



THIS IS FLORIDA BASEBALL

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

College Baseball's Best of Both Worlds

The University of Florida is the ideal setting for student-athletes to continue their baseball careers. Each year, Gator baseball players have the opportunity to compete for national and conference championship rings. UF student-athletes will play for one of the best coaching staffs in the nation. They will play in college baseball's best and most followed conference. Gator baseball players will have the opportunity to attend one of the most prestigious universities in the nation. They will utilize some of the nation's finest college baseball facilities. Gator baseball players will also receive the national exposure needed when draft day approaches. In short, the Florida baseball program provides student-athletes with the maximum opportunity to succeed - both on and off the field.

WINNING TRADITION

When a student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at the University of Florida, he signs on with one of the most respected college baseball programs in the nation. Over the last 13 years, the Gators have appeared in 10 NCAA Tournaments and have advanced to the College World Series three times. They have won 40 or more games seven times, captured three SEC regular-season titles and placed first in the SEC's Eastern Division four times.

In all, Florida has made five trips to Omaha, Neb., for the CWS and enjoyed 24 NCAA Regional appearances in the 94-year history of its baseball program. The Gators have claimed a conference-best 18 division championships, 10 SEC regular-season titles, an accomplishment that ties for third in the league, five SEC Tournament crowns, been ranked No. 1 in the nation 13 times by four different polls and have hosted seven NCAA Regionals and one NCAA Super Regional at McKethan Stadium. In addition, 31 different individuals have earned 74 All-America honors and a total of 133 Gators have been drafted by Major League Baseball teams in the last four decades.



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

A lot of schools talk about academic and athletic excellence, but the University of Florida is just one of a handful of schools in the entire nation ranking among the elite for successful attainment and achievement in both areas. Consider, UF and Stanford are the only schools to be ranked in the top five in two recent surveys on combined academic and athletic excellence. A 1999 national survey by The Sporting News, which ranked schools in combined areas of success, graduation rates, support, Title IX compliance and commitment to excellence, ranked Florida among the nation's five elite schools.

Florida's Office of Student Life is considered a national trendsetter in the area of student-athlete development and care. Since 1980, the University has had more SEC Academic Honor Roll selections than any other school in the conference, including a school and league-record 193 selections during the 2002-03 school year. It was also listed as the third-best college value for NCAA Division I baseball in the September 1998 issue of Money Magazine. "Com-

pared with most of the South's other state schools, the University of Florida is like fresh squeezed orange juice alongside the stuff that comes in a can," wrote The Selective Guide to Colleges.

MONEY MAGAZINE'S BEST VALUES FOR NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL

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| 1. Rice | 9. Virginia |
| 2. North Carolina | 10. Georgia Tech |
| 3. FLORIDA | 11. Ohio |
| 4. Washington | 12. Georgia |
| 5. Texas | 13. Clemson |
| 6. Illinois | 14. Florida State |
| 7. James Madison | 15. California |
| 8. Yale | |

TOP-RATE COACHING STAFF

At Florida, student-athletes will have the opportunity to learn from one of the hardest-working coaching staffs in America. That reputation itself begins with head coach Kevin O'Sullivan. Assistant coaches Craig Bell, Brad Weitzel and Don Norris comprise one of the best support staffs in the country. In a word, the Florida coaching staff has the contacts, know-how and expertise to get student-athletes where they need to go. However, what sets the Gator staff apart from others in college baseball is its dedication to the student-athlete, its desire to help each individual become the best player and person they can possibly be and its pursuit of excellence academically and athletically.

FINE FACILITIES

Already boasting one of the nation's finest college baseball facilities, a \$13-million dollar expansion to McKethan Stadium and the Lemerand Athletic Center that was completed in the fall of 2006 enhances Florida's complex even more. This state-of-the-art facility, connected to McKethan Stadium, houses the entire Gator baseball program with its first-rate locker room, equipment room and high-tech training room. The coaches' offices have a field-level view into the stadium for convenient access. The construction project also resulted in additional stadium seating and another building that includes a new bullpen/batting cage with concessions and an upper deck overlooking the playing field.

According to Baseball America's 1998 college baseball stadium rankings, McKethan Stadium was listed No. 7 nationally and was rated the No. 1 college baseball field in the state of Florida. The stadium offers seating for 5,500, enclosed batting cages beyond the center-field wall, a modern lighting system and grounds crew. McKethan Stadium also features one of the nation's best college baseball press boxes, which houses satellite TV, four television and radio booths/skyboxes, an internal public address system, along with a modern scoreboard and a brand-new P.A. system for fans' enjoyment.

EXPOSURE & ATTENTION

Each year, the Gator baseball program is guaranteed 12 televised games on Sun Sports, the primary source for TV coverage of University of Florida athletic events that is available in over 6.5 million homes in Florida. Managed by FOX Sports, Sun Sports is the state's leading regional sports and public affairs network, reaching 99 percent of Florida's cable homes. In fact, more UF baseball games are televised than games of 75 percent of NCAA Division I football programs.

Over the last 21 seasons, Florida baseball has appeared more times on television than any college baseball program. The Gators have appeared on television 407 times, including 34 appearances on national television (CBS, CSTV, ESPN, ESPN2) since 1988. UF takes advantage of its deals with Sun Sports and the SEC's contract with FOX Sports to appear on regional television an average of 19 times per season.

UF also benefits from the Gator Radio Network, which broadcasts the entire baseball schedule and reaches six stations across the state. All of the team's radio broadcasts can be accessed on the World Wide Web via www.GatorZone.com and selected games are carried on GatorVision Online, a live streaming video and audio service through the Florida Athletics home page. In addition, eight of the top 10 newspapers in the Southeast are located in the Sunshine State, while seven of the nation's top-100 television markets are located within the state.



OUTSTANDING FAN SUPPORT

Only a handful of schools around the nation support their baseball programs like the University of Florida. During the spring, Florida baseball is "the" game in town. Over the last decade, nearly one million fans have stepped foot in McKethan Stadium. The Gators have ranked among the nation's top-15 schools in attendance in nine of the last 12 seasons and have rated among the nation's top-25 schools in attendance for 13 consecutive seasons. Florida has recorded the top-10 single-game crowds and the five biggest three-game series totals over the past 11 campaigns. During that span, UF has drawn 19 crowds in excess of 5,000 fans and established single-game attendance records on six occasions. The Gainesville area is an integral part of Florida athletics and the presence of the Gator Dugout Club has been another boost to UF's baseball team.

COLLEGE RIVALRIES

At Florida, student-athletes compete in some of college baseball's most heated and emotional rivalries. Each year, the Gators play several games against in-state rivals Florida State and Miami. Those games draw in excess of 5,000 fans per contest at each ballpark. The meeting between UF and the Seminoles at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville on April 3, 2007, drew 12,280 fans, the second-largest crowd in the facility's existence. In addition, the SEC schedule offers some of the best weekend competition in the country, as the Gators play host and travel to some of the nation's top collegiate baseball programs. It's no wonder that year-in and year-out, Florida navigates one of the nation's top-10 most difficult schedules.

WEATHER

Nowhere in the country can student-athletes enjoy better weather for baseball than in Florida. The abundant sunshine and warm temperatures provide a perfect environment for student-athletes to improve their game. The winter months of December, January and February are among the nicest of the year, as temperatures climb into the mid-60's. Gainesville also receives 258 days of sunshine per year.

THE SEC

Florida's student-athletes compete at the highest level of college baseball in the Southeastern Conference. It is no secret that the nation's best college baseball is played in the SEC. The league's dominance and respect in college baseball are SECond to none.

- Since 1990, 122 SEC squads have received NCAA Tournament bids to lead the nation, 23 SEC squads have posted 50+ win seasons, while 91 have won 40+ games in a season.



CHANGE EVERY YEAR AT OMAHA

In 10 of the past 13 years, Florida has appeared in the NCAA Tournament. Only a handful of the nation's schools have the facilities, winning tradition and fan support to host an NCAA Regional - and Florida is one of the chosen few. The University is dedicated to hosting national events in all sports. Of the seven times McKethan Stadium has hosted a Regional, the Gators have advanced to the College World Series four times. It is that type of advantage that gives UF a better chance of reaching college baseball's "Promised Land," Omaha's Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium.



