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Money Matters

Tips for staying ahead of the game when it comes to financial matters.

1. Fill out the FAFSA* early! The 2010/2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available now at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. If your student still requires a parent's financial information, complete the application together so they are prepared to complete it on their own in the future.
2. Apply for a job on campus. The location can't be beat and University departments understand the student's education comes first. Visit <https://jobs.fau.edu> for a list of available positions.
3. Help your student set a budget. Does your student have a meal plan, but continue to eat off campus? Every little bit of savings helps. Setting a budget now will ensure your student is ready when the Bank of Mom & Dad closes.
4. Know the difference between a subsidized loan and unsubsidized loan. The main difference between is who pays the interest. With an UNsubsidized loan, the borrower is responsible for paying the interest that accrues over the life of the loan. Remember: Only borrow what you can afford to pay back!

FAU VOWLUNTEERS

making a difference

The Weppner Center for Civic Engagement, formerly known as the Campus Volunteer Center, began in 1996 thanks to the vision of Dr. Daniel Weppner, a FAU professor in the College of Education. It was his goal "to establish a place on campus that would motivate students to get involved in volunteer services." And so, a man and an information table became a department that now services south Florida and beyond.

In 2007 the Weppner Center introduced the Alternative Spring Break program. FAU students traveled to New Orleans and participated in the reconstruction efforts after Hurricane Katrina. This year's Alternative Spring Break will be in Key West

where vOWLunteers will participate in a Habitat project as well as volunteering their time at other facilities.

The recent tragedy in Haiti has united the FAU community and the Weppner Center has been at the forefront of coordinating donation efforts. They are currently working with General Consulate of Haiti to deliver all clothing donations. The outpouring of assistance has been so great that the Campaign to Help Haiti has been extended to February 12th.

For more information on how your OWL can get involved, visit the Weppner Center for Civic Engagement website at www.fau.edu/volunteer, call 561.297.3067 or email volunteer@fau.edu.

The Boys and Girls of SUMMER are back

They're All-American pas- times and a great way to spend time with your OWL. The FAU women's Softball and men's Baseball team kick off their respective seasons at home on February 19th.

The women's Softball team opens with a doubleheader, playing the Kentucky Wildcats at 6pm and the Maryland Terrapins at 8pm.

The men's Baseball team opens with the Cincinnati Bearcats at

6:30pm. Single game tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under and FREE to all FAU students. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. The Athletics Department also offers Season Tickets as well as a 12 Game Flex Pass. Both seasons run through May, plenty of time to make sure you make it to the ballpark to cheer on the Owls!

You're Invited

OPA Spring Fling Parent's Day

When: February 27, 2010

Why: This is your excuse to come visit your son or daughter here at FAU!

Who: Everyone - Owl Parent Association members and Non-Members

Where: Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton Campus

What: Spring Fling Parent's Weekend

Spring General Meeting of the Owl Parent Association; speakers include a representative from Housing and Residential Life to talk about 2010 plans for the Housing Lottery Attend the FAU Women's and Men's Basketball games later in the day

How much:

Early Registration

Available until 5 p.m. on February 10
FREE to all Owl Parent Association members
\$20 per guest for all non-Owl Parent Association members

Late Registration

After 5 p.m. on February 10
\$5 each for Owl Parent Association members
\$25 for all non-Owl Parent Association members

All FAU students are free. Sign-ups will close after 5 p.m. on February 17

How: Go to https://epay.fau.edu/C20081_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=167 to sign up today -remember

keep the quantity as "1"

Hotel Info: The Office of New Student and Owl Family Programs has arranged a special rate of \$99 per night with the Fairfield Inn (closest hotel to the FAU campus). Please call 561-417-8585 to make reservations and use the code FSPO to receive the discount.

OWL PARENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS: You will have the chance to throw a half-court shot for a book stipend at the FAU bookstore for your student. Your registration for the Parent's Day will enter you into the drawing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Scholarship for Male Students!

This spring your student will no doubt encounter new challenges and opportunities that will help to shape their college experience and lead to future success in life. This semester, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity will be offering such an experience to men interested in becoming Founding Fathers. By becoming a Founding Father, they will have the opportunity to establish FAU's newest fraternity and forever leave your legacy on campus!

Phi Delta Theta is currently offering its Pallas Scholarships on campus in an effort to identify potential Founding Father candidates. Two book scholarships totaling \$500 (2 at \$250) will be awarded to non-Greek male students at FAU who demonstrate devotion to academic achievement as well as a commitment to making both the campus and greater community a better places for

others. These men should also embody the values of our organization: Friendship, Sound Learning, and Rectitude (Integrity). However, joining Phi Delta Theta is not a prerequisite for receiving one of these scholarships. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 28, 2010.

If your student is interested in applying for the Pallas Scholarships or would like to learn more about becoming a Founding Father, please visit the fraternity's expansion website at www.areyoualeader.com. There, they can complete an online Pallas scholarship application or request additional information on the process at FAU. If you have any additional questions, please contact Dustin Struble, Director of Expansion, at dstruble@phideltatheta.org.

Helpful Numbers

Financial

Controller's Office 561.297.3100
Financial Aid. 561.297.3530

Health

Immunization. 561.297.0048
Student Health Center. . . . 561.297.3512

Records

Undergrad Admissions . . . 561.297.3040
Registrar's Office 561.297.3050

Traffic & Safety

Parking Services. 561.297.2771
University Police. 561.297.3500

Important Dates

Spring 2010

Last Day to Withdraw	Mar 5
Spring Break	Mar 8 - 14
Final Exams	Apr 29 - May 5
Semester Ends	May 7