



Winter Wonderland: The Christmas Gala 2025

December 13, 2025 - 2:00pm & 7:00pm
Branscomb Memorial Auditorium

Step into an enchanting program of music and merriment as the Florida Southern College Music Department proudly presents "Winter Wonderland: The Christmas Gala," a heartwarming celebration of the season through the power of music.



The program showcases the many talents of our music department, featuring the Jazz Ensemble, which swings into the season with cool holiday classics and toe-tapping renditions; the Concert Band, offering bold and festive winter sounds through stirring symphonic arrangements; and the Orchestra, whose sweeping strings, winds, and rich harmonies transport listeners to a wondrous musical landscape. Audiences will also enjoy intimate and powerful performances from standout vocal and instrumental soloists, as well as uplifting selections from our choral groups as they present beloved carols and contemporary holiday favorites.

Please join us in a carol sing along at the end of the program to welcome the holiday season. Bring your friends and family and celebrate the spirit of the season with us!

General admission tickets are \$10 for children and \$20 for adults. Free for FSC faculty, staff, and students with ID. For more information, call (863) 680-4296.

[Reserve tickets](#)

Commencement Fall 2025

Commencement will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2025, in Branscomb Memorial Auditorium (1100 Johnson Ave, Lakeland, FL, 33803) at 10:30 AM. Graduates should arrive at the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel at 9:00 AM.



Tickets will be required for the Commencement ceremony. Each graduate will receive six (6) tickets for guests. Tickets can be picked up by each graduating student with ID at the Registrar's Office beginning Monday, December 8, 2025, and must be picked up by Friday, December 19, 2025. Ticket pick-up times are from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM and 2:00 PM-5:00 PM, Monday-Friday.

All I want for the holidays is...a passport for my Junior Journey!

Apply for your passport while you are home for winter break when you have more time and access to important documents like your birth certificate. It can take 6 to 8 weeks to

receive your passport. You should receive it in time to apply for a fall Junior Journey!

Junior Journey Student Travel Showcase:

Wednesday, February 25th 11:00am - 2:00pm, in Honeyman Pavilion

Applications open after spring break!

For more info, check out our Engage page link and Student Travel page link on the college website.

[Office of Student Travel](#)

CollegiateParent.com

CollegiateParent.com is a website for parents with college-age students. There are articles on financial tips, health and well-being, career prep, and more. You may want to read the article on page 13 of the Fall 2025 University Living Magazine, "Click and Fail? How AI Can Enhance or Jeopardize Your College Success."

[Visit the website](#)



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

Community Living Announcements

Resident Advisor Applications Now Open

2026-27 Resident Advisor Applications are now available to students on Engage and will be accepted through December 12th at 5:00 pm.

[Apply here](#)

December Move-Out

Residential communities close on December 18th at 1pm for students who are not graduating. All non-graduating students must vacate their residential space by 1pm. Graduating students are permitted to remain until 1pm on December 21st. Click the button below for more information.

[Learn more about move-out](#)

January Move-In

Returning students can return to campus on January 4th or January 5th. Students must check in at their designated move-in station. Stations will be open from 8am to 6pm on both days. For more information about move-in, including the location of the check-in stations, click the button below.

[Learn more about move-in](#)

Airport Shuttles

Parents and students often ask for information regarding The Office of Campus Safety's Airport Shuttle. Transportation to and from Orlando International Airport (MCO) and Tampa International Airport (TPA) is available to students who register in advance. Please visit the shuttle page on the FSC site for more information. There is a link on the shuttle page that will redirect your student to the Portal where they can register.

[Airport Shuttles](#)

FAFSA Reminder

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.

Spring 2026 Billing Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that charges and financial aid awards for Spring 2026 have now been posted to student accounts. Please note that the payment due date is January 2, 2026. If you need assistance or have any questions, please reach out to financialaid@flsouthern.edu.

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

2025-2026 Student Life Convocation Series

We're excited to share the 2025–2026 Convocation Series—an engaging lineup of events designed to bring our community together throughout the academic year. **All sessions are mandatory and will take place during the Convocation hour, 10:50 AM to 11:50 AM** on the following Wednesdays in either Branscomb Auditorium or the Jenkins Field House.

- December 10, 2025: Christmas Gala Preview
- January 14, 2026: MLK Day of Service
- February 11, 2026: Celebrating Athletic Excellence
- March 13, 2026: Founders Day Convocation during Homecoming Week
- April 8, 2026: Student Life Awards

Students graduating in the same semester as a convocation or those enrolled in regularly scheduled classes at the time of the event, such as for clinicals or practicums, will be excused.



STUDENT LIFE CONVOCAATION SERIES

AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

REMINDERS

Important Upcoming Dates

- December 12 Fall-term Classes End
- December 15-17 Final Exams
- December 18, 1:00 PM, Residential Communities Close
- December 20 Mid-Year Commencement, Christmas Holidays Begin
- January 6 Classes begin at 8:00 A.M.
- January 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, No Classes
- March 2 – 6 Spring Break (No Classes)

[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**](#).



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