



Ways to Engage at FSC

Greek Recruitment Sign Up

It's not too late to sign up for fraternity and sorority recruitment. Greek life is about much more than social events—it's a community built on friendship, leadership, service, and personal growth. Members have opportunities to get involved on campus, participate in philanthropy and service projects, develop leadership skills, and build strong connections that often last well beyond college. Recruitment gives you the chance to meet members from different organizations, learn about their values and traditions, and see how Greek life can support your academic, social, and personal goals. Even if your student is unsure, signing up now keeps the door open to discovering whether this supportive and engaging community is right for them.



[Sign up for Sorority Recruitment](#)

[Sign up for Fraternity Recruitment](#)

Orientation Leader Application

Becoming an orientation leader is a rewarding opportunity to make a positive impact on new students while developing valuable leadership skills. Orientation leaders serve as guides, mentors, and resources, helping incoming students transition into college life by answering questions, building connections, and creating a welcoming environment. Through this role, you gain experience in communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, while also forming strong friendships with fellow leaders and staff. It's a chance to give back to your campus community, grow personally and professionally, and play a key role in helping new students feel confident and excited about starting their college journey.



Applications open on Engage **January 26** for returning orientation leaders and **February 4** for new orientation leaders.

MLK Day of Impact

January 15 | 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Ordway 162

Our students will honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy through service by packing meals for those in need.

Additional MLK Events This Month

Lakeland MLK Parade
Saturday, January 17 | 1:00 p.m.

Simmons Collaboration with the Department of
Social & Behavioral Sciences
Guest Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Marsh
January 23 | 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Annie Pfeiffer Chapel



Open Senator Positions

We are currently seeking motivated students to fill the roles of Second-Year Unaffiliated Senator, Fourth-Year Unaffiliated Senator, and School of Business Senator. These positions offer a meaningful opportunity to represent your peers, contribute to important campus decisions, and help shape the student experience. If your student is passionate about making a positive impact on campus and wants their voice to be heard, we encourage them to get involved. To learn more or express interest, please email Michael Desrosiers at sga_avp@mocs.flsouthern.edu.

Weeks of Welcome

We are excited to welcome our students back to campus following the break. Over the next two weeks, we've organized a variety of events designed to help them re-engage, connect, and smoothly transition back to campus life.



January 8: Relaunch, 6:00 p.m., Jenkins Field House
January 9: ACE Presents: Casino Night, 7:00 p.m., Honeyman Pavilion
January 13: Meet the Greeks, 4:00 p.m., Badcock Garden
January 15: S'mores on the Dock, 7:30 p.m., Moc Dock

Junior Journey Student Travel Showcase

Wednesday, February 25 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Honeyman Pavilion

Applications for student travel open after spring break! Don't forget, Passports can take 6 to 8 weeks. Apply now!

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 14 of the Fall 2025 University Living Magazine, 'Paying for College: Advice for All Four Years'.

[Visit the website](#)

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.



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

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](#)

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.

- 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.



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REMINDERS

Important Upcoming Dates

- January 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No Classes)
- March 2 – 6: Spring Break (No Classes)
- April 3: Good Friday Holiday (No Classes)
- April 9: Frank Lloyd Wright Day, Mr. George's Green
- April 18: Fairwell Festival, Branscomb parking lot
- April 24: Classes End
- April 27-29: Final Exams
- May 2: Spring Commencement, RP Funding Center

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 via the text message system.

[Menus](#)[Calendar](#)[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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