

Information for Parents

Fall 2011



Transitions in life are generally challenging, but challenges often bring great opportunities. Your student's transition to Florida College represents a number of wonderful new avenues to experience. With the new academic year quickly approaching, the College asks you to carefully read the information on these pages. As always, if you have further questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call on us. It is our privilege to serve our God and your student.

Student Services

Dr. Brian Lewis Crispell, *Dean of Students*

Student Services is responsible for several related areas of importance to our students, including campus life, health and safety, residence halls, and discipline.

Campus Life

There are multiple opportunities for your student to become involved in campus life. Student societies offer intramural sports, service opportunities, and a spiritual environment for social activities. Music, education, science, and theatre are among the pursuits of various other organizations; Sower's and YWTO provide focused spiritual opportunities for growth. Students are encouraged to pursue an active campus life while pursuing their academic studies. Doing so not only aids them in settling into the College's environment and making new friends, but fits the College's mission of educating "the whole man."

Residence Hall Supervisors

Each residence hall has a supervisor who is responsible for the general welfare of students in their residence halls. These supervisors absolutely care about all students in their halls, and work closely with the Dean of Students on their behalf. Please feel free to call them if you have any questions or needs for your student. They may be reached at the following numbers:

Mr. Rene Anderson 813.899.6821
(Men: Boswell) andersond@floridacollege.edu

Mrs. Shirley Schmid 813.899.6820
(Women: Terrace) schmids@floridacollege.edu

Mrs. Becky Cawthon 813.899.6819
(Women: Hinely) cawthonb@floridacollege.edu

Ms. Ashley McDaniel 813.988.5131 x157
(Women: Sutton) mcdaniela@floridacollege.edu

Overnight Sign-Out

Students are permitted to leave campus overnight if parental permission is given in Student Services. You may write, fax, or email a letter (to mitchellk@floridacollege.edu) giving permission as you deem appropriate.

Guests in the Residence Halls

Students may have visitors in the residence halls provided they make prior arrangements with their residence hall supervisor and the Office of Student Services. We ask that guests stay for no more than three nights on a given visit.

Thanksgiving and Spring Breaks

The Florida College campus is closed during Thanksgiving, December holiday break between fall and spring semesters, and Spring Break. Students are encouraged to spend these breaks at home or at a friend's home approved by their parents.

Although parents assume full responsibility for their son's or daughter's whereabouts and activities during these break, they are still expected to abide by the College Codes even while away from campus, since they are still enrolled as students.

Conduct

This College is not ashamed of the high standards for personal, social, and moral behavior set for its students. It is quite likely that you and your student chose Florida College in part because of these standards, which are grounded in biblical principles and God's will for man. As Dean of Students, I ask you to review the College Codes, found at floridacollege.edu/student-services. These standards are reviewed on a regular, continuing basis by a committee of the faculty, with approval given by the faculty as a whole. While we here are of one accord, we desire your support of our aim here to provide a wholesome spiritual environment in which your student can fully—and without moral reservations—participate in an academically strong commu-

nity of Christian scholars. We are determined to hold fast to moral standards, based on the Word of God, and this is reflected in our faculty, staff, and administration; the courses in our classrooms; the extracurricular activities offered here, as well as the College Codes regulating student life. Holding to the Truth never binds us, but frees us; that is the intent we have for your student while we all have the privilege of studying and working here together.

We place a high premium on academic decorum and modesty. While other institutions have uniform policies, our "uniform" is the holiness in which we are to be clothed as Christians. In daily efforts to be holy, we expect your student to conform to the standards they are agreeing to by becoming students at this college. As in all other aspects of our Codes, our intent is to reflect a standard set by One infinitely greater than the style of the day and world in which we live. Again, I encourage you to support us in this effort, as we all strive to please Him.

If you ever have questions concerning the College Codes, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Student Services, or me directly.

Academics

Dr. Dan Petty, *Dean of Academics*

At Florida College, the student's primary responsibility will be to get an education. Your child will be sitting at the feet of well qualified professors who understand that the beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord and that all knowledge must be put in the context of knowing that we are made in His image.

Our professors' desire is that every student in their classes succeed to the best of his or her ability. In an effort to reach that goal we employ several procedures to help both you and your child maximize the possibility of success.

Grade Reports

Students have ultimate responsibility to report

their progress to their parents periodically. However, we sometimes send parents early grade reports of poor grades. In some cases, we send a notice after the first test. Parents will be able to monitor their student's progress at any point during a semester as well as after the conclusion of a semester through FalconLink, the online student portal. It will be up to the student to provide their parents with the necessary login information (username and password) to access the student's grade reports. Final letter grades for a course will not be viewable in FalconLink until after the student has completed an online evaluation of the course.

Advising

The Advising Office is under the direction of Dr. Steve Walker. Parents are welcome to call the faculty member or Dr. Walker at any time for extra help or advice. Students are encouraged to use these services for their maximum benefit.

