

# BLACK ALUMNI WEEKEND

## Gator Nation

Women's NBA

President/CEO  
McCoy Bank

UF First Medical  
Degrees

London 2012  
Olympics

President/CEO  
Essence Magazine

Integrated UF  
Basketball

UF First Dental  
Degree

### Celebrating Dreams Fulfilled

UF First Black  
Undergraduate  
Degree

50 Years after The March on Washington  
and Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech,  
Gator Nation reflects on the legacy and  
celebrates our dreams fulfilled.

UF First Nursing  
Degree



UF vs LSU

Celebrate a festive weekend of  
events in Mardi Gras fashion as the  
Gators play at the LSU Tigers

# October 11 – 13, 2013

## Gainesville, Florida

### RSVP By Oct 1

National  
Champion

Four Time  
Olympian

For more information and registration go to [ufalumni.ufl.edu/blackalumniweekend](http://ufalumni.ufl.edu/blackalumniweekend)



# WELCOME FROM THE ABA PRESIDENT

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Dear Fellow Gators:

The year 2013 marks the 50th Anniversary of the historic *March on Washington* and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, and in a nod to history, this year's theme is "*Gator Nation Celebrating Dreams Fulfilled.*"

Earlier this spring you received our first Save-The-Date and we hope you are planning now to attend Black Alumni Weekend (BAW), October 11 – 13, 2013, where we will reflect on the progress of the past 50 years, and celebrate the dreams fulfilled by our classmates, roommates, teammates, and friends.

Our individual and corporate partners will play a pivotal role this year as sponsors of the educational component of the weekend. You will not want to miss the opportunity to meet and learn from this year's "Gator Pioneers," an impressive slate of alumni who fulfilled their dreams as "firsts" at the University of Florida, or who have fulfilled their dreams by excelling in their professional fields of endeavor.

**Please plan to arrive in Gainesville early Friday afternoon for programs honoring our Gator Pioneers.** We are proud to announce the alumni who have accepted our invitation to be honored as 2013 Gator Pioneers—they are an exciting group from every decade and degree!

In addition to the weekend's educational programming, numerous other activities are planned: our Young Alumni Committee invites all Gainesville alumni to attend a **pre-weekend comedy night and after-party Thursday evening, October 10th**; alumni will enjoy our traditional Saturday morning Champagne Brunch; the Saturday afternoon all-organizations reunion featuring class reunions, alumni athlete reunion, alumni Greek reunion, alumni Gospel Choir reunion, Young Alumni reunion, and others; the Alumni Athlete Recognition Program that recognizes alumni athletes who made significant contributions to UF as student athletes, and a "Mardi Gras in Gainesville" style Tailgate and Watch Party in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium's "Touchdown Terrace" as the Gators play at the LSU Tigers.

**Please sign up for the 2013 BAW list serve on the UF ABA webpage** if you wish to receive updates on other events/activities being planned before the schedule is published in August. **Gators**, mark your calendars for the weekend of October 11-13, and come to Gainesville ready to **celebrate** Gator Nation's dreams and triumphs over the past 50 years.

TERRY F. NEALY  
President, UF Association of Black Alumni

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## Gator Nation Celebrating Dreams Fulfilled

### Thursday, October 10th - Pre Weekend

7:00 -10:00 PM **Comedy Night, Emerson Alumni Hall, President's Room**  
1938 West University Avenue, Casual Attire  
*Parking at the O'Connell Center lot is lifted. Street parking is available around Emerson Alumni Hall.*

### Friday, October 11th

8:00 AM **Golf Outings- UF's Bostick Golf Course**  
2800 SW 2nd Ave Gainesville, FL 32607 Golf Attire

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Young Alumni Career Resource Seminar and Tour, Reitz Union Career Resource Center, 655 Reitz Union Drive, Casual Attire**

3:00 - 5:00 PM **BAW Opening Ceremonies, Emerson Alumni Hall, President's Room**  
1938 West University Avenue, Casual Attire

7:00 - 9:30 PM **BAW Celebrating Dreams Fulfilled Dinner, UF Hilton Hotel Ballroom**  
1714 SW 34th Street, Cocktail Attire

10:30 PM - 12:00 AM **Old School Spades and Card Party, UF Hilton Hotel, Florida Room**  
1714 SW 34th Street, Cocktail Attire

### Saturday, October 12th

8:00 AM **Golf Outings - UF's Bostick Golf Course**  
2800 SW 2nd Ave Gainesville, FL 32607 Golf Attire

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM **Champagne Brunch and MLK Symposium, Reitz Union Grand Ballroom**  
655 Reitz Union Drive

1:00 - 3:00 PM **Alumni Athlete Recognition Program, Touchdown Terrace**  
*located inside the North End of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium*

3:00 - 5:00 PM **Class Reunions and All Organization Reunion, Emerson Alumni Hall, President's Room, 1938 West University Avenue**

TBD **Mardi Gras and Tailgate Watch Party, Touchdown Terrace**  
*located inside North End of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium*

