

# Family Chat

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Greeneyes: This is my first time using the chat. My daughter is a freshman and is very disappointed with her first semester grades after graduating from a college prep school with a 4.2 average. She needs counseling and I gave her info in regards to umatter. She is in need of counseling but refuses to acknowledge that she needs help. It has been

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): Good morning Gators and welcome to Family Chat! Today's topic is academic success, but as always, we will be happy to answer any questions you might have!**

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): My name is Arie Gee and I am the Assistant Director for Family Programs and Engagement in New Student and Family Programs (NSFP).**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Good morning all, my name is Lynn O'Sickey and I am an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center.**

**familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Kris): Good morning everyone! My name is Kris Klann and I am Associate Director for Special Populations in New Student & Family Programs in the Dean of Students Office (DSO)**

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): Good morning, everyone! My name is Meredith Beaupre and I am an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Greeneyes, you may want to try to get your student into see her academic advisor. Many students are more comfortable approaching an academic advisor and when appropriate, we refer students to Counseling and Wellness. Sometimes hearing from someone outside your family that you might**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Greeneyes, we can also offer other kinds of support to help your student be more successful. Your student can find her advising contact information at:**

eprasado: Good Morning

Greeneyes: She also has a hearing impairment and refuses to wear her hearing aides. I know she has large classes and would benefit from wearing them. Thank you Lynn. Will mention to her if she has not already.

GoGators2520: Good Morning, and thanks for having this chat. I don't want to get off topic right away, so feel free to send me to another chatroom(?) but my question has to do with helping my freshman son figure out where to live next year. I'd like to learn about the on campus options - which dorms do non-freshman usually pick? Are there any with triples or quads? The new dorm would be fun, but it sounds like you can only sign a 3-semester contract that takes you

ChuckB: My son, Charlie was a Music Major and sometime in his third year he missed a class and got a zero. after appealing and going through due process he got the zero dropped but has been unable to get back in to school. he lives in Gainesville with his girl who is a sophomore and his brother is a Junior and is resigned to exist as a dropout until she goes to law school else where. Is there any way he can continue his BS program while he's in town ?

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): Greeneyes - has she registered with the Disability Resource Center? They are part of the Dean of Students Office and are amazing. They can make sure she has any needed accommodations and might be helpful in getting her to either wear her hearing aides or use other strategies.**

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @GoGators2520, there are many options for housing. Which new residence hall are you thinking about for your student? We have 2 new halls that are set to open soon!**

[Name removed at request of user]: My son says his classes are going well and probably they are. I want his grades to be his responsibility. However if they drop below the bright futures levels then we are the ones who are responsible for the tuition.How do you recommend parents keep an eye on grades?

Greeneyes: Hi Meredith, Unfortunately my daughter is too proud or shy but she will never admit that she has a

eprasado: This is my daughters first semester residing in Beatty Towers as a Freshman. I was wondering if there is a

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): ChuckB - without looking at his record, it's hard to tell what his options are, but if he will see an academic advisor in the college of his interest, they can see what his options are. Has he talked to the Music department about continuing? That would be the place to start**

GoGators2520: NSFP\_Arie, I am not sure of the name - didn't realize there were two. An email came to parents about the new dorm, and I talked about signing up for Fall, Spring, Summer.

GoGators2520: Sorry - meant to say the email talked about signing up for F, S, S, not "I" talked...

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): Greeneyes - I understand entirely. Your daughter's advisor is still an excellent resource, and can help guide her. What is her major?**

eprasado: Right now, my daughter is taking 15 credits. How will she be enrolled in next (summer)semester? will there be summer A and Summer B or one regular semester?

