

DEAN'S PERSPECTIVE

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"Unleashing potential" is the focus of UCF's new <u>Strategic Plan</u> and updated mission. For the faculty, administrators and staff in the College of Undergraduate Studies, it's our North Star. Our students are distinctive and innovative in their pursuit of excellence, and we are with them every step of the way as they strive to shape the future.

Despite being one of UCF's newest colleges, we already have nearly 15,000 alumni who have pursued careers in a variety of fields including medicine, finance, and environmental activism. Whenever I meet with alumni, they always stress that the ability to create a course of study that meets both their interests and career plans has been crucial to their professional success.

Today, the college's more than 1,500 students are on their way to academic, professional and personal success. Through the generosity of our alumni and the college's supporters, we've awarded scholarships to several deserving students.

Thank you for supporting our college. Together, we are unleashing the potential within every individual.

Go Knights! Charge on!



Graduating Senior Plots a Path for Environmental Justice

Environmental studies alum Sarah Royer '21 (pictured) exemplifies how the College of Undergraduate Studies helped to unleash an individual's potential by building on her keen interest in the environment. Sarah is currently a juris doctorate candidate at Thomas Jefferson

School of Law, after earning a degree in environmental studies with a political science minor at UCF and participating in undergraduate research and internships to enhance her knowledge. After completing her studies, Sarah plans to advocate for communities to ensure everyone has equal access to clean resources and proper infrastructure that benefits both the environment and society. Read more.

Fall 2022 Meet the Dean Event





Recently, more than 70 College of Undergraduate Studies students convened for the fall semester's Meet the Dean event — our first in-person gathering since 2020. The event allowed students to meet peers and network with the college's faculty and staff. UCF Provost Michael Johnson was the keynote speaker.

As Vice Provost and Dean, I was able to share my career path, which included working at my college's radio station and for the U.S. Department of Defense in Germany, and serving as the Department Chair of African American Studies at San Jose University. Based on my varied experiences, I am a firm believer that if you follow your passion, success will come.

CUGS Unveils New Scholarships

The College of Undergraduate Studies has awarded its first scholarship for



Congratulations to our first recipients, Diandra Duggan and Enno Turner, who each received \$1,000 to pay for educational expenses.

Through the generosity of Justin and Miriam Klocman, we also awarded the new Klocman Family BIGS Scholarship to Kenyon Johnson, who is pursuing a

Bachelor of Integrative General Studies degree.

We will recognize these students at our inaugural Distinguished Alumni and Student Scholarship Awards reception on November 2.

What's Your Story?

Tell us about your work and adventures since earning your degree, as well as topics that interest you. <u>Email the College of Undergradute Studies</u> your story and news.

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