Greetings from the President

On behalf of the University of Florida and our administration, faculty and staff, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, the Class of 2017, and to your family and friends.

Today’s ceremony celebrates your considerable accomplishment in completing a degree program at one of the world’s great universities. I share your pride and excitement, and I am confident that your degree — and the skills and experience you acquired while at this university — will serve you well in your careers and lives.

As you enjoy this celebration, you may already be headed for graduate school or a professional opportunity. I urge you to pursue your highest career aspirations while remaining attuned to your capacity to make meaningful and lasting change in people’s lives.

UF graduates have a long history of service to others, and I know you will continue that tradition “For the Gator Good.”

It has been a privilege to have you as a part of our community, and the university is better for your time here. I hope you remain connected to UF as active alumni and members of The Gator Nation.

Good luck, best wishes, and Go Gators!

W. Kent Fuchs

Greetings from the Dean

Congratulations to the graduates of the Class of 2017! Your hard work has paid off and you are finally ready to graduate — stepping out of the classroom and immersing yourselves in a world where technology and innovation are critical to almost every human endeavor. You are not just entering the workforce. You are stepping up into a leadership role, where you will be responsible for developing the 21st century economy and taking on the greatest challenges facing our world.

You are what we call the New Engineers.

For the past few years while you have been working on your degrees, focusing on your specific majors and your classwork, you have been exposed to a wider culture of diversity and inclusion, of entrepreneurship, of innovation, and of creative approaches to problem solving that reach across disciplines — and across differences — to work towards what we call the Gator Good. You have grown to be part of a rich community that, we hope, will guide you for years to come. Thank you for sharing your talents and enthusiasm with us these past few years. We are excited to see the impact you will make on the world. Visit us often, and Go Gators!

Cammy R. Abernathy, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Engineering
University of Florida President

Dr. Kent Fuchs became the 12th President of the University of Florida in January 2015. Under President Fuchs’ leadership, the university has developed shared goals for the decade ahead. UF’s overarching aspiration is to be a premier comprehensive university that the state, nation and world look to for leadership.

President Fuchs came to UF from Cornell University, where he served as provost. He also served as dean of the Cornell College of Engineering. Before that, he was the head of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Purdue University and a professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Coordinated Science Laboratory at the University of Illinois. President Fuchs is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; the American Association for the Advancement of Science; the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Association for Computing Machinery. He earned his doctoral degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois. He holds a master’s degree in divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and a bachelor’s degree from Duke University.

Dean of the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

Amy R. Abernathy received her S.B. degree in materials science and engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1980, and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in materials science and engineering from Stanford University in 1982 and 1985 respectively. She joined the University of Florida’s Department of Materials Science and Engineering as a professor in 1993. In 2004 she became the College’s Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and in July 2009 was appointed Dean of the College of Engineering. Dr. Abernathy’s research interests are in synthesis of thin-film electronic materials and devices using metal organic chemical vapor deposition and molecular beam epitaxy. She is the author of over 500 journal publications, over 430 conference papers, one co-authored book, 7 edited books, 8 book chapters, and 7 patents. Dr. Abernathy is a fellow of the MRS, AAAS, AVS, APS and of the Electrochemical Society. She is also a member of the American Society of Engineering Education.
What Makes a University Great?

Some interesting facts about the University of Florida

Educational Excellence

UF is consistently ranked among the nation’s top universities: No. 14 in U.S. News & World Report “Top Public Universities” (2016); No. 2 on the Forbes’ list of Best Value Public Universities (2016); No. 1 on Value Colleges’ list of Top 50 Best Value Colleges (2016); and No. 8 on the Times Higher Education list of best universities for employers to find new hires.

Faculty

- UF has nearly 5,000 faculty members with distinguished records in teaching, research and service, including 36 Eminent Scholar chairs and 44 faculty elections to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, the Institute of Medicine or the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- Awards include two Pulitzer Prizes, NASA’s top award for research, and the Smithsonian Institution’s conservation award.

