

# FOCUS ORIENTATION

**Saturday, August 17**

## Welcome, New Hatters!

We are so excited to welcome you to your new home. In the days to come, you will begin your journey as a Hatter. This is your first opportunity to become fully immersed in our community, and we are so happy you are here! During FOCUS, you will be able to learn about our values and traditions while connecting with other incoming and returning students. FOCUS is your opportunity to discover the many resources and experiences available here at Stetson. You will attend events to help in your transition and learn more about your academic and community expectations. Please make the most of your FOCUS week, as it can be where some of your best college memories and longest-lasting connections are formed! Please do not hesitate to ask a FOCUS Leader any and all questions you may have throughout the week. We are here to help make this experience the best it can be!

*For First-Year Seminar/FOCUS Group Locations, School of Music audition information and other FOCUS Orientation resources, visit:*

[www.stetson.edu/focus-resources](http://www.stetson.edu/focus-resources)

# STETSON UNIVERSITY

### **8 a.m. – 2 p.m. One-Stop Student Check-In** *Lynn Business Center Parking Lot*

It's a great day to be a Hatter! Drive-thru Check-In is your first stop. During this time you will participate new student check-in, which is mandatory for all students. You will also pick up your FOCUS packet and get your residence hall access. Please make sure you have your Stetson ID number ready when you arrive at your pre-registered time.

### **11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch on Your Own**

Hatter Parents and families are invited to enjoy the Commons Dining Hall with their student for the discounted price of \$7 for any meal on Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20!

### **3:30 p.m. Welcome** *Edmunds Center*

Welcome to Stetson, New Hatters! This opening session will show you and your guests why Stetson is a special place to be and what it truly means to be a Hatter.

### **4:30 p.m. School of Music New Student Meeting** *McMahan Hall, Feasel Rehearsal Hall*

This session is required for all new music majors, minors and anyone interested in participating in music ensembles. This meeting will orient you to the music community at Stetson and offer information about auditions and placement exams. Music faculty will be at this meeting to greet you and answer your questions. Hatter parents are welcome!

### **5 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Dinner, Set Up Your Room, etc.**

### **7 p.m. First Residence Hall Floor Meeting**

Meet with your Resident Assistant (RA) and fellow neighbors and learn what being a part of a Residential community is about and find out how you may contribute. Check your Stetson email for more information from your RA.

### **7 p.m. Commuter Reception** *Lee's Garage, Carlton Union Building*

All first-year and transfer students who will be living off-campus will gather to enjoy tasty treats and learn more about life as a commuter student. Learn about the best places on campus to hang out, campus life and parking.

### **7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Parent and Family Reception** *Rinker Welcome Center*

Come as you are and join us for hors d'oeuvres, drinks and dessert, and make connections with Stetson staff and faculty as well as other Hatter parents and families.

**8:30 p.m. Bingo Bonanza**  
**Stetson Green**

Come and enjoy an evening of bingo and nitro ice cream! . Bring you good luck charms and noise makers to try to win prizes valued up to \$100! Door prizes will also be given away. Stop by for fun entertainment, and a snack, sponsored by Fraternity and Sorority Life!

## Sunday, August 18

**8:15 a.m. Chapel Service**  
**Stetson Room, Carlton Union Building**

Join us for a service led by Religious and Spiritual Life that celebrates our commitment to spiritual growth as a community of diverse faiths, beliefs and cultural backgrounds.

**9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Parent and Family College**  
**Stetson Room, Carlton Union Building**

This program provides all the tools needed to establish a strong support network for your new Hatter. To learn more about Parent & Family College, view the [schedule!](#)

**10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. FOCUS Group Meeting**  
**Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room**  
**Check the FOCUS Resource Page for Location**

Meet your FOCUS Group, which will be your FSEM classmates or fellow transfer students. Your FOCUS Leader will help you get to know your peers and learn about life at Stetson. FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

**11:30 a.m. Class of 2028 Photo**  
**Stetson Green**

Immediately following the Class Meeting, the Class of 2028 will meet on the Stetson Green for a class photo. Be sure to wear the Stetson T-shirt you received at check-in!

