The University of Florida College of Public Health and Health Professions is part of a land grant #1 ranked public university. With strong collaborations across the university, local community, state and globally, our mission is to shape tomorrow’s public health and health professionals through dynamic and responsive educational programs, transformational research, groundbreaking discoveries and equitable health-related service.
J. Scott Angle, Ph.D. was appointed Provost of the University of Florida in January 2024 after serving in the role on an interim basis for the previous six months.

Dr. Angle received his B.S. and M.S. at the University of Maryland in Agronomy and Soil Science, respectively. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri with an emphasis on soil microbiology. He worked for 24 years as a Professor of soil science and Administrator (Director of the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station and Maryland Cooperative Extension) at the University of Maryland. His early work focused on the study of losses of nutrients from agro-ecosystems and their impact on the Chesapeake Bay. He also studied the impact of heavy metals on the food chain with the goal of protecting our food supply from these harmful elements. Later, he concentrated his studies on phytoremediation, the use of plants for extraction of heavy metals from soil.

In 2005, he moved to Athens, Georgia, where he served as Dean and Director of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of Georgia for 10 years. Following his time at UGA, Dr. Angle was President and CEO of the International Fertilizer Development Center. At IFDC, he oversaw a staff of over 800 and coordinated development projects in diverse regions of the world. IFDC provides solutions to alleviate global hunger and poverty through the promotion of economic development and self-sufficiency. From 2018 to 2020, he was the third permanent Director of the United States Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Agriculture. NIFA is the primary extramural agricultural funding agency in the U.S. With a budget of nearly $2 billion, he supported research, teaching and Extension at our national land-grant institutions. In July of 2020, he was appointed UF’s Senior Vice President of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. As head of one of the nation’s premier agricultural and natural resources programs, Dr. Angle led a diverse group supporting agriculture, forestry, families, fisheries and natural lands.

Beth A. Virnig, Ph.D., M.P.H., is the Dean and Robert G. Frank Endowed Professor at the University of Florida College of Public Health and Health Professions. She joined the university in July 2022 as the sixth dean of the college in its 64-year history. While the college represents a great diversity of disciplines, they all share a common focus on prevention and a commitment to a four-part mission of education, research, service and clinical endeavors.

Dr. Virnig’s research examines how patient factors and system factors combine to influence care and outcomes. Her research focuses on cancer care, women’s health, end-of-life care and the measurement of racial and ethnic disparities in care and health outcomes among Medicare beneficiaries. Her work has been funded by the National Cancer Institute, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. She serves on the American Cancer Society’s Council for Extramural Research. She is the author or co-author of more than 200 peer-reviewed articles, including an article on breast cancer surgery that was named one of the 10 best papers of the decade (1999-2009) by the American Society of Breast Surgeons.

She is a member of the leadership team for the Research Data Assistance Center, or ResDAC, a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-funded program providing free assistance to academic, government and nonprofit researchers interested in using Medicare and Medicaid data in their work.

She earned both her Ph.D. and M.P.H. in epidemiology from the University of Minnesota. Prior to joining the University of Minnesota, Dr. Virnig held positions at the University of Miami and Dartmouth Medical School’s Center for Evaluative Clinical Sciences. She previously served as a Professor in the division of health policy and management at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and as the school’s Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research.
MICHAEL D. MOORHOUSE, P.H.D.

Michael D. Moorhouse, Ph.D., a Clinical Associate Professor in the College of Public Health and Health Professions Department of Occupational Therapy, holds appointments both at the college level and the Public Health Social and Behavioral Sciences concentration. A triple alumnus of the institution, Dr. Moorhouse earned his Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Services in 2000, followed by a Master of Health Science in Rehabilitation Counseling in 2001, and culminating in a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Science in 2008.

Before embarking on his doctoral journey, Dr. Moorhouse gained valuable experience at Alachua County Court Services, specializing in addictions counseling. Upon completing his Ph.D., he transitioned into a role as a Clinical Assistant Professor within PHHP, where his research pursuits encompassed measurement theory, tobacco use among individuals with disabilities, and the study of hazardous alcohol consumption among college-aged students. Collaborating with esteemed colleagues Dr. Jamie Pomeranz and Dr. Craig Velozo, Dr. Moorhouse secured funding from prestigious institutions such as the National Cancer Institute, the Veterans Health Administration and the Department of Defense.

