

# The LIFE Times

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*All in this month's issue!*



Welcome to all of LIFE's newest members and welcome back to our returnees! It's been a quiet, yet eventful several months since our last regular meeting. As usual, the Curriculum Committee, put together an amazing array of summer class opportunities, both at the UCF main campus as well as the Medical Center at Lake Nona. I hope most of you attended at least one of these offerings.

We were joined, in June, by Leslie Collin who is now the Program Coordinator. Leslie will be attending LIFE classes.

Make a point of introducing yourself.

The list of classes, for the Fall, is varied and interesting. It can be viewed in its entirety on our website at [www.life.ucf.edu](http://www.life.ucf.edu).

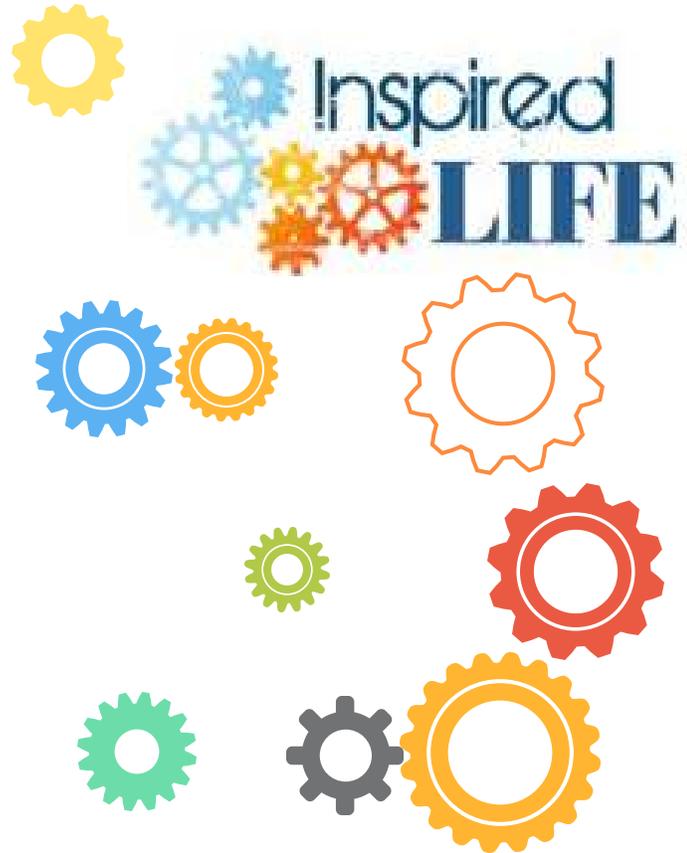
Additionally, there is lots more information on our site... signups for upcoming field trips, background information, listings of committees and their chairpersons, as well as present and past editions of The LIFetimes, I might add...in beautiful color!

Alli and I have been delighted about the response to our "spotLIFE" section in The LIFetimes! We believe that everyone has a

great story to share. If you would like to be featured, send us a write up, "in your own words" and we will get you in print! The two of us are usually at the Welcome Desk on Tuesday mornings. Stop by and give comments, (gentle) criticisms and/or suggestions for future editions of The LIFetimes. We both strive to make this newsletter informative, meaningful and entertaining for YOU, our LIFE members.

Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

~Samuel Ullman



# CHARGE ON:



## A WORD WITH OUR LIFE PRESIDENT

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Welcome to my fellow LIFElong learners.

No matter if you are one of our experienced long-time fellows or a brand new member, we know of your excitement at this beginning of a new academic year. Our new membership size at 800 enrollees will present some challenges to us all.

Please do arrive early to claim your spot BUT remember that at 8:45am important announcements begin and ALL SEATS are then open with NONE reserved. Let's be courteous to all of us and our speakers and turn off our electronic devices, and please stand up (if able) when the microphone is reaches you to ask a question.

We welcomed on June 1st our new Program Coordinator, Leslie Collin. She comes to us after 11 years' experience as the Director of a downtown 300 resident senior housing facility. She is quickly becoming an integral part of our efforts in this short period of time. Our student assistants, Alli and Sam offer great assistance to our committees and help in our class experience.

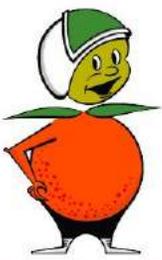
To all of our members, new and experienced, I remind you that this is a member run organization that thrives on our excellent volunteers.