Academic Advising

Every student is assigned an academic advisor to help him with scheduling, with dropping and adding courses, with transfer advising, and with personal advising during the course of the year. The Registrar's office, the Advising Office, and the Academic Dean's office are also available to help with any of these areas. We encourage both the parents and the students to use these services to the fullest.

Transfer Advising and Common Problems

If a student decides to transfer elsewhere after earning his Associate's, he might be concerned his credits' transferring successfully.

Florida College is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as a bachelor's degree-granting institution which also continues to offer the Associate of Arts degree. Thus, college credits earned at Florida College are transferrable to any other accredited institution of higher learning in our country. (Florida College also offers a Florida Department of Education state approved teacher education program.)

However, students need to plan carefully with advisors in order to satisfy the requirements of the transfer institution. Parents should be aware that problems in transferring credits generally arise from three areas:

- If the student changes his major, certain courses completed may not be counted toward the new major.
- If the student changes schools to which he transfers there are often particular requirements at one school which are not required at another.
- Grades of D or F on any courses are not normally transferable.

The STOA

Florida College is committed to the success and satisfaction of the students entrusted to its care. As a fundamental element of improving student learning at the College, the STOA aims to help student success through on-going pursuit of excellence in tutoring, orientation and advising. Over the last several years, "tutoring" at Florida College has developed into the very successful Supplementary Instruction program, directed by Mrs. Andrea Hastings. SI leaders help students learn how to study and become more effective scholars as those students gain a better understanding of material learned in class. Orientation at Florida College aims to introduce in-coming students to the mission of this institution by examining the education of the whole man—in spiritual, mental, physical, and social aspects—over portions of two days, and intends on settling them into our community of Christian scholars here. Advising at Florida College has the direction of Dr. Steve Walker in the Advising Office, offering students a variety of help as they work on their academic goals and prepare for a world beyond college.

Financial

Ronald Stackpole, *Chief Business Officer*

We want to help you with your financial matters as much as possible. The key to managing this area successfully is beginning early. Here are a few things to help you prepare. (The College Catalog contains more detailed information.)

Enrollment Contract

The enrollment contract must be signed prior to registration. The contract, signed by both the parent and student, includes important information about payment responsibilities and deadlines.

Financial Aid

All questions regarding student loans, grants, scholarships, Adopt funds, work contracts and other financial assistance should be directed to our Financial Aid office. For your convenience, important information and most Financial Aid applications may be found on our web site. Click on the Financial Aid link on the home page. Please submit all paperwork *early* in order to meet all required deadlines.

Pre-Bill

About one month before the beginning of the semester, you will receive a pre-bill, which shows all estimated charges and Financial Aid. The pre-bill represents the most accurate estimate of your out-of-pocket net expense. Pay-

ment arrangements and deadlines are included with the pre-bill.

Miscellaneous Expenses

In addition to tuition, room and board expenses, course or lab fees may be charged to the student's account. All other fees and expenses (required exams, fines, permits, bookstore purchases, withdrawal fees, etc.) must be paid with cash, check or credit card. Withdrawal fees must be paid prior to the withdrawal.

Room Security Deposit and Room Inspections

Everyone's help is needed to maintain our facilities. Students will be held accountable for damage they cause in the residence halls or elsewhere on campus.

Each room, adjoining halls, and common areas will be inspected when students check in, throughout the semester, and when they check out. Charges for damages may be assessed during the semester. As charges are incurred, the student will be notified, and fees will be assessed against the room deposit. The College may periodically request a replenishment of the room deposit if it drops below 50% of the initial amount.

Insurance

Students should have an insurance identification card to show proof of health insurance coverage in case of illness or injury. Student athletes' personal medical insurance is considered primary in all cases; the college insurance policy for athletes is secondary coverage.

The College does not insure the personal belongings of students living in the residence halls. Many homeowner's policies already provide coverage for personal property lost or stolen while at college. Parents are advised to consult their insurance representative for information.

Refunds

Please see the College Catalog on our website for a detailed explanation of the refund policy. No refund of tuition will be given for courses dropped after the last day to register for a full load. Withdrawing from the college or dropping a course may also affect any financial aid a student is receiving. Federal regulations stipulate that money refunded first must be returned to the financial aid source.

Unpaid Accounts

The College may withhold student grades and transcripts if a balance is owed on the student's account.

Contact Information

If you have further questions or need assistance, contact the individuals below at your convenience. The College's main line is **813.988.5131** and you may dial any extension below to reach the appropriate office. (Our fax number is **813.899.6772**.)