Students

- Ninety-seven percent of incoming freshmen score above the national average (1500/21) on standardized exams. Students admitted for the fall 2017 freshman class had an average 4.4 GPA and an average SAT score of 1930.
- More than 1,285 International Baccalaureate students were enrolled in UF in March 2016. The freshman retention rate of 96 percent is among the highest in the country.
- Among AAU public universities, UF ranked first in master’s degrees and second in bachelor’s degrees awarded to Hispanic students in 2014.
- Sixty-seven percent of UF full-time freshmen graduate in four years (2011-12 cohort), and 87 percent of UF freshmen graduate within six years (2009-10 cohort).
- Fifty-seven percent of UF graduates leave the university with no student-loan debt. For the remaining students, their average indebtedness is about $21,603, as compared with the national average of over $30,000 (2014-15).
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The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering at the University of Florida houses one of the largest and most dynamic engineering programs in the nation. Curriculum offered across nine departments, 15 degree programs, and more than 20 centers and institutes produces leaders and problem-solvers who take a multidisciplinary approach to innovative and human-centered solutions. Students, faculty and alumni are hailed as New Engineers who aim to transform the way we live, work and play. The college produces inventions at twice the national average — and startups at five times the national average — for every research dollar spent. Engineering is the largest professional school, the second largest college, and one of the top three research units at UF.

Established in 1910 with John R. Benton serving as dean until 1930, college initially offered programs in civil, electrical and mechanical engineering. Dean Joseph Weil served from 1937 to 1963, guiding the college through two and a half decades of tremendous change, including a post-war enrollment surge and the creation of the Engineering and Industrial Experiment Station. During his 15-year tenure, Dean Wayne H. Chen tripled enrollment and dramatically increased research funding. Beginning in 1988, Dean Winfred Phillips led the college into a new era of expanded research programs. From 2001 to 2009, Dean Pramod Khargonekar helped create the J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering and launched a new version of UF EDGE — the college’s distance learning online graduate degree program.

Under the leadership of Dean Cammy Abernathy, the college has opened two new institutes dedicated to preparing 21st century engineers to be leaders and entrepreneurs in a global innovation economy. Her strategic research initiatives in healthcare, security and sustainability have positioned the college to lead collaborative and transformative efforts across campus that are aimed at solving the greatest problems facing our world.

In 2015, Dean Abernathy’s vision of the New Engineer was recognized and met by a man intent to change the world by investing in engineering education. Herbert Wertheim’s historic $50 million gift launched a $300 million dollar private-public partnership that is transforming the college with increased faculty hires and student enrollment, exciting research budgets and plans for a brand new flagship building — the Herbert Wertheim Laboratory for Engineering Excellence. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering was named in his honor.
The 21st century is teaching us how interdependent we are and what we can accomplish by working together. In a world where technology and innovation are critical to almost every human endeavor, engineers must serve as leaders, driving solutions for healthcare, security and sustainability.

Gator Engineering is poised to lead the next era of technological revolution by preparing a generation of engineers capable of solving global problems, and creating and commercializing the discoveries that will transform the way we live our lives, and perhaps even ‘us.’

THE NEW ENGINEER IS:
A leader
Ethical and principled
Creative
Grounded in a human-centered approach
Focused on innovation and discovery
Interdisciplinary
Dynamic
A contributor to the economy
A contributor to the global community.

... and we are powering the New Engineer to transform the future.
Transforming the Future

In 2015, Dr. Herbert & Nicole Wertheim gave the largest cash gift in UF’s history in support of engineering education and research. Their $50 million catalyst gift launched a $300 million public and private fundraising initiative that is transforming the college, and the future.

Dr. Herbert “Herbie” Wertheim is a physician, inventor, entrepreneur, philanthropist and a University of Florida Distinguished Alumnus. Dr. Wertheim was a pioneer in identifying ultraviolet light as a primary cause of cataracts and retinal deterioration. He has secured over 100 patents and trademarks, and his series of protective coatings have become the industry standard. Wertheim founded Brain Power Incorporated, and his innovative products, created with advanced robotics as well as complex chemical processes, have been a medical miracle for millions of people.

The Dr. Herbert & Nicole Wertheim Family Foundation — aided by the leadership of daughters Erica Wertheim Zohar and Vanessa Von Wertheim — is committed to investing in a better world for everyone.

“The transformation made possible by the Wertheim investment signals UF engineering’s remarkable determination to become one of the leading programs in the world. It raises the stature of both the engineering college and the university. This transformation will further accelerate social and economic development in the state of Florida and the nation.”

— Kent Fuchs, University of Florida President

“UF is joining the ranks of the world’s best universities, and having a world-class engineering college is one of the keys to that success. This strategic gift is one giant step in getting there and sustaining engineering leadership in the world. The Wertheims’ investment in the college and university continues their insight in the future of mankind. This gift dramatically increases UF’s ability to impact the lives of people around the world through innovative teaching and research.”

