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## Dr. J. Bernard Machen

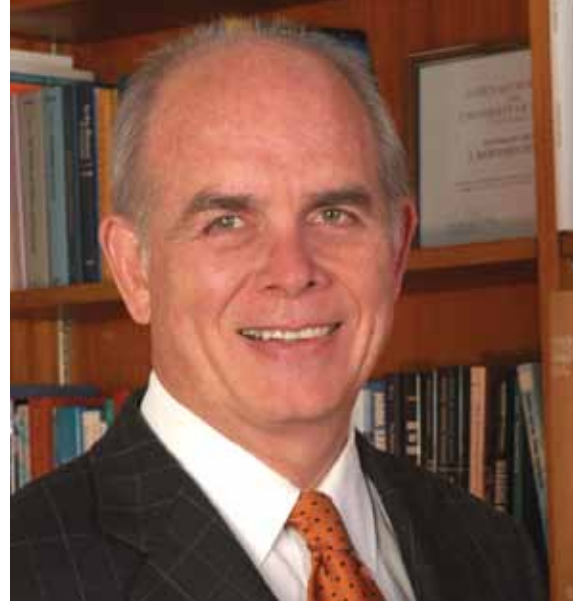
Bernie Machen was appointed Florida's 11<sup>th</sup> president in January, 2004. During his tenure, he has expanded the university's research and scholarship endeavors, elevated its educational programs and increased access to students from a diversity of economic backgrounds – all while shepherding the university through an era of growing financial challenges.

Under President Machen's leadership, UF's annual research funding has soared to \$678 million. He has presided over a major expansion of research facilities, grown UF's noted technology commercialization enterprise, and led the Florida Tomorrow capital campaign, a five-year effort that is nearing its goal of \$1.5 billion by 2012.

A longtime advocate for giving students from all walks of life the chance to attend college, Dr. Machen in 2005 pioneered the Florida Opportunity Scholars program, which pays tuition and room and board for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Nearly 2,000 students have attended UF as recipients of the scholarship.

Like other universities nationwide, UF has faced several years of declining state support. Dr. Machen has led Florida's 11 public universities' response to these declines, successfully advocating lawmakers to step up statewide tuition increases while allowing universities greater flexibility in setting their own tuition. President Machen also launched a university-wide sustainability campaign considered a model in public higher education.

Prior to his appointment at UF, Dr. Machen served for six years as president of the University of Utah. His previous positions include provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Michigan; dean of dentistry at the University of Michigan and associate dean at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry.



A member of the Florida Council of 100, he has held several prominent positions in statewide and national higher education leadership – including as a member of the National Security Higher Education Advisory Board and the Board of Directors for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. He earned his doctor of dental surgery from St. Louis University and doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Iowa, both of which have honored him with distinguished alumnus awards.

He and his wife, Chris, a former nurse who has been heavily involved in the university's environmental initiatives, have three children and four grandchildren.

## *Greetings from the President*

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**O**n behalf of the University of Florida administration, faculty and staff, I want to extend my most heartfelt congratulations to you, the Class of 2011, and to your family and friends. Today's ceremony celebrates your hard work and achievement in completing a demanding and rigorous course of study at a great public research university. You should be proud, as should all who supported and assisted you in your efforts.

This is a day of celebration, but it is also a day of reflection on what lies ahead. Whatever path you choose, I am confident you have acquired the skills you need to be a success. Whether you pursue a career in public service, private industry, academe, the sciences or the arts, I know you will make a difference.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to host you during your academic career. You have learned much, and this university has benefited in turn from your presence. I hope you will recall your years here with a sense that they were both happy and productive. As a member of UF's distinguished alumni, you will always be cherished at the University of Florida.

Good luck and best wishes!



J. Bernard Machen



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# The University of Florida

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The University of Florida traces its origins to 1853 when the state-funded East Florida Seminary acquired the private Kingsbury Academy in Ocala. After the Civil War, the seminary was moved to Gainesville. It was consolidated with the state's land-grant Florida Agricultural College, then in Lake City, to become the University of Florida in 1906. Until 1947, UF was designated for men and was one of only three state universities. Today, with more than 50,000 students, the University of Florida is among the most populous universities in the nation.