Please join us as a volunteer and become active on a committee.

**Sincerely,**

*Julian Meitin*

*President*



# a wink at UCF's history

by Diane Wink

The year was 1991. The place was the undeveloped north side of the UCF campus. The John Euliano Park and the Jay Bergman Baseball Field did not exist, North Orion Road did not exist. Spectrum Stadium, Knights Plaza and the Kenneth G. Dixon Athletics Village were not in anyone's dreams. UCF's graduations, Volleyball and Men's and Women's Basketball games took place in the Education Building gym. Memory Mall and the Fairwinds Alumni Center did not exist.

But there was the UCF Arena. Sitting alone in the distance from existing campus buildings, it was to be a venue for both sports and graduations. The arena was also envisioned as the site of shows with big name entertainers. Outside, large staircases were at each of the four corners and two curved staircases at the front provided access to the middle floor from the arena's plaza/lake area.

Adjacent parking lots awaited attendees. Inside, the upper and lower level seats were retractable and there was a single large suite type area overlooking the arena floor.

On November 1, 1991, the UCF Arena was ready for its opening night – a performance during homecoming week. Comic Jay Leno (not yet host of the

Tonight Show) was the performer.

Ticket holders from the student body, faculty, staff, alumni and community streamed in. The seatback and bench side seats and rows of additional chairs on the main arena floor quickly filled. The still missing scoreboard was not an issue. Two huge speakers were on a small stage set up at the north end of the arena floor. UCF had arrived on the big time college scene.



Then the show began.

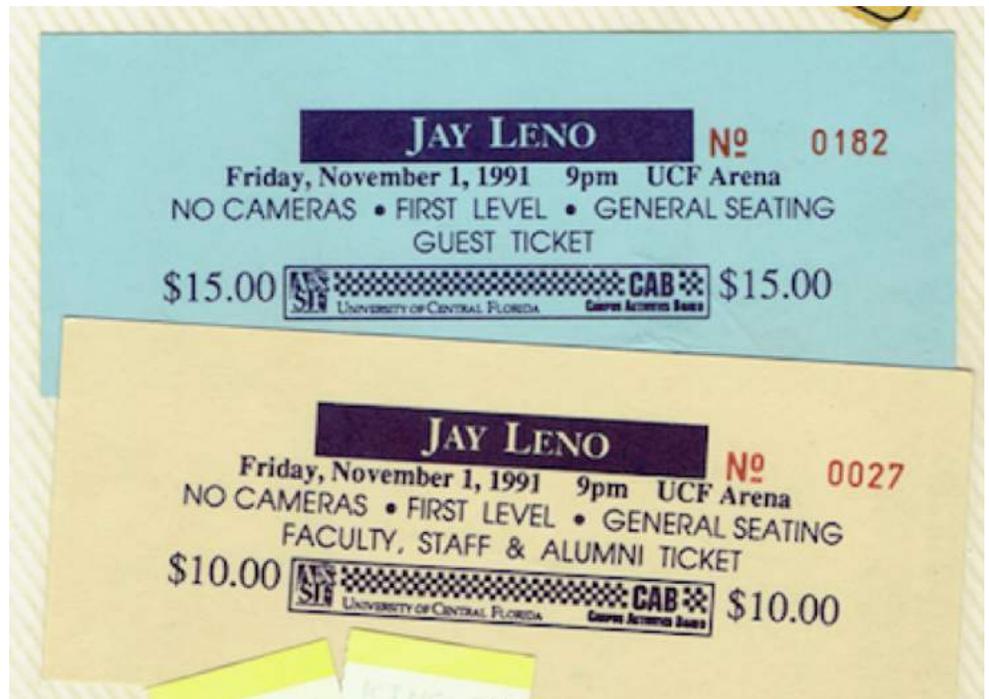
Jay Leno started his routine but those in the upper seating areas could not hear him and their shouts let him know. At first Leno wondered if he was given a "Mr. Microphone" – a children's toy of the time. He moved around the stage, hoping to correct the problem, to no avail. So Jay Leno took action. He removed his jacket, threw it over some equipment on the stage, and began repositioning the speakers. This did not help. He turned a speaker to face the problem area. Still not better. Eventually the show went on but only after a replacement microphone was finally found. Students tried to get refunds. None were paid.

