

**Ideas that matter.**

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**Innovations that work.**

**Impact that lasts.**

**UF** | College of Education  
UNIVERSITY *of* FLORIDA

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Fall Faculty Meeting -- October 25, 2010

# OVERVIEW of presentation

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- *Fast Facts* about the College
- Where we are
- Where we are going & how we'll get there
- Upcoming Event

# ***Fast Fact #1***

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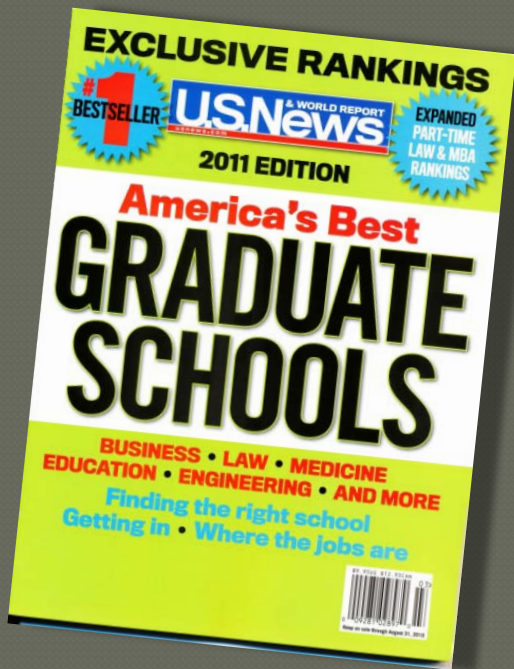
➤ **We are one of America's best colleges.**

-- UF's College of Education consistently ranks among the top 25 among public education schools in the prestigious Association of American Universities.



# Fast Fact #2

## ➤ 3 Nationally Ranked academic programs:



- **3rd** Counselor Education
- **4th** Special Education
- **19th** Educational Administration

*Source: U.S. News & World Report*

## ***Fast Fact #3***

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- **Continuous national accreditation since 1954**
  - The College in 2010 was granted full, re-accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.





# *Fast Fact #4*

-- Our 21 degree programs can lead to rewarding careers in:



- Teaching
- Early childhood & special education
- Counseling (multiple specialties)
- School psychology
- School & education administration
- College professor/researcher
- Higher education leadership
- Research & program evaluation & assessment

# *By the numbers*

**1,863** **Student enrollment**

*575 Undergraduate*

*1,288 Graduate*

**4,395** **Online enrollment**

**106** **Faculty** (full-time)

**28,406** **Alumni**





# WHERE WE ARE NOW





# Embracing emerging technology



- UF education technology researchers have partnered with Florida school districts to boost student learning through improved classroom technology and instruction in 21<sup>st</sup> century computer skills.

# Research

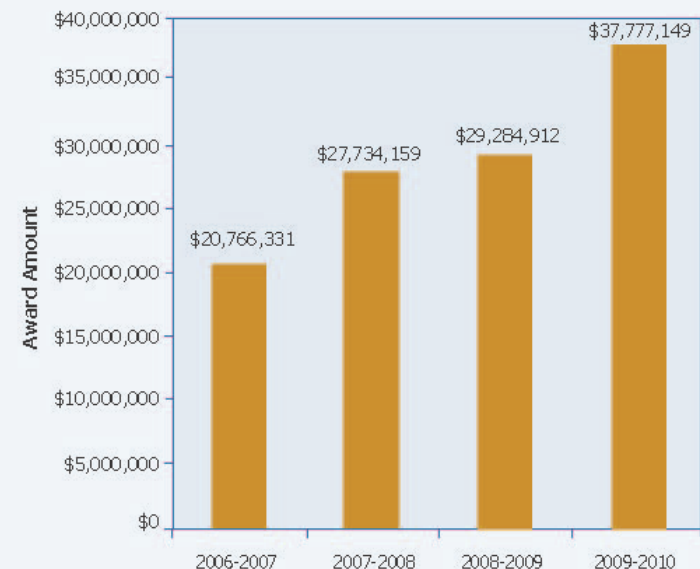
- College faculty and their graduate students are pursuing vital, multidisciplinary studies addressing education's most critical issues.



