



# Family & Friends Weekend

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STETSON UNIVERSITY



## Friday, September 29

### 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Hammock and Hang

Palm Court

Start of your weekend by enjoying a sweet treat and collegial ambiance of our beautiful Palm Court.

### 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Friends and Family Weekend Check-In

Carlton Union Building, North Lobby

Welcome to Friends and Family Weekend! Stop by check-in so we can welcome you to our campus for the weekend. Come pick up your commemorative gift and kick off the weekend with your Hatter!

### 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. National Pan-Hellenic Council Chartering Ceremony

Stetson Room

We welcome all families and friends to join us today to celebrate the momentous occasion of our National Pan-Hellenic Council chartering ceremony. NPHC is the governing council overseeing the Divine Nine historically black and African-American fraternities and sororities.

### 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Friends and Family Weekend Welcome Reception

Rinker Welcome Center

We welcome Hatter family and friends to join us for hors d'oeuvres, drinks and dessert, and make connections with Stetson staff and faculty as well as other guests. We encourage guest to park in the lots adjacent to Flagler and Davis Halls, as they will be closest to the garden entrance.

### 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Artisan Alley Farmers Market

Georgia Avenue Area, Downtown DeLand

Enjoy the culture of Downtown DeLand through the Artisan Alley Farmer's Market, featuring local produce, plants, pickles, honey, baked goods, arts and crafts.

## Saturday, September 30

### 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Friends and Family Weekend Check-In

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### 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Hand Art Center Exhibitions

Hand Art Center

Visit the Stetson's Hand Art Center and enjoy one of it's exhibitions, including:

- The Artist's Labor: Oscar Bluemner and Mario Saponaro
- Cuerpo-Territorio / A Yellow Rose

### Lunch and Dinner in DeLand

Enjoy a meal at one the many restaurants in Downtown DeLand (many are offering discounts with a Stetson ID!) or on campus at the Lynn Dining Commons!

### 7p.m. Stetson Men's Soccer vs Jacksonville University

Athletic Training Center Field Complex

Come cheer on the Hatters as they take on Jacksonville University! To buy tickets at a discounted rate before the game, visit the [Football Ticketing Website](#) and enter promo code "FAMILY23" at the top of the page to see the reduced rates. Questions about tickets can be directed to [hattertickets@stetson.edu](mailto:hattertickets@stetson.edu) or 386-738-4287.

## Sunday, October 1

### Brunch in DeLand

Enjoy breakfast, lunch or brunch at one the many restaurants in DeLand (many are offering discounts with a Stetson ID!) or on campus at the Lynn Dining Commons!

### 1 p.m. Stetson Women's Soccer vs Lipscomb University

Athletic Training Center Field Complex

Come cheer on the Hatters as they take on Jacksonville University! To buy tickets at a discounted rate before the game, visit the [Football Ticketing Website](#) and enter promo code "FAMILY23" at the top of the page to see the reduced rates. Questions about tickets can be directed to [hattertickets@stetson.edu](mailto:hattertickets@stetson.edu) or 386-738-4287.

## Local Business Discounts

Visit these Downtown Deland business and enjoy special offers for Hatter students!

Berryville Frozen Yogurt: 10% off of bill for Stetson Students with ID

Buttercup Bakery: 10% off of bill for Stetson Students with ID

Chica's Cuban Café: 10% off of bill for Stetson Students with ID

Connie's Café: Free drink with ID

De La Vega: 10% off of bill for Stetson Students with ID

El Taco Rico: 10% off of bill for Stetson Students with ID

Kneading Sweets Bakery: 10% off of bill for Stetson Students with ID

Pat and Toni's Sweet Things: 10% off of purchase or free chocolate strawberry with ID