The arena had better days to follow with other performers, including Bob Dylan. During selected songs in his performance, attendees standing on the arena floor flicked on and held up cigarette lighters – no cell phone cameras yet! Volleyball and both men and women's basketball teams had many winning games. The arena was the site of the Atlantic Sun Conference Men's Basketball Championship three times.

Most importantly, approximately 153 separate graduate ceremonies (several each Fall, Spring and Summer) took place over the next 17 years. The final graduations were especially interesting events as attendees made their way around the construction site of the new arena.

With the opening of the New CFE Arena (now the CFE Arena) in 2007, the original arena was renamed the Venue and extensively renovated. Practice courts for men and women's basketball were built in what had been the upper bench seating areas. Offices for the

basketball and volleyball programs are now on the second level with the track and field and soccer offices along first floor corridors. The main court now has a state of the art Volleyball floor and the Venue is one of several practice sites for UCF's prizewinning Cheer Team. The structure supporting the original floor level retractable seating is still there but now supports new chairs. Varied colleges continue to have graduation celebrations in the Venue and it is the site for many other events.



LOL

LIFE  
Out  
Loud!

A couple visiting Central Florida, drove their car into a ditch in a desolate area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse

named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move. Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond. Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the

horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch. The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"

LIFE members may park in Parking Garage A in any unmarked space. They should go to the transit station between Garage A and I. There are seats where they can wait. They should take the Route #1 shuttle. The shuttle runs every 15 minutes and will drop them off at the Student Union. It will NOT be a direct ride in that the shuttle will make their regular stops.

## PARKING POINTERS

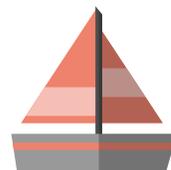
**assistance for mobility-impaired members**

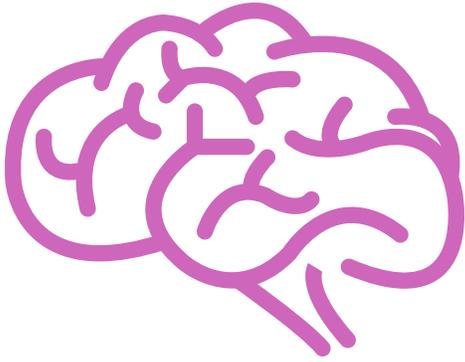
## a day on the water

by Marie Ruckstuhl

The Winter Park Boat cruise was delightful - a breezy, sunny day, LIFE friends, and a docent who pointed out the various estates, flora and fauna, and history as we traveled through the winding canals and through the lakes. Among many things,

we saw old mansions and new, Rollins college, water skiers, and an osprey sitting on a nest with its partner in an adjacent tree keeping an eye on things. Thanks to all who were able to participate in the LIFE excursion. If you haven't experienced the Winter Park Boat cruise yet, it is well worth your time.





# research opportunities

## **Cybersecurity:**

**The goal of this research is to evaluate the assessment of potential cyber threats within the cyber domain, particularly in email contexts. During this experiment you will view a large number of emails on a computer in which you will determine if the email is spam. You will make judgments regarding the presence of spam in the email by pressing a button on the keyboard. The entire experiment should take no more than 60 minutes and you will be paid 10/hr.**

## **Boundary Extension:**

**The goal of this research is to investigate an individual's ability to retain certain information from viewing pictures of natural scenes across successive eye movements. During the experiment you will view a large number of these images followed by a memory task for each of these pictures. We will be recording eye movements throughout the experiment. We are looking for volunteers to participate in this study. It will take approximately an hour to complete and no compensation will be provided.**

