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From Our Director

Happy fall from the University of Florida!

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of October. As the fall recruitment season winds down, the recruitment staff and I would like to thank many of you who were able to accommodate the rescheduling of our visits in Florida. We have enjoyed traveling throughout the state, country and world meeting you and your students and answering questions about the UF experience, the application process, financing a UF education and any questions in between. If your students still have questions, they may find the Admissions FAQ blog post helpful <http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/blog/>. Also, we encourage you to follow our social media pages for updates outside of this newsletter.

As a reminder, the application deadline has been extended to November 15. Although we have extended our deadline, the decision notification date is still February 9 for applicants meeting the November 15 deadline. Students are strongly encouraged to submit their application before November 15. Please help us spread the message, Don't Procrastinate! In addition to the application, students are reminded to submit their Student Self-Reported Academic Record by December 1 and test scores by December 15. Also, the FAFSA is now available for students to apply for need-based financial aid. Please view our blog post for more details, <http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/blog/2017/10/05/applying-for-fafsa.html>.

Lastly, please let us know about students that are experiencing challenges completing the application process due to the recent weather and fire-related events. As mentioned in a previous communication, they can also contact us directly, and we will work with them on a case-by-case basis. Thank you for the work you will do to assist your students with their post high school plans. As always, let us know if we may assist you.

Go Gators!
 Chandra A. Mitchell
 Interim Director of Freshman and International Admissions

Visit Our Campus

Freshman applicants can visit our campus and experience life in the heart of the Gator Nation. The Gator for a Day program allows students to hear from professors, speak with current students, and understand why its great to be a Florida Gator! Click [here](#) to view the application and for additional details. All forms must be submitted at least three weeks prior to the preferred shadow date. To schedule a group tour or to view upcoming tour dates, visit our website at <http://admissions.ufl.edu/visit/tour>.

Test Scores

The Office of Admissions must receive test scores by December 15. For a list of FAQs, please direct students to visit our [website](#).

Event Requests

Looking to request a UF representative for your event? Please send all college fair requests to requestUF@admissions.ufl.edu.

College Town, USA



Gainesville, FL is consistently ranked one of the best college towns in the United States. In the heart of Gainesville is the University of Florida, a campus spread out over 2,000 acres. Throughout the school year, there are over 50,000 students from all 50 states and over 131 different countries. Students have a variety of places to study and socialize. Aside from many coffee shops and boutiques, there is an assortment of restaurants that serve up an international cuisine. Have a passion for cooking? Students can also cook their own meals by purchasing fresh produce from our local farmers market.

Gainesville is not all about school and food. This city has several historic buildings: the Hippodrome State Theatre, the Bailey Plantation House from 1854, and many more. On the weekends, students may choose to spend their time outdoors. In the Butterfly Rainforest Museum, students become surrounded by butterflies of all shapes, sizes, and colors. At Payne's Prairie, students can get an up close and personal experience seeing the American Alligator, American Bison, bald eagles, and other wild birds. A short drive away from Gainesville, students can spend a day at Lake Wauburg, fishing, canoeing, swimming, or just relaxing.

Gainesville's night life is a vibrant one. We were recently featured in Expedia's "12 best music towns". Gainesville is truly a great town. Besides offering a top tier education, students have the Gainesville state of mind that lasts long after graduation.

Financial Aid

The UF Office for Student Financial Affairs would like to share our FAFSA Resources for High Schools.

The UF FAFSA Toolkit at includes videos, FAQs, morning news scripts, links and other helpful information to assist high school counselors, teachers and administrators explain the financial aid process and inspire students to apply for financial aid for college. Please visit the UF FAFSA Toolkit at <http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/fafsa/>.

In order for UF to consider you for a financial aid package, you must be a degree-seeking, admitted student and have met the "On-Time" deadline.

Although you must be accepted for enrollment at UF before you are considered for financial aid, you should apply for aid before being admitted. To apply for financial aid, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov. You can file a 2018-19 FAFSA as early as October 1, 2017. UF's "On-Time" deadline to receive the results of your 2018-19 FAFSA from the federal processor is December 15, 2017. Apply well before December 15 to ensure that the federal processor has time to analyze and send the results of your FAFSA to our office. Financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply as early as possible to be considered for the most, and best aid.

Completing the FAFSA is the first step toward getting financial aid for college or career school. The FAFSA not only gives students access to the \$150 billion in grants, loans, and work-study funds that the federal government has available, but many states, schools, and private scholarships require you to submit the FAFSA before they will consider you for any financial aid they offer. That's why it's important that every college-bound student complete the FAFSA as soon as possible.

