

Nov. 1, 2019

Good afternoon,

Here is an update on several campus items:

First-Generation Awareness Day. Next Friday, Nov. 8, we are celebrating our students who are first in their families to go to college. As a first-generation college student myself, I offer congratulations to all of our first-generation students as well as staff and faculty who were the first in their families to take this step. FSU's founders were devoted to providing a college education to students like you. Information about the celebration, which will be from 5-7 p.m. in the Lane Center Atkinson Room, is attached.

Winter and spring registration. Registration has begun for winter intersession and spring session. I encourage students to schedule appointments with your advisors as soon as possible to get your schedules completed and ensure you are on track for graduation. It may help to review the [8-semester plan](#) for your major with your advisor. The Office of Financial Aid is also a resource for students with questions about aid.

Maryland Charity Campaign. The Maryland Charity Campaign kicks off today. This is an opportunity for staff and faculty to help our local charities. Dr. Shakil Rahman and Dr. Sara-Beth Bittinger are co-chairing this year's campaign. More than 20 local charities the Western Maryland counties benefit from this campaign, as well as more than 900 statewide charities or those in other parts of Maryland. We've set a goal of more than \$18,000 in contributions from FSU. I hope everyone will be willing to help those who are less fortunate in our communities by supporting these charities. Packets will be distributed through department administrative assistants, or you can give [online here](#).

Construction update. I have attached a rendering of the exterior of the Education and Health Science Building. We will schedule at least two presentations in November to update the campus on the latest plans. It is on schedule for construction beginning next spring. Construction on the new residence hall continues both on the exterior and the interior. We have the building enclosed so that work will progress during the winter.



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NATIONAL FIRST-GENERATION AWARENESS DAY

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Lane Center Atkinson Room

On this day, institutions around the nation celebrate the presence and experiences of first-generation college students, faculty, and staff. Please join us for a First-Generation Meet and Greet. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with other First-Gens.

We are proud of you!