## **important info**

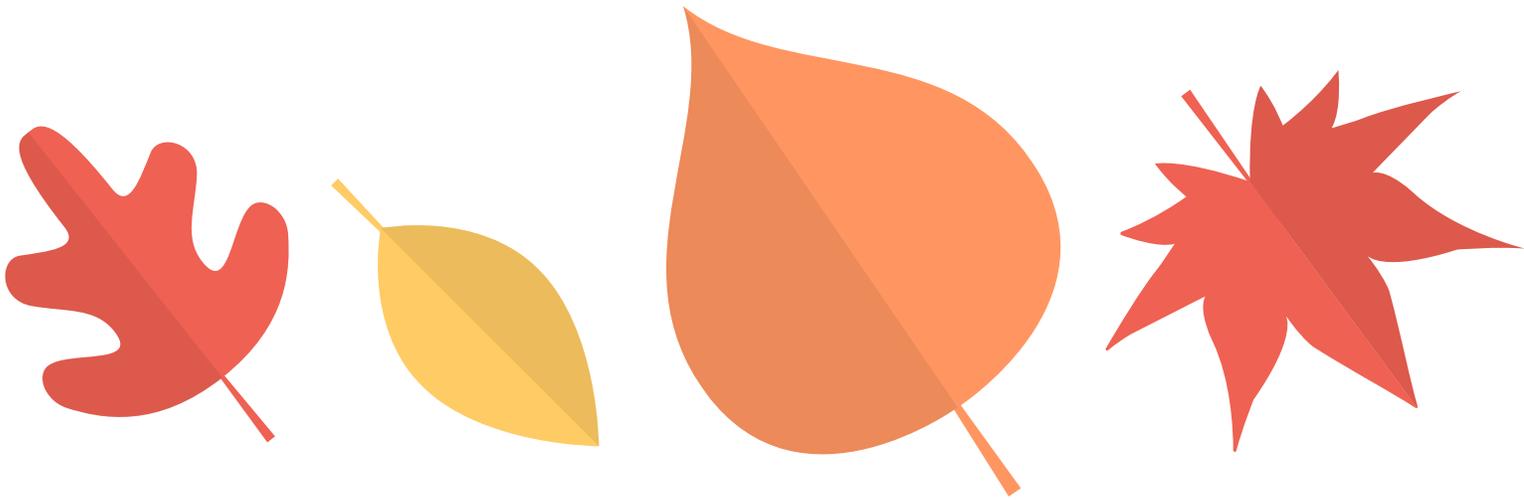
### **LIFE Safety Plan**

**For medical emergencies that require immediate attention, call 911. Otherwise, call the UCF Student Union Building Manager 321-228-9363. A first aid kit and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) are located at the Student Information Desk in the Rotunda. For building evacuations, follow UCF instructions. If in the Pegasus Room, leave through the main doors and exit the building. If in the Cape Coral Room, exit through the side doors and use the stairs at the back hallway. Do NOT use the elevators. UCF personnel will help anyone with mobility issues.**

### **LIFE Student ID cards**

**To get UCF student discounts at athletic and Arts & Humanities events, check your UCF LIFE Student ID card to make sure it states "LIFE Student" on the back. If not, please go to UCF Card Services to get a replacement card at no cost.**

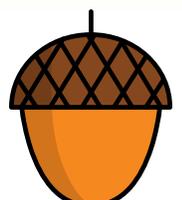
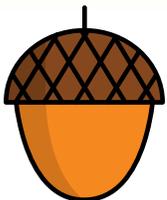
# Fall 2018 Class Schedule



## LIFE Fall 2018 Curriculum Schedule

P: Pegasus Ballroom, SU 1st Floor  
 CF: Cape Florida Ballroom, SU 3rd Floor  
 KW: Key West Ballroom, SU 2nd Floor

