

**»FSU Chat - NSFP Pre-Orientation«**Created at **Chatzy**

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**NSFP Staff\_Savannah** entered for the first time 100 minutes ago**Candace** entered for the first time 72 minutes ago**Candace** joined the chat 70 minutes ago**Candace**: hello, will there be any general info at Noon, or strictly question and answer? will we be able to see others' questions and answers?**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 69 minutes ago:

Welcome! We will get started in a few minutes

**Kathy** joined the chat 66 minutes ago**Debbie** entered for the first time 65 minutes ago**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 65 minutes ago:

We will offer information periodically but will focus on answering any questions you may have. And yes, you will be able to see everyone's answers!

**Virginia** joined the chat 64 minutes ago**FSUmom** joined the chat 62 minutes ago**Robyn** entered for the first time 61 minutes ago**John** joined the chat 60 minutes ago**FSU Staff\_Pearson** joined the chat 60 minutes ago**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 60 minutes ago:

Hi everyone! Thank you for joining us on this chat. My name is Zoya and I am one of the graduate assistants in New Student &amp; Family Programs. I will let our other staff members introduce themselves and then open it up for any questions

**Kim** joined the chat 60 minutes ago**gshood** entered for the first time 59 minutes ago**John** joined the chat 59 minutes ago**kathy** (Kathy) joined the chat 59 minutes ago**FSU Staff\_Pearson**: Hi Everyone. My name is Pearson and I serve as a Program Coordinator for New Student & Family Programs! Really excited about orientation and looking forward to answering your questions.**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison** joined the chat 59 minutes ago**NSFP Staff\_Savannah** left this message 59 minutes ago:

Hello, I am Savannah McAloose! I am a Student Assistant in the NSFP office.

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison**: Hi everyone! My name is Alison Hughes and I am the Director of NSFP.**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 57 minutes ago:

Does anyone have any questions to start?

**gshood**: Are there cellular networks on campus that get better reception than others?**John**: I have seen something about new student tours. We are scheduled for orientation. Is that the same thing**Debbie**: Hi - can we view classes before they attend orientation for summer?**kathy**: are students attending orientation dates at the end of June going to have less access to courses? my concern is that she won't get to enroll in classes she needs because they will be full**Central Florida Mom** entered for the first time 56 minutes ago**Candace**: we are going in June also and have heard classes will be full. Can we register online before orientation?**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison**: @gshood Almost all of our cellular networks work well in Tallahassee. I know some people experience issues with T-Mobile.**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 54 minutes ago:

Hi John, there are campus tours done through Visitor Services, which is different than orientation. Your student will register for orientation through their myFSU portal

**gshood:** Is there a freshman move in date?

**gshood:** for fall 2018

**Central Florida Mom:** I have an incoming Fall Freshman who is struggling mightily with a semester long AP class. Hopefully can pull out of fire, but what is the worst case scenario?

**John:** We are registered for orientation already. Should we also do an accepted student tour? We did a tour before he was accepted.

**FSU Staff\_Pearson:** @Candace students cannot register for classes prior to attending orientation, but there will be classes available to register for when your student gets to orientation.

**Brandon Newell- NSFP** entered for the first time 53 minutes ago

**Debbie:** do you know which dorms are available for summer yet?

**FSUmom:** We also have end of June orientation and a concern about classes being full

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Kathy Classes are opened as orientations take place, so there should be options throughout all of our sessions. If not, there are also options available during Add/Drop.

**FSU Staff\_Pearson:** @gshood -- residence halls open on Wednesday, August 22 at 9AM

**GEOmom** entered for the first time 52 minutes ago

**Candace:** where can we view what classes will be available or how should we prepare ourselves to choose classes? I was told parents are not allowed in with student when they register? When will we know if their AP score allows them to have college credit at FSU?

**FSU Staff\_Pearson:** @gshood -- more important dates regarding housing can be found here:

<https://housing.fsu.edu/current-resident...>

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** Add/Drop is from August 25-30 and allows students to be able to continue to adjust their schedules

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 51 minutes ago:

There will be classes available to students regardless of when they attend orientation as class sections are opened periodically throughout the summer to ensure all students are able to have a full schedule. Often times these may not be the desired class times for your students, but they will be able to get a full class schedule.

**NSFP Staff\_Savannah** left this message 51 minutes ago:

Hi Debbie! Your student can log onto their MyFSU account and go to the Student Central tab (SC). If you click on search you can organize it by categories of classes. You can also search the Academic Map of your student's major online to see the courses that your student is required to take.

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @John You do not have to do an accepted student tour, unless you would like. We will cover all of the essentials at orientation.

