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Welcome back to another significant – and more typical – academic year for our university.

School activities are picking up, and soon many students will return to our campuses. Please mark your calendars for UCF's official Faculty Assembly and Welcome Back Reception on Tuesday (Aug. 16), 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Celeste Hotel on campus. It's a great chance to hear from our leaders about the latest UCF news (including [a new strategic plan](#)) and to connect informally with colleagues, which include more than 100 new faculty.


Meanwhile, the fall starts with important changes.

The Knight Vision project launched on July 1. It replaced the outdated PeopleSoft system with Workday (no more LAPERs!) and set up new finance and human resources business centers to better serve campus. This is a big change. Please be patient and kind as UCF staff [diligently address the kinks](#). A [Faculty Workday Resources page](#) offers onboarding help and [training](#). If you have a Workday problem or question, please contact your unit's [business center](#), [submit a Workday help case](#) or call a Knights Experience Team customer care coordinator at (407) 823-6398.

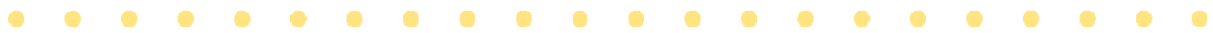
There's also new state legislation, [House Bill 7](#), that affects state universities. It changes how discrimination is defined but does not deter from teaching controversial and challenging subjects. Here are [answers to FAQs](#) about the law, which Provost Michael Johnson addressed this week in a [message to faculty](#). Also, here's guidance on [fostering civil discourse](#) on controversial issues.

If you have questions or concerns about these changes or any other issues, we are here for you! Please reach out as needed, and best wishes for a rewarding new academic year.

Charge on!



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Important Dates



You are Invited to the Fall Faculty Assembly and Welcome Reception on Tuesday (Aug. 16)

Join President Alexander Cartwright, top UCF leaders and faculty colleagues from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Celeste Hotel, 4105 N. Alafaya Trail. Refreshments will be offered.



Workday Virtual Training Session for Faculty Coming Aug. 18

Learn how to better navigate UCF's new workflow system for success at this virtual session from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18. [Check for more training tailored to faculty.](#)

[Register](#)



Valuable to Know



Key Resources for Fall Class Prep

Guiding resources are available as you prepare your courses to support a strong foundation for inclusivity, learning and student success.

This [message from Provost Michael D. Johnson](#) highlights key academic policies, regulations and resources to know. These include [answers to frequently asked questions](#) from the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning on new state legislation, [House Bill 7](#), regarding discrimination along with guidance on how to [facilitate civil dialogue](#) in courses of all kinds.

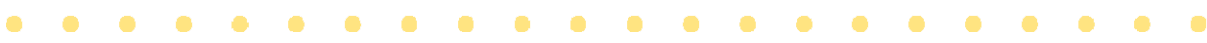
Classes, Campuses to Close Early for Three Weeknight Football Games



UCF's classes and campuses will close at 2 p.m. for weeknight home football games on Thursday, Sept. 1; Friday, Sept. 9; and Thursday, Oct. 13.

In addition to the main campus, the early closing also applies to the Central Florida Research Park, UCF Downtown, the Rosen College of Hospitality Management and UCF Connect campuses. Offices at those locations also will close at 2 p.m. for normal operations.

Faculty who teach classes that start before 2 p.m. but end after that time will have the option to hold the portion of those classes that comes before 2 p.m. [Here's more information.](#)



UCF's Upgraded Faculty Multimedia Center is ready



UCF's enhanced [Faculty Multimedia Center](#) (FMC) is ready to better support faculty this fall after an extensive renovation.

Located in Room 2002 of Classroom Building I, the refurbished center features upgraded technology and facilities to help faculty promote student learning and success in new ways. The FMC's services, tools and training help faculty create innovative content for online and mixed-mode courses and other digital applications. [Learn more.](#)

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