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<td>familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): My name is Arie Gee and I am the Assistant Director for Family Programs and Engagement in the Dean of Students Office.</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): Hi Everyone, my name is Kris Klann and I’m Associate Director for New Student &amp; Family Programs. Welcome to today’s chat!</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Hello all, My name is Ryan Winget and I work with Housing! I will be in the Housing Chat Room and I hope you join me there!</td>
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<td>familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): Hi Bridget, thank you for joining us! What types of tours are you interested in? There are official campus tours that students can take as prospective students. If they are interested in learning more about campus, they can always ask their RA or their Preview Staffer to give them a tour, but there aren’t any official tours that I’m aware of.</td>
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<td>familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): @Bridget, those are things we talk about in the First Year Florida class that students can take. Don’t worry if she hasn’t quite figured them all out yet. If she wants to learn more about campus, her RA is going to be a great resource for her.</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(UF_NSFP Mickey): Hello All - Mickey Howard with New Student &amp; Family Programs excited to be here today!</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(UF_NSFP Mickey): @bridget - great question. There is usually a variety of events that will be happening throughout the semester. One of the easiest things to do is to have your student visit Student Activities and Involvement to make an appointment with the Involvement Team to conduct a 1:1 involvement consultation.</td>
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<td>Family Chat Moderator (UF_NSFP Mickey): The appointment will cover a variety of things - what you would like to get involved with, what your past involvement experience has been, and connect with different clubs and organizations based on those interests.</td>
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<td>Family Chat Moderator (UF_NSFP Jaime): Great question, Brigitte, yes there is a repairs shop on campus.</td>
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Jlucas: Do they have a dry cleaner on campus? |

rimabanerjee@gmail.com: My son who is a freshman feels the kids make racist jokes. Coming from MD it is very hard because we are so diverse here. He says what are they saying about Indians behind their backs. |

Family Chat Moderator (UF_NSFP Jaime): Jlucas, no, but there are some non-affiliated laundry services that students can use. |

Family Chat Moderator (UF_NSFP Jaime): These groups will come to your students residence hall and pick up the laundry then clean and return. |

Family Chat Moderator (UF_NSFP Jaime): However none of these are official UF partners. |

Family Chat Moderator (UF_NSFP Mickey): @rimabanerjee – we take bias pretty seriously around here, especially when it comes to perceived bias. We have a whole team dedicated to educating our community. [http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/stopbias/team](http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/stopbias/team) |

Family Chat Moderator (UF_NSFP Mickey): That link also has a place to report any bias incident anonymously to make sure we are doing our part to protect our community. |

Family Chat Moderator (UF_NSFP Mickey): Hope that helps! |

rimabanerjee@gmail.com: Thank You! It does help a lot. I did not want him to come to UMD for this as he wanted to go to UF. I don’t know how much he will contact but I will pass on the link to him. |

Family Chat Moderator (Lynn - Academic Advisor): Hello all, my name is Lynn O’Sickey and I am an advisor in the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center. Sorry to be late joining the chat! |

KWConch: Any words of advice on staying connected to our students? Btw, loved the UF calendar I received in the mail this week - that helps parents with information and UF activities. |

Family Chat Moderator (Lynn - Academic Advisor): I’ll be opening the academic advising chat room in a minute. |

Vickigatormom: Jaime, do you have contact info for the unofficial dry cleaning services you mention? |

rimabanerjee@gmail.com: I have to give you guys credit for the chat sessions as it really helps the parents I feel. Thanks. |

seanlyons14: So my daughter asked me this morning about living off-campus next year. Good idea or no? She will be a sophomore. She is in Broward this year and joined a sorority. |

rimabanerjee@gmail.com: Can we do something about the food in the Cafeteria please? I know college food is supposed to be not home food but it is tougher as as we don’t eat beef or pork. |

Family Chat Administrator (Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): @seanlyons14, Nora from Off Campus Life is definitely the expert! She is in the “Off Campus Life” chat room answering these and other questions. |

seanlyons14: BTW, hi from Rhode Island. |

Family Chat Moderator (Nora_OffCampusLife): If you daughter is unsure about whether to move off-campus she is welcome to set up an appointment with me and I would be happy to help answer her questions. |

seanlyons14: Cool, thanks Nora. |

KWConch: Vickigatormom, people have mentioned Lazee (sp?) Laundry, but have not tried it, picks up and delivers.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): @rimabanerjee, each of the dining halls has suggestion boxes for students to give feedback on the food. If students want more options that are pork and beef free, they can ask!