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): [Name removed at request of user], we recommend you talk to your student regularly about grades. I think the financial issue is a good prompt to do that and if you are supporting him, then I think it is fair to say you must share grades on a regular basis.**

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @GoGators2520, if they are asking students to sign a lease for all 3 semesters, that is a good time to talk to your student about their plans. With the requirement for summer hours, your student might benefit from staying in that style of residence hall. I also know that many of our upperclassmen live in the**

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): [Name removed at request of user] - The only way for parents to see a student's grades is for the student to share them with the parent. Because UF students are legally adults, we cannot share their academic information with anyone but themselves, or someone they designate in writing. The best way is to work out an agreement for your student to share grade information with you each term.**

Greeneyes: Meredith, her major is Physiology and Kinesiology etc.

eprasado: What are her options for Fall semester besides coming home for break?

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @eprasado, there is not a curfew in any of our residence halls. There are quiet hours, but students are free to come and go as they choose.**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): eprasado, students will receive an email in early March about registration for Summer/Fall. Is your student in the IA program?**

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): Greeneyes - that's over in The College of Health and Human Performance, and their advisors are great. Encourage her to see them and they can help her.**

**familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Rachel): Good morning, my name is Rachel and I'm a student assistant at NSFP. I'm excited to talk with you all today.**

ChuckB: It seems that Mutlu does not want him in that major. He is committed to music and did well in those disciplines but when the state insisted that all students get well rounded educations he had trouble.

eprasado: Yes, She is in the IA program and is enjoying her classes.

[Name removed at request of user]: Ok, thanks.

kscottwilder: My freshman daughter needs counselling help - Is there an At-Large counselor that is not specific to a particular school? She has many interests but will eventually need to make a decision. She is interested in Econ, Engineering and Agricululture - currently enrolled in Econ. From my discussions with her - EACH SCHOOL HAS Separate counselling (?). The engineering counsellor can only advise on their school etc. Problem is my daughter is keeping up requirements for all of the schools on her own that will become too complicated. She is telling me that there may be

**familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Rachel): @eprasado, there's quite a few options for students to do over the Fall semester besides coming home for break. Students either use the term for internships or study abroad opportunities**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): ChuckB, again I don't know his academic situation, but it is possible he is not eligible to continue in Music. Then his decision is whether he should change majors (and what he is eligible for) or transfer to another institution to pursue music.**

Greeneyes: Thank you Meredith.

GoGators2520: Thanks, Arie. I just found one email. It says Infinity Hall will be a 3 term contract living facility, but does not say the same about Cypress. Are those dorms West of 13th Street, and north of Museum?

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): eprasado, some courses are offered Summer A, some offered Summer B and some offered Summer C. Generally IA students will enroll for all 12 weeks of summer in order to**

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): ChuckB - if Music isn't an option, he can come see one of the advisors in the Academic Advising Center. If there is another major for which he is on track, we can talk to him about applying**

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @GoGators2520, Cypress hall is the residence hall that is at the corner of Museum and 13th. Infinity Hall is towards downtown, near Innovation Square.**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): eprasado, IA students get priority registration for Summer, so she will probably be registering in late March. She should meet with her advisor before Spring break to talk about this**

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor):** kscottwilder - is your daughter currently in the college of Engineering? or

kscottwilder: she is in econ currently

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor):** kscott, if your student is trying to decide between majors, we may be able to help her, because our center works with Exploratory students: <http://www.advising.ufl.edu/exploratory/>

kscottwilder: ok Ill send her your way - is there a name?

Ualgalmom: Hi everyone, Ualgal here. I have a Freshman, and he is definitely interested in studying abroad, when is the deadline for applying for that program?

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor):** kscottwilder - Econ is one of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences majors, so she can come see an advisor in the Academic Advising Center. we can help her look at other options as well and find a different major or possibly a dual major that will help her meet her goals. She can also use the Career

eprasado: My daughter is very into sports although maintaining excellent grades. Is there a program in U.F. itself that would be similar to a program such as crossfit.

