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THE CAMPAIGN FOR UCF'S NEXT MISSION

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**College of Health
Professions and Sciences**

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE.
IMPROVING LIVES.

CULTIVATING TALENT. INSPIRING EXCELLENCE.

At UCF, we're discovering healthcare solutions for today and boldly reimagining tomorrow. Through world-class education, groundbreaking research, innovative technology, clinical excellence and a deep commitment to service, we are advancing health and human performance.

Our College of Health Professions and Sciences (CHPS) gives the next generation of healthcare providers new ways to learn and grow, new frontiers to explore and imagine, and new opportunities to challenge and innovate today and well into the future. CHPS is on a mission to build stronger and healthier communities, help people thrive and bring families together.

Through the college's nationally recognized programs and network of clinics, students gain the skills, knowledge and inspiration to make a difference. We offer degrees in health sciences, social work, communication sciences and disorders, health management and informatics, kinesiology, athletic training and physical therapy, preparing students for careers as healthcare providers, health educators, researchers and leaders. Through course work, field experience and interprofessional education, students develop high-demand skills and cultural competency to work with patients in a wide variety of settings.

Your investment plays a key role in supporting UCF's health-related programs. Whether you are enthusiastic about student success, faculty excellence, or innovative research and programming, there are endless opportunities to have an influence.





THE ALUMNI AND DONOR PERSPECTIVE



PERSONAL IMPACT OF GIVING BACK

When doctors diagnosed **Mason Moore '97** with testicular cancer in 2003, he was just days away from getting married. The disease itself is rare, and what's even rarer is that, after receiving treatment and being cancer-free for 15 years, Moore had not just one, but two recurrences. After additional treatment, he is again free of cancer. Based on his experience, along with his degree in health services administration and work in the healthcare industry, Moore has become a resolute advocate for men's health. In 2024, he created the Mason Moore '97 Fund for Testicular Cancer Research and Awareness at UCF's College of Health Professions and Sciences.

"I often tell people that if it wasn't for UCF, I wouldn't have the incredible life that I do," says Moore. "The opportunity to support my alma mater, while also raising awareness for an issue that has had such a profound impact on my life and that serves as a personal passion for me, just felt like the right thing to do."



MAKING LONG JOURNEYS EASIER

During his time as a CHPS faculty member in the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, **Joseph DiNapoli** was inspired by students who came into the program later in life, determined to pursue their degree. He saw the impact that scholarships could have on helping them overcome financial obstacles. In 2021, a few years before he retired from UCF, he created The Joe DiNapoli "Extended Journeys" Endowed Scholarship Fund to help establish an easier path for them.

"I'd seen in these students that their determination enabled them to achieve whatever they set their mind to. I was consistently impressed by their dedication to their education and career aspirations while they were raising families or trying to work," says DiNapoli. "But even with persistence, they couldn't always overcome challenges on their own. Creating an endowed scholarship to help students on these extended journeys was one of the most meaningful things I've done to enrich my career as an educator."



SCORING SUCCESS IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

Tyler Killinger '16 pursued his bachelor's degree in athletic training because of his passion for helping others and his commitment to supporting athletes and patients. His career took off quickly, as he became head athletic trainer at Orlando City Soccer Club just five years after graduating from UCF.

"UCF provided me with knowledge, skills and connections that have helped shape my career," says Killinger, who was named 2026 Professional Athletic Trainer of the Year by the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association. "The mentorship, guidance and references from UCF faculty opened many doors for me, from working in professional soccer to opportunities in extreme sports across North America. I am deeply grateful for the support and opportunities that UCF has afforded me."





WHAT STUDENTS SAY



A DREAM CAREER COMING TRUE

Sydney Carey '24 has long known that she wanted to work with people who have aphasia, a language disorder that affects a person's ability to read, write, speak and comprehend language. As an undergraduate student in UCF's Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) program, she started working in the Aphasia and Related Conditions Lab. Now she is pursuing her master's in CSD and is the lab's lead coordinator.

"This is an amazing opportunity to learn firsthand what it's like to work with aphasia clients," says Carey, who leads diagnostic testing, creates treatment plans and puts those plans into practice. "I love building trust and respect with my clients and watching them progress. It's showing me what my career will be like, and I love making a difference for people with aphasia."



THE PATH TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As a health sciences major, **Luis Torres Portillo** is conducting cutting-edge neuroscience research. Working with a UCF professor, he is actively investigating the brain region driving reactive aggressive behavior in patients with Huntington disease, an inherited neurodegenerative disease.

"Participating in research and leading projects equip and train future providers to build high reasoning and critical-thinking skills, which I believe are the foundation of educating patients and focusing on patient-first care," Torres says. "I aspire to improve people's quality of life and significantly add value to the lives of others."



PREPARING TO LEAD

Samantha Fragette '26 is pursuing a career in healthcare leadership so that she can make a lasting impact on patients and the people who care for them while also contributing to healthcare policy. With the goal of becoming a hospital CEO, Fragette earned her bachelor's degree in health services administration and is now pursuing a master's in health administration, both through the School of Global Health Management and Informatics.

"CHPS understands how important it is for students to grow professionally outside the classroom. Thanks to the Student Experience Fund, I've attended conferences and events that have expanded my network, exposed me to healthcare leaders from across the country and even helped me secure internships. These experiences have been some of the most impactful of my academic journey."

