

Family Connection

Gator Parent and Family Association Newsletter

University of Florida
October 2014



Join us for our next family chat on Thursday, October 2, 2014, where we will discuss how to stay connected with your student from wherever you are!

UF's online Family Chat program is a great way to stay connected and informed! Join other UF family members and campus representatives for themed bi-monthly chat sessions. These live online sessions are designed to answer your specific questions and promote discussion about UF and common transition concerns you or your UF student may experience. Make sure to mark your calendar for upcoming chats. We look forward to chatting with you! Please visit [New Student and Family Programs](#) to join us for our upcoming chats.

Thursday, October 2
Staying Connected with your Student
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15
Gearing up for Midterms and Family Weekend
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 30
Halfway There
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Fall Family Weekend



October 24-26, 2014

Have you registered for Family Weekend yet? If not, there is still time!

Fall Family Weekend is a great opportunity to visit your student and have them show you around the University that they know and love. The weekend is packed full of events hosted by many of our campus partners! For more information and to register for the best weekend of the year, visit the [New Student and Family Programs website](#).

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Gator Parent and Family Association



The Gator Parent and Family Association is open to all family members of UF undergraduate students.

Membership is free, but in order to take full advantage of the benefits, you do have to activate your membership by clicking [here](#).

Planning to attend Homecoming? Make sure you stop by the GPFA hut at the finish line of the [Gator Gallup](#) and the entrance to [Gator Growl](#) for your free giveaway!

Helpful Links

[Student Activities and Involvement](#)

[Center for Leadership and Service](#)

[Student Government](#)

Still need convincing? [Check out all that the weekend has to offer!](#)

U Matter, We Care

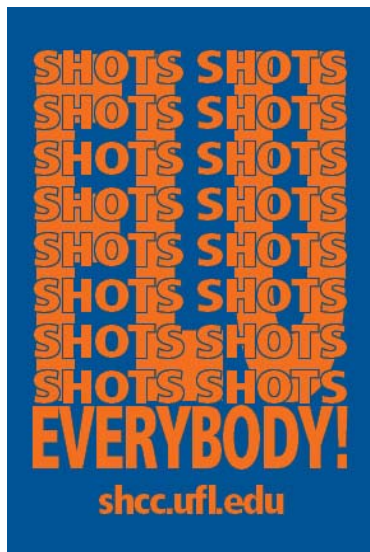


The UF Community cares about one another. U Matter, We Care extends UF's caring culture by educating our community about signs and symptoms of distress and provides students in distress with the appropriate resources.

U Matter, We Care is an umbrella for care-related programs and resources for students. If your student or one of their friends needs assistance during your time at the University of Florida know that there is always someone here who cares and is able to help. All you have to do is call or email us at 352-294-CARE (352-294-2273) or by email at umatter@ufl.edu.

Remember at UF you are a valued member of our community!

Free Flu Shots



On Friday, October 3 students can drop by the front lawn of the Student Health Care Center for free flu shots and other giveaways. The SHCC is located in the Infirmary Building (280 Fletcher Drive). In addition to free flu shots, the first 1,000 students can receive a free "SHOTS" tank top.

Visit [SHHC](#) for more information. Free flu shots are for UF students with a current UF ID only. After October 3, students can obtain free flu shots at the SHCC Infirmary Building or at the SHCC Shands (Health Science Center) on a walk-in basis. Outreach clinics around campus will run throughout October.

First Year Florida Peer Leader Application



First Year Florida is the first-year student's guide to

[Dean of Students Office](#)

[Sorority and Fraternity Affairs](#)

[Department of Recreational Sports](#)

[Department of Housing and Residence Education](#)

[Off Campus Life](#)

[Career Resource Center](#)

[Counseling and Wellness Center](#)

[Alumni Association](#)

Homecoming and Gator Growl



Gator Growl is one of the longest standing traditions at University of Florida. For over 90 years, students at the University have worked hard to create the "largest student-run pep rally in America."

Ludacris, Foster the People, and comedian Brooks Wheelan will perform at Gator Growl this year. Along with the talent will be a collection of student-made skits, cameos from famous UF supporters, food trucks, and for those of age, a beer and wine garden.

Student tickets are \$15, and non-student tickets are \$25.

[Click here](#) to buy your tickets today to ensure that you and your family will be a part of our long-standing Gator tradition and **Let the Gator Growl!**

Football Tickets



academic success at the University of Florida. This one-credit, one-hour per week course is packed with the tips, tricks, and tactics necessary for survival on this large, diverse campus. Class discussions and projects focus on student skills, social diversity, career decisions, and financial management.

Each class is paired with a university official and undergraduate peer leader to help students develop the practical, social, emotional, and intellectual skills that are essential to a fulfilling four years at UF. Applications to become a peer leader will open September 2 and can be found on the Dean of Students [website](#).

To learn more about First Year Florida, the Peer Leader experience and the application/interview process, applicants are strongly encouraged to attend one of the FYF Information Sessions. These are on September 24 and October 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Reitz Union Matthews Suite.

October Events

Fall 2014 Career Showcase (Technical)	October 1
GatorNights: 2nd Annual Orange vs. Blue	October 3
Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving Pinch a Penny All Florida Invitational	October 3 - 5
Butterfly Fest	October 4
UF Symphony Orchestra	October 9
Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving	October 10
Soccer vs. Mississippi State	October 10
Volleyball vs. Georgia	October 10
GatorNights: Imagine	October 10
Football vs. LSU	October 11
Volleyball vs. Texas A&M	October 12
Conflict Resolution Week	October 13-16
Live Nation Presents: Jason Aldean	October 16
UF Homecoming - No Classes	October 17
Gator Growl	October 17
Football vs. Missouri (Homecoming)	October 18
Volleyball vs. Arkansas	October 19
Family Weekend	October 24-26
GatorNights: Fall Carnival	October 24



Gators, you still have a chance to purchase single game football tickets and see a game in The Swamp this fall.

Contact the Gator Ticket Office to find out more information on what single game tickets and premium seats are still available. Call today at 352-375-4683 or visit [GatorZone](#) to find out how to purchase.

Don't miss your chance to spend a Saturday in The Swamp with your family this fall and remember It's Great to be a Florida Gator.

Gator Nights



Thank you for all of your support families. Your students have been hanging out with us on Friday nights in the Reitz Union and as we've told them - we'll be around all semester and semesters to come with blockbuster movies, free food, live comedy and musicians, and so much more. [We're Always Friday. Always Free.](#)

Themes for October:
October 3 - [Orange vs. Blue](#)
October 10 - [Imagine](#)
October 24 - [Fall Carnival](#)

Gator Dining: Declining Balance



[Soccer \(Senior Day\) vs. Tennessee](#)

October 24

[Volleyball vs. Missouri](#)

October 24

[Volleyball vs. Mississippi State](#)

October 26

[Soccer vs. Vanderbilt](#)

October 30

I wish you all the best as you continue this new journey with your student. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can help in any way.

Sincerely,

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From September 22 - October 6, Gator Dining is offering a Declining Balance Reload program. For every \$100 students reload into their declining balance account, they will be awarded \$10.

For more information, visit the [Gator1](#) site.

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