

Family Connection Council Information Guide



What is Family Connection?

Family Connection strives to enhance student success through support, communication, and partnerships with Florida State University families.

Family Connection fulfills its mission by:

- Connecting family members to one another,
 - Building meaningful relationships,
- Engaging Florida State University family members in the Florida State University community through various programs,
- Educating family members of current and future Florida State University students about pertinent news and updates that impact their students' Florida State University experience.

Family Connection strives to be the recognizable community and resource for Florida State University family members.

Family Connection Programs

- Family-to-Family Mentoring Program
 - New Student Orientation
- Parents' Weekend Garnet & Gold Silent Auction

Family Connection has recently reviewed & revised our Constitution & Policy Manual. We are now more organized & prepared to make a major impact on the FSU community. Join us as we create more programs and do more for our 'Noles.

Family Connection Publications

- What's Going 'Round Monthly Family Newsletter & Special e-Announcements
- FSU Family Guide
- FSU Family Calendar
- Seminoles in the City: Guide to Off Campus Living
- The Naked Roommate for Parents Only: A Parent's Guide to the New College Experience by Harlan Cohen

Family Connection

Social Media, Blog & Online Chats

- Facebook Fan Page:
<http://www.facebook.com/FSUFamilyConnection>
- Twitter Handle: @FSU_Family
- Family Blog: <http://www.fsufamily.wordpress.com>
- FSUchats



FSU Chat Series

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 @ 6PM
New Student & Family Programs will be joined by the University Counseling Center for a FSU Chat to help support your student during Midterm exams! Have a question about stress management, study locations or on-campus academic resources? This chat is for you!

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 @ 12PM
Is your 'Nole an out of state student? If so, this chat is for you! We'll discuss ways to help your student connect to FSU, navigate traveling home for the holidays, and more! This chat will feature three of our out of state Orientation Leaders, Ana Landon, Lauren Chambers, and Charles Maggitas. Join us and get answers to your questions!

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 @ 5PM
Get a jump start and the inside scoop on housing options for next year! This FSU Chat will feature representatives from University Housing to tell you all about the recontracting process for living on campus. If your student is interested in living off-campus, New Student & Family Programs staff will be present to share info and resources like the Off-Campus Living Guide.

Monday, November 21, 2016 @ 6PM
Before the holiday season begins, join us for one final chat of the year to help your student prepare for final exams, winter break travel, housing arrangements for next year and more!

<http://www.chatzy.com/fsunsfp>

All times are Eastern Standard Time.

SUPPORT *the* FAMILY FUND

The Family Fund is a not-for-profit program that provides valuable financial assistance to services and programs that directly impact FSU students such as:

- Free flu shots, more than 2,500 through University Health Services
 - Dean of Students' Food Pantry
 - FSU Career Center Library
- Stress Buster Days around midterms and finals through the University Counseling Center
- Center for Leadership and Social Change: PeaceJam



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<https://dos.fsu.edu/family/donate/support-the-family-fund>

What is the Family Connection Council (FCC)?

The Family Connection Council shall serve as a subdivision of Family Connection.

Family Connection Council serves as a liaison between Florida State University and family members to establish lifelong supporters for the FSU community.

Family Connection Council connects family members with Florida State University.

FCC Teams

The Family Connection Council is comprised of three (3) teams and their names are as follows:

- Membership,
- Sponsorships and Development, and
- Engagement and Programming.

FCC Membership Requirements

- Must have a current undergraduate or graduate student at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. Status of student will be verified at the beginning of each semester.
- Must be willing to dedicate time (at least a minimum of 35 hours annually) though this number is not divided up evenly throughout the year) and talents to the council through meetings, Team assignments, Family Connection events and programming, and other duties and responsibilities as needed.
- Must exhibit humility and commitment to service to Florida State University and Family Connection.
- Must express interest in the needs and programs for transitioning students and family members.
- Must be able to fulfill financial commitment of \$250 either by monetary/article donation or monetary/article fundraising.

FCC Responsibilities & Expectations

- Serve in their Council position for at least one (1) academic year.
- Uphold the mission and vision of Florida State University, the Division of Student Affairs, the Dean of Students Department, New Student & Family Programs, Family Connection, and the Family Connection Council.
- Graciously serve as a positive role model for Family Connection members and their students.
- Proudly represent Florida State University and Family Connection to the public, including, but not limited to, speaking engagements, Family Connection programs and other university related events.
- Faithfully commit to donating or fundraising, supporting, promoting, and advocating for the Family Fund and the programs and services it supports.
- Commit to donating or fundraising with a goal of \$250 annually during Garnet & Gold Silent auction and/or the Great Give. Commitments can be contributed monetarily or acquired through donation of goods and services, acquisition of goods and services, or basket form. Monetary commitment is measure via the following:
 - Value of the Silent Auction basket (personal or solicited)
 - Value of any other Silent Auction donations (personal or solicited)
 - Any personal or solicited Great Give donation
 - NOTE: \$250 will be measured as a combination as time, talent, and treasure. While \$250 is a goal, members unable to contribute the value can contribute to this Council with their time and talents.

FCC Responsibilities & Expectations

- Dedicate time (at least a minimum 35 hours annually) and talents to the Council through meetings, Team assignments, Family Connection events and programming, and other duties and responsibilities as needed.
- Attend all required in-person meetings set forth by the Council. At least two in-person meetings shall be held and considered required but no more than one in-person meeting per semester (3 per calendar year). Generally, such meetings will be announced at least 4 months prior to the meeting date.
- The Fall Parents' Weekend meeting is required.
- A Spring and Summer in-person meeting will be announced by the DOSC. Council members are required to attend at least 1 of these meetings.
- Committing to either the Spring or the Summer meeting is required within 30 days of their announcement.
- Actively serve on a Team and ensure all Team responsibilities are complete.
- Participate in all telephone meetings for both the Council and the Council members' assigned Team.
- Each member will only be required to participate on 1 Team.
- Support and carry-out all tasks set forth by the Team Leaders.
- Respond to all correspondence (via e-mail or phone) within 48 hours (2 business days) unless an alternative timeline is indicated.
- Communicate with Team Leader, Chair/Co-Chairs, or Dean of Students Coordinator with any conflicts or complications.

Family Connection & FSU

Florida State University



Division of Student Affairs ([DSA](#))



Dean of Students Department ([DOS](#))



New Student & Family Programs (NSFP)



Family Connection



Family Connection Council (FCC)



Members of the Family Connection Council were invited to the President's Box for the 2016 season opener. Go 'Noles!

Questions?

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