



5 THINGS TO KNOW

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Advancing Transportation and Infrastructure Across America

Electric vehicles are attractive for their cheaper fuel costs and lower maintenance requirements, but challenges like finding charging stations during long trips, greater upfront costs, and limited models has hindered widespread adoption. UCF aims to change that as part of a new coalition of more than 60 public and private organizations charging forward to address the electric transportation market and infrastructure challenges in the Southeast region of the U.S.



Aiding U.S. in Race to Laser Science Prominence

UCF is joining the 11-member, invitation-only LaserNetUS, a consortium of the nation's best large laser facilities started by the Department of Energy. The institutions will work together to establish the United States as the leader in the world's race to advance intense laser science. UCF was sought out for its expertise in ultrafast long wavelength lasers with high energy and high average power.



Nationally Certified for Helping Latino Students Excel

UCF was recently recognized by two organizations as a national leader for its efforts in accelerating Latino student success. UCF became the second university in Florida and one of 24 institutions certified with the Seal of *Excellencia* designation since its inception in 2019. The news was announced two days after UCF was named a Fulbright Hispanic Serving Institution Leader by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. As of Fall 2021, 19,665 Hispanic students are enrolled at UCF, making up 27.8% of the student population.



Florida's First-of-its-Kind FinTech Degree

Financial technology is widely regarded as one of the world's fastest growing business areas, so to help provide highly trained professionals to the industry, UCF recently launched a new master's degree in FinTech — the only program of its kind in Florida. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be well positioned for a wide range of jobs, including apps developer, blockchain developer, cybersecurity analyst, compliance expert, data specialist, financial analyst, investment manager and more.



Orlando: Powered by Knights

More than 25% of this year's "Orlando's 50 Most Powerful People" honorees are Knights. Board of Trustees Chair Alex Martins '01MBA, UCF President Alexander N. Cartwright and 12 other faculty, alumni and supporters were named to Orlando Magazine's list, which highlights prominent leaders in education, tourism, government, entertainment, sports, arts and business.