**11:30 a.m. Transfer Student Photo Photo**  
**Libby Lawn**

Immediately following the Class Meeting, all transfer students will meet at Libby Lawn for a photo. Be sure to wear the Stetson T-shirt you received at check-in!

**11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch**  
**Lynn Dining Commons**

**2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Class Meeting: Personal Growth**  
**Edmunds Center**

Welcome to your first Class Meeting! These interactive sessions will help you navigate life as a Hatter. Today's Class Meeting is about the university's value of Personal Growth. You'll meet Associate Vice President of Campus Life and Student Success and Dean of Students, Lynn Schoenberg, and important members of our campus community as they introduce our campus values and discuss university policies and procedures, the meaning of safety in our campus community and the importance of Title IX. All Class Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

**3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. FOCUS Group Meeting**  
**Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room**

**Check the FOCUS Resource Page for Location**

You and your FOCUS Group will return to your breakout room to participate in an engaging session about keeping our community safe. Stetson promotes a culture of consent and encourages reporting of incidents involving gender bias, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and interpersonal violence. FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

**4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. FSEM Study Time, Dinner, & Relax**

**5 p.m. General Athletics Meeting**  
**Stetson Room, Carlton Union Building**

Mandatory meeting for all new student athletes regardless of competition season.

**7 p.m. Symphonic Band Meeting**  
**McMahan Hall**

Any student interested in participating in Symphonic Band is invited to attend this informational meeting.

**7 p.m. Stetson Choir/Singers Meeting**  
**Tinsley Rehearsal Hall, Presser Hall**

Any student interested in participating in Stetson Choir is invited to attend this informational meeting.

**8:30 p.m. - FOCUS Takes Over the Hollis Center**  
**Hollis Center**

Enjoy a night of fun at the Hollis Center! Take a dip in the pool, enjoy games and activities inside the fieldhouse, indulge in a tasty treat, or find a comfy spot and hang out with all your new friends. There's something for everyone at the Hollis Center!

## Monday, August 19

**9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Class Meeting: Global Citizenship**  
**People, Place & Purpose**  
**Edmunds Center**

Today's Class Meeting will focus on the value of Global Citizenship. Every student deserves to find their people, place, and purpose in our Stetson community. Join the teams from Diversity & Inclusion, Religious & Spiritual Life, and Community Engagement to learn more about how to connect with multicultural, faith-based, and community-based programs and organizations. Class Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

**10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. FOCUS Group Meeting**  
**Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room**  
**Check the FOCUS Resource Page for Location**

Directly after your Class Meeting, head to your FOCUS Group room and meet with your peers! Learn more about how you can be an active member of our campus community and find your niche at Stetson!

**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch**  
*Lynn Dining Commons*

**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Academic Advisor Meetings**  
Check your Stetson email for a message from your Academic Advisor about meeting today or tomorrow!

**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Music Theory Placement Exam**  
*TBD*  
Mandatory placement exam for all Music majors and minors scheduled for MUSC-161 Foundations of Music Theory.

**1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Class Meeting:**  
**Intellectual Development**  
*Edmunds Center*  
During today's second Class Meeting, you will learn more about academic life at Stetson. You will hear from our Provost, Dr. Elizabeth Skomp, and Executive Director of Career and Academic Success, Stacy Collins, as they discuss the benefits of engaging in diverse learning community that awaits you. Class Meetings and FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

**2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. First-Year Seminar Class**  
*Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room*  
*Check the FOCUS Resource Page for Location*  
Mandatory for all first-year students and transfer students with fewer than 24 credits. *FSEM 100-188 - Left Wing Authoritarianism will meet from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

**2:30 p.m. Transfer Student Gathering**  
*Lee's Garage, Carlton Union Building*  
Have a chance to connect with both new and returning transfer students, while enjoying snacks, games and more!