*Gameday Attire featuring your Orange and Blue Best is requested for Saturday's events.  
Parking is located at the O'Connell Center lot, 250 Gale Lemardand Drive for Saturday's events.*

**\*SATURDAY PROGRAMMING SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING KICK OFF**

### Sunday, October 13th

10:00 - 11:00 AM **Inspirational Weekend Wrap-Up, UF Hilton**  
1714 SW 34th Street, Traveling Attire



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## *Gator Nation Celebrating Dreams Fulfilled*

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### Hotel Information

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#### **Hilton University of Florida Conference Center**

1714 SW 34th Street  
Phone: 352-371-3600  
[www.Uf.Hilton.com](http://www.Uf.Hilton.com)

\$139 per night  
Code: BA1013

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#### **SpringHill Suites by Marriott**

4155 SW 40th Blvd  
(352) 376-8873  
fax (352) 376-8894

<http://www.marriott.com/gnvsh>

\$99 per night  
Code: BAW

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#### **The Lodge (formerly Cabot Lodge)**

3726 SW 40th Blvd.  
352-375-2400

[www.lodgeatgainesville.com](http://www.lodgeatgainesville.com)

\$79 per night  
Code: BAW1003

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#### **Holiday Inn University Center**

1250 W. University Avenue  
352-376-1661

[www.theuniversityhotel.com](http://www.theuniversityhotel.com)

\$109 per night  
Code: UFA

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#### **Country Inns & Suites**

4015 SW 43rd Street  
352-375-1550

[www.countryinns.com/gainesville-hotel-fl-32608/flgainvl](http://www.countryinns.com/gainesville-hotel-fl-32608/flgainvl)

\$99 per night  
Code: BLALUM

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#### **Residence Inn**

3275 SW 40th Blvd.  
352-264-0000

[www.marriott.com/hotels/fact-sheet/travel/gnvgi-residence-inn-gainesville-i-75/](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/fact-sheet/travel/gnvgi-residence-inn-gainesville-i-75/)

\$109 per night  
Code: Black Alumni Weekend



## PRE-WEEKEND EVENTS

### Thursday October 10

#### Association of Black Alumni Comedy Night- Emerson Alumni Hall

*Separate registration:* <http://uffuflevents.imodules.com/bawcomedy2013>

**7:00pm \* Casual Attire**

Kick off BAW 2013 with laughs as the Young Alumni Committee hosts *Comedy Night at Emerson*. The show features rising talents making names for themselves on TV, stage and online. Prepare for hilarious performances by, as seen on Jimmy Kimmel and Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns, comedian Sean G and stand-up comedian, sketch writer and UF graduate Barry S. Naylor ('07). Comedy Night at Emerson will be hosted by YouTube sensation and UF graduate Cameron "Scooter" Magruder ('11). Show starts at 7:30pm. Comedy Show tickets also get you **free entry into the official after-party at Lit Nightclub in Downtown Gainesville until 10:30pm.**

*\*NOTE: Comedy Night at Emerson tickets are not included in registration.*

### Friday October 11

#### Golf Outing for Gator Golfers and Friends- University of Florida Golf Course

**8:00am \* Golf Attire.**

*Separate registration: email [golfbaw2013@gmail.com](mailto:golfbaw2013@gmail.com)*

Gator Golfers, we've heard your request! ABA Golf Outing at the UF Golf Course, Tee Time 8:00 A.M. \$50.00 fee includes Cart and Green Fee. **\$50.00 should be paid by October 1st to secure tee time.** Format will depend on the number of golfers who have registered by the **October 1st golf registration deadline.** Send your name, phone, address, and email to [golfbaw2013@gmail.com](mailto:golfbaw2013@gmail.com) for additional details. The Opening Ceremony program is a short distance from the UF Golf Course; golfers may proceed directly to Emerson Alumni Hall for the Opening Ceremony.

#### What Can the Career Resource Center do for Me? - Reitz Union

**10:00am \* Casual Attire**

*RSVP attendance by October 9th to: [ufabayoungalumni@gmail.com](mailto:ufabayoungalumni@gmail.com)*

Join the Young Alumni Committee and the Career Resource Center staff for a tour of the CRC to learn about services available for alumni as well as a session focusing on branding yourself for a professional employment search. From 11:15am to Noon, network with current students.



