A Message from the Director

Close to 57,000 students have submitted applications to Florida State University – an increase of 11.9 percent over last year’s record number of total applications received. Early Thursday evening, students will be able to log in to their FSU Application Status Check page and learn their admission status. As is our tradition, the Office of Admissions will stay open until 9 pm to answer any questions from students and their family members as they learn their admission decision.

FSU was able to offer admission to 19,230 students representing every county in Florida and from 49 different states. FSU saw a 41 percent increase in applications from out of state and the admit rate for non-Florida residents is 19.5 percent. Twenty-three percent of our admitted students will be the first in their family to attend college. The Class of 2023 is expected to be approximately 6,200 first-year in college students.

The quality of our applicant pool remained very strong and we saw a slight increase in our overall accepted student profile which includes our fall, summer and CARE admits. The mid-range for our accepted students was 4.0-4.5 academic core GPA; 27-32 ACT score; and 1250-1380 SAT score.

As always, feel free to email me at hferguson@fsu.edu or call me at 850.644.1389 should you have any questions regarding your students. The phone number is my direct line so I ask that you please do not forward this newsletter so that I can better assist my counselor friends in a timely manner.

Go Noles!

Hege Ferguson
Director

IMPORTANT DATES

In 2019

January 31 - Release of decisions for first-year student applicants. First-year student applicants should log in to their Application Status Check at admissions.fsu.edu/status-check/ to see their decision.

February 6-7 - Fall/Spring housing contract opens. Students admitted for summer or fall term who submit a housing contract during this timeframe will be randomly assigned a contract number.

Note: Students must claim their FSUID before contracting for housing.

February 7 - Final deadline for first-year student applications.

February 8 - Fall/Spring housing contracts re-open and contract numbers are assigned on first-come, first-served basis.

February 13 - Orientation registration opens for admitted summer and fall students.

Note: Students must claim their FSUID and pay their admission deposit before signing up for Orientation.

February 27 - Deadline to update SSAR to include first semester grades for admitted students.

February 27 - Summer housing contract opens for accepted summer students.

March 4 - Deadline to respond to Summer and Seminole Pathways offers.

March 28 - Release of decisions for the second and final round of first-year student applicants. First-year student applicants should log in to their Application Status Check at admissions.fsu.edu/status-check/ to see their decision.

May 1 - Deadline to submit a non-refundable $200 admission deposit for students admitted for the summer or fall term.
**FSU FACTS**

Total Enrollment ......................... 41,900
Undergraduate Enrollment ............ 32,812
Student-to-Faculty Ratio .............. 22:1

In-State Students ....................... 85%
Out-of-State Students ................... 15%
Retention Rate .......................... 94%
Four-Year Graduation Rate .......... 68%
Six-Year Graduation Rate .............. 80%

2019 Fall - Middle 50%
Academic Core GPA ...................... 4.1-4.5
ACT Composite .......................... 28-32
SAT Total ............................... 1270-1390

2019 Summer - Middle 50%
Academic Core GPA ...................... 3.8-4.3
ACT Composite .......................... 25-30
SAT Total ............................... 1200-1320

**Top Five States**
Florida
Georgia
New York
North Carolina
New Jersey

**Top Five Majors**
Biological Science
Business
Exploratory/Undecided
Engineering
Psychology

**Top Five Areas of Employment**
for FSU Graduates
Education
Financial Services
Marketing
Accounting
Hospital & Healthcare

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**NEXT STEPS FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS**

Students admitted to Florida State who have made the decision to attend the University for the Summer or Fall 2019 term should complete the following steps before they arrive on campus. For students who accepted an option through the Seminole Pathways Program should only complete the steps indicated with an asterisk (*).

**Claim An FSUID**

Students will receive an email from FSU Information Technology Services (ITS) containing their FSUID. The FSUID is the students' unique user name for access to campus systems and resources, including myFSU portal, Canvas, OMNI, campus Wi-Fi, and more. The email will also contain a unique, nine-digitEMPLID required to activate their FSUID account. For directions on how to claim the FSUID, see page 9 of this newsletter.

**Admissions Deposit**

The University requires a non-refundable admission deposit of $200 from freshmen accepted for the summer and fall terms. The deposit confirms a student's enrollment intention and secures their place in our freshman class. While all selective universities require students to pay a deposit to save a spot in their freshman class, students should be advised to submit only one deposit. Once a student decides that Florida State is their college choice, they should submit their deposit no later than May 1. If a deposit is not received by May 1, admission to the University is subject to cancellation. Students can pay their admission deposit by logging in to their Application Status Check [https://admissions.fsu.edu/statuscheck/]. For directions on how to pay the admission deposit, see page 7 of this newsletter.