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Presenter	Recommended By
8/28/18	9:00AM	P	"Ta-Seti" or the Mysterious "Land of the Bow": Bioarchaeological Investigations of ancient Nubia on Sai Island, Sudan	Dr. Tosha Dupras	Jack McGuire
	10:30AM	P	The Scopes Trial	Mark Cooper	Ovid Vitas
9/4/18	9:00AM	P	Art at the Orlando International Airport	Carolyn Fennell	Donna Mylrea
	10:30AM	P	White Oak Conservation and Endangered Species	Brandon Speeg	Donna Mylrea
9/11/18	9:00AM	CF	The Diversity Blind Spot	Michael Hristakopolous	Pat James
	10:30AM	CF	Discovering Who You Are: Family History Research	Greg Gronlund	Donna Mylrea
9/18/18	9:00AM	CF	Dangerous Women	Elizabeth Coulter	Karen Branen
	10:30AM	CF	STEM	Dr. Melissa Dagley	Jack McGuire
9/25/18	9:00AM	CF	Highlights of UCF's Public Art Collection	Kevin Haran	Karen Branen
	10:30AM	CF	Connecting Science and People Through Maps, Apps, & Drones	Dr. Timothy Hawthorne	Jack McGuire
10/2/18	9:00AM	KW	Global Perspectives		Jim Burr
	10:30AM	KW	Prosthetic Interfaces: A Faculty Cluster Initiative	Melanie Goathup	Jim Burr
10/9/18	9:00AM	P	Treasures in the Attic	Alan Breus	Julian Meitin
	10:30AM	P	All These Worlds: The Menagerie of Planets In Our Own Solar System and Around Other Stars	Joshua Colwell	Jack McGuire
10/16/18	9:00AM	CF	UNDERTOW: A Cult Insider's Story of Idealism, Psychological Control, and Escape	Charlene Edge	Judy Luckett
	10:30AM	CF	Domestic Violence	Jana Jasinski	Jack McGuire
10/23/18	9:00AM	CF	UCF Saxophone Quartet	George Weremchuck and Students	Karen Branen
	10:30AM	CF	History & Update on Lake Apopka: Floodplain Loss, Nutrient & Pesticide Pollution, and Multi-Year Droughts	Dr. Erich Marzolf	Mo Cortese
10/30/18	9:00AM	P	Bats in My Florida Backyard	Shari Blissett-Clark	Pat James
	10:30AM	P	Leadership in Crisis: How George Washington Defused the Newburgh Conspiracy	David Head	Ovid Vitas
11/6/18	9:00AM	P	The Medicis	Ena Heller	Ovid Vitas
	10:30AM	P	Camp Boggy Creek: A Place of Hope and Belonging for Florida's Seriously Ill Children	Sharon Couture	Judy Luckett
11/13/18	9:00AM	P	China and the World in the 21st Century	Dr. Bob Bledsoe	Dick Tucker
	10:30AM	P	Canoes, Carvings, and Cats: The Archaeological Discoveries of Wood in Florida	Dr. Amanda Groff	Mo Cortese
11/20/18	9:00AM	P	Drone Technology and Applications	Dr. Brent Terwilliger	Gene Aiello
	10:30AM	P	The Status of Solar Power	James Fenton	Gene Aiello
11/27/18	9:00AM	P	Interactive Presentation on Florida History	Dr. Jim Clark	Mo Cortese
	10:30AM	P	Next-Generation Air Traffic Control Systems	Sam Butler	Gene Aiello





# a coal miner's daughter: the story of Joan Hansen

Some women have dads who are physicists, doctors, engineers, etc., but I was blessed by being born a West Virginia coal-miner's daughter. Growing up, times were tough, and sometimes we relied on the generosity of the company store's manager to give us oranges (our only fruit) when the monthly bill was paid. But my Dad (and also my Mother) taught me and my three siblings that the greatest blessings in life come from the gift of giving to others. My Mother was always involved in community volunteer leadership (she was honored as volunteer of the year for the state of WV) and my Dad always looked for ways he could help others using his construction skills. It wasn't until, at the age of 16, and graduating from high school that I realized

that my life would be taking a dramatic change. There was no work for a 16-year-old and my parents could not send me to college (although I was valedictorian of my class), so when the Washington DC recruiters came to our small town of Bretz, WV, to recruit secretaries and typists, I jumped at the opportunity. Looking back, I must have been scared to death, leaving my small-town community where everyone knew everyone; trading it for a big city where I would know no one and no one would know me. Fortunately, I landed a job with the Department of the Army, with officers who looked with wonder at this 16-year-old clerk-typist from the hills of WV, and

recognized that with some tender love and care, she could do better. One Colonel decided that I needed to improve my basic shorthand capabilities and he patiently dictated to me, while constantly reminding me not to be upset when I could not figure out what I had written in short-hand. I am proud to say that it wasn't long before I became Secretary to the Department Head.

I eventually married, a union that produced three children. My third child, Mark, was born with a rare chromosome structure (similar to the one recently born to a prominent politician) and I quit work to care for him and my other two children. Mark struggled for every breath and died just before he turned two – Our dear son, Mark, in his

less than two years, made an impact on many babies who followed since we had worked with the National Institute of Health. They discovered that some abnormalities in a newborn could be detected by the lines in the palm of the baby's hand, therefore, starting treatment earlier.

One of the happiest days of my life was giving birth to my first daughter, Lori; unfortunately, that also brings me to one of the saddest days of my life...losing her at 38 to breast cancer. Lori left me her 5-year-old daughter to raise, a child who became my reason for living and one of the biggest joys of my life.

