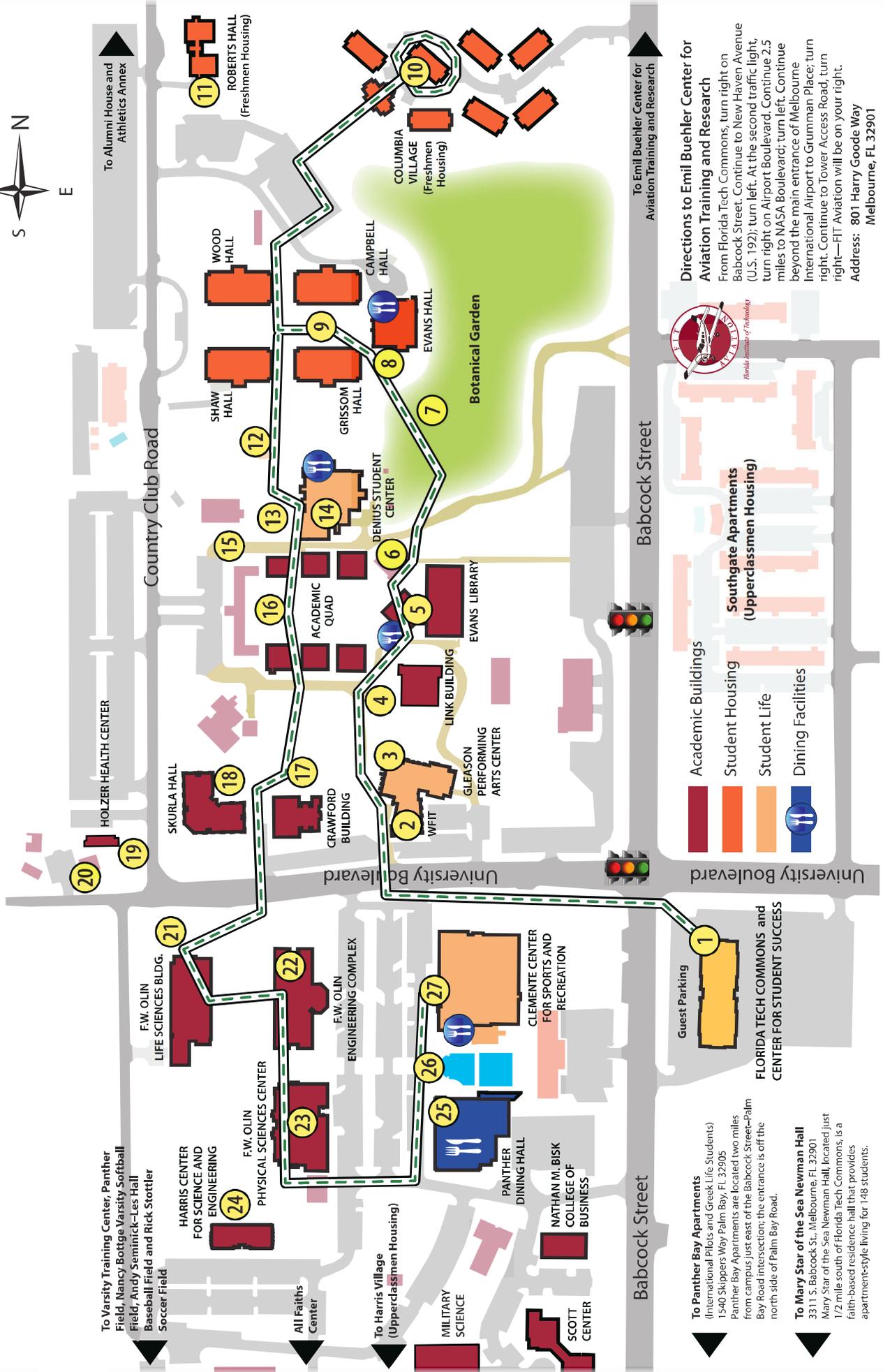




Florida Institute of Technology
High Tech with a Human Touch™

Visitor's Map



Directions to Emil Buehler Center for Aviation Training and Research

From Florida Tech Commons, turn right on Babcock Street. Continue to New Haven Avenue (U.S. 192); turn left. At the second traffic light, turn right on Airport Boulevard. Continue 2.5 miles to NASA Boulevard; turn left. Continue beyond the main entrance of Melbourne International Airport to Grumman Place; turn right. Continue to Tower Access Road; turn right—FT Aviation will be on your right.
Address: 801 Harry Goode Way
Melbourne, FL 32901