If a student is Pell-eligible, they may qualify for a waiver of the admissions deposit. To request this waiver, please email admissions@fsu.edu listing “Deposit Waiver” in the subject line.

**Housing On Campus**

Students admitted to Florida State that want to live on campus need to contract for Housing. To complete the housing contract, students need to first claim their FSUID and then go to their myHousing portal at housing.fsu.edu/myhousing. Fall/Spring contracts are available beginning February 6. For more information on University Housing, see page 5 of this newsletter.

**Orientation**

After claiming the FSUID and paying the $200 admission deposit, students will need to sign-up for a required Orientation session through the myFSU portal. In the portal, students will see the following prompt: Have you registered for New Student Orientation? To register or update your reservation CLICK HERE. Students will need to click the link and complete their reservation. Space will be saved once payment is received and an email will be sent to their FSU email account. The Orientation registration window opens February 13.

**Final Official Transcripts & Test Scores**

Admitted students will need to send the Office of Admissions an official, final high school transcript reflecting their graduation date sent directly from their school to the University. If a student earned college credit in high school (dual enrollment), they must also send an official college transcript(s). All official transcripts must be received by July 17, 2019.

All official test scores (ACT and/or SAT) must be received at FSU from the respective testing agency by May 15, 2019.

Admitted students will also need to update their Self-Reported Student Academic Record (SSAR) with their final, senior-year grades.
**SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

Admitted students who were awarded a scholarship from the Office of Admissions were notified at the same time decisions were released. These awards were posted as a letter on the Application Status Check page. All first-year applicants were considered for the following scholarships:

- **University Freshman Scholarship**
  - $2,400 per year; $9,600 over four years.
  - Students must be a Florida resident.
  - Students must complete 30 hours per academic year and maintain a 3.0 FSU cumulative GPA to renew the scholarship each year.

- **100% Out-of-State Tuition-Reduction Waiver/Scholarship**
  - 100% reduction of OOS tuition portion - $14,444 in savings per year/$481 per credit hour (does not equate to in-state tuition).
  - Students must complete 30 hours an academic year and maintain a 3.0 FSU cumulative GPA to renew the scholarship each year.

- **Benacquisto Scholarship Program**
  - A merit scholarship program for all National Merit Finalists that listed FSU as their first choice that covers the entire cost of attendance of an undergraduate degree.
  - For in-state students - scholarship is currently valued at $22,128 per year (renewable for four years).
  - For out-of-state students - scholarship will also include an out-of-state tuition waiver bringing the total scholarship value to $36,526 per year (renewable for four years).
  - Questions regarding this scholarship opportunity should be directed to admissions-benacquisto@fsu.edu.

**CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION**

If a student earns a grade(s) below a C during their senior year, they must immediately contact the Office of Admissions. Any grade(s) below a C is subject to the offer of admission being rescinded. A cumulative college GPA below 2.0 (dual enrollment) will result in the offer of admission being rescinded. Students who don’t meet the conditions of admission should contact our office immediately (850.644.6200).

Admitted students should update their SSAR to include first-semester grades by February 27. They will need to log in to the SSAR website (https://www.selfreportedtranscript.com/ssar/login.aspx) and submit the updates by clicking the Complete button at the bottom of the Review/Submit section. Students must re-lock their SSAR or Florida State will not receive their updated information.

Admitted students will also need to update their SSAR with their final, senior-year grades upon earning their high school diploma.

In addition to updating the SSAR, students must send the Office of Admissions their final, official high-school transcript with their graduation date and senior grades posted as well as final dual enrollment transcript by July 17, 2019.

All official test scores (ACT and/or SAT) must be sent by the respective testing agency by May 15, 2019.

Once the Office of Admissions has received all final, official documents, we will confirm that the student graduated, verify that the information reported on the SSAR and the self-reported test score form matches and review final senior-year grades. Any discrepancies could result in the students offer of admission being rescinded.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES / TERM CHANGES**

Admitted students must notify the Office of Admissions regarding any possible changes to their high school schedule by contacting our office via phone at 850.644.6200 or email admissions@fsu.edu.

Students who wish to change their admission term from **Summer to Fall** must do the following:

- Be formally admitted for the Summer (this includes accepting the non-binding summer offer).
- Update their SSAR with mid-year grades and provide updated test scores (if applicable).
- Contact the Office of Admissions via phone 850.644.6200 or email admissions@fsu.edu to request a term change.

Students who wish to change their admission term from **Fall to Summer** must do the following:

- Update their SSAR with mid-year grades and provide updated test scores (if applicable).
- Contact the Office of Admissions via phone 850.644.6200 or email admissions@fsu.edu to request a term change.

