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It's Almost Here

The 60th Anniversary of the FSU "Flying High" Circus is almost here and we are excited! The reunion will take place the weekend of April 13 -14, 2007. Following are some dates to remember and information to help you prepare for the festivities. We have shows, a gala dinner, a BBQ, and a party lined up for your enjoyment. We can't wait to see you! For more information visit the Circus Alumni website at www.fsucircusalumni.com

Parents' Weekend Performance:

November 3, 2006 at 7:00p.m.

Spring Homeshows:

April 7 - 8 and April 13 - 14, 2007

60th Reunion:

Friday, April 13 - Circus Gala Dinner

Saturday, April 14 - Circus Family BBQ from 11am-2pm, Circus Homeshows at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Circus After Party, following the 7:00 p.m. show.

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Reservations

Hotel reservations can be made at any of the following hotels, at a reduced nightly rate of \$89. Please mention "Circus Alumni" to receive this reduced rate. Reserve by March to guarantee rates.

Cabot Inn

2735 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 386-8880

Hilton Garden Inn

3333 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308
(850) 385-3553

Park Plaza Hotel Tallahassee

415 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
(850) 224-6000

Hampton Inn

3210 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32303
(850) 562-4300

(Rates at the Park Plaza are slightly higher)



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Message From the Coach

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The excitement is high at the Circus Lot this fall as we head into our 60th Anniversary and the related celebration and activities.

Fall is always a busy time on campus and this semester is no exception. The next few months will be filled with a number of special activities.

The students are currently setting up the Big Top and equipment for rehearsals and the fall Parents' Weekend performance, which is set to take place on November 3, 2006. Immediately after the Parents' Weekend show, the tent will be transformed into a theater for a series of performances honoring our men and women in the Armed Forces. The School of Theatre, School of Music and the FSU Circus will work together to produce the shows, known as the U.S.O. Tribute Shows (www.usotributeshow.fsu.edu). They will be performing three Friday evenings following Parents' Weekend.

October will be spent rehearsing and doing intensive work on the 2007 Homeshows. In November, we will be participating in Homecoming activities, including the parade and PowWow. We will also join the Marching Chiefs to perform in this year's halftime show during the Homecoming football game.

The fall Circus classes look good thus far and we are all looking forward to an exciting and fun filled year at "Flying High."

The Homeshows are April 6 & 7, 2007 and April 12 & 13, 2007. The anniversary weekend will be the weekend of April 12 & 13, so mark your calendars. We hope to see you then, if not sooner.

Dickie

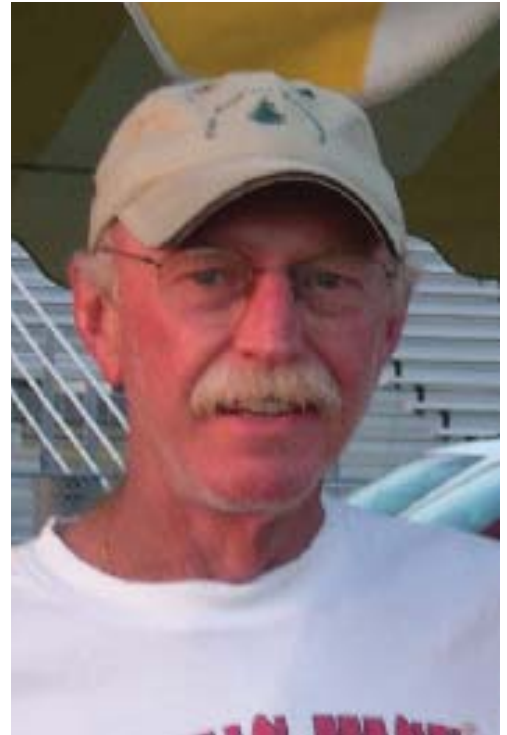
Thanks For the Token of Support

The "Flying High" Circus would like to say "Thank you" to all of the alumni, friends, and family that allowed us to raise over \$5,000 last year. Your contributions have allowed the Circus to renovate the dressing rooms, repair termite damage, replace the carpet, paint the rooms, and install new lockers, benches, and sinks.

