

# Office of Student Life

Everyday, the University of Florida's Office of Student Life (OSL) works with its mission in focus to prepare Gator student-athletes 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. The OSL employs a staff of 15 fulltime employees to help student-athletes with all aspects of their academic careers. The OSL staff provides academic counseling that includes assistance in preparing class schedules, extensive tutorial services, career education workshops and job placement referrals.



*Farrior Hall has computer labs and study areas that are for exclusive use by Florida student-athletes.*

OSL Academic Counselor Judy Traveis works with the Gator gymnastics team. Florida gymnasts have achieved Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll status 70 times in the last 10 years, including eight recipients in 2008. Rebekah Zaiser was honored at the 2008 SEC Championships as the Scholar-Athlete of the Year - a first for the Gator gymnastics program. In addition, the Gators return three this season who earned 2008 National Association of College Gymnastics Coaches (NACGC) Scholastic All- America honors - Alicia Goodwin, Ashley Kerr and Zaiser.

The OSL is housed in Farrior Hall, which is located one block east of the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium-Florida Field. 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, a study room and a multimedia seminar room.

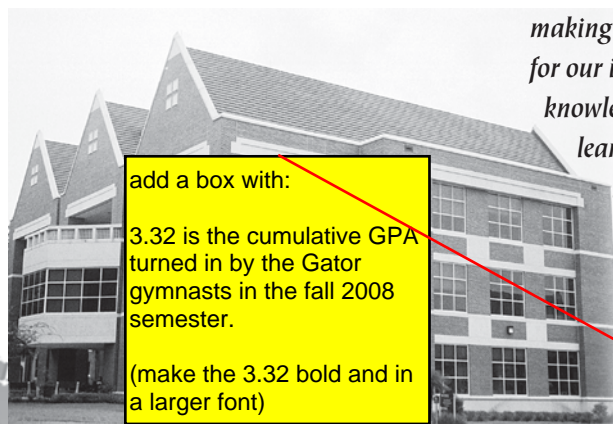
*The Academic Achievement Center houses the University Advising Center and the University Athletic Association's Office of Student Life (OSL), which was founded in 1979 to deal solely with the needs of UF's student-athletes.*



*Former Gator All-American Samantha Lutz received her business administration degree in May of 2007 and immediately started with the Stryker Corporation. She returned to the University of Florida campus in the fall of 2007 for Career Day, talking with UF students about career possibilities with Stryker.*

## Mission & Philosophy:

The mission of the Office of Student Life (OSL) team is to prepare University of Florida student-athletes for life after college. In order to accomplish this mission, the OSL will provide and support quality programs and services to facilitate graduation and promote the overall development of student-athletes. The OSL staff is committed to empowering student-athletes to develop independence, self-reliance, personal values, leadership skills, interdependence and responsibility for their own lives.



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**3.32** is the cumulative GPA turned in by the Gator gymnasts in the fall 2008 semester.

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*Judy Traveis is the Florida gymnastics team's OSL Academic Counselor, helping the Gators with every aspect of their academic careers.*

## Graduation Success Rate Report

Among the programs that advanced to the 2008 NCAA Gymnastics Championships, Florida is one of only three programs that owns an overall athletic program Graduation Success Rate (GSR) above 85 percent. The Gator gymnastics team recorded a GSR of 100 percent in the data released by the NCAA in the fall of 2008.

## Graduation Success Rates Among Programs in 2008 NCAA Gymnastics Championships

Stanford	95%
Denver	92%
Florida	87%
Michigan	83%
Oregon State	81%
UCLA	79%
Alabama	77%
Utah	75%
Georgia	70%
LSU	69%
Oklahoma	69%
Arkansas	68%

\* - Federal GSR data released by NCAA 10/14/08

*"Student-athletes have demanding schedules and hectic lives, but the OSL provides the resources we need to prepare for life after athletics. The academic advisors there assist us in making the best class and major choices for our interests. The study facilities and knowledgeable tutors foster a positive learning environment. The OSL is helping me achieve my academic goals."*

Rebekah Zaiser