



OWL FAMILY *Weekend*

OCTOBER 2 - 4, 2026





Welcome to Paradise, Families!

Welcome to Florida Atlantic University and Owl Family Weekend! We are so happy to welcome you to Paradise and have you here on campus with your Owl. As we planned this special weekend, our team found ourselves reflecting on our own college experiences. The excitement of game days, the traditions we came to love, the friendships and memories we made, and, most of all, how special it was when our families came to visit. There is something truly meaningful about sharing a place that has become such an important part of your student's life with the people who have supported them most along the way.

Your student may not always say it, but they will always need you! They need your encouragement, your wisdom, your laughter, and simply knowing that you are there for them. College is a journey filled with exciting moments, challenges, growth, and countless memories, and we are so grateful that you have chosen to be part of this chapter. We hope this weekend gives you the opportunity to slow down, reconnect, experience Florida Atlantic through your student's eyes, and make memories you will cherish for years to come. Thank you for being here, thank you for being part of our Owl Family, and welcome home to Florida Atlantic!

Sincerely,
New Student Transitions & Family Engagement

Weekend Information

Owl Family Weekend Wristbands

When you check in, you will receive the wristband(s) corresponding to the event(s) for which you purchased tickets. Please wear your wristband(s) throughout the event, as they will be required for entry.

- Welcome to Paradise: Purple wristband - Friday Owl Family Weekend
- Signature Owl Family Weekend Tailgate: Gray wristband - Saturday Owl Family Weekend

Please remember to wear your wristband(s) to the event(s) for a quick and easy check-in!



Add-On Experiences

The palm tree icon identifies optional add-on experiences that require an additional purchase ticket. These experiences are a fun way to add even more memories, activities, and Paradise to your Owl Family Weekend!



Owl Family Weekend Signature Events

The sun icon identifies our Owl Family Weekend Signature Events. These special events require a ticket purchased through the Florida Atlantic Family Connection website. Guests who purchase tickets will receive a wristband at check-in, which serves as their admission to the event. Thank you for joining us and spending time with the Owl Family!



Sign up to Reserve your Spot

The wave icon identifies activities that require advance sign up. Space is limited, so be sure reserve your spot!

Parking

Friday October 2: Owl Family Weekend guests are permitted to park in Lot 16 free of charge. Lot 16 is located in front of the Student Union and just west of the Student Support Services Building (SU-80).



777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33431, Lot 16

Saturday October 3: Gameday Parking is through the FAU Athletics office. Please contact Athletics Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. ET at 1-866-FAU-OWLS, tickets@fau.edu, or visit <https://fausports.com>. The QR code for gameday parking is on the last page of schedule.

Need Help, Just Ask!

We're here to help make your Owl Family Weekend experience as easy and enjoyable as possible! If you Need Help, Just Ask! Contact us at 561-297-2733 or owlfamily@fau.edu. You can also look for our friendly staff throughout the Student Union during check-in wearing "Need Help, Just Ask!" lanyards. We're happy to point you in the right direction and help!

Friday, October 2

Owl Family Weekend Check-in

10:00am - 2:00pm | Student Union | Grand Palm

Stop by check-in to pick up your exclusive Swag Bag and event wristbands, then explore campus, enjoy our dining options, and join in the weekend's activities as you make memories with your Owl! We will also have check-in on Saturday in front of our Tailgate tent if you cannot make it to Friday check-in.

Breakfast or Lunch at Atlantic Dining Hall

7:30am - 2:00pm | Atlantic Dining Hall

Your Swag Bag includes a meal voucher to enjoy breakfast or lunch at the Atlantic Dining Hall or participating Breezeway Food Court restaurants! At the Atlantic Dining Hall, fuel up for your weekend adventure with a DIY Granola Bag, featuring a variety of tasty ingredients to create your own custom blend, a perfect snack to enjoy on the go as you explore campus!

Breakfast or Lunch at Breezeway Food Court

7:30am - 4:00pm | Breezeway Food Court, Dunkin and Starbucks

Your Swag Bag includes a meal voucher to enjoy breakfast or lunch at the Atlantic Dining Hall or participating Breezeway Food Court restaurants! For more information about the restaurants at Breezeway Food Court, visit <https://dineoncampus.com/fau>.

FAU Bookstore

8:00am - 6:00pm | Friday | FAU Bookstore (Behind the Starbucks)

9:00am - 5:00pm | Saturday | 10:00am - 2:00pm | Sunday

Stop by the FAU Bookstore for giveaways and stock up on gear before the weekend!

Presidential Mentoring Donuts & Coffee

9:30am - 10:30am | Student Union | The Palms

Kick off Owl Family Weekend with the Presidential Mentorship Program! Enjoy music, coffee and donuts, photo booths, and the opportunity to connect with fellow students, families, mentors, mentees, and members of the Florida Atlantic community. It's the perfect chance to meet new people, reconnect with familiar faces, and build excitement for a weekend full of fun, connection, and festivities!

Campus Tours

10:00am - 12:00pm | Student Union | Lobby

Discover Florida Atlantic's campus during a guided tour. Visit popular campus hotspots, learn about FAU traditions, see iconic landmarks like the seal, and don't forget to give Owlsley's beak a touch for a little extra good luck!

Decorate Bags for Boca Helping Hands

10:00am - 12:00pm | Student Union | Grand Palm

Give back during Owl Family Weekend by participating in our Boca Helping Hands service project. Bring in canned food items to help fill donation bags for local families, then decorate a bag with an encouraging message to spread kindness and support to our community.

Friday, October 2

The Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection

10:00am - 2:00pm | S. E. Wimberly Library | Room 550

The Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection invites you to discover a significant, rare book collection exploring democracy, freedom, and liberty through works that shaped the thinking of America's Founding Fathers.

