

# A MESSAGE FROM Charlotte Newell



Serving Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades Counties



Dear ,

I'd like to welcome the incoming FGCU freshmen who have just opened their bank accounts into the Earn to Learn FL program! I am so excited to work with you and see your successes unfold over the next four years. Most of you should have received information to set up your online banking, so if you haven't already set that up, make sure to do so soon so you can make your first month's deposit before the end of March!

On the opposite end, so many of you who started the Earn to Learn FL program 2 or 3 years ago are approaching your graduation (scary, I know, but I have no doubt that you will all tackle adulthood with the same determination and success that you have your college education)! I'll be putting a few of you in touch with our Marketing Director, Dayhanna, to start collecting some success stories. I continue to be inspired and impressed by your hard work every day - keep it up, and we're rooting for you!

## Are you interested in learning more about the state legislative process?

You can apply to participate in FGCU's Legislative Internship Program! Through this program you'll have the chance to gain experience in

- The legislative process and protocols
- Oral and written communication
- Public policy research

At the same time, you may be eligible to earn credit toward your degree through this program! You can apply on [Eagle Jobs](#) and you can email [governmentrelations@fgcu.edu](mailto:governmentrelations@fgcu.edu) for more information.

## A Few Important Reminders:

1. Don't forget to file your FAFSA for next year if you haven't already!
2. It's officially tax season! That isn't anything to be excited about, but we have some resources available to help you make filing your tax return as easy as possible. For those of you in Collier County, you can schedule free appointments with VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) at [THIS LINK](#). If you're in Lee County, you can schedule a free appointment at [THIS LINK](#). Since tuition and scholarships can make your tax return more confusing, these

resources can be super helpful to make sure everything is filed correctly.

3. Remember that you can use your tax return to make deposits to your Earn to Learn FL savings account, because that technically counts as earned income!

4. Once you've filed your tax return, you can use the [IRS2Go app](#) to track the progress of your tax return so you know when you should receive it.

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**FGCU Students:** If you have any questions specific to FGCU, you can reach out to J Webb Horton at the Office of Community Outreach. He can help connect you with services on campus. His email is [jwhorton@fgcu.edu](mailto:jwhorton@fgcu.edu).

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