



February 2019

FAU Department Spotlight: First-Generation Student Success



This month we spotlight the Office of First-Generation Student Success. Their mission is to better support students through the orientation process, all the way to graduation, by connecting students to the various important student services to include advising, financial aid, career services, and mentorship.

The term "first-generation college student" is defined as a college student whose parents have not earned a degree from a four-year college or university. Research supports that this student population faces unique challenges in navigating higher education including lack of adequate resources and support systems, time management skills, finances, and stigmatization and pressure to succeed. Created less than a year ago, the Office of First-Generation Student Success has worked hard to create a community that cultivates growth, support, and self-confidence.

The Office of First-Generation Student Success is located in the SU-80 building, room 214 on the second floor behind Academic Advising. Families, encourage your students to come in, hang out, do homework, and come talk to our staff about whatever they need!

First-Generation Student Success
Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

Dates & Features for your Student:

FAU Career Expo



Wednesday, February 20 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
FAU Recreation and Fitness Center

Families, encourage your students or alumni to this career fair that provides them an avenue to network with employers and learn about positions in a myriad of industries. Let your students know to RSVP in Handshake ahead of time so that you don't miss out on pertinent information regarding the event!

We strongly encourage your student to dress business attire when they attend the fair, and they'll also want to bring multiple copies of their resume with them. If they need any help polishing their resume or creating one, please encourage them to stop by the Career Center. The Career Center has same-day advising Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or your student can call 561-297-3533 to schedule an appointment.

Tell your student to keep in mind, they'll want to research the organizations and departments attending the fair so that they are equipped to have impactful conversations with employers. If they have any questions, please contact the FAU Career Center at 561-297-3533 or at career@fau.edu.

15 to Finish



Families, as your students begin to design a schedule with their Academic Advisors for the upcoming summer and/or fall semester(s), please encourage them to try and take at least 15 credit hours in the fall semester and to consider taking summer courses if they need to acquire 30 credit hours for this academic year (2018-2019).

At FAU, thirty (30) credit hours are needed to officially become a Sophomore, 60 are needed to become a Junior, and 90 credit hours are needed to be in a Senior Student Classification. Most FAU undergraduate degree programs have a requirement of 120 credit hours to graduate. Any questions, please have your student contact their Academic Advisors. For more information please click on the link below.

<http://www.fau.edu/15-to-finish/>

It has been proven that FAU students who've taken at least 15 credit hours a semester have graduated earlier, and closer to finishing in 4 years, than those who do not!*

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO GET YOUR OWLS TO THEIR NEXT LEVEL!
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Other Important Dates in February

Here are some events to encourage your students to participate in and dates to keep in mind:

*February 4: Last day to withdraw from all courses in the current term and receive a 25 percent tuition adjustment.

*February 18-22: Mid-term grading available.

*Feb 28: Facebook Live: Panel with the Pros (Family Event).

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