**APPEALS**

Students who did not receive a favorable admission decision and who wish to appeal may submit a formal appeal. Detailed information about our appeals process can be found at http://admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/appeal/

To submit an appeal, students must do the following:

1. Update SSAR with mid-year grades.
2. Send an email with a statement explaining why he/she wishes to appeal. The email should be sent to admissions@fsu.edu with Appeal in the subject line.
3. Request official high school and college (if the student dual enrolled) transcripts be sent to Florida State.
4. Students submitting a medical or disability appeal must provide relevant medical documentation or a psychoeducational evaluation.
5. Letters of Recommendation can be submitted, but it is not required.

The deadline to receive all documents for a Disability Appeal is February 13 with the student receiving a final decision by February 22.

The deadline to receive all documents for a General Appeal is April 10 with the student receiving a final decision by April 19. Please note general appeals will not be reviewed until after March 28.

All appeals are reviewed by the University Admissions Committee and all decisions are final.
SEMINOLE PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Students selected by the Office of Admissions to participate in the Program will be able to join us on the Tallahassee campus after completing one of the four pathways outlined below.

FSU Panama City Pathway

Students who choose this pathway start their FSU experience in the summer term by completing an online course and then continue in the fall and spring semesters at our bay-front campus in Panama City, Florida. FSU Panama City offers a personalized education with a 20:1 student/faculty ratio and hands-on learning opportunities. Just 8 miles to the sandy white beaches of the Emerald Coast, FSU Panama City (pc.fsu.edu) offers students opportunities to work in the Robbins Center’s augmented reality lab, earn an Open Water Diver certification, and participate in FSU Panama City’s various student organizations. After the spring 2020 term, you are welcome to continue your education through graduation from one of FSU Panama City’s diverse and growing programs or continue your academic pathway at the FSU Tallahassee campus. More information on this Pathway is available on the FSU Panama City website (http://pc.fsu.edu/seminole-pathway).

FSU International Programs First Semester Abroad Pathway

Students who choose this pathway start their FSU experience in the summer term by completing an online course offered through International Programs. In addition to successful completion of the online course, they will enroll for the fall term at one of our study abroad centers in London, England; Florence, Italy; Valencia, Spain; or Panama City, Republic of Panama. Following the fall term, they will be eligible to join us in Tallahassee in January. More information on the First Semester Abroad program is available on the International Programs website (https://international.fsu.edu/FYA.aspx). Note: separate fees apply.

FSU International Programs First Year Abroad Pathway

Students who choose this pathway start their FSU experience in the summer term by completing an online course offered through International Programs. In addition to successful completion of the online course, they will enroll for the fall, spring, and the following summer terms at one of our study abroad centers in London, England; Florence, Italy; Valencia, Spain; or Panama City, Republic of Panama. Following your year abroad, you would be eligible to join us in Tallahassee for the Fall. More information on the First Year Abroad program is available on the International Programs website (https://international.fsu.edu/FYA.aspx). Note: separate fees apply.

Transfer Pathway

Students who choose this pathway start their college career at an accredited college and transfer to Florida State University for the spring term (January). They must complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of approved college coursework in the Fall term and earn a minimum 3.0 grade point average. Their coursework must include ENC 1101 (English Composition) and either MAC 1105 (College Algebra), MGF 1106 (Mathematics for Liberal Arts), or MGF 1107 (Topics in Practical Finite Mathematics) depending on math placement and major, unless they have already earned course credit through an accelerated mechanism such as AP, IB, AICE, or dual-enrollment. While students can transfer from any accredited college, we highly recommend that they consider transferring to us from Tallahassee Community College.

Students who receive a Seminole Pathways offer on January 31, 2019 have until March 4, 2019 to accept the offer. Accepting a Seminole Pathways offer is not binding. By not accepting the offer by the deadline, FSU will no longer consider an applicants application for admission.

For more information about the University, you can also view our counselor brochure at: http://admissions.fsu.edu/counselors/brochure.cfm

If you are hosting a College Fair, or would like our team to visit your school, please send your invitation to: collegefairinfo@fsu.edu

Interested in learning more about Florida State University, please join our Counselor Mailing List at: https://connect.fsu.edu/register/counselors

A PREEMINENT FLORIDA UNIVERSITY
University Housing

University Housing offers you a diverse living and learning community with suite-style and apartment-style residence halls. Each residence hall has unique characteristics. Detailed information on each hall can be found at the University Housing website (housing.fsu.edu).

