FOUNDERS' DAY

UCF

A CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

APRIL 2, 2025



WELCOME TO OUR

FOUNDERS' DAY Celebration

Founders' Day is a celebration of UCF's excellence and an opportunity to recognize the employees, faculty, and students who make this place so special and who power our collective impact.

Thank you for helping us honor some of our outstanding Knights.

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REMEMBERING OUR HISTORY

AND CELEBRATING OUR FUTURE

The annual tradition of Founders' Day was started to honor the **visionary leadership and generosity** of an extraordinary group of community leaders known as the **UCF Founders**.

Theirs is a powerful story of partnership, determination, and perseverance.

In 1963, the state authorized the creation of a university for Central Florida. In January 1964, state officials selected a site of 1,227 acres in east Orange County. Yet, neither the Legislature nor the governor moved to fund the new school, and Orange County lacked the money. The land was in danger of slipping away, which would have been a devastating setback.

Just in time, 89 local residents — the UCF Founders — came together to pledge the \$1 million in cash and securities needed to purchase the land with no guarantees of repayment, ensuring UCF was built here in East Orlando.

Today, the spirit of teamwork shown by our founders lives on in the incredible employees, faculty, and students who make up our UCF community and keep our university charging on to greatness.



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EMPLOYEE AWARDS

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY RECOGNITION OF RETIREES EMERITUS AND EMERITA MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION CHAMPION OF STUDENT SUCCESS AND WELL-BEING EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARDS







Nicole Dudenhoefer Edlira Dursun Wendy Dye Sara Dye Bryan Ellison Stacey Embry Andrea Espina Rey Emma Espinet Gerard Flood Jennifer Floyd Allison Freitas Elisabeth Fry Kara Gajentan Andrea Gandy Luician Goudeau Jim Graf Irene Green-Marshall Tracy Griffith Liangely Guilbe-Perez Amiko Hall Rachel Hammock Samantha Hanna Rebecca Hanus Minoska Hernandez Janet Hernandez Rob Hill Jennifer Hopkins Gwen Hubbs Maureen Hurysz Michael Jacobs Troy Jarvis Stiliyana Jeyasingam Natasha Jones Elizabeth Kalatzis Manolakis Maxwell Kaplowitz Arijeta Kavaja Sheila Kramer Lindsay Kuznia Michael Leavitt Jorge Lopez Magali Lopez

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Nicholas Godbolt Sheryl Goins Dawn Graziano Arvis Grier John Guildford Kerri Haren **Connie Hawkins Bethsy Hernandez** Brittany Hofmann James Hovell Jaime Hucorne Danielle Hutson-Irizarry Kate Ingraham Brenda Jackson Nelita Kaleel Adriana Kelly Omar Khan Shelley King Annatolee King Betty Lahens Alvin Laughton Karissa Lawson **Kimberly Lemonakis** Nina Leonard Cameron Leonard Silpa Limbachia Stephanie Livigni Lindsey Lombardi Matthew Lowe Mark Lundstrom **Bill Martin** Melody Martinez Sandra McCall Todd McMahon Ronaldo Mendoza Shella Mercado Carl Metzger Shaheen Miller

Michele Monteith **Thaismary Morales** Phong Ngo Jessica Nguyen Yung Nguyen-Siddigi Nellie Nido Edwina Norvelus Brittany Nsouli Emilia Paris Shena Parks Jikal Patel Marcy Persaud Savita Persaud Mandy Pleie Gregory Potts Kyle Pritchard Odus Radford Raiza Ramos-Deatherage Katherine Ramsey Nakia Randell Dawn Ransome Mariuccia Reano Gerardo Reano Christine Rivera Luis Rivera Stephanie Rivera-Velazquez Aimara Rodriguez Shanice Rodriguez Joselyne Rodriguez Olan Nelson Roman Toni Rooney Noel Roque Tara Roquevert Pamela Ross Ryan Roupe Ana Santiago Hector Santos

