Outstanding Young Alumni Awards 2015
On behalf of the University of Florida Alumni Association, thank you for joining us to honor the tremendous talents highlighted by the Outstanding Young Alumni Awards. Among our many excellent alumni, this small group stands out for embodying our university’s tradition of achievement.

As the University of Florida continues rising, so too will the caliber of Gators who enter and exit our lovely vine-clad halls. We are excited to recognize the achievements of these exceptional Gator alumni today, and confident that they will continue to represent the best qualities of our university in the future.

Once again, we appreciate you joining us in fellowship to honor the truly great Gators among us.

DANITA D. NIAS, LIFE MEMBER
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Flint Johns

College of Agricultural & Life Sciences
A native Floridian, Flint Johns met his wife, Stephanie, at an Agricultural Communicators and Leaders of Tomorrow meeting on his very first day at UF. Throughout college, he worked in construction and stayed active in the rodeo circuit. Flint began working for Lykes Bros., Inc. as a special projects coordinator immediately after graduation in 2006 and was promoted to ranch manager in 2011. In this role, he is responsible for cattle, farming and equipment operations for the 4th largest US cow-calf operation. Flint has demonstrated great leadership in the Florida beef cattle industry. He frequently serves as a guest speaker and tour host for numerous UF/IFAS groups and is an advocate for Extension and the Everglades Research and Education Center. When he isn’t volunteering for UF/IFAS, managing one of the largest cow-calf operations in the nation, or making time for his family, Flint is making lasting contributions to his community through church, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and Relay for Life.
Luis Martinez

College of Agricultural & Life Sciences
Originally from Riobamba, Ecuador, Luis Martinez moved to the US to attend UF in 2003. He served as a College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Ambassador, co-founded the Ecuadorian Student Association and was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho. During graduate school Luis invented a coffee processing technology to enhance the flavor and aroma of coffee. This technology is currently being used by Coffee Primero, LLC. Since graduating in 2007, Luis has worked as a food scientist for both Darifair Foods and Coca-Cola. Luis returned to Darifair Foods in 2013 as a product innovation and quality manager responsible for 52 manufacturing plants. Luis was the 2013-2014 chair for the Florida Section of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT). During his term he nearly doubled the scholarship allotment to support undergraduate and graduate students, increased funding for student/alumni events, and implemented industry sponsorship opportunities to help cover the cost of student attendance at meetings.
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Shantanu Suman
COLLEGE OF THE ARTS
Shantanu Suman is an Art Director/Graphic Designer from India. Before getting his M.F.A. (Graphic Design) from the University of Florida, Shantanu worked as an Art Director in the Indian advertising industry. During that time, Shantanu’s work earned appreciation at various international venues including Cannes Advertising Awards, Design and Art Direction, and Clio Advertising Awards. While at UF, Shantanu worked with his team to make *Horn Please*—a documentary film about Indian truck art. It was screened in various international venues (London, Miami, Mumbai), and the documentary film was an official selection at many film festivals in the United States. After graduating from UF in 2013, Shantanu moved to Asheville and co-founded Open Door Design Studio (ODDS). Since being operational, ODDS has worked on various design projects for clients ranging from local farms to international nonprofits. In 2014, ODDS partnered with Kohler Co. to create designs for the “Reinvent the Toilet Challenge” container. The designs by ODDS were published in Uneven Growth – a Museum of Modern Art publication.
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Uday Mehta
COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY
Uday Mehta was born in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa in 1982. Uday completed his undergraduate degree at the University of South Florida in 2003. He completed his D.M.D. at the University of Florida College of Dentistry in 2007 and his M.D. at the University of Florida College of Medicine in 2010. Uday completed his residency training and earned his Certificate of Completion in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 2013. He is a member of The Florida Dental Association, The American Dental Association, The American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, The Academy of Osseointegration, and The International Team of Implantologists. Uday has a passion to assist the less fortunate and a desire to volunteer and do charitable work for the community in the New Port Richey and Clearwater areas.
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Jeremy Marquis

