



THE LINK

fsc parent newsletter

Florida Southern Inaugurates 18th President

The College inaugurated Dr. Jeremy P. Martin as its 18th president during a ceremony February 12 in Branscomb Auditorium. This ceremony was one of many exciting events planned throughout the week during [FSC Homecoming 2025](#).



"We are excited to welcome Dr. Martin as the 18th president of Florida Southern College," Robert L. Fryer Jr., chairman of the FSC Board of Trustees, said in a news release. "His background in academic administration, his commitment to student success, and his proven track record of enhancing institutional growth make him uniquely qualified to lead the College into its next chapter of excellence."

Dr. Martin first stepped into the role as Florida Southern's President on August 1, 2024.

Click [here](#) to see a video of the full ceremony and visit the [College's Facebook page](#) for a full album of photos.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Registration for Fall 2025: Parents, please remind students they need to have met with their academic advisor to be granted registration clearance, and they need to make sure there are no holds on their accounts.

Registration begins at 7:00 AM ET on the following dates:

- March 31 (for students with 93+ hours, all Honors students, and Hollingsworth Scholars)
- April 3 (for students with 60+ hours)
- April 7 (for students with 30+ hours)
- April 9 (for students with 0-29 hours)

Academic Advisors and the Center for Student Success are here to actively support students in reaching their goals - students are encouraged to connect with them anytime for guidance and resources.

Housing Selection: Housing Selection for 2025-2026 is approaching! After listening to parent and student feedback, FSC has moved the Housing Selection process to the beginning of summer.

- Students will be able to complete the Housing Selection Survey on Portal starting April 7th.
- The roommate preference form and time slots will be released on May 1st.
- The first week of housing selection begins May 12th.

The [Housing Selection Guidebook 2025-2026](#) contains important dates, information about special populations (including Greek Housing and Medical Accommodation Housing), descriptions of the various housing options, frequently asked questions, and more. If you have additional questions after reviewing the Guidebook, please reach out to Community Living at residencelife@flsouthern.edu or 863-680-4206.



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Colleges use the FAFSA form to determine how much financial aid (which could include grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans) students are eligible to receive. Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA annually. The 2025 FAFSA is now open and we encourage your student to visit the FAFSA website ([link](#)) and complete the federal government's updated 2025 paperwork. If your student has questions, please have them contact FSC's Financial Aid Office: financialaid@flsouthern.edu.



Summer Scholars: Summer 2025 Courses and Housing

Is your student considering FSC summer classes? Please refer them to the [Summer Scholars webpage](#) for comprehensive information about the summer experience. Registration is available on the portal for Summer A (May 8-June 20), Summer B (June 23-August 1), and Summer C (May 8-July 31) terms, with flexible housing options.

Junior Journey

International travel is a benchmark students often recall as a time that was essential to their self-discovery. Students interested in traveling abroad with their FSC peers and faculty to immerse themselves in new cultures and experience engaged learning in diverse environments are encouraged to sign up for a Junior Journey. FSC faculty design trips—which take place over spring break, summer, and fall break—as passion projects, with curriculum and clear learning objectives that incorporate local resources, offering students opportunities to earn between one and six credit hours. Destinations for May 2025 include Dominica, Europe (Paris and London), Germany, Honduras, Italy, Latvia, Spain (France and Italy).



Students qualify to take advantage of significantly discounted prices once they've completed four semesters at Florida Southern—hence the name *Junior Journey*. Transfer students qualify for the same discounts after completing three semesters at FSC. Students may explore options via the Travel tab in the Portal, and families are encouraged to read more on [FSC's Office of Student Travel page](#).

Send Your Moc a Care Package

Remember your favorite Moc with a Care Package – for their birthday, just to say, “I’m thinking of you”, or to give them a little pick-me-up as they head into the end of the year and finals. The Mocs Love Care Package site makes sending a care package for any occasion a cinch. [Visit the Care Package page](#) on our FSC website to order your Care Package today!



