



# THE LINK

## fsc parent newsletter

### Student Spotlight: Team *Aotus*, Summer Research

Have you ever wondered why so many nocturnal animals have black and white markings? FSC Team *Aotus*—Dr. Christy Wolovich and several biology students—researches the behavior of nocturnal owl monkeys (*Aotus nancymaae*) at the DuMond Conservancy in Miami, FL. This summer, Madeline Sanders ('25, *Marine Biology*), Kira Peterson ('25, *Integrative Biology*) and Meg Holst (Dec '24, *Integrative Biology*) spent five weeks investigating the potential role of the distinctive black-and-white facial markings of the monkeys in visual communication. To complete this experiment, the students created 2D images of the monkeys and manipulated the brightness of the white areas of the faces. Then, they showed illuminated images to other owl monkeys at night and recorded their behavioral responses. This research is the first experiment in ANY nocturnal mammal to examine the possible communication function of these black and white facial features.

What's next for Team *Aotus*? Madeline Sanders and another member of Team *Aotus*, Macy Wilcox ('25, *Biochemistry*), will travel to an international conference with Dr. Wolovich to Rivera Maya, Mexico in September to present their findings from last summer's research. Team *Aotus* plans to publish the results of these studies in the scientific journal *Animal Behavior*.

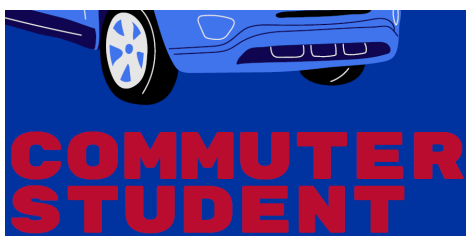
Is your student interested in research opportunities? Please encourage them to speak with their faculty or advisor.





## Family Weekend 2024

Registration is now open! Please visit the [FW 2024 page on the website](#) for the schedule and registration link. Families that complete registration by September 16 will receive FW 2024 t-shirts. Theater performances and Frank Lloyd Wright tours require separate reservations or RSVPs; details are noted in the schedule of events. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to campus!



## Commuter Connection

Parents of commuter students, please help spread the word! All FSC commuters are invited to join Student Life staff for pizza and a celebration of the grand opening of the new Commuter Lounge, at the Commuter Student Luncheon on October 23 from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM in the Carlisle Rogers Building.

## Graduation Requirements

Students planning to graduate in December or May must complete a Graduation Check with the Registrar's office to ensure all academic requirements for graduation are met. This should be done at the beginning of the semester prior to the student's anticipated graduation. An appointment with the Registrar's office (863-680-4127) is required to complete a Grad Check.



## MocTalks in Residence Halls

Resident Advisors (RAs) are trained resources for your student, able to give advice to help connect students to campus-resource partners. RAs check in on residents frequently through a practice called "MocTalks." MocTalks are conversations with targeted talking points to get a holistic view of the student experience, determine what supports students need, and direct students to resources on campus.

## Send a Care Package or Birthday Cake

Designed by student focus groups, our [Mocs Love Care Package site](#) makes sending care packages for any occasion a cinch. And there's no better way to say thinking-of-you than with a package delivered directly to residence halls.



# WORK REQUESTS

## Does Your Student Have a Residence or IT Concern?

By submitting a [Work Request](#) (also linked on students' single sign-on page), for maintenance or IT concerns, students can ensure an immediate follow-up, and they will receive updates in their Mocs email. Work Requests also help the College identify patterns in reported issues and devise appropriate interventions. Students often ask if they should notify their Residence Advisor of work request needs. The answer is yes, but students must still submit a Work Request.

## Good Housekeeping Practices in Residence Halls

- Leave food in containers or in refrigerators.
- Wash dirty dishes immediately.
- Use laundry facilities to clean dirty, wet clothing, rather than leaving it in the residence.
- Keep windows closed—in Florida, windows open for safety, not for letting in humid air.
- HVAC thermostats should remain in “Auto” (for fans) and “On” (for temperature control).
- Report any evidence of water intrusion, critters, or malfunctioning equipment—
  - 1. with a Work Request.
  - 2. to your Residence Advisor.





