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First-Year Student Orientations Begin Thursday



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(St. Petersburg, Fla.) June 10, 2009 - USFSP welcomes new students this week with the largest overnight orientation session the university has ever hosted - the first of three record-breaking, first-year student orientations scheduled this summer.

Between 130-150 students are expected at each orientation. Summer orientations in 2008 hosted 70-80 students.

From June 11-12, the first orientation group will make its rounds of USFSP, attending information sessions with their group leaders, getting to know fellow classmates and planning their first college semester. Students will spend the night in Residence Hall One, celebrate their visit with a poolside party and learn about the opportunities that await them at USFSP.

"This year we have a larger orientation staff and more of the sessions will be run by orientation leaders," said Jennifer Quinn-Taylor, director of orientation. "They have more responsibility to present material about topics such as getting involved, alcohol awareness and student life."

[Click here](#) to meet the Summer 2009 Orientation Leaders.

Parents have the option to attend a full-day orientation separate from students, an informational program led by student orientation leaders. College deans and faculty will also have an opportunity to meet with students who have selected degree programs in specific colleges.

The majority of the students in this week's session come from Florida, but there are also out-of-state students traveling from Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

First Time In College Orientation Dates:

June 11-12

July 9-10

July 20-21

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