— Steve Scott, UF Board of Trustees Chairman
Commencement Agenda

Exactech Arena at the Stephen C. O’Connell Center

**Bachelor’s Degree Ceremony • Sunday, April 30, 7pm**

Presiding .................................................................................................................. W. Kent Fuchs, Ph.D., University of Florida President

Processional .............................................................................................................. Gainesville Brass Quintet

National Anthem .................................................................................................... Engineering Ambassadors
Kenzie Gordon, Melanie Solo, Deanna Alford, Caleb Robey, Jean Carlos Asencio
Gainesville Brass Quintet

Welcome ................................................................................................................. W. Kent Fuchs

Introductions ......................................................................................................... Cammy R. Abernathy, Ph.D.
Dean, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

Commissions in Armed Forces/Vet Recognition .................................................... Sil Perrella, Captain, U.S. Navy

Student Representative Remarks ........................................................................... Virginia Lane — Chemical Engineering
Ty Christoff-Tempesta — Materials Science and Engineering

Commencement Address ....................................................................................... W. Kent Fuchs

Presenting Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees ....................................................... Cammy R. Abernathy

Conferring of Bachelor’s Degrees ........................................................................ W. Kent Fuchs

Closing Remarks ................................................................................................... W. Kent Fuchs

Alma Mater ............................................................................................................ Engineering Ambassadors, Gainesville Brass Quintet

Recessional ............................................................................................................. Gainesville Brass Quintet

Postlude ............................................................................................................... Gainesville Brass Quintet

**Master’s Degree Ceremony • May 1, 3pm**

Presiding ................................................................................................................. Cammy R. Abernathy, Ph.D.
Dean, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

Processional .............................................................................................................. Gainesville Brass Quintet

National Anthem .................................................................................................... Engineering Ambassadors
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Welcome ................................................................................................................. Cammy R. Abernathy

Introductions ......................................................................................................... Wesley Bolch, Ph.D
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

Commencement Address ....................................................................................... Cammy R. Abernathy

Presenting Candidates for Degrees ....................................................................... Wesley Bolch

Conferring of Degrees .......................................................................................... Cammy R. Abernathy

Closing Remarks ................................................................................................... Cammy R. Abernathy

Alma Mater ............................................................................................................ Engineering Ambassadors, Gainesville Brass Quintet

Recessional ............................................................................................................. Gainesville Brass Quintet

Postlude ............................................................................................................... Gainesville Brass Quintet
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Curtis Taylor, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Undergraduate Student Affairs

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Darryl McCune, Engineering Undergraduate Student Affairs
Andrea Fabic, Engineering Undergraduate Student Affairs
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Dr. Bruce Carroll, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Dr. Duwayne Schubring, Nuclear Engineering

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Engineering Ambassadors

2017 Engineering Commencement
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Anna Ball, CHE
Anthony Alvarez, MAE
Arni Catano, MAE
Babatunde Bologun, BMES
Bailey Harrell, ABE
Beatrice Villanueva, ECE
Brandon Tapasak, MAE
Bryan Blaise, MAE
Caitlin DeYoung, EES
Caitlin Smith, CCE
Caitlin Smith, CCE
Caleb Robey, UCE
Connor Jenkins, MAE
Corey Balko, MAE
David Damiani, MAE
David Dawson, MSE
Deanna Alford, CHE
Destiny Hartin, ISE
Emurudam Sayedul Huq, ISE
Ellie Weinbel, ISE
Emma Johnson, EES
Ernestine Celestial, MAE
Eric Wagner, MAE
Fernando Barroso, ISE
Grant Owens, ISE
Hrishi Kalyanam, MAE
Jacob Hay, CHE
Jared Stone, MAE
Jasmina Horozovic, MSE
JeanCarlos Asencio, MAE
Joshua Poulalion, ECE
Juliana Matiz, EES
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Kenzie Gordon, CHE
Kevi Lal, IEE
Leander Shedd, ISE
Libby Swanson, ISE
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Nick Poinroper, ECE
Nikhil Thota, ECE
Ning (Jina) Gao, ISE
Robert Fisher, MAE
Sean Kutzner, MAE
Shannon Scollitro, Civil
Shivam Patel MAE
Takashi Wikes, ECE
Tess Fielder, MSE
Valentina Otero, CHE
Wesley Schreiner, Civil
Yashira Zavala, MAE
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Brandon Harrold
University of Florida
Outstanding Leader

What is your proudest Gator moment? My proudest Gator moment is when the University of Florida Club Golf team, which I founded and competed on, won the 2015 NCCGA Club Golf Championship in North Carolina.