Positano Trattoria Pizza: 10% off of purchase with ID

The Table: tax exempt for any Stetson Students with ID

Tony's New York Pizza: 10% off of purchase with ID

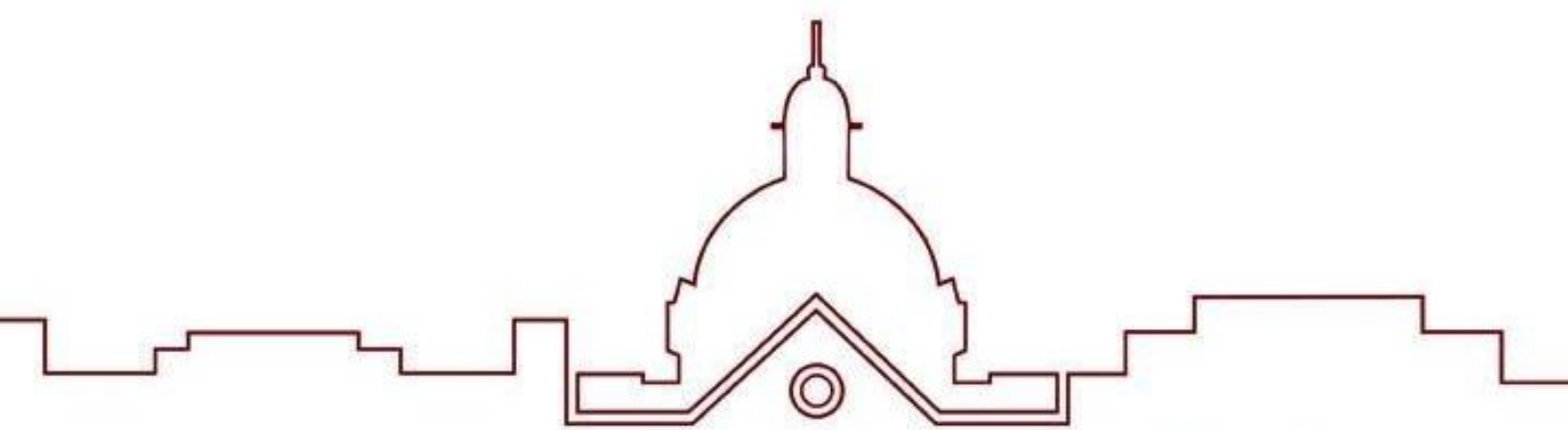
Trilogy Coffee: 10% off of purchase with ID

Urban Brick: 10% off of purchase with ID

Whit's Frozen Custard: 10% off of purchase with ID

Wrap It Up: 10% off of purchase with ID





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## YOU'LL LOVE ABOUT DELAND

## FAMILY & FRIENDS WEEKEND

### **DeLand: #1 Mainstreet in US**

DeLand was named the best downtown in the nation in America's 2017 Main Street competition. With a contemporary atmosphere and unique pockets of history, you'll find museums, shops, boutiques, restaurants, and so much more. This small town has a ton of attractions, restaurants, breweries, and hot spots to visit.

### **More than Just a Small Town**

While it is known for its charm and lively downtown scene, DeLand has so much more to offer. Known as the Skydive Capital of the World, many students have it on their bucket list to experience the thrill and leap from a plane before graduation. If that's too much thrill for you, take part in all sorts of other activities the city has to offer year round. Other popular activities amongst our students include stopping in to Pat & Tony's for a sweet treat and getting ice cream from one of DeLand's many ice creameries.

### **Cultural & Art Mecca**

A vibrant arts community fills the DeLand area with plenty of things to do for your creative side. With many museums to explore, you can further your love for art and nature. Athens Theater is a historic theater that hosts plays, musicals, concerts, and more. Every Friday in Artisan's Alley downtown, a local market takes over the streets. You can also stroll through downtown and take in the sights of many beautiful historic murals painted on building sides.

### **Check out the Shops**

DeLand's local shops create a captivating tapestry that enriches the town's vibrant character. Wandering through the city, you'll discover a charming array of boutique stores, art galleries, and specialty shops that reflect the essence of the community. These locally-owned gems offer an authentic shopping experience, where you can find unique treasures, handcrafted goods, and one-of-a-kind artworks.