Student Spotlight

My name is Alexis DaValt, I'm a senior at the University of Florida. My major is Family, Youth, and Community Sciences with a minor in African American studies. I currently serve as the Black History Month Executive Director for February 2018. I'd recommend UF to students because it gives you the opportunity to explore and embrace who you are as a person and pursue your passions.



Student Self-Reported Academic Record (SSAR)

The Student Self-Reported Academic Record (SSAR) must be submitted and linked by December 1st. The SSAR is UF's self-reported transcript. It is an online form in which students enter their high school courses, dual enrollment courses, and 9th–11th year grades. Students also list senior year courses in progress. All freshmen applying to UF must submit and link the SSAR, including those who have already graduated. For information about exceptions, such as students with a GED or students attending schools not patterned after the U.S. system, we encourage you to visit the Frequently Asked Questions page found [here](#) on our website. There is an interactive tutorial on the admissions website as well. Please feel free to contact us at counselors@admissions.ufl.edu with any questions. If students have any questions about the SSAR, please direct them to email freshman@ufl.edu.

The Innovation Academy

A promotional poster for the 'Launch into Innovation Academy' event. The background is a dark blue space with a yellow geometric grid pattern and scattered white and blue plus signs. In the center, an orange rocket with 'UF' on its side is launching from a white cloud. Below the rocket, the word 'LAUNCH' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on an orange background. Underneath that, 'INTO INNOVATION ACADEMY' is written in a smaller, white, italicized, sans-serif font on a yellow background. At the bottom, the event details are listed in white text on a dark blue background. The 'WHEN:' section specifies 'Saturday, January 6th, 2018' and '9:00 AM (doors open at 8:30 AM)'. The 'WHERE:' section specifies 'Curtis M. Phillips Center' and 'University of Florida'. At the very bottom, the 'UF Innovation Academy UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA' logo is displayed in white.

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LOOKING FOR OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING?

DON'T RUSH! OCL IS HERE TO HELP.

There is plenty of off-campus housing in Gainesville. Check out our resources and services below to assist with your search.

GATOR GUIDE TO OFF CAMPUS LIFE

OCL has an online publication for students living off-campus. It has everything you need to know including rental costs, safety information, questions to ask when you tour apartments and much more.

HOUSING LOCATOR

Search OCL's Housing Locator online for apartments, roommates and subleases, too.

APPOINTMENTS

Schedule an appointment online, and OCL staff will help you with your off-campus housing search.

We're happy to help!

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located inside the UF Housing Office



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UF in the Top 10

The University of Florida has become the first Florida school to break into the list of top-10 best public research universities, coming in at No. 9, according to the 2018 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings. UF faculty, staff, students, alumni and donors have had a shared vision to elevate the university's stature, and we rose eight spots in the rankings since 2016. UF is now tied at the No. 9 spot with the University of California, Irvine, and the University of California, San Diego.

The Honors Program

Application materials for the 2018 John V. Lombardi Scholarship Program and the Stamps Scholarship Program are now available [here](#).



The postmark deadline for submission of all application components is January 26, 2018. The nomination form must be signed by the high school principal, but instructors, guidance counselors, or BRACE / IB advisors may write the letter of nomination.

The Honors Program appreciates your help in identifying creative, forward-thinking, and independent students that will both benefit from and contribute to these dynamic programs.

Questions about the application and scholarship programs should be directed to Regan Garner, Associate Director of the UF Honors Program, at rlgarner@ufl.edu

UF Online

Online Students Can Access On Campus Services

#Gatorsonline

Online students that want to have more access and experiences on campus can now do that through the UF Online Optional User Fee Package. Designed and available only for online undergraduate students, the optional user fee package allows UF Online students access to the same services and activities as residential students. The package includes access to things like the student health center, intramural sports and discounted athletic tickets.

“We have noticed a trend of online students that live and move to the Gainesville area who want to add on campus activities to their education experience,” says Evangeline Cummings, assistant provost and director of UF Online. “This will enhance that experience and provide more avenues for engagement and connection, which has been particularly attractive for first time in college students and incoming freshman.”

Full details on this optional user fee package and how it can enhance the experience for first time in college students can be found on the UF Online website .

Housing

Last year, over 10,000 students had applied to UF and to live in one of the residence halls before the end of November. Please remind students to visit: https://hms.housing.ufl.edu/freshman_housing_application to apply for campus housing to get the best priority for next year at UF!

Connect With Us

Please join the Counselor listserv at <http://admissions.ufl.edu/counselors>.

