IMPORTANT CAMPUS NUMBERS

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

OWL PARENT ASSOCIATION
2016-2017
Dear Owl Parent Association Members and Families,

Welcome to FAU and the Owl Parent Association Family. And to our returning members, Welcome Back! The OPA was established in 2008 with you, the parent/guardian, in mind.

We strive to keep you connected to your student’s college life and to help you establish new relationships with fellow FAU parents. For example, for incoming students and their families we sponsor Summer Send-Offs each summer. This program offers families and students a chance to meet other families and Students informally. Here there is time for question and answers for both parents and students related to expectations and the move-in process. We had the highest attendance this past summer. These events happen around the state. The first one on the Boca Campus was a great success.

In addition to Summer Send-Offs, we have many fun-filled events and educational programs planned for the upcoming year, including Fall and Spring Family Week-ends, Homecoming and our ongoing Mentoring Program. These are wonderful opportunities to meet other parents and continue to play a role in your student’s FAU experience.

For new students just arriving on campus, FAU offers many opportunities for involvement in campus life. My daughter, for instance, chose to become a member of Student Government and has remained a member throughout her college career at FAU. Her interest in world politics let her to become a member of the University’s Model UN team and representing FAU in New York and Portland. Her involvement with this group and Student Government has given her the change to meet other students with like interests and forge lifelong friendships.

There are many ways for your student to get involved on campus, from Fraternity & Sorority Life to Athletics to Student Leadership. FAU truly offers something for everyone, so you should be sure to encourage your student to get involved.

Being part of the OPA has been a great way for me to remain involved with my daughter. It has also shown me how FAU offers all students the ability to succeed. I wish your student much success here, and if you have any questions or ideas to share, please email us at owlparents@fau.edu or call 561-297-2733. Consider becoming involved through one of the many leadership roles we offer. You will make great friends, have a good time and - most importantly, gain valuable resources to assist you and your student. And of course, we have fun!

I have had a wonderful experience during my four years as a member of the OPA and will miss the friendship and relationships that I have made when my daughter graduates. Good luck to all our new Owls and members.

GO OWLS!!

Sincerely,

Kathy Jenkins
Former OPA President 2015-2016

About OWL PARENT ASSOCIATION

What we do...
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Our Purpose and how we do it...
• Provide opportunities for parents of FAU students to develop a closer relationship with the University.
• Help parents gain a better knowledge of FAU so they may become informed advocates in their own communities.
• Act as a liaison to help parents learn more about the University and how they can contribute to the success of the University mission, goals and objectives.
• Assist in special events of the University, including but not limited to: orientation, Admissions’ events, etc.
• Assist the University with selected fundraising initiatives.
• Assist the University with enrollment initiatives.

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Services and Events
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Office of Parent and Family Programs & Student Affairs Development

OUR MISSION
The Office of Parent and Family Programs & Student Affairs Development fosters the relationship between the university and the parents of our students while supporting student success. We also provide education, programs and resources to assist parents with developing the necessary skills to become effective coaches and mentors to their students.

OUR VISION
Parent and Family Programs & Student Affairs Development’s vision is to be recognized by parents and families as a resource for coaching, explaining university policy, and referrals.

Monthly eNewsletters are emailed monthly through the Office of Parent and Family Programs to parent and families who sign up through ListServ. Newsletters contain important information about developing resources on campus for you and your student. They also include important dates and upcoming events. Content changes monthly so be sure to stay connected by receiving this service.

Parent and Family Weekend is a signature fall program at Florida Atlantic University that allows parents, family members and friends of students at FAU to come together and experience campus life.

Summer Send-Offs are hosted in various regions throughout Florida and beyond. These events are gatherings where incoming students and parents come together from the same area to network with each other just before school starts in the Fall semester.

College Parent Success Conference is for incoming parents who are looking for more resources and information just before school starts in August. Sessions will focus on topics that are important but weren’t covered in orientation.

Notes from Home is an opportunity for parents and family members to share an inspirational note with their student while they are at FAU. These notes will be printed and mailed to your student. The note submission form is on the Parent and Family Programs website.

Parent Ambassador Volunteers speak to other members of the FAU community in their region, while meeting other parents along the way.

