

WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

I wish you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous and healthy New Year



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Hello Business Affairs,

Heading into the New Year, we will continue to fight to limit the spread of COVID-19 through the Screen, Test, and Protect initiatives. Please keep you and your families safe this holiday season by continuing to social distance, wear face coverings, and wash hands frequently.

New ways to keep us safe on campus:

- Students participating in on-campus classes will be tested for COVID-19 bi-weekly.
- TAPS has partnered with Facilities Services to fight the spread of COVID-19 in their vehicles. (Video)
- The Office of Physical Security has installed license plate readers (LPR) on campus and perimeter campus entries to increase safety measures. (Read More Here)

STATE OF FLORIDA TAX WATCH

PRODUCTIVITY AWARD WINNERS:

Vinson Grimm, Electrical Supervisor, analyzed the sequence of operations related to energy consumption and discovered electric heat was being used during the Summer to help regulate area cooling. By re-programming the system, the electric heat was no longer in the sequence of operations during the summer months. This resulted in a 41% reduction in utility cost and return on investment in less than one year. Cost Savings Estimate: Annualized energy savings of \$29,970.



Milton Marsh, HVAC Mechanic, innovation resulted in the elimination of environmentally unfriendly mercury switches and the elimination of electric heat to regulate cold room temperatures in research rooms. Milton incorporated a thermostat to replace the environmentally unfriendly mercury switches. His analysis and solution allowed for the reduction in operating cost and environmental concerns, as well as provides customers with reliable equipment. Cost Savings Estimate: Annualized cost savings of \$45,000

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Inaugural 2020 Elite Gators:

I would like to congratulate the winners of the 2020 Elite Gators! They each have exhibited an excellent commitment to safety, sustainability, and service to Business Affairs and the University of Florida. Thank you and we look forward to awarding our 2021 Elite Gators beginning in January.

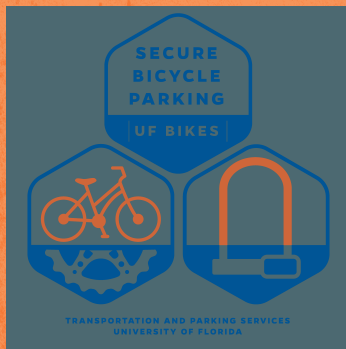
Gatorsgiving

At the recent Gatorsgiving theme meal event at Gator Corner Dining Center, students were provided an opportunity to donate either \$5 or \$10 from their meal plan accounts. This was an easy transaction at the register – and Gator Dining employees found that when it's accessible and easy – it's successful.

“We had 199 students donate during a three-hour period,” said Tim Bucolo, Director of Dining for Gator Dining Services. “That was more than half of our total diners for the night, and we are so proud of the UF students for thinking of others and being grateful.”

As well as the monetary donation from the students, Gator Dining donated over \$5,000 in non-perishable food and snacks to the pantry.

“We are very grateful to Gator Dining for encouraging and matching donations from students, as well as their continuous support for the Pantry,” said Brittani Trimble, Pantry Operations Coordinator. Trimble also noted that the total food donation was 778.5 pounds.



A new Secure Bicycle Parking area in Garage 14 is now open. Reservations are available.

- Secure covered parking area
- Card-swipe access for users
- 42 individual Peak Rack bicycle parking spaces
- 18 full-size storage lockers available on a first-come, first-served basis
- 12 electric bike charging stations available
- 24-hour access

<https://bikes.ufl.edu/secure-bicycle-parking/>