UF, one of the largest of Florida's 11 state universities, is governed by the State Board of Education, the Florida Board of Governors and the University of Florida Board of Trustees.

The University of Florida joined the ranks of North America's best graduate research institutions with its admission in 1985 to the Association of American Universities, the most prestigious organization in higher education. The university also has been recognized by the

Carnegie Commission on Higher Education as one of the nation's leading research universities.

The University of Florida encompasses 16 colleges, five schools and more than 100 interdisciplinary research and education centers, bureaus and institutes. Students can choose majors from 100 undergraduate degree programs, approximately 200 graduate programs and 30 combined degree programs. Professional postbaccalaureate degrees are offered in dentistry, law, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy and veterinary medicine. More than 32,000 people participate annually in noncredit courses, conferences, workshops, institutes and seminars.

The university employs more than 5,000 faculty members and approximately 7,500 administrative, professional and support staff. With operations in more than 900 buildings on 2,000 acres, the university has research centers, extension operations, clinics and/or other facilities and affiliates in every county in Florida.

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# Commencement Ceremonies

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## **Saturday, August 6, Morning Ceremony**

### **Advanced Degrees - Universitywide**

**(Masters, Specialist, Ed.D., Au.D., D.P.M., D.N.P., D.P.T. and Ph.D.)**

#### **Stephen C. O'Connell Center**

Candidates assemble at 8:30 a.m.

Processional begins at 9:30 a.m.

Ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m.

## **Saturday, August 6, 10:00 a.m.**

### **College of Pharmacy Ceremony**

Health Professions, Nursing, Pharmacy (HPNP) Auditorium

Doctor of Pharmacy candidates only

## **Saturday, August 6, Afternoon Ceremony**

### **Bachelor Degrees - Universitywide**

#### **Stephen C. O'Connell Center**

Candidates assemble at 12:30 p.m.

Processional begins at 1:30 p.m.

Ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m.

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

School of Natural Resources and Environment

Warrington College of Business Administration

Fisher School of Accounting

School of Business

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M. E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction

College of Education

College of Engineering

College of Fine Arts

College of Health and Human Performance

College of Journalism and Communications

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

College of Nursing

College of Public Health and Health Professions

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# Commencement Agenda – 10:00 a.m.

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Presiding .....	J. Bernard Machen <i>President</i>
Processional.....	Gainesville Brass Quintet
National Anthem.....	Gainesville Brass Quintet Ronald Burrichter, <i>Conductor</i>
Welcome and Introductions.....	J. Bernard Machen
Awarding of 2010-2011 Teacher/Scholar of the Year .....	J. Bernard Machen
Presented to .....	Kenneth D. Wald <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i>
Presenting Candidates for Graduate Degrees .....	Laurence Alexander <i>Associate Dean, Graduate School</i>
Conferring of Graduate Degrees .....	J. Bernard Machen
Alma Mater .....	Gainesville Brass Quintet Ronald Burrichter
Postlude .....	Gainesville Brass Quintet



# Commencement Agenda – 2:00 p.m.

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Presiding .....	J. Bernard Machen <i>President</i>
Processional.....	Gainesville Brass Quintet
National Anthem.....	Gainesville Brass Quintet Ronald Burrichter, <i>Conductor</i>
Welcome and Introductions.....	J. Bernard Machen
Alumni Association Remarks and Presentation of Awards .....	Kelly McKibben <i>President, UF Alumni Association, Inc.</i>
Awarding of Summer 2011 Outstanding Students	
Outstanding Four-Year Scholar.....College of Engineering .....	Constantine G. Metropulos
Outstanding Four-Year Scholar.....College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.....	Simone Sher
Outstanding Student Leader.....College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.....	Ismail Muhammad ibn Ali
Presenting Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees .....	Bernard Mair <i>Associate Provost, Undergraduate Affairs</i>
Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees.....	J. Bernard Machen
Alma Mater .....	Gainesville Brass Quintet Ronald Burrichter
Postlude .....	Gainesville Brass Quintet

