

The First Few Weeks of Transition		09/08/11 05:00 PM - 09/08/11 07:01 PM
Chat Room Name	Username	Message
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Good afternoon family members! Welcome to UF's Online Family chat Program
LOBBY	AlbertLeonQ	AlbertLeonQ: Good Afternoon.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Good afternoon Albert! How are things going for you and your student?
LOBBY	AlbertLeonQ	AlbertLeonQ: Great, she is happy, busy studying and adapting fast.
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: What does NSFP mean?
LOBBY	JanaB	JanaB: Good Afternoon:)
LOBBY	EllenL	EllenL: Hello everyone
LOBBY	judi19	judi19: Good Afternoon.. where can students get help with the on line classes? there doesn't seem to be much support there. It is very new to them. It is almost like a self taught class. Otherwise things seem to be going well.
LOBBY	AlbertLeonQ	AlbertLeonQ: Just have a question about tutors for her honors Calculus (MAC3472) class since My daughter says that she need some help but the tutors are not familair with her class and only help with the regular Calculus classes, were can she get help for her class?
LOBBY	JanaB	JanaB: Well, my freshman began by losing her wallet inside of class, noticing it was missing, she rushed back in only to find that it was gone. She asked both Professors in the class if they would help her, they looked around the podium to no avail. She reported it to the UF police, no report or effort was made to help. Both she & I contacted the Dean of Students office and was pretty much told tough luck. Who should a freshman contact with housekeeping problems like this?
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): Good Afternoon everyone, my name is Victor Martinez and i work with New Student and Family Program in the Dean of Students Office.
LOBBY	JanaB	JanaB: If the police had made a report it would not have cost her to renew her license:(
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): celebrate: NSFP stands for New Student and Family Programs
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): judi19: although some courses are taught online, your student can still receive assistance from the instructor through their open office hours. Depending on the course, they may also have tutoring available at the Broward Teaching Center (https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/)
LOBBY	johnt0148	johnt0148: Our son says he has 2 advisors, 1 from the school of engineering and another for freshmen. Which advisor should he contact about courses for next semester?

LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): AlbertLeonQ: tutors at the Broward Teaching Center are familiar with this course. Your student can work on practice problems and homework assignments at the teaching center and ask for assistance when needed from the tutors there. They are very helpful students and knowledgeable on their course.
LOBBY	AlbertLeonQ	AlbertLeonQ: Victor, OK. Thanks for the information.
LOBBY	judi19	judi19: Thank you.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): johnt0148: If your student is an engineering major, they will need to see the advisor in the college of engineering since they are the ones that place and remove the holds for all engineering students each semester.
LOBBY	johnt0148	johnt0148: OK. thanks.
LOBBY	JanaB	JanaB: MAC class = \$478.00 book but on-campus bookstore was out, really???
LOBBY	Ltisdelle	Ltisdelle: Anyone else dealing with a lovelorn child? My son said this morning " I hate it here". It broke my heart. His girlfriend is back here at home and my son is having a terrible time dealing with this. Being at UF is such a terrific opportunity and he just wants to come home every weekend.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): JanaB good question. Often the student can also contact building maintenance for issues on lost and found too. Sorry that is definately a tough start! Is she doing better
LOBBY	jenjen0625	jenjen0625: Are the Hari-krisna group on campus influential on the minds of the new students?
LOBBY	sekarx	sekarx: My son is having problem with his new bike. I heard there is on campus help for bike. How he would get the help?
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): JanaB: i am sorry to hear about the experience your student had during their first week with loosing their wallet in class. Your student however has done the right thing by reporting it to the police just in case they find it. The best bet will be to reported to the police in this case or any major office if you there is one available in that building. The main lost and found place at the
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: Ltisdelle.. that is a hard situation
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): JanaB was the book on back order? Also students are welcome to use off campus book stores too if they choose.
LOBBY	landy121462	landy121462: my daughter is a pre-med major and is interested in doing some health related volunteer work - where can she go to find out what opportunities are there
LOBBY	JanaB	JanaB: Jaime, Victor: Thanks for your concern with her wallet, yes she is working thru HER mistakes.
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: my son also has a girl friend in Orlando where we are from. He has come home once but we have encouraged him to focus on school, new friends but not forget his girlfriend. We have asked him to be mature about it... i.e. he is not likely to marry his highschool sweetheart.. so he needs to try to remember this and focus on what he is there for.. studying
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: so far they seem to both be handling it maturely

LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Ltisdelle, you are correct making a transition can be even harder when students are balancing relationships back home. In your conversation with your student did he disucss what his experience is like (ie what his day to day is?)
LOBBY	Nina_A	Nina_A: My son says that the math professor is going over the material too fast in class and has to go over the entire lesson before doing his homework. Any advice?
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: Landy.. I think there are many volunteer opportunities at Shands
LOBBY	JanaB	JanaB: Jaime: She has contacted her Professor who is helping her work thru this week. She has called the off campus stores without luck. She is ordering from Amazon & praying to receive it on time & the correct edition. I will ask her to see if the book is on back order before ordering. Thanks:)
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): sekarx: i will encourage your student to register his bike with the University Police Department... this is free. However, for maintenance assistance, student government funds a bike repair shop located right outside the Reitz Union near the main bicycle parking. They have
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Celebrate great advice! Your are right it can be hard for students to balance the need to establish new relationship here at UF while also balancing those back home.
LOBBY	Ltisdelle	Ltisdelle: He is not a morning person so we know his thoughts are negative. Tonight he may be upbeat. He is very serious about this girl and they have talked marriage. That is the scary part as they are so young. He is struggling with some classes and that depresses him. He is getting tutored. I am hoping he will come
LOBBY	landy121462	landy121462: Celebrate - what area in shands she needs to go?
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Taking time to do both is important and also making sure that those at home are helping support the development of new relationships too. It is a lot to take in during the first few weeks but absolutley possible! Suppport and communication are some of the best ways to find this
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): landy121462: your student can visit Shands Hospital for volunteer opportunities, other oppportunities can be found through some student organizations such as AMSA, MAPS and other pre-health organizations.
LOBBY	jenjen0625	jenjen0625: My daughter was unable to unlock her bike for the pass two days.Seems that her key is not turning. Can she get someone from the repair shop to help her unlock it and see why this has happened.
LOBBY	johnt0148	johnt0148: JanaB, I just sold a math book on craigslist here in Tallahassee to an FSU student. It was a great deal so you may find the book if you check your local craigslist postings.
LOBBY	landy121462	landy121462: thanks Victor
LOBBY	Ltisdelle	Ltisdelle: He did actually tell my husband the other night he was ready to start getting out and meeting new people. We are trying to be firm and supportive too. Sometimes I think it is harder on the parents.
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: I am not sure Landy but UF has an association with Shands... so I am sure that the medical area could help, or just call Shands and explain the need and I am sure they have a volunteer department. It is a great facility with many specialies

LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): Nina_A: encourage your student to visit the professor during office hours and to also seek assistance form the tutors at the Broward Teaching Center
LOBBY	Nina_A	Nina_A: Thank you Victor
LOBBY	madhoks	madhoks: Hi! I am not sure how to address this- my son has a knee injury and is having trouble settling in and getting around. He wanted to "belong to" a group and not being able to play any sports because of his injury, decided to try joining a frat. So he went around during Rush week and decided to try one he got a bid from. He was told to be a designated driver for a frat party which turned out to be driving kids to and fro from 9.30 pmtill 3 am, much like a cab driver, on a school night too. This is not something we as parents are at all comfortable with- how can we adress this and make sure it does not happen again?
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Hi Jen Jen, Hari Karishna is not a UF affiliated group and while they do have a presence on campus (often during the lunch hour) I have not heard many students who feel overly influenced by their presence. Some studnets may find this group of interest and seek them out to learn more. UF has a good relationship with the group and has no history for concern
LOBBY	JanaB	JanaB: Johnt0148: I will def let her know to check Craigslist!
LOBBY	gator4ever	gator4ever: ?? when do the clubs have their big day on the North Lawn where they show the students what they are all about?
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): jenjen0625, she can defiantly ask the staff at the repair shop for assistance with her bike, however they may be able to refer her to other services if they are unable to
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: madhoks... not sure your spiritual interest but there are some excellent Christian groups on campus which can give kids a sense of belonging. My son has visited the baptist collegiate ministry and another one... and he likes them all.. so that would also be an alternative way to find a group..
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Ltisdelle, timing for converstations can make a difference. Congratulations to him for seeking out a tutor that to me shows a level of committment to being successful here. Has he been able to find a community or group of interest on campus yet (ie student club
LOBBY	gator4ever	gator4ever: and if you are Jewish the Hillel is awesome
LOBBY	madhoks	madhoks: we are not christian not that is not an option, or jewish either
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: he really likes the people in those groups.. he had thought about a fraternity but does not like that.. so he has found anothe rway
LOBBY	lisapcollins	lisapcollins: Not sure who to contact but my son just interviewed for a volunteer position at Shands.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Ltisdelle sounds like he is open to laying some roots here and yes being the parent and being firm is hard!
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: how about professional organizations? My son just told me about the business fraternity.. like a
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: he is going to their meetings also
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: he is just checking out a lot of different options

LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: which is great for Freshman
LOBBY	Ltisdelle	Ltisdelle: He has not done that yet and I am encouraging him to look for a club. He is in the jazz band. He has been going to the gym. We will talk with him tonight and I am going to ask if he has checked into any
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): gator4ever: there was a student involvement fair today, but your student is more than welcome to attend other events through out the semester. Organizations are seeking members all year, so its never too late.
LOBBY	sekarx	sekarx: Are students allowed to park scooters any where bike is allowed? or Is it more like car?
LOBBY	madhoks	madhoks: he is a premed major just looking to find some kids to connect with, and is a serious student too
LOBBY	gator4ever	gator4ever: thanks
LOBBY	johnt0148	johnt0148: Our son has expressed an interest in joining the engineering fraternity and we wondered when that would be possible? Is ot typically open to underclassmen or only after they have been accepted into
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Madhoks great question! There are a few options one he can talk with his Fraternity's New Member Educator about his concerns or he can also go to the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs to discuss his concerns. I am happy to meet with him to navigate either of these options if he would like. He can email me at JaimeG@dso.ufl.edu. As you note that is not the purpose of Greek Life at UF and I would love to help him address this concern.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): Celebrate: That is great to hear, that your student is seeking all the options available to them.
LOBBY	gator4ever	gator4ever: he has to wait for next semester and he must have a 2.0 or higher gpa to join the eng frat
LOBBY	madhoks	madhoks: Jaime, I am really concerned about this-it is matter of safety! I will talk to him this weekend and see if can meet with you.
LOBBY	johnt0148	johnt0148: Thanks, gator4ever!
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): johnt0148: professional organizations work very differently from one to another. Some organizations will accept 1st year students other will like students who have been here for a semester or so, but still have opportunities for first year students to get involved.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): http://www.recsports.ufl.edu is a great site to learn more about intramural sports which may be another way for some of your students to make new connections
LOBBY	madhoks	madhoks: Jamie, He is so new and feels so unsettled, especially with not being ale to wak around easily it has been a real challenge.
LOBBY	kajokela	kajokela: Good evening, I was just wondering if there is a place on campus for haircuts? My son is in need
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: Jamie..what dorm is he in?

