



THE LAKEHAWK INSIDER

A PUBLICATION FROM LSSC ENROLLMENT & STUDENT AFFAIRS



NO TRICKS, JUST TREATS: A HALLOWEEN SURVIVAL GUIDE!

As Halloween approaches, it's not just the ghosts you need to watch out for, it's the pitfalls of college life that can haunt your academic success. But fear not! With the right "treats," you can thrive even during the spookiest times! Check out these tips to stay on top of your game and avoid those academic nightmares.

"GHOST" YOUR DISTRACTIONS

Just like avoiding ghosts in a haunted house, steer clear of distractions. Turn off your phone, limit social media time, and create a focused study environment. Utilize the [Microsoft To Do](#) app to help you stay on track and avoid chaos!

DON'T GET SPOOKED BY BIG ASSIGNMENTS

Large projects can feel like confronting a three-headed monster. Tame that beast by breaking them into smaller, more manageable tasks, tackling one head at a time. Start by outlining the main components of the project, then create specific deadlines for each section to keep yourself on track. Remember to prioritize and soon enough, you'll have defeated the monster and successfully completed your project!

CARVE OUT STUDY TIME LIKE A JACK-O'-LANTERN

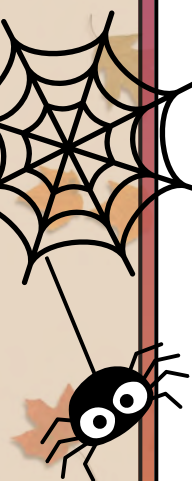
Just as you carefully carve a pumpkin, carve out dedicated times in your schedule for study sessions. [Reserve a study room](#) at the library or make the most of faculty office hours, often held in the [Learning Center](#), to get personalized assistance. Commit to these scheduled times, ensuring you stick to them like a well-carved design, and your academic performance will shine as brightly as a glowing jack-o'-lantern!

AVOID THE SPIDERWEB OF OVERCOMMITMENT

Don't let yourself get caught in a web of too many activities. It's tempting to say "yes" to everything, but focus on your priorities and evaluate each commitment carefully. Use the [Outlook Calendar](#) to visualize your schedule, making it easier to spot potential conflicts. This way, you can avoid getting tangled in stress and burnout, allowing you to dedicate your energy to what truly matters.

"TRICK OR TREAT" YOURSELF

Reward yourself for completing tasks, much like earning candy during trick-or-treating. Treat yourself with well-deserved breaks, a favorite snack, or a fun activity. To unwind and enjoy some social time, consider joining our [LSSC clubs](#) or participating in [SGA and Student Life events](#). These activities provide a great way to relax, connect with your peers, and celebrate your accomplishments!





HEAR FROM VOLLEYBALL PLAYER, SYDNI HUNTER!

Meet Sydni Hunter, a dedicated volleyball athlete and History major from Tallahassee, Florida. Sydni chose LSSC because it offers the perfect balance of independence and proximity to home.

At LSSC, Sydni has mastered the art of balancing her academic and athletic commitments by utilizing the Learning Center and study hall hours. Her time management skills have been key to her success in her courses. Sydni's advice to fellow students is simple yet powerful: "Don't be afraid to ask for help. It is never too late, and if you are struggling, it is best to get in front of it."

This semester, Sydni has found the learning center and Wellness Program to be invaluable resources, noting their efficiency in providing the help she needs. She also highlights the gym at the Leesburg Campus as a hidden gem, encouraging more students to take advantage of it.

What Sydni loves most about being a Lakehawk is the supportive community. She cherishes the sense of camaraderie and the way everyone looks out for each other.

With aspirations to become an attorney, Sydni is well on her way to achieving her goals, thanks to the supportive environment and resources at LSSC. Go Lakehawks!

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FAVORITE QUOTE

The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do.

-Kobe Bryant

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COME SUPPORT SYDNI AND THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM AT PINK
NIGHT ON 10/17 AT 6 PM IN THE LEESBURG GYM!