COLLEGE OF DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION & PLANNING
After graduating from UF in 2008, Jeremy Marquis moved to St. Augustine, Florida. In the Nation's Oldest City, he began specializing in historic and cultural landscapes with the firm that now bears his name, Marquis Halback, Inc. Jeremy is a four-time award recipient from the American Society of Landscape Architects, including the Florida Chapter's Award of Honor for the Colonial Quarter master plan and landscape design. This unique project transports tourists of all ages through 450 years of St. Augustine's layered history. He currently serves on the Historic Architectural Review Board and the JAX Chamber Board of Governors. Jeremy, his wife, Laura, and their two baby Gators are proud to represent the Gator Nation on the First Coast.
Ryan Tseng
College of Engineering
Since graduating from the University of Florida in 2006 with a Bachelor’s of Science in Electrical Engineering, Ryan Tseng has become a successful entrepreneur with the ability to produce innovative ideas that have led to engineering projects in companies of all scales. Ryan went on to earn an MBA from MIT and during his time at UF, Ryan's interest in the wireless charging of cell phones lead to the founding and creation of WiPower in 2006. He invented and developed a majority of the core technology in the product and built a team that produced the world's first commercially viable, magnetically resonant wireless power system. Ryan holds nearly 20 US patents (with additional patents internationally) pending in RF, electronics, controls, and electromagnetics. The company was acquired by Qualcomm in 2010. Most recently, Ryan Co-founded Warehouse Innovations where he designed and commercialized a highly rated health and wellness product called the Kitchen Safe. It was recently featured on Shark Tank and Ryan together with his partner, David Krippendorf, were able to make a deal with Lori Greiner and Nick Woodman, the founder of GoPro.
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Christina Ramos

COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN PERFORMANCE
Since graduating from UF in 2007, Christina Ramos’ career has flourished with the Orange Bowl Committee in Miami. After three promotions, Christina now serves as Director of Marketing where she oversees all marketing, advertising, media plans/buys, and promotional campaigns for all Orange Bowl events and initiatives. She regularly interacts and collaborates with preeminent sport organizations including, but not limited to, the NFL, NHL, NCAA, and ESPN. Leading a full-time staff of ten, in addition to volunteers and game/event day staff, Christina is also responsible for implementing and overseeing the promotions and game day activities for 30+ Orange Bowl events and programs each year. While obtaining her master’s degree in Sports Administration, Christina coauthored an article on Premium Seating Ownership that was published in Sport Marketing Quarterly.
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Ashley Zandy
COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM & COMMUNICATIONS
Ashley Zandy is an experienced corporate communications professional who specializes in helping high-profile organizations manage their reputation. She began her career in investor relations in New York where she provided strategic investor relations counsel and support to global clients in the technology, media and telecommunications sectors. Ashley spent more than five years at Brunswick Group, the world’s leading international corporate and financial consultancy. She provided critical communications support to clients, including M&A, IPOs and other financial transactions. Afterwards, she led the corporate media relations team at Facebook. She worked with the management team to advance Facebook’s mission and narrative. Ashley spent a year at China-based Alibaba Group, the world’s largest online and mobile commerce company. There, she was in charge of corporate and financial communications in the United States and led communications for the company’s IPO, the world’s largest ever at $170 billion. Ashley is currently based in London managing corporate communications across the European, Middle Eastern and African region for Facebook. She re-joined Facebook to serve on the international communications team and support major projects.
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Deanna Lazzaroni

COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM & COMMUNICATIONS
Deanna Lazzaroni is at the forefront of a content marketing revolution, helping to shape the story of LinkedIn for professionals worldwide. A UF ’09 grad with years of digital and social marketing experience at Coca-Cola, BBDO and Ogilvy, today she wears both the client and creative hats — leading internal and external teams to create emotional, data-driven content that inspires, helps professionals succeed, and generates return on investment for the business. Most recently, she was recognized as a “30 Under 30” honoree by Forbes for setting the standard in Marketing & Advertising. In December 2014, she was named as one of 25 Women Who Rock Social Media. In addition to serving as Chief Editor of the LinkedIn Marketing blog and social strategist for the LinkedIn brand, Deanna frequently presents at industry conferences including SXSW, WOMMA, Content Marketing World, and the Spredfast Summit. She is looking forward to her first speaking opportunity this summer at the Cannes Lions Festival. Deanna is also passionate about using social media for good and currently sits on the LinkedIn For Good for Employees Board, which connects employees to opportunities to make an impact in their local communities. If she were not working at LinkedIn, Deanna would be traveling the world and seeing every show on Broadway.
Michael Dalewitz
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES
Michael Dalewitz is a 2000 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences with a degree in Criminal Justice. As a UF student, he served as a member of the Criminology and Law Honors Society and was a brother in Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity. Michael received his JD from New York Law School and he is currently the CEO and Founder of Inspired Review. Previously, Michael was a Director of eDiscovery and the Co-Founder and Senior Managing Director of Peak Discovery. He is nationally recognized as an expert in electronic discovery, document review, and legal staffing. Michael created one of the industry’s first managed document review models and developed the first document review metric tracking software. Michael founded the Electronic Discovery Program at New York Law School and served as its Adjunct Professor. He is also a certified eDiscovery Specialist (CEDS) and serves as Articles Editor of IT-LEX. Currently Michael is an Advisory Member for UF Law School’s eDiscovery Education Program.
Baligh Yehia

College of Medicine
Since graduating from UF College of Medicine in 2006, Baligh Yehia has made numerous contributions to medicine and community. He is the Senior Health Advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He is also the Founding Director of the Penn Medicine Program for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health, Core Investigator at the Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion, Senior Fellow at the Penn Center for Public Health Initiatives and Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, and Associate Scholar at the Penn Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. His teaching and scholarship focus on health outcomes, patient safety and quality, and public policy, with special attention to vulnerable populations. Baligh is actively involved in organized medicine, contributing to the development of policy on healthcare transformation, access to medical care, performance measurement, and public health. He is dedicated to improving public health and our nation’s healthcare system.
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David Indarawis

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
SCHOOL OF PHYSICIAN STUDIES
After graduating from the UF PA Program, David Indarawis became the first Physician Assistant to work in a full time capacity at the Emergency Room at UF Health, Gainesville. After a year of employment, his dedicated work ethic led to him being promoted to Chief Physician Assistant of Physician Extenders in the Emergency Room. Before joining the Faculty at the UF School of Physician Assistant Studies, David also served as the Chief Physician Assistant at Ocala Regional Medical Center & West Marion Community Hospitals. David’s academic interests include Anatomy and Physiology, Clinical Procedures, Advance Clinical Practicum, diversity, and the professional development of Physician Assistant students into competent, compassionate, and knowledgeable providers of medicine. His clinical interests involve Emergency Medicine, E.R. throughput, and Ultrasound. He has a strong interest in Global Health and has had the pleasure of serving in multiple foreign mission trips; including Nicaragua, Bolivia, and Haiti. In addition, he enjoys serving the community and has the privilege of cooking and serving dinners at the St. Francis house every month.
Allison Bruner Sammons

College of Nursing
Throughout her academic career at the University of Florida College of Nursing, Allison Bruner Sammons was continuously recognized as a star student. At the conclusion of both of her degrees, she received the College of Nursing's Academic Excellence Award, which is given to the graduate from each nursing program with the best academic record. Since receiving her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in 2012, Allison provided medical dermatology care to pediatric, adult and geriatric patients at the UF Dermatology and Skin Cancer Clinic in Gainesville before moving to Bethesda, Maryland. In Maryland, she worked in a private dermatology practice and managed a variety of acute and chronic dermatologic disorders. She has recently relocated to South Florida with her husband, Steven Sammons, who is a 2006 Building Construction alumnus.
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Ben Epstein