Alicia Miller

10 YEARS







Richard Baro Chris Beaman Joe Beissner Andrea Berry Sandra Brasch Emily Coburn Nathan Fields Michelle Greco Troy Hahr Francisco Henriquez Beverly Johnson Heather Junod Joy Kittredge Joel Levenson Adam Lucas Thomas Maggart Sean McConnell Donna Mercado Ted Molina

Neida Mora-Maus **RJ Mueller** Samantha Mundell Tim Neubrander Ginger Nielsen Donna Phillips Luis Reichard Hosanna Rivera-Maldonado Libby Sanders Lucia Schweitzer Elena Sequera Lisa Sklar Lisa Sorrentino Carmen Sosa-Miranda Stephanie Spies Jesse Sunski Genyth Travis Mildred Vega Cousino Luis Velozo



20 YEARS

Douglas Backman Bryan Bazemore Marco Bedoya Brandy Blue Roanne Brice Rose Carpenter Willis Chico Diego David Bill Dotson Matthew Fazi **Cortright Francis** Christopher Gavette Lana Gidusko Kristina Grabnickas John Gracey Robert Haas Heather Houser Li-Mei Hung Waheeda Illasarie Kristal Jackson Hale Brooke Kamp Felicia Kendall Phyllis Kornegay Michelle Ku Angie Leary

25 YEARS

Yousef Ayoub Giatry Bacchus Richard Berwanger Vanessa Butts Rick Catasus Chi Chan Eunice Choi Louis Lubin Janki Maraj John McInerney Pablo Mercado Clare Middlekauff Lauren Miller Joe Muley Greg Norris Aymee Pabon Kristell Padel Marita Pascua Christy Pasnisin Barbara Reeder Ryan Retherford Cristina Rever **Rex Roberts** Alison Schultz Jessica Simmons Parker Snelson Leith Tussing Meredith Varner Nicholas Waters Kerry Welch Scott Wiles Trevor Zarnowiec

Terri Daly Cam Dang Varsha Das Maritza Diaz Cecilia Dolandolan Marva Ellington Jason Ellmyer

25 YEARS

Yvette Glasgow Isha Guerrero-Londeree Robin Hofler Aaron Hose Lisa Isham Allison Jefferson Kathleen Kirwan Eugene Manselle Janice Matley Oscar Mauricio

30 YEARS

Eric Anderson Diane Claudio Lynn Gonzalez

35 YEARS

Edward Brown William Brown Don Harper James Mccully James Ross

45 YEARS

David Douglas

Carrie Mcdowell Ravi Melaram Scott Milbuta Patsy Moskal Yolanda Reddick Sumatie Singh Kimberly Spence Amy Swinford Joshua Thomas Andrea White

Martha Hamann Charlese Hilton-Brown Tammie McClellan

Gina Seabrook Tad Simmons Patricia Tiberii Barry Wick



RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Maureen Au Serena Bell James Bell Alexander Boodoo Sheryl Brown Karen Cobbs Dale Dennany Son Do Sharon Ekern Patrice Fairweather Olga Fajardo Carmen Figueroa Bendetta Fuller Danton George William Harding Karl Johnson Jackson Jones Cindy Kirk Kate Knowles Rebekah McCloud Lea Mignone Margaret Mlachak Mary Montgomery Donna Oppenheim

Michael Palmer Salliann Phrampus **DeLaine Priest** Donna Reed Karen Reinemund Edwin Rivera German Rivera **Daniel Roberts** Marian Rodriguez Jorge Santiago Evelyn Sedlak Juanita Sembrano **Robert Sharps Tish Sheppard** Thomas Silarek Helen Sterbach Laura Stylianou Linda Sullivan Jorge Talavera Steven Webb Esther Wilkinson Cathy Woolwine Dorothy Yates David Zambri



STANDING FOR OPPORTUNITY

"UCF is special because of the opportunities it has provided me. I'm actually implementing all of the ideas and everything that I had previously in my career and actually get to execute them here and UCF gives me the opportunity to do so. It also gives me the guidance and tools I need to succeed."

