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!

- **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

**Library Study Room Contest**

Tired of looking for an empty seat during finals? Do you want a quiet, worry-free space to study? Enter to win your own study room and be a library V.I.P during the last two weeks of the semester!

To enter our V.I.P (Very Important Panther) Study Room contest you must answer the question (in 250 words or less) “How has the library helped you?” Visit [https://library.fiu.edu/blog/asnigarc/very-important-panther-vip-study-room-contest](https://library.fiu.edu/blog/asnigarc/very-important-panther-vip-study-room-contest) to enter.

The contest runs from **Ram Monday, April 2nd to 5pm Friday, April 6th.** One winner will be selected for each campus and announced at the start of National Library Week on Monday, April 9th. The winner will be contacted by e-mail and have 24 hours to respond before they automatically forfeit the prize and another winner is selected. Only one entry per person will be reviewed.

Winning entries may be shared on the FIU Libraries social media platforms and displayed at the Library's discretion. The BBC winner will be able to secure an individual study room at the Glenn Hubert Library for up to 12 hours a day for seven (7) consecutive days of their choosing between Sunday, April 15 and Saturday, April 28.

The MMC winner will be able to secure an individual study room at the Steven and Dorothea Green Library for up to eight (8) hours a day for seven (7) consecutive days of their choosing between Sunday, April 15 and Saturday, April 28.

The contest winner must pick up the key each day before they enter the room and return the key once they are finished. In case of questions, contact Denisse Solis at dsolis@fiu.edu.

**Planning & Preparation Events**

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**Important Dates:**
- 3/12: Summer & Fall Classes available
- 3/12-3/16: Spring Break
- 3/19: Last day to drop with a DR grade or withdraw with WI grade
- 4/23-4/27: Final week of the semester
- 5/3: Grades posted
Spring Break Safety from FIU Police Department

With Spring Break officially beginning today, it’s important to take some time off to recharge and finish the semester strong, but remember: safety always comes first. Below are some helpful tips to keep in mind to make sure to make the most of the next week and enjoy Spring Break safely.

1. **Have a plan:** If you’re going out or planning to drink, make sure you've got a plan in place. Whether you have a Designated Driver or decide to use Uber or Lyft, drinking and driving is NOT worth the risk.

2. **If you see something, say something:** At FIU, we protect good Samaritans. This means that even if you are under-aged (or over 21) and have been drinking or are intoxicated and see someone who needs help or someone who is planning to drive, if you call FIU Police at (305)348-2626, you WILL NOT be penalized for reporting an incident because you are trying to help the community. Safety is the first priority.

3. **Memorize an emergency contact’s phone number:** You never know what could happen. If you lose your phone, if it runs out of battery or if you get disconnected from the group or person who may have your phone, you could be stuck not having anyone to contact. Make sure to memorize someone’s phone number that could help you if you need it.

4. **Communicate with others:** If you live with family or a legal guardian, make sure they know you’re going out. Communicate what time you may be back or keep in touch a few times throughout the day if you’re unsure. If you live alone, tell a friend about your plans. If no one knows when you’re planning to be back, no one will know when to expect you back or when to be concerned if they haven’t heard from you.

5. **Be aware of your surroundings:** Whether you’re driving or on foot, look around. Notice the crosswalks, bicyclists and potentially increased traffic. Obey traffic laws and pay attention. Focus on the road and stay off your phone — it could save a life.

In addition to these safety tips, FIUPD also offers a variety of trainings for FIU students, staff members, and departments, as well as other resources to keep us safe both on and off campus. For more information, please visit: https://police.fiu.edu.

**VIP URLs FYI: Get Connected!**

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**Upcoming Opportunity — Apply for Peer Mentor**

Are you involved? Are you too involved? Do you not even know what the heck everyone is talking about when they say involvement? Look no further, because peer mentoring can help you find the right involvement balance. Involvement is becoming engaged in something that interests you on campus and provides a way for you to invest in yourself or others. Peer Mentors are student leaders who want to help first year students navigate their SLS class and college life. Peer Mentors are trained to work alongside an SLS instructor to present, facilitate activities, and create connections with first year students.

Peer mentoring is a great way to develop your leadership skills and your resume while giving back to the FIU community and is a wonderful stepping stone to future involvements, as well as an excellent opportunity for personal growth. We are looking for Peer Mentors to serve in the 2018-2019 academic year.

**Applications close on March 19th!**

Find out more at go.fiu.edu/PeerMentorApp. Email peermentor@fiu.edu with any questions or DM @FIUPeerMentors on Instagram. Can’t wait for you to join our team!
In honor of March being Women’s History Month, we are highlighting the Women’s Center and some of the resources they offer to all—regardless of gender or sexuality!

The Women’s Center at FIU provides women with programs and services related to their intellectual, professional, social and emotional growth. We educate and advocate for systemic changes that will improve the lives of everyone in our community.

To accomplish these goals the Women’s Center provides campus events focused on women’s empowerment and leadership development, gender equity and identity, and public health issues such as breast cancer awareness, sexual assault, body positivity, and more!

An important note about the Women’s Center: even though the bulk of our events focus on women’s issues and perspectives, our events and offices are open to all students, faculty, staff, and community members. Gender equality must be created for and by everyone for it to truly be equality! We hope to see you at our upcoming Women Who Lead Conference later this month, or at another campus event soon!

For more information on the Women’s Center, please visit http://women.fiu.edu

**Women Who Lead** is a two-day conference designed to further enhance the leadership development of female students at FIU. To accomplish this, the conference has four goals:

- To enhance students' understanding and awareness about the scope of women in leadership in our society today
- To expose participants to gender equity issues as they relate to leadership, career, and personal development
- To develop a greater understanding of the diversity of careers available in their chosen field of interest through networking
- To support female students in developing their personal leadership plan

Women Who Lead Conference registration is **FREE** for all FIU students and can be found at: [https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/get-involved/womens-center/programs/index.php](https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/get-involved/womens-center/programs/index.php)

The conference will take place on Thursday, **March 22nd** at the **Biscayne Bay Campus** in the **WUC Ballrooms**.

9:30-10:00am  Networking breakfast and registration
10:00-11:00am  Interactive Stations (e.g., personal branding and career readiness, wellness and self-care, financial literacy, organization and bullet journaling, and more!)
11:00-11:50am  Women in Leadership Panel Discussion
12:00-12:45pm  Networking lunch
1:00-2:00pm  Keynote address with Tina Tchen
2:00-2:30pm  Meet and Greet (photo opportunity with Tina Tchen)
2:30-3:00pm  Closing

The conference will take place on Friday, **March 23rd** at the **Modesto Maidique Campus** in the **GC Ballrooms**.

8:00-8:45am  Networking Breakfast and Check-in
8:45-9:45am  Pathway To Your Own Success (Panel Discussion)
10:00am-11:15am  Keynote Address - Tina Tchen
11:15am-12:00pm  Meet and Greet with Speakers (Photo Opportunity with Tina Tchen)
12:00-12:30pm  Dine & Discuss (Lunch will be provided)
12:30-1:15pm  Healthy Body, Healthy Mind
1:15-2:00pm  What It “Actually” Means To Be A Student Leader
All Day  Career Readiness Coaching
(Could Include Resume Critique, Practice Interviews, LinkedIn Photo, etc.)