The pre-commencement movies titled "Dream Machine" and "Voyage to Tomorrow" were created by the staff and students of the UF Digital Worlds Institute with original music by resident composer James Oliverio. For more information on these movies, which are available on DVD, please visit the institute's website at [www.digitalworlds.ufl.edu](http://www.digitalworlds.ufl.edu).

## 2010-2011 Teacher / Scholar of the Year Award

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### **Kenneth D. Wald**

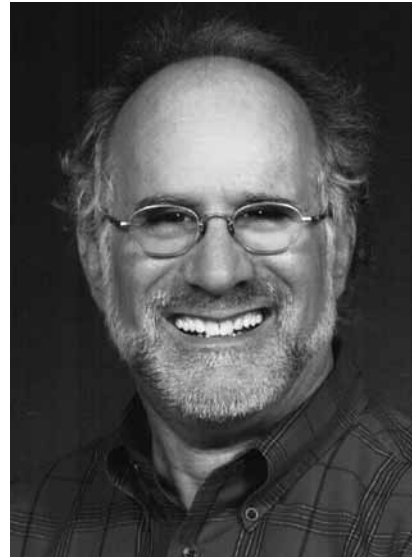
*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

Kenneth D. Wald, a distinguished professor of political science, who has taught at the University of Florida since 1983, is the 2010-2011 Teacher/Scholar of the Year.

One of the first scholars to call attention to the importance of religion in contemporary political behavior, Dr. Wald studies religion and politics in the United States, Britain and Israel. His findings have been published in major scholarly journals and in several books, including "Religion and Politics in the United States" (6<sup>th</sup> edition), "The Politics of Cultural Differences," and "The Politics of Gay Rights." He has received research grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and several private foundations.

Dr. Wald has been a Fulbright Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a visiting scholar at the University of Strathclyde (Scotland), Haifa University (Israel), Harvard University and the Centennial Center for Political Science in Washington, D.C. He will be a visiting professor at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor during the fall 2011 semester. A frequent lecturer at universities in the United States and abroad, he also has given invited talks at the Chautauqua Institution in upstate New York, throughout China for the U.S. Information Agency and in the U.S. House of Representatives. He has been a guest on PBS' "NewsHour" and a commentator for The New York Times, Newsweek, the Jerusalem Post, Washington Times and other media outlets.

He co-founded and edits the Cambridge Studies in Social Theory, Religion and Politics for Cambridge University Press. Wald is a founding member and former chair of the Religion and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. He has won the section's best book and best paper prizes and a special award for his contributions to teaching and research on the subject.



Among his administrative responsibilities at UF, Wald served as chair of the department of political science and director of the Center for Jewish Studies. He has been the redistricting consultant to the city of Gainesville since 1987 and twice testified as a federal expert witness in voting rights cases. Wald also serves on the Florida Department of Education's Task Force on Holocaust Education.

At UF, he has been honored with a Research Foundation Professorship, the William Carleton Term Professorship, the Distinguished Faculty Award from Florida Blue Key, and a Teacher of the Year Award from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He is proud to have supervised nine UF undergraduates who won competitive research grants from the University Scholars and Ronald McNair programs and a dozen undergraduates and graduate students who received departmental prizes for their research.

Dr. Wald received his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska, where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, and earned his graduate degrees from Washington University in St. Louis.

# Awards to Outstanding Scholars

The Selection Committee for Outstanding Scholars considers grade point average, curriculum, academic awards, and research projects or honors thesis. Four-year scholars must have started as freshmen at UF and have no more than minimal work at other institutions.

