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Florida State University
Dean of Students Department
Office of New Student & Family Programs

What's Going 'Round

November 2014



Important Dates

November 22: FSU vs. Boston College Eagles - Home
November 26-30: Thanksgiving Holiday - No Classes
November 29: FSU vs. Florida Gators - Home
December 5: Last day of classes
December 8-12: Final Exam Week
December 12 & 13: Commencement
December 13: Residence Halls close at noon

For more information, visit the [Registrar's Office](#)

Family Connection Advisory Council Applications COMING SOON!

Family Connection is excited to announce that applications for the FSU Family Connection Advisory Council are coming soon! We are looking to build a team of diverse, talented and energetic family members to serve the university and help support student services at FSU!

The Family Connection Advisory Council is a team of 25 family members of current FSU students who:

- Serve as a conduit of information regarding Florida State University to family members of current students;
- Advocate for family members of current students;
- Provide programming for family members;
- Serve as an advisory board to the Dean of Students department;

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Upcoming Online Chat Events

Holiday Break and Exam Support
December 5th at 7PM

Family Connection Advisory Council
Application Q & A
December 8th at 6PM

Go to family.fsu.edu and click on FSU Chat to get started! All chat times are EST.

Career Corner

The Career Center helps students get the most from their college experience!

Encourage your student to visit our website at career.fsu.edu, explore our library with

- Coordinate development activity and actively raise funds for the Division of Student Affairs programs and activities through the FSU Family Fund

From mentoring other FSU families and representing the university at college fairs/send-off events across the state to actively fundraising for the FSU Family Fund and writing articles for family newsletters, the Council works to ensure that students and their families have a successful transition to the university community.

Want to learn more?

Be on the lookout for the applications which will open on Monday, November 24th. You will receive an e-mail notification on that day!

Questions?

E-mail us at family@admin.fsu.edu

To learn more about Family Connection, visit our website at:
<http://www.family.fsu.edu>



Florida State University views families as an important partner in achieving the success of our students and institution. As the family member of a current Florida State University student, you have an important role in helping your student achieve his or her educational goals. Family Connection welcomes families to connect with, support, and encourage a university environment that allows students to excel in service, leadership, and academic excellence.

Office Spotlight: The Center for Global Engagement

more than 3,000 information resources, and meet with a career advisor, who can help your student:

- Choose a major
- Explore occupations
- Write a resume or cover letter
- Gain mock interview practice or advice
- Find internships, co-ops, and part-time or full-time work
- Search and apply for graduate schools
- Prepare for a career after FSU!

All students can access Career Center services and are strongly encouraged to visit The Career Center during their first semester.



The
Career Center
linking futures

Home for the Holidays

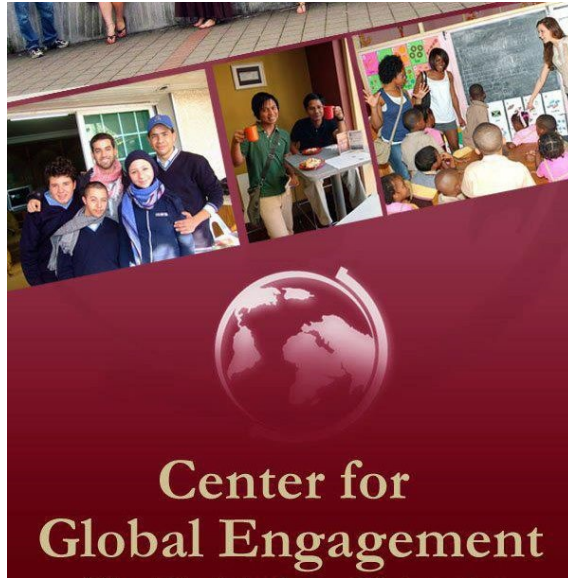


With the holiday season and winter break quickly approaching, many family members are concerned about their students' travel plans. Be sure to check out [UniversityParent](#) for some tips about your student visiting home this winter!

Stay Connected, Join the Conversation Today!

The FSU Family Connection program utilizes current online social media outlets to help Seminole Family Members stay connected and up-to-date with news, announcements, advice, and other items relevant to being family members of college students.





The Center for Global Engagement (CGE) at Florida State University is focused on bringing the globe to Florida State students. The CGE hosts several programs throughout the year designed to encourage diversity, enhance global understanding and awareness, and strengthen internationalization efforts at FSU and beyond.

Some of the different programs the Center for Global Engagement facilitates include:

- Intercultural programs such as [international coffee hour](#) and [Engage Your World](#)
- International exchanges through [Beyond Borders](#) and [other exchange programs](#)
- The [Global Pathways Certificate](#) which allows students to demonstrate global awareness as well as multicultural skills
- The [Global Citizen Award](#) which recognizes two students that are actively engaged in promoting a global campus

Additionally, the CGE offers support for international students and scholars attending FSU, job and internship opportunities, and campus and community groups. Be sure to encourage your student to head over to The Globe to check out all of the programs the CGE has to offer!

For more information about the Center for Global Engagement, check out cge.fsu.edu

Family-to-Family: Colder Weather Coming to Tallahassee

Through *Twitter*, you can "follow" the account [**@FSU_Family**](https://twitter.com/FSU_Family) to receive brief updates from the family connection program in a Tweet announcement. Just create your own Twitter at www.twitter.com to follow us!