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor):** Kscottwilder - she can see any advisor in our office

GoGators2520: piggybacking on Ualgalmom's question, where can we see a list of the upcoming study abroad

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor):** eprasado - the department of Rec Sports has lots of fitness options for

**familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Kris):** hi Ualgalmom, the deadline for studying abroad will vary depending on the program your student is interested in. This link (<http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/SAS/ProgramSearch.html>) will take you to the UF International Center's website where your student can search through the different programs that UF

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor):** kscott, I second Meredith -any of our advisors can assist her and I would also encourage her to utilize the Career Resource Center. Lots of students feel more confident about major choice when they have explored their career options more thoroughly. <http://www.crc.ufl.edu/>

**familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Rachel):** Hi @ualgalmom & GoGators2520 the following website is a great resource to use for students interested in study abroad: <http://ufic.ufl.edu/SAS/OutboundStudents.html>. As for the deadlines for study abroad programs, each one is unique and depends on the program

kscottwilder: Meredith thanks - Ill send her to the academic advising center

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie):** @eprasado, RecSports has great programs for students who enjoy sports. There are intramural sports, group fitness classes, and they have a BootCamp class daily that many students find fun. This class is held on one of the RecSports fields and they use large tires and other equipment that is similar to

tpward1500@gmail.com: This is a little off subject... Our student lives in Beaty Towers. We tried to use the bike station air pump located between the Towers at the beginning of this term. The connector on the air pump that attaches to the bike tube stem is worn out. The connector clamp would not stay on the stem, nor fill the tires; even with one person holding the clamp to the tube with both hands. Can we request repairing the bike station? Thanks.

ChuckB: I am fairly sure he is pursuing music or music education and that is paramount over institution. I fail to see why he cant continue at UF. It is a public institution and we are long time state residents and tax payers. If his GPA got to low he should be afforded the opportunity to retake the problem class.

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor):** ChuckB,

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie):** @tpward1500, that service is provided by Student Government. Your student can contact Student Government to request having that station repaired.

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor):** ChuckB, i'll invite you to a private chat

eprasado: My daughter finished her EMT prior to attending U.F. She is taking anatomy this semester and loves it. She is still unsure as to What she wants to major in. Do you have any suggestions at this time so that she can choose the

GoGators2520: At PREVIEW you mentioned an organization that can help students find fun clubs to join, or just in general, figure out how to fit in and make the most of their UF experience. Can you share that contact info again

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor):** esprasado, I'd want to talk to your daughter before making any recommendations. We can help her in the CLAS AAC. <http://www.advising.ufl.edu/exploratory/> and

**familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Rachel):** @GoGators2520 yes, there's a great organization that's designed to help students find their niche here at UF. It's the Student Activities and Involvement office which is located on the third floor of the Reitz Union. Your student can go and talk with them about her interests and passions! They also have an Involvement Team which can do a consultation with your student as well! Their website is

DOdom3: need tips to help student be organized. He doesn't ask many questions, and some of the syllabus don't give

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): DOdom3, your student can talk to his advisor and the Teaching Center offers Study Skills workshops (including time management).**

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @DOdom3, it helps a lot of students to get a physical planner where they can write due dates for assignments. The Dean of Students Office has free planners that we give to students. He is**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): <https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/study-skills/>**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): DOdom3, also your student can meet with a wellness coach in Gatorwell and develop a plan for better organization. Without knowing what your student is doing now, it is hard to**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): <http://gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu/Wellness-Coaching.aspx>**

DOdom3: right now, it just seems overwhelmed by the amount of work (transfer History Major), so I know organization

eprasado: Lynn, should I give you my daughters name so that you can help guide her?

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): DOdom3, agreed, get him to come and see an advisor so we can find out what he needs to focus on and what generally works or worked for him in the past.**

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): eprasado - Any of our advisors will be most happy to help your daughter**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): eprasado, She can see any advisor in the Academic Advising Center <http://www.advising.ufl.edu/advise/services.shtml#howto>**

eprasado: Thank you Meredith

DOdom3: is there a way to print / or email chat, so he can follow the tips you suggested?

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): eprasado - you're most welcome!**

eprasado: Is there a cut off time that students (Freshman at Beatty Towers) may have company in their dorm?