**Constantine G. Metropulos**  
Four-Year Scholar



Constantine G. Metropulos, who had the desire to pursue engineering from the time he opened his first set of Legos, is an Outstanding Four-Year Scholar with a 3.87 grade point average and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

As a result of his academic excellence, Mr. Metropulos received the George Snow Scholarship and was invited to join the Golden Key International Honors Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars as a sophomore. He also was named an Anderson Scholar with High Distinction and was placed on the President's Honor Roll and Dean's List several times throughout his undergraduate career.

He started his college career as a mechanical engineering major and built a fully functioning mechanical robot that won a team robot competition when he was a sophomore. Despite his win, he elected to change his major. His interest in electromagnetics, along with guidance from family members and others, helped him decide to pursue electrical engineering instead.

Mr. Metropulos joined the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers as a junior. He also worked as a software verification test engineer intern at Sezmi Corp. For community service, he helped at the Greek Youth of America South Florida Olympics. He also assisted with the audio and visual productions for the Sights and Sounds program along with coaching a team through the competitions.

Mr. Metropulos will be working for the National Security Agency as a hardware and software design engineer. He also plans to pursue a master's degree in electrical engineering.

**Simone Sher**  
Four-Year Scholar



Simone Sher, who has an interest in psychology and medicine, is an Outstanding Four-Year Scholar with a 3.97 grade point average and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Ms. Sher has achieved great success both in her academic performance and in her service to the community during her time at UF. She received the Peter J. Sones Jr. and Charles Vincent and Heidi Cole McLaughlin scholarships. She also was a Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholar and named to the Dean's List.

Her community activities include being a mentor for Gainesville youth through the Project Mascot organization. As a volunteer at the Davis Therapy Center in Boca Raton, she assisted patients who were undergoing physical, occupational and speech therapy. As a volunteer for West Boca Medical Center, she assisted doctors and nurses in the care of patients in the pediatric intensive care unit and newborn nursery.

She was a contributing editor for the ON PAR research magazine for the UF department of pediatrics.

Ms. Sher has completed research for the UF College of Medicine and the UF department of clinical and health psychology. As lead research assistant of the Pediatric Neuropsychology Laboratory, she combined her interests in psychology and medicine to promote the advancement of science and treatment of children who have leukemia and traumatic brain injuries.

She is applying to medical school for entrance in fall 2012.

# Awards to Outstanding Leaders

The Selection Committee for Outstanding Graduating Student Leaders considers the quality and scope of leadership activities, universitywide leadership, experience, special awards, recognition and recommendations of faculty, staff and students.

## Ismail Muhammad ibn Ali Outstanding Male Leader

When Ismail Muhammad ibn Ali first stepped foot on the University of Florida campus, he probably could not have imagined that he would learn so much about being a leader during his time here.



His major challenge came in fall 2010 when a local church proposed to publicly burn copies of the Quran. As president of Islam on Campus at UF, Mr. Ali became a public voice for local Muslims and was interviewed extensively by news media from around the world.

Mr. Ali, of Miami, worked with UF administrators and Student Government to create a unified response from UF to the church's threat. He also coordinated with local leaders to organize "A Day of Peace and Unity," which attracted about 1,000 people to Gainesville's downtown community plaza on Sept. 11, 2010.

"Whatever his own emotions may have been, he was able to transcend his personal needs, realizing

that his community was desperate for a calming influence that could both reassure and educate the general public," a UF administrator wrote in a letter supporting his nomination as Outstanding Student Leader.

His other successes as a student leader include a highly successful annual fundraiser held by the IOC known as Fast-a-Thon held during Ramadan. During his tenure as president, the event attracted more than 400 pledges and raised more than \$6,000 for charities.

Mr. Ali has interned with the Florida Museum of Natural History and spent his last semester as an apprenticeship teacher at UF Teach. He has volunteered for Project Downtown Gainesville and Shands at UF medical center. He received the ACS-Hach Second Career Teacher Scholarship.

Mr. Ali graduates today with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a minor in UF Teach. In June, he will join Teach for America as a secondary biology teacher in the Baltimore region.

