Commencement
Spring 2016
University of Florida President

Dr. W. Kent Fuchs

Dr. W. Kent Fuchs became the University of Florida’s 12th president in January 2015.

Most recently the provost of Cornell University, Dr. Fuchs’ experience combines academic leadership as a provost, dean and department chair; a distinguished career as an engineering professor; and graduate education in both engineering and divinity. In accepting the presidency, Dr. Fuchs outlined his overarching goal for UF: to elevate its stature, as measured by quality and comparative excellence, to that of one of the nation’s best public universities.

President Fuchs will pursue this objective by continuing to lead the university’s preeminence plan, along with a campus-wide goal-setting effort to set objectives for the next five and ten years. He will seek to significantly increase UF’s endowment; enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of university operations; and establish UF as a national leader and voice for higher education.

The UF presidency is a natural next step for Dr. Fuchs, who spent six years as Cornell’s provost. There, he led the creation of a new technology campus in New York City, launched a university-wide initiative to raise Cornell’s academic stature and was a key leader of Cornell’s fundraising efforts. He was appointed provost after serving as the university’s Joseph Silbert Dean of Engineering from 2002 to 2008. He joined Cornell from Purdue University, where he headed the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering from 1996 to 2002. He was a professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Coordinated Science Laboratory at the University of Illinois from 1985 to 1996.

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association of the Advancement of Science, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and the Association for Computing Machinery, and has received numerous awards for teaching and research.

President Fuchs earned his doctorate in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Illinois, and a master of divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Chicago. He credits divinity school with teaching him communication and community-building skills, and to balance his innately analytic perspective with a deep appreciation for people and for human relationships. He also holds a master of science from the University of Illinois and a bachelor of science in engineering from Duke University.

Dr. Fuchs is married to Linda Moskeland Fuchs, an art historian whose scholarship centers on the sculpture of sarcophagi created in the first centuries of Christian art-making. Mrs. Fuchs has two master’s degrees in art history, from the University of Chicago and Cornell, and a third in Biblical studies, from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. She is active in campus and community life, including spending six years on the board of Chesterton House, a center for Christian studies at Cornell, the past three years as chair.

The Fuchses have three sons and a daughter, Micah, Eric, Isaac and Christine. Eric and their daughter-in-law, Mikaela, have a baby boy named Henry.

Born on an Oklahoma farm in 1954, President Fuchs spent much of his youth in Alaska before moving to Miami, where he graduated from Miami Killian Senior High School. His two younger brothers and stepmother live in South Florida.
Greetings from the President

On behalf of the University of Florida and our administration, faculty and staff, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, the Class of 2016, and to your family and friends.

Today’s ceremony celebrates your considerable accomplishment in completing a degree program at one of the world’s great universities. I share your pride and excitement, and I am confident that your degree and the skills and experience you acquired while at this university will serve you well in your careers and lives.

As you enjoy this celebration, you may already be headed for graduate school or a professional opportunity. I urge you to pursue your highest career aspirations while remaining attuned to your capacity to make meaningful and lasting change in people’s lives.

UF graduates have a long history of service to others, and I know you will continue that tradition “For the Gator Good.”

It has been a privilege to have you as a part of our community, and the university is better for your time here. As some of the first students to graduate during my first year as president, I will always think fondly of the Class of 2016. I hope you remain connected to UF as active alumni and members of the Gator Nation.

Good luck, best wishes, and Go Gators!

W. Kent Fuchs
University of Florida Leadership

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Commencement Agenda - Friday, May 20, 2:30 p.m.

Presiding...................................................................................................................................A. Isabel Garcia

Processional......................................................................................................................... Patrick G. Smith and Tane Dekrey

National Anthem .............................................. Natasja Bevans, Melissalynn Dixon, Stephanni Kailing,
                                          Rachel Killam, Suzanna McAninley, Joshua Yanover

Welcome.....................................................................................................................................W. Kent Fuchs

Introductions........................................................................................................................... A. Isabel Garcia

Academy of Alumni & Friends Remarks.................................................................................... Craig Oldham

Senior Class Address .............................................................................................................. Jonathan Scott

Presentation of Doctoral Candidates..................................................................................... A. Isabel Garcia

Conferring of Degrees...............................................................................................................W. Kent Fuchs

Presentation of Master’s Candidates...................................................................................... A. Isabel Garcia

Conferring of Degrees ...............................................................................................................W. Kent Fuchs

Presentation of Doctoral Hoods, Diplomas & Certificates ................................................. A. Isabel Garcia
                                          Marc Ottenga
                                          Roberta Pileggi

Dentist’s Pledge ...................................................................................................................... Irene Marron-Tarrazzi

Closing Remarks........................................................................................................................W. Kent Fuchs

Alma Mater...................................................... Natasja Bevans, Melissalynn Dixon, Stephanni Kailing
                                          Rachel Killam, Suzanna McAninley, Joshua Yanover

Recessional .............................................................................................................................. Patrick G. Smith and Tane Dekrey

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Photographs of the graduates as they cross the stage or receive their diploma are available from University Photography, PO Box 2454, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403-2454, 205-391-9500.
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Nereyda Clark, D.M.D.
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Calogero Dolce, D.D.S., Ph.D.
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Will Martin, D.M.D., M.S.
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Assistant Dean for Student and Multicultural Affairs

Special Commencement Guests

Craig Oldham, D.M.D., serves as president of the UF College of Dentistry Academy of Alumni & Friends and is a member of the DMD class of 1992. Dr. Oldham practices in Brandon, Florida.

