Founders' Day
HONORS ★ CONVOCATION 2022
Welcome

The Founders’ Day Honors Convocation celebrates outstanding academic achievements of our faculty members. As we recognize these achievements, we remember the efforts of those women and men who made this university a reality, and we prepare for the accomplishments of the future.

Thank you for helping us honor the outstanding work being highlighted.
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EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

College Award

College of Arts and Humanities
Farrah Cato
Brandy Dieterle
Elizabeth Horn
Tison Pugh

College of Business Administration
Yan Lu

College of Community Innovation and Education
Mark Bush
Latarsha Chisholm

College of Engineering and Computer Science
Sean Szumlanski
Chung Yong Chan

College of Health Professions and Sciences
Humberto Lopez Castillo
College of Medicine
Tina Dow

College of Nursing
Brian Peach

College of Optics and Photonics
M.J. Soileau

College of Sciences
Shahram Ghiasinejad
Michael Strawser
Jessica Waesche
Xiaohu Xia

Rosen College of Hospitality Management
Jorge Ridderstaat

University Award
Christine Hanlon
College of Sciences
EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE TEACHING

College Award

College of Arts and Humanities
Anastasia Salter

College of Business Administration
Ann Marie Whyte

College of Engineering and Computer Science
David Mohaisen

College of Health Professions and Sciences
David Fukuda

College of Medicine
Steven Ebert

College of Optics and Photonics
Shin-Tson Wu

College of Sciences
Beatriz Reyes-Foster

Rosen College of Hospitality Management
Jorge Ridderstaat
University Award

Sarah Bush

College of Community Innovation and Education
College Award

College of Arts and Humanities
Jonathan Beever

College of Community Innovation and Education
Sejal Barden

College of Engineering and Computer Science
Subith Vasu

College of Graduate Studies
Lori Walters

College of Health Professions and Sciences
Jeanette Garcia

College of Medicine
Salvador Almagro-Moreno

College of Nursing
Boon Peng Ng
College of Sciences
Xiaofeng Feng

Rosen College of Hospitality Management
Tingting Zhang

University Award
Ayman Abouraddy
College of Optics and Photonics
EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING DOCTORAL STUDENTS

ENGINEERING, PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND LIFE SCIENCES

University Award

Nazanin Rahnavard

College of Engineering and Computer Science
EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING DOCTORAL STUDENTS

SOCIAL SCIENCE, HUMANITIES, EDUCATION, BUSINESS, ART AND HEALTH

University Award

Mel Stanfill
College of Arts and Humanities
EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING POST-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS, EARLY CAREER FACULTY

University Award

Yue “Gurt” Ge

College of Community Innovation and Education
EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING POST-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS, TENURED FACULTY

University Award

Subith Vasu

College of Engineering and Computer Science
EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY ACADEMIC ADVISING

University Award

Elizabeth Hoffman

College of Community Innovation and Education
EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIANSHIP

University Award

Sara Duff

UCF Libraries
EXCELLENCE IN INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

University Award

John Raible

Digital Learning
EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University Award

Ahmad Elshennawy

College of Engineering and Computer Science
RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate 10 years of service

College of Community Innovation and Education

Reid Oetjën

20 years

College of Arts and Humanities
Belinda Boyd
Jason Burrell
Farrah Cato
Victor Davila
Virginia Ludwig
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Blake J. Scott
John Shafer
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Sybil St. Claire
Michael Strawser
Robert Thornton
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College of Business Administration
Robert Folger

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Damla Turgut
RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

20 years

College of Graduate Studies
Eric Johnson
Lori Walters

College of Health Professions and Sciences
Joseph DiNapoli
Jeff Duke
Thomas Fisher

College of Medicine
Annette Khaled

College of Nursing
Erica Hoyt

College of Optics and Photonics
Demetrios Christodoulides

College of Sciences
Daniel Britt
Humberto Campins
Archana Dubey
Jason Ford
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Philip Peters
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Elzbieta Sikorska
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Florida Solar Energy Center,
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Jo Cummings

Rosen College of Hospitality Management
Robertico Croes
RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

