



# FSW COUNSELOR CONNECTIONS



Dear Southwest Florida Colleagues in Education,

It is a personal and professional pleasure to introduce myself as the new Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services at Florida SouthWestern State College. I am a native Floridian and resident of the local community since 1991 when I worked at Edison Community College as District Director of Student Development. The past 24 years, I spent at Florida Gulf Coast University as the founding director of admissions, alumni and most recently, the Assistant Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of Students. It's great to be back here and working with each of you!

The role of the state college is incredibly important to the community. As a state college graduate myself, I know the importance of the quality start we provide to thousands of students. I believe that FSW is the cornerstone of higher education opportunities in Southwest Florida. Your support of us has been tremendous and we are very appreciative of your efforts to encourage and direct your students, families and co-workers to FSW. We serve as a "tried and true" educator of the local workforce and we are the first step in the educational journey of many who go on to receive bachelor degrees and beyond.

We hope that you will find our new site to be helpful as you guide students through their educational choices during these difficult times. We strive to make the enrollment process efficient and easy to navigate by starting here: <https://www.fsw.edu/explore>.

It is an honor to serve you and the thousands of students in our community who find a home at FSW. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming virtual School Counselor and Career Specialist Workshop on December 4th.

Thank you for all you do!

Michele Yovanovich, Ed.D.  
Vice Provost, Student Affairs and Enrollment Services

## Update Application Process Simplified

Students who need to change their application start date from one semester to the next can now do so using an easy "Request Deferral" process. Check out the new instructions to change start dates [here](#).



## Check Out Our Virtual Campus Tour

Recognizing a campus tour is an important part of the college search process for many prospective students, in addition to the virtual open house available at [www.fsw.edu/explore](http://www.fsw.edu/explore), students and their families are invited to check out FSW's virtual campus tour.

The simulated experience includes 360-degree media layered with interactive elements, putting visitors in control of their own journey around the college's four locations in Fort Myers, Naples, Punta Gorda, and LaBelle. Students can access the tour on desktop, mobile or with virtual reality headsets at [www.fsw.edu/virtualtour](http://www.fsw.edu/virtualtour).

Traditional, in-person tours and on-campus events are currently on hold as the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff are our top priority. We anticipate hosting some on-campus events in the spring, but in the meantime, students can check out our virtual admissions event schedule at [www.fsw.edu/admissions](http://www.fsw.edu/admissions).

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**11/25 | Study Day, No Class for Students**

**11/26-27 | Thanksgiving, College Closed**

**12/4 | Virtual School Counselor & Career Specialist Workshop, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**  
[www.fsw.edu/counselorworkshop](http://www.fsw.edu/counselorworkshop)

**12/5 | Last Day of Classes, Fall 2020**

**12/7 | Final Exams, Fall 2020 Full Term**

**12/19-1/3 | Winter Break, College Closed**

**1/6 | First Day of Classes, Spring 2021 Full & Mini-A Term**

**Check out other important dates at**  
[www.fsw.edu/calendar](http://www.fsw.edu/calendar)

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