

**CONVOCAATION 2019 – SUNDAY, AUG. 25, 1:30 PM.
DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER
Student Body President Evan Steinberg &
Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Amy Hecht**

DR. HECHT: Welcome. My name is Dr. Amy Hecht and I serve as your Vice President for Student Affairs. My job is to ensure that your outside the classroom experience at Florida State University is as impactful as your experience in the classroom. I work with a number of student leaders and today I'd like to introduce you to your Student Body President, Evan Steinberg.

Evan Steinberg: Thank you for the introduction Dr. Hecht, my name is Evan Steinberg and I serve as your Student Body President, The Student Body President is elected by the fellow student body each spring semester (so be sure to vote) and I advocate for students and the student voice on a daily basis, by working with faculty, staff, and administrators.

DR. HECHT: As Evan and I thought about what we wanted to share with the Class of 2024, we created a Top 20 list to help you get the most out of your FSU Experience.

EVAN STEINBERG: This ceremony officially marks your start at Florida State University. The next time the Class of 2024 will be together, in this space, will be at your Commencement Ceremony. I know that feels like a long time from now, but trust me – it goes fast. So here are Dr. Hecht and my Top 20 “Advice for the Class of 2024”

EVAN STEINBERG: Number 20: If you're looking for a job, think about working on-campus. You can check out job opportunities at the Part-time Jobs Fair hosted by the Career Center. Students who work 20 hours a week perform better academically. So why not work on campus, make connections with faculty and administrators, learn some great career skills, and earn extra money?

DR. HECHT: Number 19: Cheer on the Seminoles at any number of athletic events. Our student athletes are incredible and we should all support them. Like our FSU Soccer team who are the 2018 National Champions. Or the men's and women's basketball teams who have made NCAA Tournament appearances for the last three years. Or our conference champions like Beach Volleyball, Softball, Men's Indoor Track and Field, and Women's Outdoor Track and Field. Each home football game, attend the free Taggart's Tailgate located near the Heritage Fountain at the stadium for free food and entertainment before the game starts.

EVAN STEINBERG: Number 18: Get to know Ms. Killings. Ms. Killings is always there to greet you when you walk in Suwanee Dining Hall. When you're having a tough day it's always nice to hear “I love you, Baby” before you enjoy an all you care to eat buffet.

DR. HECHT: Number 17: Get a Global Experience. Our world is more connected than ever and to be successful in your future careers, you need a global perspective. FSU has campuses in Panama City, Panama; London; Florence, Italy; and Valencia, Spain. We also have exchange programs where you can pay your FSU tuition and attend another institution abroad. There are also shorter experiences over Spring Break you can take advantage of. And be sure to check out The Globe's Coffee Hour – Every Friday at 5pm in the Globe. You'll get to mix and mingle with students and faculty from all over the world.

EVAN STEINBERG: Number 16: Get to know your new home city, Tallahassee. There are some great local restaurants, beautiful parks, and arts and entertainment that you can enjoy.

DR. HECHT: Number 15: Sit in the front row when you go to class, participate in class discussions, and visit your professor during their office hours. Your faculty are here to help you learn, but you need to take the initiative.

EVAN STEINBERG: Number 14: Many will say this is the start of the best four years of your life. But don't think that means that everything will be perfect. It will be tough and there will be set backs. Check out the Student Resilience Project

DR. HECHT: Number 13: Participate in the Garnet and Gold Scholar Society and wear your medallion at graduation.

EVAN STEINBERG: Number 12: Go see a movie at the Student Life Cinema in Askew. It's free with your FSU ID. You can also participate in gaming while you're there or relax in the lounge area.

DR. HECHT: Number 11: Go to the Rez, FSU's lakefront property! Rent a canoe, kayak, or paddle board. Try out the high ropes course, play volleyball, or enjoy some quiet time on the beach.

EVAN STEINBERG: Number 10: Go to the President's Ice Cream Social. Make sure you get in the President and First Lady's line, they always give the biggest scoops!

DR. HECHT: Number 9: Join us at the greatest Homecoming in Florida! Come to all the Homecoming events such as Pow Wow, the Parade, and Spear-it Night! Join us at Tradition's Fest for the reveal of this year's Homecoming Theme

EVAN STEINBERG: Number 8: Listen to the "band that never lost a halftime". Watch the Marching Chiefs as they march around campus the night before a big football game and prepare to join your fellow students in the stands on game day.

DR. HECHT: Number 7: Take care of yourself! Our motto is Live Well! Find programs and ways to practice holistic wellness. Work out at the Leach Center. Attend a program hosted by the Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness (CHAW) on healthy behaviors. Seek out support when needed.

EVAN STEINBERG: Number 6: Go to Market Wednesday! It's held every Wednesday near Moore Auditorium and HCB! Check out the organizations that are tabling. Buy something from a local vendor. Listen to the DJ during sound hour.

DR. HECHT: Number 5: Serve and give back to the community and the University through student organizations, service events and programs, and donations. Participate in Dance Marathon, Relay for Life, and The Big Event. Donate to the FSU Student Foundation which helps support students in need.

EVAN STEINBERG: Number 4: Take a social media break. Walk around campus and see the green space. Take a walk around the labyrinth near the Medical School. Meet some new people.

DR. HECHT: Number 3: Get Involved! We have over 700 student organizations and hundreds of programs of programs and initiatives to get involved with. Go to the Involvement Fair to find something you're interested in joining. The Involvement Fair will be held Tuesday, August 27 at the Tully Gym.

EVAN STEINBERG: Number 2: During your senior year be sure to order your class ring and receive it from the President at the Ring Ceremony. Also attend the Senior Toast before graduation.

DR. HECHT: Number 1: Graduate in 4 years from Florida State University and know that you're joining over 300,000 dedicated alumni. Even after graduation, there are many ways that you can stay involved with Florida State University as alumni.

EVAN STEINBERG: In closing, there is so much that Florida State University will offer you – We hope that you will take advantage of every opportunity, just not all at once. Thank you and Go Noles.