In a pivotal career move, from August 2013 to June 2023, Dr. Moorhouse assumed the role of Program Director for the Health Science major, a limited access undergraduate program tailored for students aspiring toward careers in medicine and rehabilitation. During his tenure, Dr. Moorhouse left an indelible mark, serving as a mentor to over 2,000 undergraduate students, spearheading the development of LEAP — a peer mentorship program — and consistently achieving a remarkable on-time graduation rate of 95% or higher.

Presently, Dr. Moorhouse channels his passion for mentorship and teaching primarily toward undergraduate students, whom he fondly describes as his favorite demographic. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he is diligently working towards the establishment of a robust quality assurance program aimed at enhancing the overall student experience.
Platform Party Continued …

**Benjamin Anderson, Ph.D., M.P.H.**
Director, M.H.S. in One Health and Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental and Global Health

**Keith Benson, Ph.D., M.H.A., M.B.A.**
Director, Master of Health Administration and Clinical Professor, Department of Health Services Research, Management and Policy

**Brittney Dixon, Ph.D., M.P.H.**
Director, Bachelor of Public Health and Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Health Services Research, Management and Policy

**Steven Foti, Ph.D.**
Director, Biostatistics Graduate Studies and Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Biostatistics

**Karen Hegland, Ph.D.**
Director, M.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders and Associate Professor, Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

**Ara Jo, Ph.D.**
Coordinator, M.P.H. Population Health Management concentration and Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Health Services Research, Management and Policy

**Andy Kane, Ph.D.**
Coordinator, M.P.H. Environmental Health concentration and Associate Professor, Department of Environmental and Global Health

**Robert Parker, Ph.D.**
Coordinator, M.P.H. Biostatistics concentration and Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Biostatistics

**Jamie Pomeranz, Ph.D.**
Director, Bachelor of Health Science and Clinical Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy

**Jerne Shapiro, M.P.H.**
Coordinator, M.P.H. Epidemiology concentration and Instructional Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology

**Julia Varnes, Ph.D., M.P.H.**
Director, Master of Public Health and Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Health Services Research, Management and Policy

**Karina Wilson, M.P.H.**
Applied Practice Experience and Outreach Coordinator, Master of Public Health

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Taylor Atkins
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Brittany Gibson
Kendra Hamilton
Allison Hoigerson
Victoria Houghton
Katarina Fiorentino Klatzkow
John Kramer
Kristen Lewandowski
Nicole Marlow
Morgan Marvin

Aaron McEnery
Andre McFadden
Sam McKee
Mariana Miranda
Meredith Nappy
Emily Oliva
Darcy Sanaz
Andrea Smith
Sophie Spratley
Lindsey Telg

**VOCALIST**

Chancellor Barbaree, Master of Music student, UF College of the Arts
Master of Science, Biostatistics
Geofrey Gesicho Anyuga
Rita Kelly Costigan
Daniel Wyatt Daugherty
David Justin Gabrielli
Kristina Louise Gilghrist
Zhongping He
Jessie Huang
Jennifer Marie Johnson
Randall Ethan Lai
Rebecca Mei Lincoln
Brendan Joseph Lukomski
Dayana Carolina Rodezno
Heather E. Shagoury
Luyue Wang
Yuying Wang
Leyna Xoi

Master of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders
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Claudia Yasmeen Bare
Crystal Yuen-ting Chan
Daylenis Clavijo
Rachel Lee Cosmas
Lauryn Alexandra D’Amato
Emany Jenesis Desinor
Justin Michael Docal
Julia Paige Ginter
Hailey Michal Gorman
Rylee Kremer
Lanie Nicole Krug
Avieri Isabella Ludwig
Dominique Milan McKoy
Nicole Alexandra Muñoz
Kara Kristine Payne
Grace Marcelle Pope
Nancy Lynn Powers
Kayla Reidenbach
Antonia Michelle Simms
Zaria Vivian Smith
Lydia Kay Steen
Anahi Sustaita
Georgi Renee Taylor
Elizabeth Cristina Tortolini
Jennifer Marie White
Sam Storey Williamson
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Glenn William Bryant
Christy L. Craig