All of your contributions and proceeds' from the endowment last year allowed the Circus to re-costume several acts including Bicycle Built for Five, Mexican Cloud Swing, and Single Trapeze.

These improvements and numerous others could not and would not be possible without your help- thank you.

If you are interested in allowing for the continual growth of the "Flying High" Circus, we would love to have you become involved. Any and all gifts are welcome and highly appreciated. For more information on how you can support the circus, please visit the web site www.circus.fsu.edu or see the next page about the various ways to get involved.



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This publication is available in alternative formats and at www.circus.fsu.edu.

The FSU Flying High Circus is part of the Division of Student Affairs. For more information on the services provided by the DSA, please contact us at studentaffairs.fsu.edu or (850) 644-5590.

“Flying High” Having a Couple of *Dog Days*

During the fall, College Sports Television (CSTV) will be documenting FSU’s “Flying High” Circus for their *Dog Days* series. The series focuses on the intense training and preparation that goes into producing a performance. The show will give a behind the scenes view of the FSU Circus from beginning to end. Their first visit to FSU will take place in September where they will film the preparation of the rigging and the tent going up for the fall semester. The crew will also meet with new students beginning their involvement with the circus and watch as they learn the ropes. Future visits will show students learning tricks for their routine and the hard work and time they put into making it into the show.

FSU’s “Flying High” Circus is eager to have CSTV on campus. Not only will it show millions of people who we are, but also how hard we work. CSTV, a CBS Corporation affiliate, is the leader in digital sports media coverage that focuses on full coverage of regular season and championship events while connecting hundreds of fans to college sports.

For more information on CSTV visit www.cstv.com.

Your Donations at Work

At the Flying High Circus, we can always count on our alumni for support. Your generosity makes a big difference to us and has a direct impact on our livelihood. Thanks to you, we did a number of things this past year that we may not have otherwise been able to.

As you may already know, our men’s and women’s dressing rooms received much-needed makeovers this summer. With your donations, we were able to repair extensive termite damage, buy new lockers and benches, install window treatments, paint the walls, and replace the carpets. The rooms look brand new and we couldn’t have done it without you.

Though the dressing room project was by far our biggest undertaking of the year, it was certainly not the only one. The Circus used alumni contributions for a number of other things, such as equipment, marketing, publications, and student awards.

In January, we used your donations to purchase two amplifiers, which greatly enhanced our sound system and our show in general. We also used alumni funds to publish and distribute our semiannual newsletter and to purchase plaques for our Gil Aldridge and Haskin Award recipients.

Finally, as a result of your generosity, we were able to explore alternative avenues for marketing the 2006 Homeshows. For example, we placed advertisements on a number of StarMetro city buses, which allowed Tallahassee area residents to catch sight of the Flying High Circus at a number of different locations.

As you can see, your donations really do make a difference. We sincerely appreciate our alumni’s contributions and hope that you will continue to think of the FSU Flying High Circus — the Greatest Collegiate Show on Earth!

Ready to Get Involved?

Consider making a 100% tax deductible donation to the Circus today. Your support will allow for the continual growth and development of the “Flying High” Circus.

Most donors make gifts and pledge payments by check, credit card, automatic bank drafts, or even payroll deduction in the case of Florida State University faculty and staff.

Others take advantage of tax savings that come from giving appreciated stocks, shares of mutual funds, or real estate.

Supporters of the Circus also contribute gifts-in-kind, such as works of art, antique furnishings, or rare posters and photos for the Heritage Protocol program.

A growing number of alumni and friends also incorporate gifts into their financial and estate planning.



This one's for the Big Top

Courtesy of FSU University Relations

Are you coming to Tallahassee for a November football game? Have we got an amazing evening for you! Get ready to see the likes of Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra and the Rat Pack, the Andrews Sisters, Abbott and Costello...even General Patton. All of these stars (or at least people who look and sound a lot like them) will shine brightly at FSU's USO Tribute Show, a brand-new Friday night game weekend feature scheduled for November 10, 17, and 24 under the FSU Flying High Circus Tent.