FLIGHT TIPS FOR LAKEHAWKS

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- Get connected with Student Life and Athletics.
- Catch up in LSSC news with the student run newspaper, The Angler.

IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

- 10/1 - 10/31: Foundation Scholarship application open
- 10/15: Health Programs application deadline
- 10/16: Spring 2025 registration opens
 - Current students can register earlier. Check the Academic Calendar for dates.

The Enrollment Service Center is here to help!

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BACK TO SCHOOL:

STARTING THE SEMESTER RIGHT!

The new semester is here, bringing fresh opportunities to learn, grow, and connect! Whether you're a returning Lakehawk or just beginning your college journey, starting off on the right foot is the key to a successful term. Get ready to kick off the semester with confidence and make this your best year yet!

BUILD YOUR LAKEHAWK COMMUNITY

College is the perfect time to make new friends and build a strong support network. Get involved by joining clubs, attending campus events, or participating in study groups and SGA meetings. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and introduce yourself to someone new!

MASTER YOUR SCHEDULE

Juggling classes, assignments, and personal life can be challenging, but mastering time management will set you up for success. Use a planner or a [digital calendar](#) to keep track of your commitments. Prioritize your tasks each week and set aside dedicated time for studying. Remember, a little organization goes a long way in preventing last-minute stress!

PRIORITIZE YOUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Your well-being is just as important as your grades! Make time for regular exercise, healthy eating, and sufficient sleep to keep your body and mind strong. Take breaks to do what you enjoy, and remember you're not alone. This September, as we observe [Suicide Prevention Month](#), know that support is available. The [SAP Program](#) offers free counseling services. You can also connect with the Lakehawks Helping Lakehawks program or our [Wellness Department](#) for additional support and resources.

MAKE THE MOST OF THE LSSC STUDENT RESOURCES

From [tutoring centers](#) and [libraries](#) to [career services](#), and [financial aid](#) guidance, your campus is full of resources to support you. Explore opportunities like [Foundation Scholarships](#) to help fund your education, and always be aware of [campus safety](#) services available to keep you secure. Don't hesitate to reach out and make the most of these offerings – they're included with your tuition, so take advantage of them to enhance your college experience.

SET, PLAN, ACHIEVE

Setting clear, achievable goals can help keep you motivated throughout the semester. Start by identifying what you want to accomplish academically, socially, and personally. Break these goals down into smaller, actionable steps and check in with yourself regularly to track your progress. Having a clear vision will help you stay focused and ensure you're moving in the right direction.



HEAR FROM SOUTH LAKE SGA PRESIDENT, SOFIYA BOARDMAN



Born in Winter Park and raised in Clermont, Sofiya is pursuing a dual degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering, with ambitions to design innovative cars, rockets, or planes. Her ultimate dream is to join the design team at Porsche.

As the new semester begins, she has adopted several new habits that have improved her productivity and well-being. She emphasizes the importance of getting adequate sleep each night, which has helped her start the day feeling more prepared and productive. Additionally, she works a week in advance by reviewing course material before lectures, allowing her to engage more effectively with professors. Her use of daily, weekly, and monthly to-do lists ensures she remains organized and balanced in managing her various commitments.

Sofiya encourages her peers to utilize the many resources available to them, including tutoring services and foundation scholarships. She also highlights the importance of the Helpdesk for addressing any student inquiries or concerns. Sofiya considers the SGA to be a hidden gem of LSSC, noting its significant role in supporting the student community.

Sofiya chose LSSC for its proximity to home and its affordability, but she has discovered a supportive community that she deeply values. She treasures the close-knit community at LSSC, where she feels welcomed and supported by faculty, staff, and fellow students. She remarks, "Everyone wants to see everyone succeed."

“ NO ZERO DAYS!
Do something every single day that brings you closer to accomplishing your goals.

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- September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Learn more here.

IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

- 9/12: Financial aid disbursement for full-term and A7 courses
- 9/20: Withdrawal deadline for A7 courses
- 9/17: Graduation Check (4 - 7 PM, virtual)
- 9/23: B10 classes start

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GRATITUDE AND GROWTH:

TURN THANKSGIVING INTO CAREER SUCCESS!