Master of Science, Epidemiology
Maurice L. Solomon

Master of Health Administration
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Brady Linn Alexander
Amy Elaine Arbit
Aria Andra Bachan
Harshavardhini Balakumar
James Christopher Breedon
Britton Suzanne Brown
Emily Jordon Brown
Alexa Jade Carter
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Kervin Daniel
Carla Gabriella Dominguez-Baez
Samantha Granja
Jordan A. Hammond
Dylan Edward Heimer
Mia Bernette Holland
Silvano O. Krecklau
Abigail Katelyn Lamm
Omar Dario Lopera
Lauren Joy Mask
Emma Jean May
Veronica Megna
Sara Marie Midence
Liam Thomas Ngo
Lian Norris
Daniel Palacio
Bradéjah Shonti-an Parker
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Nathalie Jan Sawczuk
Matthew James Smith
Lauren Ann Sollestre
Sandra William
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Kyle Evan Zamajtuk

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Jahmeel Antonio Scott
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Yudan Sheng
Priya Devi Singh
Linnea Joelle Sliegh
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Justine Marie Tryon
Devin Gonzalez Valdes
Annie Wang
Sarah Elizabeth Wheeler
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Master of Science, Psychology
Kylie Noriko Hill
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Christian W. McLaren
Samantha Hollie Penhale
Miriam Sheynblyum
Bachelor of Health Science, Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Alyssa Marie Auderer*
Grace Mackenzie Baker*
Carly Baines
Amanda Batton
Cara Alexandra Blech*
Jonathan Tyler Brito*
Catherine Hope Bryan*
Christine Marie Burger*
Ana Raquel De Carvalho Araujo
Ana Rodriguez De La Noval***
Brenna Marie Dykes*
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Kylie Fernandez***
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Juliana Danae Futrell*
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Ashley Gomez
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Ragan Elizabeth Grantham*
Alexa Dara Haas*
Katharine Linda Hallock*
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Anna Keene
Ashley Kelly*
Olivia Solei Kish*
Arielle Emily Kraus*
Andrea Nicole Lavista*
Kelsey Le
Jessie Lee Long*
Emma Paige Maciocio*
Charlotte Marie Maloney*
Alanna Kaitlin McDonnell*

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Jennica Moiseau*
Macy Monsour*
Annie D. Nguyen*
Cassica Tien Nguyen*
Trish-Ann Trina Parkinson*
Katie Layton Register*
Erica N. Scarborough*
Maddison Leigh Schain*
Julia Grace Schildberg*
Marisa Schurr
Natalia Elizabeth Schurr*
Hannah Elise Showalter*
Shion Simms***
Anna Sindy
Sophia Swain*
Hannah Elizabeth Thomas*
Isabella Danielle Thompson*
Luzmaria Torres*
Jacqueline Udvardy*
Buse Utkan*
Catherine Leala Valencia*
Olivia Marie White*
Emma Catherine Willis*
Elli Wilson*

Alexandra Lynn Armstrong*
Dominic Salvatore Barone*
John Lucas Basile*
Andrew Clay Bass*
Julia Rose Beadle*
Noelle Mackenzie Behar*
Reed L. Berkowitz*
Gabrielle Elise Bisson*
Alexa Taylor Bond*
Hailey Cate Bradshaw*
Hannah Brown*
Sidney Nicole Brubaker*
Kaitlyn Ashley Cabana**
Bianna Serina Caceres*
Catherine Claire Cadrecha*
Adamaris Nala Castillo*
Florinda Xandrea Estremera Cea*
Melissa Ann Charret-McGuinness*
Luke Jameson Chase***
Emily Ann Chatten*
Ali Bibi Clanton
Taylor Marie Cokery*
Simon Audric Bernardo Coroza***
Carolina Cruz-Wegener*
Tristan Seven Cuartas*
Alivia Perrin Cullu*
Rafaela Valerie Daniyar*
Bruno Figueiredo Correa de Araujo*
Lara Faith Del Vecchio*
Julia Maria DeMott*
Katherine Taylor DeNunzio*
Madisen Renée Domayer***
Emily Sarah DosSantos*
Garrett Drew*
Shannon Nicole Duffy*
Mandy Marie Eastwood*
Brianna Nicole Fabiano*
Julia Erin Falberg*
Mackenzie Cate Farkas*
Alexandra Stephanie Fil*
Alexander Paul Foerge*