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @DOdom3, a PDF of the transcript will be posted within the next week. You can then print it off from the website if you wish.**

DOdom3: thanks. great feedback GO Gators

Ualgalmom: If you open your email, you can actually cut and paste the whole conversation or any part thereof and

**familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Rachel): @Eprasado there's not a curfew for when students can have guests over; however, it would depend on the roommates and their agreement for how late they would like to have guests over.**

[Name removed at request of user]: Remove my name as well, perhaps this should be noted when setting up the account, that login doesn't need to be actual name. First time I've done a chat.

icegalbone: Good morning everyone. How often should my son, any student, visit their advisor?

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): icegalbone - as often as needed to make sure he/she is on track. Many of our students come in at least once per term, though some come more and some come less.**

icegalbone: Thanks Meredith. My son doesn't think he needs to and when I ask him he says, 'mom, what am I going to chat about'. I'm not sure what to say to him.?

**familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): icegalbone - it's perfectly fine for them to come in and just ask us to look at their degree audit, see if they are on track, plan next term's classes, etc. It doesn't have to be a long meeting.**

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @[Name removed at request of user], I can remove your username as well. I will add a note to the emails and the website for the future.**

icegalbone: Sounds good, I'll suggest that...degree audit, next classes, thanks again Meredith.

Ualgalmom: I know I just told my student to visit the advisor again. As I think it is easy to go off track with classes, but must keep in mind it shouldn't take 6 years to get a 4 year degree, that is time and a lot of money. Prepaid is for a 4

Greeneyes: I think my daughter is still apprehensive about talking to advisers also. It is hard to get help for someone

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): icegalbone, if your student is doing well and confident about his major choice, then just verifying he's on track as Meredith suggests is a good idea. Also he should keep in mind that if he discusses his goals with an advisor we may be able to suggest opportunities (minors, internships, other programs) that may help him achieve his goals. He might miss opportunities by not meeting with an advisor.**

GoGators2520: Does UF have any quad or triple dorm rooms for non-freshman (next year) in Murphree, or the other dorms you said non-freshman live in?

icegalbone: That is how I feel Lynn. Thank you. I'm going to stress that to him. He is doing well and confident but I'm not sure he knows everything he should or could be doing or getting involved in. Thank you, that's perfect.

eprasado: Although this is not an academic question, I am concerned that my daughter was awarded a Parent Plus Loan but has not been dispersed. Her Scholarship has been dispersed. Who would be the best person to contact?

familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Rachel): @GoGators: The Lakeside and Keys areas are quad style residents hall; they actually look like an apartment in the sense that they have a kitchen area in theirquadas well. The following website will give you exact details on what the halls have and the style of their areas.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Greeneyes, yes, you can't make them come. All we can do is be here and let them know there's alot we can do for them.

familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Kris): hi esprasado, I believe all of financial aid should have been dispersed. If you think your daughter didn't get everything she was awarded, I would have here contact her Financial Aid Advisors. Student's are assigned a Fin Aid Advisor by their UFID number. You can find the list here

Greeneyes: Is there a website that they can get help from advisers like this chat if they feel uncomfortable in person?

familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): They can email us at [advisor@advising.ufl.edu](mailto:advisor@advising.ufl.edu)

familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): but that will be for general questions.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Greeneyes, due to privacy concerns, most advising offices generally answer only very basic questions via email. Your student should look at the HHP advising site to find out what they

eprasado: Thank you NSFB\_Kris

familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): greeneyes - I apologize. I forgot your daughter was HHP.

[Name removed at request of user]: If all the financial aide has been dispersed, including Bright Futures, does that mean the Springtuition bill due is online? Or do parents receive an email saying the tuition is due?

msyen@live.com: Hello. My daughter is currently re-taking Chem I and on several chats it has been recommended that she arrange tutoring at the tutoring center at UF (she is also using Study Edge for the second time for help as well). When she went to get a slot for tutoring everything was filled up. Not certain why this keeps getting mentioned when

Greeneyes: Is there a UF helpline for students who are too shy to talk to anyone? Other than umatter?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): msyen@live.com - Are you saying the tutoring appointments are full for the term? or the walk-in tutoring room was full?