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
Ben Epstein graduated from UF with his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2003, where he completed his Residency and Fellowship, before accepting a position as Assistant Professor in the College of Pharmacy, with a joint appointment in the College of Medicine. While at UF, he established the University of Florida Internal Medicine Pharmacotherapy Clinic. Since then, Ben has co-founded and worked as Chief Executive Officer and Medical Director of the East Coast Institute for Research (ECIR), and serves as President and Chief Scientific Officer of ECIR Medical Communications. ECIR has been recognized by the Jacksonville Business Journal as one of the fastest growing companies in Northeast Florida and was most recently recognized by UF as #22 of the Gator100 fastest growing Gator-led companies. Ben has led national and international lectures, and has authored numerous articles published in the pharmaceutical and medical fields. Ben currently serves as co-founder and Chief Medical Officer of Medimix Specialty Pharmacy in Jacksonville.
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Dyanne Herrera

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS
### Profile

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Dyanne Herrera serves as the Chief of the Office of Assessment and Evaluation in the Bureau of Women’s & Children’s Health (BWCH) in Arizona Department of Health Services. She oversees the data unit and epidemiologist and is involved in coordinating all policies, strategies, and activities surrounding assessment, evaluation, and research of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) programs in BWCH. Previously she served as a Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist in BWCH and before joining ADHS she was a Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologist (CSTE), Class VII, Fellow assigned to the MCH-Epidemiology Team, Division of Reproductive Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Office of Border Health, Texas Department of States Health Services for the U.S-Mexico border region in El Paso, TX. During her fellowship she received the 4th Annual Hillary B. Foulkes Memorial Award in recognition of her outstanding achievement and commitment to excellence as a CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellow. Dyanne attended the University of Florida where she earned her MPH with a concentration in epidemiology and a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Microbiology.
Melissa Hall

College of Public Health & Health Professions
Melissa Hall received her Doctor of Audiology degree from the University of Florida in May 2010, and her Master of Arts degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the University of Central Florida in August 2006. Melissa is dually certified and licensed as an audiologist and a speech-language pathologist. Melissa is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the College of Public Health and Health Professions at the University of Florida. Melissa teaches the Audiologic Rehabilitation for Children and Education Audiology course in the Doctor of Audiology degree program at UF. In the UF Health Speech and Hearing Center, Melissa specializes in the assessment and evaluation of hearing in infants, and participates in the newborn hearing screening program at UF Health. She also specializes in the assessment and evaluation of hearing in children and adults. Melissa works as a team member on the UF Health Cochlear Implant Program. In addition to the clinical services she provides, Melissa is a clinic preceptor in the Doctor of Audiology degree program, and supervises students in clinical rotations as they hone their clinical skills.
Johanna Elfenbein

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Johanna Elfenbein recently began her appointment as an Assistant Professor of Large Animal Internal Medicine at North Carolina State University. Johanna has completed a residency in Large Animal Medicine at UF and PhD in biomedical sciences at Texas A&M University, where she was awarded an NIH T32 fellowship. Her research focuses on Salmonella pathogenesis, including identification of novel pathways of growth regulation. Thus far, Johanna has published 11 refereed manuscripts, generated 23 abstracts, and has received an NIH K08 mentored clinical scientist development award, among other accomplishments.
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Glen Wright
College of Veterinary Medicine
Glen Wright was recruited back to his undergraduate alma mater, Florida A&M University (FAMU), as the first director of its veterinary technology program. Prior to this appointment at FAMU, Glen worked for several private small animal veterinary practices in the Southeastern United States. Since his appointment, he has guided the FAMU program through American Veterinary Medical Association accreditation and built its reputation among the Animal Science students and faculty. Glen also serves on the UF CVM Admissions Committee. According to Dr. Michael Thomas, Interim Associate Dean for Academic Programs at FAMU, “The relevance of Vet-Tech is now clear. Dr. Wright has put this program on the map.”
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Robert Luck

LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW
Robert Luck graduated with highest honors from the University of Florida with an economics degree, and magna cum laude from the Levin College of Law. In his last semester, Robert was selected editor in chief of the Florida Law Review. After graduation, Robert was a law clerk to Chief Judge Ed Carnes on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, worked in the appellate department of the Greenberg Traurig law firm, and served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Miami. As an AUSA, Robert prosecuted health care and investment fraud cases, and was a deputy chief helping to supervise the office’s gun violence initiative. In 2013, he was appointed to the circuit court bench in Miami. Since then, Robert has been assigned to the felony division where he has presided over more than thirty jury trials and heard more than a dozen appeals.
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Jordan Johnson

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
Jordan Johnson graduated from the University of Florida in 2010 with a BS in Economics. He began his career at General Electric Company as an analyst in their Asset Management program before moving into their Government Relations Division as a Lobby Strategy Director. Jordan left GE to become the Founder/CEO of TapRide (a ride hailing and dispatch app). He created, managed and sold the company within one year to DoubleMap. Jordan is currently the Founder/CEO of TapShield (a student centered safety app and cloud dashboard system). TapShield has been downloaded by over 20,000 UF students, staff and faculty. This app empowers the user to collaborate with campus police to help prevent and deter incidents before they occur.
Keith Robinson serves as the Dean of Culture at People’s Preparatory Charter School in Newark, N.J., which serves students in grades 9 through 12 and is dedicated to the core values of Intellect, Empathy and Action. Keith, who also teaches ninth grade Mathematics at People’s Prep, has had a successful tenure as an educator in the Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. He taught World History at Newark’s Rise Academy Charter School, and Mathematics at I.S. 195 Roberto Clemente Middle School in Harlem. In addition, he has worked extensively to develop after-school programs in Harlem. In 2013, Keith was awarded the TNTP $25,000 Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice, which is given annually to exceptionally effective teachers who work in high-poverty public schools. Keith is committed to supporting students and their families in the hard work necessary to be successful in applying to and attending college.
Brittany Rawlings

WARRINGTON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
HEAVENER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Brittany Rawlings is a fashion lawyer, designer, and the founder and CEO of FashionBoss.com, a privately-funded technology startup that enables creative businesses to affordably and efficiently manage business, legal and financial activities. After earning a bachelor’s degree in business from UF and a law degree from Nova Southeastern University, Brittany launched Florida's first Fashion Law department at a boutique entertainment law firm in Miami. She has established her own law firm, the Law Office of Brittany Rawlings, P.A., and is licensed to practice in New York, Florida and Washington D.C. In addition to her successful legal career, Brittany founded her own fashion line, B.Rawlings Collection, which has been featured in international Vogue publications, Allure Magazine and People Magazine, and is carried in Bloomingdales-Santa Monica among other retailers. Brittany is an Executive Committee Member and Chair of the Fashion Law Division of the Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Section for the Florida and New York Bar, and she also serves as a speaker and panelist for various Fashion Law events.
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Charles Carmakal

WARRINGTON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
HOUGH GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Charles Carmakal is a Managing Director with Mandiant, a Washington D.C.-based information security consulting firm that helps some of the world’s largest corporations when they are hacked. Charles leads a team of security professionals that investigates and tracks organized criminals and foreign government hackers that are responsible for some of the largest and most prominent security breaches. He has provided security guidance and coaching to CEOs, CFOs and board members of Fortune 500 companies. Charles has been interviewed by “60 Minutes”, The Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg, Reuters, and Fox News. Prior to joining Mandiant, Charles led PwC’s security consulting business in Sydney, Australia. He helped PwC establish a multi-million dollar security consulting business, while being one of the youngest directors at the firm. Charles received his bachelor’s and master’s degree in Decision and Information Sciences in 2002 and 2003, respectively.
Congratulations to all!