Parent’s Check-list

Before Orientation
- Sign up to attend orientation with your student, yes: we have sessions designed just for you too.
- Join the Owl Parent Association www.fau.edu/parents

During Orientation
- Items to bring with you to orientation:
  - Paper and a pen or pencil
  - Comfortable clothes and shoes and a sweater (some of the rooms are cold)
  - An umbrella (this is South Florida!)
  - Workout clothes for after orientation if you like
  - Your questions and concerns
- Visit all offices at the Owl Expo and get as much information as possible
- Visit the Bookstore or Logo Shop to get all your FAU Gear
- Learn more about Parent and Family Weekend www.fau.edu/parents

After Orientation
- Assist your student to engrave all your valuables with your driver’s license number
- Record the serial number of all electronics
- Check all insurance policies and purchase renters insurance if necessary
- Begin to understand and discuss the changing relationship between you and your college student
  - Other topics for discussing expectations might include: alcohol and drugs, time management, academics, social involvement, employment, financial responsibilities, safety, house rules (for commuters and academic breaks for resident students) and contact between you and your student while at FAU
- Sign up for Parent and Family Weekend www.fau.edu/parents
- Consider reading one of the following books recommended by the Association of Higher Education Parent/Family Programs Professionals:
  - Berent, Polly. Getting Ready for College: Everything You Need to Know Before You Go; Random House Trade Paperbacks. 2003
  - Cap & Compass. The College Years: the definitive reference guide. 2003
Johnson, Helen and Christine Schelhaus-Miller, Don’t Tell Me What to Do, Just Send Money. 2000
Kane, Thomas M. (president of College Safety Zone) Protect Yourself at College: Smart Choices, Safe Results. Capital Books. 2008
Savage, Marjorie. You’re On Your Own (But I’m Here if You Need Me): Mentoring Your Child During the College Years; Fireside, 2009.