What is something every Gator should know? That you just might meet your future wife at midtown one night.

Who are the Gators who inspire you? The Gators who inspire me are the students. They are competitive yet helpful, hard-working yet fun, and intelligent yet outgoing.

What is the most important lesson you learned from (or taught to) a fellow Gator? As an older member in a fraternity house, I like to remind the younger Gators that while college is the time to have fun, it is also the most pivotal point in your career. UF gives you the opportunity to figure out what you want to do early in your professional life, as opposed to transitioning paths later on.

What was your most fulfilling UF role? My most fulfilling UF role was being vice president of my fraternity on campus. I led the charge to win the chapter’s first Knox Award, the highest award given to chapters nationally.

Which of your UF affiliations or activities nurtured you most? The UF affiliation that has nurtured me the most was being a J. Wayne Reitz Scholar. It was exhilarating and inspiring to be surrounded by UF’s significant student leaders.

How will you pay it forward? I would like to provide continued support to the University Scholars Program (USP), which allowed me to skip out on getting an ordinary job and be paid to do research at UF.

What will your legacy be? My legacy at the University of Florida will be continued by the two organizations I founded: the University of Florida Club Golf Team and the Gator Private Equity & Venture Capital Organization (GPEVCO).

Jhoan Lozano
University of Florida
Outstanding Leader
Gator Engineering Four Year Scholar

What is your proudest Gator moment? My proudest Gator tradition was attending the football games. There’s a great atmosphere that surrounds The Swamp with 90,000 attendees cheering for what embodies a common passion at the University of Florida — football!

Who are the Gators who inspire you? The Gators who inspire me are my fellow peers, professors and mentors. They pushed me in ways I don’t think I could have alone. Michael and Andre continuously challenged me throughout my journey in engineering; Dr. Perry, who served not only as my favorite professor and research advisor, but also as a mentor of mine; and of course, all of my closest friends and role models that I made in FLC, Cicerones, SigEp and a small major known as Materials Science and Engineering.

What is the most important lesson you learned from (or taught to) a fellow Gator? I learned how important it is to ask for help... whether it’s help on an assignment from a professor or a fellow classmate, or just getting someone to listen to you. It’s okay to show vulnerability and ask for help.

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What is your proudest Gator moment?
My proudest Gator moment is participating in the STEPUP program and winning the design challenge for Shands’ pediatric cancer patients. The goal was to “Make a Child Smile,” so we created a gator robot with Lego NXT kits that alerted children when someone was at their door and was controlled remotely via Bluetooth. Children could also play with the gator’s mouth, trying to remove their hand before it “chomped” closed.

What is your favorite Gator icon or tradition?
My favorite Gator tradition is the Gator chomp! Easily the most well-known and recognizable motion of all gator students, everyone uses it whether they are at a football game or taking photos while studying abroad. Every gator does the chomp wherever they go as a shout out back home and as a way to represent the gator nation.

What was your most fulfilling UF role?
My most fulfilling UF role is being a Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Peer Advisor. For three years, I’ve helped countless students plan their academic schedules and address bigger-picture concerns such as internships and career planning. Knowing I can use my experiences and knowledge to help give students some peace of mind has been tremendously rewarding.

How will you pay it forward?
I will continue my education at UF and use my degrees to improve people’s quality of life through the application of engineering to medicine. I will remain as involved as possible with the university through participation in alumni relations activities as well as external advisory boards, so that I can continue to help future generations of students get the most out of their education, as I have.

What will your legacy be?
I hope my legacy is one of hard work and passion. I am passionate about water, particularly in two areas — sustainable engineering and scuba diving. At first glance it seems like these passions might not mesh well, but through hard work I have earned a scholarship that allows me to spend the next year exploring cutting-edge engineering projects while also furthering my dive skills as a researcher and explorer. Anything is possible if you have passion and are willing to work hard.

Which UF affiliations or activities nurtured you most?
The most nurturing part of my time at UF has been being a student in the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department. I am forever grateful for the day I decided to switch majors and wandered inside Frazier Rogers Hall to ask a few questions. Since then, it has become my home. The educators and students in this department have challenged me to become my very best and encouraged me to pursue my wildest dreams.