Parents Helpline: 888-FAU-8411
Visit: fau.edu/parents/owl-parent-association
WYNDHAM Boca Raton

For guest room reservations, please call 888-404-6880 and mention the special Florida Atlantic University rate. For online reservations, enter arrival & departure dates and the corporate code 36699500.
561-368-5200
www.wyndhamBoca.com
1950 Glades Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Don’t forget to register!
Parent and Family Weekend - September 23-25
Registration opens May 25 and space is limited.
For more information visit www.fau.edu/parents.

GETTING STUDENTS INVOLVED

Campus life begins with Weeks of Welcome (WOW) events at the start of the fall and spring semesters. Activities range from exciting and fun social gatherings, seminars, to programs that focus on the various services available to FAU students. WOW events take place on all FAU campuses. Students from Boca Raton, Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Dania Beach, and Jupiter are all welcomed to enjoy.

MOVE-IN DAY, from a Transfer Student Parent’s Point of View

“Every parent is apprehensive about the beginning of college life for his/her child. We were no different. This was our second child, moving into the third university. Having said that, this was the easiest and most trouble-free move-in! FAU provides you with the tools needed to make your child’s move-in as seamless as possible. Read the move-in guide provided by Housing and check the information on the website (www.fau.edu/housing). The more you prepare the better it will be!

Once you arrive your student will check in and you will proceed to their hall. We were able to pull up right behind the residence hall and were allowed 15 minutes to unload. If possible, bring a hand cart, trolley, etc. I would bring cleaning supplies and a vacuum as FAU does not provide, nor loan these. Many hands make light work. There were three of us so our child was able to check-in, unload, clean, unpack, and arrange in a little over two hours. It was an excellent experience for us and I hope that you will have the same.”

CAMPUS SAFETY

FAU has developed an Alert System to communicate official information during an emergency or crisis that disrupts the normal operation of FAU campuses or threatens the health and safety of members of the campus community. In addition to the Alert System, FAU Police Officers are full-service, sworn state law enforcement officers patrolling the campus 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

If you spend any time on an FAU campus, especially at night, you will notice the blue lights glowing in the dark. These lights are atop yellow poles that have a red emergency button that anyone who feels unsafe in the moment can push to be directly linked to the FAU Police Department as soon as the button is pushed. FAU police respond in-person to all pushes of the button.

The NightOwls program is a student-run evening escort service. FAU students who need a ride to or from class, the library, residence halls, parking lots, or any other location on the Boca Raton campus can call the NightOwls for a free ride. Community Service Officers (CSO) are FAU students, in good academic standing, who work for the police department as civilian employees. When NightOwls isn’t available the CSOs are happy to escort students to their on-campus destination. CSOs also offer battery boost and lock-out services.

AUGUST 2016

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY NOTES

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REMINDER Register for Parent & Family Weekend!

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LEADERSHAPE SOUTH FLORIDA CONFERENCE LEADERSHAPE SOUTH FLORIDA CONFERENCE

14 Parent & Family Newsletter released 15 (FUN FACT) ACCESS is a comprehensive program focusing on academic coaching/advising, tutoring, career counseling, faculty mentoring, to ensure student success.

16 Move-in Day (Freshmen) Encourage your student to participate in WOW

17 Transfer Orientation

21 Freshman Conversation Live Chat: Commuting to FAU

22 Classes Begin

23 Live Chat: Understanding Fraternity and Sorority Life

24 Common Conversations: How are you connecting with new people?

25 Drop/Add deadline

26 Check out FAU Career Center and the iON Internship Program

27 COLLEGE PANHELLENIC RECRUITMENT WEEK

28 Tuition and Fee payment due

29 Live Chat: Register for Parent & Family Weekend

30 College Panhellenic recruitment

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### PARENT AND FAMILY WEEKEND

Parent and Family Weekend is a three-day exploration of the Florida Atlantic University experience for parents, families, and current students. This is a wonderful chance for you to spend time with your student while getting engaged in FAU campus life and the surrounding community. This signature fall program offers families and students the opportunity to participate in many events together while interacting with the organizations, people, and places that have become important to your student.

