

# SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER



## Summer 2020 Message from Vice President, Curtis Reynolds

Since my last letter to you, a lot has changed. We have experienced a pandemic and a worldwide movement against racism.

To read my statement on racism, you may click the link below.

[Statement on Racism >>](#)

## COVID-19

New procedures will be in place upon your return to campus. Some of the Business Affairs team have remained on campus due to their essential roles. I would like to thank those who have gone above and beyond during the past few months from disinfecting COVID-19 areas to beautifying campus with fresh flowers. Thank you!

Here are a few new norms you will be met with when you return.

**Wearing of Face Coverings:** This will be required while on campus in public facing areas.

**COVID-19 Screen, Test, and Protect:** All employees will be screened for testing, regardless if you have remained on campus or were working from an alternate location, by July 1st an email from HR will be sent to you for scheduling.

**Wearing your Gator 1 Card:** You will be asked to have your Gator 1 Card on you at all times, while on campus. You may wear a lanyard or ID clip.

**Social Distancing:** Maintain a 6 ft. distance when possible.

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### UF Unites to Build COVID-19 Testing Site

Other institutions look to UF as a guide on how to implement their testing. Without the tremendous effort of many UF departments this test site would not be possible.

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## Elite Gator Award Winners

I would like to share with you the Elite Gator Award Winners from March, April, and May.

- March: **Erica Gonzaga**, Assistant Director, EH&S, created a PPE donation drive to help medical staff who were in need of PPE as a shortage of supplies became an issue due to COVID-19.
- April: **Kenneth Allen**, Director of Emergency Management, in addition to preparing the campus for returning faculty, staff and students, he met with city leaders making sure UF's protocol went above and beyond to ensure the safety of the Gator community.
- May: **Grady Brown**, Facilities Services, he volunteered to help with sanitation and disinfection of campus areas where COVID-19 was present. He also helped build the Garage 11 testing site, which both are out of his everyday normal routine.

[Nominate Someone for July's Elite Gator Award>>](#)

### One UF Effort to Increase Safety with New Blue Light Phones on Fraternity Row

"We came together to quickly respond to the concerns brought up by Student Government," said Director of Physical Security, Joseph Souza.

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## Hurricane Season

### HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE.

*Are you prepared?*

Make sure you and your family are prepared in case of a hurricane.

#### Build A Kit

- Water: 1 gallon per person/per day for at least 3 days [1/2 for drinking, 1/2 for sanitation]
- Shelf-stable food: store food that does not require refrigeration or preparation such as canned goods or shelf-stable meals
- Manual can opener
- Cell phone and portable battery-operated charger
- Flashlight battery-powered radio
- Batteries for a radio and flashlight
- First aid supplies: check supply of non-prescription pain relievers, Band-Aids, antibacterial ointment, insect repellent, sunscreen and other items
- Special needs items: prescription meds, baby formula and other items
- Toiletries: hygiene items
- Important documents: Gator 1 Card, insurance policies, drivers' license, birth certificate, Social Security card, passport
- Pet care items
- Cash

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## Be Prepared!





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## Pepsi

A new energy drink option is now available on campus. The drink is called Bang.

If you would like to make your own fizzy drink, email

AnaLee.Rodriguez@ufl.edu with three of the essential items you should have in your hurricane kit that is mentioned in this newsletter for a chance to win a Soda Stream provided by Pepsi. Entries to win will close by 5 p.m. on June 26th,

## News Around Business Affairs

### University of Florida Gator Dining Services Wins National Award for Sustainability



Gator Dining Services (GDS) and Aramark at the University of Florida received the Silver Award for Procurement Practices in Sustainability from the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS). The Sustainability Awards recognize and honor member institutions each year that have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the promotion and implementation of environmental sustainability, specifically as it relates to campus dining operations.

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## Design, Planning, & Construction



### New Green Building Certifications

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC)

- **Otis Hawkins Center at Farrior Hall**, LEEDv4 Gold Certification
- **Katie Seashole Pressly Softball Stadium**, FGBC Gold Certification (on main campus)

### 2020 Spring Walking Challenge Champions



This season's 6-week long university-wide walking challenge was well participated by various Business Affairs teams. Out of the 136 teams that participated campus-wide, the Energy Warriors brought the trophy to Business Affairs with each member walking over 1 million steps during the competition.

Team members include: John Lawson, Ravish Paul, Lacy Anderson, Dustin Stephany, and Sam Zalidar. Congratulations to all Walking Challenge participants for intentionally joining a team and encouraging each other to stay healthy and active!

### O'Connell Center:

The International Association of VenueManagers 30 Under 30 Awarded:

- **Zakiya Smith-Dore**, former student supervisor at the O'Connell Center. She currently works for UF Performing Arts as an Event Operations Manager.
- **David Straley**, an Event Coordinator for the O'Connell Center.

Congratulations!