Fall/Spring housing contracts for students admitted for the summer and fall term opens February 6, while Summer housing contracts for students admitted for the summer will open on February 27. Contracts for both Summer and Fall will close no later than May 1.

Once a housing contract is completed, admitted students have seven days to pay the $225 deposit. Summer housing contract deposits are $100.

Accepted students are also encouraged to check out the different Living-Learning Communities (LLC) offered at Florida State. An LLC consists of a small group of students who live together, share an interest, and take one or two of their classes together, usually in a small classroom inside their residence hall. Detailed information about each Living-Learning Community can be found at the following website: https://housing.fsu.edu/living-learning-communities.

Financial Aid

To apply for Financial Aid, admitted students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- Summer 2019 admits must complete both the 2018-19 FAFSA & 2019-20 FAFSA.
- Fall 2019 admits only need to complete the 2019-20 FAFSA.

If a student will be receiving Florida Bright Futures, or any other state-of-Florida scholarship, please confirm that FSU's school code (371) is listed on the state scholarship application. Students can update this information online or by calling the State of Florida Office of Student Financial Assistance at 1.888.827.2004.

Students must first claim their FSUID and then log in to their myFSU portal to view their financial award notification in mid-February. Visit the Office of Financial Aid website (financialaid.fsu.edu) for more information.

Honors Program

The Honors Program at Florida State University is a vibrant and engaged community of young scholars who excel both in and outside the classroom. Honors students will have access to enroll in specialized, smaller honors courses and participate in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program during their first year.

All Honors students have the opportunity to live in Landis Hall during their first year. Housing on campus is not guaranteed. We encourage students to submit their housing contract as soon as possible.

All high school students accepted to Florida State with a scholarship offer are welcome to apply to the University Honors Program. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on February 19, 2019. For students interested in the Honors Medical or Legal Scholar Programs must submit a supplemental application. Detailed information about the Honors Program and all additional programming can be found at honors.fsu.edu.
**Gap Year Fellows**

The American Gap Association defines a gap year as a “structured period of time when students take a break from formal education to increase self-awareness, learn from different cultures, and experiment with possible careers.” The year should engage students in new, challenging experiences that encourage them to reevaluate themselves and their world.

Students who are admitted on January 31 are eligible to apply for the FSU Gap Year Fellows program. **Applications are due February 25, 2019.** The application will be reviewed on a rolling basis by a university committee, and students will be notified of their deferment status/funding by April 1.

Detailed information on being a Gap Year Fellow can be found at cre.fsu.edu/programs/fsu-gap-year-fellows.

**CARE Summer Bridge Program**

**CENTER FOR ACADEMIC THROUGH RETENTION & ENHANCEMENT**

Florida State University is committed to expanding access to underrepresented and socio-economically disadvantaged students. Over 500 students were offered admissions to the CARE Summer Bridge Program.

FSU received more than 2,400 CARE applications making the selection of this year’s class extremely difficult. The 2019 CARE class represented all regions within the State of Florida, while the top 5 counties included Miami-Dade, Broward, Orange, Palm Beach and Duval.

The mid-range of this year’s CARE accepted class included the following: **Academic Core GPA 3.5-4.2; SAT 1070-1190; ACT 21-24.**

**Accepted Student Visits**

The Office of Admissions will be hosting **Accepted Student Visits beginning February 4 through April 18.** Accepted Student Visits will provide admitted students a chance to sit in on a “What’s Next” session and take a walking tour. Additional sessions about financial aid, university housing, and study abroad opportunities will also be available on these days.

Admitted students will see a link to sign-up for an accepted student event on their Application Status Check page after reviewing their decision letter. Students who received a Pathways or Spring offer must first accept the offer before they can register for an accepted student event. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. We also encourage you to check out our virtual tour at visit.fsu.edu.

For questions about the event, please contact Julie Rubin, Associate Director.

**Email:** julie.rubin@fsu.edu; **Phone:** 850.644.1270
HOW TO PAY A DEPOSIT

Below is essential information that students will need to pay their deposit at Florida State University:

1) Log in to your Application Status Check page at: admissions.fsu.edu/statuscheck.

2) On your status check page, scroll down to the Admission Deposit section and click Pay Admission Deposit.

3) On the Make A Payment screen, students will select the deposit description charge that reads Adm Deposit Undergrad; the item term will either read 2019 Summer or 2019 Fall; and the outstanding charge will be $200.

4) Check the Select to Pay box next to the outstanding charge; the deposit payment amount of $200 will appear under Total Charges and Payments; students will then click Continue.

