



# CHANCELLOR'S NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023 UPDATE

## Chancellor's Message

Trustees,

The 2023 Legislative Session has concluded, and I would like to thank each one of you for your advocacy efforts on behalf of the State University System. Additionally, we appreciate the Florida Legislature and Governor's continued support in funding many of the System's most critical priorities, particularly in performance-based funding. These priorities are the foundation of Florida's status as the #1 state in the nation for higher education for the 7th year. I would also like to thank the presidents, trustees, staff, and faculty at each of our campuses for remaining committed to student success. Finally, to all of our System graduates- CONGRATULATIONS! We are very proud of your accomplishments!

Ray Rodrigues

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# FLORIDA *remains* #1



## IN THE NATION for Higher Education for the 7th year

by U.S. News & World Report

[Read more here](#)



# Florida Capitol Intern Speaker Series

During this legislative session, the Governmental Relations offices of the State University System came together to organize a Speaker Series exclusively for system students interning at the Florida Capitol. Held over four Fridays at the FSU Turnbull Center, the Speaker Series featured representatives, as well as former and current legislative staffers, who shared their experiences with students.

In addition, students were given the opportunity to ask questions related to career development. These Friday morning sessions also served as an excellent platform for students to connect with legislative interns from other state university institutions and interact with their respective coordinators. The Speaker Series is just one way that our SUS institutions are showing their commitment to workforce and student development.

## Save the Date

**May 10**

Florida Board of Governors Meeting- Conference Call

**June 21-22**

Florida Board of Governors Meeting USF- Tampa, FL

**August 29-30**

Florida Board of Governors Meeting University of Florida Gainesville, FL

**September 20**

Florida Board of Governors Committee Workshops New College of Florida Sarasota, FL

**November 8-9**

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

## 2023-2024 Final Budget Highlights

**Operating - \$1 billion over the current year recurring base budget. Key initiatives funded include:**

- \$350 M for Performance-based Funding
- \$100 M for Performance-based Recruitment & Retention
- \$100 M for Preeminence
- \$389 M for Operational Enhancements/Support

**Fixed Capital Outlay - \$726 million**

- \$682 M for 39 projects
- \$46 M for CITF

# Did U Know?



## Five Florida universities rank in the new Top 100 worldwide utility patent report

Five State University System institutions rank in the Top 100 institutions granted U.S. utility patents according to the Top 100 Worldwide Universities Granted U.S. Utility Patents in 2022 released last month by the National Academy of Inventors and the Intellectual Property Owners Association. The report uses data obtained from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and highlights the vital role patents play in university research and innovation.

The SUS institutions included in the Top 100 and their rankings are as follows:

- #16 - University of Florida: 139 patents
- #35 - University of South Florida: 84 patents
- #52 - University of Central Florida: 63 patents
- #56 - Florida International University: 59 patents
- #96 - Florida State University: 33 patents



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

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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 - 3:00 pm

More details and registration information will be sent out in the next few months.

# University Days at the Capitol



*Congratulations to FAU Basketball for their historical season!*



*NCAA  
Final Four*