## Beaches Galore!

DeLand's advantageous location, nestled in close proximity to the beautiful beaches, offers families and friends a perfect blend of urban charm and coastal allure. Whether you're seeking the tranquility of a leisurely stroll along the sandy stretches, the thrill of water sports, or the joy of simply basking under the sun, the nearby beaches cater to every preference. The coastal area boasts an array of charming beachfront eateries, vibrant local markets, and cultural events, providing an opportunity to savor the coastal lifestyle to the fullest.

## City Serves as a Connection Point

DeLand is centrally located to most of Florida's premier destinations. A quick car ride to the beaches will allow you to enjoy a day's adventure to the paradise that Florida is best known for. To the southwest, students will have access to all that city life has to offer by visiting Orlando. Attend a game of one of many professional sports teams that call Orlando home. Frequent headliners perform concerts in the Amway Center in downtown. Touring Broadway Productions also visit the Dr. Phillips Center year round.

Theme park lovers will rejoice knowing that Stetson University is an hour from top theme parks in the country including Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, and more. Students will have opportunities to visit some of these theme parks at a discounted rate through programming hosted by the university.

## Supportive Community

Looking to give back? Stetson University and DeLand offer a wide range of opportunities to serve. Each year, our students engage in service and projects

DeLand also is home to many organizations and events designed to give back to the community. The MeStrong 5k is DeLand's signature race that supports friends, families, and community members battling cancer and welcomes 5000+ participants annually. The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia seeks to feed the hungry, house the homeless, and prevent homelessness.

## A Foodie's Dream

DeLand is a food lovers dream and features restaurants and eateries that appeal to every pallet. For tasty sweets, try one of the many locally owned ice cream, bakery, and treat shops. For a more satisfying meal, DeLand offers cuisines from all over the world that cater to any dietary need. From locally owned barbecue and burgers to Thai, Italian, and Greek cuisines, you will surely find something to satisfy your cravings.

## An Outdoor Adventurer's Paradise

Grab your bike, running shoes, hiking boots, dog, or friend and explore the natural side of DeLand. Stetson University and DeLand are centrally located to many outdoor activities to try. Head to one of the many local state parks to take in the sights, rent a kayak, or hop on a trail. Blue Springs State Park, just south of campus, sees hundreds of manatees flock to the crisp 72 degree year round water each winter. Flip your own pancakes or take a dip in the swimming hole at DeLeon Springs State Park.

There are countless trail systems - paved and unpaved nearby to get out and enjoy nature. Head one of the many beaches within a quick drive for a relaxing day in the sun. to get out and enjoy nature.

## The Beauty of Stetson's Campus

Immersing yourself in the captivating beauty of Stetson University's campus is a one-of-a-kind experience. The sprawling campus, adorned with lush greenery, towering palms, trademark pathways, and historic stunning buildings, invites students and visitors alike to revel in its serene charm. As you stroll across the campus grounds and under the canopy of lush trees, you'll feel a sense of tranquility that only a harmonious blend of nature and academia can provide. The elegant blend of historic structures and modern facilities creates an atmosphere of timeless elegance, offering both a sense of connection to the past and the promise of a bright future. Every corner of Stetson's campus is a testament to the harmony between education, the local town, and the natural world.



# Things to do in Central Florida



Explore Downtown DeLand (Voted America's Main Street!)



Swim, snorkel, or kayak in beautiful Blue Springs State Park



Check out Dynoclimb, DeLand's Premier Indoor Rock Climbing Center



Catch some sun and take a drive on New Smyrna Beach

## Other Great Places to Explore

- DeLeon Springs State Park
- Hontoon Island State Park
- Daytona Speedway Tours/Destination Daytona
- Tanger Outlets
- Explore other downtowns nearby, including:
  - New Smyrna
  - Sanford
  - Winter Park
  - Mt. Dora
- Experience the excitement of Orlando, I-Drive and the many theme parks in the area
- Have your student show you their favorite spots !