Greetings from Innovation Academy!

We hope your fall semester is going well! Remember to keep your eye on your goals and use your free semester to the fullest.

In the words of Alan Kay,

“The best way to predict the future is to invent it.”

Innovation Academy is in search of a “Star Spangled Banner” performer for your new student convocation - Launch into IA - on January 5th, 2015!

We love to showcase our students' talent!

So if you or a friend in the incoming class (IA 2015 Cohort / "Class of 2018") are interested, send us a video audition through to iacademy@ufl.edu by October 15th.

Our planning committee will review all submissions and make a selection!
Purpose 20 Award

The Center for Leadership and Service, Business In The Heart of Florida and, CEI's Social Entrepreneurship & Sustainability Initiative, are proud to announce the first ever 2015 Purpose Award.

Purpose 20 was created to celebrate all the great work businesses are engaging in that have a positive impact on society and our local needs. We want to show others how local business owners are making the community a priority. This award will be given to 20 local businesses engaging in community service, philanthropy, etc. Businesses may apply or be nominated by others to receive this award.

A selection committee will be responsible for reviewing all nominations and selecting 20 winners. Business recipients of this award will be featured in the Purpose 20 spotlight in the April publication of Business in the Heart of Florida with; an article/company profile and photo highlighting their contributions to the community.

Nominations are due November 14th, 2014 by 5pm. Winners will be notified on December 15th.

Find the nomination form and eligibility requirements here: http://www.leadershipandservice.ufl.edu/awards/purpose_20/
Launchpad 2014

A big hackathon in Gainesville’s O’Connell Center on November 8-9

On November 8th, College Launchpad and the UF Center of Entrepreneurship and Innovation will transform the iconic O’Dome into a programmer’s playground. Launchpad 2014 is a 24-hour hackathon for students inspired and empowered by technology. The event will start the morning of the 8th November and will run until the afternoon of the 9th, when prizes are announced and awarded. Launchpad welcomes participants from all areas of study if a student is open to a weekend of developing web, mobile, hardware, and software projects. Participants will be working in teams of up to 4, and will not only get the chance to compete for cash prizes, but will also have the opportunity to closely interact with renowned companies searching for talent. Coding won’t be the only way to join in on the festivities; Launchpad 2014 will also feature a variety of talks, workshops, and games for attendees to enjoy.

The Southeastern tech community is poised to take-off, and Launchpad is the hackathon making it happen.

Still looking for a FALL INTERNSHIP? - Contact peerFit!

PeerFit is a start-up looking to fill a part-time internship position immediately with someone interested in customer service, marketing, and relationship management. We are looking for someone that is energetic and passionate to represent us to fitness consumers and studios across the Southeast. This position will give you the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of a growing startup, as well as utilize and develop your skills in relationship management, digital marketing, customer service, and sales support. This position, if successful, could develop into a full-time role.

Location: Gainesville, FL

A successful candidate would:
• Be organized, passionate, and enthusiastic about fitness and leading the growth of our business
• Be friendly and compassionate in helping serve customers on a daily basis both over email and over the phone
• Have strong writing, organization and design skills to develop materials for all customers
• Be able to assist in conducting market research and sales support for our team throughout the Southeast US

Location: Gainesville, FL

If interested, please send your resume and a brief cover letter to Matt Redinger at Matt@peerFit.com.

To see more info about peerFit, please visit www.peerfit.com.
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Update from the UF Presidential Search Committe:
"After reviewing a pool of 15 applicants, the search committee has identified the following candidates to meet with the committee Tuesday in Gainesville:

- Dr. W. Kent Fuchs, Provost, Cornell University
- Dr. David W. McLaughlin, Provost, New York University
- Dr. Sibrandes Poppema, President, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Candidate interviews begin at the UF Hilton Hotel and Conference Center in the Century A room at 7:30 a.m. and are open to the public. Immediately following the interviews, the search committee will determine which candidates to recommend to the Board of Trustees as finalists. The interviews and subsequent deliberations will be simulcast via closed-circuit television. For viewing locations, please visit presidentsearch.ufl.edu.

Before meeting with the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, the finalists will attend faculty and campus/community assemblies beginning Tuesday at 5 p.m. The locations, times and closed-circuit viewing areas for the assemblies are posted at presidentsearch.ufl.edu/president-selection/assemblies.

Following Wednesday’s finalist interviews, the Board of Trustees will name the president-elect, to be announced at a press conference later that day. For the latest developments, please visit presidentsearch.ufl.edu.

Sincerely,
Steven M. Scott
Chairman
UF President Search Committee
UF Board of Trustees"

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