I have been blessed with a career that I loved. I enjoyed every day as the director of the

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, helping men and women 55 and older find meaning and purpose in their lives through significant volunteer service. I retired at 73 and looked forward to adding to my travel history. My travel highlights are climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro and riding horseback up the Andes Mountains with

my granddaughter, Ashley. Now as a member of a program started by President Carter about 60 years ago - Friendship Force, I will continue to travel throughout the world, staying in homes of people who are anxious to share their hospitality with people of other countries. I, in return, open my home to travelers from other countries either for a home-stay or just a good-old American dinner and hospitality.



*sincerely,*

*Joan S. Hansen*

P.S. I am a very proud graduate of UCF where I graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1977.



# A line from Leslie

## Meet LIFE's new Program Coordinator



I am so excited and honored to be LIFE at UCF's first Program Coordinator. My role with LIFE is to work with the LIFE Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and its growing membership to coordinate and cultivate the growth and development of this amazing program.

I come to LIFE with a background in non-profit fundraising, volunteer management and senior programming.

My most recent job was as the Executive Administrator of the Kinneret

Council on Aging, a non-profit located at Kinneret Apartments in downtown Orlando. I spent 10 years working at Kinneret and feel like a found a new home here at LIFE!

LIFE has had a remarkable growth since its inception in 1991.

Today, LIFE has around 800 members who participate in their curriculum that provides interesting and informative courses predominantly taught by UCF faculty. In addition, LIFE gives back to the

UCF community by providing grants to support UCF faculty in their research activities.

The partnership between LIFE and the University of Central Florida has grown and expanded over the years.

LIFE continues to be guided by its board and its memberships. If you are interested in making an impact in our LIFE community, please consider volunteering on one of our committees.

Whether it is

working with our curriculum committee to ensure we have dynamic and interesting courses or working with membership or special events, volunteers are the backbone of our organization. For more information on our programs and volunteer opportunities, please contact me at 407-823-5433.

sincerely,

*Leslie Collin*

**LIFE Program  
Coordinator**

LIFE encourages visitors to attend lectures on Tuesday mornings when we meet in the Pegasus Ballroom\*\*.

However, a visitor may only attend once a semester. Some LIFE members have interpreted the Policy to

mean that they can bring a visitor one week and their LIFE friend can bring the same visitor another week.