Southgate Apartments (Upperclassmen Housing)

- Academic Buildings
- Student Housing
- Student Life
- Dining Facilities

FLORIDA TECH COMMONS and CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

To Panther Bay Apartments
(International Pilots and Greek Life Students)
1540 Skippers Way Palm Bay, FL 32905
Panther Bay Apartments are located two miles from campus just east of the Babcock Street-Palm Bay Road intersection; the entrance is off the north side of Palm Bay Road.

To Mary Star of the Sea Newman Hall
3311 S. Babcock St., Melbourne, FL 32901
Mary Star of the Sea Newman Hall, located just 1/2 mile south of Florida Tech Commons, is a faith-based residence hall that provides apartment-style living for 148 students.



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Self-Guided Walking Tour

1. Florida Tech Commons

This new centralized home of all the student services on campus. The building houses Undergraduate and Graduate Admission, Financial Aid, Campus Services and many other essential student services such as Career Management Services and Student Accounting. In addition, the College of Psychology also maintains office and classroom space on the second floor of the building.

2. WFIT

WFIT 89.5 FM is a non-commercial, public radio station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to the Trustees of the Florida Institute of Technology. In April of 1975, Florida Institute of Technology began its non-commercial educational radio station as WFIT, a student-run college radio station. In the late 1980's, WFIT was regarded as one of the top alternative music college radio stations in the country. In January of 2006, WFIT changed its daytime programming from smooth jazz to "Triple A" (Adult Album Alternative) radio. Since its inception in 1975, WFIT has also sponsored hundreds of concerts and cultural events.

3. Gleason Performing Arts Center

This is home to our on-campus drama troupe, the College Players, who put on at least one big production per semester. Also, other campus organizations will bring in other types of entertainment ranging from headlining comedians to academic symposiums. Attached is the University's radio station WFIT 89.5.

4. Link Building

This is the home to our Department of Marine and Environmental Systems which encompasses Oceanography, Ocean Engineering, Meteorology, and Environmental Science. Just outside the building, on the research lawn, you will find a mobile weather station which is used to collect live data during storms.

5. Academic Support Center/Evans Library

Open 95 hours per week, extended hours during finals

Over 120 scholarly periodical and book databases

Wireless Internet throughout

Award-winning interlibrary loan service

Rooms: reserve-able – group study – presentation practice

First floor:

Service Desk, Displays, Reference Collection, Reserve Materials (SOME textbooks are available for in-library use.) Library Café, Research Assistance, Free scanner

Second floor:

Periodicals (plus an *extensive* collection of *e-journals*), Campus's main computer lab

Third floor - Federal Depository Library Program

Government documents (plus an *extensive* collection of *electronic government information*)

Fourth floor – books (plus an *extensive* collection of *ebooks*)

Student-requested “Silent Zone”

6. Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts

This is one of the newest buildings on campus. Donated by Ruth Funk in 2009, the center preserves and displays an international collection of textiles through rotating public exhibitions and educational programs. Florida Tech's Ruth Funk Center is the only textiles center in the state and one of very few in the nation. You can also minor in textiles.

7. Botanical Gardens (Jungle)

As you enter the Botanical Gardens trail area, The Dent Smith Trail, you'll notice the one-room school house tucked behind some foliage. This is the oldest schoolhouse in Brevard County – the first school house in our area! The Botanical Gardens is 30 acres of lush, beautiful botanical gardens. Here you can find over 200 species of palm trees and 300 species of other plants. This is a great place to relax between classes. The Botanical Gardens are not only lush with plant life but lush with history. Dr. Keuper, the founding president of the university, set up a series of space heaters during a harsh winter in order to keep some of the rare palm trees alive.

