



Dear Colleagues,

The Division of Student Learning and Academic Success (SLAS) is steadfast in its commitment to enabling Knights to succeed at UCF and beyond. Essential to delivering on this promise is our dedicated team of professionals. I'm delighted to announce a series of appointments that strengthen our ability to support our students academically and professionally.

Kimberly Schneider, Ph.D., has been appointed Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Innovation. In this role, she will lead the division's high-impact practices team and the PeerKnights program. Dr. Schneider will also collaborate with UCF's colleges to further the university's student academic success initiatives, including grant acquisition.

Natalia Toro, Ed.D., has been named Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research. She will be responsible for furthering student and faculty engagement in undergraduate research. Dr. Toro will also play an important role in enabling UCF to become the world's leading public metropolitan research university and a top 50 public research university in the nation. Most recently, she served as the Assistant Director of the Academic Advancement Programs.

I'm also pleased to announce that Aliandra Burgos will join UCF as a Program Coordinator for SLAS and the College of Community Innovation and Education. She will mine, report, and analyze data that will inform the division's efforts to advance academic student success. Before joining UCF, she served as the Program Coordinator for TRIO Student Support Services at the University of Vermont.

SLAS is also welcoming two Postdoctoral Research Scholars: Rocio Tonos, Ed.D., who previously served as the Program Coordinator for the Knights of Distinction Program, and Lakshmi Jayaram, Ph.D., who was a Research Associate at the University of South Florida.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Schneider and Dr. Toro on their new roles and welcoming Ms. Burgos, Dr. Tonos and Dr. Jayaram to SLAS.

Go Knights! Charge On!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theodora Regina Berry".

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