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- 1/23: Banking on College Finances | 11:00a-12:00p | GC 316
- 2/7: Student Leader Involvement Panel Registration | 12:00p-1:00p | GC 316
- 2/8: Global & Social Sciences and Humanities & Arts Exploratory Panel | 3:30p-4:45p | GC 150
- 2/13: Set for Academic Success | 12:30p-1:30p | GC 316
- 2/22: Overcoming Stress | 10:30a-11:30a | GC 316
- 3/8: Biological & Environmental Sciences and Health Sciences Exploratory Panel | 3:30p-4:45p | GC 150
- 3/22: Class Registration Basics | 11:00a-12:00p | GC 316
- 4/4: Major Decision Making | 10:00a-11:00a | GC 316
- 4/5: Administration & Management and Physical Sciences & Engineering Exploratory Panel | 3:30p-4:45p | GC 150

New Year - Fresh Start!

This issue of the First Year Newsletter will focus on new habits we can adopt in 2018 to help us be successful, take advantage of being an FIU student, and create the best college experience. Here are some ideas for how to get started:

⇒ Interact with your Peer Mentor
⇒ Attend Panther Camp
⇒ Use FIU’s resources
⇒ Go to a workshop or panel
⇒ Attend a concert
⇒ Join a club
⇒ Go to an SPC movie
...and many more!

Planning & Preparation Events

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Essay Contest

Have you ever wished you could make money by submitting an assignment you already have to complete for class? This is your chance! Each year, FIU holds a Common Reading Book Essay Contest where participants write about their story and how it relates to the book. Participants then submit their essay and are considered for one of three monetary prizes. For more information, including the submission deadline and recommendations, please visit:

http://libguides.fiu.edu/commonreading

VIP URLs FYI: Get Connected!

https://fyp.fiu.edu  http://opir.fiu.edu  http://phonebook.fiu.edu

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 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

This year, Spring Panther Camp will take place from Friday, January 26th–Sunday, January 28th.

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.
Regularly using the Library is a great habit to adopt in 2018. With countless resources, from research assistance to free tutoring, quiet spaces and room reservations, there are countless options to utilize this space for more than just checking out books.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**hours**
Green Library is open 24/5! Most days Hubert Library is open until 1am. Text HOURS to 305-240-6583 to get the full hours sent to your phone.

**research**
Looking for articles, databases, assignment/research guides, or more? Your research journey starts at library.fiu.edu

**study space**
Each library has designated study spaces, quiet floors, and group study rooms. Room reservations can be made online, in 3-hour blocks and up to 14 days in advance.

**tech**
We have desktop computers, laptops, iPads, eReaders, and other devices available for you to use/check out. FIU IT support desks are also available at both libraries.

**have questions?**
We have Librarians ready to answer! Via chat, in-person, email, phone, or research consultations, we are here to help!

library.fiu.edu
Paying it Forward:
We encourage everyone who has a copy of last year’s common reading book to donate their copy so that we can share the books we collect with local high school students and the rest of the FIU community.

COMMON READING BOOK DRIVE

The Promise of a Pencil
How an Ordinary Person Can Create Extraordinary Change
ADAM BRAUN

Donate your book today!

FIU is hosting a book drive for students who wish to donate their copy of The Promise of a Pencil. If you have enjoyed reading about Adam’s story and would like to share it with others, please drop your book off to either location and we will make it available to the FIU community and local high school students.

Books can be donated at the following locations:

MMC Exploratory Advising Center
SASC - 428

BBC Undergraduate Education
AC1 - 180

Questions?
See contact information below!

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