

The University of Florida

# Gator Nation

The University of Florida continually achieves national and international recognition and prominence for ground-breaking research and top-notch academic excellence.

More important, the state's flagship university assumes the primary responsibility for creating, developing, nurturing and inspiring members of The Gator Nation everywhere. If you've been touched by the University of Florida, you're part of The Gator Nation.

The University of Florida is The Foundation for The Gator Nation.

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*A Gator is anyone whose love for the University of Florida forever draws them to the University and to their fellow Gators. A Gator is more than a loyal alumnus or enthusiastic sports-team supporter. A Gator is somehow personally defined by his or her connection or bond to the University of Florida. Gators seek each other out. Gators support and encourage each other in success and stand together through adversity. Gators are proud to be part of The Gator Nation.*

**The University of Florida has a long track record of outstanding achievements. UF's students, faculty and staff consistently rank among the nation's top performers in research, academics, athletics and a host of other fields. For instance:**

❖ In 1985, Florida became a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU), the prestigious higher-education organization comprised of the top 62 public and private institutions in North America. UF is one of only 17 public, land-grant universities that belongs to the Association.



❖ UF faculty attracted more than \$518 million in research and training grants in 2005-06.

❖ UF's Honors Residential College at Hume Hall is the first honors residential college designed and constructed specifically for honors students in the United States.

❖ The \$60 million McKnight Brain Institute, part of the UF Health Science Center, is the most comprehensive program of its kind in the world, comprising 300 faculty members from 10 colleges and 51 departments campus-wide.



❖ UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) includes the largest citrus research center in the world.

❖ UF's 320,000 alumni live in all 50 states and 130 foreign countries.

❖ In the past four decades, more presidents of the American Bar Association have come from the UF Levin College of Law than any other U.S. law school.

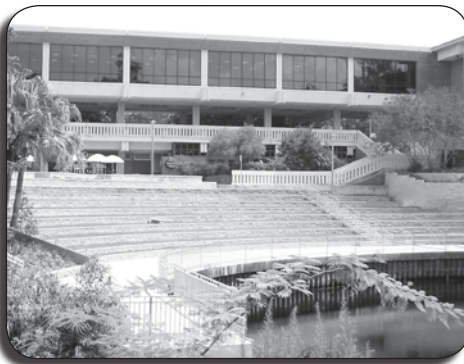
❖ The Wendy's restaurant located in the J. Wayne Reitz Union is the busiest Wendy's in the world.

❖ UF's freshmen retention rate of 93 percent speaks to the outstanding quality of the University's entire academic experience, from counseling to online programs that aid self-tracking of academic progress and class registration.

**Everyone associated with the University of Florida — past, present, or future — is a member of The Gator Nation. The Gator Nation is everywhere and includes students, alumni, faculty, staff, administration and the family and friends of all those listed. In addition, Florida residents, university research and financial partners, funding agencies, private donors, politicians (local, state and national) and more are part of The Gator Nation. The University of Florida is in Gainesville. The Gator Nation is everywhere.**

❖ The University of Florida is the top-performing public institution at transferring its research to the marketplace, according to a major new study by the prestigious Milken Institute.

❖ DHNet, UF's on-campus computer network, is one of the fastest ethernet connections in the country.



❖ UF ranked second in bachelor's degrees awarded to African-American students in 2003-04 and second among all universities in the number of Ph.D.s awarded to Hispanic students.

❖ UF is seventh among all universities — public and private — in the number of U.S. Patents awarded in 2005.

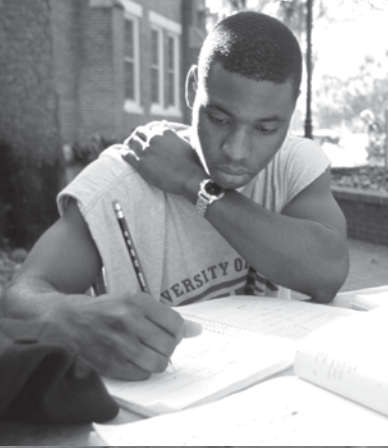
❖ The Microkelvin Research Lab extends 40 feet below ground. In this physics lab, scientists are able to take matter to within one millionth of one degree of absolute zero (minus 459.76 Fahrenheit). This is one of the coldest temperatures reached anywhere in the world.

❖ A tree planted outside of the Chemistry Lab Building was grown from seeds that traveled to the moon and back.

