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32 Innovative Prototypes Showcased at the 10th annual Catalyst Summer A Event

Gainesville, FL, June 8, 2022 – On June 10, 2022, the UF Innovation Academy (IA) will hold the 10th annual Catalyst Summer A Innovation Showcase in the President's Ballroom of Emerson Alumni Hall.

In-person for the first time since 2019, the Catalyst event is IA's summer showcase that serves as a launching point for first-year IA students to take their ideas beyond the classroom and apply their innovative solutions to the communities they live in. IA has partnered with San Felasco Tech City (SFTC) in Alachua, Florida and centered this year's Summer A event on the question: How might we effectively engage residents in a 21st century live/work/play community? Family, friends, fellow innovators, and the wider Gainesville community will have the opportunity to see 32 prototypes that seek to answer this question, and some prototypes may be chosen for implementation by SFTC.

IA will also be continuing its yearlong celebration of its 10th anniversary and is looking forward to welcoming back IA inaugural class alum, David Nassau, to speak.

"Catalyst is such an exciting event for our first-year students. This year we are especially excited to introduce a community-based design challenge and have an inaugural class IA student return to share some remarks and help us all celebrate ten years of UF's Innovation Academy," said IA Director Dr. Jeff Citty.

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The Innovation Academy (UF IA) is one of the nation's most forward-looking undergraduate programs – at one of its most dynamic research universities. UF IA gives motivated students a small-college experience focused on innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship, ethics, and leadership on a unique spring-summer schedule. UF 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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