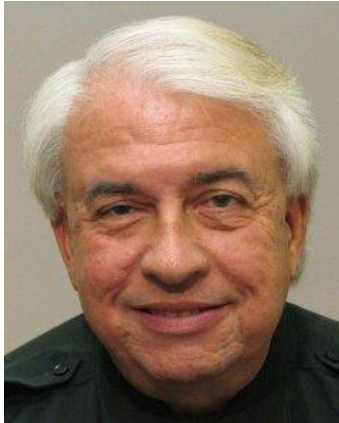




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Michael Ferrante received his B.S in Electrical Engineering from the University of Miami (UM) in 1975 and his M.S. in Engineering Management with a Graduate Certificate in Project Engineering and the Provost Award from the University of Central Florida (UCF) in 2015. He is DAWIA Level 3 certified in Project Management, Systems Engineering and Project Engineering.

After almost 42 years, Michael retired in October 2013 as a Senior Systems Engineer from the Naval Air Warfare Center, Training Systems Division where he worked since 1975 as a program manager and engineer on various Navy and Army simulation and live system development projects. He prepared acquisition packages for new simulation devices and modifications to existing systems, and tested and evaluated the training systems with the users. He is a recipient of the Link Trainer Award for his pioneering work in simulation. He was also the Vice-President of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 2113 and helped author the 2014 Labor Management Agreement for NAWCTSD. He is still an officer with the union and is a consultant for the Navy on classified projects.

Michael recently retired from his position as a Reserve Captain with the Orange County Sheriff's Office where he volunteered for forty years (still volunteering as a consultant), enjoys playing guitar at church, and has received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for volunteer service to his community. He enjoys traveling and philanthropic activities with his wife, Pam (B.S., M.S. and Specialist degrees in Education from UCF) and their four children who attended UCF.

Michael is the Chief Advisor for Tau Beta Pi at UCF, and is on several boards and committees, including the Human Trafficking Committee, eli2, and The College of Engineering and Computer Science Alumni Board. He also serves on the Planning and Zoning Board for the City of Winter Springs. He maintains an active life of volunteerism and continuous learning (audits classes at UCF each semester).