

UF Voices

New dean reflects on Gator Engineering

No engineer is an island.

The most successful engineers immerse themselves in the lives of the people around them, finding ways to make life better for everyone. They spend their careers in the service of others, solving practical problems and meeting tangible needs. Their passion for people motivates them to do the unexpected, attempt the risky and attain the impossible.

The best engineers — the ones truly destined to make a difference — reflexively reach beyond cultural, temporal and disciplinary boundaries. They understand that isolationism is a death sentence to creativity, but embracing differences cultivates innovation.

At the University of Florida College of Engineering, this is the kind of culture we encourage, and our students are heavily recruited as a result. It also allows us to create new interdisciplinary programs attacking problems from a variety of perspectives. Because of our people and our broad array of research initiatives, our college has the opportunity to be a leader in this new approach to addressing issues in energy, health care, sustainable infrastructure and the environment, information technology, nanotechnology, and a myriad of other questions facing society.

It's an exciting time to be a new dean of engineering — especially Gator Engineering.

*Cammy Abernathy
Dean, College of Engineering*



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A Shrimp School participant gives some shrimp a sniff test.

Something's fishy about this international class

With 90 percent of shrimp being imported to the U.S., American consumers can thank the University of Florida for keeping their favorite seafood safe, fresh and tasty.

UF's Shrimp School is an annual training program to educate shrimp processors and regulators from all over the world. The three-day training program, organized by Steven Otwell of the Aquatic Foods Products Lab at UF, has been held each summer since 1995.

"The class is already full for next year," said Laura Garrido, Shrimp School coordinator. "I don't have to advertise anymore."

The popularity of Shrimp School has spread mostly by word-of-mouth, and students are enrolled on a first-come basis. While the ideal class size is 25 students, recent years' classes have been capped at 50 students.

Attendees often include shrimp suppliers and buyers, plant managers, representatives from private food labs, vice presidents of quality control and assurance, and chefs. Some of this year's attendees included representatives from supermarkets, research labs and seafood processors and distributors. Attendees receive a certificate for completing the course.

"I found Shrimp School to be a very educational experience in many aspects," said Casey Marion, a seafood specialist at the Jacksonville-based Beaver Street Fisheries, which imports frozen seafood from more than 50 countries.

The course is taught by UF faculty and U.S. Food and Drug Administration representatives. "We bring the world experts (to teach the class)," Garrido said.

Shrimp School is taught in a classroom, as well as a lab, to give the students hands-on experience. In the lab, students perform a sensory evaluation to determine how shrimp should look, feel, taste and smell.

"Each day we had the opportunity to work with FDA sensory experts who took us on a calibration process of smelling different odor standards that represent the freshest of quality to the absolute worst smelling odors you can think of," Marion said.

By Sara Gaylord

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UF Calendar

Sept. 16

Lecture by Photographer David Taylor, Harn Museum of Art, 7 p.m.

Sept. 17

Constitution Day activities, Levin College of Law, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Sept. 18

Fall withdrawal, all courses, with 25-percent refund (W assigned)

Fall degree applications deadline

Florida Museum of Natural History presents Starry Night, 5 to 10 p.m.


Recurring Events

Sesame Street Live: Elmo's Green Thumb, O'Connell Center, Sept. 22-23, times vary

A Streetcar Named Desire, College of Fine Arts School of Theater and Dance, Sept. 18-27, times vary

Butterflies and Moths in Contemporary Zuni Art, Florida Museum of Natural History, every day through Jan. 3, 2010

This is a sampling of events from the electronic UF calendar.

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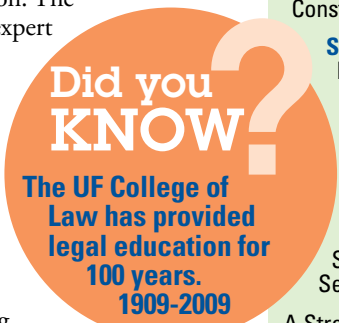
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Program explores Constitution, immigration

Do undocumented immigrants have certain protections under the U.S. Constitution? Where, and under what historical context, do our country's constitutional ideals and practical immigration policies intersect?

Explore these and other fascinating questions regarding U.S. immigration policy during the University of Florida Constitution Day Program, scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to noon, Sept. 17, in Room 282 of the Reitz Student Union. The program will include expert presentations followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A. Hosted by the Levin College of Law, UF's Constitution Day Program is free and open to the public.

The event also will be available for viewing online as a webcast at www.law.ufl.edu. For more information, call Lindy Brounley at 352-273-0655 or visit www.law.ufl.edu.



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Note This

ESPN highlights SEC research

The University of Florida has joined with the 11 other Southeastern Conference institutions in launching the SEC Academic Network, a Web site designed to showcase the schools' academic and research endeavors, economic development and more.

The site, www.secacademicnetwork.com, was developed with technology and coordination from ESPN Digital Media and Origin Digital.

Current UF videos include a hurricane simulator, air-cooled shoulder pads, a robotic car and Gatorade. New videos will be added weekly. Contact Dan Williams, danwill@ufl.edu, with submission ideas.

Site shares community service ideas

The University of Florida "Colleges with a Conscience" Web site has become more efficient because of improved search features that were added over the summer.

The Web site, <http://www.urel.ufl.edu/communityRelations/commOutreach.html>, originally was created six months ago. It is a one-stop location to learn more about community service initiatives sponsored by UF faculty, students and staff.