**FSUmom:** Will students be meeting with academic advisors at orientation?

**kathy:** do students sign up for meal plans during orientation?

**Debbie:** is there a meal plan for summer

**Nancy** (nancy) joined the chat 49 minutes ago

**John:** Thanks Alison

**FSU Staff\_Pearson:** @FSUmom -- yes, students meet with academic advisors at orientation

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Central Florida Mom I am so sorry to hear that! I would encourage you to chat with Admissions. They will be able to give you an idea of options moving forward. You can e-mail them at [admissions@fsu.edu](mailto:admissions@fsu.edu) or call them at 850.644.6200

**Central Florida Mom:** TY

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 48 minutes ago:

FSUmom, yes students meet with their academic advisors during the second day of orientation

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Kathy Students can definitely sign up for a meal plan at orientation. There is a presentation that highlights all of the options and you will have an opportunity to eat in some of the dining halls.

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Debbie There is a summer meal plan option. You can find more info at

<https://seminoledining.sodexomyway.com/m...>

**John:** Is there a meal plan just for Summer C?

**Candace:** for the parents at orientation, are there different meetings and you chose what you want to go to? or do all parents go to same meetings/agenda?

**FSUmom:** Will students be told if AP credit is given for classes taken and passed?

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Candace A little bit of both. There are some group sessions that everyone goes to and then there are some college specific sessions and something called Campus Networking where you get to choose what you want to attend.

**gshood:** Is there a preference for Mac or PC amongst most university staff for the students?

**FSU Staff\_Pearson:** @John--Summer meal plans can be found here <https://seminoledining.sodexomyway.com/m...> Summer B & C meal plans expire on the last day of each session and do not rollover to the next session/semester.

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @FSUmom Yes. Students need to turn in their final transcripts (I suggest bringing them to orientation, even if it's not an official transcript) and they can use that for their advising session.

**Candace:** Alison: can we see the sessions before hand? will we be emailed agenda or get info once we get there/check in?

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @gshood I would say it depends on their major. Either way though, there are a variety of computer labs on campus that can help if they have a PC and need a Mac or a specific program that they do not have access to.

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 43 minutes ago:

@FSUmom, students will be able to discuss the transfer of their AP credits when they meet with their academic advisors

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Candace Typically you get the schedule itself once you arrive. However, I can give you an overview of topics, if you'd like?

**GEOmom** joined the chat 42 minutes ago

**Candace:** alison: yes please :)for parent and students?

**Debbie:** do you know if the service scholar scholarship has been awarded for next year there wasnt an announcement?

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** Topics covered at orientation include: Housing, Dining, Financial Aid, Student Business Services, academic requirements, traditions, involvement, safety and wellness, career center, dean of students, counseling center, etc.

**GEOmom:** i don't recall my student being assigned a dorm for the orientation days...when will they receive that information?

**John:** Can you request a roommate for orientation

**NSFP Staff\_Savannah** left this message 38 minutes ago:

Hi John, if your student wants to room with someone at orientation they will just check-in at the same time and they will be able to room together.

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 38 minutes ago:

@John students are typically assigned roommates during orientation by who they are standing next to in line. So as long as they are standing next to each other, they should be able to be in the same room.

**FSU Staff\_Pearson:** @GEOmom -- When students arrive to check-in to orientation, there next step is then to check-in to Housing. Their room assignment will be provided when they check in.

**FSUmom:** For those interested in schedule, I saw last years schedule somewhere on the FSU site...

**Candace:** is the academic advisor they meet with at orientation a specific advisor to them and their major that they will continue to work with or contact going forward? or only for this meeting at orientation?

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** A lot of really good information can be found at <http://dos.fsu.edu/nsfp/orientation>.

**John:** Should students bring a printer with them when living in the dorms?

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Candace It could be their specific advisor, but more than likely it will be a general advisor for their major/college.

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @John Totally up to you and your student. But I always like having them because it saves have to run to the library or computer lab to print.

**John:** Thanks

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @John Just make sure it is not a wireless printer. It messes with the wireless internet.

**John:** good point. thanks

**Candace:** if they get to go into housing early may to choose room, will they know for sure what dorm they got by the time they go to orientation in June?

**Candace:** are there a lot of assignments that are printed and turned in as a hard copy? vs. submitting it to teacher online?

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 31 minutes ago:

@Candace, there is a good mix based upon professor preferences. A lot of assignments are turned in online but it is up to the discretion of the professor. There are several computer labs on campus at which students can print for a small fee if they do not have their own printer!

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Candace I believe once their room selection window opens, they will be choosing their exact room. They can log back in and continue to change their room until the final deadline, which is usually around the end of June. I would check with Housing to verify that this will be the same this year.

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** University Housing can be reached at 850-644-2860. 😊

**Candace:** Will greek life be covered in orientation? Cost? details of Rush like where, when, what to wear, what to expect? Are recs needed? I have a son and know nothing about FSU greek system and especially for a boy.

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Candace Yes! There will be a breakout session within Campus Networking that talks about Fraternity & Sorority Life.

