ABBREVIATIONS:

OAS - Office of Accessibility Services - the resource on campus where your student can get help and accommodations if they have a disability.

SOI - Student Organizations & Involvement - an office on campus dedicated to helping your student get involved and find information on specific student organizations.

NSFP - New Student & Family Programs - where you or your student can get help during their first year and beyond. NSFP coordinates orientation, retention and family programming to assist in the transition to FSU.

DSA - Division of Student Affairs - a variety of departments that provide co-curricular activities for students, typically outside of the classroom, to further student development.

DSST - Department of Student Support & Transitions - the department on campus that serves students when they are unsure of where to go next, especially if students are in crisis.

SGA - Student Government Association - the governing body of students at Florida State University, providing students with a voice on campus and allocating funds for university programs and services.

IP - International Programs - provides study abroad opportunities related to academic discipline or personal interest.

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid - an online application designed to determine eligibility for student financial aid.

RSO - Registered Student Organization - the name of all student clubs/groups on campus. Students can get involved with over 700 religious, service, professional, cultural, Greek or governing organizations.

ACE - Academic Center for Excellence - where your student can get help with additional tutoring or meet with a learning coach to help with time management or study techniques. Located in the William Johnston Building, students can also rent study rooms in this location.

SCCS - Student Conduct & Community Standards - educates students on the Student Conduct Code, community behavioral standards, and the rights and responsibilities of the FSU community.

RISE - the Office of Representation, Inclusion & Student Equity - focuses on framing spaces where students can understand and celebrate their full identities, build community, and learn ways to advocate for social justice.

CoRE - the Office of Community-Rooted Engagement - focuses on programming that aims to help students develop skills and knowledge to become effective leaders and engage responsibly with communities through service.

SAA - Student Alumni Association - An organization that connects current students with FSU alumni.

FSL - Fraternity & Sorority Life - oversees social fraternities and sororities, which are values-based organizations focused on promoting leadership, scholarship, brotherhood/sisterhood and service.

ASLC - Askew Student Life Cinema - the student life center, which features an on-campus movie theatre, a coffee shop, cyber cafe, and video/board games. University Housing and the Counseling Center are located here.

FSUPD - Florida State Police Department - a force of 67 sworn, fully accredited officers charged with keeping campus safe. They operate 24/7 throughout the year. FSUPD is located on the corner of Woodward and Jefferson.
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IRHC - Inter-Residence Hall Council - a bureau of the Student Government Association and an affiliate of University Housing that establishes and governs Hall Councils and coordinates programs and activities for the enhancement of student life on-campus.

CPS - Counseling & Psychological Services - licensed and professionally-trained staff that offer counseling services to students currently enrolled at FSU.

FMC - Fitness & Movement Clinic - Campus Recreation’s newest facility is located inside the University’s Health & Wellness Center. The FMC offers more than 12,000 square feet of space for strength and cardio training and also encompasses a private studio for small group training classes and space for fitness assessments and consultation.

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Meal Swipes - part of a meal plan that gives access to FSU's all-you-care-to-eat dining halls.

Dining Dollars - campus dining dollars (dollar-for-dollar) that are included with most meal plans that can be used at any dining location. Any unused Dining Dollars will roll over each semester until graduation or separation from the University. Dining Dollars are non-transferrable and non-refundable.

Student Agencies - identity based organizations on campus that are part of Student Government Association. Agencies include the Black Student Union (BSU), the Hispanic/Latinx Student Union, the Women Student Union, the Jewish Student Union, the Asian American Student Union, Pride Student Union, and the Veterans Student Union.

MyFSU - the online "portal" for all student resources. The myFSU portal connects students to Canvas, their myFSU e-mail account, student financials, academic resources, health resources, campus life, etc.

Excess Credit - a law that requires universities to add a surcharge to every credit hour taken in excess of the total number of credit hours required to complete the pursued degree.

Canvas - a virtual learning environment and course management system used by students at FSU.

