcements, rings, and diploma frames ordered through Herff Jones 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 1:30 PM at Lakeland's RP Funding Center (701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland). Graduating seniors should have

received 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.

Doors will open at 11:00 AM. Families are encouraged to arrive early to proceed through the security checkpoint, enter the arena and find seating before graduates line up to process into the arena. Once graduates have lined up, entrance is held until the entire procession has entered.

Everyone is asked to review the RP Funding Center Bag Policy, which will be enforced during Commencement:

[RP Funding Center Prohibited Items & Bag Policy](#)

Permitted Bags:

- Clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC bags not exceeding 12" x 9"
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bags (e.g., Ziploc)
- Small clutch bags (with or without handles/straps) not exceeding 8.5" x 6"



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.

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.

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.

[Summer Scholars](#)

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



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!

Collegeboxes

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

Registration for Fall 2026

Parents, 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 ahead of Fall Registration.

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)

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.

Advisors can be reached at studentsuccess@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 in to your Federal Student Aid (FSA) account using your FSA ID and password at fafsa.gov to start your application.

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?

Students can hop the shuttle Fridays & Saturdays, from 4:00 pm - 2:00 am. Shuttles are identifiable by a green LED strip underneath, as well as the Citrus Connection logo on the shuttle itself. Enclosed shuttle buses will be used during inclement weather or in sub-55°F temperatures.

FSC Stops:

- ROTC Loop
- FLW Visitor Center
- Lake Morton

Lakeland Stops:

- The Joinery
- Rec Room
- Lemon Street

REMINDERS

Important Upcoming Dates

- 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; On-campus Programs, 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
- April 30: Students (Underclassmen) Move Out of Residence Halls by 1:00PM
- 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.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

For upcoming important dates, please access the academic calendar.

EMERGENCIES

If weather causes cancellations, closings, or other school-related emergencies, we will alert the community

Menus

Calendar

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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