Our Public University System
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Student Achievements

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Dance Marathons Benefit Ill Children at Local Hospitals

- UF has raised $2.3 million in 12 years.
- FSU has raised $1.5 million in 11 years.

- FIU has raised $500,000 in 10 years.
- UCF has raised $220,000 in 10 years.
- USF has raised $25,000 in 3 years.
The Context: Meeting the Need for Bachelor’s Degrees by 2027

- 46th in bachelor’s degrees awarded per capita

- 2.5 million adults—27% of 25-64 population—have a bachelor’s degree or higher vs. 33% in 10 states with highest GDP per capita

- Economic impact:
  - Actual size of Florida’s economy: $610 billion
  - If Florida were a top-10 state: $790 billion
  - Productivity gap: -$180 billion

- 4 million adults with bachelor’s degrees to reach 33% by 2027—1.5 million more than today
What Counts is Funding per FTE: We Are Heading to 20-Year Low

Tuition and State Funds per Full-Time Equivalent Student

Constant 2007-08 dollars per FTE (30 credits undergrad, 24 credits grad), adjusted for inflation using the Higher Education Price Index (www.commonfund.org).

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The Result is Deteriorating Quality

Florida has the worst student-faculty ratio in the country. Florida needs 2,000 additional faculty to reach the national average, or $240M.

Note: Faculty are full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty.
How Do We Restore Competitiveness and Meet Need?

- Enhance need-based aid
- Raise student-faculty ratio to national average
- Address Bright Futures & Prepaid
- Develop performance-based funding
Centers of Excellence 2007-08: Highlights

Maintaining Florida’s Competitive Edge:
Universities play critical role in research discovery

**USF: Biomolecular Identification and Targeted Therapeutics**
Molecular Identification Core Equipment Facility; 5,000-square-foot research and development laboratory for Romark Laboratories; technology related to detection of ovarian cancer has been licensed by Geopharma, Inc.

**UCF: Laser Technology Initiative**
Developing advanced laser technologies aligned with state and national objectives to drive Florida toward capturing emerging markets in key sectors of laser industry.
Centers of Excellence 2007-08: Highlights
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FSU: Advanced Materials
Generated $2.5 million in research grants; collaborating with K-12 schools/systems fostering interest in fields of science and engineering.

FAU: Ocean Energy Technology
Working on cutting-edge clean ocean current energy technology that is competitive with existing fossil fuel-based power generation.