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From Our Director

Greetings from Gainesville and welcome back to a new school year! Throughout the year, we will continue to keep you informed with news from the University of Florida. The Class of 2017 will experience quite a bit of change during the coming year as they apply to colleges and universities across the country. Please be assured our staff is available to answer any questions you or your students may have as they complete their applications or apply for need-based aid to UF.

As you may be aware, UF made the decision to become a member of the Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success. We are proud to join a group of colleges and universities that have made a commitment to making college accessible and affordable for all students. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to learn more about the Coalition and the platform of online tools available for students to begin the college search process earlier in high school, <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>.

Beginning this fall, students will use the Coalition Application to apply to UF. Although we will be using the Coalition Application to learn more about your students, the review process for UF will not change. We will ask many of the same questions we have asked students in the past on the UF application. We will not ask for letters of recommendation, nor will we request any information stored in your students' lockers. Students will continue to submit the Student Self-Reported Academic Record (SSAR) in lieu of a transcript at time of application. On our website, you will find a document that details the steps students should follow when applying to UF, <http://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/freshman/appchecklist>. For your convenience, the checklist has also been included in this edition of Gatortales.

Lastly, please be aware that our priority FAFSA deadline has moved to December 15th. The FAFSA will be available for students to begin filing as early as October 1. Seniors submitting the FAFSA will use 2015 tax information to file the FAFSA for the 2017-2018 school year. With our earlier priority deadline, students will receive their financial aid package about two weeks after their decision notification.

We know this year of change may be challenging, but our staff is available to answer any questions or concerns you may have throughout the year. Thank you for all you do! Go Gators!

Andrea Felder, Ed.D.
 Director of Freshman and International Admissions

Welcome Center

Due to the high volume of visitors, we will be extending our number of tours during the month of October. Please direct your students to the tour schedule and availability listed on our website. To visit our campus, or to schedule a group tour, please visit our website at <http://admissions.ufl.edu/visit/tour>

Event Requests

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



International Admissions

Greetings from the International Team! This Fall we had the pleasure of welcoming 198 international freshman students to the Gator Nation. We could not have achieved such success without your support and partnership. We are so grateful for the opportunity in assisting students achieve their higher education goals.

As we begin the 2017 application cycle, we would like to encourage counselors and students to connect with us directly by phone or email.



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During the month of September we will be at the following locations:

September 12th – 29th: CIS Latin America Tour
September 23rd –24th: London USA College Day
September 25th: CIS Paris Fair

September 27th: CIS Zurich Fair
September 28th: CIS Geneva Fair

The Innovation Academy

WHAT IS IA?

Innovation Academy (IA) is a college experience that serves as a training ground for students to better prepare themselves for their career goals. With over 30 different majors available, students can customize their college experience to meet their needs and earn transferable skills for their career areas. IA's unique Spring/Summer academic calendar allows for a break during Fall semester. The extended break during Fall is a prime opportunity to pursue internships in a far less competitive time, seek opportunities for job shadowing and volunteering, participate in a study abroad program, conduct research, and so much more.

DISCOVER IA

Visit Gainesville to learn more about the Innovation Academy during one of our Discover IA information sessions this Fall! The sessions allow prospective students and their families to learn about the IA program and its exciting benefits. Visit our website for a list of dates and register today!

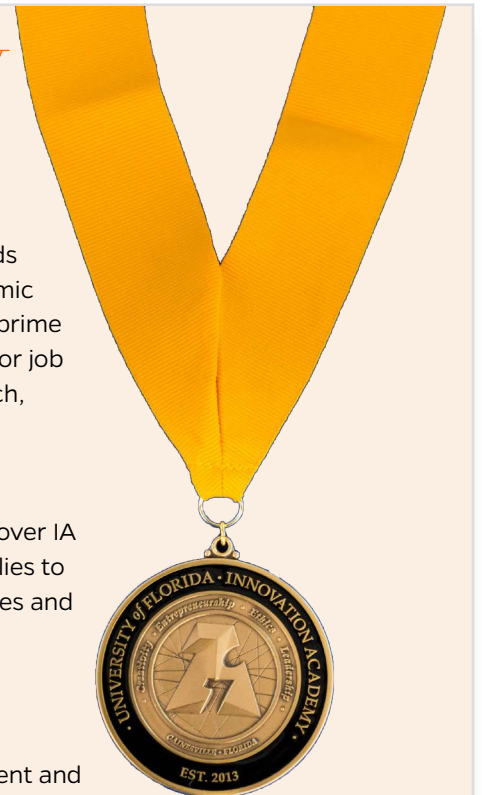
CATALYST

Innovation Academy also hosted Catalyst this Summer. IA Freshmen presented and displayed a prototype of a product, service, or model developed in a team environment and geared toward reducing food waste. Catalyst is an



opportunity for first-year IA students to demonstrate their creativity and passion, and use their ingenuity to tackle relevant issues facing our society. Guests included UF administrators, college faculty & staff, IA speakers, local business leaders, innovators, patent attorneys, and venture capitalists.