The Mocs Milestone: Graduation Ready!

The Mocs Milestone: Graduation Ready! is an online, non-credit Canvas course for graduating seniors in their final semester. It provides a place for graduating students to easily locate all of their final semester, non-academic graduation-related requirements and information in one centralized place. It includes information about the graduation check and application information, two career planning

activities, graduating student survey information, commencement information, and more! Eligible students will be notified via email and automatically enrolled in the corresponding Canvas course.

Students may e-mail questions to careercenter@flsouthern.edu.

Attention Parents of Spring 2025 Graduates

The website is now live for students to order their **graduation regalia and more!** You can visit the link below. The site will remain open and take orders until **March 14, 2025**, so make sure your Moc doesn't wait too long to secure everything they need for their special day. Let's get ready to celebrate this incredible milestone in style!

[Order Graduation Regalia](#)

Spring Commencement will be held on May 3 at Lakeland's RP Funding Center. Graduating seniors will receive an email (via their FSC email account) from the Registrar's Office during the week of Spring Break with Commencement details. Attending family members must have tickets, which will be distributed to graduating students. More information will be shared in upcoming issues of *The Link*.

REMINDERS

Important Upcoming Dates

- March 10: B Term Begins for UG, Adult Bachelor's and Grad/Doc Programs
- March 12: Last Day to Add "B" Courses
- March 14: Orientation Leader Applications close
- March 21: Final Day to Withdraw from Full-term Courses
- April 8: Final Day to Withdraw from "B" Courses
- April 10: Frank Lloyd Wright Day; No Classes
- April 16: Fiat Lux
- April 18: Good Friday Holiday; No Classes
- April 28 – 30: Final Exams
- April 30: Full-term and B-term Classes End for UG, Adult Bachelor's and Grad/Doc Programs
- May 3: Spring Commencement
- [2025-2026 Full Academic Calendar Link](#)

Did You Know?

- **The Squeeze:** A free golf-cart shuttle servicing downtown Lakeland, now has a convenient stop located by the ROTC building on campus, making it easier than ever for students to easily access downtown Lakeland. This service runs Friday through Sunday, giving you a reliable and free way to explore local shops, restaurants, and events without the hassle of driving or parking. Whether you're heading out for a weekend adventure or just want to experience more of what Lakeland has to offer, the new Squeeze stop is here to make it happen! [Click here to learn more.](#)
- **Florida Southern's Counseling Center** offers Individual Counseling, Group Counseling, Crisis Management Counseling, Wellness Education Workshops, Case Management and Mental Health Screenings. Encourage your Moc to reach out to the counseling center for any of these services.
- **Work Order:** If your Moc's residence needs service—whether it's a repair, wireless connectivity troubles, or if something needs facilities' attention otherwise—students must submit a Work Order. Work Order links can be found on the students' single sign-on page and a "Contact Us" tab on the student Portal, to improve accessibility. Work Order submissions ensure a prompt response and allow the College to identify patterns and trends to scale appropriate solutions.

RESOURCES



For upcoming important dates, please access the academic calendar.

CALENDAR



DINING ON CAMPUS

Twelve venues offer everything from home-style meals to healthful on-the-go options, keeping our Mocs happy and healthy.

MENUS



EMERGENCIES

If weather causes cancellations, closings, or other school-related emergencies, we will alert the community via the text message system.

OPT IN
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[Parent & Family Page](#)

Florida Southern has a page for parents and family members.

[Counseling Services](#)

Florida Southern offers free, confidential, individual counseling and support groups.

[Student Health Center](#)

In partnership with Lakeland Regional Health, FSC provides quality, accessible health care. Walk-ins are welcome.

[Student Accounts](#)

[Community Living](#)

[Bookstore](#)

[Academic Center for Excellence](#)

[Athletics](#)

To see updates & reminders throughout the week, follow our [Parent Facebook page](#).