- A nation-leading 36 SEC teams have earned College World Series berths since 1990, winning six of the last 19 NCAA titles (1990, 1991, 1993, 1996, 1997 and 2000) and posting four runner-up finishes (1997, 2002, 2005 and 2008).
- Nine different SEC programs, Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Tennessee, have made CWS appearances since 1990, the most squads from a conference to appear in Omaha during that span.
- SEC squads have appeared in 23 of the last 24 College World Series, with the lone miss in 1992.
- Since 1990, an SEC team has played in 114 of the 270 games in the College World Series, an amazing 42.2 percent of the games. In 2004, 12 of the 15 games contested in Omaha involved an SEC team.
- The SEC has had an NCAA-high 10 different teams compete in the history of the College World Series.
- SEC teams have also been strong in the polls. Since 1990, 88 conference teams have appeared in the final Baseball America poll, 95 in the final Collegiate Baseball poll and, since 1992, 85 in the final Baseball Weekly poll.

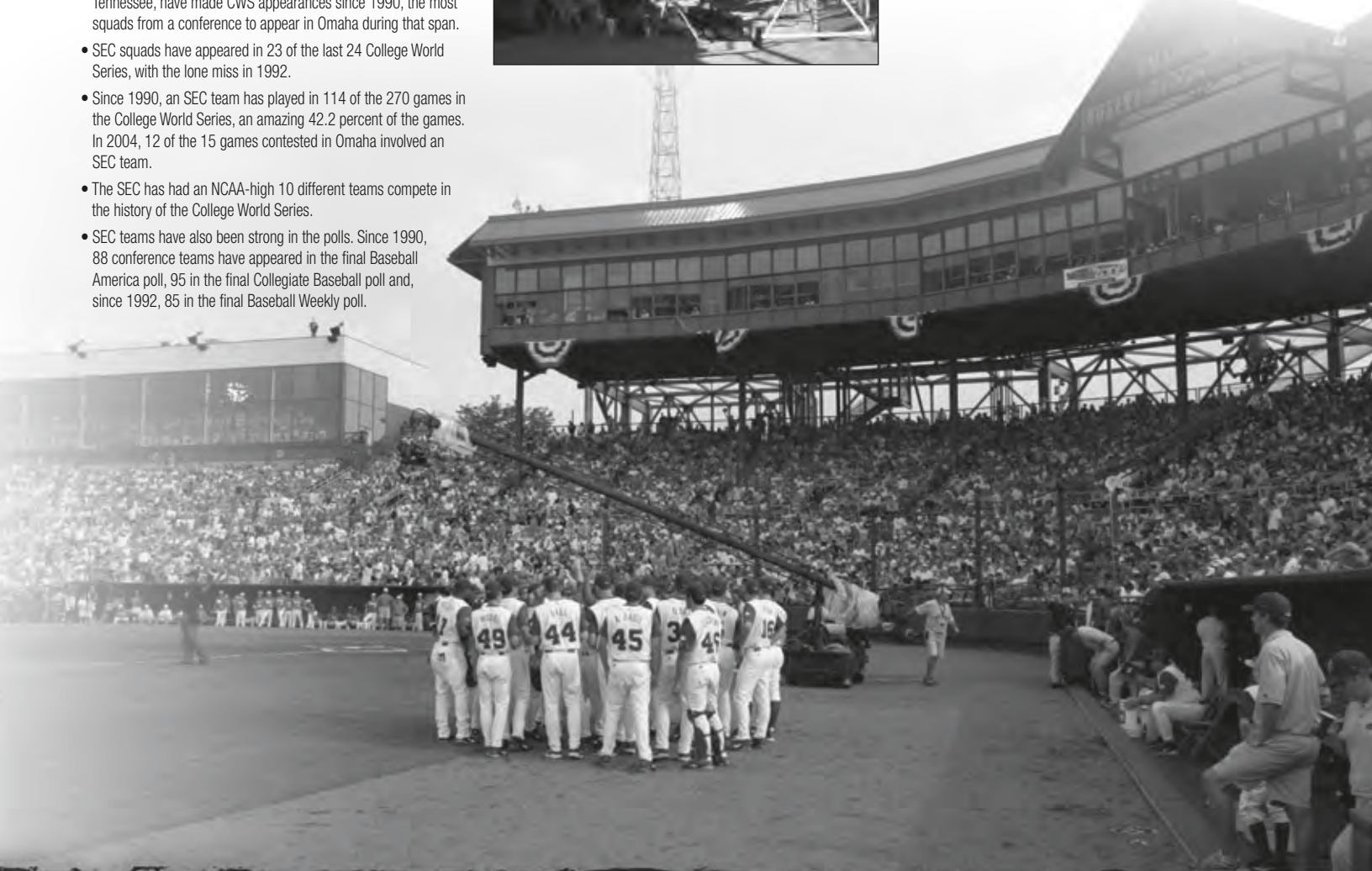
SEC HISTORICAL INFORMATION

NCAA REGIONAL APPEARANCES

Mississippi State	28
FLORIDA	24
South Carolina	24
LSU	22
Arkansas	21
Alabama	18
Auburn	17
Ole Miss	14
Georgia	9
Tennessee	9
Vanderbilt	7
Kentucky	6

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES APPEARANCES

LSU	14
Mississippi State	8
South Carolina	8
Georgia	6
Alabama	5
Arkansas	5
FLORIDA	5
Auburn	4
Ole Miss	4
Tennessee	4





ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

A university education is one of the most significant and most important choices a student makes, for it will affect the rest of his life.

A University of Florida education is a sound investment with unparalleled long-term benefits:

- Florida's undergraduate programs are among the most highly-ranked in the nation.
- Florida's students are happy: 94% of freshmen return for their sophomore year - one of the highest percentages in the country.
- New students will find that personal attention abounds: UF offers intimate learning communities, undergraduate research opportunities, small classes and discussion groups. The average class size is fewer than 30 students.
- The University provides a safe and secure campus environment and Gainesville is consistently named one of the best places to live in the nation.

- State-of-the-art learning facilities, including wireless networks in classrooms, dining facilities, lounges and common areas all over campus.
- World-class research facilities, including scientific equipment, laboratories and a library system housing more than four million volumes - the state's largest information resource system.
- UF offers a comprehensive support system for students to provide the best possible learning experience. The Office of Student Life - working specifically with Gator student-athletes - offers tutoring, counseling, peer mediation, academic workshops, career advising, disability resources and more.
- UF has a much higher graduation rate than the national average among universities, and it has the highest graduation rate in the state.
- UF graduates join an alumni network with over 300,000 active alumni in all 50 states and 131 foreign countries. Florida Gators are everywhere and are eager to help fellow Gators with career and professional connections.
- The Career Resource Center helps thousands of students each year find summer internships, apply to graduate and professional schools, and find permanent jobs after graduation.
- UF became the first university in the world to be designated a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" (2005) for environmental and wildlife management, resource conservation, waste management, and outreach and education.

UF RANKS AMONG THE NATION'S ELITE

Enrollment	5th
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DEGREES AWARDED

Bachelor's	3rd
Master's	7th
Doctoral	4th
1st Professional	1st

DEGREES AWARDED TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS

Bachelor's	2nd
Master's	13th
Doctoral	5th
1st Professional	3rd

DEGREES AWARDED TO HISPANIC STUDENTS

Bachelor's	3rd
Master's	3rd
Doctoral	2nd
1st Professional	1st

Undergraduate School	National	SEC
Taxation	5th	1st
Chemical Engineering	8th	1st
Industrial Engineering	9th	1st
Marketing	9th	1st
Finance	10th	1st
Nuclear Engineering	10th	1st
Materials Engineering	10th	1st
Agricultural Engineering	11th	1st
Accounting	11th	1st
Mechanical Engineering	12th	1st
Aerospace Engineering	12th	1st
Environmental Engineering	14th	1st
Business	17th	1st

THE GATOR NATION

There is no bond stronger than the one formed when you become a member of The Gator Nation. In every corner of the globe, Gators accomplish remarkable feats with innovative thinking and inspired collaboration. The Gator Nation knows no boundaries.

UF UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

The Foundation for The Gator Nation



Former Gators Chris Petrie (l) and Austin Pride with baseball's academic counselor Ann Hughes following graduation exercises in December 2007.



Florida ranks **THIRD** among all Division I programs in total points earned in the 15-year history of the National All-Sports Rankings.

Florida and UCLA are the only schools in the nation to finish in the top 10 in the National All-Sports Rankings every year since the 1983-84 academic year.

SEC LEADER

The Gators have captured the overall Southeastern Conference All-Sports title in all but three of the last 21 years.