30 years

*College of Engineering and Computer Science*

Haitham Al-Deek
Niels Da Vitoria Lobo
Ronald DeMara
Thomas O’Neal

*College of Community Innovation and Education*

Carol Bast

50 years

*College of Arts and Humanities*

Donald Jones

*College of Sciences*

Roger Handberg
Emeritus and Emerita
Emeritus and Emerita

Penny Beile
Librarian Emerita

Pamela Carroll
Dean and Professor Emerita

Lee Chow
Professor Emeritus of Physics

Jay Corzine
Professor Emeritus of Sociology

Diane Davey
Professor Emerita of Medical Education

Joseph Donoghue
Associate Professor Emeritus of Physics

Dorilyn Hitchcock
Associate Professor Emerita of Biomedical Sciences

Lin Huff-Corzine
Professor Emerita of Sociology
Foard Jones
Associate Professor Emeritus of Management

Ana Leon
Professor Emerita of Social Work

Weili Luo
Professor Emerita of Physics

Suzanne Martin
Professor Emerita of Teacher Education

John “Rick” Schell
Professor Emeritus of English and Writing and Rhetoric

M.J. Soileau
Professor Emeritus of Optics and Photonics

Martha Lue Stewart
Professor Emerita of Teacher Education

Challapalli Suryanarayana
Professor Emeritus of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
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Betty Anderson
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Yue “Gurt” Ge  
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Salvador Almagro-Moreno  
*College of Medicine*
DR. ENRIQUE DEL BARCO is a Professor of Physics and Associate Dean of Research in the College of Sciences. Enrique Del Barco used his allowance money to buy scientific journals growing up in Spain. He was fascinated by quantum mechanics from an early age and knew he wanted to be a physicist – even though he took five years to play in a heavy metal band instead of studying.

His dream of becoming a rock star has become true in the field of quantum physics. Del Barco has brought more than $11 million in external research funds since he joined UCF in 2005. He has published over 90 research papers and is known as an international leader in his field.

He is equally beloved by his students. Including a graduate student who recently convinced him to officiate his wedding. Del Barco says he has always tried to make complicated subjects fun by performing magic tricks in the classroom.

“I hope people remember that I was a nice guy and that I focused on the wellbeing of the group,” he says.
DR. TIMOTHY SELLNOW is a Professor in the Nicholson School of Communication and Media and Associate Director of Graduate Studies for Research and Creative Activity. Sellnow is an international leader on risk and crisis communication. He is amongst the top 10 most-cited scholars in his field and has published seven books and over 100 articles. He has also secured more than $1 million in external grants since coming to UCF in 2015. He was called by the Center for Disease Control to help in the anthrax crisis shortly after 9/11. His career spans industry and academia.

He grew up in a family of hardworking journalists, with two parents who are first-generation college students. He says they worked extremely hard and instilled a respect for higher education in him and his siblings.

His academic path also led him to his wife and fellow researcher and professor – Deanna Sellnow. Together they’ve traveled the world, mentored a countless number of students, created UCF’s first Strategic Communications PhD program and become grandparents.
PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE PEGASUS PROFESSOR AWARD

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Maureen Ambrose
Issa Batarseh
Deborah Beidel
Kevin Belfield
Clint Bowers
Daniel Britt
Humberto Campins
Zenghu Chang
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Diane Z. Chase
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Jana Jasinski
Jayanta Kapat
Naim Kapucu
Waldemar Karwowski
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Ranganathan Kumar
Julia Listengarten
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Yongho Sohn
Mary Lou Sole
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Martine Vanryckeghem
Linda Walters
Marty Wanielista
Gregory Welch
Graham Worthy
James Wright
Shin-Tson Wu
Cherie Yestrebsky
Cynthia Young
Jiann-Shiun Yuan
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Norma Ledesma
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John “Rick” Schell

College of Business Administration
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Lawrence West

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Louis Chow
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Sophia Dziegielewski
Linda Rosa-Lugo
Valerie Schulz
Jacqueline Withers

College of Medicine
Richard Peppler

College of Sciences
George Bagley
Lee Chow
Joseph Donoghue
Mark Gerstein
Frank Kujawa
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The University of Central Florida adopted the Pegasus as the university’s official symbol to reflect the institution’s purpose. The Pegasus represents the harmony between the humanities and the sciences and also the efforts of UCF, its students, staff, faculty, and alumni to Reach for the Stars.