For more information, please direct students to visit our website at <http://innovationacademy.ufl.edu/>



UF Application Checklist

Step 1. Create your Coalition account.



Visit <https://www.mycoalition.org/public/info/uf/> to create your free Coalition account. The email you use to create your account is the same email we will use to provide information about your application. You will use your Coalition username and password to check your application status on the University of Florida admissions website.

Step 2. Complete your Coalition Profile.



Once you have created your Coalition account, you may begin to complete your Coalition Profile. At UF, the following Profile sections will be imported to your UF application:

- Personal Information
- Contact Information
- Demographic Information
- Citizenship Information
- High School Information
- College Coursework
- College Information
- Financial Aid
- Honors & Distinction
- Academic Interests

**For UF, you do not need to complete the 9th - 12th grade coursework sections of the Coalition Profile.

Step 3. Build your College List.



To start your UF application, please add the University of Florida to your College List. Once you have added UF, you may click the link to start your application.



Step 4. Complete your UF Application.

As part of your UF application, we will ask a few additional questions to learn more about you and your experiences throughout high school. It is here that you will enter your UF essay. Lastly, if you intend to claim Florida residency, you will include your Florida residency declaration information in this section.

Step 5. Pay your application fee or receive a fee waiver.



The application fee to UF is \$30 + \$5 processing fee. For students who may be eligible for a fee waiver, you will answer questions on the Profile that will determine your waiver eligibility.

Step 6. Complete your Student Self-Reported Academic Record (SSAR).



The SSAR can be accessed through our admissions website at admissions.ufl.edu by clicking 'Apply Now'. Students can also visit the SSAR website directly at <https://www.selfreportedtranscript.com/ssar/Login.aspx>. For additional information about completing the SSAR, please visit <http://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/freshman/ssar-faq>.

Please note: Applicants earning a GED and applicants who have not followed an educational curriculum patterned after the U.S. system should not complete the SSAR.

- Once you submit your SSAR through the SSAR website, you will need to connect your SSAR to your UF application through your UF Status Page.
- Using the same username and password used to submit your Coalition application, log into your UF Status Page. From there, you will click on the SSAR hyperlink to connect your SSAR to your UF application.

Step 7. Submit your test scores.



Please be sure to have your official ACT or SAT scores sent from the testing agency to UF. The institutional codes for UF are 5812 (SAT) and 0758 (ACT).

Step 8. Check your status.