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Candace In case you want to start getting more familiar with Fraternity & Sorority Life, you might visit <http://ofsl.union.fsu.edu/>.

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 25 minutes ago:

Also, if you all are already thinking about when to visit your student, Parents Weekend is September 21-22 and hotels typically book up pretty quickly! <http://pw.union.fsu.edu/>

**kathy:** do you know when the scholarship/financial aid information will be finalized?

**Candace:** thanks! Alison: is the housing phone number in reference to my question about if they will know their dorm by June orientation?

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Candace Yes. Just in case.

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 21 minutes ago:

Also, here a checklist of times to discuss with your student prior to attending to orientation!  
<https://dos.fsu.edu/family/new-nole-fami...>

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Kathy Are you referring to disbursements?

**John:** For the meal plan prices, it says per session. Is Summer A a session and Summer C a session? Trying to budget for what the Summer C meal plan would be

**kathy:** we logged on to check if bright futures was added to her financial aid section and as of yesterday it doesn't allow us to access that tab anymore. It said it was pending updates. I have heard from friends that they had scholarship amounts (directly given from FSU that have gone up in amount on the website recently) just wasn't sure when final numbers for the students are presented

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @John Summer A goes for the entire summer, Summer B is for the first half of the summer, Summer C is for the last half of the summer.

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** Here's the academic calendar for the summer:

[http://registrar.fsu.edu/registration\\_gu...](http://registrar.fsu.edu/registration_gu...)

**John:** so for the meal plan prices, it says per session. What is considered a session? I would think that Summer A would not be the same price as summer C

**Candace:** can incoming students register to become a student booster before orientation? Isn't that part of the process to get "points" for the lottery in order to get football tickets? ..I am sure that will be covered at orientation, the whole system is a bit confusing? you don't know until each week if you will get a ticket for the game?

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @John I believe the ones listed on their website are for Summer A only. I would call Seminole Dining for specifics on other sessions. (850) 644-3663 | [seminoledining@fsu.edu](mailto:seminoledining@fsu.edu)

**John:** Thanks. I will call them

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Candace It looks like they are updating their website now, but it should be back up on April 23. <http://boosters.fsu.edu/StudentBoosters>

**Darla** entered for the first time 11 minutes ago

**ileana** entered for the first time 10 minutes ago

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** For bigger games, students are assigned a window by how many points they have. For other games, the windows traditionally open for everyone on the Sunday before the games at 5:00 pm. I would encourage your student to check their e-mail often during football season.

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 10 minutes ago:

@Candace, I can talk a little bit about the process for getting football tickets. Students receive a certain number of "points" based upon the number of credit hours they have. These points indicate which "window" students are in to get a football tickets, There are several ways to gain extra points, such as joining boosters

or attending other sporting events. Students will receive an email prior telling them which window they are in and when they will be able to get tickets.

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 8 minutes ago:

Hello! If you just joined, please feel free to ask any questions you may have or read through the conversation thus far!

**Candace:** Zoya: thank you, when you say an email "prior", do you mean prior to the season? prior to each game?

**Candace:** oops, I just now see Alison also commented on the emails before games

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 7 minutes ago:

Sorry I should have clarified, prior to each game, a week before

**John:** thanks for answering our questions.

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @John of course! We're here for you. If you need anything, you can always call our main office too--(850) 644-2785.

**John** left the chat 6 minutes ago

**Candace:** I have heard that if you have bright futures and florida prepaid (without housing) that any extra funds will roll into your housing cost automatically, others say the student get a check for the amount of any extra funds, can you give any clarification?

**Darla** left this message 5 minutes ago:

My son was originally offered a grant. Then we got audited and had to send in our financial documents. How long until we know if the grant is going to go through?

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Candace Any extra funds after tuition is paid will go to any additional charges out there for your student. It is my understanding that if there is anything after that, then a check will be cut (or a direct deposit will be made).

**Candace:** Do the students stay in the dorm for 2 nights during orientation?

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 104 seconds ago:

Since it is 1pm, we are going to wrap up this chat. A few final things:

If you have not already downloaded the myFSU mobile app, I would highly recommended it! Towards the middle of May there will be an orientation section available within the app, which will be helpful to have throughout the orientation process.

If you have more questions as we approach orientation, please feel free to reach out to our office at 850.644.2785 or orientation@admin.fsu.edu

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Darla I am not sure. I would suggest calling Financial Aid at (850) 644-0539.

**gshood:** thanks for your time

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** @Candace Yes! 2 nights total.

**FSUmom:** Thank you!

**Candace:** thanks so much for this opportunity to CHAT! much appreciated.

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** Thank you!!

**gshood** left the chat 23 seconds ago

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message 21 seconds ago:

Thank you everyone for joining us!

**FSU NSFP Staff\_Alison:** See you at Orientation this summer!

**NSFP Staff\_Zoya** left this message :

Go 'Noles!