

## The parents connection to the Stetson community

Is Your Student Enrolled?

### Emergency Communication: Be Sure Your Student Has Signed Up

Stetson University is not immune to the possibility of a crisis - whether an act of nature or otherwise. While we take every precaution to ensure campus safety, if a crisis does arise, we want to make sure your Stetson student is safe.

Hatter Alert allows students to receive a text, phone call and email if there is an emergency on campus. It will notify and alert him/her to steps they need to follow to ensure their safety. **It is imperative that all Stetson University students enroll in this system.**

#### Here's how it works:

**Step 1** - Enter your cell phone number into Banner (Stetson's Information System). To do this, go to [my.stetson.edu](http://my.stetson.edu). Click on the "Students" tab, then the "Hatter Alert Cell Phone Record" option. It will display your cell phone number on record. Update the phone number as necessary.

**Step 2** - From your cell phone, please text a "Y" to 68453 to opt-in. A confirmation text will then be sent to you.

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## Important Numbers

### Someone You Should Know - Profile Maria Georgo

#### Switchboard

(386) 822-7000

#### Admissions

(386) 822-7100

#### Athletics

(386) 822-8100

#### Bookstore

(386) 822-7160

#### Career Services

(386) 822-7315

#### Chaplain

(386) 822-7523

#### Counseling Center

(386) 822-8900

#### Dining Services

(386) 822-8780

#### Financial Aid

(386) 822-7120

#### Health Services

(386) 822-8150

#### Housing & Residential Life

(386) 822-7201

#### Public Safety

(386) 822-7300

#### Registrar's Office

(386) 822-7140

#### Student Accounts

(386) 822-7050



Maria Georgo started at Stetson in October as the Assistant Director of the Academic Resources Center and Coordinator of Disability Resources. Now that's a mouthful! This new position was created as part of the continued, intentional and expanding commitment to provide equal access and opportunity to all campus programs and services for persons with disabilities. More specifically, Maria serves as a resource for students, faculty, staff and parents in matters related to accommodations, adaptations and best practices that support student success. Her office is located in the CUB as part of the Academic Resources Center.

Maria has a BA degree from Salisbury State University in Communication Arts; and a MS degree from Central Connecticut State University in Counseling. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Conflict Analysis and Resolution through the School of Social Sciences & Humanities at Nova Southeastern University. She has presented nationally for the National Peace & Justice Society, the National Learning Disabilities Association and internationally for the Amazon Conservation Team.

She has three children, Gayle, Jerry, and John; and her dog, Meli. When not at work, she enjoys being mom, Jazzercise, photography, gardening, cooking, art, camping, hiking, the beach and traveling. She has traveled throughout the United States and to Mexico, Canada, Greece, Spain and South America. She is an active member of Amnesty International, the Central Florida Business Leaders Network and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

## Have a Productive Winter Break - Talk to Your Student

In addition to celebrating the completion of the fall term, winter break can also provide time for reflection on lessons learned and preparation for what's ahead. As you talk with your student about next semester, there are a couple of conversation pieces that can help them as they return for spring semester.

Goal setting is a powerful activity providing motivation and direction. Discuss short-term goals (to be achieved by the end of next semester) and long-term goals (for the end of his or her college career). It's important that these goals are SMART (specific, measurable, action oriented, realistic and timely).

Use this as an opportunity to reflect on your own goals. Sharing these goals with each other is an empowering way to create accountability and motivation. This conversation can lead to more concrete planning of how to accomplish these goals, such as using a planner or some type of organizing software.

Other ideas that might help to set up a successful spring term could include the following:

- Purchase all textbooks for next term now.
- Look at syllabi for spring classes and think about early readings and assignments.
- Research resources available such as tutoring, success coaching and student counseling.

## Friends & Family Weekend 2011 - a Record Breaker



More than 300 families and 1000 guests registered. The President's Juice and Jazz Breakfast and the Family Picnic were our largest events ever. Families traveled great distances to join us from Washington state, New Hampshire, New York, Texas and the U.S. Virgin Islands, to name only a few.

Highlighted events included the Family Scavenger Hunt, won by the Abate family, the Parent and Faculty Coffee Talk, Bingo, School of Music

Performances, the Talent Showdown and the Sixth Annual Haunted Walk. Congratulations to Logan Gamer - winner of the \$250 Bookstore Gift Certificate from the stamp raffle!

For some families, this was their first time attending and for others, it will be their last as their "Hatter" prepares to graduate. We value the time with the families and hope that you make new discoveries that deepen your relationship with the university with every visit.