LOBBY	dareric	dareric: My son is a freshman in the Architecture program. He calls us a few times a week and sends texts a little more often, but he seems super busy in Studio almost daily - day and night. He says he signed up with one of the social/prof Arch orgs., but no other social activities just yet. Just really want to know if this is normal starting out in this program. Very happy he seems immersed, just want him to get the full
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): in addition we have a group at UF called IDEAL that helps connect students with our over 900 student groups. Students can have a one on one consult with and IDEAL
LOBBY	gator4ever	gator4ever: kajok the Union has a barber shop fyi
LOBBY	kajokela	kajokela: OK thanks!
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Hi sekarx good question. parking regulations are pretty specific and scooters have their own designated parking here is a helpful link that shows these areas http://www.parking.ufl.edu/pages/transcommopt.asp
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): kajokela: there is actually a barbershop located on the ground floor of the Reitz Union near WellsFargo and Subway. However, if your student is looking for other locations, there are difenatly some location near to campus. some of these locations are: So Sharp Barbershop located on University avenue just a block east of campus, or supercuts located on teh 34th street plaza off
LOBBY	kajokela	kajokela: My son was one of the freshman who was placed in the Keys Complex due to the lack of space. When might some places be opening up for a possible transfer? The rent there is way to high for my
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Madhoks there are some great pre med student organizations that may be a great fit. He can speak with his Pre-med advisor or check out their webstie at http://www.advising.ufl.edu/prehealth/workshops.html or go to IDEAL to learn more
LOBBY	Indrasenk	Indrasenk: Hey - Is there a transportation service from UF to Orlando/UCF for weekend travel for students
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: i think that they are shuffling kids now
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Celebrate? Sorry I am not sure the question being asked about
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: my son lost one of his roommates because he moved off campus so he will be getting another one this week so some spots are opening up.. he is in Jenson
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): dareric: this is a great concern to have. However, this is a very common thing for students who are in the Architecture Program. Their first 2 years of the program are very studio based because they are preparing items for their portfolio for their review during the second
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: that was someone else who asked about dorms
LOBBY	johnt0148	johnt0148: My son is in Hume E. In case of emergency we rely on contacting him by cell phone, but if his phone is dead, who do we call? Is there a Hume # or do we have to contact the office of student affairs?
LOBBY	dareric	dareric: Thank you, Victor. Good to hear that he received the message early and seems to be latching on

LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Kajokela: Housing and Residence Education is working to replace students how are in overflow spaces currently. Your student will want to make sure he contacts housing about where he is on the list and confirm if needs to submit a room transfer request. He can contact
LOBBY	kajokela	kajokela: Thank you very much!
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): indrasenk: there are a few buses that travel to South Florida every weekend and make stops in the Orlando area. All of the stops are on the Turnpike. for a listing of buses you can visit http://www.dso.ufl.edu/studenthandbook/gettingtofrom.php
LOBBY	Indrasenk	Indrasenk: Thank you.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): For those of you just joining welcome to UF's Online Family Chat Program. My name is Jaime Gresley and I am an Assistant Dean in the Dean of Students Office and Director of New Student and Family Programs
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): As you can see this is an open forum for questions and discussion.
LOBBY	madhoks	madhoks: Jamie, my son is in the honors program so will his advisor be one of the honors advisors or one from the College of Pubec Health since he isa health science major
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): We will do our best to make sure we answer all questions however if for some reason yours was missed please let me know.
LOBBY	gator4ever	gator4ever: Victor I have my son booked for thanksgiving weekend \$55 round trip 6 hours max stop on service plaza and Mall of the Americas in Miami.
LOBBY	sea0929	sea0929: My son has a bicycle on campus and I thought I had heard that it could be registered with the campus police. lis that correct? We are encouraging him to keep his car parked and to not use it during the
LOBBY	madhoks	madhoks: I mean Public Health
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Madhoks, both! As an honors student he will be able to meet with both and advisor from Honors but also within his College. I always encourage Honors to keep contact with both as it will keep them on track for both programs but also serves a great resource and network
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): sea0929: this is correct. Your student can register their bike with the University Police department for free. They can just visit the station which is located next to Jennings
LOBBY	sea0929	sea0929: Thank you.
LOBBY	Celebrate	Celebrate: thanks Jaime, I am signing off.. have to get home.. I look forward to the next chat
LOBBY	judi19	judi19: when do freshman register for next semester? do they contact their advisor to figure out what to take? It was easier at Preview to register because they had someone there with them. I thought that was
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): john0148: in the case that you are unable to contact your student via phone and you are concerned for your student, you can also call the Hume Hall main desk and ask if the RA can do a wellness check. Wellness Checks are also done by the University Police Department in extreme cases. In the case you are not able to reach anyone in the Hume Desk you can always contact the Dean of