Dr. H.E. "Buddy" Payne, Jr. x102 <i>President</i> payneb@floridacollege.edu <i>General college policy and administration.</i>	Dr. Steve Walker x272 <i>Director of Advising</i> walkers@floridacollege.edu <i>Academic, personal, and career advising.</i>	Mrs. Lisa McClister x131 <i>Financial Aid Director</i> mcclisterl@floridacollege.edu <i>Loans, grants, scholarships, work contracts.</i>
Dr. Douglas Northcutt x112 <i>Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs</i> northcuttd@floridacollege.edu	Mr. Doug Nerland x193 <i>Director of Institutional Development</i> nerlandd@floridacollege.edu <i>Annual giving, planned gifts.</i>	Ms. Hannah Hudson x132 <i>Financial Aid Officer</i> hudsonh@floridacollege.edu
Dr. Dan Petty x117 <i>Academic Dean</i> pettyd@floridacollege.edu <i>All academic matters (policies, faculty, majors).</i>	Mr. Paul Casebolt x151 <i>Director of Enrollment Management</i> caseboltp@floridacollege.edu <i>General student recruitment and retention.</i>	Mr. Ralph Walker x171 <i>Director of Alumni/Public Relations</i> walkerr@floridacollege.edu <i>Alumni affairs, summer camps, booster clubs.</i>
Dr. Brian Lewis Crispell x162 <i>Dean of Student Services</i> crispellb@floridacollege.edu <i>Student issues (rooming, organizations, discipline).</i>	Mrs. Colleen Engel x152 <i>Coordinator of Admissions Data</i> engelc@floridacollege.edu <i>Applications, scholarships, questions.</i>	Mr. Ray Hinds x322 <i>Director of Academic Computing</i> hindsr@floridacollege.edu
Mr. Ronald Stackpole x121 <i>Chief Business Officer</i> stackpoler@floridacollege.edu <i>All financial and campus operational matters.</i>	Ms. Beth Ann Grant x142 <i>Registrar</i> grantb@floridacollege.edu <i>Class schedules, transcripts, academic records.</i>	Mr. B.J. McKinney x201 <i>Director of Information Technology</i> mckinneybj@floridacollege.edu
Mr. Jared Barr x181 <i>Director of Marketing</i> barrj@floridacollege.edu		Mrs. Wanda Dickey x211 <i>Library Director</i> dickeyw@floridacollege.edu

Important Dates

See the [Calendar of Events](#) online for a complete schedule of the academic year.

Fall Semester

August 22–24	Orientation/Registration
August 25	Classes begin
September 1	Last day to register for a full load or add a class
October 10–13	Mid-Term Exams
October 20–21	Fall Break Holiday
October 28	Last day to drop a failing course without receiving an "F"
Nov. 23–28	Thanksgiving Holiday <i>(Residence Halls Closed)</i>
December 9	Last day to drop a course
December 12–15	Final examinations
December 16	Residence Halls close at noon

Spring Semester

January 7	Residence Halls open at 4:00 PM
January 9	Advising/Registration
January 10	Classes begin
January 16	School Holiday
January 17	Last day to register for a full load or add classes
Feb. 27–March 1	Mid-term examinations
March 12–16	Spring Break <i>(Residence Halls Closed)</i>
March 23	Last day to drop a failing course without receiving an "F"
April 27	Last day to drop a course
April 30–May 3	Final examinations
May 4	Graduation
May 5	Residence Halls close at noon

Opening Week Activities

Saturday, August 20

- 8:00 AM Residence halls open for check-in
- 11:30 AM Henderson Dining Hall opens
- 12:30 PM ACT exam (for students who have not taken ACT or SAT), *Puckett Auditorium*
- 5:00–7:00 PM Cookout for students and parents
- 7:00 PM Parent Orientation, *Puckett Auditorium*
- 12:00 Midnight Curfew

Sunday, August 21

- 2:00 PM Opening Ceremonies
- 7:00–11:00 PM Chorus Auditions (by appointment)
- 10:00 PM Devotion, *Sutton Lobby*
- 11:00 PM Curfew

Monday, August 22

- 8:00–4:30 PM Mandatory New Student Orientation
- 4:30 PM Foreign Language Placement Exam, *Hailey 107*
- 6:00 PM Beach Picnic and Devotion, *Fort DeSoto Beach*
- 11:00 PM Curfew

Tuesday, August 23

- 8:00–4:30 PM Mandatory New Student Orientation
- 4:30–6:00 PM Advising/Registration (assigned appointments)
- 7:00 PM–9:00 PM Skating Party, *Skateplex*
- 10:00 PM Devotion, *Sutton Lobby*
- 11:00 PM Curfew

Wednesday, August 24

- 8:00–5:00 PM Advising/Registration (assigned appointments)
- 3:00 PM Meeting for students with on-campus jobs, *Puckett Auditorium* (led by Ron Stackpole)
- 11:00 PM Curfew

Thursday, August 25

- 8:00 AM **Classes Begin**
- 10:00 PM Devotion, *Sutton Lobby*
- 11:00 PM Curfew

Friday, August 26

- 4:00 PM Cheerleading Info Meeting, *Puckett Auditorium*
- 8:00 PM MOSI Singing
- 12:00 Midnight Curfew

Saturday, August 27

- 10:00 AM–Noon Cheerleading Tryout Practice, *Conn Gymnasium*
- 7:00 PM SBGA Musical Event, *Hutchinson Auditorium*
- 12:00 Midnight Curfew



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