



## FAST FORWARD

September 2018

A COLLEGE UPDATE from **Dean A. Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H.**

To: UF College of Dentistry,

The start of a new academic year is always refreshing as we look forward to making a lasting impact in the classroom, through research, and through patient care across the many communities in our state.

What better time to be a part of UF than right now? Two weeks ago, [Florida rose to the No. 8 spot](#) in U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges list. Florida entered the top 10 last year and quickly established its next goal of being a top-five university. I am proud that our college is an integral part of UF and its historic rise in national stature.

Five years ago, the University of Florida was the first university in the state designated preeminent by the Florida State Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott. The university has undergone expansive growth in the recruitment of additional faculty and researchers at the top of their fields. The influx of additional talent, alongside an increase in research dollars generated, has contributed to UF's rise in the national rankings.

You all have played a role in the successes of our college, and helped position us to have a deep impact within the UF Academic Health Center and the prestige of UF as a whole. I invite each of you to embrace this new academic cycle as an opportunity to evaluate what we do, enhance our programs, and continue to aim for excellence.

We are in the midst of UF's Capital Campaign – Go Greater – and the College of Dentistry has a goal of fundraising \$28 million towards UF's \$3 billion goal

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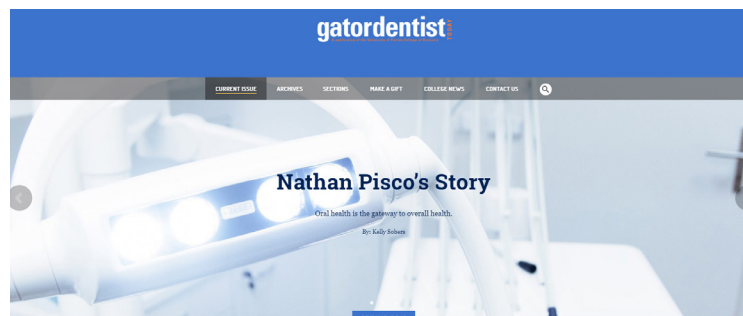


The University of Florida has strengthened its ranking among the nation's top-10 public universities, [rising to the No. 8 spot](#) in the latest U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges list released September 10.

UF remains the most highly ranked school in Florida and the only university in the state in the top 10. UF was tied for the No. 9 spot last year, and is ranked No. 8 this year alongside Georgia Institute of Technology.

## Gator Dentist Today Online

Have you read [Gator Dentist Today](#) online? Visit the college's magazine at [GatorDentist.dental.ufl.edu](http://GatorDentist.dental.ufl.edu) for a new, interactive format featuring pictures and videos.





through an eight-year period that began in 2014 and continues through 2022. I am proud to announce that we have raised \$13.3 million in total commitments so far, nearly half of our goal, which will allow UFCD to have a profound impact in the areas that matter most. I encourage you to visit our [campaign prospectus online](#) for a better understanding of UFCD's priorities through the campaign and where we will put our fundraising dollars to work.

As you know, we have completed our [2019-2024 strategic plan](#), which will serve as a comprehensive roadmap as we strive to accomplish key institutional needs centered on education, research, patient care, infrastructure and enhancing a supportive and humanistic environment.

We have a wonderful new [strategic plan website](#) where you can dive deeper into our five strategic goals. In this issue of Fast Forward we will highlight the first of our goals, to '[Develop and Sustain a Learner-Centered Educational Environment](#).'

Just as the fall semester began, the college completed its annual financial audit for the last fiscal year and passed with flying colors. Congratulations to our Business Office and Office of Finance & Administration for having a 'clean audit.' The auditing process requires a tremendous amount of team work, preparation and diligence throughout, and I'd like to thank everyone involved for their hard work and dedication towards a successful end result.

Finally, in the spirit of a new academic session, I extend a warm welcome to our [64 new residents](#) who began advanced education programs throughout the state and welcome our [DMD Class of 2022](#) to Gainesville. I hope you will enjoy getting to know our first-year DMD students a little better through a [fun video](#) created by the Office of Admissions.

While the school year is just getting under way, I would like to thank each of you in advance. Thank you faculty, staff, residents and students, for the work you do each day, and the passion you bring by a desire to serve. I look forward to working alongside each of you as we strive to be a global leader in dentistry and oral health and contribute, together, to UF rising.

Regards,  
*Dean Isabel Garcia*

## Joe Riley Appointed to Faculty Affairs Role



The University of Florida College of Dentistry announced the appointment of Joseph Riley, III, Ph.D., as interim associate dean for faculty affairs effective July 23, 2018.

Riley is a tenured professor in the UF Department of Community Dentistry and Behavioral Science, the director of the Pain Clinical Research Unit in the UF Pain Research and Intervention Center of Excellence, and also serves as the deputy director of the South Atlantic Region of the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network.

Riley will serve as a liaison between faculty and UFCD administration and work closely with UF on faculty-related matters. The faculty affairs responsibilities include a number of other activities including implementing mentoring and recognition programs; overseeing changes to, and compliance with, the promotion and tenure process; and serving on relevant UFCD committees.