LOBBY	madhoks	madhoks: Thanks Jamie. Can he talk with any of the honors and Public Health advisors?
LOBBY	burnett6@bellsouth.net	burnett6@bellsouth.net: My daughter needs a job, can she get help from the school? She is looking all around the local fast food places....can the school help in any way or is there a person she can get in touch with for help at the school for work?
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): sea0929 Registering your bicycle with UFPD increases the chance that your bicycle will be returned to you if it is stolen. Bicycle registration is also a deterrent to would-be thieves. Pre-register online at www.police.ufl.edu , and then bring your bicycle to UFPD to verify your serial number and receive your decal. Or, see any UFPD officer, and s/he will assist you in registering your
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): madhoks: The first time your student visits an advisor at each location they may assign him to a specific person, or he may be able to see the first available advisor. it all depends on the policy that the college has in place.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Great chatting with you celebrate! Go Gators!
LOBBY	kajokela	kajokela: With the work study program is it a first come first serve or how exactly does that work?
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): burnett good question and YES UF can help. I would encourage your student to go to jobs.ufl.edu
LOBBY	burnett6@bellsouth.net	burnett6@bellsouth.net: Thank you
LOBBY	carleneconway	carleneconway: My son is a freshman this year; how often do most parents call or text their sons or daughters? I want to give him his space but i don't want him to think we don't miss him.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): All on campus positions are listed on this site. Also the Career Resource Center can help get students connected. The great part, in addition to earning money, is that students who works 5-10 hours a week tend to be able to manage their time better.
LOBBY	kajokela	kajokela: I skype my son every day and text him a half a dozen times. They have their space already they are away from home!
LOBBY	Noemi	Noemi: I tihink every day or every other day is appropriate to call at the beginning.... i'm in the same
LOBBY	Indrasenk	Indrasenk: Thank you. I am singing off.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): judi19: students are highly encouraged to visit an advisor at any time during the course of the semester. Toward the back middle portion of the semester your student will be assigned a registration time on ISIS. This will be the time that they have been assigned to begin registering for the next semester of courses. The academic advisors will be happy help your student out with insuring that they are on the correct path. However, advising offices due get busy towards this time of the year because as you can imagine many students will visit them for assistance.
LOBBY	dblackowiak	dblackowiak: I text my son every couple days, he is also a first year student. I was tempted to go visit him after just a couple weeks because we missed him so much, however we held back. Thank God texting is quick, easy and inexpensive to keep in touch.

LOBBY	johnt0148	johnt0148: Thanks for the contact #, Victor. I'll look up Hume's.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): carleneconway: great question. many students and family members find it easy to have a set schedule on when they will have time to skype/iChat or talk on the phone based on class schedules and work schedules. This works really well with a lot of students.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): As you can see carleneconway lots of ways to communicate as well as frequency. I know it sounds simple but also ask your student if your communication method is working. I know alot of my students love calls from their family members while others prefer text
LOBBY	teenie	teenie: greetings, my daughter had a concern with her 4:05 chem 1 class---she has another class right before it on tues. and thurs., she is able to get there on time but there is only room for sitting on the floor. this is difficult for her because she herniated a disc in her back a few months ago. i called the deans office and they connected me with the diisability resource center. long story short i believe she has taken care of this with her professor but she does not want to be considered "disabled". it is an injury that will heal. my point was that no student should have to sit on the floor for a chemistry lecture. by the way i am
LOBBY	dareric	dareric: I realize this question is not entirely related to transition, but is there a place on the ISIS site where current grades are posted for the student's courses or is this private housed elsewhere to the student?
LOBBY	Ltisdelle	Ltisdelle: Yes, we try and skype at least once a week and call and text also.
LOBBY	sea0929	sea0929: We call or text our twins every other day.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Hi Tennie,
LOBBY	Noemi	Noemi: At previews, we heard that students should make an effort to meet their professors the first 2 weeks of school... my son tells me it's practically impossible to meet them as there are soo many people in the class, and sometimes it's on-line... Also, had the same question about where to find their grades...
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): thank you for your comment I agree I will look into this to what's
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): carlenesconway: another great way to show your student that you miss them and that you are always thinking about them is to surprise them with care packages via mail. I know this is something that students truly enjoy. You can create your own care package with their favorite snacks or have it as simple as a card with a gist card to their favorite restaurant in town. I know this is
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Noemi, yes some of the classes will be large and potentially more challenging to speak with the professor directly after class however I would still encourage you student to stop by the faculty members office hours or come early to class. Faculty can be such great resources to students I definately want to make sure your student is able to take advantage of that
LOBBY	Ltisdelle	Ltisdelle: Is it possible to access this string of chats at a later date in case something relevent to me was posted after I had to sign off.

LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): dareric: your student will have access to their final grades via ISIS at the end of each semester. For the most current grades for the courses that they are taking this semester, they are not located in one central location. This is mainly because each instructor chooses on how they keep their students posted with their status on the class.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Ltisdelle, yes all chat transcripts are posted 48 hours after the chat at http://www.dso.ufl.edu/nsfp/parents/familyonline/ In facty you can even view chats from last year!
LOBBY	carleneconway	carleneconway: Thanks for the feedback. As a family we are just trying to feel our way through this time of transition in all our lives.
LOBBY	Ltisdelle	Ltisdelle: Thank you, Victor, that is wonderful. Until next time....
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): I absolutely understand carlenconway and please know that New Student and Family Programs is more than happy to help in any way possible
LOBBY	sea0929	sea0929: Thanks for all the good advise! Signing off
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): Ltisdelle: you are welcome... we are happy we can all help you answer your questions and address any concerns.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): So what have your students been sharing so far about classes? harder than high school, easier, different?
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): sea0929: have a great rest of your day
LOBBY	kajokela	kajokela: I think the biggest change is the size of the classes and just being a number.
LOBBY	Nina_A	Nina_A: Definitely harder than HS.
LOBBY	dareric	dareric: Thank you, Victor. Kind of had a feeling it was that way, but wanted to check anyway. My son is basically just saying 'it's a lot of work (in studio classes) and he seems to like the freedom to come and go as he pleases and settling in with his roommate. Also, the class times are very different than what they were used to in high school - early mornings, mid afternoons, early evenings, and studio into the night owl
LOBBY	johnt0148	johnt0148: It's been a mixed bag from my son...one class seems really easy so far, one he said was lots of busywork, but there is no doubt his fave is the Rock and Roll class!
LOBBY	dblackowiak	dblackowiak: The biggest change for my son has been adjusting to the large number of students .. however, he is a very social person and quickly adapted to lots of people, roommates, and schedules. Overall I'm really proud of how well he is doing. So far, the classes seem tougher but not so that he
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): johnt0148: this is very common... and from what i hear from a lot of our students the Rock and Roll class is really good and very popular.
LOBBY	Noemi	Noemi: Thanks Jamie... my son absolutely loves it there... it is hard, but coming from the IB program definitely help with the study load... it is paying off... adjusting to such large classes is probably the biggest

LOBBY	madhoks	madhoks: My son has a temporary handicap permit because of his knee injury, it is hard for him to walk around and it is very difficult for him to stand for the three hours on wednesday evenings when he has chem lab. he tells me it is very crowded and is a very large class
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Kajokela, class size is definately a major change for most students. Some ways to make a big class small are arrive early and talk with the faculty member before class, make sure to sit up front, after class if you have any follow up questions or comments talk with the professor or go visit the professor during office hours. Office hours are often one of the most underutilized
LOBBY	dareric	dareric: Right there with Noemii - previous IB student in much smaller classes. Adjusting well though.
PRIVATE ROOM	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Alison): The new ChiO at ASU that I was telling you about, Candy her email is candida.campbell@asu.edu if you are wanting to send an email while you chat :)
LOBBY	dblackowiak	dblackowiak: Thank you so much for having the chat sessions, it really makes it easier to connect with our student and his new surroundings. Go Gators!
LOBBY	johnt0148	johnt0148: Madhoks, is there no way he can sit for part of the lab? It seems that would be an easy accommodation that could be made.
LOBBY	dareric	dareric: Yes, thank you & Go Gators!
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Madhoks, your student can always speak with the professor about his knee injury and discuss possible options to sit during times at lab also he may want to speak with the Disability Resource Center at 352-392-8565 they can also help students with accommodations too
LOBBY	madhoks	madhoks: he tells me there is no space in that class, it would be impossible to sit
LOBBY	kajokela	kajokela: I will let my son know. Thank you so much Jaime!
LOBBY	johnt0148	johnt0148: Hmm...what if he were a student who used a wheelchair? Under Section 504 of the Rehab Act and ADA they would have to accommodate his needs!
LOBBY	Noemi	Noemi: I have a suggestion for those of you interested.... copy and paste whatever is relevant to your son/daughter from this chat into an email to them... I'm doing this right now for what I think he would want to know (as I probably won't remember it all)....
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Alison): madhoks, what is wonderful about the Disability Resource Center is that they will help with accommodations for both short-term and long-term disabilities. I can see how standing for that long on an injury would not be helpful to the learning process, so I would encourage him to take advantage of the resources available.
LOBBY	madhoks	madhoks: It would be great to be able to sit for part of the lab but it seems there are no seats at all. he is temporary disabled so is just trying to cope the best e can without drawing attention
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Yes that is correct johnt0148 and our Disabilty Resource Center can help navigate those conversations as well as others. They are a real help to our students!

