#### Fall 2018 Newsletter





www.FSW.edu/virtualtour

# Florida SouthWestern Launches Virtual Campus Tour

Prospective students and their families are invited to try the new Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Virtual Campus Tour.

The simulated experience includes 360-degree media layered with interactive elements, putting visitors in control of their own journey around the college's four locations in Fort Myers, Naples, Punta Gorda, and LaBelle. Users can access the tour on desktop, mobile, or with virtual reality headsets at www.FSW.edu/virtualtour.

While the majority of FSW students come from the five counties encompassing southwest Florida, the college is experiencing increased interest from students statewide and nationally. More applicants from states such as New York, Michigan, and Ohio — along with international students — are considering FSW to continue their education.

Traditional, in-person tours are still available throughout the year and school groups are welcome. Schedule an appointment now at www. FSW.edu/tours.

For more information about FSW and how to apply, visit **www.FSW.edu/admissions.** 

### **Need Admissions** Assistance? **Check Out Our New Website** Resources

#### The FSW Office of Admissions website (www. FSW.edu/admissions)

has new resources to help students through the process of becoming an FSW Buccaneer.

First. check our menu on the right side of the page for new informative videos on how to qualify for in-state tuition, updating start terms and passwords, and navigating the online admissions application. Each video is only a few minutes in length and will boil down the topic for easy solutions to a student's questions.

Further down the menu we added a new link called "Meet the Admissions Counselors" with photographs, background information, and contacts for our college counselors. Working from our Office of Admissions, they answer questions, assist with the application process, attend college fairs, conduct high school presentations, and host group tours. Please contact vour Admissions Counselor to schedule a visit to your school.



Students on the Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus attend the Meet Fort Myers Fair during Welcome Week at Florida SouthWestern State College.

# **SGA President Accepts** Statewide FCSSGA Leadership Position

FSW is proud to encourage and facilitate student involvement in enriching experiences both in and out of the classroom. Ayesha Anklesaria, president of FSW's Student Government Association (SGA), recently accepted an offer to serve as the state's Region 4 Coordinator.

Out of the 28 state colleges in Florida, Ayesha will be overseeing a regional board comprised of students from Broward College, Miami-Dade College, Florida Keys Community College, and Palm Beach State College.

"My job is to let them know what's happening (events or important information) from the state board so they can share with their college boards," she said, referring to the Florida College System Student Government Association (FCSSGA). "I'm ensuring that our regional colleges are communicating and collaborating."



Locally, Ayesha said that the FSW SGA Executive Board is currently polling students to collect data for their 2018-2019 legislative platform, one they will present to lawmakers at the annual opportunities for students.

Rally in Tally conference in the state capital. Their preliminary platform focuses on college affordability, campus safety, additional funding for the Florida College System, and

# Suncoast Teaches FSW **Students Financial Literacy**

The college hosts Financial Literacy Week every semester where Suncoast Credit Union representatives present a workshop, "Money Smart 101: Live Beyond the Weekend." Suncoast representatives teach students how to budget, manage money, and plan for the future. Sessions of the workshop are available at all four FSW locations.

Lessons on financial literacy have also been embedded into the Cornerstone Experience curriculum, a class every FSW student is required to take their freshman year. Approximately 150 sections of the class are offered annually. Students also have access to Suncoast's Power Money Management eLearning program to learn important lessons on smart decision making.

Even with FSW's affordable tuition, paying for college can be difficult. Suncoast Credit Union has invested in scholarship opportunities and programs for FSW students to help offset the cost of higher education. Visit www.FSW.edu/suncoast to learn more about what's available to prospective and current students.

The partnership between Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) and Suncoast Credit Union spans far beyond the Suncoast Credit Union Arena.

> Besides serving as a leader at the college, Ayesha will be graduating in May with two degrees from FSW: A.A. in General Studies and A.S. in Paralegal Studies. Her plan is to transfer to a four-year university. Visit www.FSW.edu/engage to learn more about leadership opportunities, clubs, and organizations.



Save the Date! December 7th School Counselor and **Career Specialist Workshop** 

## Important Dates

10/9 | Fall Open House Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus in Fort Myers

10/19 | Spring 2019 Registration For Degree-seeking Students Opens

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For more dates visit www.FSW.edu/calendars

11/11 | Veterans Day (College Closed)

11/22-25 | Thanksgiving (College Closed)

12/7 | School Couriseion and Specialist Workshop School Counselor and Career

12/14-1/1 | Winter Break (College Closed)

## **Captain's Briefing**

The Info FSW's Captain Blackbeard Wants You to Know!

### **Dedicate To Graduate**

Florida SouthWestern State College is dedicated to providing students with the tools and assistance needed to graduate. The following campus resources and more are available to all FSW students.

Academic Advising, Career, and Transfer Center Academic Support Centers **Adaptive Services** Counseling **Financial Aid** Library **Peer Tutoring Center** Student Engagement

Visit the Dedicate to Graduate website at www.FSW.edu/graduate for more details.



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