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OWL PARENT NEWSLETTER

Question of the Month

My student said they received an academic warning e-mail. What does this mean?

Freshman students are sent e-mails in the beginning of October to notify them of academic warning at the mid-term mark of their first semester. If they receive the e-mail of academic warning it means they are doing poorly in one or more classes. They (the student not the parent) should immediately schedule an appointment with their academic advisor, which in most cases will be in **Freshman Advising**. The student has the opportunity to drop the problematic class until October 16. Until then they will receive a "W" but will still be fee liable for the class. This may be an option for some students; however, if your student is receiving **Financial Aid** this may be a very costly option. Students considering dropping a class should also go see the Financial Aid office to weigh their options before they drop any class. Some other suggestions are for students to contact the **Center for Learning and Student Success** to learn about Supplemental Instruction or tutoring options. Freshman Advising will also assist students in creating a plan to get back on track.

Important Office Numbers

Freshman Advising:
(561)297-3064

Financial Aid: (561)297-2530

Center for Learning and Student Success:
(561)297-0906

A message from the Student Body President!

Dear Parents,

As Student Body President, it is my great pleasure to offer you my greetings as the 2009-2010 school year gets under way at Florida Atlantic University. It is exciting to know that I will have the awesome opportunity to work with the families of our new freshman class through your involvement in our Parents' Association.

I am so glad that you and your child have chosen Florida Atlantic University. While our primary purpose here is to give every student an excellent education, I can assure you that this is just a small piece of what your student will take away from this great institution. From the opportunity to have leadership experiences and make lifelong friends to the warmth of belonging to a welcoming university family, FAU provides a solid cornerstone for success. As an out-of-state graduate student, I can attest to the struggles involved in moving great distances to begin an entirely new chapter of life. However, my achievement as a student both in and out of FAU's classrooms is a testament to the great opportunities that are available at our university. I know that I will never be able to repay Florida Atlantic University for what it has given to me over the years, and I can only hope that your student, and the whole family, will look back one day and feel the same way.

I want to especially thank you for becoming part of our growing Owl family through the Parents' Association. I look forward to meeting you during Parents' Weekend as well as during Homecoming Week – an opportunity for you to take part in some of the great traditions here at Florida Atlantic University. Through your involvement in this Association, you will become instrumental in helping FAU move forward as a true university family.

Whether you live nearby or far away, please know that we welcome your participation in the life of this great institution. We look forward to a great year of building friendship, spirit and traditions!

Best Wishes,

Tiffany Weimar '08
Student Body President
University Trustee
Florida Atlantic University



PRE-DENTAL SOCIETY

By: Natalia Garcia, '11

The Pre-Dental Society is an organization that is built with the love and passion for dentistry. It is a club in which students who are on the path to become a dentist can join and interact with other students with the same dream. Any student is welcome join as the Pre-Dental society welcomes all students. Members do many activities to help them plan for the DAT (dental admissions test) as well as seminars with Kaplan to improve DAT scores and to learn how to study for such an exam. The Pre-Dental Society also participates in many fundraising activities. Other activities that members of the Pre-Dental Society can enjoy are a visit to Nova Southeastern University's dental school as well as visits to dental offices to learn how to do teeth impressions from a dentist. Older members mentor younger members by helping them to prepare for dental school. This organization is based on team work; members are very active in order to help it grow each year.

- For more information, contact Stephanie Maglio at (561)307-71 E-mail her at predentfau@yahoo.com



Calendar of Events

Safety Month

Job Search Workshop
September 24th; 2PM
Career Development
Center (SU 222)

CarnivOWL: Parking
Garage Party
September 25th; 10PM-
2AM
Parking Garage

FAU Football vs.
Louisiana-Monroe
September 26th; 4PM
Lockhart (Ft.Lauderdale)

Future Events

Parent and Family
Weekend
October 2-4, 2009
www.fau.edu/parents

Homecoming Week
October 23-November 1.
www.fau.edu/homecoming



Dear FAU Parent,

This is your opportunity to become part of the fun and excitement as an FAU season ticket holder! The Florida Atlantic football team became the first team of the Sun Belt Conference to win back-to-back bowls. The Owls were also the only team in the state of Florida to win bowls in 2007 (New Orleans Bowl) and 2008 (Motor City Bowl) led by legendary head coach, Howard Schnellenberger. We need you to be part of the excitement with your child as we attempt to make our third consecutive appearance in a bowl game. Buy your season tickets now for as low as \$56 and lock in your seats for this exciting season! The following is our home schedule:

Date	Event	Opponent	Location
September 26	Spirit Day	Louisiana-Monroe	Lockhart Stadium
October 3	Parents' Weekend	Wyoming	Lockhart Stadium
October 31	Homecoming	Middle Tennessee	Lockhart Stadium
November 14	Armed Forces Appreciation Day	Arkansas State	Lockhart Stadium
November 28	Senior Day	Western Kentucky	Lockhart Stadium

**Dates are subject to change. Please check www.fausports.com for up to date game times and information.*

With your FAU football new season ticket purchase, you will receive a commemorative Back-to-Back Bowl Champions Nike hat. You can also register to win a book stipend for your child worth \$500, good to redeem at the FAU Bookstore during the fall semester by texting OWLS-2 to 41411.

Please call the FAU Athletics Ticket Office with any questions or to place your order at 1-866-FAU-OWLS (1-866-328-6957). Thanks for your commitment to FAU Athletics. We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Christine Davis
Director of Ticket Operations

The Center for Student Involvement and Leadership

By: Jordan Chang, '11

The Center for Student Involvement and Leadership comprises of four different groups – Leadership programs, Student Government Program Board, Homecoming and the Council of Student Organizations.

Vision The Center for Student Involvement and Leadership aspires to enrich campus life, by providing program, services and opportunities for personal growth and the acquisition of skills vital to the development of engaged citizens and future leaders.

The Center for Student Involvement and Leadership offers four various Leadership programs and opportunities.

1. The Leadership conference is a one-day experience designed to help broaden students' leadership perspectives and knowledge of skills needed to be successful.
2. Leadership institute, which is an 8 week program in which students are divided into 2 groups based on their class – the "emerging leaders" track for freshman, and the "breakthrough leaders" track for upper class students.
3. PLAY series-PLAY stands for Practicing Leadership All Year. This weekly program gives students the opportunity to meet and discuss a certain topic. The topics are chosen from three main categories – personal development (i.e time management, etc.), organization topics, and group development.
4. Reading Circles, involves about 15-20 students that participate with Peter Ritchie from the Hospitality department. The main function of this program is to engage students with staff where they can have discussions about leadership based on a specific book.

The second responsibility of the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership is Student Government Program Board; Program Board is responsible for planning events and social opportunities for all students. The third responsibility for the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership is to oversee all 200+ clubs and organizations on campus. If any student wishes to create their own club, this is where they would go to meet with an advisor that would guide them through the easy process.

The last responsibility the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership is to oversee FAU's annual homecoming. The week-long Homecoming gives clubs and organizations a chance to participate in different events such as the Owl hunt, Can sculpture, or the Fun run. Other events that fall during this week include the Fall Family Fest in which students and their parents enjoy great food, music and a variety of activities by the housing lawn. Everything leads up to the homecoming football game.

To learn more about The Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, please visit: www.fau.edu/si