# GRADUATE SCHOOL

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Henry T. Frierson, Associate Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School

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## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Sanchayeeta Adhikari, Master of Arts, 2001, Banaras Hindu University—India; Master of Philosophy, 2004,  
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Major: *Geography*

Minor: Resource Conservation

Dissertation: People, Park and Suburbanization: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Change In and Around Bannerghatta National Park, India  
Dissertation Chairperson: J. Southworth

Shamel Mohamed Mohey-Eldein Atia Alam-Eldein, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science, 1994,  
Menoufia University—Egypt; Master of Science in Agricultural Science, 1999, Tanta University—Egypt

Major: *Horticultural Science*

Dissertation: Characterization of Citrus Peel Maturation and the Effect of Water Stress, Growth Regulators and Date of Harvest  
Dissertation Chairperson: L. G. Albrigo

Jared Gregory Ali, Bachelor of Arts, 2005, Master of Science in Entomology, 2008, University of Delaware

Major: *Entomology and Nematology*

Dissertation: Subterranean Chemical Ecology of Tritrophic Interactions: Citrus Roots, Root Weevils and Entomopathogenic Nematodes  
Dissertation Chairperson: L. L. Stelinski

Shawn Edwin Allgeier, Bachelor of Science in Physics, 2002, Bucknell University—Pennsylvania; Master of Science,  
2004, Master of Science, 2010, University of Florida

Major: *Aerospace Engineering*

Dissertation: Determination of Motion Extrema in Multi-Satellite Systems  
Dissertation Chairperson: N. G. Fitz-Coy

Jungeun An, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, 2003, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and  
Technology—South Korea

Major: *Aerospace Engineering*

Dissertation: Numerical and Experimental Study on Improving Diagnosis in Structural Health Monitoring  
Dissertation Chairperson: R. T. Haftka

Sheri Lizbeth Anderson, Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences, 2000, Master of Science in Zoology, 2006,  
Colorado State University

Major: *Entomology and Nematology*

Dissertation: Interactions Between the Midgut of *Culex Pipiens Quinquefasciatus* and West Nile Virus From Environmental Factors to Cell  
Binding and the Immune Response  
Dissertation Chairperson: C. T. Smartt

Abdulnaser Amin Arafat, Bachelor of Engineering, 1990, Birzeit University—West Bank;  
Master of Science in Structural Engineering, 1997, An-Najah National University—West Bank

Major: *Design, Construction, and Planning*

Dissertation: Evaluating Accessibility and Travel Cost as Suitability Components in the Allocation of Land Use, a Case Study of  
Identifying Land for Affordable Housing in Three Counties in Florida  
Dissertation Chairperson: R. L. Steiner  
Dissertation Cochairperson: P. D. Zwick

Nicolas Argibay, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering *cum laude*, 2006, Bachelor of Science in Aerospace  
Engineering *cum laude*, 2006, Master of Science, 2009, University of Florida

Major: *Mechanical Engineering*

Dissertation: Low Wear Metal Sliding Electrical Contacts  
Dissertation Chairperson: W. G. Sawyer

Sharanabasaweshwara Ashok Asundi, Bachelor of Engineering, 2001, Bangalore University—India; Master of Science,  
2010, University of Florida