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**NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL & INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL RECRUITMENT WEEK**

**INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL & MULTICULTURAL GRECIAN COUNCIL RECRUITMENT WEEK**

**NATIONAL HAZING PREVENTION WEEK**

**FAU vs. Southern Illinois Salukis (home game)**

**FAU vs. Miami (Away Game)**

**FAU vs. Kansas State (Away Game)**

**iLead Student Leadership Conference**

**Live Chat: Getting Involved**

**Live Chat: Understanding Advising**

**Common Conversations: What are your favorite places on and off campus?**
Save the date CLAIM YOUR SPACE FOR THE 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

LIMITED TIME

For more info visit fau.edu/housing/room-selection. housing@fau.edu | 561-297-2880

Recontracting starts Nov. 1!

OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY
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FAU vs. FIU (Away Game)
FUN FACT The CLASS Office provides tutoring assistance for students who need extra support and improved performance in challenging courses.

3 | Live Chat: Mid-term Conversations
4 | Common Conversations: How do you feel about your mid-term exams?
5 | Live Chat: Housing Room Selection for the 2017-2018 year.
6 | MID TERMS

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7 | FAU vs. Charlotte (Home Game)
8 | Fall Break
TIP: Spring semester registration begins. Encourage your student to schedule their Pre-registration meeting with their Academic Advisor.
9 | Fall Break
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13 | Common Conversations: Have your values or beliefs been challenged?
14 | FAU vs. Marshall (Away Game)
15 | FAU Expo: Opportunity to volunteer
16 | Parent Newsletter released
17 | MID TERMS

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19 | Functor Media provides students with a chance to gain real world experience in print journalism, television, and radio broadcast production.
20 | HOMECOMING WEEK
21 | FAU vs. Western Kentucky (Home Game)
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23 | Spring semester registration begins
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GETTING STUDENTS INVOLVED

HOMECOMING
Join us for Homecoming, the annual tradition of welcoming back alumni, current students, and families to FAU. It is the time where we are able to reflect on the tremendous accomplishments our University has taken and we are able to reflect and instill pride, school spirit, and our festive traditions throughout the FAU family!

Homecoming is a terrific opportunity for families to visit with their students, and for students to show school spirit. Homecoming events include the annual Fall Family Fest, Homecoming Concert, Comedians, 5k Fun Run, and Homecoming Parade. The week concludes with the annual Homecoming Football Game.

The Owl Parent Association has their own annual Homecoming Celebration during this weekend. We encourage you to come and visit your student, while partaking in fun events for the family. OPA annual Homecoming events include a Legacy Pinning Ceremony, Homecoming Float, Homecoming Parade, and Tailgate.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
FAU is home to a diverse group of more than 300 Registered Student Organizations (RSO). These RSO’s create a vibrant and robust campus community. No matter their interest, students can find an organization that suites them best. If they can’t find it, students are also welcomed to start a new organization through the New Student Organization formation process.

WEPPNER CENTER FOR LEAD AND SERVICE-LEARNING
Lead and Serve offers innovative leadership programs, providing students an opportunity to become change agents. Lead and Serve supports an atmosphere of learning and personal growth through individual leadership, group leadership and service skill development.

Lead and Serve has exciting programs designed for students, whether they are new to FAU, an established student leader, faculty or staff, or somewhere in between!
**STAYING CONNECTED**

Going to college changes your student and family significantly. The Office of Parent and Family Programs provide ways for parents to stay engaged with the student and connect with other families while allowing you to build a relationship with FAU.

### CONNECT WITH PARENTS AND FAU
- Involvement in OPA
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### EDUCATIONAL LEARNING FOR PARENTS
- Common Conversations
- Newsletters
- Parent Orientation
- Parents Helpline
- College Student Success Conference

### STAY CONNECTED WITH STUDENTS
- Notes from Home
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**Common Conversations:**
- How is your campus life going? What clubs and activities have you been involved in?
- How are you feeling about your college experience?

**FUN FACT:** Program Board is a student-run organization dedicated to providing entertaining social and educational programming to the FAU community!

**FUN FACT:** Fraternity and Sorority Life host the Greek Officer Leadership Experience to provide leadership development and officer-specific training for FAU chapters.

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The FAU Career Center provides career planning assistance and has the resources and knowledge to help currently enrolled, degree-seeking Florida Atlantic University students achieve their career goals. The Career Center can be utilized throughout a student’s entire academic career at FAU. The career planning process is continuous and at times can be confusing and overwhelming. We strongly recommend that students become familiarized with our staff of professionally trained counselors and become actively engaged in their career planning from their freshmen year and continue on through their senior year. The Career Center offers numerous programs and services throughout the year that can assist students with their career planning, like: Career Advising, Career Assessment, Mock Interviews, Resume Writing, Professional Mentor Program, just to name a few.