Lbufkin: Hi, what exactly is an advising hold?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): @Lbufkin, Lynn is in the Advising Chat room and can explain this!

Lbufkin: how do I access that room?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): At the top, there is a link to "Add More Chatrooms", from here you can see Advising, Housing, and Off Campus Life

Lbufkin: thx
drakich: I would like to know if anything is being done to improve SNAP’s response time. My daughter refuses to call again because she was told very rudely the first week of classes (after a chem lab that ends late) that "would be a very long time" before they could pick her up. So, I am a nervous wreck after each of those classes waiting for her to call me when she gets back to her dorm. I also emailed the campus police department about this as we’re instructed to do.

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): @drakich, I’m sorry your daughter had such a bad experience the first time she used it. Encourage her to request via the app. If it tells her she has a long wait time, have her screenshot it and send it to the UPD officer who coordinates the program. 
http://www.police.ufl.edu/community-services/student-nighttime-auxiliary-patrol-snap/

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): Student Government is the program who funds SNAP, so she can also talk to the Student Government representative for her area and have them bring it to SG’s attention.

drakich: Thanks, Arie!

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): If your student has mentioned living off campus next year, Nora has some GREAT advice in the Off Campus Life chatroom. If your student hasn’t mentioned where they are thinking about living next year, it is never too early to start having that conversation with your student.

WMCathey: I have a question about getting a door lock repaired. My daughter and I have both entered a request to repair the lock...and she's been told a lack of funds is the issue preventing the repair.

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): WMCathey, Ryan is answering your question in the Housing room!

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Please send me specifics to RyanW@Housing.ufl.edu

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): WMCathey: I am sorry you have this response. If something is broke, we will fix it. RyanW@housing.ufl.edu

bridget: where is a bike air pump station on campus

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): Bridget, the Bike Repair shop in the Reitz can do this, but there are also stations around campus. I know there is one behind Beaty and I believe there are others, but let me check!

WMCathey: Ryan_Housing—I opened the housing and residence education chat room...no one is there. ;)

Lbufkin: is there anyone in here from Gator Gears? My daughter has a rental bike with a flat and scheduled an online appt but was never contacted.

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): bridget: let me look up where the bike repair stations are near the res halls. Aren’t they awesome!?!?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): @Lbufkin, they are not in the chat right now, but if you send me an email with your student's name, I will contact the coordinator and pass it along!

bridge: she is in reed hall which bike station is close to this

csapourn: About parking on campus... I remember seeing a helpful video showing the right and wrong way to park but now I can't find it. I'd like to send it to my son. Do you know where to find it?

Lbufkin: ty arie
Lbufkin: what is your email please Arie?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): ihaveagator@ufl.edu is the easiest way to get in touch with me!

KAlmond7: Can a student upgrade their football ticket to a regular ticket to sit with a parent, or is it easier to get a guest pass for the parent to sit in the student section?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): @KAlmond7, it is much easier to get a guest ticket for the family member!

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): @csapourn, is this the one you're talking about? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1864n0XDnui

csapourn: Yes!! Thank you!

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): That's a great video that I didn't even know existed! Thanks for asking about it!

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Bike Repair Stations On Campus are located in: Beaty, Reid, Murphree, Tolbert, Graham, Springs, Lakeside, Diamond, Tanglewood, Maguire, UVS and Corry.

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): Is anyone coming to town for Family Weekend October 23-25? Registration is still open, but some of the events are filling up pretty quickly!

dptak1: Arie, as it gets closer to time for the Family Weekend Events we signed up for will we or our student receive an email telling us when and where to meet for each event?

familychatmoderator(Matt_UFNSFPStudent): Hi, everyone! My name is Matt Solomon. I'm a 2nd year Criminology & English major from Wood Dale, IL. I served as a Preview Staff this past Summer, and currently work as a Student Assistant for New Student & Family Programs! Please feel free to ask me any and all questions you may have!

gator mom 2: Thanks, Ryan, for the helpful info on the many locations of bike repair stations! :)

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): @dptak1, everyone in the party who provided an email address will receive a confirmation with a full schedule about a week before Family Weekend. This will include locations of each event, but it will be up to your family to discuss which events you would like to attend and where to meet!

dptak1: Thanks Ariel! We are signed up for several events/tours so I'll watch for the email to know when and where to be for each one.

familychatmoderator(Matt_UFNSFPStudent): @dptak1 We look forward to seeing you at Fall Family Weekend!

dptak1: Thanks Matt! I'm excited to get back to Florida and hug my baby Gator!

gator84: Housing - If my gator registers for less than 12 hours next semester, can he remain at Hume in the Spring?