Offering either a dinner + show or show-only option, the multi-media USO Tribute Show will showcase the talents of FSU theatre, music, and dance students as well as faculty and staff, reliving five decades of American history from World War II to Desert Storm.

The show will spark memories of American icons like Bing Crosby, Elvis Presley, Dorothy Lamour, Les Brown and his Band of Renown, Lana Turner, Sammy Davis, Jr., Rosemary Clooney, and many more, in a fast-paced musical theatre memoir of the Greatest Generation and beyond. Pulling it all together is the work of the Executive Producer, FSU President T.K. Wetherell; Associate Producer Donna McHugh (Assistant Vice President of University Relations); and Director/Playwright Mark Marple, a 30+ year veteran of stage and screen.

According to Wetherell, "We are proud that this production is a true University-wide effort, drawing support across the campus; from academics (School of Theatre, College of Music, Film School, Department of Dance and more) to the Boosters; from FSU's Flying High Circus to Student Affairs; and from University Relations to the University Center Club."

All proceeds will benefit the FSU School of Theatre, College of Music and Flying High Circus.

According to Wetherell, "This will be a true USO show, since we will be providing complimentary tickets to our armed forces and local veteran groups."

FSU alumni, Booster Club members, and University Center Club members qualify for online priority ticket purchasing during August via the Fine Arts Ticket Office website www.tickets.fsu.edu. Seats for the dinner + show combo are \$50 per person. Alumni, Boosters and University Center Club members will receive an e-mail in August with information about the online priority purchase option.

General public tickets for dinner + show or show-only will go on sale September 18. Show-only seating (General Admission) is \$15.00, \$12.00 Senior Citizen 62 and up, and \$10.00 FSU student with valid ID.

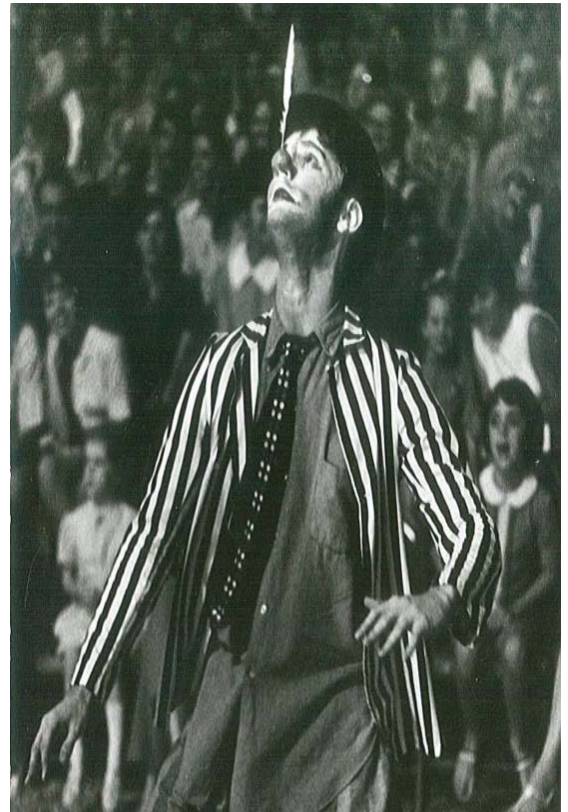
Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for buffet dinner. The show will start at 8:00 p.m.

For more information, call the FSU Fine Arts Ticket Office, (850) 644-6500 or visit www.usotributeshow.fsu.edu.

Aiming High

The FSU Flying High Circus has been performing daredevil tricks and astounding their audiences with feats of flying wonder, acrobatic artistry, and spectacular stunts for sixty years! The Circus has come a long way since 1947, and much of the progress we have made could not have been possible without the continual support of alumni and friends of the Circus.