**5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner and FSEM Study Time**

**4:30 p.m. College of Arts and Sciences Welcome**  
*Palm Court*  
Join the College of Arts and Sciences in Palm Court for giveaways and a chance to win a Stetson hat!

**5p.m. - 7 p.m. School of Business Administration BBQ**  
*Lower Level of Lynn Business Center*  
This BBQ is for new School of Business Administration students - look out for an email invite with all the details!

**6 p.m. School of Music Banquet**  
*Stetson Room, Carlton Union Building*  
By invitation only for New Music Majors and Music Minors.

**8:30 p.m. Glow Games**  
*Stetson Green*  
Calling all new Hatters, come out to the Stetson green and glow with Hatter Productions, for a great night filled with games, donuts, and dancing. This is your time to make great new memories!

## Tuesday, August 20

**10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Class Meeting: Health and Wellness**  
*Edmunds Center*

During today's Class Meeting, you will have the opportunity to learn about health and wellness and its importance in your daily life as a Hatter. You'll hear from Wellness and Recreation, Student Counseling Services, and Health Service and the valuable resources they offer to make the most of your collegiate experience. Class Meetings and FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

**11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch**  
*Lynn Dining Commons*  
Bring your FSEM materials to your FOCUS Group Meeting!

**11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Academic Advisor Meetings**  
Check your Stetson email for a message from your Academic Advisor about meeting!

**1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. FOCUS Group Meeting**  
*Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room*  
*Check the FOCUS Resource Page for Location*  
Meet with your FOCUS Group! FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

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**5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner and FSEM Study Time**

**8:30 p.m. – Pass Through the Gates**  
*Lee Chapel, Elizabeth Hall*  
Join your FOCUS Leaders for the culminating event of your FOCUS experience. Spirit and traditions are important parts of your time at Stetson, so start it out right by participating in a welcoming tradition that is important to all Hatters.

## Wednesday, August 21

### 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. FOCUS Group Meeting

*Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room*

**Check the FOCUS Resource Page for Location**

It's your final FOCUS Group Meeting! Gather with your group one last time, celebrate the start of the semester and prepare to go to convocation!

### 11 a.m. Convocation

*Edmunds Center*

Walk to Convocation with your FOCUS Leader and classmates. During this special tradition, you will officially be welcomed into our campus community! Cultural Credit will be provided to those who attend.

### 12 p.m. New Residence Hall Groundbreaking Ceremony

*Libby Lawn*

Directly after Convocation, help celebrate the groundbreaking of our newest residence hall on campus. Hear from campus and community leaders and be part of this historical moment in Stetson history! Community Lunch in the Commons will begin directly after the program.

### 12:30 p.m. Community Lunch

*Lynn Dining Commons*

Immediately following the groundbreaking ceremony, students, faculty and staff are invited to join us for a Community Lunch in the Carlton Union Building (CUB), Lynn Commons. Both the North and South sides of the CUB will be open for entry into the Commons.

### 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. First-Year Seminar Class

*Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room*

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### 7:30 p.m. Welcome (Back) to Campus Theatre Party

*Second Stage Theatre (In DeLand's Museum of Art)*

Join Stetson University Theatre Arts for their 'Welcome Back' gathering! This event welcomes new and returning majors, minors and theatre interested students. We also welcome anyone who might want to get involved with theatre during their time at Stetson University, as there are many ways to contribute to our production offerings. Learn about our season offerings, production schedule and audition information while we mix and mingle. Arts faculty & staff will be in attendance and can answer any questions for you about our programming. You will find the Stetson entrance to the theater by entering through the stage door, which is found on the parking lot side of the building. The door will be covered by a small red roof and have Stetson University signage on it.

## Thursday, August 22

### First Day of Classes

Congratulations - You are officially starting your first full day of classes as a Hatter! Start your academic journey strong and create connections with your faculty, staff and peers.

### 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Foam Party with

**Fraternity and Sorority Life!**

*Libby Lawn*

Come join Fraternity and Sorority Life to celebrate the first day of classes with a foam party!