What was your most fulfilling UF role?
Leading our Integrated Product and Process Design team has been the most fulfilling (and challenging) role at UF. Our team took on an incredibly difficult project and worked together to complete it in a limited amount of time. The long-lasting friendships I have formed with my teammates throughout this intense process are invaluable to me.

What was the most important lesson you learned from a fellow Gator?
My adviser, Dr. Leary, has taught me that I can achieve anything I put my mind to. I have sought his guidance on all manners of pursuits, from simple assignments to huge scholarship applications, and he has shown me the value in never giving up and always believing in myself.

What should every Gator know?
Every Gator should know that there are thousands of doors open to them by simply being a student on this campus. All you have to do is seek them out and keep asking questions. The opportunities here are endless, so make the most of every moment.

What will your legacy be?
My legacy will be one of blazing your own path in life based on what matters most to you, and using your unique passions to leave behind a better trail for others. I have always followed my heart and never given up on my dreams, no matter how challenging it got. And I have always tried to give back more than I get in life.
Recognition of Outstanding Students

Eric Wagner
Gator Engineering Dean
Weil Award

What is your proudest Gator moment?
During my first year at UF, I volunteered at an Engineers’ Week event called Mystery Design. Local K-8 students came to learn about science and engineering. The six students in my group were the youngest in the room by far and knew the least about engineering or science. The competition consisted of answering several basic questions about engineering and building a marble roller coaster from foam tubing. Our team got every question correct and the team’s design never faulted. Our team ended up winning, and the students received Lego prizes to continue their engineering endeavors. At the end of the event, one student’s parents came up to thank me and the mom gave me a handwritten note thanking me for showing their son how exciting science can be. It was in that moment that I realized that inspiration can come when you least expect it and that our own actions can inspire others in ways that we sometimes forget.

What is something every Gator should know?
Never leave your dorm, apartment, or home without an umbrella. Those who are prepared tend to stay the driest at the University of Florida.

What is your favorite Gator icon or tradition?
Albert will forever be my favorite Gator icon. It doesn’t matter where he shows up, everyone is always so excited to see Albert and he always brings a newfound energy to those around him.

Who are the Gators who inspire you?
Previous student leaders who I met in my earlier years at UF and up-and-coming student leaders inspire me. I have seen greatness come from UF and I know that even more incredible things have yet to come.

How will you pay it forward?
I would like to stay involved with young engineering alumni groups and plan to mentor engineering interns in my future full-time roles. I also plan on donating a portion of the profits from my engineering T-shirt company, Engineering Outfitters, to STEM charities. I think helping inspire others to succeed and working together to accomplish that is an incredible way to power engineers of the future.

Jackson Cagle
Gator Engineering M.S. Scholar

What is something every Gator should know?
I think the most important thing that every Gator should know is the great possibility that Gator communities offer. At UF, you can be working on anything you like regardless of your major, age or background. Just follow your heart and you will be blessed with the experiences.

Who are the Gators who inspire you?
The Gator that inspires me toward my career path is Bruce Wheeler from UF’s J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering. Professor Wheeler’s enthusiasm for advanced technologies and guidance to students inspired me to develop electronic peripheral for patients suffering neurological disorders.

What was the most important lesson you learned from (or taught to) a fellow Gator?
One of the most important lessons I learned from a fellow Gator, David Whitney, is knowing when to say “no.” At UF, students are exposed to many opportunities that could benefit them academically and personally; however, there’s a limit to how many tasks you can juggle. It is essential for students to understand that it is better to devote our best to the responsibilities we already have.

Which UF affiliations or activities nurtured you most?
I am involved with multiple student-led design team such as the Small Satellite Design Club (SSDC) and Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES). I learnt significant amounts of technical skills and gained collaborative experiences while working on various interesting projects.

How will you pay it forward?
The experiences I gained through my early involvement in design teams helped me mold my professional interests. As a senior student now, I pay it forward by passing on the knowledge to incoming students through mentorship. In the future, I hope they, too, keep the tradition of training the next generation of UF engineers.


Recognition of Outstanding Students

Ty Christoff-Tempesta  
Student Speaker

What is something every Gator should know?  
Professors are people. It took me an eternity to come to the realization that professors are not robots, but complex people with interesting ideas, great stories, and want you to be successful.

