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January Student Spotlight: An Interview with Garrett Hultman

Garrett Hultman, a junior at FSC, is a member of the Student Accountability Board; the Director of Operations for the Admissions Southern Ambassador program; the Head Resident Advisor for the Barnett Complex; a Presidential Ambassador; an Athletics intern; and the Vice President of Administration and Finance for the Association for Campus Entertainment. Garrett is also able to eat 70 chicken nuggets in one sitting.



Q: Tell us about your background. Where is home? How did you end up choosing Florida Southern College?

Garrett: I'm originally from Ridgewood, NJ, which is about 10 miles outside of Manhattan. I grew up there, went to high school, and did my first 17-18 years of life there. It's like a bubble of a town, where 99% of graduates go to college. So a little intense and pressure to go to college. I was intrigued by Florida Southern because I saw it online, a pretty campus and good business program. I wanted to get away from that "bubble," in a more productive way and go into a good institution, not just a party school. Also, no one else from my high school, except for one soccer player, had ever been here. I was drawn to the free common app and then during a tour, it felt very uplifting and wholesome - where the college wants you to succeed, smaller classrooms, and the community, a more uplifting and positive environment.

Q: What is your major and when will you graduate?

Garrett: I was drawn to the business program. I am currently double majoring in Sports Business Management and Accounting. I am currently on track to graduate in May 2026, and then remain at Florida Southern to complete my MBA.

Q: What elements of collegiate life at FSC led you to persist here, despite the college's distance from home?

Garrett: So obviously being from New Jersey there is a distance, but I don't feel like I'm that far away from home but a good distance to be successful and be my own person. Lakeland is nicely situated between 2 major airports – Tampa and Orlando. The community has felt like a second home – going back to my school life from my home life. It's so easy to find your people. There are a lot of different ways to find people you have things in common with; no matter what, you'll be able to find that here, which is really nice.

Q: Tell us about how your involvement outside of the classroom has enriched your college experience.

Garrett: My campus involvement is what keeps me busiest. I have had my hand in numerous different departments across campus. It has taught me time management skills, prepared me for the real world--doing random jobs like in the professional world. I like to stay busy. It has also helped me find my community – supportive communities, whether in Student Life, Admissions, or Athletics.

Q: What are your post-graduation plans?

Garrett: I plan to get my MBA here there go in to accounting for the short term but ultimately in the finance/accounting side for a sports organization. Florida Southern has been nice to make connections and make me feel comfortable wherever I am.

Q: Tell us about your academic experience at FSC.

Garrett: I almost had a very weird first semester here, they put me in a band class and that would have been interesting because I didn't have an instrument, but I was happy to get switch classes. Overall, my academic experience has been positive because I have been able to succeed but have been challenged with the engaged learning approach that the college takes. It's not just lectures--it's discussion based or projects. I have enjoyed being humbled because it's not been a free ride. Like anyone else, I'm not happy about bad test scores, but my professors are very uplifting and there for me. The professors will advertise multiple office hours per week where you can go in, which makes my academic experience really unique.

Q: What is one thing that you wish more people knew about at FSC?

Garrett: There are a lot of opportunities that students don't take advantage of. Part of the reason I am an RA (resident advisor) is that I want to try and help freshmen take advantage of those opportunities and early. You can create a resume by just walking into Career Services; they can help you.

Q: What is one thing you wish you had known sooner about collegiate life and/or life at FSC?

Garrett: In the best way possible, you will be exposed to adult life, but in a positive way. You will be more independent. Faculty and staff care about you a lot, and there are a lot of resources and opportunities for you to succeed and thrive. I wish more students knew that they aren't alone. If you are struggling academically, there's office hours with the professors. If, as an out of state student, I was struggling, there's the counseling center. There are a lot of different resources that can help you and they are accessible.

A Meal for Justice: Honoring the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s commitment to justice, equality, and service to others, the Simmons Center for Multicultural Appreciation and Belonging, SGA, MSC, and various other student organizations, are organizing meal packaging service for the community on January 15.



