Greetings from Innovation Academy!

We hope the fall semester is treating you well! This newsletter contains some useful reminders and information on a few upcoming events.

Reminder for Incoming Freshmen

Remember to complete Gateways, part 2 of your University of Florida orientation as a new student in the Innovation Academy. Part 3 comes on January 5, 2015, when you attend Launch Into IA - Innovation Academy's new student welcome program!

Gator Tips of the Week

- Heading home late at night? Utilize the Later Gator Bus Route! Check out their schedule here: [http://go-rts.com/images/schedules/fall-spring/latergator.pdf](http://go-rts.com/images/schedules/fall-spring/latergator.pdf)
- Stay Safe, Fellow Gators! If you see something suspicious, call 911. Report any information!
- If you are walking at night, be alert! Don’t walk with distractions such as headphones or texting. Be aware!
- Make sure you call SNAP 352-392-SNAP if you need assistance on your walk home. You can also use this number to request a walking escort as a part of the Walk Safe program.
- Being a Gator means being part of the Gator Nation that has your back! Help a fellow gator who may be in distress and email umatter@ufl.edu
- Start this week off with something that makes YOU happy! Stay happy even when life may get stressful!
The Leadership Development Institute (LDI) is a leadership cabinet within the Black Student Union. LDI is dedicated to the progression of all freshmen students. They are currently in search of their 2014-2015 LDI class, and they want you to apply. All first year students are eligible. To find out more about the organization and to access the application, visit their Website: http://www.ufbsuldi.weebly.com

Don't Miss Adventure Race!

Adventure Race is October 25. Held at Lake Wauburg, Adventure Race is a 2-3 hour race consisting of a three-mile trail run, a seven-mile mountain bike trail ride, a two-mile paddle in a canoe, special tests and an optional climb up the 55-foot climbing wall. The first team of two in each division (men’s, women’s, co-rec) to complete the race will be awarded prizes. Registration opens online at 9 a.m. on September 29. The event is free to students and $20 for UF faculty, staff and alumni. More info: http://www.recsports.ufl.edu/lake-wauburg/special-events/adventure-race/
**Countdown to Gator Growl!**
Gator Growl is a UF tradition like no other. This year's entertainment includes Brooks Wheelan from Saturday Night Live and musical guests Ludacris & Foster the People. October 17, 2014 @ Flavet Field.
Get your ticket today at [http://gatorgrowl.org/](http://gatorgrowl.org/)

**Don't Forget to Vote!**
Student Government fall 2014 elections are Tuesday, September 30 and Wednesday, October 1, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Voting will take place at various locations around campus.

Congratulations to IA student Anthony Reyes who has been selected for the Senator Marco Rubio IA Fellowship Internship in Washington DC!
#IApride #ItsGreatUF #MarcoRubio #IAFall
Greater Gator Leadership

Everyone has a story to tell. What's yours? Who plays which part? What are the themes? How has Innovation Academy contributed to your story? The titles you may have or the organizations of which you're a part are not necessarily what make you a Greater Gator, but rather your story instead! The Greater Gator Conference would like to extend you the opportunity to share your story to encourage freshmen to start telling their own during their time here at the University of Florida. There is power in your story and power in you!

If you would like more information on how to become a Team Leader we will be holding information sessions as provided below. We will explain the detailed responsibilities of Team Leaders and we encourage you to bring your questions.

Information Session @ 408 Peabody Hall, September 30, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Information Session @ The Institute of Black Culture, October 2, 5:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m.
Information Session @ Hume Classroom, October 7, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Email greatergators@leadershipandservice.ufl.edu for more information!

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Download TapShield Safety App!

Student Government is happy to provide students with the tool to turn their smartphone into a personal mobile safety device. UF SG has deployed mobile safety app called TapShield, which makes mobile phones an essential part of personal safety both on and off campus. With TapShield app (for iPhone and Android), you can:

- View local crime no matter where you are
- Submit crime tips to UPD
- Summon help from police in just one tap on your smartphone

Going on a run through campus and using headphones to listen to music? TapShield also has a feature called Yank which will automatically alert police if headphones are pulled from the phone’s audio port either on purpose or by force.

They're using safety technology to empower students like you to collaborate with UPD, building a safer campus.

Download TapShield today! Search “TapShield” in the App Store or Google Play or CLICK HERE: App Store or Google Play.
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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