That is an incorrect interpretation. LIFE members can bring as many

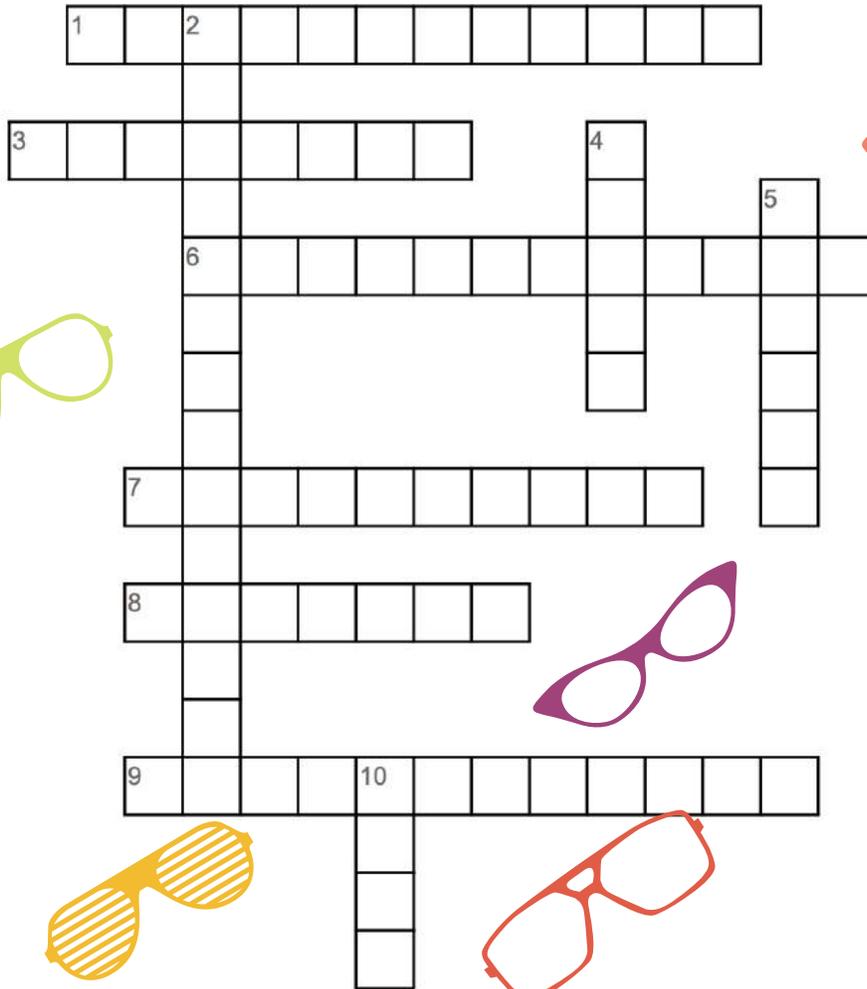


## did you know?

visitors as they wish during a semester as long as it is a different visitor each time.

\*\*No visitors are allowed when LIFE meets in Cape Florida or Key West Ballrooms due to the limited seating capacity.

# Trivia Tangle



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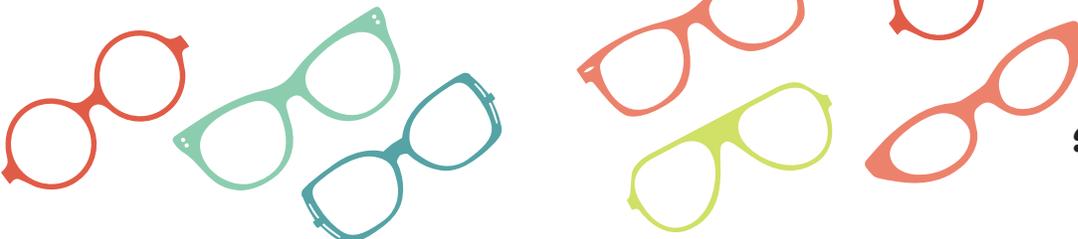
1. In which state was Joan Hansen born?
3. Where did Jay Leno perform on November 1, 1991?
6. How many members does LIFE at UCF have?
7. The final field trip of last year was a boat tour of which Central Florida city?
8. Where can you EASILY find the emergency numbers for the UCF Student Union and Parking Services?
9. Where can you make suggestions for the LIFE Times?

## DOWN

2. Senior citizens may audit classes at UCF on a \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ basis.
4. From which two garages can you ride the UCF shuttle to the Student Union?
5. Who is LIFE's new Program Coordinator?
10. How many times can a single visitor attend a LIFE lecture each semester?

## ANSWERS

West Virginia; UCF Arena; eight hundred, Winter Park; name tag; welcome table; space available; A and I; Leslie; once.



# Welcome To UCF



Senior Citizen Audit Registration is on a "space available" basis only. To register, please submit the following forms (available from the Registrar's Office, MH 161) **at least one week prior to the first day of classes:**

- Residency Affidavit\*
- Student Health History\*
- Senior Citizen Audit Registration Application