Students, staff, and faculty will work collaboratively to prepare and package 10,000 meals for local families in need, reflecting Dr. King's belief in the power of collective action. This project emphasizes the importance of service, community building, and creating a ripple effect of positive change.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Weeks of Welcome are January 7 – 21, 2025. Through these events, students can get involved, meet new friends, try new foods, cheer on Moc student-athletes, and explore new interests! The full schedule of events is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Fraternity and Sorority Life offers students ways to get involved through leadership opportunities, philanthropy efforts, and service opportunities. Greek-affiliated students also develop strong bonds with other affiliated students and alumni. If your student is ready to explore fraternity and sorority life at FSC, please encourage them to explore these events and others posted on Engage:

Panhellenic Recruitment Sign-Up: Panhellenic recruitment registration is now open, and we invite all interested students to sign up! The last day to register is Wednesday, January 17, at 11:55 PM, so don't miss your chance to participate. Recruitment will take place from January 30 to February 1, offering the perfect opportunity to learn more about each sorority and discover where you feel most at home. If you're interested in joining a sorority, this is your chance to connect, explore, and find your community! Register here!

Interfraternity Council Recruitment Sign-Up: IFC recruitment registration is now open, and the last day for early registration is February 2. Recruitment will run from February 2 to February 7, providing opportunities to meet the fraternities on campus, learn about their values and traditions, and find where you feel you belong. If you're interested in becoming part of a fraternity, this is the perfect time to explore your options and discover your fit! Don't miss out—[register here!](#)

If you missed the Fraternity and Sorority Life Recruitment Information webinar, [a recording is available here.](#)



Summer Scholars: Summer 2025 Courses and Housing

Is your student considering remaining on campus for summer 2025 to take classes? Check out more information on the [Summer Scholars webpage](#) or in the attached flyer.

Intramural Sports Registration

Students interested in Indoor Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, and Ultimate Frisbee should check the [Intramural Registration page](#) on FSC's website for registration dates.



Center for Student Success: Academic Fuel

Academic Fuel appointments begin January 19. Our services have not changed, but our sign-up process has! Students can now directly schedule an appointment with a peer writing coach, peer academic success coach, or any of the Center for Student Success's academic support services through [this link](#) or the Academic Fuel Single Sign-On. Students no longer need to make a separate account to sign up.

All Academic Fuel programs will be hosted on Roux Library's 2nd floor on weekends and after 5:00 PM on weekdays.



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.

Wellness Moment - from your Counseling Center Staff

Mocs, after a much-needed rest - pause and reflect on what worked well over your break. While you transition back into this new semester, be patient as you adjust and restart. Here are some things to remember to get you off to a good start.

1. Establish a routine.
2. Maintain strong connections with those you trust.
3. Make sure you are attending to your basic needs such as sleeping, maintaining healthy nutrition and hydrating.

The FSC Counseling Center's holistic wellness approach aims to help the campus community achieve a

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Important Upcoming Dates

- January 13: Last Day to Register/Adjust Classes for Full Term & A Term (by 5 PM)
- January 15: MLK Day of Service
- January 17: Sorority Recruitment Registration Deadline
- January 20: MLK Day – No Classes
- January 26: Wellness Adventure Rec Trip, Swimming with the Manatees
- January 30 - February 2: Sorority Recruitment
- February 2 - February 8: Fraternity Recruitment
- February 4: Orientation Leader Applications Open
- February 7: 15th Spencer Symposium: Careers in Chemistry
- February 12: Dr. Martin's Presidential Inauguration & Founders Day Convocation
- February 13-16: Homecoming
- February 14: Really Red Friday
- February 15: Wellness Adventure Rec Trip, Aerial Adventure Park
- February 17: Sankofa African American Museum Event
- February 19 and 20, 4:00 PM: Hbusing Selection Information Webinars
- February 21: Sophie's Birthday Celebration
- February 25: Love Your Neighbor: A Diverse Dining Experience
- February 25: SGA Town Hall
- March 5: Wellness Adventure Rec Trip, Learn to Surf
- March 3 – March 7: Spring Break
- April 6: Wellness Adventure Rec Trip, Deep Sea Fishing:
- April 18: Good Friday Holiday – No Classes
- April 22: Earth Day Lake Cleanup at the Moc Dock
- April 28-30: Final Exams
- May 3: Spring Commencement
- [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



DINING ON CAMPUS

Twelve venues offer



EMERGENCIES

If weather causes

academic calendar.

CALENDAR

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

MENUS

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

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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**.



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