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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION EXPANDS STATE OF THE STUDENT BODY ADDRESS TO INCLUDE LEADERS ACROSS CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Student Body President Carson Dale highlights unity, resilience and record achievements in his address.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Sept. 25, 2025 – Florida State University's Student Government Association (SGA) hosted the 2025 State of the Student Body Address on Tuesday, September 23, in the Student Union Ballrooms, marking the first time the event expanded to include a diverse slate of campus leaders beyond SGA officials.

The program featured remarks from student leaders representing athletics, philanthropy, alumni engagement, fraternity and sorority life, graduate students and, most notably, FSU Panama City. Krieg Conrad, president of the Panama City Student Government Council, joined the stage in Tallahassee to highlight record enrollment, new degree programs and strengthened ties between campuses. His participation underscored the event's broader theme of unity across Florida State's growing community.

"This stage, this diversity of leadership, involvement, and accomplishments, is the student body I know at FSU," said Student Body President Carson Dale. "Few universities bring together leaders from Greek life, philanthropic organizations, graduate students, athletes, regional campuses, and SGA officials all on one stage, and in sync like we do at Florida State."

In his address, Dale emphasized:

- **Community resilience** – Reflecting on the tragedies that shook campus last year, Dale praised students for refusing to let adversity extinguish FSU's spirit, highlighting campus safety improvements such as new classroom lockdown systems.

- **National recognition** – He celebrated FSU’s rise in the U.S. News & World Report rankings to its highest-ever position—#21 among public universities and #51 overall.
- **Commitment to freedom of expression** – Noting FSU’s #1 ranking in the state for freedom of speech by the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, Dale underscored the university’s culture of respectful dialogue across political differences.
- **Student leadership and growth** – From the launch of a department-style structure in the executive branch to the record-breaking applications for leadership institutes and increased funding resources for student organizations, Dale outlined how SGA is strengthening student life across the board.

The program closed with a message of unity from Dale: “The state of the student body is indeed as strong as ever. So let us leave here with pride for what we’ve accomplished, gratitude for those who came before us, and determination to build something even greater for those who will follow after. Together, we are not only writing the next chapter of Florida State, we are ensuring that its flame burns brighter than ever.”

About FSU’s Student Government Association

FSU’s Student Government Association (SGA) is an organization authorized by Florida Statute §1004.26, dedicated to providing representation, services and advocacy on behalf of the student body. SGA is comprised of an Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branch, as well as an Elections Office, a Congress of Graduate Students and a variety of Agencies, Institutes, Class Councils and other entities which provide meaningful opportunities for student engagement and support.

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