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's more than just turkey and pumpkin pie that you should prepare for. Your career development deserves some attention too! While you take time to relax and recharge, don't miss the chance to set yourself up for future success. From updating your resume to connecting with potential employers, these tips will help you stay on track and make the most of your holiday downtime.



CELEBRATE YOUR WINS AND REFRESH YOUR RESUME

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to update your résumé and reflect on the skills you've gained this semester. Utilize the [Career Services Canvas shell](#) to discover all the tips on résumé building. Then, ensure your [LinkedIn](#) profile reflects this information, highlighting your most relevant skills and accomplishments.



MICRO-INTERNSHIPS: A GATEWAY TO REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to research all of your internship options. Micro-internships provide students with project-based job experience as part of their coursework, involving 10-40 hours of work that can be done remotely, on-site, or in a hybrid format. These internships are embedded within course requirements and offer academic credit, making them accessible to all students. Upon completion, students can document their achievements in Career Central and receive a certificate, enhancing their resumes. Programs like the AS in Business Administration, the BAS in Leadership, and the AS in Criminal Justice have already integrated micro-internships, with more expected to follow suit.

EXPLORE LAKEHAWK CAREER CONNECT

[Lakehawk Career Connect](#) is your go-to platform for job searches, internships, and résumé reviews. If you haven't activated your account yet, Thanksgiving break is the perfect time to do so! [Career Services](#) regularly updates this portal with opportunities specifically for LSSC students and alumni. You can also access nationwide job boards and upcoming career events all in one place.

LEVERAGE CAREER ADVISORS

If you're unsure about your next steps, take advantage of LSSC's Career Advisors. They can help you find the right major, identify relevant professional experiences, and provide guidance on building résumés, cover letters, and interview preparation. Thanksgiving is a great time to [schedule an appointment](#) with one of our advisors and create a roadmap for your future success.



SHOW GRATITUDE AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

Take the spirit of Thanksgiving to your professional life by thanking those who have supported your career journey: professors, mentors, or even Career Services staff. Building and maintaining strong relationships with people who have helped you along the way can lead to new opportunities and career growth.



**HEAR FROM LSSC
STUDENT, ERICK RUBIO**

**MICRO-INTERNSHIPS
AT LSSC**

CLICK HERE



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**IMPORTANT DATES &
REMINDERS**

- 11/8: Appreciation Day (College closed)
- 11/11: Veterans Day (College closed)
- 11/15: B7 Withdrawal deadline
- 11/27 - 12/1: Thanksgiving (College closed)
- 11/30: Full Semester classes end

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HOLIDAY CHEER MEETS FINALS FEAR: A STUDENT SURVIVAL GUIDE

As finals and the holiday season converge, staying focused doesn't mean missing out on festive cheer. Utilize the study spaces on campus or make yours cozy at home. Remember to keep a detailed to-do list to stay on track, and reward yourself with a seasonal treat when you complete your tasks. With the right balance of preparation and celebration, you can ace your exams and enjoy the holiday magic!



Happy Holidays

Winter Spirit Events

Stop by the Student Center or Lounge for some coffee and hot cocoa to fuel your focus!

Leesburg

December 2nd, 12 - 2 PM

South Lake

December 3rd, 12:30 - 2 PM



Therapy Dogs

Unwind and recharge with the help of friendly therapy dogs!

Leesburg

11 AM - 2 PM, SM and HSC Lobbies
December 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th

South Lake

10 AM - 12 PM, Student Lounge Pavilion
December 4th



Study Sessions

Join us in the Student Lounge where you can focus in a quiet space while enjoying snacks and drinks to keep you energized!

South Lake

10 AM - 2 PM, Bldg. 2, Rm. 103
December 2nd
December 4th
December 6th

Student Wellness

Visit our Student Wellness Table for resources to help with test anxiety!

Leesburg

10 AM - 12 PM, SM Lobby
December 2nd

South Lake

10 AM - 12 PM, SH Lobby
December 3rd



Reminder: Registration is open for Spring 2025!