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 Dissertation Chairperson: C. Haskell-Luevano
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 Dissertation Chairperson: H. A. Ingleby
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 Dissertation Chairperson: M. C. Schmink
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 Dissertation: Modeling of Soil Properties in the Santa Fe River Watershed Using Exhaustive Spatial Environmental Data  
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 Dissertation: How to Efficiently Utilize Multi-Hop Wireless Ad Hoc Networks—Throughput Improvement and Mobility Support  
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Dissertation: Frequency Division Multiple Access Receiver for Wireless Interconnection on Printed Circuit Board  
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Dissertation: Differential Game-Based Control Methods for Uncertain Continuous-Time Nonlinear Systems  
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 Dissertation: An Investigation Into the Relative and Incremental Validity of Self and Observer Personality Ratings as Predictors of Workplace Outcomes: Exploring the Roles of Characteristics of the Traits, Targets, Observers, and Criteria  
 Dissertation Chairperson: T. A. Judge
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 Dissertation: Homogeneous Thermal Decomposition of Triethylgallium, Triethylaluminum With Ammonia and Tungsten  
 Dimethylhydrazido Complex by in Situ Raman Spectroscopy and Computational Chemistry  
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 Dissertation: Development of Testing System for Analysis of Transverse Contraction Joints in Portland Cement Concrete Pavement  
 Dissertation Chairperson: D. G. Bloomquist  
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 Dissertation: Effective Channel Estimation and Efficient Symbol Detection for Multi-Input Multi-Output Underwater Acoustic Communications  
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 Dissertation: Development of a Population Management Strategy for *Culicoides Furens* (diptera: Ceratopogonidae) in a Residential  
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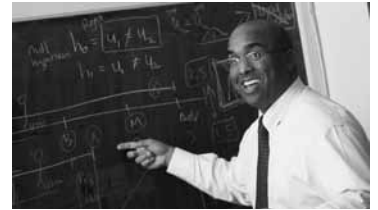
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# What Makes a University Great?

*Some interesting facts about the University of Florida*

- With an enrollment of more than 50,000 students annually, UF is home to 16 colleges and more than 150 research centers and institutes.
- Since 1985, UF has been a member of the Association of American Universities, the prestigious higher-education organization comprising the top 62 public and private institutions in North America.
- UF is consistently ranked among the nation's top universities: No. 17 in U.S. News & World Report "Top Public Universities" (August 2010); No. 2 in Kiplinger's "Best Values in Public Colleges" (2010) and No. 3 in the Princeton Review Best Value Public Colleges (2011).
- UF has 5,434 faculty members with distinguished records in teaching, research and service, including 52 Eminent Scholar chairs and 35 faculty elections to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, or the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- Awards include a Fields Medal, two Pulitzer Prizes, NASA's top award for research, and Smithsonian Institution's conservation award.
- Approximately 90 percent of incoming freshmen score above the national average on standardized exams. The fall 2010 incoming freshman class had an average 4.3 GPA and 1945 SAT score.
- UF admitted 1,315 International Baccalaureate students — more than any other university in the U.S. — in fall 2010.
- The freshman retention rate of 95 percent is among the highest in the country.
- UF's four-year graduation rate is 64 percent.
- UF ranked second among AAU public universities in bachelor's degrees awarded to African-American students in 2008-09 and second among AAU public universities in bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanic students in 2008-09.
- UF received more than \$678 million in research awards in 2009-10.



- Gatorade®, the world's most popular sports drink, is just one of hundreds of commercial products resulting from UF research.
- UF's annual economic impact exceeds \$8.76 billion. UF activities generate 100,000 statewide jobs, including more than 34,000 university employees and those employed by supporting businesses.
- Every state dollar appropriated to the University of Florida results in a \$15 return on investment.

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## Chain of Office

An ornament worn with the president’s academic regalia symbolizing the authority and responsibilities incumbent with the office. The chain was presented in 2004 during the installation ceremony of President J. Bernard Machen. The medallion centerpiece is a 1.3-carat orange diamond engraved with the portraits, names and service years of the university’s 11 presidents. The Major Analytical Instruments Center at UF used ion beam engraving technology on the medallion. Also on the medallion are three .025-carat blue diamonds placed around the silhouette of the Century Tower and University Auditorium, signifying teaching, research and service. All four diamonds, donated by Gemesis Corp. of Sarasota, Florida, were grown using a process developed and patented by UF’s Department of Materials Science and Engineering.

## Academic Mace

“Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future” was the signature of the University of Florida’s sesquicentennial celebration in 2003. It also was the inspiration for the ceremonial mace created and dedicated to mark this historic event. The mace dates back to the Middle Ages and symbolizes strength and authority; each is unique and reflects the values and characteristics of the institution. The university’s chief marshal, who leads all academic processions, carries the mace. Designed and crafted on the University of Florida campus, the mace artfully symbolizes those elements important to the university’s identity and history.



