



CHANCELLOR'S NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2023 UPDATE

Chancellor's Message

Trustees,

Happy New Year!

As we begin the Spring semester and the 2023 Legislative Session committee weeks, it is important to highlight key achievements during the past year. Florida remains the #1 state in the nation for higher education, we now have the lowest tuition in the country, student costs are continuing to decrease, 4-year graduation rates have increased, and the state university research productivity is nationally recognized. The success of the State University System is due in large part to the collective commitment to higher education by Governor DeSantis and the leadership of the Florida Legislature. The System's 2023 legislative budget request aims to keep Florida's number one national ranking and provide students with a top-tier educational experience while prioritizing quality and affordability. I am energized to continue striving for success and excellence for every single student in the System.

Ray Rodrigues

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Staff News

The Florida Board of Governors has welcomed two staff members to the team!



Tony Lee III
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Public Policy



Rachel Kamoutsas
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

2022 National Academy of Inventors Fellows

Six State University System faculty members were honored as National Academy of Inventors Fellows for 2022

The National Academy of Inventors Fellows Program highlights academic inventors who have demonstrated a spirit of innovation in creating and facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on the quality of life, economic development, and the welfare of society.



Congratulations to Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, Florida State University, University of Central Florida, University of Florida, and University of South Florida!

Save the Date

January 17

Chancellor Presentation
House Higher Education
Appropriations
Capitol
Tallahassee, FL

January 18

Staff Presentation
Senate Education
Postsecondary Committee
Capitol
Tallahassee, FL

January 24-25

Florida Board of
Governors Meeting
Florida International
University
Miami, FL

February 22

Florida Board of
Governors Meeting-
Conference Call

March 28-29

Florida Board of
Governors Meeting
Florida Agricultural &
Mechanical University
Tallahassee, FL

May 10

Florida Board of
Governors Meeting-
Conference Call

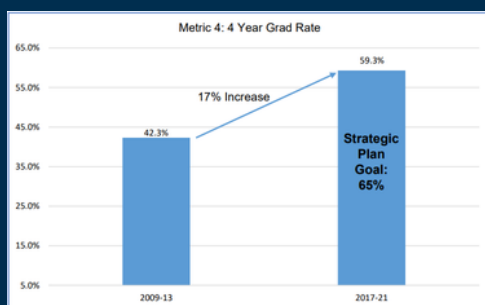
FUELING FLORIDA'S FUTURE



Invest in the SUS

Since implementing Performance-Based Funding:

17%
increase in
4-year
graduation
rates



More than half
of degrees
awarded in
programs of
strategic
emphasis

89.7%
decrease in the
average cost to
student

Average cost of a Bachelor's degree is now **\$1,550**

Over the last 5 years, this amount has decreased by 90%, thanks to an increase of \$747M in financial aid for Florida resident undergraduates

Did U know?



Two FSU College of Nursing faculty members have created the Institute on Digital Health and Innovation that will focus on the intersection of digital innovation, big data, and health care. The institute will emphasize the use of digital tools in health education, messaging, and treatment; inspire collaboration and innovation across the university and health care industry; and provide training for students and postdoctoral fellows through research. Additionally, the institute will provide practical experiences to students who could apply research and a digital health approach to careers, in, for example health care, public service or academia.

FAMU unveiled the new Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Center for Excellence in partnership with Aura Air, a leading global provider of smart air technology. The COE will serve as an authoritative center for studying, testing, and analyzing indoor air quality in the State of Florida. The Center will recommend methods and technology to effectively improve indoor air quality with active air monitoring, filtering, and ventilation. Additionally, the Center will house IAQ-related studies and serve as an education hub to support a state-wide IAQ program.



FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

Five researchers from Florida Poly have been recognized as being among the top 2% of scientists globally on a prestigious annual list compiled by Stanford University. This is the third year Florida Poly researchers were recognized on the list of top scientists in the world. The recognitions were separated into two categories: work and citations in the last year and work and citations over a scientist's entire career.

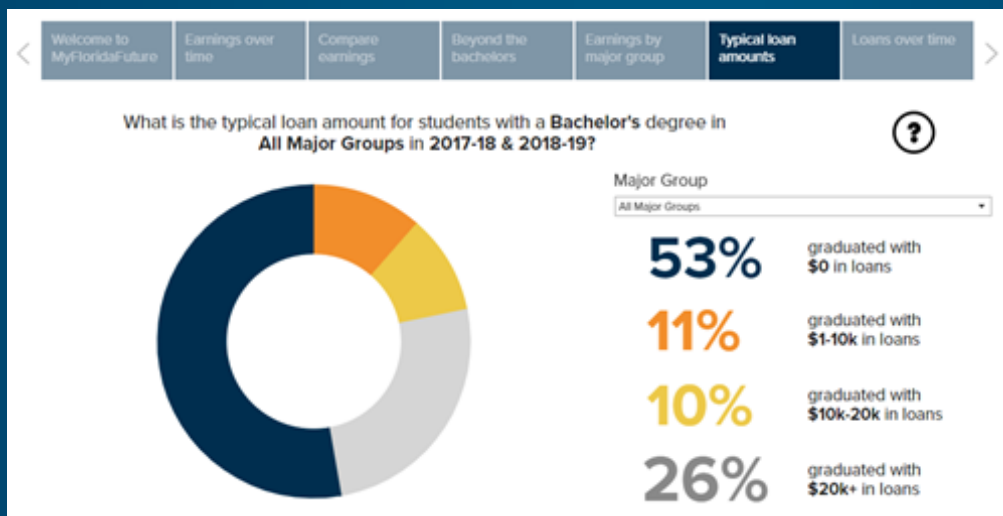


Many FGCU faculty and staff continue to face financial hardship as they work to recover from the loss and damage of their homes, vehicles, and personal belongings related to Hurricane Ian. In an effort to provide bridge funding to those facing storm-related financial challenges, FGCU created the Hurricane Ian Employee Loan Program. The funding is provided by the Foundation, the Financing Corporation and donations to the Ian Relief Fund. All impacted employees hired before Oct. 5, 2022, are eligible to apply for up to \$10,000. Loans are interest free and will be paid back through payroll deduction over the next three years. The Program application launched on Jan. 3, 2023 and full details of the loan terms are explained on the application.

Start planning early!

MYFLORIDAFUTURE

[MyFloridaFuture](#) is a free, online college and career planning tool that provides students, parents, and policymakers with a wealth of information to make better-informed decisions about educational options and future employment opportunities. Here's an example:



Among Florida residents who earn a bachelor's degree, 64% finish with less than \$10,000 in student loans!

Benefits to Students:

- Students can research and compare salary expectations for each institution and academic program
- Students can weigh the expected benefits of pursuing additional education
- Students can explore and better understand the future impact of student loans

Benefits to Florida:

- Informed consumers make better decisions
- Data is readily available to parents, students, policy makers and the public
- Efforts to educate about student debt may result in more disposable income

[VIEW MYFLORIDAFUTURE TOOL HERE](#)