

Love is in the air, but who pays the bill?



So ... who's expected to pay the bill?

On Valentine's Day, love is in the air and romance is in full bloom.

Let me stop right there.

College students dress casually, split restaurant bills evenly and pinch pennies most of the time. Quite the opposite of romance with open purse strings.

I do think college students want to put their best foot forward on Valentine's Day and make it a special occasion, but knowing what to plan and how much to spend is complicated. The sweetness associated with Valentine's Day can turn sour with uncertainty and worry.

Here <http://college.usatoday.com/2013/02/13/5-valentines-day-etiquette-tips/> in this USA Today article written by Jorie Scholnik, are the answers to the five most common Valentine's Day etiquette questions so that you can focus on romance instead of repairing a relationship.

1. **How far should I plan ahead?**
2. **Who pays for the bill?**
3. **Should I give a gift? If so, how much should I spend?**
4. **Which restaurant should I chose? What should I order?**
5. **How should I thank my date?**

VALENTINE'S DAY



BECAUSE LOVE ISN'T QUITE
COMPLICATED ENOUGH AS IT IS.

The More You Know...



Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH



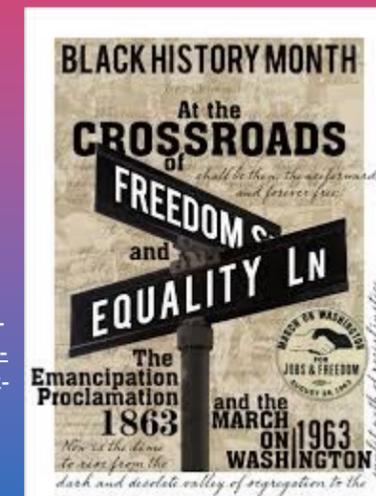
The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

Did You Know?

The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Since then, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. The 2013 theme, At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington, marks the 150th and 50th anniversaries of two pivotal events in African-American history.



In each installment of commuter connections, you will find information for Boca as well as our Davie and Jupiter campuses. We hope that this information will assist you in becoming better connected to all FAU has to offer. Check out some of our spring programming activities below. We hope to see you interact, engage and enjoy your university. Be Bold, Be Brave, Be Exceptional! Go Owls!

Boca Raton				Jupiter Campus			
Date	Time	Location	Event	Date	Time	Location	Event
10-Feb	11 – 1pm	Palmetto Palm	“Transfer”mation Tuesday	07 Feb	8-11pm	RF Field	Glo Games
Commuter Appreciation Week!				20 Feb – 22 Feb		Various events	Owl Family Weekend
16-Feb	10 – 2pm	Union Lobby	Commuter Kick-Off	20 Feb	3-5pm	RF Field	Color Fun Run
17-Feb	11 – 2pm	Majestic Palm	“Transfer”mation Tuesday	20 Feb	8-10pm	Burrow	Karaoke
18-Feb	9 – 11am	Student Union	Wake-up Wednesday	21 Feb	11am-1pm	Dining Hall	Brunch & Bingo
19-Feb	10 – 2pm	Breezeway	Off Campus Housing Fair	21 Feb	1-5pm	RF Field	Owl Family Carnival
				22 Feb	11am-2pm	Dining Hall	Family Brunch
				24 Feb	6:30-9pm	Roger Dean Stadium	FAU vs. UF Baseball

Office Spotlight: Fraternity and Sorority Life

Our campus provides a wide range of academic, social, & community service activities for you and membership in a fraternity or sorority is a good first step toward enjoying all the benefits that FAU has to offer.

Collectively, fraternities and sororities constitute one of the largest student groups on campus. Fraternities and sororities are about friendship, scholarship, community service, and leadership. It's about bettering the FAU community. It's about traditions, learning valuable lessons, and establishing life-long friendships.

Every fraternity and sorority at Florida Atlantic University and across the nation was founded on the basis in shared values. But the journey to brother/sisterhood is unique to every individual; just as every person in the Florida Atlantic University fraternity and sorority community is a unique individual. The results, however, are the same for us all; lifelong friendships with people who share the values consistent with membership in a fraternal organization.

At their core, fraternities and sororities offer the opportunity for leadership experiences that can enrich a life on campus and beyond. Many leaders of today, including here at FAU, are members of fraternities or sororities.

The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life encourages you to fully explore the non-committal opportunity offered to understand what makes our fraternity & sorority community so beneficial. For more information, check them out in the Student Union or online at <http://www.fau.edu/fslife/>

Good luck to you all!