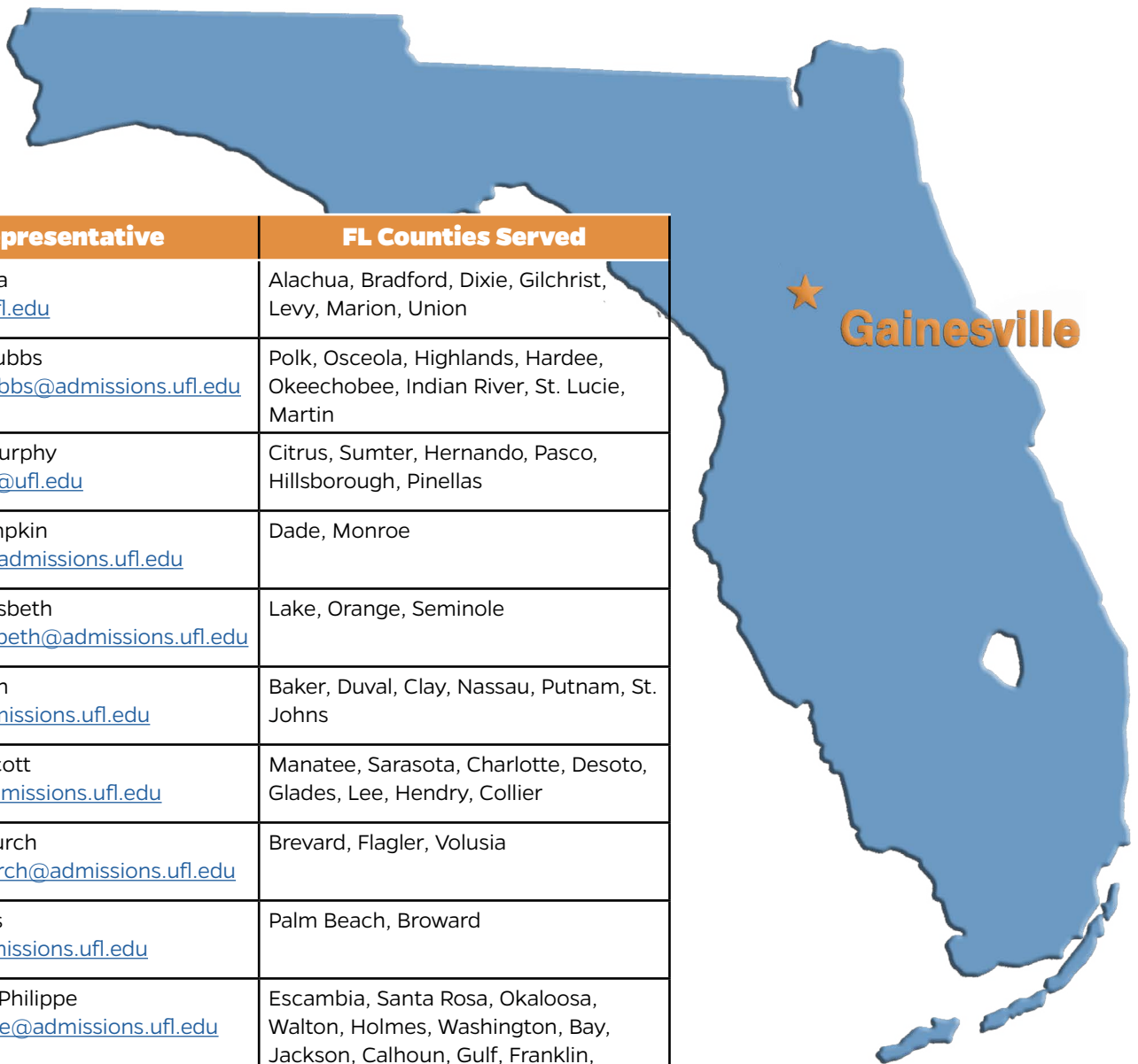


You may check the status of your application on the admissions website 24-48 hours after submitting your UF application through the Coalition website. Please use the same username and password used to submit your application to view your application status page on the UF admissions website.

Important Dates:

- November 1 – UF Application Deadline
- December 1 – SSAR Deadline
- December 15 – Test Score Deadline
- December 15 – FAFSA Deadline

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Completing the Application

Beginning with the 2016-2017 admissions cycle, the University of Florida will use the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success for the freshman application. Students can learn more about our application via our newly designed admissions website! Please encourage your students to complete the freshman application by November 1st. See page 3 for the application checklist.

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. 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.



Test Scores

The Office of Admissions must receive test scores by December 15th. To help prospective students prepare for admissions, and for FAQs on the SAT/ACT, please direct students to visit our website by clicking [here](#).

Disability

Students requesting disability consideration are required to check the disability box on the supplementary portion of the Coalition application, complete the required Disability Consideration Request form, and send in any documentation via fax to the Office of Admissions. More information and instructions can be found [here](#).

From the Honors Program

Applications for the 2017 John V. Lombardi Scholarship Program and the Stamps Scholarship Program are now available at www.honors.ufl.edu. The postmark deadline for submission of the application and required letter of nomination is January 20, 2017. Questions about the application and scholarship programs should be directed to Regan Garner, Associate Director of the UF Honors Program, at rlgarner@ufl.edu.

Housing

After completing an application, prospective students can apply to secure a living space in the heart of the Gator Nation! Doing so early will provide the most options. For more information, please visit: <http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/choices/>

Financial Aid

Changes to the FAFSA coming soon! Encourage your students to mark their calendars to complete a 2017-18 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) starting on October 1, 2016. Given the early availability of the FAFSA, UF has moved its on-time deadline to December 15, 2016. Starting with the 2017-18 FAFSA, students will report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. On the 2017-18 FAFSA, students and parents will report their 2015 income and tax information. Click [here](#) for more information about FAFSA changes.

Gator for a Day

The Gator for a Day application is now available on our website. Click [here](#) for more details. All forms must be submitted at least three weeks prior to the preferred shadow date.

Off Campus Life

Off Campus Life is committed to educating and assisting UF students to achieve a positive off-campus living experience. We can help you find off campus housing, find or post a sublease, find an off-campus roommate, and much more! Students can visit offcampus.ufl.edu for more information.

Connect With Us

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

