External goals

The 2013-2014 First Year Council aims to solve problems facing the freshmen body at the University of South Alabama with projects in the following six categories.

1. The Transition – FYC aims to ease the transition between high school and college.
   - Provide help for freshmen finding classes in the first week of the first semester
     - Maps – specifically a JagTran map
     - Walking tours to find classes – this would be good right after freshmen move in
     - Label buildings on campus better
   - Earlier move-in day for future freshmen students – allows for a longer time for freshmen to get adjusted to college life
   - Social network for finding roommates; maybe fun, interactive roommate survey
   - During move in week: crash course with tips for freshmen

2. Building Community – FYC aims to increase the cohesiveness within the freshmen class and also kindle relationships between freshmen and upperclassmen.
   - Real community
     - One large FYC sponsored event for freshmen only like a “Glo Jags” rave, freshmen socials
     - Community service event hosted by FYC, work with service learning
     - Freshman picnic
     - Events at residence halls
     - Mentoring for freshmen – is this covered by JagPals? If not, can JagPals be expanded?
   - Electronic community
     - Creation and management of the USA Class of 2017 Facebook page
     - Freshmen twitter page, USA Freshmen Probz
     - Promote future freshmen Facebook pages at orientation
     - Request to SGA that South have a stronger presence on all social media including twitter and instagram

3. School pride – FYC aims to increase pride in the University of South Alabama. GO JAGS!
   - The creation of some cool and unique tradition. This will be started by our freshmen class and last for generations to come.
   - “Go Jags” day – students say “Go Jags” to every person they meet while walking to class on campus (either this or “Hey Day”)
   - Pep rallies
     - More of them
     - Spread the word on them
   - Freshmen tailgating tent
   - “Give away” day full of prizes and food along with information and pep
   - Build up freshmen attendance at sporting events
4. **Awareness** – FYC aims to make freshmen students aware of important events at the University of South Alabama.
   - Comprehensive events calendar online
   - Utilize social media to raise awareness on events
   - Orientation could help with awareness
     - Teach incoming freshmen about the importance of JagMail
     - Show incoming freshmen students the resources available at South like the writing center, JagSuccess, etc.

5. **Representation** – FYC aims to represent and act as the sole voice of the freshmen body at the University of South Alabama.
   - Hot chocolate party at Java City hosted by FYC with a suggestion box
   - Have suggestion boxes at FYC events
   - Use class climate admin with the freshmen class to figure out what problems freshmen are facing
   - Have a freshmen forum at FYC just like SGA has a student forum
   - FYC speaks at CAS classes
   - Always have a booth at USA Day and Orientation

6. **Health and Wellness** – FYC aims to improve the health and wellness of the freshmen body.
   - Promote rec center by requesting a fitness program for freshmen to help keep off the Freshmen Fifteen (Fit Freshmen or some cool title)
   - Recycling
     - Fix trash situation around residence halls
     - Provide more recycling bins
Internal goals

The 2013-2014 First Year Council aims to blaze a path forward for future First Year Councils by resolving the following internal goals.

1. Educate FYC councilors alongside SGA senators – FYC aims to expose freshmen to the workings of South Alabama’s Student Government Association
   - SGA officers mentor FYC officers. SGA senators mentor FYC councilors.
   - SGA – FYC social mixer type event.
   - Stress the importance of attending SGA meetings to FYC councilors.
   - Encourage SGA officers and senators to sit in on FYC meetings

2. Visibility – By increasing the prominence of the organization, FYC aims to gain a foothold in the University of South Alabama community.
   - WEB PRESENCE
   - T-shirts, name tags, polos, placards
   - Composite pictures

3. Connect with key figures – FYC aims to connect with key figures at the University of South Alabama.
   - Invite keynote speakers to our meetings

4. Shared responsibility – The councilors of FYC understand that we succeed together.
   - Communication between committees and FYC, committees and officers
   - Councilors must miss no more than 2 FYC meetings as stated in the FYC constitution

5. Transition – FYC aims to trailblaze a legacy for future FYCs.
   - Have FYC officers this year mentor FYC officers next year
   - At the end of the year, evaluate what went right and wrong during the year. Make improvements to FYC.