CARL COMPSTON

Superintendent, Facilities Maintenance Facilities



EMERITUS AND EMERITA MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

DeLaine Priest

CHAMPION OF STUDENT SUCCESS AND WELL-BEING

Karemah Manselle





EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

These awards are offered by the university to highlight **A&P, USPS, and OPS-Non-Student Employees** who have done something innovative, inspiring, and/or exceptional in support of our campus community. Honorees were nominated by university leadership to be considered for this special recognition. Nominees and awardees are recognized live during the Employee Honors Celebration on Founders' Day.

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING NOMINEES

Amber Charles + Manuel Colon Gonzalez Carl Compston Rafael Conde Ana Hernandez + Adriel Rivera Aponte Pablo Vargas

STUDENT SUCCESS NOMINEES

Lesanne Brunswick Barbara Busch Tyler Campbell Brian Creel Cynthia Gabriel Lana Gidusko Jade Laderwarg * Lucas Noboa * Yoannie Quinones Elexis Ritz Patricia Riva Christin Saro Orin Smith

DISCOVERY & INNOVATION NOMINEES

Taher Alfayad + Josh Bedwell Shafaq Chaudhry Amy Giroux Sarah Job Robyn Lorfink Tammie McClellan Ann Parker Hector Polit + Andrea Velez

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE NOMINEES

Nathan Aultman Nathalia Bauer Rafael Conde Jacquelyn Daigneault Neftali Garcia Pauline Heinz Strauss Patricia Kentish Zachary (Zack) Knauer David Maldonado Sandra McCall Justin McGill Lucas Noboa Charlie Piper Mark Wagenhauser

SERVICE EXCELLENCE NOMINEES

Danae Barulich Herlinda Bedoya **Kristina Chavers** Nicholas Colon Katherine Del Cid Hipatia "Veronica" Donoso Tim Donovan Gabe Fernandez Stefani Francisco Tamara Gabrus 🔸 Heather Gibson Kariss Grissom Tiffany Hughes Danielle Hutson-Irizarry Katie Korkosz Jennifer Krolowitz Toni Leonard Nick Leyva Maria Lopes Andy Marin Lauren Maroon Amber Mullens Diana Perez **Kyle Pritchard** Frances Ragsdale Jodi Reinhart Holly Robbins Aida Santana Christin Saro + Carolina Silva Terri Smith Ashley Turner Jaclyn (Jaci) Velez

🔶 = AWARD WINNER



FACULTY AWARDS

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING **GRADUATE TEACHING** RESEARCH MENTORING DOCTORAL STUDENTS MENTORING POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS FACULTY ACADEMIC ADVISING INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE** LIBRARIANSHIP CHAMPION OF STUDENT SUCCESS AND WELL-BEING FACULTY SENATE SERVICE **RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY RECOGNITION OF RETIREES** MEDAL OF SOCIETAL IMPACT **BIG 12 FACULTY OF THE YEAR** EMERITUS AND EMERITA MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY REACH FOR THE STARS PEGASUS PROFESSOR





EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

COLLEGE AWARDS

College of Arts and Humanities

Stacey DiLiberto Haidar Khezri Brian Reese Sandra Sousa

College of Business Administration

Jeffrey Reinking

College of Community Innovation and Education

Gail Humiston Meredith Robertson Amanda Walden

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Kelly Kibler

College of Health Professions and Sciences

Ethan Hill Eunkyung Lee

College of Medicine

Robert Borgon

College of Nursing

Dawn Turnage

College of Optics and Photonics

Konstantin Vodopyanov

College of Sciences

Karin Chumbimuni Torres Archana Dubey Christine Hanlon Michael Mousseau Rani Vajravelu

College of Undergraduate Studies

Leah Gaines

Rosen College of Hospitality Management

Wei Wei

UNIVERSITY AWARD

College of Sciences

Christine Hanlon



EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE TEACHING

College of Nursing

COLLEGE AWARDS

College of Arts and Humanities

Christine Kolaya

College of Business Administration

Melissa Frye

College of Community Innovation and Education

Sheila Moore

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Tuhin Das

College of Health **Professions and Sciences**

Carey Rothschild

College of Medicine

Michal Masternak

Erica Hoyt College of Optics and Photonics Pieter Kik **College of Sciences** Jihyun Kim **Rosen College of** Hospitality Management Ahmet Ozturk