## Workshop Builds Skills that Lead to Graduation

The Student Success Center hosts workshops that help students learn about resources on campus and how to build the skills necessary to graduate. GPS: Guide for Proactive Success Workshop Series - Destination, GRADUATION is held every Tuesday from 5:15 to 6 p.m. in the Lynn Business Center, room 123. Key staff and faculty lead the workshops that focus on academic skills (such as active reading, college-level writing, test-taking strategies), mental and emotional health (anxiety reduction and conflict resolution) and general student wellness and competence (nutrition and fiscal literacy, for example). For more information, visit [stetson.edu/portal/studentsuccess](http://stetson.edu/portal/studentsuccess).

## We'd Like to Find Students Just Like Yours

Check out the HART Program. You can help introduce Stetson to schools in your area by taking packets of information and a pennant to your student's high school or even other schools in the area. This not only informs them about Stetson, but helps us to be top of mind when they are talking about colleges. You can also attend admission events in your area to speak to the parents of prospective students and answer their questions about sending their student off to college - after all, you are an expert in that field. Please email [hart@stetson.edu](mailto:hart@stetson.edu) to get involved.

### What is Stetson Green?

Stetson Green consolidates the most vital information into one mailing each term. We'll be sending out one newsletter during each term, but remember, the website changes all the time. So, put the dates on your calendar or smart phone, plan to visit or call your student to see what's going on.

### Legacy Scholarship Available

When a student decides to continue the Stetson tradition in their family, it marks an extremely important decision and for that, the Office of Admission acknowledges the importance of our legacy students. Stetson would not be what it is today without the continued support of our esteemed alumni, and our legacy students are a large part of that effort. Therefore, direct legacy students (sibling, child or grandchild of a Stetson alumnus/ae) are eligible to be considered for a \$1,000/year legacy scholarship! If your child is a legacy or you know another legacy that is

pursuing admission to Stetson, please contact legacy admission counselor, Elizabeth Schaefer at [eschaefer@stetson.edu](mailto:eschaefer@stetson.edu) for more information about the benefits of legacy recruitment.

### Dates to Remember

**January 15** - Residence Halls Open  
**January 18** - Classes Begin  
**January 24** - Last Day to ADD Course for Credit/  
Last Day to DROP Course without Financial Penalty/Last Day to Change Meal Plans  
**March 5-9** - Spring Break  
**April 10-12** - Registration for Summer Session and Fall Semester  
**May 2** - Classes End  
**March 4, 5, 7, 8** - Final Exams  
**May 10** - Residence Halls Close at 6 p.m.\*  
**May 11** - Baccalaureate  
**May 12** - Commencement Ceremony

\* Except for those participating in Commencement

## Guiding Students Through Academic and Career Development

The newly formed Career Development & Academic Advising office, in conjunction with Campus Life and Student Success, offers programs, services and activities designed to empower. Exceptional staff in this department help students develop the necessary skills for collegiate and career satisfaction.

Through workshops and individual advising appointments, students develop an understanding of their skills, abilities and passions and how those connect to academic programs at Stetson and future career paths. The staff works closely with students enrolled in the Discovery program, as well as those who may be experiencing a time of transition, to offer supplemental programming that not only enriches their overall Stetson experience, but encompasses a campus-wide exploration of advising and career-related interests and passions.

To assist students with learning more about career options, we host a career fair each semester. This fall's event, held on October 19, welcomed over 30 employers to campus including: Deloitte, Disney Worldwide Services, Inc., Haven Hospice, Museum of Florida Art, Music USA Festivals, SEI and the US Drug Enforcement Administration.

The next career fair is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2012, and is open to all members of the Stetson community. For additional information, or to register your company for the event, please contact Career Development & Academic Advising at (386)822-7315 or [career@stetson.edu](mailto:career@stetson.edu).

## Counseling Support for Your Student

Everyone can benefit from counseling. The Counseling Center can help with a wide range of concerns such as relationship issues, family problems, homesickness, addictions, depression, anxiety, loneliness and low self-esteem. The center is open to all students, is confidential and is located conveniently right on campus.

Counseling is a process of self-discovery and growth. It helps to increase self-esteem, confidence, improve interpersonal skills and helps students make better decisions, and ensures emotional health and well-being.

Appointments can be scheduled by phone, and drop-ins are welcomed. If your student is in need of extra support, please encourage him/her to visit the counseling team. The counseling center can be reached at (386) 822-8900.



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**Anytime**  
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