Kdemarcken: Regarding parking, the parking video doesn't show that it is illegal to back into a parking space in the parking garage next to the commuter lot. My son received 2 tickets, one on Monday and one on Thursday. Since he lives on campus, the first time he used his car was on Saturday. Why was a second ticket written when the first was still on the windshield of the car?
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<td>familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms):</td>
<td>@Kdemarcken, I'm sorry that happened. Unfortunately, if they didn't ticket just because there was another ticket on the windshield, people on campus would leave tickets on their windshield all of the time to avoid tickets. I'm not sure where it says that you can't back into the space, but that is a good question to ask the Transportation and Parking department.</td>
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<td>jmc123:</td>
<td>Any information on helping students adapt to managing fraternity obligations and most importantly keeping up with classes? Seems pledging takes up an awful lot of time.</td>
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<td>Lbufkin:</td>
<td>Some colleges do not allow Freshman to pledge, I think that is a good idea myself.</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(UF_NSFP Mickey):</td>
<td>@jmc123 - The new member process for fraternities and sororities is like taking on another class. It is about learning about the members, the history and the pillars. One of the biggest pillars though is Scholarship for all fraternities. I think it's about talking with your student about the most important piece and reminding them why they are there. It is also about making sure that they use their free time effectively. Do they schedule study time? Do they schedule time to go to the library? More than likely there might just be some misuse of the time they do have.</td>
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<td>jmc123:</td>
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<td>familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms):</td>
<td>The tickets will also have appeal instructions and he can always appeal and let them know that he did not go back to his car for x amount of time.</td>
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<td>jmc123:</td>
<td>Thanks Mickey good advice</td>
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<td>mnotrica:</td>
<td>No. Im good. Thanks everyone!</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor):</td>
<td>Arie, that address is <a href="mailto:ihaveagator@ufl.edu">ihaveagator@ufl.edu</a> right? I think you left out the I in ufl.</td>
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### Online Family Chat - Academic Advising
Thursday, October 1, 2015

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<td>nuriya: My daughter is starting out as an engineering major. However, she is not sure that is what she wants to do. The engineering dept seems excellent. However, none of the engineering majors leave any time for exploring many other classes. My daughter is not really sure what she wants to do and it seems a little worrisome for her to box herself in so soon. So you have any advice or know where she could go for general advising on this matter. My husband thought maybe she should see someone in career planning.</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): Hi nuriya, great question. Your husband is right, she can definitely speak with someone in the Career Resource Center. They have some excellent resources on their website for exploring majors (<a href="http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/studentExploringMajorsCareers.html">http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/studentExploringMajorsCareers.html</a>) as well as a self-assessment called CHOMP (<a href="http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/studentChomp.html">http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/studentChomp.html</a>) which could help.</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): Additionally, the Academic Advising Center for the College of Liberal Arts &amp; Sciences as has Exploratory advising which can be helpful for students trying to identified other potential majors on campus (<a href="https://www.advising.ufl.edu/exploratory-2/">https://www.advising.ufl.edu/exploratory-2/</a>)</td>
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<td>nuriya: ok, thank you I will forward these resources on to her.</td>
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<td>Jlucas: When does advisement and registration for next semester start?</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): Hi jlucas, great question. The Schedule of Courses, so what is being offered and when, comes out tomorrow. Students can start going in at anytime to see their advisor. Registration begins at the end of October, but students will have an assigned time that may not be until November.</td>
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<td>Jlucas: Thank you!</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): @Jlucas, Kris is right. It will be easier to make an appointment between now and the third week of October than after that. Most frosh will register in later October or the first half of November.</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): All, your students should see an advisor sometime in October to touch base about progress in courses, how to get assistance if they want to improve their grades as well as to talk about their classes for spring.</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Advising contacts for all colleges can be found at: <a href="http://www.ufadvising.ufl.edu/advisers.aspx">http://www.ufadvising.ufl.edu/advisers.aspx</a></td>
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Lbufkin: Is it possible to expand on the reason this could be Lynn? There has only been one test so far.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Lbufkin, (sorry for the font color/size/bold issues, can't seem to get it off) Lynn, the hold is a way to bring the student in for advising and typically benefits students by helping them figure out what they need to do to be on track and/or to plan for their next term.