CONFERENCE CROWNS

Florida's 180 SEC titles lead the league's all-time totals.

GATOR SLAM

The Gator football team's win in the 2007 Tostitos BCS National Championship Game made Florida the first athletic program to hold both the men's basketball and football national titles in the same calendar year. In April of 2007, the men's basketball team won its second-consecutive NCAA title, making the Gator program the first to hold both the football and men's basketball titles in the same academic year.

TOP TEAMS

Since 1980, Florida teams have ranked in the final top 10 national poll in their respective sports 250 times, including 12 teams in 2007-08. Gator teams have finished among the nation's top three 88 times since 1980.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES

Since 1980, Gator student-athletes have won 171 individual national titles and earned 3,104 All-America honors. Overall, UF student-athletes have captured 214 individual national titles and 3,543 All-America accolades.

FANTASTIC FACILITIES

Florida facilities are among the best in the nation! Since 1986, there have been more than \$199.3 million in capital improvements, including two major expansions of the football stadium, a multipurpose athletic field house, new facilities for tennis, track & field, soccer, baseball, golf, softball and swimming, in addition to the basketball practice complex. The UAA played a role in the \$4.1 million academic advising center on the University of Florida campus.

GIVING BACK

In an era when the NCAA estimates 84 percent of Division I schools are losing money on intercollegiate athletics, the Gator athletic program continues to have an impact in regard to University academic programs. Since 1990, the University Athletic Association has contributed more than \$48.2 million to the University to fund academic endeavors.

UF ANNUAL FINISHES IN NATIONAL ALL-SPORTS RANKINGS

Academic Year	UF Finish
1983-84	5th
1984-85	4th
1985-86	8th
1986-87	4th
1987-88	5th
1988-89	9th
1989-90	5th
1990-91	5th
1991-92	5th
1992-93	4th
1993-94	4th
1994-95	5th
1995-96	3rd
1996-97	5th
1997-98	T2nd
1998-99	4th
1999-00	7th
2000-01	7th
2001-02	3rd
2002-03	7th
2003-04	6th
2004-05	6th
2005-06	5th
2006-07	6th
2007-08	6th



THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE



Recognizing that student-athletes face unique pressures, the University of Florida Athletic Association instituted the Office of Student Life (OSL) in 1979.

The OSL is located in the Academic Advisement Center, which is one block east of Ben Hill Griffin Football Stadium. The facility, which opened in the fall of 1995, features offices for the staff, 15 tutor rooms, two video rooms (for viewing class lectures available on video), two computer labs (each housing 18 computers) and a study room.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The University Athletic Association budget for academic support is \$1.93 million, for an average of \$4,196 per student-athlete.
- Since 1992, UF has honored 71 Academic All-Americans to rank fourth among all Division I colleges.
- Three Gators have been selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-American Hall of Fame, the second best total in the nation.
- 22 Gator student-athletes have earned NCAA post-graduate scholarships.
- 348 Gator student-athletes participated in 1,877 hours of community service for Goodwill Gator activities in 2007-08, partnering with 43 schools, 27 civic organizations and 19 non-profit organizations.
- Florida had 187 members of the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll in 2007-08, tying last season as the second-highest total in school history. UF is the only school to place 100-plus student-athletes on the SEC Academic Honor Roll for each of the last 11 years.
- Florida leads all league schools with 2,519 Academic Honor Roll recipients since 1980, which includes an SEC-best 1,805 recipients in the last 11 seasons. The Gators have the highest number of both men's and women's recipients during that stretch.



Gator student-athletes receive one-on-one instruction in the Cassisi Learning Lab.

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE (OSL) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

OSL MISSION & PHILOSOPHY:

The mission of the Office of Student Life (OSL) team is to prepare students for life after college. The OSL is committed to empowering student-athletes to develop responsibility, self-reliance, interdependence, personal values and leadership skills. The award-winning OSL demonstrates UF's commitment to the total student-athlete by providing comprehensive CHAMPS/Life programs which include academic counseling, tutoring, career and leadership development, community service and extensive services for students with learning disabilities.

WHO ARE THEY?

- ✓ 15 full-time staff members

WHAT DO THEY DO?

- ✓ We focus on three important areas of every student-athlete's collegiate experience: Academic, Personal Counseling & Development and Professional/Career

ACADEMIC:

- ✓ Academic Advising
 - Priority registration
 - Open door policy – advising 24/7
 - Counselor travels with teams
- ✓ Academic Mentoring
- ✓ Tutorial Services
 - More than 100 tutors with Master's or Ph.D. degrees are available to student-athletes
 - Group
 - Individual
 - Strategy Tutors specifically for athletes with learning disabilities
 - Monitored classes
- ✓ Creswell Computer Learning Program System
- ✓ Cassisi Learning Lab
- ✓ Study Hall
 - Mandatory 8 hours for all freshmen; 5 hours for all sophomores
 - Two computer labs for student-athlete use only
 - Study rooms and common areas

PERSONAL COUNSELING & DEVELOPMENT:

- ✓ Student-Athlete Assistance Program
 - Consists of various athletic department and UF staff and professional counselors
- ✓ Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
 - Study rooms and common areas
 - Advocate for student-athletes' rights, share academic, financial and social information with teammates, participate in opportunities to enhance leadership skills, promote special events for student-athletes, etc.
- ✓ Individual and/or Group Seminars
 - Examples: stress & time management, nutrition, financial responsibility, media relations
- ✓ New Student Orientation
- ✓ Student Development in a University Setting - Freshman/Sophomore Class

PROFESSIONAL/CAREER:

- ✓ Career Exploration & Development - Works closely with UF and Career Resource Center to promote career exploration
 - Career Counseling
 - Internship & career expo for student-athletes only
 - SDS 3340 – Junior/Senior Class
 - Gator Career Network – offers assistance with job shadowing, mentoring, career counseling, internships and summer employment
- ✓ Goodwill Gators Community Service Program
 - Gives back to the Gainesville community; volunteer opportunities to serve the community and promote the personal and professional growth of our student-athletes
- ✓ Professional Sports Counseling Panel
 - Authorized by the NCAA
- ✓ Publications
 - Graduating Gators
 - Professional Profile
 - Gator Connection
 - Gator Link
 - Student-Athlete Handbook



Ann Hughes, Assistant Director for Student Services, oversees the Gator baseball team's academic progress.

SEC BASEBALL ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL SELECTIONS OVER PAST FIVE YEARS

Mississippi State	99
South Carolina	71
FLORIDA	66
Arkansas	63
Vanderbilt	58
LSU	57
Kentucky	56
Georgia	44
Ole Miss	40
Tennessee	38
Alabama	30
Auburn	24

CASSISI LEARNING LAB

Ready for use in July of 2004, The Cassisi Learning Lab features eight individual soundproof rooms that are used by the Learning Strategy Tutor Program, which services the student-athletes with disabilities. The state-of-the-art \$300,000 addition is located on the third floor of the Academic Advising Building. The addition of these rooms addresses the increasing need for a separate area that meets the specific needs of student-athletes with learning disabilities. Each room has its own computer and printer with specific programs aimed at teaching learning strategies to the students in the areas of organization, time management, and study skills. Each room provides an environment for one-on-one tutoring which minimizes distraction while providing a quiet and separate area to learn.

OSL'S APPROACH TO ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

Advising student-athletes in planning a course of study leading toward graduation is one of the most important functions of the Office of Student Life. Their approach to advising encourages the collaborative efforts of student-athletes, faculty and the OSL staff to develop a plan of action tailored to the unique needs of each student-athlete. Academic advising is essential to the student-athlete's success at the University of Florida.

Until a student-athlete is accepted into the college of his selected major, his OSL counselor is his guide through class selection and registration. Once he is accepted into a college, class selection and registration is a combined effort between his college advisor and his OSL counselor. This double-team effort assists him until the degree is complete!

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Orientation & Assessment
- Academic Advisement
- Tutorial Services
- Personal Counseling and Referral
- Study Skills
- Career Exploration and Development
- Personal Development
- Life Management Skills
- Community Service
- Leadership Training
- Comprehensive Substance Abuse Education
- Gambling Awareness

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM



REW WOODRUFF
coordinates UF's Life Skills Program.

