



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA  
NICHOLSON SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 27, 2012 Faculty Meeting NSC 228 1pm-3pm

Thursday, September 27, 2012 Conflict of Interest Form Submission Deadline

Friday, September 28, 2012 Deadline for the USPS Sick Leave Pool Open Enrollment

## New!

- **New! UCF Closing Early for October 4 Football Game**

UCF will conduct morning classes on the main campus and in the adjoining Research Park through noon. The main campus and university offices in the Research Park will close for normal operations at 12:30 p.m. to allow for adequate preparation time to support game day activities.

- **New! USPS Open Enrollment**

The USPS Open Enrollment period is from September 4 - September 28. The donated hours will be deducted on the pay period ending October 11, 2012. A copy of the USPS Sick Leave Pool requirements and procedures can be found on the Human Resources website [http://hr.ucf.edu/web/loa\\_wc/sickleavepool.shtml](http://hr.ucf.edu/web/loa_wc/sickleavepool.shtml)

- **New! The UCF Benefits Fair**

The UCF Benefits Fair will take place on Friday, October 5, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom. Please direct questions to [Benefits@ucf.edu](mailto:Benefits@ucf.edu).

- **New! Open Enrollment**

Open Enrollment takes place October 8, 2012 - November 2, 2012. This allows permanent, full, or part-time UCF employees to make changes to their insurance elections for the upcoming plan year. OPS employees do not qualify. All changes will be effective January 2013 and must be done through the state insurance administrator, People First, at 1-866-663-4735 or <https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com>. Please direct questions to [benefits@ucf.edu](mailto:benefits@ucf.edu).

- **New! The College of Sciences fall faculty assembly with Dean Michael Johnson**

The College of Sciences fall faculty assembly with Dean Michael Johnson will be held Monday, October 29, 1pm-2:30pm in Key West 218B, Student Union.

- **New! Join Dean Fernandez help fight Alzheimer's!**

You can donate and/or join him in the walk by clicking [here](#).

- **New! Faculty Focus Group interview dealing with new technology-based teaching and learning in social sciences**

A researcher will be here in October to conduct a Faculty Focus Group interview dealing with new technology-based teaching and learning in social sciences and humanities. Your

participation could help UCF do a better job, and would of course help this researcher. Please, consider participating. If you are willing to help, please contact [Maggie LeClair](#).

- **New! Second annual Scripps Howard Journalism Entrepreneurship Institute**

Applications are now open for the second annual Scripps Howard Journalism Entrepreneurship Institute at the Cronkite School at Arizona State University. The deadline for applications is Oct. 26. Applications will be reviewed and 12 of the most promising fellows will be selected for the program. For more information and to apply, visit <http://cronkite.asu.edu/scripps institute>

- **New! 2013 Information Fluency Conference**

The 2013 Information Fluency Conference planning committee invites you to submit proposals for the upcoming conference to be held at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida. For more information or to submit your proposal online visit [www.ce.ucf.edu/if](http://www.ce.ucf.edu/if). Proposals must be submitted by October 12, 2012.

- **New! New Required Screening for External Funding Proposals**

In an effort to promote responsible research practices at UCF, and to protect investigators and the university from further allegations of research misconduct, investigators are now required to screen their proposals through the iThenticate software tool prior to proposal submission. For additional information about the iThenticate system or for log-in assistance please contact the Office of Compliance staff at 407-823-5173/407-882-0003 or by e-mail at [rcr-ucf@ucf.edu](mailto:rcr-ucf@ucf.edu).

## Additional Informational Items

- **Terrorism & Communication Presentation**

Dr. Jonathan Matusitz will be providing a special one-hour presentation to students, faculty and community members interested in learning about this aspect of terrorism. Please share the information on the attached flier with your students. Questions can be directed to [Dr. Danielle Franco](#).

- **Diversity Week**

The Office of Diversity Initiatives is soliciting programs to be included in the official Diversity Week Schedule. Participation by any of the units within the college will automatically result in participation by the college. Even programs and activities that are already planned that occur during October 15 and 19 can be listed as contributions to the Diversity Week schedule. For more information contact [Dr. Valarie Greene King](#).

- **Board of Visitors Meeting**

The annual BoV Meeting is on October 12, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the MetroWest Golf Club. All faculty are welcome to attend. If you plan on attending please contact [Amanda Nethero](#).

- **You are invited to UCF Grants Day on Monday November 5, 2012!**

Please review the attachment for Grants Day. If you are interested RSVP no later than October 15, 2012 to [marisol.ortega-perez@ucf.edu](mailto:marisol.ortega-perez@ucf.edu). In your RSVP, please indicate if you will be joining them for lunch (from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.) and if a 1-day parking pass is needed.

- **Knights Helping Knights**

Knights Helping Knights is in need of donations. See attached flier.

- **Arts @ UCF Event.** Please see attached flier for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Pooser at 407-823-1195 or Georgeann Oswald at 407-823-1194

- **Sabbatical Applications**

If you are considering applying for a sabbatical for the 2013-2014 year, the application is due January 11, 2013. If you go to the COS Faculty Affairs site below, click on the AWARDS tab at the top, and select SABBATICAL, you will see four documents. The bottom two are the

application in WORD and PDF formats for this upcoming cycle.

<http://www.cos.ucf.edu/facultyaffairs/>

- **NCA News & Member Notes**

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/609686/6ba50ee6cd/283991499/dbb95cad7c/>

- **COS Curriculum and Standards' submission deadlines and meeting dates**

Document with deadlines and meeting dates is attached. Please remember any and all curriculum edits, updates or additions must go to the school's curriculum committee before proceeding to the college committee. For more information on this topic, please contact [Ms. Kim Tuorto](#).

- **Fall 2012 Session of Discrimination and Prevention**

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in OD&T

Sign up at the OD&T training portal at <https://my.ucf.edu>

- **NSC Sponsored International and Crisis and Risk Communication Conference 2013 (ICRC 2013):**

March 4-6, 2013 [www.icrcconference.com](http://www.icrcconference.com)

## Mark Your Calendar

- 9/27 (R) Faculty Meeting, NSC 228, 1pm – 3pm
- 9/27 (R) Conflict of Interest form submission deadline
- 10/4 (R) Campus closes at 12:30 p.m.
- 10/5 (F) UCF Benefits Fair, Pegasus Ballroom, 9 am - 2 pm
- 10/11 (R) AC Meeting, NSC 254, 2pm - 4pm
- 10/12 (F) Board of Visitors Meeting, MetroWest Golf Club 9 am - 4 pm
- 10/16 (T) Discrimination Prevention Workshop
- 10/18 (R) Faculty Meeting, NSC 228, 1 pm - 3 pm
- 10/26 (F) Deadline for Scripps Howard Journalism Entrepreneurship Institute
- 10/29 (M) Text Book Order Deadline
- 10/29 (M) COS Faculty Assembly, Key West 218B, 1 pm - 2:30 pm
- 11/1 (R) Faculty Forum, NSC 254, 10:30 am - 11:30 am
- 11/1 (R) AC Meeting, NSC 254, 2 pm - 4 pm
- 11/7 (W) Faculty Meeting, NSC 228, 1 pm - 3 pm
- 12/4 (T) Faculty Forum, NSC 254, 1 pm - 2 pm
- 12/6 (R) AC Meeting, NSC 254, 2 pm - 4 pm
- 12/10 (M) Faculty Meeting, NSC 228, 1 pm - 3 pm

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