

UF Voices

The 'CensUS' wants you!

Dear students:

The University of Florida is well known for prestige in academics and athletics, and now it's your chance to continue this success

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+ ME
= CENSUS

by participating in the 2010 Census. The census information provides more than \$400 billion in federal funding each year for the next 10 years. This funding goes toward transportation, education, health care and more. The census also determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Hopefully you are familiar with the "You+Me=CensUS" campaign. This is part of an awareness campaign by the 2010 UF Bateman Team, UF Administration and UF Student Government.

The 10-question census will arrive in mailboxes in March. Each off-campus household should fill out a single form and mail it back by April 1. Campus residents will receive instructions from their facilities' staff. You will not be included on your parents' form unless your full-time residence as of April 1 is with your parents.

It's essential everyone participate so that the city and The Gator Nation receive deserved funding. For more information, visit www.2010.census.gov.

Go Gators!

2010 UF Bateman Team

The **2010 Census** is coming.

Complete it.
Mail it.

Help Gainesville get the dollars it **deserves.**

UF UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA
The Foundation for The Gator Nation



J.R. Hermsdorfer

Aaron Wilbur (left) and Ryan McGinn, UF students and volunteers for the build, enjoy the "Extreme Makeover" viewing party.

Students celebrate 'Extreme Makeover' success

It was 8 p.m. on a Sunday and Ryan McGinn and Aaron Wilbur were sitting three rows back from the large screen amid 150 other people. They ate catered hors d'oeuvres and wore their blue "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" T-shirts once more.

The two friends, students at the University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning, previously volunteered their time as production assistants for "Extreme Makeover" during its Gainesville shoot in December.

Their job was to make sure everything ran smoothly. They moved furniture, unpacked trailers and dealt with catering – all while wearing headsets that Wilbur professed were "just like the FBI."

On Feb. 21, they donned their blue shirts for the viewing party at the Gainesville Woman's Club, to see the final product of their toils. They watched both a "behind-the-scenes" video and the main TV show.

McGinn, a master's student studying architecture, and Wilburn, a senior in landscape architecture, said that the episode did a good job of portraying what happened on set.

"I think they really trimmed the fat," McGinn said. "But you're not going to want to sit through every phase of construction. They touched on all the highlights."

Christopher Silver, dean of the College of Design, Construction and Planning, said the "Extreme Makeover" experience was "just another example of our students contributing to the community as they hone their skills in shaping the built environment."

Attending the viewing party and seeing the people they had worked with, and of course watching the episode, was a bit of a "last hurrah" for the students.

"It was the last step in the entire process," Wilbur said. "It was fun to see that, but it was also the end of the entire build. It had been over for a little while but it almost didn't feel done because it (the show) hadn't aired yet."

McGinn added, "It was fun to be there, and fun being with the family to see their reactions to the show."

Fact

8 million viewers watched the Gainesville "Extreme Makeover" show.

Did you KNOW?

The census helps allocate funding for local buses.

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UF Calendar

March 2

Jacare Brazil, musical performance, 7:30 p.m., Harn Museum.

March 3

"The Materiality of the Inner Asian Nomads," speakers Nicola Di Cosmo and Henry Luce, 6 p.m., Harn Museum.

"Surveillance, Public Safety and Security," speaker Randall Murch, 7:30 p.m., Pugh Ocora.

March 6-13

Spring break.

March 16

"A Lost Tang Ico," speaker Donald Harper, 6 p.m., Harn Museum.

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, 7:30 p.m., Phillips Center.

March 17

UF Speech and Hearing Clinic free screenings, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., 1405 N.W. 13th St., Suites B, C.

March 21

Menahem Pressler and the New York Chamber Soloists Winds, 2 p.m. University Auditorium.

This is a sampling of events from the electronic UF calendar.

For more event details, or to submit an event to the calendar, click "UF Calendar" at www.insideuf.ufl.edu.

Note This

Local pedestrian safety to be promoted

"High Visibility Enforcement," a campaign to promote pedestrian safety on the University of Florida campus and within Alachua County, is being coordinated by the Gainesville Police Department, University of Florida, Alachua County Sheriff's Office and several other groups.

To increase visibility for drivers, additional pavement markings and signs have been placed in various pedestrian crossings throughout the county.

Officers will emphasize traffic enforcement for the next several months, with a specific focus during April, July and November. Currently, warnings are generally given to violators of pedestrian traffic rules.

Pedestrians may be ticketed for jaywalking and crossing during the "Do Not Walk" phase of a light cycle.

For more information, visit gainesvillepd.org.

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