First Year Programs hosted the First Year Engagement Fair (FYEF) on October 31st. If you weren’t able to make it, continue reading for event highlights and how you can still benefit!

The FYEF revolved around six passion areas: Professional & Career Development, World & Culture, Sports & Traditions, Research & Scholarship, Social & Interest Groups, and Service & Leadership. Resources, clubs, and organizations came out to meet with first year students and share how you can get involved right away! If you’re interested in learning more about opportunities like Undergraduate Research, Panther Camp Facilitators, Peer Advisors, Business clubs, Residence Life, Action Club, or Campus Recreation (to name a few), email fyp@fiu.edu and we will connect you with the right Panther Partners!

In Case You Missed It: First Year Engagement Fair

Planning & Preparation Events

The Office of First Year Programs offers workshops and exploratory panels on a variety of topics related to college success. They are open to all students and do not require advanced registration. The workshops and panels are all free!

- 11/16: Administration & Management and Physical Sciences & Engineering Exploratory Panel | GC 316
Transfer Corner

If you’re new to FIU, the tips below from our Transfer and Transition Services office can help you get off to a helpful start.

For more information, please visit Transfer and Transition Services located in SASC 440.

Make time for yourself

Be sure you set aside some time and activities that help you relax and take the stress out of your day or week. Whether it’s enlisting yoga techniques, watching your favorite television shows, or writing in a journal, be good to yourself. Your self-care is just as important as any assignments you may need to complete.

Strive for good grades (but know what works)

Another obvious one here, right? While good grades could have come naturally to you at your previous institution, it will be different here — and that means setting some goals for yourself and then making sure you work as hard as you can to achieve them. You may have to change up your studying style (or figure out how to actually study) so be open to this process.

Seek a balance

College life is a mixture of social and academic opportunities. Don’t tip the balance too far in either direction. Communication and honesty is important in letting those you care about (and those who also care about you) know when and why you may not be able to attend gatherings or participate in activities.

Upcoming Opportunity — Spring Panther Camp

At FIU, we build traditions and reputations quickly. One of the programs closest to the hearts of many of our students is Panther Camp. Students can only attend Panther Camp during the Summer before starting at FIU but the Orientation and Parent programs Office is offering this unique opportunity available only to freshmen students who have begun taking class at FIU in the Fall 2017 semester or to transfer students who have begun at FIU within the last year.

Panther Camp allows students to learn more about themselves, FIU and their upcoming college experience, all during one weekend while having a great time meeting other fellow Panthers. This experience has helped students find their niche at FIU and has also helped participants in being successful once classes start.

Students who have attended Panther camp in the past have said:

“Panther Camp is a place where students get to make long-lasting memories, see the diversity that’s within the university and experience the acceptance that so many Panther Camp Facilitators and the campers have for who they are. We empower students to believe that they can be anyone they want to be at FIU.”

-Boanerges “Bo” Grande,
2015-2016 Panther Camp Facilitator

For more information on Panther Camp and scholarship opportunities, please visit the office, located in GC 189 or visit their website: go.fiu.edu/pcamp.

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