What was the most important lesson you learned from (or taught to) a fellow Gator?  
Take time for yourself. An exam will always be around the corner, a research deadline is always coming up, an extracurricular will always be demanding your time, and the onslaught of homework never ends. My Statics professor told our class to always take a night of the week out for ourselves, and that’s stuck with me throughout my undergraduate career (well, that and how to make a free body diagram). I’ve discovered that a little rest and relaxation goes a long way to making the productive time more efficient and effective.

How will you pay it forward?  
I’ll pay it forward by continuing the culture of innovation fostered in the UF’s Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering. Our unique education has prepared us to revolutionize the industries we enter by developing us as engineers, leaders, and interdisciplinary thinkers — and I plan to do just that.

What will your legacy be?  
Showing that it’s possible to balance what you’re passionate about. Engineering students especially tend to focus their energy on one aspect of their college career, like academics, research, or an extracurricular. But by cutting back Netflix hours after my first semester, I discovered it’s possible to successfully pursue a few things that mattered to me the most — and I hope I showed others that they can do the same.

How do you bleed orange and blue?  
According to my last papercut, I’m fortunate to still bleed red. In a perhaps more metaphorical sense, throughout my undergraduate career, I’ve been proud to represent the Gator Nation at countless speech and debate competitions and academic conferences throughout the United States — and I will always be proud to be a Gator.

Virginia Lane  
Student Speaker

What is your proudest Gator moment?  
One of my proudest moments at UF was finishing my junior recital for the school of music. Next, my proudest moment will be walking across the stage at graduation.

What is something every Gator should know?  
Failure is a necessary part of success and is not something to be feared. Even failures can open new and unexpected doors. It’s okay to fail. It’s not okay to not try.

Who are the Gators who inspire you?  
The Gators who inspire me the most are my professors and advisors who I’ve studied under while being here. So many of them have gone above and beyond to help me achieve things I never would have thought possible. All of the academic opportunities I’ve had, such as doing research at Princeton and in the Czech Republic, being part of University Scholars Program, and even speaking at commencement would not have been possible without them.

What was the most important lesson you learned from (or taught to) a fellow Gator?  
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What was the most important lesson you learned from (or taught to) a fellow Gator?  
Classes are important, but so is your health. Do your best to get enough sleep, eat well and exercise. Your mind can’t be at its peak performance if you’re not physically healthy. This will ultimately help you in your classes.

What was your most fulfilling UF role?  
My most fulfilling role at UF was being a mentor to others. I had opportunities to do this through chemical engineering peer advising, the research I was involved with, and my Christian sorority, Sigma Phi Lambda. These were also the activities that I also grew the most from. It’s interesting how we sometimes learn the most from teaching others.

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Wherever I end up, I will always be a part of the Gator Nation. I didn’t originally expect to come here for undergrad, but it’s been a wonderful five years and it’s in my blood now. Go Gators!
Recognition of Outstanding Faculty & Staff

Dr. Ranga Narayanan  
*Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering*  
Teacher/Scholar of the Year 2016-17

Ranga Narayanan is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering. He is also a member of the Academy of Distinguished Teacher-Scholars at the University. Narayanan joined the University of Florida in 1981 after five years as a Research Engineer at the Amoco Research Center. His research is in the area of pattern formation. Applications of his research include ways to “tune” patterns to create better and useful products such as better drug delivery systems and better semiconductor and energy efficient devices. As a result of his work he has directed a major National Science Foundation research training “center” grant in the field of patterns in fluids and interfacial science that has affected over 35 doctoral students that includes internationalization in their research training.

Narayanan has over two hundred published papers and conference presentations and four authored and edited books. He serves as an executive editor of the Journal of Engineering Mathematics and is on the editorial board of several scholarly journals. In addition, he has been invited several times as a visiting faculty to major universities in France, Japan, Germany, Belgium, Israel and India.