Lbufkin: Is this a common hold?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): @drakich, AICE credits should have posted to the student's transcript already. Are you saying that the credits are not showing or that they don't show as meeting the Writing requirement?

csapourn: When should students begin looking for off-campus housing for next year?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Lbufkin, your student would contact his/her advisor to set up an appointment or come in as a walk-in. http://www.ufadvising.ufl.edu/advisers.aspx

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Lbufkin, again, in some colleges all students get the hold. In others, it's just students who need specific advice.

csapourn: best to ask that in the lobby, I think they can help you - I'm strictly academic advising.

csapourn: Sorry, posted to wrong chat room!

drakich: Hi, Lynn. How long does it take to get the AICE credits applied to UF credits? My daughter's scores show up in Test Scores but so far, she has not been given credit for writing. Does this have to be done with an advisor?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): @drakich, AICE credits should have posted to the student's transcript already. Are you saying that the credits are not showing or that they don't show as meeting the Writing requirement?

KAlmond7: If a student has an AP score of 4 or 5 and decides not to use it for class credit, does it still apply to the writing requirement?

drakich: Yes, there's a hold regarding the writing requirement, but the AICE class should have taken care of that requirement.

Lbufkin: ty Lynn

csapourn: If you have questions, please ask and I will try to answer them.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): KAlmond, Yes, unless your student chooses to repeat the class. Your student can only get credit for a class once.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Taking care of drakich's question in a private chat since I need his/her student's info. Glad to answer other academic questions.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Anyone havea student who has reported academic difficulty?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): (Again, apologies for the changes in font color/bold, for some reason I can't control it today. I know it makes it harder to read the chat.

korlreefer: my son is a freshman (mid-year sophomore with credits from IB and high school) in the honors program. He posted on FB that he's going to the early honors program registration this month. Should he be meeting with an advisor prior to that?
familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): drakich, Just realized we may have crossed signals. The Writing requirement is 24,000 words, often 4 classes of 6,000 words each. Students who bring in AICE/AP/IB credits often meet SOME of that requirement, but not the whole thing. So the Writing hold will be on there - BUT it is a warning (you must complete this to graduate), not something that prevents registration.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): korlreefer, Yes, absolutely. The early registration period for honor allows them the advantage of picking up a few classes earlier. It's usually around late October - maybe the 28/29/30. Plenty of time to get in to see an advisor before then. Tell him to make an appointment now.

Jlucas: What is going on in chemistry? The first test was a disaster. Not what the student would expect for a regular class. Was it a departmental test? What are they trying to prove?

korlreefer: Will do. Thanks.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): jlucas, it is not unusual for students to find that their math and science classes at UF require much more of an adjustment than other subjects. Still, if your student had good HS preparation, then the important thing is for your student to identify what went wrong and what strategies he/she should try to improve things. I will list a bunch of resources, so please be patient.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): 1) Teaching Center - the TC has drop-in tutoring for students for math and science courses, usually for multiple hours every day - https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/tutoring-schedule/

ohiomom: when do students register for spring classes?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): 2) They also offer scheduled individual or small group (no more than 3) tutoring by regular appointment. https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/appointments/

Jlucas: Thank you. I'll pass it on.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): 3) with some instructors, they offer study groups run by peers who work with the instructor. https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/study-groups/

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): 4) they also have video practice exams for chem and math where the student takes a practice exam and for the questions the student got wrong they can watch a video explaining the correct answer. https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/video-resources/

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): 5) There are also learning strategies/study skills videos. Sometimes students need a new strategy NOT just specific content help. These can be a great help!

