College COVID-19 News
Link to college news updates.

FAMU Student Resources and COVID-19 Updates
Link to resources and FAQs.

FSU Student Resources
Links to academic info, official university announcements and public health information. Links to COVID-19 FAQs.

Engineering Career Services
Virtual and F2F advising hours here.

2020-21 Student Handbook

Student Resources online here.

University and College News
FAMU-FSU College of Engineering News

**Florida State** maintains Top 20 status in US News & World Report Best Colleges rankings
Tallahassee.com
FSU's College of Business and the joint **FAMU-FSU College of Engineering** also moved up in national rankings. Florida A&M University was the ...

**US News & World Report: FAMU is the highest ranked public HBCU**
WTXL ABC 27
Additionally, the **FAMU-FSU College of Engineering** earned a spot on the U.S. News & World Report badge-eligible list with a 69th ranking among the ...

Study Spaces Open to All Students

For Fall 2020 study spaces around FSU campus [click here](#).
There are spaces available to students on the Tallahassee campus as of September 2020. Please contact Beth Boatright with any corrections, additions, or updates.

Robotics Development Organization - 1st GBM of Fall 2020

The Robotics Development Organization is focused on the designing, building and programming of robots and is geared towards all majors, all skill levels.

Follow us on Discord here.

FAMU Career & Internship Virtual Expo (Day 1) - Wednesday, September 23 @ 10:00 AM
FAMU Career & Internship Virtual Expo (Day 2) - Thursday, September 24 @ 4:00 PM

STEM Resume Cafe (Virtual) - Thursday, September 17, 2020 @ 9:00 AM
STEM Career and Internship Fair (Virtual) - Tuesday, September 22, 2020 @ 9:00 AM
Seminole Futures All Majors Career & Internship Fair - September 24, 2020, 9AM - 4PM
CCS Hiring: Computer Classroom Technician

College Computing Services has an immediate opening for a full-time Computer/Classroom Technician. We are looking for someone with previous professional experience in computer support; audio/visual and classroom support experience is a definite plus.

Excellent Customer Service skills are essential!

Apply in Handshake or DM us for deets!

Scholarships for Underrepresented Minorities

The SME Education Foundation annually awards millions of dollars in scholarships to graduating high school seniors, undergraduates and graduate students pursuing two-year, four-year or advanced degrees in manufacturing or engineering. Nearly 60 individual scholarship funds award hundreds of students with scholarships ranging from $1,000 – $40,000. Awardees can use the money for tuition, books, on-campus living expenses, or lab and course fees. Scholarship applications are accepted from Nov. 1 – Feb 1. every year, and awards are announced in the spring. Winners of the larger awards, along with their parents, receive airfare and lodging to attend SME’s International Awards Gala, where they are publicly recognized and presented with their checks.

Next Undergrad in the Lab | Virtual tour of High Voltage Lab at FSU-CAPS with Dr. Peter Cheetham, ECE, 9/29 @4pm

Tuesday, September 29, @ 4:00 p.m. - Undergrad in the Lab: "Virtual tour of High Voltage Lab at FSU-CAPS" Undergrad in the Lab with Peter Cheetham, Ph.D., ECE, research faculty at CAPS.

Upcoming “Undergrad in the Lab” events:

- September 29, 2020 | 4:00 pm: Peter Cheetham, Ph.D., electrical & computer engineering REGISTER
- **October 27, 2020** | 4:00 pm: Bruce Locke, Ph.D., chemical & biomedical engineering [REGISTER]
- **November 10, 2020** | 4:00 pm: Ralm Ricarte, Ph.D., chemical & biomedical engineering [REGISTER]

*Check out most recent lecture recorded videos:*

- **September 1, 2020** | 4:00 pm: Tarek Abichou, Ph.D., civil & environmental engineering [VIEW RECORDING]

Events are free and open to all, but do require advance registration at the links below. Past lectures are available on the [FAMU-FSU Engineering YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/c/FAMUFSUEngineering).

*For more information on this series, please contact Tisha Keller, Marketing & Communications Director.*
The campus has several resources and, at times, navigating through them can be a challenge. Join Ms. Karen Mitchell, Academic Coach, as she talks about the most common resources that every college student should know about and utilize. Register here.
Announcing the Let’s Start Here Leadership Committee

Earlier this spring, I announced the Let’s Start Here initiative, aimed at producing a real, fruitful and honest discussion about diversity, equity and systemic bias at our college and beyond. I was delighted that many alumni, students, faculty and staff enthusiastically offered to participate in the initiative. We have assembled a representative leadership committee to guide the evolution of Let’s Start Here.

The members of the FAMU-FSU Engineering Let’s Start Here Leadership Committee are:

- Rachit Agarwal
- Ja’Niyah Allen
- Breda Arnell
- Sam Awoniyi
- Mark Bacchus
- Richmond Bowen
- Nathan Brooks
- Sandra Bucklew
- Yuqi Cheng
- Jair Cole
- Lauren Daley
- Michelle Douglas
- Deborah Gautier
- Kimberly Hunter
- Joyce Ingram
- Ashley Johnson-Long
- Sungmoon Jung
- Mahogany Newell
- Juan Ordonez
- Tracey Payne-Tellis
- David Perez
- Jeremy Phillips
- Garit Poire
- Kosi Sumpter
- Sabrina Torres

This group will soon begin meetings to outline our path forward into this uncharted territory. It will be under their counsel that we define the next steps. The table will be big enough for everyone, and there will be a seat at it for all who want to engage in a meaningful conversation about what it means—and could mean—to be FAMU-FSU Engineering. You can read the full announcement in the attachment to this email. On our website, visit the Let’s Start Here initiative page.

J. Murray Gibson
Dean, FAMU-FSU College of Engineering
Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Colleges Become New COVID-19 Hot Spots
The New York Times (9/11, A1, Hubler, Hartocollis) reported on its front page that “campuses across the country are experiencing outbreaks.” It began last month “with a trickle of coronavirus infections as college students arrived for the fall semester.” Soon “that trickle became a stream, with campuses reporting dozens, and sometimes hundreds, of new cases each day.” Now that stream “feels like a flood” since in just the past week, a New York Times survey found “American colleges and universities have recorded more than 36,000 additional coronavirus cases, bringing the total of campus infections to 88,000 since the pandemic began.” Public health experts “say the rising number also underscores an emerging reality of the pandemic: Colleges and universities have, as a category, become hot spots for virus transmission, much as hospitals, nursing homes and meatpacking plants were earlier in the year.”

Researchers Find Face Shields, Neck Gaiters, Masks With Valves Not Effective Against COVID-19
“Plastic face shields, neck gaiters and masks with valves – three of the creative approaches to face coverings since COVID-19 hit the United States – are not very effective in curbing the spread of coronavirus particles, according to two new studies from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton,” the Miami Herald (9/11, Solomon) reported. FAU engineering researchers “tested how well shields and several types of masks worked on mannequins whose simulated coughs and sneezes were mapped to determine their path through the air.” They published their research in the journal Physics of Fluids.

Want to add something to the next issue? Email us! Deadline is Wednesday for Monday publication.