Esports Arena & Gaming Center

12:00pm - 10:00pm | The Union | Esports Arena & Gaming Center

Check out Florida Atlantic's premier gaming destination featuring high-performance gaming PCs, console gaming, pool, ping pong, board games, and more. Whether you're a casual player or a competitive gamer, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Career Center Meet & Greet

12:00pm - 2:00pm | Student Support Services SU-80 | Career Center 2nd Floor

Families and supporters are invited to connect with the Career Center team to learn about the career resources available to students and discover how internships, experiential learning opportunities, and career readiness programs help prepare students for future success. Stop by to ask questions, meet our team, and learn how we support students throughout their career journey.

Schmidt Center Gallery

1:00pm - 4:00pm | Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters | Schmidt Center Gallery

This exhibition honors Angela DiCosola's lasting impact as an artist and longtime Florida Atlantic ceramics professor. Featuring the work of her former students, the exhibition celebrates her legacy of mentorship, creativity, and the enduring influence she has had on generations of artists.

Ritter Art Gallery

1:00pm - 4:00pm | 2nd Floor of the Breezeway

Something Wonderful: The Inherited Dreams of Raphael Bouganim & Friends of Florida Atlantic. This exhibition features Raphael Bouganim's paintings, inspired by memories of his childhood in Mogador (now Essaouira), Morocco. Blending cultural influences, personal history, and dreamlike imagery, his work explores themes of place, identity, memory, and early experiences.

Avron Fogelman Sports Museum

1:00pm - 5:00pm | Schmidt Family Complex | First Floor

Home to one of the largest private sports libraries collected by an individual. Donated by former Kansas City Royals owner and Boca Raton resident Avron B. Fogelman, the museum celebrates American sports history through unique stories, artifacts, and opportunities for intergenerational connections.

Friday, October 2

Open Climb

2:00pm – 6:00pm | *Athletics Complex | Just North of Hagerty Family Track and Field Complex*

Interested in taking things to a new heights and challenging yourself and your student? Join us over at the Challenge Course for some high element, climbing, and ziplining fun! If the ground is more your speed join us for some yard games and some rest in our hammocks!

RSVP for open climb by scanning the QR code



Family Competition

3:00pm – 6:00pm | *Athletics Complex | Hagerty Family Track and Field Complex*

For our sports enthused families, we will have a kickball tournament with our Sport Club Council Teams and Families on the turf field, if you'd like to come out to watch and support. If you want to participate in some of the fun, we will have an opportunity for some Intramural Sports fun with a drop-in sand volleyball games for all students and parents who want to participate.



Women's FAU Volleyball vs. Temple

6:00pm | *Athletics Complex | The Elly*



Welcome to Paradise - Signature Event

6:00pm – 8:00pm | *Student Support Services SU-80*

We cannot wait to welcome you to Paradise! Enjoy delicious passed hors d'oeuvres, non-alcoholic beverages, music from our DJ, paradise-inspired décor, fun activities, and a photo booth to capture the memories. **Wine and Beer will be available for purchase.*

Lights of Paradise

6:30pm – 8:30pm | *Housing Lawn*

Join us under the stars for music, glowing seating, and plenty of fun, hosted by the FAU Program Board.



Men's FAU Soccer vs. Temple

7:00pm | *FAU Soccer Stadium*



Carrie: The Musical

7:00pm | *Marleen Forkas Studio One Theatre*

A coming-of-age horror story adapted from Stephen King's 1974 novel. Featuring a contemporary pop-rock score, the musical explores themes of bullying, isolation, and religious extremism. For more information visit <https://fauevents.universitytickets.com>.



Astronomical Observatory

8:30pm - 10:00pm | *Science Building | 4th Floor*

Join us at the observatory for an unforgettable evening under the stars, where families can explore the night sky and discover the wonders of the universe.

RSVP for the Observatory by scanning the QR code





Saturday, October 3

Sunrise Yoga

7:00am - 8:00am | Campus Recreation | Studio C

Start your day in paradise with a refreshing sunrise yoga session! Stretch, breathe, and find your flow in a peaceful setting before heading out to enjoy all the fun at our Tailgate.

RSVP for sunrise yoga by scanning the QR code



Signature Owl Family Tailgate - Signature Event

3:00pm - 5:30pm | Tent in front of Flager Credit Union Stadium

Check-in: Receive your Swag Bag and gray tailgate wristband right in front of our tailgate tent.

Get ready to cheer on our Owls as FAU takes on Texas Southern! Enjoy delicious food, non-alcoholic beverages, face painting, balloon art, and more, all while being steps away from Fan Fest featuring live music, games, inflatables, vendors, and plenty of game-day fun. Wear your Owl Family Weekend t-shirt, show your Owl pride, and make unforgettable memories before heading into the stadium! **Alcoholic beverages available for purchase.*

FAU Owls vs. Texas Southern Football Game

6:00pm | Flager Credit Union Stadium

Buy football game tickets by scanning the QR code



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Sunday, October 4

Owl Family Dining Deals Partner - Show your Owl card

Max's Grille | 404 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, FL 33432

Enjoy 10% discount on dine in or take out order. Max's Grille is a local favorite since 1991, offering a delectable selection of dishes to satisfy every craving. Visit www.maxsgrille.com.

Owl Family Dining Deals Partner - Show your Owl Card

Louis Bossi Ristorante Bar Pizzeria | 100 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33432

Enjoy 10% discount and dessert for every two entrees purchased. Visit www.bossiboca.com

Owl Family Dining Deals Partner - Show your Owl Card

Oceans234 | 234 S Ocean Dr Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Spend \$100 and receive \$25 off at Oceans234. Visit www.oceans234.com



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Parking for Gameday →





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