### Internships
Internships are defined as career related experiences that enhance a students’ marketability upon graduation. They may be full-time or part-time. Programs can be structured or unstructured, as long as there is training involved in the experience. They may or may not be for credit and may or may not be paid. Internships can be found in many organizations. The FAU Career Center offers the iOn Internship Program which allows students to intern on campus and engage in professional and meaningful project work for 20-30 hours per week. iOn interns are mentored on-site, in departments through FAU, earning $10-$15 per hour and receive transcript notation.

### Studying Abroad
Students can study abroad, learn a new language overseas, engage in international service learning, join an international freshman learning community, or conduct international research and specialized training in other countries. Programs are available around the world and for summer periods, a single semester, or an entire academic year. Advice on how to finance study abroad or apply for an Office International Programs scholarship is available.

### Owl Nation Exploration Program (O.N.E.)
The O.N.E. program is a collaborative partnership between University Advising Services and the FAU Career Center. The goal of the program is to assist FAU students with their academic and career choices. Through O.N.E students will:
- Explore personal interests, majors on campus, and professional options available after graduation.
- Receive 1-on-1 attention from your academic and career advisor year-round.
- Network with current students, faculty, staff, and members of the surrounding community.
- Co-create a plan for achieving your dreams and goals.

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**NOTES**
- FUN FACT: The FAU Career Center has same-day career advising hours. Appointments are not necessary.
- FUN FACT: The LeaderShape Institute is a six-day experience that challenges participants to lead with integrity as they work toward a vision grounded in their deepest values.
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**NOTES**

**FALL PARENT & FAMILY WEEKEND COMMITTEE**
The Fall Parent and Family Weekend committee assists the Office of Parent and Family Programs with planning the Parent and Family Weekend events. Fall Parent and Family Weekend is a great reason to come visit your student, as well as experience FAU’s campus life, athletics, and social activities.

**SUMMER SEND-OFFS COMMITTEE**
The Summer Send-Off committee secures Summer Send-Off hosts and assists the Office of Parent and Family Programs with event creation. Summer Send-Offs are hosted in various regions throughout Florida and beyond. Incoming students and parents come together in the same area to network with each other just because school starts in the Fall semester. It is a great opportunity for students to make new friends and to share in their university experience together. Parents often exchange phone numbers at these events to create a network to call upon throughout the year for rides to campus, package delivery, emergency services and much more.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**
The Membership committee develops and coordinates programs and activities designed to enhance the Owl Parent Association membership, focusing on recruitment and retention.

**SPRING PARENT AND FAMILY WEEKEND COMMITTEE**
Help plan and implement the Spring Parent and Family weekend, which typically takes place in February.

**MARKETING AND CAMPUS RELATIONS COMMITTEE**
The Marketing and Campus Relations committee will assist the Office of Parent and Family Programs with marketing efforts on behalf of the Owl Parent Association. This is to include brochures, OPA website update, Parent’s calendar, OPA apparel, and OPA giveaways. The committee will serve to build relationships with the Chamber of Commerce, FAU Athletics, FAU Alumni Office, and community business partners. The committee will also serve establish fundraising activities of the Association and assist in procuring scholarships, book stipends, small grant program, and student emergency fund for students of OPA members.

**MENTOR PROGRAM COMMITTEE**
The Mentor Program committee serves as mentors in the OPA Mentor Program. The purpose of the OPA Mentor Program welcomes incoming families to our FAU family and guide parents throughout the school year. Current OPA members are available via email or telephone to incoming freshman parents after each orientation session and throughout the year to offer guidance to their students FAU experience. The OPA Mentor committee will also assist with Summer Send-Offs.

**HOMECOMING COMMITTEE**
The Homecoming committee is involved in OPA Homecoming Celebration planning. Committee members design a day of fun and exciting activities for you and your students, as well as connect with parents.

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**FUN FACT** The Office of Diversity & Multicultural Affairs provides diversity training programs focused on cultural competencies.
### OPA BENEFITS

- Priority registration for OPA members to the Annual Parents’ Academy due to limited space.
- Opportunity to spend time with your student during planned OPA events and network with other parents & family members!