8. The Rathskeller/Black Kats Café

The Rathskeller is located on the ground floor of Evans Hall. We are known on campus as "The Rat" , a place for casual dining with a big screen TV, game room and Cyberden. The Eatery features a cooked-to-order menu with fresh baked pizza, deli subs, burgers & fries. Otis Spunkmeyer gourmet cookies are baked daily and are a favorite to top off a meal. The Convenience Store offers a full line of bottled drinks, snacks, novelty ice cream and a grab-n-go section with sandwiches and salads. Also, there is a grocery section including frozen foods. These items are great for meals in your room.

9. Residence Hall Quad (freshmen & upperclassman)

This is one of the main housing areas on campus. These buildings are standard single or double occupancy, with communal bathrooms. The large green between the buildings is often utilized by the students for fun activities such as impromptu soccer and ultimate Frisbee games, as well as the occasional slip and slide and water balloon games. Evan Hall ...

10. Columbia Village (freshman only)

Entering the breezeway into the village you will notice the laundry facilities as well as a multipurpose room that is available for student use. Apartment style living. It was named after the Columbia Space Shuttle disaster and each of its seven astronauts that were onboard during the accident. In this style each student will have their own bedroom and then share two bathrooms, a living room, and kitchenette with three other roommates. This option really lets you have your own space, and is great if you don't like sharing a bathroom with more than one other student. Walking around Columbia Village in the late afternoon after classes you will typically see people hanging out with a football, a Frisbee or something else to take their mind off of academics.

11. Roberts Hall (freshman only)

Traditional style residence hall, meaning that two people share a bedroom with a shared common bathroom for each wing. While you might not get your own bedroom, it easily makes up for that with the highly social atmosphere surrounding the building. During the night you can walk into your common room and there will be people watching TV or hanging out with your fellow floormates. Roberts Hall is the home of impromptu movie nights and is the place to be many nights of the week. Ask any freshman who has lived in Roberts Hall and they will tell you that the memories they made here they would not trade for the world.

Cross over the wooden bridge, which is a Florida Tech student-designed Civil Engineering project

12. Pantherereum

The Pantherereum is the outdoor amphitheater located in Panther Plaza. You can see President Catanese's band, Twitchy, playing out here at least once a month or you can usually catch various student groups using the space for practice. During orientation week they will have a movie night on the lawn here.

13. Panther Plaza

Panther Plaza is the open courtyard between the Keuper Administration Building and the Student Union Building. Almost every day you spot at least one club out here holding some activities. Sometimes these activities are just so students can blow off some steam or sometimes you can catch groups coming up with really creative ways to raise money for a charity.

14. Denius Student Center (SUB)

This is the Student Union Building, the main hub of campus. The Sub Café, where one can always find a good breakfast, tasty lunch, or early dinner, is located on the first floor. Also on the first floor is the Bookstore, where you can purchase t-shirts, bumper stickers, snacks, and of course, your books! The mailroom and student mailboxes are located here as well. The Student Life Office, Campus Activities Board, and Student Government Association offices can be found on the second floor.

15. Jerome Keuper Administration Building

It is named for the founder and first President of the University, Jerome Keuper. This building was the original university library and has a very unique Chinese clock bestowed up on us by the Chinese consulate in the 1980s in gratitude for our acceptance of so many Chinese students.

16. Academic Quad

The brick courtyard as you enter was designed by the founders of Florida Tech to look like the courtyards of MIT, their alma mater. The statue in the center of the courtyard is of Jerome Keuper, the university found and first president. This statue looks right up into the office of Dr. Catanese, our current president. We like to think that Dr. Catanese consults Dr. Keuper from time to time when important decisions are made – after all, you can't know where you're going unless you know where you've come from. The buildings surrounding the courtyard house labs, lecture classrooms, administrative offices, and department storage facilities.

17. Crawford Building

The Crawford Building is one of the tallest buildings on campus, with its seven floors towering over Melbourne. Other than watching NASA launches, or seeing the fun at Andretti Thrill Park from the seventh floor observation deck, the Crawford Building contains the departments of Mathematical Sciences and Humanities/Communication as well as classrooms and administrative offices. The building is modeled to look like the Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) at the Kennedy Space Center, where assembly of the space shuttles took place.

18. Skurla Hall

Inside this unique building is the College of Aeronautics, home to all students pursuing a degree in the airline industry. Can you figure out what this building is supposed to look like from a bird's eye view? Well rumor has it, Skurla Hall looks like a B2 Stealth Bomber from the air. However, the plans for the building were finalized prior to the declassification of the aircraft. Does this mean we knew something we shouldn't have known? We'll never tell!