## **ABA Weekend Official Start**

**Friday October 11**

### Opening Ceremony and Public Program- Emerson Alumni Hall

*3:00pm \* Casual Attire*

Plan to arrive in Gainesville early as Gator Nation kicks off Black Alumni Weekend honoring a special group of Gators who fulfilled their dreams and inspired us all. Senior university officials, faculty and staff, students, community friends, and Gator alumni from every decade and degree should attend the Opening Ceremony where the University welcomes all alumni back to campus and the Association of Black Alumni presents the 2013 class of "Gator Pioneers" to the community. Those Pioneers who have accepted our invitation include: Former UF Head Football Coach Doug Dickey ('54), who made Dr. King's dream a reality for Don Gaffney, UF's first black quarterback; Federal District Judge Stephan Mickle ('65, '66, '70), the first black student to earn an undergraduate degree at UF; Evelyn Mickle ('67), the first black student to earn a nursing degree; Reuben Brigety, M.D. ('70), and classmate Earl Cotman, M.D. ('70) who made history as the first to earn medical degrees; Marvin Wells D.D.S. ('77), who was the first African-American to earn a degree in dentistry; Stephen "Grump" Williams ('74) who integrated UF Basketball in 1970; Alvin Cowans ('77), drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers and today a successful businessman leading the multi-million dollar McCoy Federal Credit Union; Darryl Perry ('90), successful financial advisor and philanthropist for the "Miracle of Life" Foundation; The Washington Mystics' first franchise draft pick and Womens NBA (WNBA) star Murriel Page ('98); perennial U.S. Olympian and UF Athletic Hall of Famer Hazel Clark-Riley ('01); and London 2012 Olympians, Gold Medalist Christian Taylor and Silver Medalist Will Claye.

### Black Alumni Weekend Celebrating Dreams Fulfilled Dinner- UF Hilton Ballroom

*7:00pm \* Cocktail Attire*

Enjoy a festive Mardi Gras dining experience as we *Celebrate the Dreams Fulfilled* of our classmates, roommates, teammates, family, and friends. Hear from our Gator Pioneer Honorees as they are officially presented the Gator Pioneer Award and enjoy a night of entertainment and camaraderie with old and new friends.

### Wine Down Social & Fellowship; Old School Bid Whist & Spades Party- UF Hilton

*10:00pm \* Come as you are*

After a moving public program, dinner, and entertainment, "wine down" the evening in the relaxed atmosphere of the UF Hilton and Conference Center, Headquarters Hotel for Black Alumni Weekend. Late-arriving Gators who missed the public program can still reunite with old friends, network with the Gator Nation, and enjoy a relaxing evening. Alumni and guests are welcome to play in the Old School Bid Whist and Spades Party. Who Plays Better? Old School Gators or Millennium Gators? Play or simply enjoy the company of old friends.

### Keep The Party Going: Downtown Gainesville Nightlife

*10:00pm*

Need a spark? Head downtown where Gainesville *still* offers an exciting nightlife for the Young and Young-at-Heart.

## Saturday October 12

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### Celebrating Dreams Fulfilled Champagne Brunch Featuring the MLK Symposium- J. Wayne Reitz Union Grand Ballroom

*9:30am*

*Shuttle service available from O'Dome parking lot to Reitz Union*

The UF Association of Black Alumni (UF ABA) Champagne Brunch is a signature event of Black Alumni Weekend and an alumni favorite. Gator alumni and guests are promised a delectable champagne breakfast buffet with a special panel of speakers who will reflect on the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and its significance to our "Gator Nation Celebrating Dreams Fulfilled" theme.

### UF Alumni Athlete Recognition Program and MLK Lunch Symposium - Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Touchdown Terrace

*1:00pm\**

*Shuttle service available from Reitz Union to Ben Hill Griffin Stadium*

UF Head Football Coach Will Muschamp will appear by video to welcome the Association of Black Alumni to "The Swamp" for the Alumni Athlete Recognition Program and MLK Lunch Symposium. Alumni Athletes will be the center of attention at this event as former teammates and fellow alumni pay tribute to dreams fulfilled of former student athletes at the University of Florida. UF Head Basketball Coach Billy Donovan will make remarks about the significance of the 50th Anniversary of the "I Have a Dream" speech and its impact on UF Basketball when Stephen "Grump" Williams and Ajamu Mutima (formerly Malcolm Meeks) integrated UF basketball. Alumni Athletes being honored this year for their sports careers at the University of Florida: Steve Williams (Basketball); Alvin "AC" Cowans (Football); Darryl Perry (Football); Murriel Page (Women's Basketball); Nikki Shade (Volleyball); Hazel Clark-Riley (Women's Track and Field); Will Claye (Track and Field); Christian Taylor (Track and Field)

### Class Reunions and All Organization Reunion- Emerson Alumni Hall

*3:00pm\**

*Shuttle service available from Ben Hill Griffin Stadium to Emerson*

Ready to reunite with classmates and friends? Head to the Class reunions and All Organizations reunion, celebrating the classes of 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003, and 2008. UF Alumni Gospel Choir, UF Alumni Greeks, and Alumni Athletes among groups to reunite at the All Organization Reunion. Enjoy continued fellowship and storytelling with us in the President's Room at Emerson Alumni Hall.

### Tailgate Reunion and Gators vs. LSU Watch Party- Ben Hill Griffin Stadium Touchdown Terrace

*6:00pm\**

*Shuttle service available from Emerson to Ben Hill Griffin Stadium*

Enjoy a Mardi Gras themed tailgate and come live it up "Bull Gator" style while you cheer on the Gators in the Touchdown Terrace at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium as they take on the LSU Tigers in Baton Rouge.

*\*Event times subject to change pending announcement of Gators at LSU kickoff time.*

**Sunday October 13**

Inspirational Wrap-Up and Farewell- UF Hilton/10:00am

*10:00am*

Dress comfortably for travel; spend some time in reflection before bidding farewell to Gator friends—see you next year!