❖ There are nine libraries on campus. UF has almost four million volumes of books, journals, etc. This is enough to fill the football stadium with at least 44 books to a seat.

❖ Century Tower was built in 1953 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the University and was dedicated to the UF students killed in World Wars I and II.





## The University of Florida's Institute of Black Culture

❖ In 1971, The Institute of Black Culture was created to serve as a unit of the Dean of Students Office. The IBC has committees in each area:

### Educational Committee Includes:

- ❖ Professional development workshops (resume building, interview skills, etc.)
- ❖ Academic help workshops

### Cultural Committee Includes:

- ❖ Black art shows
- ❖ Activities for Black History month
- ❖ Kwanzaa and cultural celebrations

### Social Committee Includes:

- ❖ Freshman socials
- ❖ Tailgate parties



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❖ The University of Florida contributes nearly \$6 billion annually to Florida's economy and is responsible for nearly 75,000 jobs.

❖ More than two dozen faculty are members of the National Academies of Science and Engineering and the Institute of Medicine or counterpart in a foreign nation.

❖ Battling Diabetes – A statewide diabetes screening program is being made possible through a \$10 million commitment from the American Diabetes Association to fund the program to be based at the UF College of Medicine.

❖ Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technology for Successful Aging - The National Institute for Disability, Rehabilitation and Research has awarded UF a \$4.5 million grant to create the UF Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technology for Successful Aging.

❖ The Universe as Seen Through UF's Eyes – The Gemini Observatory, the international consortium that oversees two telescopes in Chile and Hawaii, has announced it will provide UF researchers \$3.1 million to design and build a bigger, more powerful version of a UF-developed infrared spectrometer that has been in use for nearly three years. In 2000, UF became a partner in construction of the world's largest telescope, a \$93 million facility built in Spain's Canary Islands.

❖ UF Houses one of the world's leading lightning research teams.

❖ Gatorade was founded by Dr. Robert Cade through testing and research with the 1965 Florida freshmen football team.

❖ The Florida Institute of Sustainable Energy Technology Incubator at UF will serve as home to the UF biofuels pilot plant aimed at testing ethanol-producing technology developed by UF scientists.

❖ Florida and UCLA are the only schools in the nation to finish in the top 10 in the national all-sport rankings every year since the 1983-84 academic year.

## Major College Units Include:

- College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
- Warrington College of Business
- College of Dentistry
- College of Design, Construction and Planning
- College of Education
- College of Engineering
- College of Fine Arts
- College of Health and Human Performance
- College of Health Professions
- College of Journalism & Communications
- Levin College of Law
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- College of Medicine
- College of Nursing
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Veterinary Medicine



## UF Ranks Among the NATIONS'S ÉLITE

Enrollment . . . . . 5th

### DEGREES AWARDED:

Bachelor's . . . . . 3rd  
 Master's . . . . . 7th  
 Doctoral . . . . . 4th  
 1st Professional . . . . . 1st

### DEGREES AWARDED TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS:

Bachelor's . . . . . 2nd  
 Master's . . . . . 13th  
 Doctoral . . . . . 5th  
 1st Professional . . . . . 3rd

### DEGREES AWARDED TO HISPANIC STUDENTS:

Bachelor's . . . . . 3rd  
 Master's . . . . . 3rd  
 Doctoral . . . . . 2nd  
 1st Professional . . . . . 1st

### UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL NATIONAL RANKINGS:

	RANKINGS	SEC
Taxation	5th	1st
Chemical Engineering	8th	1st
Industrial Engineering	9th	1st
Marketing	9th	1st
Finance	10th	1st
Nuclear Engineering	10th	1st
Materials Engineering	10th	1st
Agricultural Engineering	11th	1st
Accounting	11th	1st
Mechanical Engineering	12th	1st
Aerospace Engineering	12th	1st
Environmental Engineering	14th	1st
Business	17th	1st

## UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S RANKING AMONG AAU UNIVERSITIES

Alumni Giving Rate (Public)	5th
Royalty Income (Public and Private)	5th
Kiplinger's Top Values In-State Universities	2nd
Money Magazine's 10 Best College Values	10th
Freshman Retention Rate	8th
Freshman Acceptance Rate	11th
U.S. Patents Awarded in 2005 (Public and Private)	7th
Graduation Rate	11th
Total Voluntary Support (Public)	15th
Endowment Assets (Public)	15th
Holdings of Research Libraries	20th
Out-of-State Tuition and Fees	23rd
In-State Tuition and Fees	34th