Florida's Office of Student Life has been selected as one of 50 programs in the country to participate in the NCAA Life Skills Program. The mission of the NCAA Life Skills Program is to provide a systematic personal development program designed to reach each student-athlete based on his or her individual needs. The focus of the program is on the individual as a whole person - academically, athletically and emotionally - and on the changing needs and skills of that person in the years during college and after graduation.

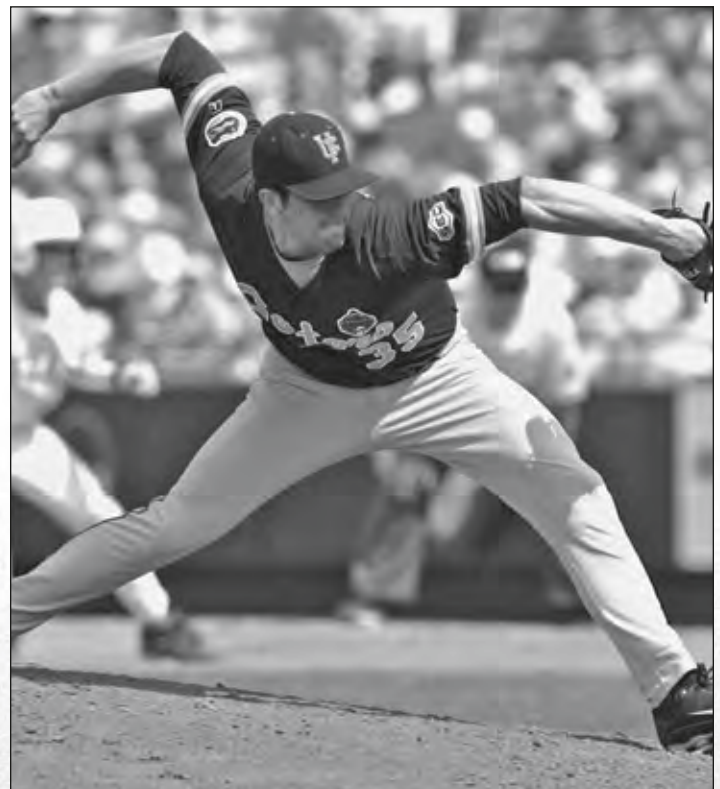
Florida's CHAMPS/Life Skills program was one of seven programs in the nation to be recognized as a program of excellence for their accomplishments and commitment to preparing student-athletes for life in October of 1998.

Within the Office of Student Life is the Gator Career Network, a career counseling and placement network which assists Gator student-athletes in achieving their career goals away from athletic competition.

The Gator Career Network, which employs a career counselor, works closely with the career placement office on the University of Florida campus in helping student-athletes in such things as resume writing, interview techniques, job research and selection and job and internship placement.

The OSL also teaches a Career and Life Span Planning course offered to junior and senior student-athletes that aides with the transition away from the athletics world. Topics include dietary changes, job search strategies, graduate school preparation and financial responsibility.

Seventeen members of the Gator baseball team were named to the 2008 Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll. The total matched the highest number of Academic All-SEC recipients for Florida baseball in school history, equaling the 17 in 2003, and marked the sixth-consecutive year that the team reached double-digit honorees.



In 2006, right-hander Darren O'Day became just the fourth Gator baseball player to achieve Academic All-America acclaim, joining Fred Bretz (1970), Ray Hull (1972) and David Eckstein (1996, 97). The first UF player to be chosen Academic All-District III three-consecutive years, O'Day earned his bachelor's degree in animal biology and is now playing professionally for the New York Mets.



NUTRITIONAL GUIDANCE & HEALTH CARE



A TYPICAL MENU AT THE TRAINING TABLE

Meals at the Training Table are designed with the competitive athlete's health and performance in mind. A typical dinner includes:

Salad Bar	Fresh Fruit Bar	11 oz. Sirloin Steak
Roasted Chicken Quarters	Crab Legs	Baked Lasagna
Baked Potato Bar	Brown Rice	Turnip Greens
Steamed Broccoli w/ Cheese on Side	Corn Bread Squares	Wheat & Pumpkinroll Rolls
Soft-Serve Yogurt Bar	Smoothies	



The Gator Sports Nutrition Department is committed to providing cutting-edge nutrition education, counseling, food service and supplementation to all Florida student-athletes. The staff aims to enhance athletic performance, promote optimal health status and support injury rehabilitation.

The Gator Training Table is just one of the many dining facilities available to Florida student-athletes on the UF campus. The Training Table features menus specifically designed by UF's nutritionist to meet athletes' individual needs and is exclusively available to Gator student-athletes.

FULL-TIME SPORTS NUTRITIONISTS ON STAFF

- Individually-Designed Meal Plans
- One-on-One Nutritional Counseling
- Computerized Diet Analysis
- Hydration Education & Monitoring
- Pre-Competition & Travel Meal Plans
- Nutritional Planning for Athletes Completing Eligibility



Now in his fifth year at Florida, John Barrett is the Head Athletic Trainer for the Gator baseball program.

HEALTH CARE

The University of Florida employs one of the finest sports medicine staffs in the nation. The athletic training staff has the resources available to care for the student-athletes with the most up-to-date treatment techniques to both prevent and rehabilitate injuries.

Full-time athletic trainer **John Barrett** works directly with the Florida baseball team at each practice and competition. He is assisted in 2008-09 by student athletic trainers **Erin Campbell** and **Dustin Lilly**, as well as several other student athletic trainers. In addition to the sports medicine staff, the Gators have direct access to various health care professionals. The UAA sports medicine staff includes **Dr. Pete Indelicato**, Head Team Physician; **Dr. Jocelyn Gravlee**, Team Physician; **Dr. Mike Moser**, Orthopedic Surgeon and **Marty Huegel**, Physical Therapist.



UF's Nutritional Consultant, Cheryl Zonkowski, works directly with the baseball team. Shown here with members of the gymnastics team, she meets with all Gator student-athletes to discuss their nutritional needs.

NUTRITION SERVICES OFFERED TO GATOR ATHLETES

FEED:

- Sports Dietitian-designed Training Table meals
- The Training Table is a dining facility open exclusively to athletes
- Guidance regarding pre-competition meals and travel meals

COUNSEL:

One-on-one nutritional counseling

- Performance nutrition
- Weight loss/weight gain
- Health issues
- Injury rehabilitation
- Individually-designed meal plans
- Hydration monitoring
- Nutrition supplements to improve health and performance
- Nutritional counseling for athletes completing athletic eligibility

Body composition analysis

- Evaluation of health and performance markers throughout the year via Bod Pod analysis

EDUCATE:

- Team nutrition education
- Athlete-specific workshops
- Interactive sessions (cooking classes, grocery store tours)
- Bulletin boards, newsletters, stall stories
- Evaluation and distribution of NCAA permissible nutritional supplements
- Safety, legal and efficacy considerations





The University of Florida Strength and Conditioning Department is committed to providing each student-athlete with an innovative program to improve strength, power, speed, agility, conditioning and flexibility. Gator baseball players work out in the ultramodern 51,000-square foot Ben Hill Griffin, Jr. Athletic Training Center, complete with more than 26,000 square feet available to them. The newly-expanded Griffin/Oakley Strength & Conditioning Center is furnished with new weight equipment, TV monitors and a state-of-the-art sound system and there is new artificial track for speed workouts and aerobic activity. The room contains 50,000 pounds of high-tech equipment with both free weights and selectorized machines.

The eight full-time strength and conditioning coordinators, certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association, are on the cutting edge of research to design and implement year-round, individual, sport-specific programs. The strength and conditioning coordinators not only enhance each athlete's athletic ability, but also provide an environment conducive to the development of discipline and leadership skills for reaching optimum physical potential and mental toughness. Strength and Conditioning Coordinator **Steve Orris** develops the comprehensive year-round plan for the Gator baseball program.

ULTIMATE IRON GATOR CHALLENGE

The Gator baseball team concluded its fall conditioning with the fourth annual Ultimate Iron Gator Challenge, a competition designed by Steve Orris to build team unity through eight resistance, agility and conditioning events. Players were put to the test in the following: agility course, pull-ups, ramp run in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, sled pull, stadium sprint, towel hang, tug-of-war and a 100-yard plate walk.

Team Exceed won the competition with 59 points. Its team members included sophomore Josh Adams, senior Avery Barnes, freshman Anthony DeSclafani, freshman Alex Panteliodis, junior Jonathan Pigott, junior Chas Spottswood, freshman Tyler Thompson and freshman Preston Tucker. Junior left-hander Tony Davis won the competition among pitchers for the third-consecutive year and junior outfielder Jonathan Pigott led the way for position players.



FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

1. Team Exceed	59
2. Team Speed	52
3. Team Heat	50
4. Team Persevere	41

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS PITCHERS

1. Tony Davis	52
2. Chas Spottswood	43
3. Justin Poovey	42

POSITION PLAYERS

1. Jonathan Pigott	54
2. Matt den Dekker	52
Hampton Tignor	52

TEAM EVENT WINNERS

Agility Course: Team Persevere

Pull-Ups: Team Speed

Ramp Run: Team Speed

Sled Pull: Team Exceed

Stadium Sprint: Team Exceed

Towel Hang: Team Heat

Tug-of-War: Team Exceed

100-Yard Plate Carry: Team Heat





FIRST-CLASS ATHLETIC FACILITIES



Stephen C. O'Connell Center (Volleyball)



Stephen C. O'Connell Center (Swimming)



Stephen C. O'Connell Center (Indoor Track)



Stephen C. O'Connell Center (Gymnastics)



James G. Pressly Stadium at Percy Beard Track (Soccer)



Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at Florida Field (Football)



James G. Pressly Stadium at Percy Beard Track (Outdoor Track)



Katie Seashole Pressly Softball Stadium



Mark Bostick Golf Course at the University of Florida



Linder Stadium at Ring Tennis Complex



Stephen C. O'Connell Center (Basketball)



The University of Florida Athletic Association's community outreach program, "Goodwill Gators," as it is affectionately known throughout Gainesville and Alachua County, began in 1995. The purpose of the Goodwill Gators program is to provide local children, teenagers and University of Florida student-athletes alike the opportunity to interact and learn from one another. The Goodwill Gators program provides student-athletes with quality volunteer opportunities that allow them to give back to the community. In turn, the community may utilize Gator student-athletes as positive role models, eager volunteers and motivational speakers. The aim is to contribute more to society than what is received from it.

Florida's Goodwill Gators program was recognized by the National Consortium of Academics and Sports and received the 1998 Outreach and Service award for the year. The program has also been honored with a White House Commendation for its community service. In 2007-08, 348 Gator student-athletes participated in 1,877 hours of community service, partnering with 43 schools, 27 civic organizations and 19 non-profit organizations.

If you would like more information about our community service program, please contact the Office of Student Life at (352) 375-4683, ext. 5871.

The Gator baseball team has become especially visible, participating in a number of community events in the past year. Here are examples of programs that Florida's student-athletes have participated in:

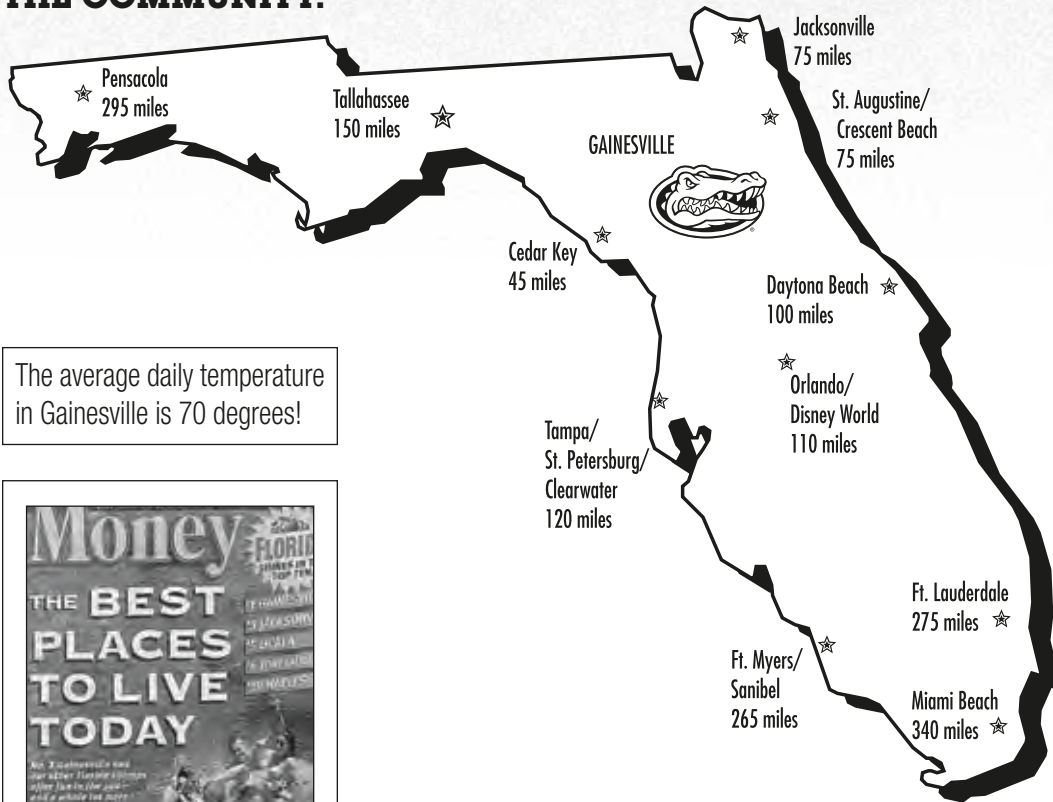
- Hospital visits
- Gator Toys for Kids
- Disability Awareness Week
- Alachua County Library's "Night of Thousand Stars"
- Special Olympics
- Alachua County Red Ribbon Campaign
- Blood drives
- Drug-Free youth programs
- Tutoring elementary students





GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

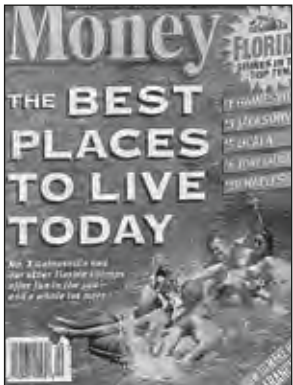
WITH A POPULATION OF JUST OVER 120,000, GAINESVILLE OFFERS BOTH SMALL-TOWN FRIENDLINESS AND BIG-CITY SOPHISTICATION, WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA SERVING AS THE CENTERPIECE OF THE COMMUNITY.



The average daily temperature in Gainesville is 70 degrees!



Some of Florida's most popular beaches along the Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean are all within a short drive from Gainesville.



TOP 10 BEST PLACES TO LIVE*

1. **GAINESVILLE, FLA.**
2. Bellingham, Wash.
3. Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, Ore.-Wash.
4. Colorado Springs, Colo.
5. Ann Arbor, Mich.
6. Ogden-Clearfield, Utah
7. Asheville, N.C.
8. Fort Collins-Loveland, Colo.
9. San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, Calif.
10. Boise City-Nampa, Idaho

*according to "Cities Ranked & Rated: More Than 400 Metropolitan Areas Evaluated in the U.S. & Canada, 2nd Edition" published in May 2007



The Butterfly Rainforest is a new and permanent exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History located on campus. The screened vivarium houses subtropical and tropical plants and trees to support 55 to 65 different species and hundreds of free-flying butterflies. Guests can stroll through the Butterfly Rainforest on a winding path and relax to the sounds of cascading waterfalls year-round.



The Hippodrome State Theater is the heart of downtown Gainesville, which has unique restaurants, coffee shops and entertainment.

AVERAGE MONTHLY HIGH & LOW TEMPERATURES IN GAINESVILLE

Month	Avg. High	Avg. Low
January	63.4	33.5
February	72.3	44.9
March	74.8	46.3
April	85.6	57.7
May	89.5	60.8
June	95.5	71.3
July	93.2	72.1
August	91.4	72.1
September	89.1	66.8
October	84.8	60.8
November	75.5	48.5
December	69.9	43.5
Annual Avg.	82.1	56.5



Visitors walk down 232 wooden steps to the floor of this large sinkhole known as the Devil's Millhopper. Filled with lush flora and plant species, the sinkhole echoes the persistent trickle of dozens of tiny waterfalls. A visitor's center exhibits fossilized teeth, bones and marine shells from eras long ago. A nature trail, perfect for biking, winds its way around the sinkhole.

GAINESVILLE FACTS:

- Population: 120,919
- Median Age: 27
- Area: Approximately 54 square miles
- Altitude: 65 to 180 feet above sea level
- Average Daily Temperature: 70 Degrees
- Web Sites: www.cityofgainesville.com & www.gainesvillechamber.com



Over 200 campus concerts, art exhibits, speeches and theatrical productions occur annually.