Reina Justine Fortune*
Cassidy Caroline Fowler*
Olivia Kate Nunez Franklin*
Summer Katelyn Fulgham*
Cameron Paige Gartner*
Samantha Leigh Gefen*
Christopher Theodore Georgas***
Gabriela Gomez*
Harper Jeen Grabenhorst*
Ryley Elise Grantham*
Lindsey Joy Greene*
Katelyn Elizabeth Haber***
Shoshanna Rose Halperin*
Marian Elizabeth Hanlon*
Brynlee Faith Hayes*
Leslie Quynh-Nhi Ho*
Molly Killian Hubbard*
Alexis Nikiel Isaacson*
Muntaha Islam*
Ashley Madeline Jones*
Jada Raquel Kamuf***
Rachana Kandru*
Alyssa Khan*
Ha-eun Kim*
Kellie Nicole Kulp*
Andres Eduardo Trias Labellarte*
Abbey Christine Ladd*
Anthony Joseph Lamberto Jr.*
Charlie Faith LaMotta*
Morgan Ashleigh Legare*
Joyce Lin*
Catherine Joy Litchy*
Hallie Fudeyun Littleton*
Isabelle Marie Llabona*
Emma Grace Loden*
Marissa Michelle Logiudice*
Taggart David Lowery*
Carina Lumia*
Brady Alexander Luttrell*
Sukriti Maniktala*
Jordan Matthew Martin*

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Aryan Sahota*
Priscilla Grace Sanchez*
Ava Loren Scherer*
Nina Schultenber*
Jordan Ryan Schulman*
Tyler Andrew Scott*
Giuliana Sofia Scuderi*
Alyssa Grace Seabury*
Sarah Elizabeth Seiling*
Isabel Ana Sepanic*
Alissa Alexandra Serrano***
Isabel Victoria Sewiöl*
Nicholas Alan Sherwin***
Emily Seo Shoemarker*
Anna Kathryn Sierra***
Shannon Singh*
Jordyn Joelen Smith*
Samantha Lynn Smith*
Olusegun Olusola Sobanjo***
Madison Haley St Pierre*
Olivia Dayle Steinman*
Jadyn Grace Stevens*
Janika Rose Ivanka Stokling*
Alexi Nikos Stoupas*
Samantha Vael Strauss*
Brendon Steven Stubelt*
Hannah Marie Sweeney*
Olivia Mae Sweeney*
Madeline Frances Swift*
Madelynn Thompson*
Laureen Virginia Torres*
Stanic Alexei Tran*
Tuyen Tran***
Melanie Elizabeth Trudnak*
Mariya Igorevna Tsitkina*
Eileen Vara*
Mikaela Villagran*
Neha Vittal*
Chloe Alyssa Wai*
Megan Michele Wallis*
Joanne Wang*
Xinyue Wang***
Jacquelyn Stacy Weider*
Claire Marie Weitz*
Katie Marie Wellicng*
Madison Paige Whelan*
Caitlin Jane White***
Audrey Lynn Williams*
Chloe Allene Wilson*
Echo Al Zable*
Paige Elizabeth Zeolecki**

Bachelor of Public Health

Devanie Lillian Adams
Yusra Ahmed*
Biniam Altaye Alaro*
Anjoli Jeannette Armstrong*
Paige Barnett*
Sarah Grace Bartleman*
Mia Kim Bieringer***
Lyndsey Pearl Bigham*
Aline Capuano Blejer*
Delaney Paige Brooks***
Michelle Marie Busot*
Audrey Ray Butler*
Kendall Marie Chassman*
Jared Logan Craig*
Sofía Annika Dahlinann*
Kristal Elizabeth Dalebout*
Zara Dawood
Isabella Rose DeLise*
Ashlynn Jasmine Donaldson*
Bailey Elder*
Kaylinn Michelle Escobar*
Leptherie Estime*
Ikenna Charles Ezenwa*
Liezl Ann Farinas*
Kayla Brianna Fraser*
Anna Rose Garst*
Casey Clarke Gymph*
Nicholas Francisco Gomez*
Valentina Gómez**