Go Owls!

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Campus Information Corner– Boca

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- [Interactive map of campus buildings](#)
- [Downloadable map to campus](#)

More than 70 percent of FAU's 30,000 students take classes at FAU's first and largest campus and the majority of the University's 175+ degree programs are based here. Located just three miles from the Atlantic Ocean and the beautiful beaches of Boca Raton, the campus features everything you expect from a modern university -- suite-style housing for nearly 4,000 students, brand-new athletics and recreational facilities, art galleries, a cafe/movie theater complex and so much more -- all in a vibrant, tropical setting with a student body that is the most diverse of all of Florida's public universities.

Here are some commonly used websites:

Dean of Students:

<https://www.fau.edu/dean/>

Student Union:

<http://www.fau.edu/studentunion/>

Campus Life:

<http://www.fau.edu/campuslife/>

FAU After Dark:

www.fau.edu/campuslife/afterdark.php

Fraternity and Sorority Life:

<http://www.fau.edu/fslife/>

Leadership:

<http://www.fau.edu/sil/leadership/>

Academic Calendar Dates & Important Phone Numbers

Campus Event	Dates
Mid-term grading available this week	Feb. 16—20
Last day to withdraw without receiving an F	Feb. 27
Honors Convocation	April 15
Last Day of Classes	April 20
Reading Days	April 21—22
Exams	April 23—29
Graduation	April 30 and May 1 9AM, 1PM & 5PM

Academic Advising 561 297-2642

Admissions 561.297.3040

Registrar 561.297.3050

Financial Aid 561.297.3530

Info Desk 561 297-3000

Student Involvement 561 297-3735

Traffic & Parking 561.297.2771

Technology Help Desk 561.297.3999



Campus Information Corner– Davie

FAU Davie

3200 College Avenue
 Davie, FL 33314
 954.236.1000

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- [Downloadable map to campus](#)

More than 5,000 students take classes at FAU's second-largest campus. Conveniently located (central Broward County) with Broward College as part of the South Florida Education Center, FAU Davie offers coursework in 30 degree programs through the colleges of Arts and Letters, Business, Design and Social Inquiry, Nursing, and Science. The campus features more than 300,000 square feet of labs, classrooms and faculty, staff and student offices. It also hosts the innovative Teaching and Leadership Center and is the base of operations for FAU's Everglades research and restoration efforts.

Here are some commonly used websites:

Student Affairs:

<http://www.fau.edu/student/broward/#>

Student Union:

<http://www.fau.edu/student/broward/davieunion/>

Student Involvement:

<http://www.fau.edu/student/broward/sil/>

Parent and Family Programs

<http://www.fau.edu/parents/index.php>

Military and Veterans:

<http://www.fau.edu/student/veterans/>

Academic Calendar Dates & Important Phone Numbers

<u>Campus Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Classes Begin	Jan. 5
Last day to add/drop	Jan. 9
60+ Audit Registration	Jan. 12
Last day to pay tuition	Jan. 12
Last day to submit application for Degree	Jan. 23
Mid-term	Feb. 16—20
Last day to withdraw without receiving an F	Feb. 27

Academic Advising 954.236.1101

Admissions 954.236.1012

Registrar 954.236.1016

Financial Aid 954.236.1229

Info Desk 954.236.1000

Student Involvement 954.236.1219

Traffic & Parking 954.236.1549

Technology Help Desk 954.236.1211



FAU Jupiter

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- [Interactive map of campus buildings](#)
- [Downloadable map to campus](#)

The John D. MacArthur Campus at Jupiter offers nearly 1,500 students coursework in programs from the colleges of Arts and Letters, Design and Social Inquiry, Education, and Science. It is home to the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College -- which provides 300 students with a live-in, all-honors educational experience -- as well as the Center for Environmental Studies, the Hibbel Museum of Art and research facilities for two of the world's leading research organizations, the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience and Scripps Florida, a division of The Scripps Research Institute. Just four miles from the beach, students at FAU Jupiter enjoy the resources of a large research university and the advantages of a small campus setting.

Here are some commonly used websites:

Student Affairs:

<http://www.fau.edu/student/jupiter/>

Student Union:

<http://www.fau.edu/student/jupiter/sil/sil.php?mainlinks=7>

Housing:

<http://www.fau.edu/housing/jupiter/>

Student Orientation:

<http://www.fau.edu/student/jupiter/orientation.php?mainlinks=5>

Student Health Services:

<http://www.fau.edu/student/jupiter/studenthealth/index.php>

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