## Research Highlights: 2010 *(cont'd)*

- COE faculty in 2010 held research and training grants worth nearly \$38-million—nearly 30% more than in 2009. More than \$10-million of that was for new research—a 70% upturn.

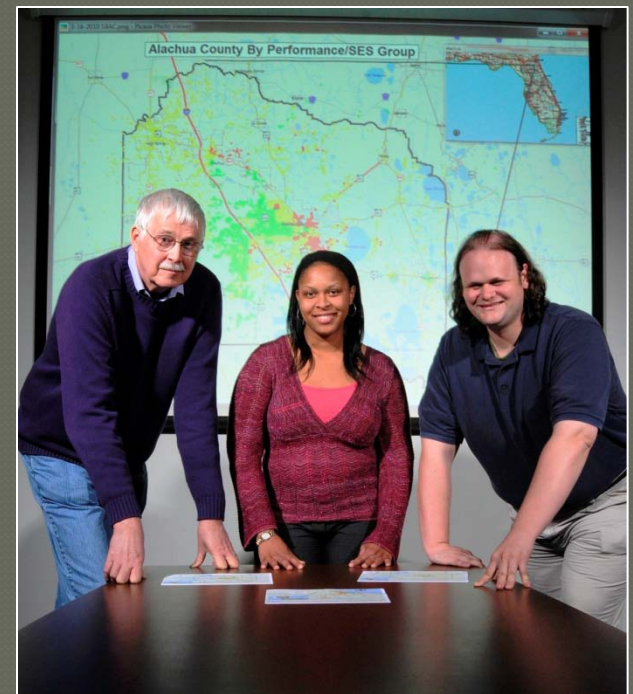
**Total Dollar Amount of College Wide Funding by Year**



## Research Highlights: 2010 *(cont'd)*

### ➤ **TO PREDICT STUDENT SUCCESS, THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME**

In a study covering 3 Florida school districts, UF counselor education researchers discovered a profound correlation between home address, family lifestyles and students' academic achievement.





## Research Highlights: 2010 *(cont'd)*

### ➤ **LITERACY INSTRUCTION MAY AID REHAB OF INCARCERATED TEENS**

In a \$1.5-million, federally funded study, UF special education and literacy specialists are testing the use of reading instruction as an effective tool for rehabilitation in juvenile justice settings.



## Research Highlights: 2010 *(cont'd)*

### ➤ **UF, USF, FSU TEAM UP TO ADVANCE SCIENCE-MATHEMATICS TEACHING**

A joint **UF-USF-FSU** effort was cited by Florida's workforce policy board for helping to stem Florida's crisis in math and science education. The effort included summer institutes to bring practicing teachers up to speed on new, rigorous state standards in math and science.



# WHERE WE'RE GOING & HOW WE'LL GET THERE

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# Key Initiatives:

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## TRANSFORMING EDUCATION:

*From cradle to classroom  
to college and career*





## Key initiatives *(cont'd)*

### Early childhood studies: our children, our future

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- Children begin learning from the moment they are born.
- Yet, one in three children in the U.S. enters school unprepared to learn, and many never catch up.
- UF early-childhood specialists are working with practitioners, schools, communities and families to ensure high-quality, early-learning experiences for all children.

## Key initiatives *(cont'd)*

### WHOLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

- The heart of real education reform
- Effecting measurable improvement requires changing all parts of school life:
  - workplace culture
  - teacher leadership
  - student readiness
  - professional development for teachers, principals
  - parent & community involvement



## Key initiatives: **Whole School Improvement** *(cont'd)*

### **Ready Schools for Ready Children**

- Under a shared \$10M grant, UF early childhood & special education faculty partner with public school districts, early learning centers and community groups around the state to expand research-proven, early-learning programs for at-risk pre-school children.
- Led by “professors-in-residence” through UF’s Lastinger Center for Learning, the schools in turn are prepared to be ready and responsive to the needs of their youngest students.