The 70-inch ceremonial staff combines traditional elements with modern styling. The stylized alligator rests on the globe signifying the University of Florida as an adaptable global leader in teaching, research and service. The four pillars supporting the globe represent the four original colleges; Agriculture, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Law. The cone holds the University of Florida Seal and words to the Alma Mater. The staff is carved from native cherry wood. The acorn finial depicts the adage “from tiny acorns mighty oaks do grow,” a commitment to life long learning. The brick pattern on the handle symbolizes higher education tradition and structure. Like the institution it represents, the mace is not static; growth and movement are expressed with loose rings engraved with the names of the university’s presidents and their years in office.

## University of Florida Tassels

Fisher School of Accounting.....	Aqua
College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.....	Maize
M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Building Construction.....	Burnt Orange and Opal
Warrington College of Business.....	Drab
College of Dentistry.....	Lilac
College of Design, Construction and Planning.....	Blue-Violet
College of Education.....	Light Blue
College of Engineering.....	Orange
College of Fine Arts.....	Brown
The Graduate School.....	Black
College of Health and Human Performance.....	Sage Green
College of Journalism and Communications.....	Black and White
Fredric G. Levin College of Law.....	Purple
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arts.....	White
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Sciences.....	Gold-Yellow
College of Medicine.....	Green
College of Nursing.....	Apricot
College of Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
College of Public Health and Health Professions.....	Salmon
College of Veterinary Medicine.....	Gray



Diplomas will be mailed to the graduate's permanent home mailing address in late October 2011. The permanent home mailing address can be verified through "My Account" – update my directory profile at my.ufl.edu.

## *Caps and Gowns, An Explanation*

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The academic costume worn by graduating students and faculty at today's commencement ceremonies evolved from a style of dress worn by members of guilds and religious orders in medieval times. The black academic gown is worn by individuals who have earned a degree in higher education. In addition, hoods are worn by graduate degree candidates, but not by undergraduate degree candidates.

At the University of Florida, the lining of the hood has a blue chevron on an orange background to represent the university colors. University faculty members who hold degrees from another college or university wear the colors of their alma mater.

The velvet edging on the academic hood is the color that represents the particular degree held by the wearer. Agricultural and Life Sciences and Forest Resources and Conservation share maize edging; Design, Construction and Planning and Building Construction are blue-violet; Audiology degrees have colonial blue edging; Business Administration and Accounting are drab; Dentistry is lilac; Education is light blue; Engineering degrees are represented by orange edging; Fine Arts degrees have brown edging; Journalism and Communications is garnet; Law is purple; Liberal Arts is white and Liberal Sciences is gold-yellow; Medicine is green; Music is pink; Natural Resources and Environment is antique gold; Pharmacy is olive; Philosophy is royal blue; Public Health degrees have salmon-pink edging; and Rehabilitation Counseling degrees have Nile green edging.

Distinctions among sleeves indicate the type of degree held by the wearer. A long, pointed sleeve indicates a bachelor's degree, while a long, closed sleeve with a slit near the upper part of the arm designates a master's degree. A round, open sleeve identifies a doctoral degree.

The doctoral costume also has velvet running on the rest of the gown, including cross bars on the sleeve. The trimming may be black or it may match the color of the velvet hood edging. Colored tassels on the degree candidates' caps indicate a candidate's school or college.







Alma Mater

*Florida, our Alma Mater  
Thy glorious name we praise  
All thy loyal sons and daughters  
A joyous song shall raise.  
Where palm and pine are blowing,  
Where southern seas are flowing,  
Shine forth thy noble Gothic walls,  
Thy lovely vine-clad halls.  
Neath the Orange and Blue victorious  
Our love shall never fail.  
There's no other name so glorious—  
All hail, Florida, Hail!*

Milton Yeats