LOBBY	EllenL	EllenL: this is a bit more of a general question but we will be attending this weekend's football game.....is there an elevator or some other means of access in the stadium for those that have difficulty walking stairs? are there handrails at all within the stadium?
LOBBY	madhoks	madhoks: Thanks.
LOBBY	judi19	judi19: It was a very good experience attending summer B classes. My daughter felt it really gave her a head start . She seems to be adjusting.. joined a sorority and is making a few new friends.
LOBBY	TDMKD	TDMKD: is there a way to check on students progress in classes they are taking? (beside asking them
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Hi Ellen, it really depends on the section that you are sitting, I would encourage to speak with the ticket office 1 800-34 Gator prior as well as the stadium staff when you are at the game. They are really helpful!
LOBBY	teenie	teenie: my daughter is loving uf and adjusting well. managing time is key especially after joining a sorority. we are so happy she is enjoying this time in her life even though she feels overwhelmed at times. by the way madhoks the Disability Resource Center was right on top of things when it comes to a student
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Alison): Judi19, that's wonderful that your daughter seems to be adjusting well. Many students do find it helpful to have Summer B to adjust before the rush of Fall begins.
LOBBY	EllenL	EllenL: Jaime....thank for the good advice!!
LOBBY	EllenL	EllenL: I meant "thanks" of course.....
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Not a problem! My family will also be at the game so hopefully this beautiful weather will stick around!
LOBBY	EllenL	EllenL: yes, we can hope!
LOBBY	Laura W	Laura W: I have a question, my son is a sophmore this year. He lived on campus last year in a dorm with his 2 friends. He did okay. This year he is living off campus in an apartment with the same to roommates. He seems to be doing okay. He is homesick which is normal. I keep telling him to get involved with as much as he can. He has joined a flag football league with his friends from last year. He is also in the prevet club. That is great. I have to push him to do things though. He is on the shy side. He wants to make more friends, but has trouble with that. I am looking for feedback on how much to push or not push. I don't
LOBBY	gator4ever	gator4ever: is there a frat that is more open to all kinds of kids? my son rushed and he didnt like the attitude of the ones he visited. Just curious if there is one that is more open to individuals being themselves as opposed to being all cut from the same mold?
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Johnt0148 that is great! TRiP is an amazing group that has both a graduate student advisor and a full time faculty and staff advisor. Typically there is an advisor either graduate student or staff member that goes but it may depend on the trip
LOBBY	coonies	coonies: When is registration for parent weekend due to be available? Any details as to cost?

LOBBY	johnt0148	johnt0148: Good to know! He wants to go on every one of them, but of course the cost will prohibit that! It looks like some great opportunities though. Maybe the rest of you can get your kids to look into joining if
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Laura, that is always a interesting balance but I am a big believer in the challenge and support method. As long as you are able to show support and celebrate accomplishments such as joining the flag football team, prevet group etc. I think students tend to be open to being challenged as well. But don't forget you know your student and will be able to tell when he is
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): gator4ever: each fraternity on campus is very different from one another. There over 20 fraternities on campus, and each are unique in their own way. I will encourage your student to take this semester to get to know men from different fraternities and this way he will be able to find one that will best fit him and he feels comfortable with.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Johnt0148 it really is a wonderful opportunity in fact my husband (many years ago) was the Graduate Student for TRiP and still reminises on what an amazing experience it
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Hi Coonies, Family Weekend Registration will go live next week! The basic package is \$30.00 a person and then you will have the option to add on addition a la cart events if you choose. An email will be sent to family members and students when it opens.
LOBBY	teenie	teenie: Laura, sometimes i wish my daughter was more homesick. i assume he is pre vet---that is a pretty close group. he will find more friends with similar interest as he becomes an upperclassman
LOBBY	gator4ever	gator4ever: thanks Victor
LOBBY	coonies	coonies: Jaime- Thanks for the heads up. Looking forward to it.
LOBBY	TDMKD	TDMKD: is there a way to check on students progress in classes they are taking? (beside asking them questions) i realized this is college - but for first semester, first yr, we r little concerned
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): TDMKD: There is no central location for checking on current progress in classes. Each professor has their own method of keeping each student up to date with their progress. Some will choose to do it in class, online or via office hours. It all depends on the professor and
LOBBY	Noemi	Noemi: Need t log off... thanks for all
LOBBY	Laura W	Laura W: teenie: Thank you. He said there is alot of students in that club, but I don't think he has made any friends, he is so shy. I hope and pray that he opens up. My daughter is a senior in high school this year. I know she will NOT be homesick when she goes to college next year. I will feel the same as you.
LOBBY	EllenL	EllenL: Jaime and Victor, I have to sign off now.....thank you for the good advice and for having these
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Thanks for chatting Noemi and Ellen I hope to see you at future
LOBBY	EllenL	EllenL: :)
LOBBY	johnt0148	johnt0148: Gotta go. Thanks for all of the great info, everyone! This was a super opportunity to network.

LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Another great thing students can start doing even now is meeting with an academic advisor to discuss their academic plans...this is especially helpful for those students how are considering multiple majors
LOBBY	Nina_A	Nina_A: My son has no idea what to major in. What kind of resources are there to help him figure it out?
LOBBY	teenie	teenie: Jaime, that is good advice. i know my daughter came in with 37 AP hours so she feels a bit rushed in deciding what she wants to do. i don't think she is sure. i hope she checks out the career resource center. she feels like she doesn't have a lot of extra time to do these things and i think they are so
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Nina good question. At the Academic Advising Center in Farrior Hall students can actually meet with an advisor who is solely responsible for working with undecided students. He can stop by or call to set up an appointment
LOBBY	Nina_A	Nina_A: Thank you Jaime
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): In addition he may want to check out CHOMP a program for students to do an online career interest assessment it can be found at http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/decismakng.aspx Students can also stop by the Career Resource Center
LOBBY	kajokela	kajokela: Are there any running clubs on campus? My son is a runner and I just feel that a good way for him to rid himself of the stress would be to get back to running.
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): There are so many options out there for students it can be a overwhelming, as long as they meet regularly with and academic advisor about interest and course selection they are able to explore multiple majors while still staying on track to graduate
LOBBY	Nina_A	Nina_A: Thank you Jaime. I will pass this information to him.
LOBBY	judi19	judi19: my daughter is undecided about major also and is worried about that. I will give her the info. thank
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): We have about 15 minutes left in tonight's chat. Are there other topics or questions you would like to discuss tonight?
LOBBY	Nina_A	Nina_A: I need to log off. Thanks for this chat
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): kajokela: great question... there are many running clubs on campus. One of the most popular clubs on campus is the TriGators club (http://trigators.com/) they are a group of very dedicated students who run for fun, stay in shape or to release stress. Their website is very informative and have a lot of information as well. Even some of their latest accomplishments.
LOBBY	kajokela	kajokela: Thank you so much Victor....I know this will help him greatly!
LOBBY	judi19	judi19: thank you it was interesting learning about everyone's concerns and knowing we are all involved parents who want the best for our student. I look forward to the next chat.
LOBBY	teenie	teenie: this has been great! thank you so much. it is nice that such a large university offers such a personal touch. GO GATORS!
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Victor): kajokela: No problems, i hope this helps. I am glad we can help :)

LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Thank you all so much for your participation. Our next chat will be Wednesday, September 21 from 11am-1pm. For a list of all our chats visit http://groupchat02.askadmissions.net/01/Landingpage.aspx?clientname=ufl
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Also if you or your student ever has a question please feel free to contact New Student and Family Programs at 352-392-1261 or email me at JaimeG@dso.ufl.edu
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): I am so thrilled your students have such great support systems if there is anything we can do to help you and your student please don't hesitate to call!
LOBBY	familychatmoderator	familychatmoderator(UF NSFP Jaime): Thank you all for your participation night the chat will be posted online next week. I hope you have found tonight helpful.
LOBBY	fisherhood@centurylink.net	fisherhood@centurylink.net: thanks