In honor of the 60th Anniversary Celebration the Circus Alumni are committed to raising \$60,000 over the course of the next year. It may seem like a large goal, but members of the Circus Alumni Association have been hard at work and several planned gifts and new pledges are moving us closer to that goal. Since July 1st of this year, over \$10,000 has been raised for the Circus.



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Alumni and friends interested in helping the Circus achieve this goal can participate in several ways.

Planned Gifts – Alumni and friends can make their mark through a bequest, charitable gift annuities, trusts, or other planned giving tools. If you have already made provisions for Florida State in estate, please let the University know so that we can acknowledge your support today. If you are considering a planned gift and would like more information please contact Jeff Ereckson from the FSU Foundation at (850) 644-6000 or jereckson@foundation.fsu.edu.

Annual Gifts – Each year the FSU Foundation Phone Center reaches out to Circus supporters and asks for contributions – consider making a gift this year in honor of the 60th. These annual gifts are used to fund the purchase of new costumes, equipment, and supplies for the Circus building.

Presidents Club – Consider making a Presidents Club pledge. The Presidents Club giving society recognizes all those who have contributed over \$10,000 to the University. Members can elect to spread their contributions over the course of several years. New pledges this year will be counted towards our \$60,000 goal, six alumni making a President's Club commitment will ensure that our goal is met. To make a President's Club pledge contact Mandi Capeletti at (850) 645-1346 or mcapeletti@foundation.fsu.edu.

Alumni can designate contributions to the areas of the Circus that are most meaningful to them. The Circus has an endowment whose earnings are used to help offset expenses. There is also a general development fund that has provided the Circus with funds for equipment, costumes, and other necessary supplies. The greatest needs of the Circus are met through gifts to this general development fund. If you have questions or would like more information on how to make a gift please contact the FSU Foundation at (850) 644-6000 or visit the website at www.foundation.fsu.edu.

Do You Know...?

Over the past years we have lost touch with a couple of friends, which is why we need your help. Do you know where our friends are? What about their phone number? Or maybe even an email address? Take a look below and see if you know any of our circus alum and help us get back in touch with them. Information can be sent to circus@admin.fsu.edu.

Ms. Julie M. Abbott
Mrs. Penelope V. Almon
Mrs. Martha T. Angell
Mr. John F. Austin
Mr. Richard Austin
Ms. De d. Barne
Mr. Wendel Barnes
Mrs. Sylvia E. Beacham
Mr. Jerry Bearden
Ms. Deanne Beaucamp
Mrs. Jacqueline H. Bethea
Mrs. Matha C. Bohnert
Capt. George Bowers
Mrs. Sharon S. Braithwaite
Mr. Fred A. Brinkhoff, Jr.
Ms. Martha H. Bryne
Mr. Hue Burke
Mrs. Donna K. Burkhalter
Mr. David C. Busch
Ms. Kelly Butler
Ms. Lynne Butts
Dr. Larry Camp
Mrs. Carolyn D. Cannon
Mr. Charles M. Carroll, III
Mrs. Billie D. Chadwick
Miss Natasha Christie
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Mrs. Pamela W. Clarke
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Mrs. Jo P. Criss
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Mrs. Felicia W. Cuming

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Mrs. Nancy W. Hall
Mr. Donald J. Heckman
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Mrs. Eugenia G. Hewitt
Mr. Bob Hill
Ms. Ann Hinkley
Mrs. Mary M. Hoffman
Mr. Charles Hollis
Mrs. Mary M. Hornsby
Mr. Charles W. Johnson
Ms. Patricia A. Jones
Mr. James R. Laney
Mrs. Frances C. Maiore
Mr. Henry W. Mancino
Miss Patricia K. Mann