5) On the Payment Method screen, students can choose to pay by either credit card or electronic check.
   - Paying by credit card will add a $4.60 service fee for total of $204.60.
   - Clicking Continue will take them to the FSU Student Tuition Fees screen.
   - Fill in the credit card payment information.
HOW TO PAY A DEPOSIT

• Paying by electronic check will not add a service fee charge.
• Clicking **Continue** will take them to the **FSU Student Tuition Fees** screen.
• Select the account type—personal or business—then click **Next**.
• Fill in the bank account information.

6) After filling in all the required fields on the billing address payment screen, click **Next**.

7) Next, verify that the billing address, payment method, and payment amount is correct. Then click **Pay Now**.

8) A screen with red text appears. Students must select the check box on this page and click **Submit** to proceed.

9) If payment was accepted, students receive the following confirmation screen.

**Please Note:** If you do not see the above screen saying that payment was successfully processed, do not pay again. For any questions on whether payment was successfully processed, students should call Student Business Services at 850.644.9452.

Payments made electronically may take up to 24 hours to post to a students’ MyFSU account. **DO NOT** attempt to pay the same charges multiple times if you do not see your payment posted to your account. If your payment does not appear within 24 hours, please contact Student Business Services at 850.644.9452 or studentbusiness@fsu.edu.

Students can also pay their admission deposit via mail by sending a check or money order, made out to Florida State University, to Student Business Services. Students should include their EMPLID on their payment.

**Address:**
Student Business Services
Florida State University
A1500 University Center
Tallahassee, FL 32306

Students can also pay their admission deposit in person with cash or check at Student Business Services, located at A1500 University Center. Payments must be received in the Office of Student Business Services by May 1.

10) Once the admission deposit has been paid or waived, students will also see confirmation on their Application Status Check.

**Admission Deposit**
Your admission deposit has been received.

**Admission Deposit**
Your admission deposit has been waived.
After gaining acceptance to Florida State University, you will receive an email from FSU ITS Announcements. The email will contain your FSUID as well as your nine-digit EMPLID. Before you can use your FSUID, you must finish setting up your account. Please visit the myFSU portal (my.fsu.edu) and click on ‘Activate/Manage FSUID’.

Below is a step-by-step process to claim your FSUID and complete the activation process:

1) Go to my.fsu.edu.
2) Under the garnet Sign In button, click on Activate/Manage FSUID.

3) On the FSUID Management page, as a new or first-time user (if you have not previously set security questions or have not reset your password since June 1, 2018), click Activate Your FSUID/Set Security Questions.

4) To activate your permanent FSUID, read the information on the Account Activation screen and click Proceed.

5) On the FSUID Activation screen, enter the EMPLID, First Name, Last Name and Date of Birth - all four fields are required. You can find your EMPLID by logging in to your Application Status Check page or by viewing the email you received from ITS Announcements. Then click Continue.

6) Depending on the information that is currently on file or that was submitted during the application process, students will see one of the following two screens:

6a) Students that provided their Social Security Number during the application process will be prompted to enter the last five digits of their SSN to verify their account. Then click Continue

6b) Students that did not provide their Social Security Number during the application process will be prompted to enter the email address that was used to register an FSU account (as a former student, current applicant, or employee of the university). Then click Continue.
HOW TO CLAIM YOUR FSUID

7) After the student has verified their account, an FSUID will be assigned and displayed on the Account Activation screen. Make note of the FSUID and then click Continue.

ACCOUNT ACTIVATION

The following FSUID has been assigned to you. This will be your permanent FSUID. Please make a note of this. You will need it to sign in to any FSU system, and it will be part of your FSU email address (i.e., FSUID@fsu.edu or FSUID@my.fsu.edu). FSUID: T2ZTESTS

Continue

8) Students will then be required to select three security questions and enter the answers to each question. These questions will be used to verify the students’ identity and to reset their password. It is very important to remember the exact answers to the questions (i.e. including punctuation, case sensitive, etc.). Then click Continue.

SECURITY QUESTIONS

FSU uses security questions to provide an extra layer of protection for your account. These questions will be used to verify your identity and reset your password if you ever forget it.

Select three security questions and enter your answers below. It is very important to remember your answers exactly as you type them (i.e., including punctuation, case sensitive).

What was the first thing you learned to cook?

What is the name of your favorite restaurant?

What is the name of the manager at your first job?

Continue

9) Finally, students will need to enter a password for their account. Students must follow the requirements that are listed on the screen. After confirming the password, click Continue.

ACCOUNT ACTIVATION

Success! Your account activation is complete.

Your FSUID: T2ZTESTS

myFSU Portal

10) If the password is accepted, students will receive confirmation that the FSUID and its corresponding account has been successfully activated. The student can then proceed to their myFSU portal.