MUSICAL PERFORMERS WHO HAVE ENTERTAINED ON CAMPUS IN RECENT YEARS INCLUDE:

- 311
- Ani DiFranco
- Billy Joel
- Boston Pops
- Busta Rhymes & Ludacris
- Cher
- Dave Matthews
- Elton John
- Goo-Goo Dolls
- Harry Connick Jr.
- Jane's Addiction
- Alison Krauss and Union Station
- John Mayer
- Lenny Kravitz
- Mick Jagger
- Mystikal and Juvenile
- Oysterhead
- Snoop Dogg and Nelly
- Sting
- Stone Temple Pilots
- Widespread Panic



ACCENT, a Student Run Speaker's Bureau, brings to UF several noteworthy speakers and entertainers each year. Past shows have included guests such as Spike Lee, Real World New Orleans, Ellen DeGeneres, Oliver Stone, Michael Moore, George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton.



The University also has a challenging championship golf course that is open to students and a private lake, Lake Wauberg, which offers boat rental, water skiing, wind surfing, sailing and other outdoor activities free of charge to UF students, faculty and staff.



ESPN's wildly popular Saturday football program "ESPN College GameDay" has become a regular production on the UF campus during the fall.



The Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Stage in 2008-09 will feature appearances by Riverdance, STOMP, Arlo Guthrie - The Lost World Tour, Christian McBride Band, Kodo, Dan Zanes and Friends, UF Opera Theatre in Tosca, Denyce Graves - Messo-soprano, The Wizard of Oz and Shakespeare & Company in Hamlet.



Most Gator student-athletes are housed in the Springs Residential Complex, which is located next to the Florida Basketball Complex. The residence buildings provide apartment-style living with two bedroom suites with baths. Each bedroom is equipped with data outlets that allow residents' personal computers to connect directly to the University's data network.



The Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art is one of the largest university art museums in the Southeastern United States.



The annual step show in the O'Connell Center is a big draw for UF students.



PROMINENT FLORIDA ALUMNI



Erin Andrews, who earned her telecommunications degree from UF in 2000, has become a familiar face on ESPN broadcasts as a reporter since joining the network in 2004. Andrews, who provides coverage of everything from college football and basketball to Major League Baseball, was a member of the Dazzlers - a dance team of UF students that performs on the sidelines of Gator athletic events.



Jamie McIntyre



Sharyl T. Attkisson



Martha W. Barnett



Forrest Sawyer



Andy North



Karen Thurman



W.J. "Red" Barber



Gay Culverhouse



Connie Mack



Lawton Chiles



Dennis Kneale



Deborah S. Amos



Bill Nelson



Carol Browner



Ferdie Pacheco

Stephanie Abrams, Weather Channel meteorologist and UF geography alumna

John Alison, considered "the Father of Air Force Special Operations"

Deborah S. Amos, winner of the duPont/Columbia University Award for broadcast journalism; a correspondent for the ABC News newsmagazine "Turning Point"

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Reuben Askew, Florida governor who later ran for U.S. presidency

John V. Atanasoff, inventor of the world's first digital computer in 1942

Sharyl T. Attkisson, Washington-based correspondent for CBS News

W.J. "Red" Barber, former sports announcer for N.Y. Yankees

Martha W. Barnett, chairs the public law department of the law firm Holland & Knight LLP and serves on the firm's directors committee; first woman to chair the American Bar Association's House of Delegates

Frank Bean, manager of international sports programs at Cola-Cola Co.

Charles Bennett, longest-serving Florida representative (44 years), whose contributions include sponsoring a bill that put "In God We Trust" on the U.S. currency

Barry Berish, President of James B. Beam Distilling Co.

Ken Block, lead singer of Sister Hazel. Most of the band, in fact, attended UF: acoustic guitarist Andrew Copeland, lead guitarist Ryan Newell, and bass guitarist Jeff Beres.

Rebecca Bowles Hawkins, first woman to serve as assistant attorney general of Florida

Carol M. Browner, former administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, now chair of the National Audubon Society's board of directors. She is the first woman to serve as the society's chair.

C. Farris Bryant, former governor of Florida (1961-65) and five-term Florida representative (1946-56), including one year as Speaker of the House (1953)

Archie and Marjorie Harris Carr, environmentalists, he was a former UF professor who became the world's leading authority on sea turtles; helped found Florida Defenders of the Environment

Cris Collinsworth, the All-Pro wide receiver with the Cincinnati Bengals who was named the 1981 NFL Rookie of the Year has emerged as a five-time Emmy Award-winning studio analyst for his broadcast work on FOX, NBC and HBO, where he was a co-host on the award-winning show "Inside the NFL;" covered the 2008 Olympic Games for NBC

Michael Connelly, former crime reporter for several Florida newspapers and the Los Angeles Times who now writes best-selling mystery novels

J. Michael Cook, CEO of Deloitte & Touche

Joe B. Cordell, CEO of Jim Walter Corporation

Catherine P. Cornelius, President of the South Florida Community College in Avon Park

Harry E. Crews, author

Marshall M. Criser, former UF president

Gay Culverhouse, owner of C&W Cattle Co., a former president of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and former chair of the Greater Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce

John H. Dasburg, chairman, president, CEO and owner of ASTAR Air Cargo Inc. (shipper for DHL and the U.S. Postal Service); former Chairman of Burger King Corp. and former CEO of Northwest Airlines and Marriott

Buddy Davis, Pulitzer Prize winner for editorials; honored for challenging segregation and making a difference in the civil rights movement

Johnathan Demme, movie director who won an Oscar for "The Silence of the Lambs" also directed "Philadelphia," among other films

Karen DeYoung, assistant managing editor/national news for the Washington Post

Micki Dickoff, director, producer and writer of independent films and has won two national Emmy Awards for her work

Faye Dunaway, actress who has appeared in more than 90 productions, with credits including her portrayal of Joan Crawford in "Mommie Dearest," and Bonnie in "Bonnie & Clyde," as well as major roles in "The Champ," "The Thomas Crown Affair" and "Albino Alligator," among countless others

Christian "Buddy" Ebsen, dancer turned actor, best known for his role as Jed Clampett on "The Beverly Hillbillies"

Philip Don Estridge, led the development of IBM's first personal computer

Susan Harrell Black, appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, by President Bush in 1992

Jesse Hill Ford, writer, screenwriter

Michael A. France Jr., screenwriter

Merrill Joan Gerber, award-winning author

Malcom Gets, actor whose credits include NBC's "Caroline in the City" and Broadway's "Finian's Rainbow," "A New Brain," "Hello Again" and "Merrily We Roll Along;" nominated for a Tony Award for his role in "Amour" in 2003

Bob Graham, U.S. Senator and former 2004 Democratic Presidential candidate

Rebecca Greer, editor, Woman's Day

Ben Hill Griffin, Jr., one of Florida's most powerful citrus and cattlemen, who also served as a state representative and senator

Darrell Hammond, "Saturday Night Live" actor, comedian and impersonator best known for his impersonation of President Bill Clinton

Carl Hiaasen, author, received the 2003 Newbery Honor recognizing excellence in children's literature; also has written several best-selling novels

Shere Hite, feminist author and cultural historian; author of "The Hite Report"

Diane Hooten McFarlin, executive editor and director of broadcast at the Sarasota Herald-Tribune

Van Ellis Huff, inventor of the jealousy window

Dennis Kneale, Managing editor, Forbes magazine

Jack Katz, a football letterman from 1962-64 and starting lineman who was one of the stars of the great upset victory over Alabama in Tuscaloosa in 1963, he founded "Panama Jack," best known for its skin and sun-care products.



Elfi Schlegel



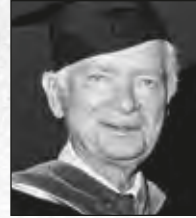
Bob Vila



Faye Dunaway



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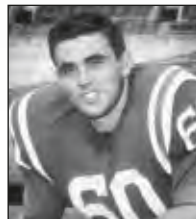
John V. Atanasoff



David Lawrence, Jr.



Philip Don Estridge



Jack Katz



John H. Dasburg



Frances Mayes



Mel Tillis

No other law school has produced as many presidents of the American Bar Association in the past four decades than the University of Florida.