UNIVERSITY AWARD

College of Nursing

Erica Hoyt



EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

COLLEGE AWARDS

| College of Arts and Humanities | College of Nursing |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Desiree Diaz |
| Emily Johnson | College of Optics |
| College of Business | and Photonics |
| Administration | |
| | Guifang Li |
| Xin He | |
| | College of Sciences |
| College of Community | |
| Innovation and Education | Xiaohu Xia |
| Barbara Andraka-Christou | College of Undergraduate Studies |
| College of Engineering | |

Richard Plate

Wei Wei

Rosen College of

Hospitality Management

College ıgı and Computer Science

Naveen Eluru

College of Health Professions and Sciences

Humberto Lopez Castillo

UNIVERSITY AWARD

College of Community Innovation and Education

Barbara Andraka-Christou



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"I am deeply grateful to be part of a talented and innovative team of researchers who embrace challenging questions and different perspectives in their work."

KELLY STEVENS

Assistant Professor of **Public Administration** College of Community Innovation and Education



EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING DOCTORAL STUDENTS

College of Community Innovation and Education

Juli Dixon

College of Engineering and Computer Science

David Mohaisen

EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Ghaith Rabadi

EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY ACADEMIC ADVISING

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Chen Chen

EXCELLENCE IN INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

Division of Digital Learning

Amanda Major

EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Rosen College of Hospitality Management

Jessica Wickey

EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIANSHIP

UCF Libraries

Sai Deng

CHAMPION OF STUDENT SUCCESS AND WELL-BEING

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Manoj Chopra

FACULTY SENATE SERVICE

10 YEARS

College of Community Innovation and Education

Karol Lucken



20 YEARS

College of Arts and Humanities

Amy Foster Martha Garcia Jeremy Hunt Connie Lester Amelia Lyons Thomas Potter Margaret Zaho

College of Business Administration

Vladimir Gatchev Carolyn Massiah Sean Robb

College of Community Innovation and Education

Constance Goodman Glenn Lambie Judit Szente Scott Waring

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Ni-bin Chang Xun Gona Ali Gordon Changchun Zou

College of Health Professions and Sciences

William Hanney

College of Medicine Zixi Cheng

College of Nursing

Leslee Damato-Kubiet Jacqueline Lamanna

College of Sciences

Max Croft Kenneth Fedorka Yanga Fernandez **Richard Hall** Sally Hastings Eric Hoffman Daniel Novatnak Fernando Rivera John Rotolo Zixia Song Alexandru Tamasan Ronald Weaver Harry Weger

Rosen College of Hospitality Management

Tadayuki Hara Hyung Jung Fevzi Okumus

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Andre Gesauiere Qun Huo Saiful Khondaker Michael Leuenberger Swadeshmukul Santra Lei Zhai

25 YEARS

College of Arts and Humanities

Patricia Farless Carla Poindexter Terry Thaxton Kristina Tollefson

College of Business Administration

David Scrogin

College of Community Innovation and Education

David Boote Juli Dixon Stephen Sivo Mark Winton Ronnie Zimmerman

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Luis Rabelo Kirk Scammon Yongho Sohn Rajan Vaidyanathan

College of Graduate Studies Shawn Burke Rae Hanson

College of Health Professions and Sciences

Robin Kohn

Dean Reed

College of Sciences

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Nancy Swenson

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Lisa Nalbone Jeffrey Rupert

College of Business Administration Leslie Connell

College of Community Innovation and Education

Raymond Surette

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Mohamed Abdel-Aty Timothy Kotnour

College of **Graduate Studies** John Weishampel

College of Medicine

Debopam Chakrabarti Cristina Fernandez-Valle Saleh Naser Otto Phanstiel Aubrey Jewett Heath Martin Marianna Pensky

