



# Dignity and Respect

As universities across the country and people around the world confront intolerance, hostility, and injustice, I join our UCF family in affirming the dignity of the individual and the respect for all people.

When I arrived at UCF in 1992, I established five goals for the university, including to "become more inclusive and diverse."

That goal remains the foundation of our university's core values. The rich backgrounds, cultures, and talents of our diverse community strengthen our university and benefit us all.

Recent events remind us of the importance of fostering respect for each other and of recognizing the worth of each individual.

In response to these events this fall, our students, staff, and faculty have organized several campus events that focus on the values that unite us and the tolerance that makes our society special.

Our colleagues in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, in Student Development and Enrollment Services, and in our colleges work hard every day to cultivate these principles of inclusion.

I also believe that each of us has a personal responsibility to care for our fellow Knights of all backgrounds. This means supporting a culture where we can all study, work, and live safely; where every individual can expect to be treated with dignity and respect.

I ask each of you to actively affirm these values that have shaped our great university.

## UCF Resources

UCF Cares - <http://cares.sdes.ucf.edu>  
[407-823-2811](tel:4078232811)

UCF Police Department - <http://police.ucf.edu>  
[407-823-5555](tel:4078235555) or 911 for a crime in progress

Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action - <http://eeo.ucf.edu/>  
[407-823-1336](tel:4078231336)

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