[Read the full profile story of Dr. Riley online.](#)

## Sarasota Gator Dentist Gathering

Know a Gator Dentist alumni or friend in the Sarasota area? The Sarasota Gator Dentist Gathering is Nov. 29, 2018, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Sarasota Yacht Club. RSVP to [RSVP@dental.ufl.edu](mailto:RSVP@dental.ufl.edu) or to Rick Miller at 352-273-5779 by November 22, 2018.



Please join us!

### SARASOTA GATOR DENTIST GATHERING

- Join us at the Sarasota Yacht Club for great conversation and hors d'oeuvres
- Hosted by Drs. Lance Karp, Doug Fabiani, David Freeman and Todd Reuter
- Meet Dean Isabel Garcia
- Featuring an update on the College of Dentistry
- Connect with local Gator Dentists

NOVEMBER 29, 2018 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | 1100 JOHN RINGLING BOULEVARD | SARASOTA, FL 34236

# UFCD 2019-2024 Strategic Plan



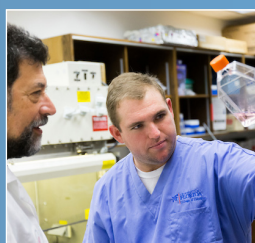
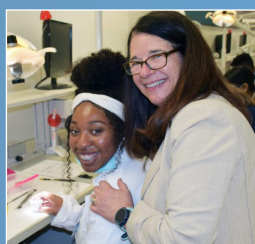
The college's 2019-2024 strategic plan is finalized! The overview of our strategic roadmap that embraces the integrated nature of modern dentistry, oral health and overall health [can be found online](#). The plan centers around five key goals for the college, and through the next five months, Fast Forward will highlight a different goal.

## Goal One: Develop and Sustain a Learner-Centered Educational Environment

**OUR VISION:** *Excellent education, guided by and grounded in sound scientific evidence, develops students for success as skilled professionals and effective leaders.*

### OBJECTIVES

1. Systematically review and revise the curriculum across DMD and other programs to promote excellence and serve as a model for innovative dental education.
2. Transition the UFCD curriculum toward a whole-patient care model.
3. Expand coordinated and meaningful interprofessional educational experiences.
4. Incorporate technology to provide students and residents with broader learning experiences.
5. Enhance the integration of research into predoctoral and graduate educational programming.



[Explore our implementation strategies online.](#)



**Make sure to follow the UF College of Dentistry on our social media channels!**

[Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) ... for photos, news & more.



**Congratulations to our students and faculty on their recent accomplishments and awards:**



University of Florida College of Dentistry first-year students **Cali Katrak (left, top)** and **Priya Sabharwal (left, bottom)** will represent the college at the 2018 Hinman Student Research Symposium November 2-4, 2018, at the historic Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. [More](#)



**Seunghee Cha, D.D.S., Ph.D.**, professor in the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Diagnostic Sciences, has been named a University of Florida Research Foundation Professor for 2018-2021 and the director of the Center for Orphaned Autoimmune Disorders, or COAD. [More](#)



### Did you know?

You can now find our college's research awards online at [dental.ufl.edu](http://dental.ufl.edu). [View funding for July and August 2018.](#)





## DMD Class of 2022 Challenge Course | Lake Wauburg

It's tradition. Come to Lake Wauburg wearing a t-shirt that represents your undergraduate education, leave Lake Wauburg's challenge course as a unified Gator Dentist class. Welcome to the DMD Class of 2022!

[Check out the full photo gallery online.](#)



## University of Florida Campaign for Charities



The university's annual [Campaign for Charities](#), or UFCC, runs from September 4 - October 19, 2018. Funds raised through the duration of the campaign support over 90 organizations in Alachua County. Be on the lookout for more information about this year's UFCD fundraising events and giving opportunities, including our annual book sale, plus a pizza party and several opportunities to showcase your Gator pride!

**UFCD's 2018 UFCC Goal: \$1,000**

## Meet the [DMD Class of 2022](#)

Get to know the UFCD DMD Class of 2022 through our Office of Admissions' [Fun Facts Video](#) on YouTube. We have a Navy veteran, many world travelers, animal lovers, crocheters, lifeguards, ceramic pottery throwers and many more hidden talents and interests within the Class of 2022.

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### Fall Pre-Dental Fair

Our 2018 Fall Pre-Dental Fair was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the experience memorable for the students and attendees. [Facebook photo gallery](#)

## September is National Suicide Prevention Month

Thank you to UFCD's Office for Student Advocacy & Inclusion for hosting a Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention Seminar in August to open dialogue in our college about this important topic. Special thank you to Ali Martinez, director at the [Alachua County Crisis Center](#) (352-264-6789, 24/7 line), for leading the discussion.



National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

 1-800-273-8255

STAY HEALTHY  
AND GET  
VACCINATED BY  
OCT. 30

**Don't surrender to the flu.**

**UFHealth**  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA HEALTH

The UF Student Health Care Center, or SHCC, is offering **free** flu vaccinations to all members of the UF community who present a Gator1 ID and insurance card at a number of upcoming events at UF Health. Visit the [UF Health Bridge](#) for a complete calendar, and be sure to select an event with the SHCC present. **Chomp the Flu!**