FLORIDA FORWARD

September 10 - 12, 2015

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Stay Connected!
The journey to Preeminence continues in Gainesville on September 10 - 12, 2015.

Florida Forward is an opportunity for the volunteer leadership of the Gator Nation to connect, collaborate and celebrate the unreleting spirit of the University of Florida.

The three-day event includes conference style sessions for UFAA’s Board of Directors, Gator Club® and Affiliate Group leaders and The Gator Gala.
Planning

As you prepare for your visit, we’d like to provide you with a basic agenda and questions to consider before you arrive. This should more effectively inform your travel planning. A more detailed schedule and agenda will be provided at a later date.

The provided meals at Florida Forward are:

- Friday AM breakfast
- Friday afternoon lunch
- Friday afternoon snack
- Heavy Hors d’oeuvres served as dinner prior to the Gator Gala Friday evening
- Saturday AM breakfast
- Food and Drink ticket at the Gator Nation Tailgate

Attendees are responsible for any additional meals.

Registration

The RSVP for the weekend is live now at connect.ufalumni.ufl.edu. RSVP for yourself and be sure to let us know if you’re attending the Gator Gala on Friday night, and whether you’re bringing a guest.

There is no registration fee for club and affiliate group officers. A group may register as many as 4 officers at no cost. The cost is $20 per additional officer.
Agenda

10 Thursday
Registration/Check In

2:00 - 5:00 PM
Florida Forward Sessions

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Happy Hour Reception

11 Friday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Florida Forward Sessions

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Gator Gala

12 Saturday

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Florida Forward Sessions

4:00 PM
Gator Nation Tailgates

7:00 PM
UF vs. East Carolina Football
Come Prepared to Engage

Our goal is for you to walk away from Florida Forward with knowledge about University Initiatives and with relevant information and best practices.

We want you to be able to build and develop the best club or affiliate group that you can and assist UF in support of its journey towards Preeminence.

With that in mind, we encourage you to consider the following questions prior to your arrival:

• What are some of your key accomplishments from the previous year?

• What challenges and opportunities does your club/group currently face?

• What does “better” look like for your club/group?

• What are your club/group’s goals for the upcoming year, and do they align with the University?
The Gator Gala

The Gator Gala is the UFAA’s Annual Awards and Recognition celebration. This year, the Gala will be in Emerson Alumni Hall on Friday evening September 11th.

During the evening, the UFAA will celebrate and recognize its volunteer leadership with our “Clubbie” Awards, as well as honoring our Gold Standard Award Winner, and Gator of the Year.

In addition to recognizing the past year’s excellence, we also look forward and will install our Distinguished Alumni Professor, our incoming UFAA Alumni Board President and ALL of our new Gator Club® and Affiliate Group Presidents.

Registration

Remember to indicate that you are attending the Gator Gala on the Florida Forward RSVP. Also, please be sure to indicate the names of your guest(s) attending.

Attire

Cocktail attire is requested.
Hotel Accommodations

UFAA has booked room blocks with the following hotels:

**The Lodge**

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352.375.2400

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**Holiday Inn Gainesville University Center**

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352.376.1661 or go to [http://bit.ly/1GYz17](http://bit.ly/1GYz17)

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**Spring Hill Suites by Marriott**

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Football Ticket Information

UFAA has acquired a limited amount of UF vs. East Carolina University football tickets for purchase by Florida Forward attendees. All seats available are blocked when possible, but not ALL in one block. Tickets are $25 each and are first come, first served.

You can reserve and purchase your ticket through the Florida Forward RSVP.

RSVP here!
Parking Information

Thursday, September 10th

“Open Parking” @ O’Connell Center parking lot

No parking pass required.

Friday, September 11th

Reitz Union Parking Garage

available from 7:15 AM

For Gator Gala: valet parking available @ North side entrance of Emerson Alumni Hall.

Location: 100 NW 20th Avenue.

Saturday, September 12th

Because this day is Gator Game Day, we are not able to reserve parking in any UF lots.

Options:

• Reserved limited spaces can be found at the JJ Finley parking lot on a first come, first served basis.

• Often available city street parking spaces on the North side of Emerson Alumni Hall.
Ready to RSVP?


Questions?

Contact your UFAA Staff:

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Thank You!