Office of Research

David Chasar Janet McIlvaine

UCF Libraries

Athena Hoeppner Jeanne Piascik

35 YEARS

College of Arts and Humanities

Lyman Brodie Shellev Park

College of Engineering and Computer Science Kien Hua

Zhihua Qu

College of Sciences

Clint Bowers Sudipto Choudhury Alfons Schulte

Academic Affairs

Michael Johnson

40 YEARS

College of Community Innovation and Education

Karen Biraimah

College of Engineering and Computer Science Gene Lee

College of Sciences

Piotr Mikusinski Bhimsen Shivamoqqi

Rosen College of Hospitality Management

Ady Milman

45 YEARS

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Charles Hughes



UCF Downtown Ross Wolf

30 YEARS

James Helsinger

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

College of Arts and Humanities

Lynn Casmier-Paz Joo Kim Keith Koons Alice Korosy Robert Reedy Maria-Cristina Santana-Rogers

College of Business Administration

Richard Ajayi Maureen Ambrose Scott Bukstein Paul Goldwater Marshall Schminke Verner Smith

College of Community Innovation and Education

Gregg Buckingham Lynette Feder Judith Levin Michael McManus Melvin Rogers Janice Seabrooks-Blackmore

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Kevin Coffey Azza Fahim Eric Johnson

College of Health Professions and Sciences

Denise Gammonley Lewis Worrell

College of Medicine

Blaise Bossy Ella Bossy-Wetzel

College of Nursing

Kelly Allred Carol Burgunder Angeline Bushy Maureen Covelli Frances lacobellis

College of Optics and Photonics

Bahaa Saleh

College of Sciences

Barry Edwards Shari Hodgson Steve Jex Barbara Kinsey Elizabeth Klonoff M. Zuhair Nashed Timothy Sellnow Michael Sigman Janan Smither Ula Stoeckl Joseph Vasquez

Rosen College of Hospitality Management

Joe Hutchinson Abraham Pizam

Office of Research

Lixing Gu

Student Success and Well-Being

Pam Cavanaugh

Mark Kerlin

Leonid Glebov

Pedro Patino Marin

UCF Global

UNLEASHING POTENTIAL

"I joined UCF 30 years ago. What kept me at UCF - Ireally liked the support I got. The opportunities in Central Florida and Florida in general. I wouldn't go anywhere else."

MOHAMED ABDEL-ATY

Trustee Chair and Pegasus Professor of Civil, Environmental, and Construction Engineering College of Engineering and Computer Science





MEDAL OF SOCIETAL IMPACT

This honor recognizes faculty whose research has contributed significantly to the benefit of humankind. Honorees are selected by an external committee comprised of members from the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the National Academy of Medicine.

The award includes a \$50,000 grant and shines a bright spotlight on a core aspect of a public university's mission — conducting research, scholarship, and creative activities for the betterment of our society.

MOHAMED ABDEL-ATY

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

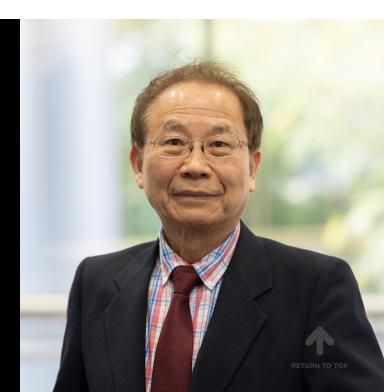
BIG 12 FACULTY OF THE YEAR

This new honor spotlights exceptional faculty at each of the athletic conference's 16 institutions who shine in research and innovation.

Big 12 institutions nominated their faculty of the year candidates in conjunction with faculty athletics representatives, provosts, and other university leaders. The new awards showcase the academic excellence, robust research breakthroughs, and educational opportunities available to students at Big 12 institutions.



COLLEGE OF OPTICS AND PHOTONICS



EMERITUS & EMERITA

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EMERITUS AND EMERITA MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY



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ASSOCIATE LECTURER EMERITUS Gregg A. Buckingham

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PROFESSOR EMERITA
Joyce Nutta

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PROFESSOR EMERITUS Gary Leavens

College of Health Professions and Sciences

SENIOR INSTRUCTOR EMERITUS
Joseph DiNapoli

PROFESSOR EMERITA
Denise Gammonley

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR EMERITA Linda Rosa-Lugo

PEGASUS PROFESSOR EMERITA Martine Vanryckeghem

College of Nursing

DEAN AND PROFESSOR EMERITA Mary Lou Sole

College of Sciences

PROFESSOR EMERITUS Roger Handberg

PROFESSOR EMERITUS David Jenkins

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PROFESSOR EMERITUS Michael Sigman

