



CHANCELLOR'S NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023 UPDATE

Chancellor's Message

Trustees,

As you heard at the June Board of Governors meeting, the State University System continues to make great strides in metrics focused on increasing student success, decreasing students costs, and producing more degrees for in-demand fields. Cybersecurity is one of these critical high demand areas. This update spotlights the impact of UWF, working in collaboration with our other institutions, as they lead the way in cybersecurity workforce development. I also want to emphasize a few other universities' critical strategic priorities that target performance and productivity. I am proud of the hard work by the Board of Governors and our university leadership as we continue to demonstrate a commitment to accountability, student success, affordability, and degree attainment.

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/

FUELING FLORIDA'S FUTURE

PERFORMANCE BASED FUNDING IMPROVEMENTS

Average cost of a bachelor's
degree is
\$3,400

after factoring in the state's investment in
Bright Futures and other financial aid.

The four highest-scoring institutions in the System were
FIU FSU UF USF

The System is graduating more Pell grant students in four years,
with 7 institutions improving more than 10 percentage points in
the last five years.

More African American & Hispanic students are receiving
bachelor's degrees, with 9 institutions improving in the last year.

4-year graduation rates have
increased
10% in the last five years
with all 12 institutions improving



Chancellor visits the UWF Center for Cybersecurity

This month, Chancellor Rodrigues visited the UWF Center for Cybersecurity to tour the facility and discuss continuing to advance the State University System of Florida as a leader in cybersecurity workforce development.

UWF's Center for Cybersecurity is a regional hub for cybersecurity education and research, including multidisciplinary programs and certificates, research opportunities, outreach activities, and industry partnerships. This June, UWF received the National Centers for Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity Community Outreach first place award at the 2023 NCAE-C Symposium in Seattle, Washington. UWF was designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity in 2016 and re-designated in 2022.

The Center also leads the National Cybersecurity Workforce Development Program, which has trained more than 1,700 transitioning military, first responders and veterans for cybersecurity jobs over the past three years, and serves as a scalable solution to address the national cybersecurity workforce gap.

Save the Date

August 29-30

Florida Board of Governors Meeting
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL

September 20

Florida Board of Governors Committee Workshops

November 8-9

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

More UWF Center for Cybersecurity Highlights

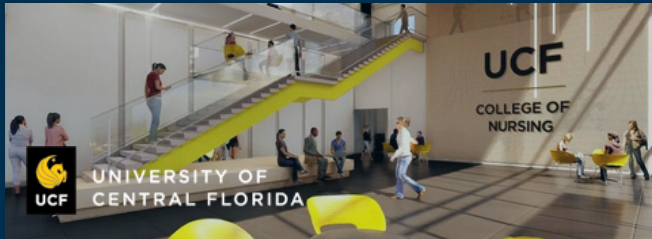
 Awarded approximately \$17 million in external grants and contracts over the past five years, including NSF, NSA, DoD, and a FL Dept. of Transportation research grant.

 Serves as the Southeast Regional Hub for National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity as designated by the National Security Agency, one of the five hubs across the country.

 Worked with 8 of 12 SUS institutions: FAMU, FAU, FIU, FSU, UCF, UF, UNF, and USF.

 Leverages strong industry partnerships including BAE Systems, Baptist Healthcare, Booz Allen Hamilton, General Dynamics IT, IBM, KPMG, L3 Harris, Northrop Grumman, Walmart

Did U Know?



UCF is partnering with two of Florida's leading healthcare systems and Florida's leading producer of nursing talent. Fueled by \$10 million in combined commitments from AdventHealth and Orlando Health, the UCF College of Nursing has moved a major step closer to a new building at Lake Nona that will enable the college to graduate hundreds of additional nurses annually who will care for patients throughout the region and state. The new building also will expand the college's capacity to educate future nursing faculty members who are needed to teach the nurses of tomorrow.

The UF Health Cancer Center has received a prestigious designation from the National Cancer Institute (NCI). The designation signifies that the UF Health Cancer Center has met rigorous standards in its leading-edge cancer research programs, advanced scientific leadership, distinctive training programs and forward-thinking community outreach. The Center will receive \$2.1 million annually from the NCI to enhance its ability to attract more world-class researchers and clinical investigators and train the next generation of cancer research workforce, while increasing its competitiveness for cancer research grants.



The University of South Florida accepted an invitation to become a member of the

AAU

Association of American Universities

Joining the University of Florida as the second institution in the State University System to become a member.

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FGCU has landed nearly \$22.9 million grant through the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Good Jobs Challenge. The grant will be spread over three years and focuses on collaborative workforce development in their five-county region. With this grant, FGCU will have the opportunity to advance their micro-credentialing program while creating accelerated pathways for workforce development alongside partner institutes of higher education, K-12 public school systems and technical colleges throughout the region. These regional collaboration will create a resilient and vibrant workforce to advance and diversify Florida's economy.