From Our Director
Happy Spring from Gainesville! We hope you will have an opportunity to enjoy a well-deserved rest during your spring break in the coming weeks.

Following our February decision release, I have spoken with many of you regarding decisions to UF this year. We are pleased that so many students chose to apply to UF. This year, we received nearly 33,000 applications for 6,700 spaces in our summer and fall terms. We will also welcome many others to UF through Innovation Academy and PaCE. This year’s applicant pool was filled with many talented and diverse students from within Florida and outside of Florida. As the number of applications to UF has increased, admission to UF has become more competitive. In addition to the increased number of applications, the applicant pool is filled with many smart and accomplished students. This year, we admitted 42% of the students who applied to UF to our fall and summer terms. The middle 50% GPA of our admitted class was 4.2 – 4.5. The middle 50% SAT was 1820 – 2060 and middle 50% ACT was 28 – 32. I know we disappointed many students who had their hearts set on UF. We encourage students who were denied admission to consider applying to UF Online for spring admission or applying as an upper-division transfer student. Our staff will be happy to advise students of their best options. On Friday, March 25, we will notify students who applied to UF after our November 1 priority deadline. Students who applied to UF after November 1 were considered on a space-available basis.

This spring, we will continue to welcome admitted students to campus for Florida Days or for one of our regular tours and information sessions. Students are reminded to confirm their enrollment and pay their tuition deposit by May 1. We look forward to welcoming all freshmen to the Gator Nation this summer, fall or spring!

If we may assist you or your students this spring, we are glad to do so. Thank you for all you do to support your students. Go Gators!

Andrea Felder
Director of Freshman and International Admissions

Confirmation
All students admitted to UF must confirm enrollment by May 1. Please direct students to visit [http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/admitfreshmen.html](http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/admitfreshmen.html) to confirm and pay the $200 tuition deposit. Please note, for students living on campus there is a separate fee for the housing deposit. The housing deposit is not confirmation of enrollment.
Freshman Decisions
Freshman decisions for students who applied after November 1 will be available online after 6 p.m. on Friday, March 25. Students must log in to their online application status using their GatorLink username and password.

Scholarships
On March 4, scholarship recipients were notified of their awards via email – letters will be mailed shortly. Students were awarded scholarships based on a holistic review of information submitted with their November 1 application. Congratulations to all of the talented students who were selected for a scholarship!

For Florida Residents:
- Presidential Platinum ($10,000/year)
- Presidential Gold ($8,000/year)
- Presidential ($5,000/year)

For Non-Florida Residents:
- Gator Nation (up to $20,000 waived/year)
- Sunshine ($16,000 waived/year)
- Alumni ($8,000 waived/year)

In order to accept the award, the scholarship agreement must be signed by the student and a parent, then returned via email, fax or mail to the Office of Admissions by May 13, 2016; otherwise, the scholarship will be cancelled. Questions can be directed to Jessica Roth, assistant director for scholarships & regional recruitment, at JERoth@admissions.ufl.edu.

Students should also follow up with the Office for Student Financial Affairs after submitting their 2016-2017 FAFSA to determine if any additional information is needed to complete their file for review and awarding of need-based scholarships, grants, or loans. Packaging of financial aid awards will begin March 16.

SAT/ACT Optional Writing
Freshmen entering in the summer/fall of 2017 (current juniors) and beyond are no longer required to submit the essay section of the SAT nor the writing section of the ACT. For additional information, please visit our website at http://admissions.ufl.edu/ugrad/newSAT.html.

Preview
Admitted students have received an email regarding the UF orientation, Preview. This is a mandatory two day event that allows students to become acclimated to the campus, meet with their advisor, and register for classes. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend, as there will be separate sessions for students and parents. Students can select a date and pay any fees online. For questions, or more information, please direct students to the Office of New Student and Family Programs at newstudentinfo@dso.ufl.edu or http://www.preview.ufl.edu.

Welcome Center Tours
If your students are interested in coming for a tour, we have altered our tour times and increased tours in order to accommodate more visitors during the March and April spring break season. The tour calendar is available at www.admissions.ufl.edu.

Connect With Us
Counselor lists will be available starting April 1. If you would like to request a list, please email counselors@admissions.ufl.edu. Also, please join the Counselor listserv by following the directions at www.admissions.ufl.edu/ugrad/frlistserv.html. You can follow UF Admissions on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
The Digital Worlds Institute (DW) shares the College of the Arts’ mission of serving as an educational, professional, and cultural resource for the campus, community, state, and region. Our undergraduate and graduate students contribute to and benefit from that commitment.

DW nurtures leading-edge research and education between the arts, communications, engineering, and the sciences, focusing on advanced media systems and digital culture. Founded in 2001 as a partnership between the College of the Arts and the College of Engineering, the Institute has grown its initiatives across a half dozen additional colleges at UF.

The emergent field of Digital Arts & Sciences (DAS) is ideal for students whose intellectual and creative energies are not defined or confined by traditional academic disciplines. Whether your passion involves technology, design, or 21st-century storytelling, DAS will provide you with the critical thinking and practical skills to fuel the pursuit of your own individual dreams.

Bachelor of Arts in Digital Arts & Sciences (BADAS)

The Bachelor of Arts in Digital Arts and Sciences crosses traditional college boundaries between the arts, communications, and engineering. Students will become versed in contemporary issues in social and interactive media, critical thinking and creative design solutions. The DAS graduate will gain experience working in collaborative teams on media projects including digital storytelling, animation, and game design including serious and applied games.

Prospective Student Tours

Digital Worlds Institute tours are generally scheduled for the 2nd Friday of each month between 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. To schedule a tour of the Digital Worlds Institute, click here to request a tour date.

*Due to scheduled upgrades taking place at our facility, the March 2016 tour will occur on the following Friday, March 18th. Please call the REVE Front Desk at (352) 294-2000 for more details or email visit@digitalworlds.ufl.edu.