



CHANCELLOR'S NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2023 UPDATE

Chancellor's Message

Trustees,

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of attending UCF's Summer Commencement ceremony as the keynote speaker to the class of 2023. I want to extend my congratulations to all state university graduates. We are very proud of their accomplishments! Our state universities remain a great choice for Florida's students, and families, providing a high quality, low cost higher education with a vast array of degree programs that lead to well-paying jobs.

Ray Rodrigues

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SAVE THE DATE!

- WHAT:** Trustee Summit 2023
- WHO:** Board of Governors Members, Trustees, Presidents
- WHERE:** UCF Main Campus, Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom
- WHEN:** November 8, 2023 from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

For more information, visit our webpage at: www.flbog.edu/trustees/trustee-orientations-summits/

SUS institutions join Inaugural Florida Engineering Dean's Summit

Leadership from nearly all of Florida's engineering schools joined forces in Tallahassee last week to discuss issues of common interest. The Florida Engineering Dean's Summit, this year hosted by FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, is an annual event where academic leaders from across the state come together to explore solutions for shared problems and develop joint initiatives.

Using mainly roundtable discussions, the group explored topics such as college leadership structure, support for large-scale public-private partnerships, undergraduate student success, faculty development, workforce development programs and online degree programs.

In addition, academic leaders toured the engineering research labs in Tallahassee's Innovation Park as well as a tour of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the national laboratory in the state of Florida funded by the National Science Foundation.

Save the Date

August 29-30

Florida Board of Governors Meeting
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL

September 20

Florida Board of Governors Meeting
(Tentative)
Zoom

November 8-9

Florida Board of Governors Trustee Summit & Meeting
UCF- Orlando, FL

2022-2023 Military Friendly® School designations in the SUS

Three SUS institutions have been recognized with a 2023-24 Military Friendly® School designation!



Tier 2 research institution




Large public




Large public



Chancellor speaks at UCF Summer Commencement

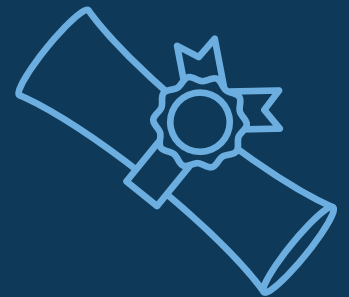
Last weekend, Chancellor Rodrigues addressed the UCF graduating class of 2023 as a commencement speaker at their summer ceremony.



THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA SURPASSES

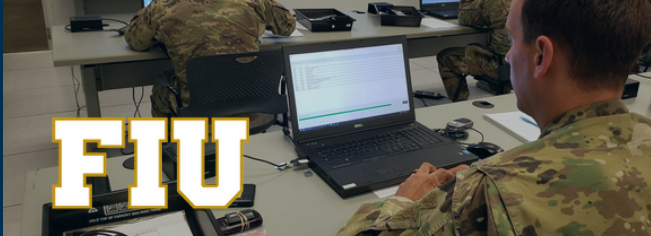
100,000 DEGREES

(2021-2022)



AWARDED FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER

Did U Know?



Last week, the White House highlighted FIU's cybersecurity workforce training program for veterans and first responders under its National Cyber Workforce and Education Strategy. FIU is one of the 11 institutions in the CyberSkills2Work coalition, an initiative funded by the National Security Agency and mentioned in the new strategy. FIU's efforts were highlighted because of the high number of veterans and transitioning military personnel reached and trained through the program. Launched in 2021 at FIU, more than 350 veterans, transitioning military personnel, and first responders have completed the program.

The FSU College of Nursing is ranked No. 1 in the state of Florida among nursing programs that receive funding from the National Institutes of Health. The rankings were released by the Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research. The College of Nursing received more than \$6.5 million in NIH funding during the federal fiscal year, ending in September 2022, for research on a variety of projects including the brain science behind pain management and a new center to recruit early career researchers focused on chronic disease prevention or mental health.



Members of the UNF shoreline restoration research team, National Park Service, Timucuan Parks Foundation and St. Johns River Water Management District developed the largest pervious oyster shell habitat (POSH) shoreline restoration project in the area to date. This community project assists in restoring oyster reefs, fighting erosion, rebuilding fish populations, saving the marshes and reducing loss of historic coastal communities and artifacts. UNF is leading coastal resiliency research and restoration with interdisciplinary efforts. The POSH structures are invented, designed, and produced by UNF faculty and researchers.



In a recent ranking by EdSmart, a nationally recognized publisher of college resources and rankings, Florida Poly ranked No. 2 in the U.S. for having the most students enrolled in popular STEM programs. With high-paying jobs in rapidly growing fields like computer science, data science, and engineering, STEM graduates are meeting an important need for highly skilled professionals in the state of Florida and beyond.