## Key initiatives: **Whole School Improvement** *(cont'd)*

### ➤ **UF Lastinger Center for Learning**



- Links more than 300 partnering schools across the state with UF research scholars from multiple disciplines.
- Forms powerful learning communities to advance school improvement and student learning.
- Mobilizes community, business and parent groups for child wellness and school readiness programs.



## Key initiatives: **Whole School Improvement** *(cont'd)*

### ➤ **The Florida Master Teacher Initiative**



- Recent winner of a federal \$6-million innovation grant, this groundbreaking program is recognized as one of the most promising education initiatives in the country.
- The program provides tuition-FREE, advanced education degree programs—online and on-the-job—for practicing teachers at high-needs schools partnering with UF's Lastinger Center.
- Now serving 5 Florida counties, the initiative is primed for statewide rollout.

## Key initiatives: **Whole School Improvement** *(cont'd)*

### ➤ **Professional Development Communities**

- The College joins with 8 diverse elementary schools in Alachua County to form a teacher-education and school improvement network committed to preparing the next generation of “inclusive” teachers.
- Each year, 150 student-teachers, UF professors and practicing teachers at PDC schools learn from each other to improve the education of all students— while simultaneously pursuing the schools’ yearly improvement goals in student learning.



## Key initiatives *(cont'd)*

### Getting our groove back in math & science

- U.S. students lag substantially behind their international counterparts in science and math education.
- **UFTeach**
  - Program recruits 60 UF science and math majors yearly into teacher-training.
  - Provides classroom experiences starting in first semester of the two-year program.
  - Supported by more than \$3.4-million in grants





## Key initiatives *(cont'd)*

### Teaching the teachers who teach children with disabilities

- America's education system is plagued by a nationwide shortage of both special-education teachers and university professors qualified to prepare the next generation of teachers in the field of severe disabilities.
- Under two major USDOE grants, UF is recruiting and training a host of new doctoral students in special education who seek to become university researchers and professors with expertise in significant disabilities.





## Key initiatives *(cont'd)*

# NCIPP: National Center to Inform Policy & Practice in Special Education Professional Development

- Funded by \$2.5M grant from USDOE (OSERS/PSEP)
- Center researchers are studying and introducing new strategies for helping states and local school districts improve the retention and quality of beginning special ed teachers.
- Co-directors: Mary Brownell, Paul Sindelar



