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THE COMPASS CHRONICLE

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Do midterms have your students anxious about the semester?

Spring midterms run from Feb. 22 to March 5. Many students often lack motivation during this time of year. Don't let that stop them from getting the grades they need. Have them connect with a **Student Success Advocate**!

Advocates are professional staff available to help students with any academic concerns. Students can book an appointment by clicking <u>here</u>.

Family members can also refer a student here: Click here to refer!

Also, here are some other great resources that can help your student during midterm season:

- <u>Student Success Center for tutoring</u>
- Helpful quick tips for test taking
- Relaxation strategies from USF Counseling Center

Contact <u>usfsp-studentsuccessadvocacy@usf.edu</u> with any questions and concerns. We help students succeed from A to Z.



Has your student encountered a challenge and do they need help navigating a USF process, policy, or procedure? Is your student struggling and you need to connect them to support they need? Want the most accurate information to empower your student to overcome an obstacle? Fill out our Family Coaching Form so you can receive direct follow-up from your family coach.

Are you concerned that your student is experiencing personal, emotional, or behavioral distress? If so, we encourage you to learn more about USF Student Outreach and Support and submit a referral form.

HELPFUL LINKS

NEW STUDENT & FAMILY TOOLKIT

As you and your student transition into the University of South Florida- St. Petersburg, we know there will be a lot of questions and uncertainty. USF has developed this

<u>New Student & Family Toolkit</u> to help guide you and your student through this transition. In this toolkit you can find updated information on USF's response to COVID-19, quick links to resources on campus, and information on how your student can get involved virtually.



Events and Activities for Your Student

February: COMPASS ADVENTURE





Come along with Compass for February's Adventure to visit a museum! Ready to explore the culture in our own backyard? Check out one of the local museums in St. Petersburg either in person or virtually – if you're not in the Tampa Bay area, visit one in your hometown!

There are many museums in St. Petersburg: The Dali, Woodson African American Museum, Holocaust Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Imagine Museum, James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art, Chihuly Collection, Morean Art Center, St. Petersburg Museum of History, and more! There are also a handful in Tarpon Springs, Dunedin, and Tampa.

We want to see how you're adventuring! We'll have a prize for each month – and everyone who participates will be entered into a drawing to win. To participate via social media, post a photo of the Compass Adventure, tag @compassusfsp, and use the hashtag #compassadventureusf. If you're not big on social media, no problem! Just email your photo to mmechanik@usf.edu or rzwiefel@usf.edu.



Serving in the Peace Corps is a great way to immerse yourself in a new culture, learn a new language, and have the experience of a lifetime. Join us at this information session to: learn about Volunteer experiences, ask questions about service, and gain tips to guide you through the application process. Join us on Wednesday, February 24th from 2:00 - 3:00 over Teams at: http://bit.ly/usfpc2021 This is a preapproved event for students pursuing the Global Citizen Award: www.usf.edu/gcp



Is your student excited to study or intern abroad but don't know where to start? If that's the case, this is the event for your student! The Education Abroad Office is happy to present our Getting Started Series. This will be a time for us to connect with your student and talk about different important topics about education abroad. Your student will also have the chance to connect with students who have already gone through the experience, and listen to their stories. Follow our Instagram account @usfedabroad to find out what topic we will be talking about each week! Students join via Teams at the scheduled times: **CLICK HERE!**

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IMPORTANT DATES:

February 22: Spring midterm grading opens

March 27: Spring last day to withdraw; no refund & no academic penalty

