Greetings from Innovation Academy!

“Our future growth relies on competitiveness and innovation, skills and productivity... and these in turn rely on the education of our people.” - Julia Gillard

Monday, February 16, 2015

WELCOME, CLASS OF 2019!

Congratulations on your admission to the University of Florida Innovation Academy. We look forward to meeting you all Spring 2016. In the meantime, check out the [IA website](http://iawebsite) or contact our office at (352) 294-1785 if you have any questions! Follow us on [Facebook](http://facebook) and [Twitter](http://twitter).

#IAPride #UF19 #GoGators
Study Abroad in Maynooth, Ireland

We are excited to announce this year's pre-enrollment fall study abroad trip to MAYNOOTH, IRELAND! It was such a huge success in 2014 that we had to offer it again. Priority given to incoming freshmen! Click here for more info.
INNOVATION ACADEMY

Speaker Series

SPRING 2015

Jim Harrison

Director of Creative Services, University Relations UF
Artist, MetaVisual Design Studio, Gainesville Fruit Co.

Wednesday, Feb 11th | 6:30PM |
Location: Pugh Hall, Room 370

- **Barriers and Blockers:**
  Why we are not more creative
  - Perceptual, Emotional and Society/Cultural blocks.

- **Creative Traits:**
  Personality traits that Support Creative Behavior

- **Creative thinking style:**
  It’s not how smart you are, it’s knowing how you are smart.

Jim Harrison is UF’s Creative Director in the office of University Relations, leading a team of designers, writers, web specialists and storytellers that develop powerful messages and drive UF forward. A graduate of UF’s College of the Arts, Jim has been an award-winning graphic designer, creative director and entrepreneur for more than 22 years. Specializing in branding and visual systems, his studio MetaVisual is also known for the Gainesville Fruit Co. series of art prints that celebrate cherished Gainesville landmarks in the style of vintage produce labels.

Joe Cirulli

CEO and Founder, Gainesville Health and Fitness Centers

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- **Problem Finding Skills:**
  Discovering issues, finding facts, assumptions and observation.

- **Idea & Solution Finding skills:**
  Forced and free association, analytical thinking, brainstorming, prototyping

- **The Power of Creative teams:**
  Traits of creative and productive teams.

Joe Cirulli, owner and founder of Gainesville Health & Fitness Centers, has focused his life on two things: helping people become healthy and building a company culture that inspires people to become their best. His clubs rank globally in the top percentile for sales, management, and community service. With his staff, he has accomplished many goals including making and keeping Gainesville, Fla. The Healthiest Community in America. Today, GHF is one of the best known health clubs in the world.
"The purpose of the Bias Education and Response Team is to provide impacted parties of bias incidents opportunities to be heard and supported; understand and respond to situations that effect the University of Florida; educate and inform the community; and create awareness of ignorance and intolerance. The BERT provides services to witness(es), bystander(s), targeted individual(s), offender(s), or a member(s) of the community. It is not the purpose of the Bias Education and Response Team to investigate, adjudicate, or to take the place of other University of Florida processes or services; rather, the aim is to complement and work with campus entities to connect impacted parties and communities with appropriate support and resources."

The members of the Bias Education and Response Team would appreciate the opportunity to come talk to any student organization about the Stop Bias campaign and ways to report bias incidents. If you are interested, please fill out the "Request a Training" form online at [http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/stopbias/trainings](http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/stopbias/trainings) so we can schedule a fifteen minute presentation at one of your staff meetings. Additional information about the Bias Education and Response Team and ways to report bias incidents can be found online at [http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/stopbias](http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/stopbias).

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**TEDxUF**

The sixth-annual TEDxUF conference will be held in the Curtis M. Phillips Center on March 21, 2015. This year's theme: Break Through. Tickets are $10. For more info, visit [tedxuf.com](http://tedxuf.com)

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**Scholarship Opportunity**

Pam Carpenter, Alachua County Supervisor of Elections announces the opportunity for local college or university students to apply for a $1,200 scholarship through the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE). FSASE will award three $1,200 scholarships. The deadline to submit applications to the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections is **March 16, 2015**. The scholarships will be awarded to full-time students attending an accredited Florida
university or college. Applicants must be enrolled or accepted as a junior or senior and be either a Political Science major, a Public or Business Administration major or a Journalism/Mass Communications major.

Applicants must:

- Demonstrate a financial need and furnish a financial statement which shows what their own contribution is to their educational expenses. (Student does not have to submit an official form, but can send a statement of their financial need).
- Submit two current letters of recommendation which must accompany the application or be received by the deadline: one from the college or university last attended or graduated from; and one from a citizen of good standing in the community,
- Submit a resume of their high school and/or college activities as well as their community service activities,
- Maintain a “C” average or above for the previous year,
- Be a U.S. citizen and have been a resident of Florida for two years preceding the academic year for which application is made,
- Be a registered voter.

Applications may be obtained online at VoteAlachua.com or from the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Office at 111 SE 1st Avenue, Gainesville. Completed applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the Supervisor of Election of the County in which you are registered to vote.

For additional information contact the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections at 352-374-5252.

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Off Campus Ambassadors

Live off campus and want to be more involved? Would you like to be an advocate for the 39,000 students that also live off campus? Then you should become a member of the Off Campus Ambassadors. The OCA’s are a UF student organization sponsored by the office of Off Campus Life who assist with events, outreach, and helping students to discover fun things to do in Gainesville.

Applications can be found at http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/off-campus_ambassadors/ and are due Friday, February 20 by 5 p.m. Applications may be emailed to norak@offcampus.ufl.edu or taken to the OCL Office in Peabody 311.
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The Innovation Academy (IA) is one of the nation’s most forward-looking undergraduate programs—at one of its most dynamic research universities. Innovation Academy gives motivated students a small-college experience focused on innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship, ethics and leadership on a unique spring-summer schedule. The IA enrolls and supports academically talented students focused on developing knowledge to grow new business opportunities, services and products through curricular and co-curricular experiences.

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