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**From:** Governor's Press Office [Governor'sPressOffice@eog.myflorida.com]  
**Sent:** 9/12/2017 9:36:27 PM  
**Subject:** Gov. Scott Asks State Colleges & Universities to be Considerate of Students Serving During Irma

Good afternoon,

With so many of Florida students selflessly responding to serve those impacted by Hurricane Irma, Governor Rick Scott asked that state colleges and universities do everything possible to accommodate those not able to immediately get back to school, including those serving in the Florida National Guard. See the Governor's letters below or click [HERE](#).

Thanks,

Governor Rick Scott's Press Office

September 12, 2017

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