Mr. Leslie C. Marianna
Mrs. Sally H. Massey
Ms. Carla M. Masterton
Ms. Sarah McClure
Mr. David P. McLain, III
Mr. John A. Miller
Ms. Donna Moos
Mrs. Karen B. Morgan
Ms. Lisa Morgan
Mrs. Jacqueline H. Morris
Mrs. Linda H. Olk
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Mrs. Minnie C. Porter
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Miss Sandra Prothro
Ms. Marilyn D. Reedy
Mrs. Katherine C. Reese
Mrs. Rosemary A. Reichstetter
Miss Mary A. Richardson
Ms. Rebecca R. Richardson
Miss Carol J. Roberts
Mrs. Penelope G. Robinson
Mr. Eugene A. Rowell
Miss Geri Schencker
Ms. M. A. Schmitt
Mr. Gene Selleck
Mrs. Shirley K. Shaver
Mrs. Marian M. Shoemaker

Mrs. Sarah Y. Simmons
Mr. Ronald W. Skelton
Ms. Michelle Soto
Mrs. Sylvia W. Squarinni
Mr. Pete Stephens
Mrs. Betty W. Stokes
Mrs. Susan M. Stowe
Mrs. Marilyn M. Swope
Mrs. Connie G. Taylor
Mr. Robert G. Terrell, Jr.
Mrs. Patty M. Thomas
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Ms. Kay W. Tichenor
Mrs. Sara B. Toney
Ms. Cassie Troyer
Mrs. Linda B. Turner
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Mrs. Jean S. Van Treese
Mrs. Elizabeth V. Vant
Miss Linda L. Walton
Ms. Kimi Weinman
Ms. Mary Whisler
Mr. Jack M. Wise
Mr. Charles D. Wisher
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Mr. Neal S. Wonover
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Ms. Fay M. Zachanni

Circus Spotlight



The FSU “Flying High” Circus is pleased to welcome Kendall Litton into its family as the new Program Coordinator. Growing up, Kendall was a die-hard Seminole fan, so it is no wonder this Orlando area native decided to call FSU home. After completing a Bachelors in Mass Communication at FSU, Kendall seized the opportunity to be a Graduate Assistant for the “Flying High” Circus and enrolled for her Masters in Integrated Marketing and Management.

In July, Kendall accepted the full-time program coordinator position. In addition to her administrative duties, Kendall also has primary responsibility for the coordination of advertising and public relations for the Circus. One of Kendall’s greatest challenges is making people aware of the “Flying High” Circus yearround, but she hopes with her

new ideas, all of Florida will soon know about the FSU Circus.

For Kendall, who attended shows as an undergraduate, the “Flying High” Circus still seems like a lot of fun. Being a new insider though, Kendall fully appreciates the hard work, preparation and commitment needed to make the Circus a success. “It’s fascinating to get a behind the scenes introduction to the Circus. It really makes you appreciate the performances.” Kendall enjoys the new position and working with the students and alumni. One of the highlights of being the program coordinator is that each day is different. “You never get bored, because although you may see the same act, you never see the same thing twice. I am still fascinated with it.” To reach Kendall, you can email her at klitton@admin.fsu.edu.

A World Connected

Ever wonder what your fellow alumni are up to nowadays? Ever wish for a way to be able to network with alumni in your field? Ever think about ways to have all of the answers at your fingertips? Wait no longer! Thanks to the Alumni Association, FSU alumni now have access to the Online Community; one of the most powerful tools connecting over 200,000 alumni around the world.

This new online feature contains an alumni directory which has up to date information on FSU alumni. It also provides a listing of the Seminole Clubs around the world for you to get involved with, as well as various upcoming events taking place on campus, such as tailgating, Seminole Club meetings, and Homecoming events. There is also a Business Exchange link which enables you to network with alumni in similar fields and a link to the Career Center.

The Online Community is making it easier for alumni to stay in touch with FSU by providing newsletters and other noteworthy information on the website. Log on to www.circus.fsu.edu or go to www.fsu.edu/~FSUALum.

Most importantly the Circus Alumni Association has their own site with up to date information on the 60th, home shows, and alumni information. Visit our site at www.fsucircusalumni.com.