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/study-skills/video-resources/

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): 6) I also strongly recommend students talk to their professor/TA and go over the test to understand where the individual student is going wrong and to get recommendations on effective studying for the course.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): 7) Study groups or study buddies are tremendously helpful! Students who talk through material really learn to clarify their understanding and organize/conceptualize the material.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): jlucas, that's a lot, but all of those can be very helpful!
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familychatmoderator (Lynn - Academic Advisor): all students should meet with an advisor by the end of October to discuss how things are going this term, get any academic assistance they need and plan next term's schedule.

familychatmoderator (Lynn - Academic Advisor): (again, apologies for wonky changes in font color/boldness, it just seems to be happening randomly :-(

familychatmoderator (Lynn - Academic Advisor): ohiomom, your student can find his advising office at http://www.ufadvising.ufl.edu/advisers.aspx

Jlucas: Thank you so much for all the resources and advice. I will forward the links to him. Very helpful.
ohiomom: thanks.

familychatmoderator (Lynn - Academic Advisor): jlucas, happy to help. BTW, if he talks to his advisor about this, the advisor will probably help him figure out what strategies he might best employ

Jlucas: Thanks again Lynn. I feel much better now.
Lbufkin: ty for the resources Lynn!

familychatmoderator (Lynn - Academic Advisor): jlucas :-) FYI mean grade of frosh in chem at end of term is about a B. Quite a few students get As. So it's doable, but often requires effort on the part of the student to adapt instead of just doing more of what they did before.

Lbufkin: what do you mean by adapt?

familychatmoderator (Lynn - Academic Advisor): Lbufkin, great question! As you might expect, I have a detailed answer :-) So be patient while I type...

Lbufkin: lol, ty
Lbufkin: I hate seeing those who were such high achievers in HS feel like failures. All the help you can give is welcomed.

familychatmoderator (Lynn - Academic Advisor): So, first of all, college courses are often quite different than HS courses: 1) greater emphasis on independent learning (HSs giving credit for homework, notebook checks, etc., whereas in college it will typically be on quizzes, exams, essays, etc.), 2) an expectation of conceptual learning as opposed to memorization (really understanding the concepts and being able to use them in new situations), 3) different class formats (some online, some hybrid, some larger class sizes with discussion, etc.). This transition is not just in the sciences.

familychatmoderator (Lynn - Academic Advisor): Also, if the student took a lot of AP/IB/AICE, those classes were college-level, but spread out over 30+ weeks rather than 15 weeks.

familychatmoderator (Lynn - Academic Advisor): Because of these differences, very smart and capable students may experience these courses as an unexpected challenge. They may rely on study strategies used in HS which may not be as effective when the emphasis is independent learning, when there is less frequent feedback or when they need to be synthesizing material OR they may simply get behind due to the pace of the class.

Lbufkin: right, much more info in a much shorter time
Lbufkin: Is it normal for Freshman to struggle with some courses at first but then find a solution to turn things around?
dptak1: Lbufkin, study edge has been a huge help to my son for chm2045. He still spends a lot of time studying, but watching the videos and typing up study noted helps him tremendously. However, his high school was on a block schedule so his AP classes were 16 weeks, so he is used to the fast pace.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Adapting usually involves basics like maximizing learning based on the way your brain works. Example - info in a lecture goes into short-term memory. If you don’t reinforce it within 24 hours, it goes away. Then if you go back to the material, it’s like you’re learning it from scratch - and secondhand - from notes of a lecture rather than the full lecture. Solution. Review notes the same day, add notations to info you missed, ask other students in class or prof or TA to clarify what was unclear.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Lbufkin, the example about adapting I just gave (again in different color and not bold, sigh) shows a great, simple strategy that helps students be more efficient and more effective learners. That’s why the learning strategies help can be as important as that tutoring - https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/study-skills/video-resources/

Lbufkin: ty

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Lbufkin, absolutely, most students find that it is a poor exam score or essay score that prompts them to try new strategies. So all the ones I posted - tutoring, learning strategies, study groups, etc. can really make a difference. We see lots of students turn it around.

Jlucas: Great discussion!

