Welcome to Family Weekend!

Family Weekend is the perfect way to get to know the Florida Tech community better. While you're in town, spend time learning all our thriving hometown — Melbourne, Florida — has to offer, visit our historic downtown during Homecoming fest on Friday, have dinner with your panther at Panther Dining Hall and meet fellow family members and students.

On Saturday, get the full, fall football experience at the Jungle and Football game. This new tradition includes a fun area at Panther Stadium with faculty, staff, students and other families, a visit from our Florida Tech cheerleaders, and live music from Florida Tech's Pep Band. Afterward, enjoy the Panther Football experience during the big game! Later that night come to the Homecoming Carnival where we will have food trucks, lots of free fun, inflatables, dancing and a beer garden!

You'll end the weekend with a brunch at your convenience with your student at Panther Dining Hall on Sunday!!

Whatever you attend and do this weekend, the Office of Student Life hopes you enjoy your time with your Panther!!

Mission and Purpose of the Parent Leadership Council (PLC): The Florida Institute of Technology Parent Leadership Council supports the mission of the University by:

- Providing important input and advice, especially on topics that can advance the overall goals of the institution and increase its reputation and delivery of the best education possible for our students.
- Contributing philanthropically to support the University.
- Giving of their time and talents to support FIT student success.
- Serving as ambassadors in their communities and in their fields.

For more information about Parent Leadership or if you are interested in the PLC please contact Donna Cassario at:

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Family Weekend Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Check-in and Registration
1–6 p.m.—Denius Student Center, 1st floor

Family Weekend Bookstore Hours
1–6 p.m.—Denius Student Center, 1st floor

Academic Departments Open for Meetings
1:30–3 p.m.—A chance for parents to learn about their child’s Academic Unit and meet the professors.
*Please note this is a come and go event, academic departments will have one or two people in the departments but not all professors or staff members. We suggest you email those faculty or staff members you are interested in meeting with to schedule an appointment well before you arrive to campus.

First & Second Year Experience Social Hour
6–7 p.m. - Denius Student Center, Hartley Room (2nd Floor)
Come meet some of the most important staff members your students will encounter their first and second year here at Florida Tech! FSYE Advisors will be hanging out for you to grab a dessert with before heading to downtown Melbourne for Homecoming Fest!

Welcome Dinner with Your Student
Panther Dining Hall
Enjoy a nice relaxing dinner with your son or daughter in Florida Tech’s premier Dining Hall. *Tickets are provided in your packet.

Homecoming Fest
6 p.m.–1 a.m.—Downtown Melbourne

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Homecoming Jungle Party
11 a.m.–12:45 p.m.—Jungle and Varsity Practice Field
Enjoy a new tradition at Panther Stadium with your student. Check out the additional information in your packet!

Homecoming Football Game
1 p.m.—Panther Stadium, Palm Bay High School
Welcome one and all to our homecoming football game!!

Enjoy Dinner On Your Own in the Melbourne Area (or come to the Carnival for free food trucks!)
A list of local restaurants will be provided in your packet.

Homecoming Carnival
6–10 p.m.—Crawford Green
The Homecoming Carnival is one of the largest events that Homecoming puts on. It is a huge celebration that will engage all members of the student body, families and alumni. There will be many different activities, such as carnival games, food trucks, laser tag, a beer garden and inflatables.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Religious Services around Melbourne
Catholic Mass
11 a.m. and 6 p.m.—All Faiths Center

Goodbye Brunch with Your Student
Panther Dining Hall
Have a final meal with your son or daughter before you leave Melbourne.
*Tickets are provided in your packet
Florida Tech presents the 2019 Homecoming Concert

Friday, Oct. 25, 6 p.m.–1 a.m.
Downtown Melbourne
Enjoy the concert in beautiful downtown Melbourne.

*Trolley rides are provided from Clemente Center to Downtown Melbourne!*

![Map of downtown Melbourne showing Florida Tech Campus and Downtown Melbourne locations.](map-image)
RESTAURANT GUIDE – LOCAL FAVORITES

New Haven Avenue Corridor
There are many national and highly recognizable chains near the Melbourne Square Mall.
Shells 321-729-9340 – Regional seafood chain; seasonal fresh fish
Pane e Vino – Italian fare; right next to Oaks Movie Theater

Babcock Street Corridor (north of campus)
Makoto’s 321-724-8751 – Local version of a Japanese steakhouse—cook at your table
Siam Orchid 321-729-6383 – Local sushi spot; also traditional Thai and Japanese cuisine
Eddie’s Sunrise Diner 321-676-6267 – Breakfast and lunch only, hearty menu and very generous portions

Babcock Street Corridor (south of campus)
This area is also chain friendly.
The Broken Barrel Tavern 321-728-4755 – Made-from-scratch BBQ, dozens of TVs, and owned by one of our own!!
Wagon Wheel Pizza 321-724-4769 – Fun, family atmosphere; NY style pizza
*Middle Eastern Aromas 321-725-5941 – Lebanese cuisine; University Plaza on Babcock
*Old School Pizza – A student favorite
*walking distance from campus

Historic Downtown Melbourne
Matt’s Casbah 321-574-1099 – Vast menu of tasty meat, vegetarian and sushi options in a hip, eclectic setting
Meg O’Malley’s 321-952-5510 – Irish pub serving full dinner menu; sometimes live music
Sun Shoppe & Café 321-676-1438 – Coffeehouse with full menu, live music, internet access

Wickham Road Corridor (northwest of campus)
Frankie’s Wings and Things 321-255-7912 – A favorite in Melbourne for spicy chicken wings
Taste of India 321-751-4191 – Traditional Indian cuisine, casual atmosphere, wonderful lunch buffet
Harbor City Diner 321-952-0707 – Generous portions – huge hamburgers!
Fiesta Azteca 321-242-5966 – Authentic Mexican, past winner of the “Best of Brevard” award

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RESTAURANT GUIDE – LOCAL FAVORITES

Palm Bay Road Corridor (southwest of campus)
This area is also very chain friendly – both fast food and casual sit-down
Buffalo Wild Wings – Whether you know them as BW2 or B-dubs, they’re the place for wings & sports
Five Guys Burgers & Fries 321-409-9940 – These guys have perfected juicy burgers and irresistible fries
Long Doggers 321-951-8884 – The mainland version of the beloved beachside original
Moe’s Southwest Grill 321-676-8811 – Tasty, Southwest fare “welcomes” you at the door

A1A Corridor (Beachside)
Long Doggers 321-725-1115 – Hot dogs, burgers, fish, just about anything!
Cantina Dos Amigos 321-724-2183 – Small local Mexican favorite
DaKine Diego’s 321-779-8226 – “Insane” burritos; huge portions
Petrillos 321-953-6888 – Best pizza in town, excellent Italian sit-down
Ichabods 321-777-0214 – Arguably the best burger beachside; relaxed and causal
Thai Thai II 321-773-6144 – Asian style cuisine – sushi, Thai

Fifth Avenue Corridor (Melbourne’s Causeway)
Skewers 321-727-8944 – Mediterranean dishes; often live music
Islands Fish Grill 321-956-0559 – Fresh, local seafood place; a little more pricey