Cross University Boulevard and continue walking on the sidewalk toward the Olin Complex of buildings. As you cross the street glance to your right to see the Holzer Health Center and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS).

19. Holzer Health Center

Named for a local doctor who volunteered his time and resources for the students of Florida Tech, the Health Center is the health services center for all students at Florida Tech. Offering free over-the-counter medication as well as low-cost generic prescription for students, they also handle immunizations and consultations as well as referral services for more serious or after-hours issues. The services provided are at no direct cost to the students.

20. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

In addition to providing assessments for learning disabilities, they also provide free counseling for many issues students face including stress management, homesickness, adjustment to college life, etc. The doctors and counselors at CAPS provide seminars throughout the semester, free of charge to students, faculty and staff, for relevant personal and professional development.

With a generous gift from the F.W. Olin Foundation, Florida Tech was able to building three and a half buildings (The three Olin buildings and half of the Clemente Center were funded with the gift), which was the largest Olin gift to a single university at the time. We are honored to have these facilities.

21. Olin Life Sciences Building

The Olin Life Sciences building accommodates the Department of Biological Sciences with its labs, classrooms, and offices. The professors working in this building had a hand in the floor plan and design. Since professors need to keep a close eye on their research space and labs, the offices were designed to be close to the labs to accommodate the professor's various obligations. It permits both professors and students better interaction while studying, researching, and learning.

22. Olin Engineering Complex

On the ground floor lobby, you will find several Student Design projects on display, so make sure to take a look! This building houses the departments of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Construction Management. This building is home to the Geomaterials Lab, Robotics Lab, MagLev (magnetic levitation) Lab and other really cool laboratories that student use for research and student design projects.

23. Olin Physical Sciences Building

The Physical Sciences Building is the newest of the Olin buildings and is the home to the largest research-grade telescope in the state of Florida; this building also houses the departments of Chemistry, Physics, and Space Sciences. Students can utilize any of more than two dozen available telescopes for research, observation, or just to have great look at the starts for class or personal enjoyment.

24. Harris Center for Science and Engineering

Another recent edition to campus, the Harris Center provides additional labs and classrooms for the Department of Biological Science and the Harris Institute for Assured Information. It is also home to the Computer Science/Software Engineering department. The building was a generous gift from a local defense contractor, Harris Corporation, which has helped make the greater Melbourne area one of the top high-tech workforces in the country. Harris employs many Florida Tech graduates and now provides educational resources to our currently-enrolled students.

25. Panther Dining Hall

This is the place on campus to hang out with friends and grab a bite to eat. The chefs here win awards every year, and they manage to come up with some very unique and tasty foods. This is truly a dining hall that you will not get bored with. They have vegan/vegetarian foods, international food, a brick pizza oven, pasta bar, grill, dessert bar, and so much more.

26. Aquatic Center

NCAA and recreational swimming and diving complex. Houses the varsity men's and women's swimming teams. The Panther Aquatic Center opened to Florida Tech alumni, faculty, staff and students in June 2011. Located between the Clemente Center and the Panther Dining Hall, the 32,000 square foot facility features a competition pool and a recreation pool.

The competition pool boasts nine, 25-yard lanes complete with a one-meter and a three-meter diving board. Its depth ranges from 5.5 to 13 feet. The recreation pool varies in depth from three to six feet and includes three 25-yard lanes, stair entry and wading benches. Both pools are equipped with geothermal heating and cooling systems.

27. Clemente Center

The Clemente Center offers a multitude of sporting and recreational functions. It houses the varsity and intramural gyms, racquet ball court, and a huge workout area. There are free exercise classes offered every day including kickboxing, yoga, Pilates, Latin dance and many more! It also houses another dining facility on campus, Center Court, which has very healthy food options and delicious smoothies.

28. Southgate Apartments

This is one of the housing options available to upperclassmen. It is apartment style housing and varies from studio apartments to three bedroom apartments. Southgate has its own recreational pool and sand volleyball court. If that is not enough you can also head out to the wide open practice field and play a pickup game of soccer with some friends.

We hoped you enjoyed your tour of Florida Tech!