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): dptak, we can’t recommend private for profit tutoring groups, but I know some students really find them helpful. Not all do. And they cost $. All Teaching Center services are free. Also, working on overall study strategies can help with all classes.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): btw, all, I have a college freshmen myself (at another institution), so trust me, I am right with you as far as your concerns. The adjustments exist everywhere.

dptak1: Oops! Sorry Lynn. I know for my son, he was panicked the first few weeks of chemistry and then got an A on the exam after signing up. He didn’t have specific questions, he just didn’t know how to learn all of the material in that short of time and which material was the most important. That is what they helped him with. I love the advice you gave. He has always come home and rewritten his notes each night as it help him learn the material. Part of the process also is lear

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): dptak, No apology necessary, you can recommend anything you like!!! I just can’t endorse a private service. I am glad he is finding that resource helpful. And you are right - rewriting the notes is another great memory/learning strategy.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): dptak1 - absolutely, getting to know each prof to understand their style and goals is super-helpful. I strongly recommend attending office hours and asking questions. Students forget that professors WANT students to learn :-(

drakich: Thanks, Lynn. I told my daughter to make an appointment with her advisor so that she’s clear on everything.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): drakich, great, I am sure they will figure it out.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): We have about 10 minutes left, please let me know if you have other academic questions.
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Online Family Chat - Housing and Residence Education
Thursday, October 1, 2015

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Hello and thank you for venturing over to the Housing Chat Room!

618Snickers: Hi! I hear on the Parent Facebook page that there are heating/AC issues in Jennings Hall. My daughter hasn’t complained about anything yet (4East) but was wondering if this issue is being looked into.

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Yes, an iService Desk Request was placed for that this morning.

Jlucas: What to do if the student wants to stay in the same dorm next year?

KWConch: If a roommate leaves the college, is the roommate replaced? How is a new roommate matched with current student?

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Jlucas, when "Recontracting" happens, they sign a contract. Then the first group that gets to select next year's room is the group that wants to "stay in same room" next year.

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): KWConch: Yes, more likely than not that roommate will be replaced. And the matching, at that point, is based on availability - a person looking for a specific room type.

Vickigatormom: When does recontracting take place for next year?

Jlucas: What is the date for recontracting?

KWConch: Does the current student have a say in who the new roommate is?

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Vickigatormom, Recontracting happens at the end of October/early November. All residents will be contacted with specific dates. Right now I don't have those dates, but the website will be updated soon. http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/apply/recontracting/

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): KWConch: If they have a space available in their room and want to pull somebody in, there may be an opportunity to do so if they call the Housing Office, but more likely than not, that space is filled from the Room Transfer List. They would be notified via their UFL Gatorlink email that someone is moving in.

bridget: my daughter is in a triple room in reed hall and does not want to stay there next year. how do i get her a single room in that hall or another hall

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Hi bridget: she will do this through re-contracting, and then room selection. She will be able to select a single if any are available.

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): There will definitely be other rooms available.

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): bridget: I meant to type that there will definitely be other Halls available

bridget: which halls have more single rooms?

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): bridget: Ooooh good question I would say, Buckman and Thomas have the most single rooms, but I will have to do a fact check on that!

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): ALL: This just in...The email/information on Re-Contracting will go out in Late October. Re-Contracting for next year will take place after Thanksgiving Break!

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): bridget: I am getting the "halls with most singles" for you now...

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Halls with Most Singles Top 5 are Thomas Hall Tolbert Hall <span style='color: black; font-weight: bold;'>Een</span>

Vickigatormom: Thanks for the update on recontracting timeframes.
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Thomas Hall Tolbert Hall <span style='color: black; font-family: "Calibri Light",sans-serif'>familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Sorry my list is not typing
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): They are
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): 1) Thomas 2) Tolbert 3) Riker 4) Broward 5) Buckman
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): I would have done well on Price is right
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): You are welcome Vickigatormom!

bridget: why does know one ever use the broward pool? does uf have special events at the pool? maybe because you are so exposed - no trees around

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): bridget: The pool is operated by Rec Sports. I do see people at the pool when it is nice and sunny. There are a few special events there, but mainly it is just a place to relax.
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): bridget: good point, it is wide open. will look to get that feedback to rec sports
bridget: how does one find out about events run by rec sports?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): There is always something going on at RecSports. They've got great information here: http://recsports.ufl.edu/

WMCathey: The auto-lock feature does not work. This feature requires the use of a key to open the door from the outside. When the door closes after entry, it should automatically lock--requiring a key for access from the outside. Her door requires key access from outside, but does not automatically lock when she closes the door. She has to lock it from inside after closing the door.