Allison Gatsche  
*Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering*  
Professional Advisor of the Year 2016-17

Allison Gatsche is the academic advisor for Computer Engineering undergraduate students and has been serving the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering in this capacity for three years. As a double Gator graduate and Gainesville native herself, Allison strives to make personal and meaningful connections with each of her students. She knows that advising encompasses more than course selection and she thoroughly enjoys assisting her students in making academic, professional, and personal decisions. Allison is actively involved with Preview, UF’s Freshman Orientation Program, and will be teaching First Year Florida in the fall. Acting as the Professional Development Committee Chair for the Undergraduate Advising Council (UAC) since 2014, she led the execution of the UF Annual Advising Conference in 2016 and 2017. Most recently, she has been elected as the Chair of the UAC. Allison earned her M.Ed. and Ed.S. in Counselor Education from the University of Florida.
Recognition of Outstanding Faculty & Staff

**Dr. Helena Weaver**  
*Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering*  
_Undergraduate Teacher of the Year 2016-17_

Helena Hagelin-Weaver is an assistant professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering. She holds a Ph.D. in chemistry and an M.S. in Chemical Engineering from the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm (Sweden) and came to the University of Florida as a post doc in 1999. She held a research assistant professor position in the department from 2002 and joined the tenure-track faculty in 2011. Her research focuses on heterogeneous catalyst development. She studies reactions at the interface between heterogeneous catalyst surfaces and gaseous or liquid reactants. Her research involves preparation and characterization of novel nano-structured catalysts, catalytic activity measurements and reactor design. In particular, her research group is using nanoparticle oxides as supports for various active metals and use methods, such as atomic layer deposition, for the controlled deposition of active metals onto the oxide supports.

Hagelin-Weaver is a member of the American Institute for Chemical Engineers (AIChE), the American Chemical Society (ACS), the Society of Women Engineers and the American Association for Women in Science (AWIS).

**Dr. Henry Zmuda**  
*Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering*  
_Faculty Adviser/Mentor of the Year 2016-17_

Henry Zmuda is an associate professor and undergraduate coordinator for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He earned his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering from Cornell University and a B.E. degree from the Stevens Institute of Technology. Zmuda’s research focuses on electromagnetics and energy systems. He is a faculty researcher and coordinator for UF’s Electromagnetics and Energy Systems, a division that focuses on electromagnetic fields and their applications — including power generation, distribution, and utilization of electrical energy. Zmuda is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).
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**Chain of Office**

This custom-made ornament is worn with the president’s regalia, symbolizing the authority and responsibilities of the office. The chain is engraved with the names and service years of the university presidents. The medallion's centerpiece is a 1.3-carat diamond.

**Academic Mace**

Dating back to the Middle Ages, the mace symbolizes strength and authority. The UF ceremonial mace was created for the university’s sesquicentennial celebration in 2003. The 70-inch staff features an alligator sitting atop a globe. The four pillars supporting the globe represent the four original colleges: Agriculture, Engineering, Law, and Liberal Arts. The staff is carved from cherry wood. The university’s chief marshal, who leads all academic processions, carries the mace.

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Caps and Gowns, An Explanation

The academic regalia worn by graduating students and faculty at today’s commencement ceremonies evolved from a style of dress worn by members of guilds and religious orders in medieval times. The academic gown is worn by individuals who have earned a degree in higher education. In addition, hoods are worn by graduate degree candidates, but not by undergraduate degree candidates.

At the University of Florida, the lining of the hood has a blue chevron on an orange background to represent the university colors. University faculty members who hold degrees from another college or university wear the colors of their alma mater.

The velvet edging on the academic hood is the color that represents the particular degree held by the wearer. Agricultural and Life Sciences and Forest Resources and Conservation share maize edging; Design, Construction and Planning and Building Construction are blue violet; Audiology degrees have colonial blue edging; Business Administration and Accounting are drab; Dentistry is lilac; Education is light blue; Engineering degrees are represented by orange edging; Fine Arts degrees have brown edging; Health and Human Performance is sage green; Journalism and Communications is garnet; Law is purple; Liberal Arts is white and Liberal Sciences is gold yellow; Medicine is green; Music is pink; Natural Resources and Environment is antique gold; Nursing is apricot; Doctor of Pharmacy is olive; Philosophy is royal blue; Public Health degrees have salmon pink edging; Rehabilitation Counseling degrees have Nile green edging; and Veterinary Medicine is gray.

Distinctions among sleeves indicate the type of degree held by the wearer. A long, pointed sleeve indicates a bachelor’s degree, while a long, closed sleeve with a slit near the upper part of the arm designates a master’s degree. A round, open sleeve identifies a doctoral degree.

The doctoral regalia also has velvet running on the rest of the gown, including cross bars on the sleeve. Colored tassels on the degree candidates’ caps indicate a candidate’s school or college.