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**Doctor of Philosophy**
Haocheng Ding
Biostatistics
Xiaoru Dong
Biostatistics
Nicole Danielle Fitzgerald
Epidemiology
Carolin Christine Hoeflich
Epidemiology
Jacqueline Marie Pollack
Epidemiology
Nae Yeon Won
Epidemiology
Wenjie Zeng
Epidemiology
Katelyn Elizabeth Flaherty
Public Health
Lauren Lea Hintenlang
Public Health
Jayne-Marie Raponi
Public Health
Priyanka Rana
Rehabilitation Science

**Doctor of Occupational Therapy**
Danielle Leighann Bellew
Tiffany Marie Knudtson

**Doctor of Physical Therapy**
Jaden Nicole Anderson
Gileah Venize B. Arceo
Yesenia M. Argueta
Blythe Willow Blackwell
Bernetta Shavonda Boldin
Tyler Jonathyn Brown
Conor Daniel Bryan
Mark Anthony Coates
Nuria Curbelo-Bermudez
Briana Calli Dentry
Molli Fay Dodaro
Amanda Marie Dumar
Andrew Thien Duong
Parker Lee Edwards
Rachael Elaine Erb
Gregory Thomas Fox
Isabelle Sara Fox
Kelly J. Green
Arielle Rianne Grusky
Evelyn Hall
Soofia Hameed-Akhtar
Isobel Lucy Harrison
Rebecca Georgiana Hays
Hallie Morgan Henley
Melyn Adean Jessell
Hannah Renee Johnson
Emily Palmer Kesterson
Kara Ashley Kidwell
Cooper Zane Kirkland
Jessica Brooke Knowles
Tara Renee Kochev
Megan Elizabeth Kucera
Jillian Marie Lahey
Jacob Michael Lane
Christopher Lee
Jonathan Joshua Antigua Lee
Jimmy Lindsay
Catherine Anne Loftus
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Taylor Angel Marie Maderazo
Ashley Nicol Martin
Robin Grace Martinez
Stephanie Caitlyn Massie
Benjamin S. Mathew
Abigail Meridith
Savanna Jolie Meyer
Amanda F. Miller
Chandni Navnit Mistry
Zachary David Mitchell
Tuyet Nguyen

Allison Hollaway Orr
Deep Anil Patel
Viral V. Patel
Michael Joseph Penny
Kairyn Peyton
Sean M.J. Powell
Patricia Yvonne Jacinto Santos
Macy I. Scanlan
Codí Rae Settoon
Maggie Caroline Steen
Jennifer Lauren Stern
Clyde Edward Summers Jr.
Toni Alexis Underwood
Katelyn Elizabeth Valentine
Nicole S. Weissman
William Ward Whitlock
Delaney Nicole Willingham
Steven Joseph Witchoskey
Congrong Zhang
**STUDENT AWARDS**

### Biostatistics
- **M.S. Outstanding Student**
  - Daniel Daugherty
  - Yuying Wang
- **Outstanding M.S. Online Student**
  - Jennifer Johnson
- **M.P.H. Biostatistics Concentration Exemplary Student**
  - Cydney Parmar
- **Distinction Award for the Comprehensive Exam**
  - Dayuan Wang

### Clinical and Health Psychology
- **Health Psychology Research Award for Excellence in Clinical Health/Medical Psychology Research**
  - Kelsey Arroyo
  - Kelsey Bacharz
- **Geoffrey Clark-Ryan Memorial Award for Excellence in Pediatric Psychology Research**
  - Manuela Sinisterra
- **Stephen Boggs Dissertation Award**
  - Alex Clement
- **Robert and Phyllis Levitt Neuropsychology Award for Excellence in Clinical Neuropsychology Research**
  - Adrianna Ratajska
- **Jenny Sivinski Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Service**
  - Joshua Owens
- **Eileen B. Fennell Graduate Student Teaching Award**
  - Hannah Manis
- **Nathan W. Perry Scientist Practitioner Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Integrating Science and Practice**
  - Adrianna Ratajska
- **Clinical and Health Psychology Student Research Award**
  - Joshua Owens
- **Molly Harrower Memorial Award for Excellence in Psychodiagnostic Assessment**
  - Jess Bove
- **Florence Shafer Memorial Award for Excellence in Psychotherapeutic Counseling**
  - Tannaz Mirhosseini