PEGASUS PROFESSOR EMERITA Cherie Yestrebsky

Rosen College of Hospitality Management

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR EMERITUS
Joe Hutchinson

PROFESSOR EMERITUS Abraham Pizam

Academic Affairs

PROVOST EMERITUS Michael Johnson



LASTING IMPACT

"UCF made me an all-around citizen. I don't see myself as only an academician or researcher, I see myself as a faculty team member and leader — a UCF ambassador around the world."

MARTINE VANRYCKEGHEM

Pegasus Professor Emerita of Communication Sciences and Disorders College of Health Professions and Sciences



EMERITUS AND EMERITA MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

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Lin Huff-Corzine

Brooks C. Madsen Donald Malocha Linda Malone Patricia Cripe Manning Suzanne Martin Bruce E. Mathews Guv Mattson James D. McBrayer William McGee Nancy R. McGee Jack McGuire Waldron M. McLellon Milan D. Meeske Charles N. Micarelli Ronald Michaels D Howard Miles Calvin C. Miller Ernest E. Miller Charles N. Millican Jim Moharam Waltraud Q. Morales Ben B. Morgan Lucy Crymble Morse Michael Moshell Faissal Moslehy Amar Mukheriee Thomas A. Mullin Patrick Murphy David W Nicholson David Nickerson Chad Nye M. Timothy O'Keefe Stuart E. Omans John A. Osborne Bernard Ostle Ali Orooii Mary Palmer Peter T. Panousis Sampath Parthasarathy Gordon W. Paul Bruce Paulev George E. Pawlas

EMERITUS AND EMERITA MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

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Stanley Smith William F. Smith Franklin F. Snelson M.J. Soileau Paul N. Somerville Steven E. Sorg Donald Stap Allyn M. Lean Stearman Consuelo E. Stebbins George I. Stegeman Martha Lue Stewart June S. Stillman Valerie Storey I. Jack Stout Eric Stryland Challapalli Suryanarayana Steven Sutton Michael J. Sweenv Haven C. Sweet James S. Tavlor Michael Taylor Phillip K. Taylor Rosemarye Taylor Walter K. Taylor Deborah Breiter Terry Anthony P. Tesori Margaret Thomas William Thompson Herbert C. Towle Dawn Trouard LeVester Tubbs Richard D. Tucker Nicolaos S. Tzannes Charles M. Unkovic Lvnn Unruh Mary P. Van Hook Eric Van Stryland Parveen Wahid Lvnn W. Walker Ron Wallace Thomas Wan Alvin Wang

Marty Wanielista Bruce Whisler Roseann S. White Garv E. Whitehouse Wilfred Wienke Diane Wink Rudy J. Wodzinksi J. Gary Wolf Burton Wright James Wright Edgar B. Wycoff Marvin M. Yarosh Bonnie Yegidis Gour-Tsyh (George) Yeh Denise Young Mark Young Yousef A. Yousef

Boris Zeldovich



REACH FOR THE STARS

The prestigious **Reach for the Stars** award recognizes earlycareer professionals with highly successful research and creative activity that has a national or international impact. Honorees share a dedication to advancing knowledge and addressing realworld challenges within their respective fields. Each researcher demonstrates a commitment to innovation, whether it's in clean energy, healthcare, performing arts or manufacturing. Their Reach for the Stars award highlights their contributions to academia and underscore UCF's commitment to fostering groundbreaking research. The prestigious award is second only to Pegasus Professor as UCF's highest faculty honor.

Honorees will receive a \$10,000 annual research grant for three years in addition to the distinction of being an award recipient.



AMRITA GHOSH COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

LELAND NORDIN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE AND COLLEGE OF OPTICS AND PHOTONICS

YOGESH RAWAT

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

KELLY STEVENS

COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY INNOVATION AND EDUCATION

RETURN TO TOP

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UCF's **Pegasus Professor** award is the highest honor a faculty member can earn from the university.