## Key initiatives *(cont'd)*

### Equal access to college: vital to America's economy

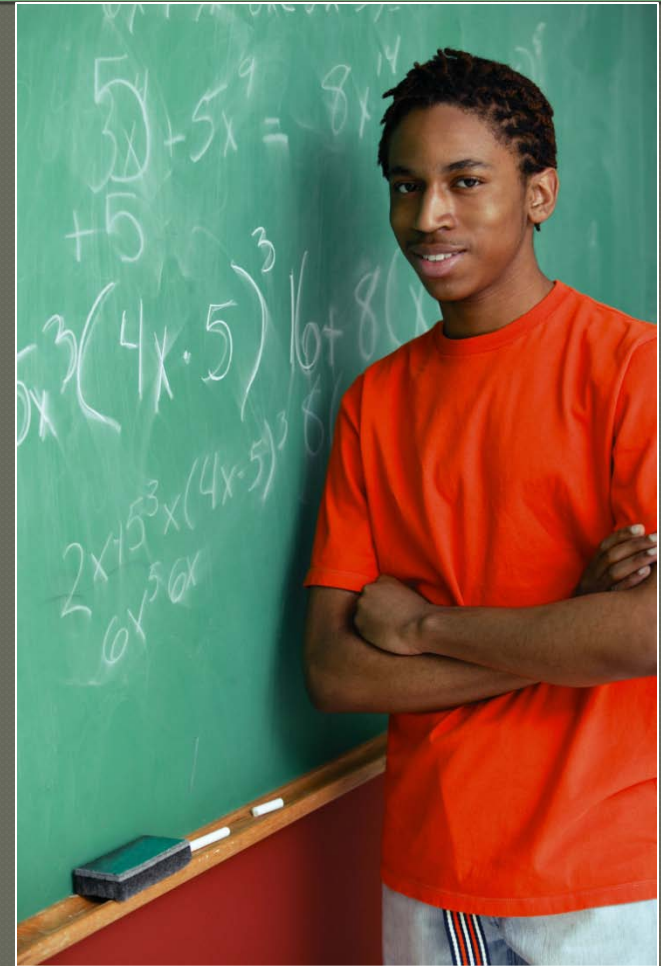


- UF's College of Education is working to erase disparities in educational achievement and ensure that everyone has the same opportunities to attend college and become vital contributors to our global economy.

## Key initiatives: **Equal access to college** *(cont'd)*

### ➤ **UF ALLIANCE** program

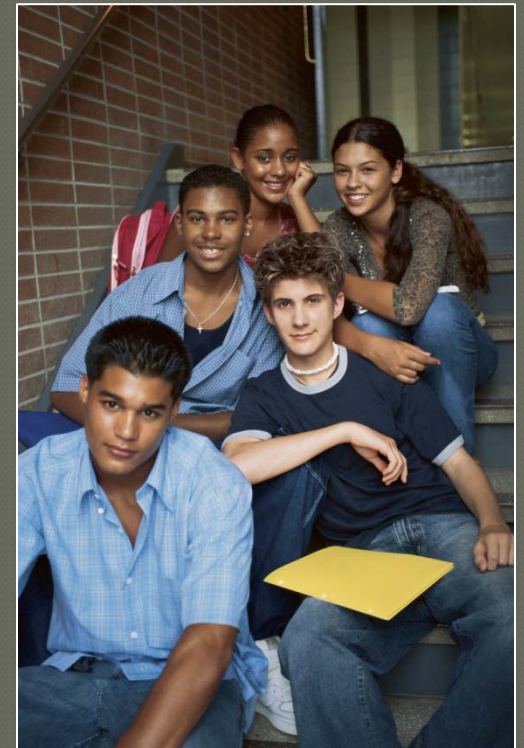
-- partners with high-poverty high schools and middle schools in Florida's three largest cities—Jacksonville, Orlando and Miami—to promote student and educator leadership and enhance college access for under-represented urban youth.



## Key initiatives: **Equal access to college** *(cont'd)*

### In search of the ‘Vanishing Latino Male’

- **DID YOU KNOW?** Young men of color—particularly Latino or Hispanic Americans—are far less likely to attend or stay in college than other young men and women.
- Scholars with COE’s Institute of Higher Education are collaborating with other researchers at UF and elsewhere to create an interdisciplinary center—aimed at better understanding the challenges that America’s increasingly diverse student population faces in their educational experiences.





# Join Us for an Upcoming Event

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*Join us*



## PROFILE 2010

UF College of Education Outreach Events  
Showcasing Excellence, Planning for the Future,  
Networking with Leaders

**UF** UNIVERSITY of  
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College of Education



November 3 – 4, 2010  
UF Hilton, Gainesville

# PROFILE 2010

*Showcasing excellence, planning for the future, networking with leaders*

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Nov. 3-4 • UF Hilton (Gainesville)

⦿ **WEDNESDAY, Nov. 3** • 6:30 pm

**A Celebration of Master Teachers**

⦿ **THURSDAY, Nov. 4**

1:30 am – 1:30 pm

**FRESS Luncheon** (Faculty Research & Engaged Scholarship Showcase)

1:30 – 5:00 pm

**A Conversation with 'Critical Friends'**

5:00 – 5:30 pm

**Wine & Cheese Networking Social**