You Ought To Be in Pictures

As part of our 60th Celebration we are collecting as many items of memorabilia as possible for our digital archives. Florida State University wants to make sure that its heritage will never be *just* memories.

The University’s photo archives from 1947-1968 are limited, and we are looking for photos, posters, and other artifacts from that era. All items that can be digitized or scanned will be returned. All artifacts will be preserved through theHeritage Protocol program whose mission is to locate, identify, record, assist in the preservation of, and promote knowledge about the heritage of Florida State University and its predecessor institutions.

Although we are especially interested in the years before 1968, we always welcome programs, posters, and other artifacts from any time period. For more information about Heritage Protocol, please visit www.heritage.fsu.edu or to send your photos or artifacts, please contact Kendall Litton at klitton@admin.fsu.edu or (850) 644-6016.



Circus Alumni Updates

50s

Carol Carlton (1954) retired from teaching after 42 years, 32 of which were in Germany. She has relocated to Maine and loves it.

Graham B. Walker (1951) after serving as an auditor for both the federal government (U.S. Army Audit Agency) and the State of Florida (State Auditing Department), he practiced public accounting in his own firm, Walker & Walker. Then, in June of 1970 he was appointed as a missionary to Singapore by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He served as Business Manager, Treasurer, and Church Planter for the next twenty-eight years. During these years, he held the Power-Of-Attorney for the Board and traveled extensively throughout Southeast Asia. He and his wife retired in 1998 and live in Longwood, Florida.

80s

Karen Koziara Harrison (1981) and her husband Tim moved to Clinton, New Jersey in 2001 to become Co-Pastors at the Clinton Presbyterian Church. Their son, Noah Jans Harrison just turned nine years old. They live in the rolling hills part of New Jersey, one hour west of New York City, and welcome visitors anytime.

90s

Laura Lampron (1998) gave birth to Lindsey Alexandra Lampron on March 28th. Both she and her husband Dirk and thrilled.

Tammy Lenkeit (1993) is expecting her second child in early March. Her husband and big brother Noah are very excited. Noah will be two years old when the baby is born. They call Atlanta home and live up near Lake Lanier where they sail

competitively on weekends.

Mike Maurer (1991-1993) recently changed careers and has become a lawyer (prosecutor) in Orlando. He is also soon-to-be engaged.

Eric Sproles (1988-1991) and his wife, Katie Sproles had their first child, Serena Jane Sproles, on June 9th.

Michelle Trimble (Lewis) (1992-1996) and H. Trimble welcomed the birth of their son, Nicholas H. on May 12, 2005.

Jim Zealor (1991-1993) married Cindi Pecoraro on May 6, 2006. They will reside in Manhattan.

It's Been a While, Wouldn't You Say?

Let's not be strangers, tell us what you have been doing. Did you get married? Have a baby? Finish graduate school? Get a promotion? If so, we want to hear about it. Email, call or send back the form below with any news you would like to share with your fellow circus alumni at torch@admin.fsu.edu.

Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Work Address _____

Work Phone _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Title _____

Graduation Year _____

News and Notes

Performer Spotlight

Looking back, Karina Cruz and Brian Vogel can hardly believe how quickly the years have passed. Just a few short years ago they were “newbies” to the Flying High Circus and now they are passing their torch of co-club presidency on to new student presidents in a matter of weeks. At Callaway this past summer, the two felt all twenty four students involved with the summer program created a bond that will never be broken, no matter the distance between them.

Karina and Brian, both seniors at FSU, have been involved with the circus for more than two years. With the 60th Anniversary coming up, both say they are glad to finish their last year with the “Flying High” Circus on such a high note and cannot wait to see alumni, students and friends gathered to celebrate such a momentous occasion. “The ‘Flying High’ Circus was an opportunity for us to walk away with connections, friendships, appreciation for the circus, and a sense of closeness that surpasses family.”

Even as they get ready to bid farewell, these incredible students will walk with some amazing lessons and memories.

They also know that no matter where they go or what they do, they can always call the FSU “Flying High” Circus, home.



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