

START THE
UF
TRADITION

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

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70,000 Gators and not 1 to spare

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TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES

- Encourage your student to take **First Year Florida**- students who take this one credit hour transition course have higher GPA's and are more likely to graduate on time; a maximum of 24 students in each class!
- Encourage involvement in a variety of student activities
- Join the Gator Parent and Family Association!
- Your student should begin working with the nationally ranked Career Resource Center right away.
- Need help solving a problem? - UF's philosophy is to work through the person most directly involved
- Be aware of UF deadlines and resources
- Communicate frequently with your student
- Take the opportunity to talk about your expectations concerning alcohol use, money management, wellness and integrity
- Contact the Dean of Students Office if you are concerned for your student's well being. Trust your instincts! umatter@ufl.edu

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

- Students add their Emergency Contact Information to the UF Directory System online (**OneUF**)
- Official Source of UF Emergency Information
www.ufl.edu
 - ufalert.ufl.edu
 - emergency.ufl.edu
- UF Emergency Hotline
 - **1-866-UF FACTS**
- Student Emergencies
 - Contact Dean of Students Office during business hours, umatter@ufl.edu 7 days/week, or UFPD 24/7/365 at 352-392-1111



GATOR PARENT AND FAMILY ASSOCIATION

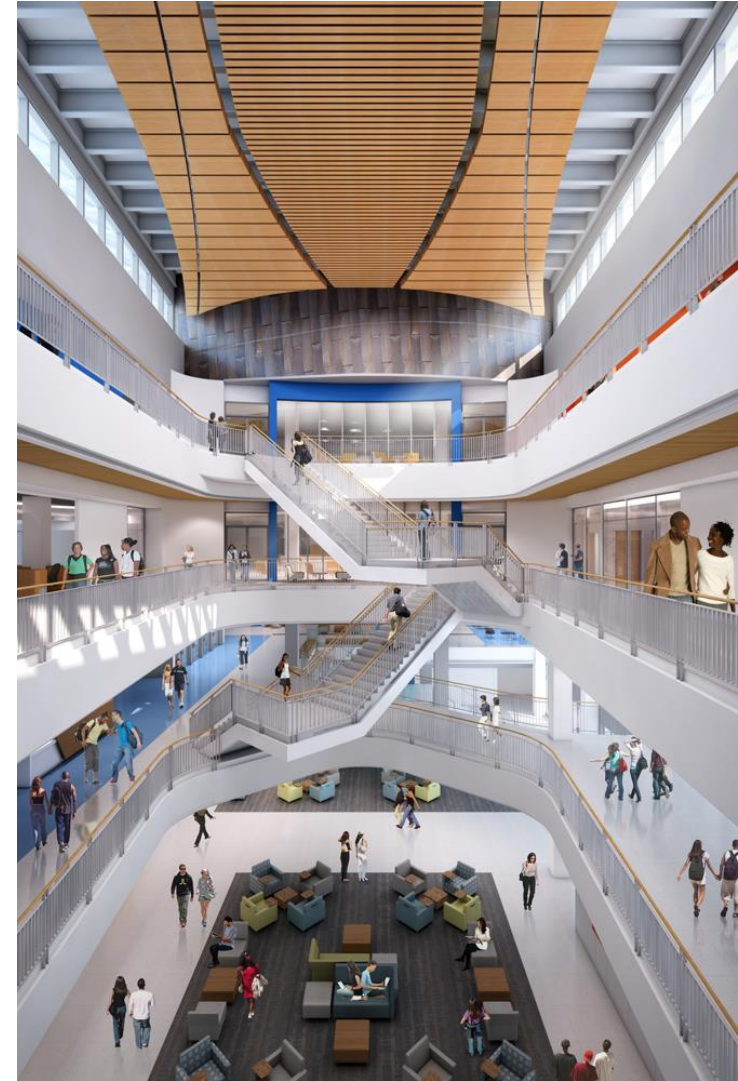
- Activate your membership on the Dean of Students website under New Student and Family Programs- Families:
www.dso.ufl.edu/nsfp/families
- 47,000 members
- Family Weekend, newsletter, crisis communication, online chats, Facebook groups and more...



J. WAYNE REITZ UNION

www.union.ufl.edu ~ (352) 392-1649

The Union provides services and programs to UF students including GatorNights!, the Game Room, the Arts and Crafts Center, as well as a food court, bookstore, and event spaces!





UF-400 - Single Student Housing 2015

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ASSOCIATES

Disability Resource Center

www.dso.ufl.edu/drc ~ (352) 392-8568

Over 8000 tests are proctored each year

Over 1800 students are registered

Accommodations for registered students

Proctored testing and assistive technology provided

INFINITY HALL



UF FOOD PANTRY

- Part of U Matter We Care in partnership with Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and many others
- Opened in August
- Over 3000 fed; more than 10,000 pounds donated
- Open to students for whom food insecurity is a barrier to success
- Will focus on local, fresh produce



GATOR CAREER CLOSET

- Summer 2016, Peabody Hall 3rd floor
- Lending professional clothes to students
- Donate? GatorCareerCloset@dso.ufl.edu





DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **Career Resource Center**
 - Ranked the #1 Career Center by the *Princeton Review* (2010 & 2012)
 - From career planning to major exploration, the CRC has you covered!
- **Center for Leadership and Service**
 - Students performed 174,614 hours of community service at a value of approximately \$3.7 million
- **Counseling and Wellness Center**
 - Services include: individual counseling, psychiatric services, testing, group therapy, and biofeedback
- **Florida Opportunity Scholars Program**
 - 64% four-year graduation rate which is comparable to UF rate (64-65%)



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■ GatorWell Health Promotion Services

- Services include: wellness coaching for academic success and appointments with health promotion specialists on topics such as relaxation, time management, and alcohol and other drugs

■ Housing and Residence Education

- Living in a residence hall adds a 12% net advantage to a student's chance of persisting in college & graduating

■ J. Wayne Reitz Union

- Facility includes a game room, arts & crafts center, event space, food court, bookstore, barber shop and more

■ Multicultural and Diversity Affairs

- 86% of all available days throughout the year has a program or event planned by Multicultural & Diversity Affairs



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■ Dean of Students Office:

- Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution
- New Student and Family Programs
- Disability Resource Center
- Care Team
- Food Pantry
- Gator Career Closet
- Collegiate Veterans Success Center

■ Student Activities and Involvement

- UF has over 1000 registered student organizations
- 22% of undergraduates are Greek

■ Recreational Sports

- 165 group fitness classes per week & 48 club sports teams





Being a Gator means caring about the Gator Nation! If you or a fellow Gator is in distress, contact U Matter, We Care. In case of an emergency, contact the University of Florida Police Department at 352-392-1111.



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