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The **Burrow** Bulletin

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The monthly newsletter for Owl Parents

Important Dates

Fall 2009

Grades Due Dec. 14

Spring 2010

Classes Begin Jan 9
Last Day to Drop/Add Jan 15
Last Day to Pay Jan 19
Last Day to Withdraw Mar 5
Spring Break Mar 8-14
Final Exams Apr 29 - May 5
Semester Ends May 7

Relax and take a deep breath...

Beginning January, 2, 2010, returning students, faculty and staff will find designated smoking areas, a component of the University's Breathe Easy campaign, throughout the Boca Raton campus. The campaign addresses the number one cause of preventable disease and death in the United States - smoking.

Surveys taken over the past year found that over 3/4 of students, faculty and staff supported designated smoking areas. Other FAU campuses currently have designated smoking areas and nationwide more than 500 college campuses have gone

smoke-free.

The office of Today and Beyond Wellness and the Wellness Task Force are taking things a step further. Beginning January 21, 2010, they are offering a free 6 week smoking cessation program to students, faculty and staff. Free nicotine replacement therapy, including gum, patches and lozenges, are also available. For more information, please contact Wellness Director, Rosemary Dunbar, at 561.297.3615 or rdunbar@fau.edu .

A map of designated smoking areas can be found at www.fau.edu/today/smoking_areas.php.

Holiday Schedule

December

Winter Break Dec. 24 - Jan 3

January

M.L. King Holiday Jan 18



Mark your calendars for the OPA Spring Fling

Who: You and your Owl!

What: A family weekend during the spring semester!

When: Friday, February 26 through Sunday, February 28

Where: FAU Boca Raton

The Spring Fling Family Weekend is scheduled to include guest speaker and parent expert, Dr. Craig Ullom, FAU Men's and Women's basketball games and much more! Stay tuned to your email for more details.

What is FERPA?

“The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.”

Source: U.S. Department of Education, www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa

Under these laws, an educational institution and its employees may not permit the release of personally identifiable records or reports of a student without written consent of the student.

Only certain information can be released to parents regarding their son/daughter’s financial or academic records. The Privacy Act exists to protect your son/daughter’s right to confidentiality and limits FAU’s ability to release information to parents and/or guardians.

It is important to know that

“Directory Information” can be released to others. Directory Information includes:

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Date and Place of Birth
- Dates of Attendance
- Degrees, honors and awards received
- Major Program
- Height and Weight of Athletes

In order for parents or guardians to access their student’s records, a waiver must be completed, signed and submitted

by your FAU student. The FERPA Waiver can be found on the Registrar’s website.

If your FAU student does not wish to have their Directory Information released, complete the “Request for Non-Release of Directory Information” form also available on the Registrar’s website.

For more information regarding FERPA regulations, please contact the Registrar’s Office at 561.297.3050. To access the previously mentioned forms, please visit the Registrar’s website at www.fau.edu/registrar/forms.

Services for Students: The Career Development Center

The Division of Student Affairs at Florida Atlantic University takes pride in the services and programs it provides to FAU students. From Health Services to Civic Engagement, there are a range of departments ready to assist your Owl.

The Career Development Center, located in the Student Support Services building, offers a wide range of services, programs and events to prepare and assist FAU students with the transition from University to workforce. Part of the CDC’s mission “...is to empower students to make effective career choices based on realistic self appraisals and comprehension of the world-of-work, resulting in self sufficient graduates who market their education, skills and experiences to achieve life-long career success.”

Services offered by the Career Development Center include:

- Career Advising
- Resume Writing
- Internships
- Professional Mentor Program and much more!

The calendar of events below outline dates when your Owl can get involved with CDC events and programs.

Jan 20 @ 3pm	Resume Writing Wkshp
Jan 21 @ 3pm	Interview Skills Wkshp
Jan 25 @ 3pm	Navigating the Academic Job Search
Feb 2 @ 3pm	Career Day 101
Feb 4 @ 10am	Career Day and Technical Fair

For location of events above and more information, please visit www.fau.edu/cdc.

Volunteer with the Owl Parent Association

The Special Events, Fundraising and Membership committees are always looking for dedicated Owl Parents.

Contact an officer today!

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