\*First time registration only

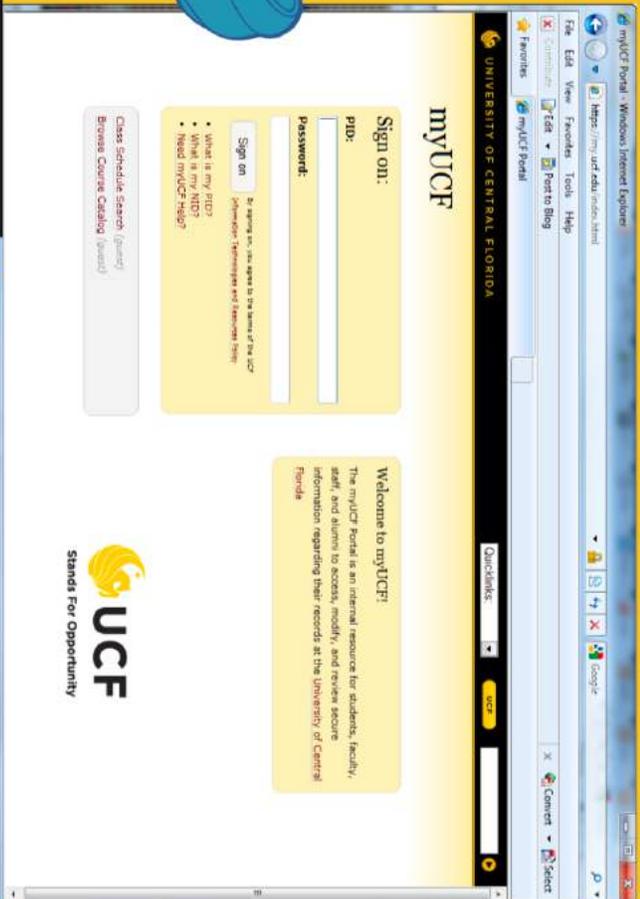
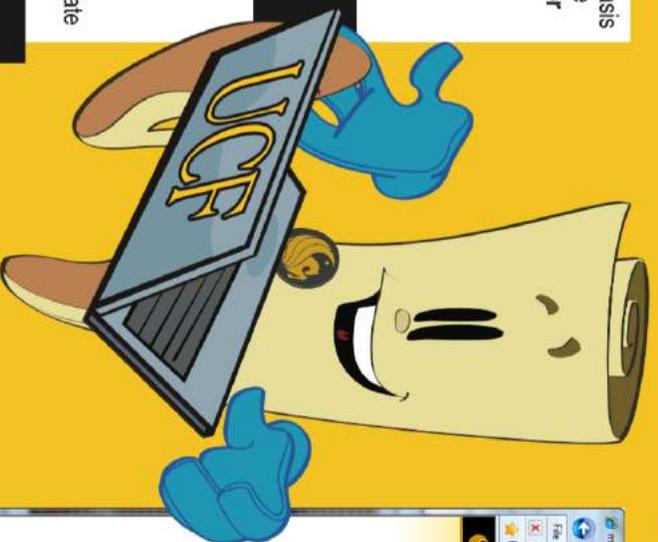
## Registration Form

- List courses in the "Class Number" box.
- List alternate classes in priority order.

If all courses listed are closed, you will be registered in **UCF 1500**, the "UCF Temporary course." This will allow you to enroll during Late Registration yet not incur the \$100 Late Registration fee. UCF 1500 will be dropped at the close of Late Registration.

## Online Class Schedule, Undergraduate Catalog, and Web Enrollment Guide

The *Web Enrollment Guide* contains the "Academic Calendar," Class Schedule Search and Registration instructions, and fee payment policy information. Refer to the *Web Enrollment Guide* (available online at <http://registrar.sdes.ucf.edu>) for complete Class Schedule Search instructions. Search for classes using the "Class Schedule Search" at <https://my.ucf.edu>. The Undergraduate Catalog provides complete course descriptions for UCF courses. You may view current editions of the *Undergraduate Catalog* on the Registrar's Office website at <http://registrar.sdes.ucf.edu>.



## Registration Instructions

- Complete and submit your Senior Citizen Audit to the Registrar's Office **at least one week prior to the first day of classes.**
- Self registration for courses will be available online at <https://my.ucf.edu> after 3:30 p.m., the Friday before classes begin.
- To verify enrollment, print your "Fee invoice" from myUCF on the first day of classes. Enter myUCF at <https://my.ucf.edu> and click "Student Center." Click "Fee Invoice" under "Finances." Print the "Fee Invoice" by clicking your web browser's Print icon or come to the Registrar's Office to obtain a Fee invoice. If needed, request assistance with course changes. All changes must be completed by the last day of Late Registration and the Add deadline.
- Although your Fee Invoice may display tuition and fees, the Cashier's Office will void fees after Late Registration and Add/Drop closes. Additional Materials Fees, Books, and Labs, however, may apply.

- The UCF Card Fee (\$10.00) will be assessed each academic year in the Fall Term.
- To obtain your UCF Card, call 407-823-2100 or take your Fee Invoice to the Card Services office (Knights Plaza, East Plaza Drive).
- To obtain your Parking Permit and for fee and vehicle registration information, contact Parking Services at <http://parking.ucf.edu> or 407-823-5812.

## Override Assistance

### Upper Level Courses

Permission from the appropriate college to enroll in courses requiring pre-requisites is gained by contacting the offices listed on the reverse side.

### Graduate Courses (course #5000 or higher)

Prior to submitting your registration form, obtain written permission from the appropriate college. Permission for enrollment may be needed. Please contact the appropriate college's graduate office for overrides and registration assistance.