



CHANCELLOR'S NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023 UPDATE

Chancellor's Message

Trustees,

As we near the end of 2023 and prepare to welcome in the new year, we want to highlight the accomplishments that our 12 universities have achieved as a System. Across the System, we have collaborated to utilize our strengths in research and community partnerships to maximize the State University System's return on investment in the state of Florida. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to student wellness and success.

Wishing you a Happy Holidays and a Healthy 2024!

Ray Rodrigues

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Happy Holidays!



Thank you for making the 2023 Trustee Summit a **HUGE SUCCESS!**

A big thank you to the University of Central Florida for hosting an engaging 2023 Trustee Summit! Over 150 esteemed participants, including the Board of Governors, University Boards of Trustees, State and Business Leaders, Faculty and Student Leaders, gathered for the event. The sessions were vibrant, covering crucial topics such as Workforce, High Student Impact, Digital Revolution, The Future of Florida, Healthcare, Cybersecurity, and Excellence.



Chancellor Rodrigues and Chair Lamb commended the accomplishments of the SUS and urged leaders to embrace adaptability, set high goals, and strive for even greater excellence. As the summit concluded, leaders representing all 12 institutions had an opportunity to establish connections throughout the entire SUS.

This year's triumph stands as a testament to our united dedication and commitment toward advancing our common goals. As we move forward, let us build upon this momentum, continuing to foster collaboration, innovation, and success across our institutions.

Congratulations to UWF for winning the coveted "Mori Award". Each year, the "Mori Award" is given to the university with the most trustee attendance.



Better Together.
Together, WE ARE #1.

Below is a link for a brief (5 minutes or less) survey to guide us in our planning for the next Trustee Summit. We appreciate your feedback!
<https://flbog.research.net/r/TrusteeSummit2023>

Save the Date

January 9

First Day of Regular
Session
Tallahassee, FL

January 24-25

Florida Board of
Governors Meeting
FSU - Tallahassee, FL

February 21

Florida Board of
Governors Meeting
Conference Call

March 8

Last Day of Regular
Session
Tallahassee, FL

March 26-27

Florida Board of
Governors Committee
Meeting
UF - Gainesville, FL

UF Online hosts Florida Universities at Virtual Education Showcase for Service Members, Families

The Florida Online Education Symposium was held in November for Florida military service members and their families. During the two-day virtual education event hosted by UF Online, leaders from 10 state university online programs led sessions that spotlighted high-quality, affordable, online degrees and certificates available in the SUS.

Sessions included how to pay for college, how to thrive as an online student, and in-depth presentations from each university about education offerings and programs to support military students and their dependents. Additionally, Veterans Affairs, Army National Guard, and Navy education specialists walked attendees through federal and state education benefits available to military members and their dependents.

The event raised awareness about the stellar online programs offered by Florida universities and engaged military-affiliated students who are often heavily recruited by for-profit colleges.

The symposium sessions were recorded and will be posted at <https://info.ufonline.ufl.edu/militarysymposium> in December.

2024-25 Governor's Recommended Budget Highlights

Fixed Capital Outlay - \$349.6 M:

\$138.5 M - Maintenance, Repair, Renovation & Remodeling (Board requested \$99.8)

\$50.5 M - CITF (matches Board request)

\$75 M - Four PECO list projects (Board requested \$267 M for 10 projects)

\$86 M - Four new FCO projects

Operations - \$4.3 B:

\$350 M - Performance-based funding (matches Board request)

\$100 M - Performance-based funding Excellence Recognition (matches Board request)

\$35M - UF Semiconductor Institute

\$25M - USF FL Center for Cybersecurity

\$31.5 M - Restoration of non-recurring funds for five 2023-24 projects

Did U Know?



FSU's College of Business is bringing together health care leaders from throughout Florida and the U.S. for a comprehensive one-day forum to address the industry's most pressing workforce, policy, financial and technology issues. The Business of Healthcare Summit will be held January 26th and examine health care operations in the state and nation from the perspectives of hospitals, private practices, health systems, policy boards and other professional organizations.



UNF and JEA are collaborating to support clean and renewable energy education and research, through the establishment of the new JEA Sustainable Solutions Lab at UNF. Through a five-year financial commitment from JEA, the Solutions Lab will provide UNF undergraduate and graduate students hands-on opportunities to learn about clean and renewable energy technology and conduct related research in a dedicated space on campus.



UWF and Leidos, a Fortune 500® science and technology leader, have launched the Leidos Cybersecurity Infrastructure Lab in UWF's Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering. The new lab is purpose-built to provide students with hands-on cybersecurity education in realistic digital environments. Students will receive hands-on experience in the areas of digital modernization, updated data processing techniques, modeling and simulation, capability and capacity planning assessments. Students will also gain familiarity with Amazon Web Services and multiple other vendor training tools and training modules. This exposure to application development and testing environments enables valuable industry experience and positions the students for internships supported by Leidos and the University's collaboration.

Baptist Health, South Florida's largest not-for-profit healthcare system, and FIU announced a collaboration that will expand physician training, research, and patient care for the benefit of the South Florida community. Under the new enhanced affiliation with FIU, Baptist Hospital is on track to become a statutory teaching hospital with expanded undergraduate and graduate medical education programs, clinical research, and patient care.