Stephanie Abrams

Therese Knecht Dozier, National Teacher of the Year in 1985 and is a special adviser on teaching to the U.S. Secretary of Education

Larry Lancit, Emmy Award-winning producer of PBS' Reading Rainbow

David Lawrence, Jr., publisher of The Miami Herald and former executive editor of the Detroit Free Press

Louis MacDowell, member of the three-man team that developed citrus concentrate in 1945, revolutionizing Florida's citrus industry

James Mandell, M.D., president and CEO of Children's Hospital in Boston

Frances Mayes, best-selling author of "Under the Tuscan Sun"

Jim McGee, reporter who worked for The Washington Post and The Miami Herald; won a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the Iran-Contra scandal; in 2004, he joined the Homeland Security Committee's investigative unit

Jamie McIntyre, CNN's senior Pentagon correspondent; he is the network's longest-serving military affairs correspondent

Andrew Mondschein, Academy Award-nominated film editor whose credits include "The Sixth Sense," "Chocolat," "What's Eating Gilbert Grape," "Analyze That" and "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar"

William "Bill" Nelson, U.S. senator & U.S. representative who traveled as a payload specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia in 1986

Dr. Marshall W. Nirenberg, Nobel Prize winner in medicine and physiology

Andy North, a two-time U.S. Open golf champion, North now provides analysis for ESPN's coverage of all major golf events

Howard Norton, Pulitzer Prize winner for Baltimore Sun international reporting; first journalist to provide eyewitness verification of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini's death

Stephen C. O'Connell, former Florida Supreme Court justice who was the first alumnus to serve as UF's president

Patrick O'Neal, actor whose major movie credits include "Chamber of Horrors," "The Way We Were," and "Stepford Wives"

Ferdie Pacheco, achieved fame as Muhammad Ali's "fight doctor" for 17 years, reforming the world of fight medicine, working as a boxing commentator and analyst for CBS, NBC and Showtime, penning numerous non-fiction and fiction books

Donna L. Pastore, President of the National Association for Girls & Women in Sport

John Posey, TV actor whose credits include HBO's "From the Earth to the Moon," as well as starring roles in Seinfeld, Cheers, The Client, The Pretender, Chicago Hope, Providence and Crossing Jordan, among other shows

Stephen Root, television and movie actor whose credits include "News Radio," "O Brother, Where Art Thou," "Finding Nemo," "The Lady Killers" and "Office Space;" provides the voice of Bill Dauterive on Fox's "King of the Hill" animated series

Joan Ryan, author and columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle

Forrest Sawyer, veteran network newscaster who has worked with NBC, MSNBC, ABC News and "CBS Morning News"

Elfi Schlegel-Dunn, claimed 12 NCAA Southeast Region titles during her career, now provides color commentary for NBC's coverage of gymnastics.

Marjorie Sewell Holt, first woman from Maryland to be elected to Congress

Wil Shriner, actor/comedian who has worked with Steven Spielberg, John Landis and Francis Ford Coppola on several projects; hosted his own national talk show, "The Wil Shriner Show"

Eleanor C. Smeal, Human rights activists and authority on women's rights; also was the first two-term president of the National Organization for Women

Chesterfield Smith, lawyer who was among the youngest to serve as president of the American Bar Association in 1973; called for the creation of an office of independent counsel to investigate Richard Nixon's role in the Watergate scandal

Dianne Snedaker, President of Ketchum Advertising; the first woman to head a major advertising agency on the West Coast

Stephen Stills, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer is a member of famed group Crosby, Stills and Nash

Haywood Sullivan, former president, general manager and co-owner of the Boston Red Sox

Mel Tillis, country-western singer who was named the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year in 1976; inducted into the Nashville Songwriters International Hall of Fame

Kendra Todd, winner of season three on the reality show "The Apprentice"

Julie Underwood, Dean of education at Miami University

Marilyn Vanleer Peck, President of Polk Community College in Winter Haven

Bob Vila, home repair personality

Fred Ward, photographer and writer

Miles Wilken, co-producer of the Broadway hit The Producers

Hugh Wilson, creator of "WKRP in Cincinnati;" also wrote for "The Bob Newhart Show" and "The Tony Randall Show;" written and/or directed numerous films including the first "Police Academy," "Guarding Tess," "First Wives Club" and "Blast From the Past"

Herb Yalof, President of Macy's New York

Hugo Zucchini, "the human cannonball"

Several former and current Government Officials are UF Alumni: (Governors) Reuben Askew, Lawton Chiles, Spessard Holland, Buddy MacKay, Daniel T. McCarty, Fuller Warren; (Senators) Lawton Chiles, Bob Graham, Spessard Holland, Connie Mack, William "Bill" Nelson, Claude Pepper, George Smathers; (Congressmen) Michael Billirakis, Corrine Brown, Don Fuqua, Sam Gibbons, Bill McCollum, Jr., John L. Mica, Dan Miller, Marjorie Sewell Holt, Joe Scarborough; (U.S. House of Representatives) Charles Bennett, William "Bill" Nelson, Karen Thurman; (Florida Supreme Court members) Parker Lee McDonald, Ben F. Overton, Raymond Ehrlich, Rosemary Barkett (first woman), Stephen H. Grimes, Stephen C. O'Connell, Charles T. Wells, Harry Lee Anstead



GATOR SUCCESS BEYOND THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL



In 2007, Florida became the first school in history to have three players selected among the first 10 picks of the NBA Draft. Overall, five Gators were selected in the 2007 NBA Draft: (L-R) Chris Richard, Al Horford, Taurean Green, Corey Brewer and Joakim Noah.



Camillo Villegas



UF's Heisman Trophy Trio (from left): Steve Spurrier (1966), Tim Tebow (2007) and Danny Wuerffel (1996)



Brad Wilkerson



Nicole Haislett



Murriel Page



Hazel Clark



Emmitt Smith

TOMMY AARON (GOLF, 1957-60)

... captured golf's most desired trophy, the Green Jacket at The Masters, after leading the Gators to a pair of SEC titles.

MARK CALCAVECCHIA (GOLF, 1978-80)

...winner of the 1989 British Open and most recently the 2007 PODS Championship, he has earned over \$22 million playing on the PGA Tour for 26 years.

TRACY CAULKINS STOCKWELL (SWIMMING, 1981-84)

...the three-time Olympic gold medalist and winner of the 1984 U.S. Olympic Committee Sportswoman of the Year award is now an executive officer for the Australian Academy of Sport in Queensland, President of Womensport Queensland and a board member for the Queensland Events Corporation.

HAZEL CLARK (TRACK, 1996-99)

... the three-time NCAA national 800-meter champion led the Clark family to an unprecedented 1-2-3 sweep of the open spots in the half-mile at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team; also represented the U.S. at the 2004 & 2008 Olympic Games in the 800 meters.

CRIS COLLINSWORTH (FOOTBALL, 1977-80)

...the All-Pro wide receiver with the Cincinnati Bengals who was named the 1981 NFL Rookie of the Year has emerged as a five-time Emmy Award-winning studio analyst for his broadcast work on FOX, NBC and HBO, where he was a co-host on the award-winning show "Inside the NFL," covered the 2008 Olympic Games for NBC.

CHRIS DIMARCO (GOLF, 1987-90)

... the All-American and 1990 SEC Player of the Year sank the winning putt for the U.S. team at the 2005 President's Cup and has won over \$20 million on the PGA Tour.

DAVID ECKSTEIN (BASEBALL, 1994-97)

... a two-time GTE Academic All-American, Eckstein was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2006 World Series after helping the St. Louis Cardinals to a five-game series triumph over the Detroit Tigers. He previously helped the Anaheim Angels to the World Series crown in 2002 and is now a member of the San Diego Padres.



Abby Wambach

DANIELLE FOTOPULOS (SOCCER, 1996-99)

... the 1999 Gator graduate was a member of the gold-medal winning 1999 U.S. World Cup team and later led the Carolina Courage to the 2002 WUSA championship. She returned to UF in August 2005 as an assistant coach for the Gators, before departing to train with the 2006 U.S. National Team. She retired from the U.S. National Team in June of 2007...first Gator soccer player inducted into the Florida Athletic Hall of Fame in April of 2008.

LISA HACKNEY (GOLF, 1987-90)

... was named the 1997 LPGA Rookie of the Year.

NICOLE HAISLETT (SWIMMING, 1991-94)

... was the most decorated female athlete at the 1992 Summer Olympic games, capturing three gold medals, an individual in the 200-meter free and the other two as a member of both the 400 medley and free relays.