- Discount for select OPA Campus Events
- Opportunities for book scholarships
- Magnet with important University phone numbers
- Guidance offered by OPA Mentoring Team (sophomore, junior, and senior students’ family members)
- Student Rate for OPA members at Living Room Theater, Boca Raton campus ($3 savings)

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**MID TERMS**
The Owl Parent Association Mentoring Program is a way for parents of sophomores, juniors, and seniors to help incoming freshman families get the most out of their first year in college. New parents and families are encouraged to reach out to the mentor team with any questions they may have about FAU or just to share their student's first year experience at FAU. OPA Mentors also participate in the Summer Send-Offs which encourage parents to network with other FAU Parents living in the same area. These connections not only provide a way to share the that can be used throughout the school year with rides to and from school, package delivery, and emergency assistance. If you would like to be joining the mentoring team or host a summer send off, please contact the Office of Parent and Family Programs.

Summer Send-Offs are hosted in various regions throughout Florida and beyond. Incoming students and parents come together in the same area to network with each other just because school starts in the Fall semester. It is a great opportunity for students to make new friends and to share in their university experience together. Parents often exchange phone numbers at these events to create a network to call upon throughout the year for rides to campus, package delivery, emergency services, and much more.

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**SPRING BREAK**

**OFFICES OPEN**
HEALTH & WELLNESS

The college experience is a time to learn a wealth of information, experiment and try new things, build friendships, search for career options and develop the necessary skills for a successful and fulfilling life. A bright future includes making responsible and healthy choices.

Stress Management
Stress is a natural response to demands placed on you. Without stress, we would not accomplish much. However, too much stress can cause problems, negatively impact your health, decrease your productivity, and affect your relationships. Therefore, it is important to learn to manage your stress, especially when a large number of demands are placed on you.

The Stress Oasis is a self-serve station at Owls Care that provides students with information on stress. It also includes free stress management goodies such as stress balls, biodots, aromatherapy, and more. Stress Management Consultations are provided for students who would like to meet with one of the Owls Care staff.

Counseling and Psychological Services
The mission of the FAU Counseling And Psychological Services center is to provide FAU students with timely and effective mental health services that allow them to improve and maintain their mental well-being and therefore to meet their educational, personal, emotional, and psychological goals.

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-READING DAYS - NO CLASS-

-FINAL EXAMS-
**ACHIEVE**

### MOVING ON OUT

With finals over, end of the semester parties and goodbyes to be said, packing may not be a priority for your student. After all, the end of the year is an exciting time. They have finished their finals and are another year closer to graduation. Even so, the packing must happen, so bring boxes, packing tapes and patience. Advice:

- Bring umbrellas, as spring in South Florida will most likely bring heavy rain.
- Carts are at a premium; arrive early enough so your student can get one to help move everything.
- Elevator waits can be long and tiring.
- Bring plenty of water – April/May in Boca is very warm.
- Most of all, enjoy the summer with your student as August comes way too quickly!

### GRADUATION

Commencement marks the end of your student’s undergraduate experience and the beginning of their next adventure. They have achieved their goals and dreams at FAU. We encourage you to capture every moment of the day. Be proud of them and all their success.

The FAU Owl Parent Association would like to congratulate the 2016 graduates of FAU. We are parents and family members who share this journey with you. We, like you, are proud of our students and thank them for allowing us to “Stay Involved While Letting Our Students Grow!”

### ALUMNI YEARS

Established in 1968, the Florida Atlantic University National Alumni Association (FAUNAA) represents FAU’s ever-growing alumni community. Building school identity, spirit and loyalty through programs and services, the FAUNAA and its membership is dedicated to advancing the goals and missions of the University. By joining the FAUNAA, you will have the opportunity to support your alma mater. You will receive special invitations and free or discounted admission to FAUNAA-hosted events. Membership also will entitle you to exciting benefits and discounts in a variety of areas. A portion of your membership is allocated to the FAUNAA’s endowed scholarship, which not only assists students in financial need, but also contributes to FAU’s alumni giving participation rate.

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**FUN FACT** Supplemental instruction is a series of weekly study session for students who want to improve their understanding of course material and improve their grades.

**FUN FACT** The Mentoring Project initiative is designed to connect first year and transfer students with a mentor who is a member of the FAU community.