GoGators2520: NSFP\_Rachel - thanks for the info on the quad style residents hall, etc. Very helpful.

familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Kris): hi [Name removed at request of user], tuition payments were due last Friday (Jan.16). If your student receives financial aid, then the aid would have been used to complete the bill payment.

msyen@live.com: Based on what my daughter said the tutoring appointments for Chem I.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): all families - you may want to bookmark the calendar/deadlines site: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/Pages/dates-and-deadlines.aspx> Students are responsible for paying tuition by the deadline, which is posted more than a year in advance.

familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Kris): hi greeneyes, it depends on what your student is looking for. There is always the UF Counseling & Wellness Center which provides student both individual counseling and group counseling options

Greeneyes: Looking for something that is online help like a chat room for the students?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): msyen, I have never heard that before, but if that is the case, I would encourage your student to do a number of things. 1) meet with an advisor to try to identify what your student can do differently this term to do better. Sometimes it's as much study strategies as it is a need for tutoring. 2) If tutoring is needed, use the frequently offered walk-in tutoring. <https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/tutoring->

samstrckln: Hi, how do we find out the room rates for 2016? My son was asked to fill out an application, but I cannot find the rates for his dorm (Infinity). Thanks.

familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Kris): greeneyes, unfortunately there aren't any UF Chat Rooms that we are familiar

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @samstrckln, I don't believe housing has released the rates for Infinity Hall yet, but when they do, they will be posted here: <http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/payments/rates/>

Greeneyes: Maybe for next year?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): msyen,3) check out the tutoring info on the Chemistry department web site: [http://www.chem.ufl.edu/generalchemistry/images/PASS\\_Program.pdf](http://www.chem.ufl.edu/generalchemistry/images/PASS_Program.pdf) 4) meet regularly with her TA during office hours to questions answered.

familychatmoderator(NSFP\_Kris): greeneyes, I can definitely mention it as a potential idea for the future.