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): I am here WMCathey
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Sorry, I was typing on the wrong page!
WMCathey: Hi. No problem.
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): WMCathey, if it is broke, we will fix it. email me the specifics please. RyanW@housing.ufl.edu
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): WMCathey: no all of our locks have the auto lock feature. hers does, but it is broken?
WMCathey: The door in Keys, 8 does not have the auto-lock feature--similar to her Springs complex dorm room from last year.
WMCathey: Her dorm is one of the "not upgraded with external glass walls and fob-controlled entry doors" in the Keys complex.
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): WMCathey, Okay, that is helpful
WMCathey: I think in House 8.
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): For those wondering where Housing has put Bike Repair Stations (so far): Beaty, Reid, Murphree, Tolbert, Graham, Springs, Lakeside, Diamond, Tanglewood, Maguire, UVS and Corry.
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Housing with big assists from Student Government that is
WMCathey: I sent you an e-mail with more detail. Looking forward to getting a safe solution in place.
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Thanks WMCathey!
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): ohiomom: Where are you from? My name is Ryan and I am from Springfield, Ohio!
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<td>Hi everyone I'm Nora Kilroy and I am the Director of Off Campus Life. OCL provides resources, services, support and education for students living off-campus. This type of year we help a lot of students who are searching off-campus housing or having issues while living off-campus.</td>
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<td>There is no set year that students move off-campus, that is up to the student. They time of year we recommend for searching for and securing off campus housing is spring semester. It is good for students to begin thinking about off-campus housing in the fall, but most students won't know their plans for next year till spring semester and it is always better to take your time.</td>
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familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): My two best pieces of advices for you and your student if they are looking for off campus housing...one take your time and don't rush into signing a lease and two utilize the resources provides by OCL. You might think "oh I've rented an apartment before", but renting an apartment varies from city to city and OCL has years of knowledge and experience they want to share with you and your students to help them make the best decision.

seanlyons14: You in here Nora?

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): welcome seanlyons14...above are some resources we provide. I would be happy to answer your questions

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Yes, I'm here.

seanlyons14: Above? I don't see anything since I just joined the chat.

seanlyons14: How can my daughter get in touch with you?

seanlyons14: Looks like I picked a good day to be home sick from work. :)

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Here are OCL's top three resources to assist with finding off-campus housing: OCL does one on one appointment and here is a link to the appointment request form http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/appointments/or they can stop by our office in 311 Peabody Hall. OCL provides the Housing Locator https://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu/that students and family members can search for off-campus housing and the third resource is the Gator Guide http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/gator_guidethis resources is OCL's annual publication and we have this content on our website as well.

seanlyons14: Thanks, I'll forward it to her

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Your student can also just call me directly at 352-392-1207 or email me at norak@offcampus.ufl.edu and I would be happy to help!

seanlyons14: cool!

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): :) 

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familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): >this resources is OCL's annual publication and has everything a student needs to know about living off campus.

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Does anyone have off-campus questions?

seanlyons14: Is it a good idea for sophomores?

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): seanlyons14 - it is up to you and the student when is the right time to move off-campus...

seanlyons14: How about when she's 30? :)

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): your student is welcome to come meet with me and we can talk about off-campus housing, some students after that meeting realize they are not ready and some are and will be better prepared

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Ha ha ha...30 might be just right.

seanlyons14: Ok, I'll have her get in touch with you. Thanks.

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): the OCL office is not here to convince students to live off-campus our office is here to help students who are thinking about it to be prepared and make the right housing decision.

csapourn: When should students begin looking for off-campus housing for next year?
familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): I suggest that students start looking at the end of fall semester and early spring semester, but not make a final decision and sign a lease till spring semester around spring break (March) by then students will know what their plans are for next year.

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): here is Gainesville we have more apartments for rent off-campus than people to fill them...there is plenty of off-campus housing and students should not rush into signing a lease.

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): For those who just logged on welcome - I’m Nora Kilroy with Off Campus Life.

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familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): I love questions...anybody?

seanlyons14: Can the Gators go undefeated this season?

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): I hope so!! Go Gators!

seanlyons14: I’m going to grab some lunch. Thanks for your help!

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Happy to help! Have a great day!