### Environmental and Global Health
- **Outstanding Master in Health Science Student**
  - Glenn “Will” Bryant
  - Stacie Schulman
- **Outstanding Student Research Award**
  - Karen Awura-Adjoa Ronke Coker

### Epidemiology
- **Outstanding Master in Public Health Student**
  - Steven “Andrew” Satterlee
- **Outstanding Student Public Health Service Award**
  - Fevi Paro
- **Outstanding Postdoc Award**
  - Chhavi Tiwari

### Health Services Research, Management and Policy
- **Master of Health Administration Distinguished Graduate**
  - Abigail Lamm
- **Master of Health Administration Outstanding Student Award**
  - Emilee Cato

### Master of Public Health
- **M.P.H. Public Health Practice Concentration Exemplary Student**
  - Heather Mendez
- **Master of Public Health Exemplary Student**
  - Devin Valdes
- **Dr. John J. Benton Endowed Scholarship**
  - Devin Valdes

### Occupational Therapy
- **Alice C. Jantzen Award for Excellence**
  - Zoe Reyes
- **Ann Sirmyer Ballard Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate**
  - Ana Ghislandi
  - Thaila Schug
- **Jane Slaymaker Memorial Award**
  - Camryn Hale

### Rehabilitation Science
- **Frederick Family Scholarship**
  - Katherine Buzzanca-Fried
- **Outstanding Paper Award**
  - May Smith-Hublou

### Social and Behavioral Sciences
- **Exemplary M.P.H. Student in Social and Behavioral Sciences**
  - Brenda Maynor
The university offers three levels of honors: cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude. At the College of Public Health and Health Professions, these honors are defined as:

**Cum laude**
3.5 upper-division grade point average on all courses taken at UF beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits.

**Magna cum laude**
3.75 upper-division GPA and successful completion of HSC 4969 and 4970, including research poster presentation and thesis, or SPA 4931, including thesis and depending on major, and no student conduct or honor code violations. Dean’s review of thesis designates honors level.

**Summa cum laude**
3.85 upper-division GPA in addition to all requirements at the magna cum laude level.

*Cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude are tentative and subject to final grades.*
Today’s academic regalia evolved from a style of dress worn by members of guilds and religious orders in medieval times.

At the University of Florida, the lining of the hood, which is worn by graduate degree candidates, has a blue chevron on an orange background to represent the university colors. Faculty members who hold degrees from another institution wear the colors of their alma mater. The color of the velvet edging on the academic hood represents the particular degree held by the wearer. The Doctor of Audiology and Doctor of Occupational Therapy degrees have Rhodes blue edging; Doctor of Physical Therapy is teal; Ph.D. degrees are dark blue; and the College of Public Health and Health Professions’ master’s degree hoods are salmon pink.

Distinctions among sleeves indicate the type of degree held by the wearer. A long, pointed sleeve indicates a bachelor’s degree, while a long, closed sleeve with a slit near the upper part of the arm designates a master’s degree. A round, open sleeve with crossbars identifies a doctoral degree.

Colored tassels on the degree candidates’ caps indicate their school or college. Bachelor’s degree graduates of the College of Public Health and Health Professions wear salmon tassels.

Cords represent academic honors at the undergraduate level or may signify participation, completion or membership in campus programs or organizations.

Source: University of Florida commencement materials

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Florida, our Alma Mater,
Thy glorious name we praise.
All thy loyal sons and daughters,
A joyous song shall raise.
Where palm and pine are blowing,
Where southern seas are flowing,
Shine forth thy noble Gothic walls,
Thy lovely vine-clad halls.
Neath the orange and blue victorious,
Our love shall never fail.
There’s no other name so glorious,
All hail, Florida, hail!

— Milton Yeats

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ALMA MATER