samstrckln: Do you know if the rates will post before he has to commit? They are asking him to complete the application now, but he can cancel as late as March.
Greeneyes: Would be helpful for the incoming freshmen. Thank you NSFP_Kris
Greeneyes: What does NSFP stand for?
<b>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Rachel): Hi @samstrckln the housing office would be a great resource for when their</b>
<b>familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): New Student and Family Programs</b>
<b>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Rachel): I've looked on their website but they don't have the information posted yet. Their phone number is 352-392-2161</b>
Greeneyes: Dah excuse my oblivionness
eprasado: What happens if a student does not return to their dorm for an evening?
<b>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Rachel): @Eprasado, if a student doesn't return to their dorm for an evening - there's no consequence. However, if the roommate is concerned - they can contact their Resident Assistant</b>
anacrespo: Pls. excuse my question it has nothing to do with the topics discussed. Not sure who if anyone can answer my daughter has to have surgery during spring break and she will need several preop test and a few other things done two weeks prior to the surgeny date. I wanted to do it with her Dr. the one that treats her at home. But with the school schedule we have not been able to coordinate a date that would work with her classes she has classes everyday and sometimes morning and afternoon on the same days since she can not miss classes and she would need to miss at least two days of classes so my question is can these test be done by a Dr. at the University who whould send the results to
<b>familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): anacrespo - the Disability Resource Center can assist her</b>
<b>familychatmoderator(Meredith - Advisor): if she needs assistance post-surgery due to mobility limitations</b>
<b>familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Your student could contact the Student Health Care Center to see if they can do those tests or can refer her?</b>
<b>familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @anacrespo, your daughter can talk with her professors prior to the surgery to notify them of her need to miss class. Many professors will work with students, especially if they know she is trying her best to not miss class (i.e. having the surgery during Spring Break)</b>
<b>familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Sorry...or can refer here: <a href="http://shcc.ufl.edu/">http://shcc.ufl.edu/</a></b>
<b>familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): *ugh* or can refer her to a doctor/who can. <a href="http://shcc.ufl.edu/">http://shcc.ufl.edu/</a></b>
anacrespo: Thank you all for the information provided, I will most certainly reach out to these resources.
<b>familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): We have about 30 minutes left in our chat. Are there any other questions from</b>
DOdom3: how often are chats like this held? will I always receive an email inviting me to join when there is one that
<b>familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @DOdom, we have these chats every other week, alternating between Wednesdays from 11-1 and Thursdays from 5-7. You will always receive the email a couple of days in advance with the link to login. All of the dates and topics are posted on our website: <a href="https://www.dso.ufl.edu/nsfp/families-">https://www.dso.ufl.edu/nsfp/families-</a></b>
Greeneyes: Are there security cameras located on campus and buildings for our students protection?
<b>familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @Greeneyes, some areas on campus have cameras, but not all of them. However, there are many programs in place for student's safety.</b>
Greeneyes: Thank you all for information.
<b>familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): SNAP is the Student Nighttime Axillary Patrol that will pick students up and drop them off from on campus locations. There is also the Walk Safe program where students can request a walking</b>
DOdom3: Thanks so much for everyone's info advise help....etc
Nsp12345: Hi thnx for the chat! I have access to my sons and waiver to get info off U of F site. We're do I go to find
<b>familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): UF also has a committee that is dedicated to increasing security on campus. Students can also notify the police department if they see any lights out on campus, or if there are any bushes that</b>
<b>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Rachel): @Nsp12345 - if you have access to your student's gatorlink and password, then final grades can be accessed on isis.ufl.edu. However, it's important to have an open conversation with your student.</b>
<b>familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Nsp12345 if your student is not showing you his/her grades, I'd suggest partnering with him/her to see them, explaining why it is important to you to know what is going on. The official way to get access to get grades is explained on the Registrar web site:</b>
<b>familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Under Federal privacy laws, your student must be your dependent</b>

Nsp12345: Thnx so much, I have talked to him about it. He seems to be doing well and is in IA and loves it! I just don't want any surprises; and am trying to be proactive to make this the Best Gator experience!

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Nsp12345, good for you. If he just started this term, he won't have any final grades until this term is complete. I'd recommended asking more than just 'how are you doing in this class' because the stock student answer is 'Fine.' Don't be afraid to let your student know that sometimes there's a transition and things might not always go as planned. So you can say "Is there anything that is surprising you about your classes?", "Do you have everything you need to be successful?" because there CAN be challenges in the transition. Try to keep it open and non-judgmental that classes might be quite differently organized than in high**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Nsp12345, students will usually volunteer that they are making As :-), it's when they stop talking about how they are doing in their classes that you will especially want to probe.**

samstrckln: Is there anyway our son can pick up a copy of the latest "Seasons of Adjustment" calendar? We just received a copy in the mail and think it includes useful information that would be of benefit to him, too.

Nsp12345: U r so right thank u so much! It's a transition for both of us! The chats are a great tool and stress buster

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @samstrckln, he is welcome to come by the Dean of Students Office to pick one up. We have a few extras that we will be happy to hand out until we run out!**

samstrckln: thanks!

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): As we wrap up for the day, I wanted to remind everyone that Family Weekend, Spring Edition is right around the corner and we would love for you to join us! For more information and the link to register, visit the NSFP website! <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/nsfp/families-nsfp/family-weekend/spring-2015>**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn - Academic Advisor): Thanks to family members for supporting your students!**

Nsp12345: Thank you so much for all u do!

eprasado: Thank you for your informative chat!

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): Thank you for joining us! If you think of any questions between now and our next chat, please feel free to contact New Student and Family Programs at [newstudentinfo@dso.ufl.edu](mailto:newstudentinfo@dso.ufl.edu) or call (352)**

Greeneyes: Appreciate this opportunity and all the helpful answers.