## Ways for Your Student to Get Involved

Is your Moc interested in meeting like-minded people, exploring new interests, or taking part in off-campus adventures? Encourage them to check out these resources:

- Mocs Weekly: An email highlighting upcoming events is delivered to students' (and parents') inboxes each week.
- Engage and CORQ: When students log into **Engage**, they can cull through over 150 clubs and organizations, as well as governing student leadership entities, to find open meetings, programs, and events. CORQ is the phone-app version of Engage. If your Moc wants to start a club or organization, they can stop by the Carlisle Rogers Building and speak to staff in our Center for Student Involvement (CSI) for more information.
- Discover Florida: FSC's Center for Student Involvement and Wellness Center collaborate to offer unique trips around the state each semester. These trips are either free or discounted, and transportation is included. Please check out [the Discover Florida page on the FSC website](#) for details, and contact Ryan Prince ([rprince@flsouthern.edu](mailto:rprince@flsouthern.edu)) if you have questions.
- Flyers, Posters, and Screens: Campus eateries, buildings, and residences offer a mixture of old school posters and digital screens with upcoming event and program posts.
- Festival of Fine Arts: An incredible array of performing and visual arts events are available to FSC students for free, through **The Festival of Fine Arts**.
- Visit the AGB: **The AGB** (Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art) offers free admission to fine arts exhibitions, films, and tours.
- The Student Life Building (Carlisle Rogers): Student Involvement Consultants are available to help guide your Moc to the right club, org., or program. Please encourage your Moc to stop by Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

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## Academic Support Needs?

The Center for Student Success is located at 917 Johnson Avenue. If your student is seeking academic tutorials and support, Academic Fuel is their best resource! Please share this informational [flyer](#) and the [Academic Fuel schedule](#) with your Moc.

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## Is Your Student Interested in Law Studies?

Please encourage your student to attend Court on Campus! The Sixth District Court of Appeal in Florida will be holding Court on campus next month. Oral arguments will begin at 9:00 A.M. on October 8 in the Hollis Room (Buckner Building). Students will need to arrive to go through security by 8:45 A.M. This opportunity is important not only for students interested in pursuing law as a career but also to help

facilitate student understanding of our state court system, the appellate process, and the differences between civil and criminal cases. This is an official court proceeding so we need to make sure students understand proper courtroom decorum is expected. The judges will be hearing live oral arguments from attorneys in two appellate cases, one civil and one criminal.

# COURT ON CAMPUS

Sixth District Court of Appeal  
Oral Arguments



## REMINDERS

### Important Upcoming Dates

- September 20: Game Night at Roux Library, 6:00 - 9:00 PM.
- October 2: Group Advising with Academic Departments (required for all students)
- October 4-6: Family Weekend
- October 8-9: "Moc" Interview Days
- October 10: Student Travel Showcase in Honeyman Pavilion, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- October 14-18: Fall Break (students may remain in residence halls)
- November 27-29: Thanksgiving Break
- December 9-11: Final Exams
- December 12: Winter Break Begins ([Residence Hall Break Housing Schedule](#))
- January 5-6: Students Return to Residence Halls
- January 7: Spring Semester Begins
- [Full Academic Calendar Link](#)

### Did You Know?

- FSC offers Airport Shuttles before and following breaks, to move your Moc. Please see the page on FSC's site for more [information and registration](#).
- Students interested in [FSC's study abroad programs](#) are encouraged to apply for or renew (if needed) their U.S. Passport now. Students can learn more at the Student Travel Showcase on Thursday, October 10 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM in Honeyman Pavilion.

## RESOURCES



For upcoming important



DINING ON CAMPUS



EMERGENCIES

dates, please access the academic calendar.

CALENDAR

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

MENUS

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**

### **Academic Center for Excellence**

### **Athletics**

To see updates & reminders throughout the week, follow our **Parent Facebook page**.



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