The holidays are here and the semester is nearing the end! Are you and your student aware of the important updates and information for this time of the year? Review the below for more details.

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**Highlighted Events**

- **December 16 to December 17:** Fall 2021 Commencement
- **December 18:** Florida Wind Symphony Jazz Orchestra: Holidays with the Duke!
- **December 22 to January 3:** Winter Break

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**First-Year Connections: Mentoring Program**

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[Image of two students smiling]
The First-Year Connections Mentoring Program matches first-year and transfer students in their first or second semester at FAU with a peer, staff, or faculty mentor interested in getting to know them and invested in success here at the university.

Please enroll by clicking this link or copying and pasting it to your browser: https://fau.mentorcliq.com/enroll/first-year-connections-program.

The information your students provide in their profile helps our team match them with a mentor and track program participation to provide support and resources they need during the mentoring program. If your student is in their second semester and would like to apply as a mentee, they can use the link above to apply.

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**End of Fall 2021!**

The fall semester FAU Academic Calendar has important end of semester dates - [http://www.fau.edu/registrar/registration/calendar.php](http://www.fau.edu/registrar/registration/calendar.php).

Here are a few action steps that you may help students accomplish as they end the fall semester:

- An important **question** for students to answer at the end of the semester are:
  
  - Did they meet with an academic advisor this semester? (Related website: [https://www.fau.edu/uas/](https://www.fau.edu/uas/) or [https://www.fau.edu/advising/](https://www.fau.edu/advising))

- Registration for Spring 2022 **began** November 1, 2021. Please [check here](http://www.fau.edu/registrar/registration/calendar.php) for your student’s date and time.
- Please ask them to **check their upcoming spring semester schedules** in MyFAU, Self-Service to ensure they are registered to take spring courses on the **correct campus**. They may also review...
next semester’s courses to determine the **instructional method for each**; are they fully online, in person, or mixed with online and/or in-person? (Related website: [https://www.fau.edu/registrar/courses/Instru_Method.php](https://www.fau.edu/registrar/courses/Instru_Method.php))

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**FAU Police Department:**  
**Holiday Safety Tips**

The holiday season is always a special time of year for families to get together and friends to enjoy each other’s company. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. Thefts are usually crimes of opportunity, so be cognizant of where you are and what you are revealing at all times. We can never be too careful, too prepared, or too aware.

Click [here](#) for tips on how you and your student can remain safe during the holiday season.

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**FAU Beyond Food Program**

The Beyond Food Program (BFP) supplies students with emergency food for up to four days. The program also includes services such as referrals for safe/secure housing, mentoring, assistance to affordable healthcare, financial wellness literacy; and FAFSA and SNAP submission assistance. BFP is affiliated with partnerships with on-campus food vendor, Chartwells, as well as external partners including Ruth & Norman Rales Food Assistance Program and The Food Bank of Palm Beach County.

The Beyond Food Program operates based on a system of referrals from FAU faculty, staff, students, and community members who have identified students with temporary food assistance needs. To refer a student, please select the “Refer” option on [this page](#) and a member of the BFP will be in contact with them soon.
Your student is likely enduring a very stressful end of the term that includes final exams and papers. Students will have studied many hours and will deserve to sleep, relax, and recuperate. Some students may be looking for more support to overcome stress and anxiety associated with the end of a term or a break from school.

All of us will hit a bump in the road or have a challenging life situation at some point. TAO was designed to provide students with a tool kit of effective evidence-based resources to help them bounce back from those setbacks. They have complete anonymity, free access, 24/7/365 through FAU. All they need to do is create and verify their account, then once they are logged in, click on any of the images to take them directly to their content selection. It’s like navigating on their favorite movie app (think Netflix home page)... just with content that can make a difference in how they think, feel, and function!

**TAO Quick Start for Students:**
- Click [here](#) to take you to the registration page.
- Enter your info, so we can support your account if needed.
- Click on the confirmation in your inbox to confirm your account.
- Then log in here and browse: us.taoconnect.org/login
- Click “Browse All Content” to explore, or any tile below to find that specific content.
- You can also do Ctrl F or Cmd F on your keyboard to find a topic or concern.
- Click “Browse All Content” in the left navigation pane when you’re done searching for new content.

**TAO-Illustrated Referral Guide**

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**From the Office of Family Engagement:**
Families, we encourage you to stay updated on what's going on campus regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Click on the link below.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

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