

FIRST YEAR SOAR SCHEDULE

for Students



CHECK-IN, REFRESHMENTS, AND TABLING

8 a.m. | Live Oak (LOP), Union Lobby, & Grand Palm (GP)

You will have the opportunity to engage with members of our campus community and learn about ways to get prepared through tabling sessions.

WELCOME TO FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

9 a.m. | Carole & Barry Kaye Auditorium (CBK)

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MONEY MATTERS

Financial Aid, Tuition and Billing

10:20 a.m. | CBK

Hear from Financial Aid & Tuition and Billing in this how-to session about how to pay for school, claim your Aid, and more!

OWL NECESSITIES

Business Services, FAU Campus Store

10:45 a.m. | CBK

Every Owl has some specific things that they must get done before coming to campus. Hear from the Business Services and the FAU Campus store on how to get prepared for the new year!

OWL INTO GRADUATION

Career Center | College | University Advising Services

11:10 a.m. | Grand Palm, Live Oak, MPR

Now is the time to start planning! Students will meet with their academic college and engage with staff from the FAU Career Center and University Advising Services.

PARLIAMENT GROUP MEETING #1

12:00 a.m. | LOP, GP, and House Chambers

These small groups are led by one of the OLs and will permit time to get answers from a peer's point of view. Get ready to connect, be vulnerable, and dive into becoming part of our Owl Family.

LUNCH AND OWL CARD PICK-UP

12:35 p.m. | Breezeway Food Court

OPTIONAL HOT SPOTS TOUR

12:45 – 1:15 p.m. | NHJA tents (near food court)

OPTIONAL- BUILDING YOUR BURROW: HOW TO FIND YOUR HOME AT FLORIDA ATLANTIC

Housing & Residential Education

1:20 p.m. | CBK

Moving onto campus can be nervous and lonely. Come talk to our Housing office about how to make FAU your home!

Students must have a housing assignment to attend this session

OWL READY

Dean of Students, University Police, & Emergency Management

1:45 p.m. | CBK

FAU is committed to your well-being and safety during your time with us.

This session will introduce you to our Dean of Students, Police Department, and Emergency Management areas.

PARLIAMENT GROUP MEETING #2: CHOICES

Health & Wellness

2:20 p.m. | CBK

College life presents numerous opportunities. Join the OLs for an engaging and interactive session that explores the different choices you may encounter throughout your Florida Atlantic experience.

#INVOLVEDOWLS

Student Engagement

3:00 p.m. | CBK

Want to get involved but not sure where to start? Join this quick overview from our Student Engagement team as they introduce you to part of our involvement community.

INVOLVEMENT BREAKOUTS

Student Engagement

3:20 p.m. | GP, House Chambers, etc.

Choose one breakout session to gain a deeper understanding of that area and connect with like-minded peers.

CREATING AND PROTECTING TRADITION: HOW YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR MARK!

Student Alumni Association

3:50 p.m. | CBK

What does it mean to build a tradition—and how can you be part of it? Join us for an inspiring session where you'll dive into Florida Atlantic's proud campus traditions and learn how the Student Alumni Association brings school spirit to life. From energizing athletic events to creating lasting connections, discover how you can make this place your home away from home and leave a legacy that lasts.

PARLIAMENT GROUP MEETING #3

4:25 p.m. | Various

This isn't goodbye – it's a "see you later". Students will join their OL for the last Parliament group of the day.

CLOSING

4:55 p.m. | CBK

FINISHED FOR THE DAY

5:15 p.m.

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LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS: HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENTS

New Student Transitions & Family Engagement
11:10 a.m. | CBK
Navigating and understanding college can be tricky. Hear from our NSTFE Team as they help you understand the college landscape, who is who, and what to do.

ASKING QUESTIONS: A SOCIAL EXPERIENCE

11:35 a.m. | SU-80 Lobby
College is all about making connections. Let this time serve as an opportunity to build connections with campus partners and other family members.

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LET'S FOCUS ON CAREER

Career Center

2:20 p.m. | LOP

For many students, the first year of college is a time to make important decisions about their major and future career. In this discussion, the FAU Career Center will guide you with information on how YOU can assist in your student's success.

BE ENGAGED WITH THE WHOLE OWL FAMILY WITH ALUMNI & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ATHLETICS

Alumni & Community Engagement and Athletics

2:50 p.m. | LOP

Alumni or not, we want you to be involved! Join our Florida Atlantic Alumni and Community Engagement team along with Athletics partners to discover how you can be active in our programming while supporting our students and the Owl community.

FAMILY PARLIAMNET: BUILDING A TRIBE

3:25 p.m. | LOP

This session will allow family members to mix, mingle, and get to know more about others in the room, in order to expend their family burrow.

REAL TALK: MENTAL HEALTH & LEAVING THE EMPTY NEST

3:40 p.m. | LOP

Vice President's Office, Counseling & Psychological Services

Sit down with our Vice President for Student Affairs & Director of Counseling and Psychological Services in this one-of-a-kind session about letting go and learning how to be a new kind of support in your student's life.

FAMILY WRAP-UP

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