UDONIS HASLEM (BASKETBALL, 1998-02)

... the first player in school history to play on four straight men's NCAA Tournament teams, Haslem worked his way from being an undrafted free-agent to become a starter for the Miami Heat, helping the club win the 2006 NBA Championship.

AL HORFORD (BASKETBALL, 2005-07)

... a starter on back-to-back NCAA championship teams, Horford went on to be selected with the third overall pick in the 2007 NBA Draft and finished as runner-up for NBA Rookie of the Year in 2008.

MERLAKIA JONES (BASKETBALL, 1991-95)

... still UF's all-time leading scorer, Jones became a three-time WNBA All-Star, named first team All-WNBA in 2001 and was the Cleveland Rockers' all-time leading scorer before the team folded after the 2003 season.

RYAN LOCHTE (SWIMMING, 2003-06)

... the seven-time NCAA champion and 24-time All-American, Lochte became a 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist entering his junior year at UF. He earned a spot on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team, collecting four additional medals, highlighted by his first-ever individual Olympic gold medal, which he claimed in the 200-meter backstroke in World-Record time (1:53.94). At the 2006 FINA Short Course Championships in Beijing, China, Lochte turned in one of the greatest performances in swimming

history when he won the 200 and 400-meter IM and the 200-meter back - all in World Record time. At the 2007 World Championships, Lochte won his first individual long course gold medal, breaking a World Record in the 200-meter back, while also capturing gold and setting a World Record as a member of the 800-meter free relay to compliment his silver medals in the 100 back, 200 IM, and the 400 IM.

MARK MERKLEIN (TENNIS, 1992-94)

... the 1994 NCAA singles and 1993 NCAA doubles champion, Merklein represented the Bahamas at the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games and continues to enjoy a professional tennis career.

MIKE MILLER (BASKETBALL, 1998-2000)

... the fifth overall pick in the 2000 NBA Draft became the NBA's Rookie of the Year and in 2006 was named the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year; currently plays with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

DeLISHA MILTON-JONES (BASKETBALL, 1993-97)

... the second overall selection in the 1997 ABL Draft and the fourth overall pick in the 1999 WNBA selection, Milton helped the U.S. Olympic Team win gold in 2000 and was a member of the 2008 Olympic Team. The two-time WNBA All-Star has won two WNBA titles playing with the Los Angeles Sparks and continues a successful career in the U.S.-based pro league.

DENNIS MITCHELL (TRACK, 1985-89)

... a three-time Olympian, Mitchell earned 12 All-America honors during his Gator career.

HEATHER MITTS (SOCCER, 1996-98)

... a 1999 first-team NSCAA All-American, Mitts is now a member of the U.S. National team...helped the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team win the gold medal and also part of the 2008 Olympic Team...missed the 2007 U.S. World Cup due to injury, but was in the studio for ESPN's coverage of the event.

JEFF MORRISON (TENNIS, 1997-2000)

... the 1999 NCAA Singles champion made international headlines in 2002 when he became the last male American player to lose at Wimbledon. He has been ranked among the top 100 singles and doubles players in the world.

GATOR SUCCESS BEYOND THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL



Lisa Raymond



Chris DiMarco



**Tracy Caulkins
Stockwell**



Megan Neyer



Gators **Dara Torres** and **Ryan Lochte** were two of the biggest stories at the 2008 Olympic Games.



Jack Youngblood



Mark Calcavecchia



Dennis Mitchell



Danielle Fotopoulos

DR. MEGAN NEYER (DIVING, 1982-86)

... recorded the most wins of any diver, male or female, in collegiate diving history; honored in 2006 as the NCAA Division I most outstanding diver over the past 25 years in NCAA Championship competition; currently the chief of diversity management at the United States Air Force Academy and the chairperson of the United States Olympic Committee Athletic Support Program at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs

ANDY NORTH (GOLF, 1969-72)

... a two-time U.S. Open champion, North now provides analysis for ABC and ESPN's coverage of all major golf events.

MURRIEL PAGE (BASKETBALL, 1994-98)

... a first-team All-American, Page was the third overall selection in the 1998 WNBA Draft, as the Washington Mystics made her their first-ever draft pick. The 2008 season marked Page's 10th year in the league, where she now plays for the Los Angeles Sparks.

LISA RAYMOND (TENNIS, 1991-93)

...the first - and still only - NCAA singles champion to defeat the No. 1 ranked player in the world. She has captured nine professional grand slam doubles titles since 1996, including at least one from each of the four events and collecting a women's doubles career Grand Slam after winning the 2006 French Open. Raymond was a member of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team, playing singles & doubles for the Red, White & Blue.

DEB RICHARD (GOLF, 1982-85)

...the three-time SEC champion became the first Florida golfer to break the \$1 million mark for career winnings on the LPGA Tour, winning five events and more than \$2.75 million before retiring in August 2005. Currently works as a special consultant to the LPGA.

AL ROSEN (BASEBALL, 1941-42)

...former General Manager of the San Francisco Giants, after a 10-year major league career.

ELFI SCHLEGEL-DUNN (GYMNASTICS, 1983-86)

...claimed 12 NCAA Southeast Region titles during her career, now provides color commentary for NBC's coverage of gymnastics, including calling the 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games.

EMMITT SMITH (FOOTBALL, 1987-89)

...the first-round selection of the Dallas Cowboys, Smith was named the 1990 NFL Rookie of the Year, before earning NFL MVP honors in 1993 and being named MVP of Super Bowl XXVIII (1994). He became the all-time rushing leader in NFL history during the 2002 season. Upon retirement from the NFL, Smith showed his footwork remained intact by winning the 2006 Dancing with the Stars' title.

STEVE SPURRIER (FOOTBALL, 1964-66)

...the heralded former Gator football coach who guided his alma mater to the 1996 national championship, Spurrier became the first former Heisman Trophy winner (1966) to coach a Heisman Trophy winner, when Danny Wuerffel earned the coveted college award in 1996. Spurrier later became head coach of the NFL's Washington Redskins and currently serves as head coach at the University of South Carolina.

DARA TORRES (SWIMMING, 1985-89)

... the 1988 Overall SEC Female Athlete of the Year who was a 28-time All-American at UF made U.S. history in 2000, when she became the first woman to swim on four U.S. Olympic Teams. Torres topped that feat in 2008, when she became the first female swimmer over the age of 40 to compete in the Olympic Games. At age 41, Torres wasn't just a member of the team in Beijing, she won three silver medals, including one in the 50-meter free where she missed the gold by one-hundredth-of-a-second. She has won a total of 12 Olympic medals.

CAMILO VILLEGAS (GOLF, 2001-04)

... one of just five Gators to earn All-America honors in each of his four collegiate seasons, Villegas burst onto the PGA Tour in 2006 and has collected over \$5 million in earnings in just three years. Known for his unique fashion style and his unusual "spider-man" technique for reading the slope of the greens (he crouches parallel to the grass without touching it), Villegas was named by People Magazine as one of the "Hottest Bachelors" in 2006.

ABBY WAMBACH (SOCCER, 1998-2001)

...the two-time SEC Player of the Year, Wambach helped the Gators win the 1998 NCAA title before guiding the Washington Freedom to the 2003 WUSA Championship, earning the Founders Cup III MVP award. Wambach, named 2003 U.S. Female Soccer Player of the Year, led the U.S. in scoring at the 2003 World Cup and the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team, where she scored the gold-medal-

winning goal. Wambach was part of the U.S.'s third-place team at the 2007 U.S. World Cup and named to the 2008 Olympic team, but missed the 2008 Olympics due to injury...has scored 99 goals for the U.S. National team.

BRAD WILKERSON (BASEBALL, 1996-98)

... the 1998 National College Player of the Year helped Team USA win the baseball gold medal at the 2000 Olympic Games. He was selected in the first round of the 1998 Major League Baseball Draft and continues to enjoy a professional baseball career, currently with the Boston Red Sox.

DANNY WUERFFEL (FOOTBALL, 1993-96)

...the only Heisman Trophy winner also to receive the Draddy Trophy, presented to the nation's top scholar-athlete, Wuerffel enjoyed a six-year career in the NFL.

JACK YOUNGBLOOD (FOOTBALL, 1968-70)

... a first-round draft selection in 1971 by the L.A. Rams who played 14 years in the NFL before being the first Gator inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame, when he joined the prestigious group in 2001.



DeLisha Milton-Jones



Heather Mitts



David Eckstein