GIVING BACK TAKES MANY FORMS

UCF invites alumni, family, fans and community members to share their time, talent, expertise and more in support of Knight Nation.

The College of Health Professions and Sciences welcomes:

- Mentors to guide and support faculty and students
- Advisory Board members to provide guidance on the ever-changing healthcare industry
- Alumni Council members to engage alums, students, faculty and staff
- Community organizations, employers and partners to offer employment opportunities for graduates and help host programs and events
- In-kind donations of equipment, supplies, promotional items and more



PRIORITY AREAS FOR GIVING

ENDOWED POSITIONS

Endowed chairs and professorships are cornerstones of academic excellence and innovation, securing top talent and providing resources for groundbreaking research and instruction. Because endowments provide funding in perpetuity, they contribute to the university's long-term financial stability, promote institutional growth and enhance its reputation.

Donor gifts help the college build on its nationally recognized programs by establishing:

- Endowed chairs for the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the School of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Sciences, and the School of Health Management and Informatics.
- Endowed professorships in Physical Therapy, Nutrition, Social Work, Communication Sciences and Disorders and Health Management and Informatics.

REHABILITATION INNOVATION CENTER

The Rehabilitation Innovation Center is a first-of-its-kind facility at UCF that serves as a hub for innovative healthcare technology, education, care delivery, and wellness and prevention strategies. It is expanding opportunities for faculty innovation and interdisciplinary training that prepare future clinicians to lead with empathy, skill and impact. Together, UCF faculty, staff, students and industry partners collaborate across disciplines, using next-generation technology to revolutionize healthcare education and the future of clinical practice.

Philanthropic gifts advance the center's mission and outcomes and support its incubator programs and clinics. Key opportunities include:

- **Center-wide support** – As a premier center of excellence for experts across the country, priorities include faculty and staff funding, endowed positions and naming rights.
- **Blended Learning Interactive Simulation Suite (BLISS)** – Student learning and patient care both take place in this immersive, mixed-reality space. Touchscreen walls paired with audio, video and other sensory elements create realistic environments where participants teach, learn, practice and perfect critical skills.

- **Go Baby Go!** – This national movement helps restore independence to children with mobility challenges. Modified ride-on toy cars help kids become mobile for the first time in their young lives.
- **Aging Well Hub** – This transformative new space for aging populations, caregivers and healthcare providers uses cutting-edge technology, immersive experiences and inclusive support to redefine what it means to age well.
- **Mighty Knights** – For children with complex communication and motor needs, a little support makes a significant difference in enjoying a playground or park. Mighty Knights create inclusive and accessible experiences for these kids and their families.
- **iREAD** – The intensive Reading Enrichment for Academic Development program helps children with reading challenges through an intensive program offered on weeknights during the school year and in a camp format each summer.
- **Hologram Technology** – Vivid, life-sized holograms "beam in" patients, healthcare providers, caregivers and subject-matter experts to classrooms, aiding students and practitioners in refining their clinical skills.

COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH CENTER

For people with hearing loss or voice disorders, the Communication Technologies Research Center is discovering novel solutions to both long-standing and emerging communication problems. Research focuses on hearing technologies, auditory neuroscience, voice and aerodigestive disorders. The interdisciplinary teams in the center are revolutionizing hearing technology and developing innovative clinical tools through research, product development and simulation technologies.

There are meaningful ways for donors to advance this life-changing work, including:

- Sponsoring emerging research and development programs
- Funding leading-edge equipment and technology
- Creating an endowed professorship
- Securing naming rights for this center

WHY UCF, WHY NOW

THE FUTURE STARTS HERE: At the University of Central Florida, we anticipate the challenges of tomorrow and rise to meet them today. Our researchers are solving the world's most pressing problems and, with every breakthrough, we transcend boundaries and defy expectations. This relentless pursuit of excellence has put UCF on the map — and in the stars.

As a newly designated preeminent institution and one of the nation's top 15 most innovative public universities, UCF is boldly creating a future the world has only begun to imagine. You see that vision coming to life every day at the College of Health Professions and Sciences.

Healthcare is the largest employment sector in the nation, and UCF is leading the way by preparing the next generation of practitioners, pioneers and leaders. Investment fuels this progress, unlocking potential and elevating student success. Whether through a one-time gift, pledge, planned gift or endowment, you have the power to transform healthcare and improve lives.

Join us on our mission. Go for Launch is more than a campaign — it's our commitment to shaping what's next. Together, we are building a future without limits. The engines are ignited, and the trajectory is clear: innovation, impact and opportunity for generations to come. The future starts now — and it starts at UCF.

BY THE NUMBERS: COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND SCIENCES

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SUPPLIER OF
SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGISTS IN
FLORIDA

7,200

STUDENTS ENROLLED

19

DEGREE PROGRAMS

100%

FIRST-TIME PASS RATE ON THE
NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY
EXAMINATION FOR DOCTOR OF
PHYSICAL THERAPY STUDENTS

200+

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CARS PROVIDED TO CHILDREN
WITH MOBILITY CHALLENGES
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PARTNER SITES ACROSS
THE NATION THAT
PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH
CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

14,000

ANNUAL PATIENT VISITS
TO CHPS CLINICS

60+

SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED ANNUALLY

100%

EMPLOYMENT RATE FOR
GRADUATES OF UCF'S
PHYSICAL THERAPY
PROGRAM

TOP 50

GRADUATE SCHOOLS FOR
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