On *Facebook*, you can "Like" the **FSU Family Connection Fan Page** to see photos, receive news and participate in discussion commentary to stay connected with other FSU families and the FSU community. Just create your own Facebook account at www.facebook.com.



On *FSU Family Connection Blog*, you can read blog entries regarding the FSU family experience, which may include advice pieces, news articles, photos and reflections. No account is needed! Just click fsufamily.wordpress.com to read.

Student Spotlights

Click on the faces of these Florida State University students who are featured this month on Blackboard campus.fsu.edu. Read their stories on research, teaching, community service, career goals, and leadership!



Lindsay Greene
Student builds international foundations for career in social work



Alexandra Olsen
Sociology student views world as something to be investigated



Written by: Cindy Fernald, Family Connection Advisory Council Member

A snow day in Tallahassee, a frozen Westcott fountain, or a white Landis Green - yes it can happen, but rarely. Typically, chilly mornings can transform into crisp or even warm afternoons that define a Tallahassee winter. For instance, during week of the now-famous January 2014 snow day, the low temperatures were frozen in the thirties for four of those days, while the thermometer reached the 60s and 70s in the afternoon. However, if your student insists they need a sub-zero parka to survive, take a moment and consider the following alternatives.

- **Media (television, phone, etc)** - Knowing the forecast is absolutely the best weather protection. Local forecasts can easily be found from the [National Weather Service](#)
- **Jackets** - Look into acquiring a trio of light, medium, and heavy weights (and you might be able to eliminate the heavy-weight with layering).
- **Closed toe shoes (and socks)** - Even a pair of boots can be helpful. However, native Tallahasseeans have been known to wear flip-flops year round.
- **Scarves and gloves** - Great for surviving that early morning chill, and easily stow away in pockets or backpacks.
- **Rain gear**-- An umbrella is essential. A lightweight rain jacket or poncho, and even rain boots can protect from the extra chill on a damp winter day. Stay dry.
- **Common Sense** - Students will figure out their tolerance to the winter temperatures, and anything they might need is available at national chain stores, campus stores, or on-line. Since the temperatures can change by 30+ degrees throughout the day, layering is the best way to deal with the variant temperatures.

An overlooked aspect of winter is the responsibility for pets, plants, and pipes. Bring mammals inside on cold nights. Locate fish, birds, and reptiles away from drafts or windows to maintain their core body heat. Cover plants or bring them inside. The lease agreement might require the water to drip on nights when temperatures are expected to dip below a certain temperature. Also, students can avoid the unwelcome surprise of high utility bills by using a reasonable setting on heaters. An extra blanket on the bed and in the living room allows the thermostat to be lowered.

Finally, if you, or your student, use the cooler temperatures as an excuse to buy an entire winter wardrobe-go for it. But be prepared for your student to soon complain about an overstuffed closet, and that they really don't need all that stuff. And remember, spring break is right around the corner!



Family Connection Poll

Click on the Family Connection Poll to respond to this month's question. Your response may be featured in next month's issue!

Our October poll asked:
What is the best way to support your student during midterm season?

Top Response:

Regular texts of encouragement! Include inspiration quotes, verses, silly photos!

Question Corner



Click on the Family Connection Question Corner icon to ask us any questions you may have about supporting your student at FSU. You can also email us at family@admin.fsu.edu.

Want a Student's Perspective?



Ask The Experts!

Click the image above to get your questions answered by current FSU students.

We Love Feedback!



Family Connection Suggestion Box

In order to give you the best experience possible, we need your feedback! Please click the Suggestion Box above and let us know what you like, what you do not like, and what you would like to see included in future editions of "What's Going 'Round!"

Donate to the Family Fund



Please donate to the Family Fund within the Division of Student Affairs by clicking the box above. Your support helps our office fund programming for families during orientation and throughout the academic year!



Written by: Melissa Griffin, Assistant State Climatologist

Since North Florida is affected by cold fronts far more than the peninsula, and the arrival of these fronts is irregular, the daily maximum and minimum temperatures in the north fluctuate far more from their averages than elsewhere in the state. Unlike peninsular Florida, which is normally dry during the winter, North Florida has an appreciable number of wet winter days. During a winter month, five to six cold fronts typically reach North Florida. Most of these cold fronts pass into the peninsula but weaken rapidly as they progress southward. Cold, dry air usually arrives after the passage of these fronts, and, while the sun shines during cloudless days, the temperatures can drop quickly during the night. However, the entire state is vulnerable to the passage of extremely strong cold fronts. These Arctic Air Outbreaks can bring freezing temperatures to even the central and southern parts of the state.

During some winters, El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) helps dominate the overall winter weather pattern. El Niño episodes bring cooler than normal temperatures and increases in the average precipitation during the winter months. La Niña winters are typically warmer and drier than normal.

Table 1: Monthly Normal Maximum (°F) Temperatures

	Tallahassee	Tampa	Orlando	Miami
January	64.2	69.9	71.2	75.6
February	67.7	72.5	73.9	76.8
March	75.2	76.3	78.0	79.5

Table 2: Monthly Normal Minimum (°F) Temperatures


	Tallahassee	Tampa	Orlando	Miami
January	37.4	51.6	49.2	57.6
February	40.7	54.4	52.1	60.6

March	46.0	58.2	55.8	63.0
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Table 3: Monthly Normal Precipitation (inches) Totals

	Tallahassee	Tampa	Orlando	Miami
January	4.88	2.23	2.35	1.30
February	4.59	2.81	2.38	2.63
March	5.43	3.03	3.77	2.98





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