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DR. ROGER AZEVEDO is a professor in the School of Modeling Simulation and Training within the College of Engineering and
Computer Science. He is also the lead scientist for UCF's Learning Sciences Faculty Cluster. His research focus includes examining the role of cognitive, metacognitive, affective, and motivational self-regulatory processes during learning with advanced learning technologies, such as multimedia, simulations, intelligent tutoring systems, hypermedia and more.

He has published more than 300 peerreviewed papers, chapters, and refereed conference proceedings in the areas of educational, learning, cognitive, educational, and computational sciences. He also serves on the editorial board of several top-tiered learning and cognitive sciences journals, including Applied Cognitive Psychology, the International Journal of AI in Education, and the Educational Psychology Review. His research has included funding from the National Science Foundation, the Institute of Education Sciences, the National Institutes of Health, and the Social Sciences and the Humanities Research Council of Canada. His honors include being a fellow of the American Educational Research Association and the American Psychological Association.

He joined UCF in 2018 and earned his Ph.D. in educational psychology from McGill University in Canada.



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"NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN SERVING AND MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT. IT'S WHY I ENJOY MY WORK SO MUCH."

DR. FEVZI OKUMUS is the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association Preeminent Chair Professor at **Rosen College of Hospitality Management**. He was the founding chair of the Hospitality Services Department from 2007-2013.

His expertise includes strategic management, leadership, hospitality management, services marketing, training, and lodging. He has over 330 academic publications, including more than 210 refereed journal articles, seven books, 12 book chapters, and 90 conference presentations and reports. His work appears in top journals such as Tourism Management, Annals of Tourism Research, Journal of Business Research, and International Journal of Hospitality Management.

His professional engagement includes serving on the editorial boards of 25 international journals, including as editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management and Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Insights.

He joined UCF in 2005 and holds a Ph.D. in Strategic Hotel Management from Oxford Brookes University in England.



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DR. YAN SOLIHIN is a professor in the **College of Engineering and Computer Science** who directs the interdisciplinary UCF Cyber Security and Privacy Cluster. His research interests are in cybersecurity and privacy along with computer architecture and systems.

His broad portfolio of research in cyber security and privacy includes trustworthy cloud, secure microprocessors, secure and private artificial intelligence, and organizational and behavioral security. His research also focuses on ways computers can run faster and more efficiently, and he is widely known for pioneering cache sharing fairness and Quality of Service (QoS) and for inventing efficient counter mode memory encryption, which are today widely deployed in datacenters.

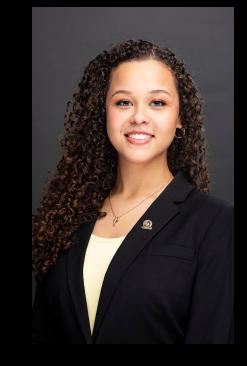
His honors include earning the International Symposium of High Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA) Test of Time Award, the ACM SIGMICRO Distinguished Service Award, Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science Fellow, and the National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Award. He is in the HPCA Hall of Fame and ISCA Hall of Fame.

He joined UCF in 2018 and earned his Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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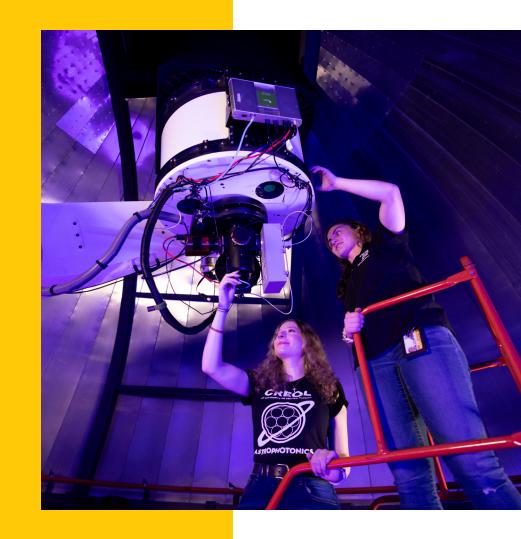
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