Case Manager - works with individuals to provide emotional support, counseling, advocacy, and to identify immediate needs, making appropriate referrals to campus and community resources.

Family Connection e-Newsletter - a digital publication for families that aims at keeping FSU family members in the loop with on-campus events and resources.

FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act - a federal law that protects the privacy of students’ educational records by guarding against the release of their records without their consent.

Delegated Access - students can provision third party or parental access to delegates, which provides them with a delegate access pin and allows them to access their student’s myFSU account and review student information.

Drop/Add - a period of time during the first four days of classes where students can adjust their class schedule by adding or dropping classes. Students are financially liable for all courses appearing on their schedule after the fourth day of classes.

The Leach - FSU’s largest campus recreation facility is named the Bobby E. Leach Student Recreation Center and is a 120,000 square foot facility where students will find cardio and strength equipment, an indoor track and courts, as well as a pool and spa.

The Rez - The Rez Lakefront Park & Retreat Center is a 73-acre facility located on Lake Bradford. Open and free to FSU students, visitors can enjoy outdoor activities like kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, etc.

Seminole Express - a free bus and paratransit system that serves FSU students, faculty, staff.

Nite Nole - an evening bus route that runs throughout campus and the surrounding Tallahassee area Tuesday-Sunday from 7:00 pm - 3:00 am.

The Center - Center for Leadership and Social Change - focuses on providing resources and opportunities for leadership education, identity development, and community engagement.

Work Study - the Federal Work Study program allows students that show financial need to work on campus to assist with paying educational expenses.

Take15 - a University-wide campaign encouraging students to take 15 or more credit hours each semester. Research supports that students who take a 15-hour course load in their freshman year become more fully engaged in their academic life and have better outcomes.

Engage 100 - an initiative on campus encouraging 100% of students to be engaged both inside and outside of the classroom.

SeminoleSAFE/FSU Alert - FSU’s emergency notification system that sends out alerts whenever hazardous conditions arise on campus. Students can designate through their MyFSU accounts how they want to be notified.

FSView - Florida State's student-run school newspaper. FSView keeps students updated on events that are occurring on campus, as well as the surrounding area.
University Center - Also considered the football stadium, the University Center is broken up into four sections (A, B, C, D), housing different departments and organizations.

Night Staff - students who are responsible for maintaining safety and security in the residence halls between the hours of 11:00 pm - 7:00 am. They address safety and security concerns, as well as policy issues, and assist hall staff in times of emergency.

Landis Green - the large green space in front of Landis Hall.

Assistant Coordinators/Hall Directors - full-time graduate students pursuing academic work who also live and work in the residence halls. These graduate students assist the Residence Coordinator in all areas of hall management, community development, student group advising, and staff supervision.

Residence Coordinators - a full-time, professional live-in staff member responsible for the overall operations in the hall or complex.

Food for Thought Pantry - a food pantry located in the Department of Student Support & Transitions, which provides food for students in need.

Chart Your Course - a first year seminar course, SLS 2206, that helps incoming students transition to life in college. Topics include time management, getting involved, academic success, setting goals and more. With the assistance of a Peer Navigator, a current undergraduate, students have the opportunity to learn and excel both inside and outside of the classroom.

Ask a 'Nole - a program designed to help students navigate their way on campus the first two days of classes.

Welcome FSU - a series of events during the first two weeks of classes in the Fall semester to help students get acclimated to FSU.

Seminole Creed - a group of eight tenets or guiding principles FSU students should live by--truthfulness, respect, excellence, freedom of speech and inquiry, diversity, justice, citizenship, and discovery.

Market Wednesday - an event highlighting recognized student organizations, market vendors, and fraternities and sororities that occurs every Wednesday of the semester on Moore Auditorium Patio and Legacy Walk.

Nole Central - an online database that highlights student engagement opportunities and organizations on campus.

Advising First - part of the Division of Undergraduate Studies, Advising First strategically places professional academic advisors and success coaches within academic units to serve students as they complete their coursework at FSU.