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): A great resource I share with all students we meet with that are looking for off-campus housing is Student Legal Services. This office provides free legal services for students, and they can review leases BEFORE students sign them for FREE. Here is a link to their website https://www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu/to apply students should just click on the apply for services link and fill out the form.

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): The lawyers at Student Legal Services are awesome!

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Welcome korlreefer!

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familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): I also recommend that students bring the academic dates with them www.registrar.ufl.edu when going to sign a lease so that the can check and make sure the lease dates match up with the academic dates...no one wants to move out during finals week...so this is good information for students to take with them.

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Another recommendation I make when meeting one on one with students...tour apartments in person and NEVER sign a lease in a property that you have not seen in person.

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Welcome musiclover and ohiomom!

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familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Anyone have a question, I love questions!
familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Are any family member thinking about coming for family weekend?

ohiomom: It seems like off campus housing leases are being signed NOW for next Fall...are we too late? My daughter has just started looking

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): NOOOOOOOOO you are not too late, actually signing a lease now is too early!

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): OCL recommends start your off-campus housing search now and continue into early spring and sign a lease around spring break or March.

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618Snickers: Yes, my husband and I are coming for Family Weekend-very excited. However, quite disappointed that there wasn't a game that weekend. Why do they schedule it this way?

ohiomom: If that's true..why is she finding that many places have a waiting list already

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): They schedule it that ways so it doesn't conflict with the football game.

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): There will be other sporting events you can check out!

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): I don't know of anyplace that has a waiting list, often they say that to create pressure.

618Snickers: Yup, will be attending the VB game Friday pm. I'm from out of state and this setup creates a ton of travel to UF. Do families "create" their own Family Weekend on a game weekend?

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Awesome - I was just about to send you the VB schedule...you read my mind!

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Hello dptak1!

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familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): If you are coming down for family weekend...I suggest trying one of our great local restaurants. OCL has a list of great local pages on our Pinterest page that might help. https://www.pinterest.com/ufoffcampuslife/

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): it's the don't go hungry in Gainesville list!

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Welcome gailgersh!

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familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): I am happy to help!

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): A great way to stay connected with the OCL offices is through our social media. Here's a link to our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/UFOffCampusLifeand Twitter page https://twitter.com/ufoffCampusLife.

familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife): Any apartment search questions?
**familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife):** I know I've mentioned OCL's Housing Locator this website allows you search for off-campus housing, but you can also search for roommates, post a sublease, or look for a sublease all through this one service. https://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu/It is a great resource!

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dptak1: I'm not very familiar with Gainesville and the number of UF alerts have me concerned. Is there an area of town near campus that is considered relatively safe for the students?

**familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife):** A lot of factors impact safety, so it is not something I can guarantee.

**familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife):** But a good way to check crime statistics is by going to the Gainesville Police Department website www.gainesvillepd.org and clicking on the Crime Reports link.

**familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife):** This site allows you to put in an address and check the crime statistics before signing a lease.

ohiomom: you probably can’t recommend one apartment over another, but can you give me some idea of a safe apartment near sorority row. Daughter will not have car-and needs close access to her house for meals

**familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife):** ohiomom I would suggest your student set up an appointment with me and we can talk one on one about her search and ways to check for safety. I am also happy to talk with you directly. We have the appointment request form on the OCL website www.offcampus.ufl.edu or you can call me directly at 352-392-1207 or email me at norak@offcampus.ufl.edu

**familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife):** OCL also has a great video https://youtu.be/JH6CtAJfTzAon our Youtube channel about finding off-campus housing. Check it out and share with your student.

**familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife):** Hello jmc123!

**familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife):** Hi I'm Nora with Off Campus Life and OCL's three biggest resources are our one on one meetings, Housing Locator (website you can search for apartments off-campus) and Gator Guide this resource has everything you need to know about living off-campus. Visit the OCL website www.offcampus.ufl.edu for links to all three resources.

**familychatmoderator(Nora_OffCampusLife):** Bye!

**familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms):** Thank you all for participating today! We will be live for our next chat on Wednesday, October 14 from 5-7 p.m. If you have questions in the meantime, you are always welcome to email ihaveagator@uf.edu! Have a great Thursday and Go Gators!