Irene Marron-Tarrazzi, D.M.D., M.S., is the second vice-president of the American Dental Association, an adjunct professor at the UF College of Dentistry Hialeah Dental Center and practices in Miami, Florida.
2015-2016 Teachers of the Year

Faculty members Alex Delgado and John Neubert were selected as the 2015-2016 Teachers of the Year for the University of Florida College of Dentistry.

Each year the sophomore, junior and senior students vote to select a teacher of the year in the basic sciences and clinical sciences categories. The winners are selected for demonstrating excellence, innovation and effectiveness in teaching of the dental sciences.

Alex J. Delgado, D.D.S., was selected as the 2015-16 Clinical Sciences Teacher of the Year. He joined the college in June 2014 as a clinical assistant professor in the operative division of the UF department of restorative dental sciences. He earned his dental degree in 2001 from Universidad Santa María in Caracas, Venezuela. In May 2014, he earned a certificate and a master’s of science in operative dentistry from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He teaches didactic, preclinical and clinical fundamentals in restorative dentistry, and also practices in the college’s faculty practice and serves as the faculty advisor for the DMD class of 2018.

John Neubert, D.D.S., Ph.D., was selected as the 2015-16 Basic Sciences Teacher of the Year. Neubert graduated from the University of California Santa Barbara in 1990 and earned his dental degree in 1994 from the University of California Los Angeles. He earned specialty certificates in orofacial pain management from UCLA in 1996 and in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics from UF in 2013. He joined UF faculty in 2003 and, in addition to treating patients, he serves as the director of predoctoral orthodontic education. He is also an established translational researcher whose work is recognized worldwide.
Doctor of Dental Medicine

Marc Ottenga, D.D.S.
DMD Class of 2016 Faculty Advisor

Nourhan I. Abdel-Rahim
Armedith Adarmes
Natasha Raquel Bevans
Raquel Marie Blanco
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Tirzah Jean Brittlebank
Kara Camille Brusoski
Laura Cabrera
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Yuriy Kuchmak
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Eugenia Timofeev Monaghan
Tony Nader
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Quyen Kim Thi Pham
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Navid Rami
Rekha Reddy
Jade Victoria Rivera
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Yanis B. Romero
Claire N. Rosebrough
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Karin C. Schey
Jonathan Dorgan Scott
Kristofer Kane Sears
David William Smith *
Justin Roger Smith
Kirsten A. Teresi **
Violeta Dimitrova Trenkova
Linda Huong Truong
Ngoc Trang Caroline Truong
Phuong Kim Thi Van
Clara Vu
Jonathan D. Weiss
Christopher C. Williams
Joshua D. Yanover

The Doctor of Dental Medicine candidates will be hooded by Ulrich Foerster, D.D.S., and Lorie L. Primosch, M.Ed. Candidates will receive their hoods and diplomas with their clinical care groups; clinical care groups are listed on page 14 of the commencement program.

*Cum Laude   **Magna Cum Laude
Advanced & Graduation Education

Master of Science in Dental Sciences with Endodontics Specialization

Yehuda J. Benjamin, D.M.D., M.S.
Ryan Brennan, D.D.S., M.S.
Brett W. Hill, D.D.S., M.S.
Audrey Hsin, D.D.S., M.S.
Sidni Manne, D.M.D., M.S.

Master of Science in Dental Sciences with Orthodontics Specialization

Chelsea Brockway, D.D.S., M.S.
Nicholas Murray Mann, D.M.D., M.S.
Angela Marie McNeight, D.M.D., M.S.
Melissa Alfonso Sedeño, D.M.D., M.S.

Master of Science in Dental Sciences with Periodontics Specialization

Christie L. Eastman, D.M.D., M.S.
Todd Jenny, D.D.S., M.S.
David I. Lipton, D.D.S., M.S.

Master of Science in Dental Sciences with Prostodontics Specialization

Abdullah Naser Al-Naser, D.D.S., M.S.
Caryn Kleiman, D.D.S., M.S.
Lydia Rae Legg, D.D.S., M.S.

Certificate in Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology

Abdulaziz Farouq Hakeem, B.D.S.
Mark Douglas Mintline, D.D.S.

Certificate in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Matthew R. Holman, D.M.D.
Russell B. Walther, D.D.S., M.D.
Advanced & Graduation Education

Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry – Gainesville
Meghan Brooke Carter, D.M.D.
Chelsea E. Garcia, D.M.D.
Shawn Stott Hanway, D.M.D.
Jeffrey Tyler Jackson, D.D.S.
Jimmy Lapnawan, Jr., D.M.D.

Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry – Naples
Brandon David Boike, D.D.S.
Sara Lee, D.M.D.
Emilee Peeples Milling, D.M.D.
Juan Manuel Ojeda, Jr., D.M.D.
Lindsay Anderson Statile, D.D.S.

Certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry – Hialeah
Dr. Ruaa Adham
Dr. Sherriff Farouk Ali
Dr. Jennifer Andrea Escobar
Dr. Dario Ferrer
Dr. Sabrina Garces
Dr. Beatriz Guerra Crespo
Dr. Amr Hassan
Dr. Abelardo Heredia Laurencio
Dr. Ieshy Pereira
Dr. Victor Rodriguez
Dr. Antony Thomas
Dr. Gabriela Vegas
Advanced & Graduation Education

Certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry – Seminole, One Year

Anna Gilliam, D.M.D.
Danielle Guerrino, D.M.D.
Shalini Kamodia, D.D.S.
Sumeen Maur, D.M.D.
Courtney Danielle Schlenker, D.D.S.
Erin Marie Sharkey, D.D.S.
Virginia Young, D.D.S.

Certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry – Seminole, Two Year

Cole Haggerty, D.M.D.
Sung Tak Kim, D.M.D.

Fellowship in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Hugo César Martinez Ramirez, D.D.S.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Fellowship in the Center for Implant Dentistry

Husain Hatim Harianawala, B.D.S.

Class of 2017 Honor Marshals

Asher Adamec
Christina Choe
Kelsey Cronauer
Adrian de Moya

Mahmoud Mona
Ivet Romero Vazquez
Christian Vidalon
Tyler Wahl
DMD Clinical Care Groups

Clinical Care Group 2
David G. Barnes, D.D.S.
Henry M. Young, D.D.S.

Kara Camille Brusoski
Lauren Marie Coughlin
Jacqueline Marie Dorociak
Toni-Anne Tanielle Gordon
Joana Halilaj
Kendrah L. Harper
Abusad S. Mahmud
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Matthew Alan Novak
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Yesha Amrish Patel
Queen Kim Thi Pham
Navid Ramsi
Andrew V. Roman
Yanisis B. Romero
David William Smith
Kirsten A. Teresi
Jonathan D. Weiss
Christopher C. Williams

Clinical Care Group 4
W. Stephen Howard, D.M.D., F.A.G.D.
Rosalia Rey, D.D.S.

Nourhan I. Abdel-Rahim
Amr Eadnith Adarmes
Kenton Darrell Brandimore
Laura Cabrera
Joshua Anthony Cline
Melissalynn Lauron Dixon
Kyle Austin Fields
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Alexis Marie Meyers
Jacob Gregory Perlow
Rekha Reddy
Kristofer Kane Sears
Violeta Dimitrova Trenkova
Phuong Kim Thi Van
Clara Vu

Clinical Care Group 3
Larry J. Cook, D.M.D., M.S.
Geraldine Weinstein, D.D.S.

Natasja Raquel Bevans
Raquel Marie Blanco
Tamra L. Culp
Selycette D. Hamner
Yuriy Kuchmak
Ramzy Lotfi
Julie A. Mancera Loftin
William D. Martin
Alicia Margarita Millan-Morales
Eugenia Timofeev Monaghan
Jimmy Orphee
Kampa Gayathri Raju
Jade Victoria Rivera
Maksym Ruzanov
Karin C. Schey
Jonathan Dorgan Scott
Ngoc Trang Caroline Truong
Joshua D. Yanover

Clinical Care Group 5
Richard M. Kelowitz, D.D.S.
Ronald E. Watson, D.D.S., M.A.E.

Tirzah Jean Brittlebank
Tai Wai Chan
Patrick Ryan Fitzgerald
Michelle Elizabeth Goodman
Ross Andrew Hauer
Jacqueline Michele Jakubiec
Stephanni Lucia Kailing
Vitaly G. Levintov
Andrew Edward Mikhail
Mairelys D. Onate
Sagir Girish Patel
Samuel Thomas Pero IV
Pete Hoan Pham
Jillian F. Porto
Claire N. Rosebrough
Robert Trace Rowell
Kira L. Santos
Justin Roger Smith
Linda Huong Truong
Chain of Office

The chain of office is an ornament worn with the president’s academic regalia symbolizing the authority and responsibilities incumbent with the office. The chain was presented in 2004 during the installation ceremony of President J. Bernard Machen. The medallion centerpiece is a 1.3-carat orange diamond engraved with the portraits, names and service years of the university’s 11 presidents. The Major Analytical Instruments Center at UF used ion beam engraving technology on the medallion. Also on the medallion are three .025-carat blue diamonds placed around the silhouette of the Century Tower and University Auditorium, signifying teaching, research and service. All four diamonds, donated by Gemesis Corp. of Sarasota, Florida, were grown using a process developed and patented by UF’s Department of Materials Science and Engineering.

Academic Mace

“Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future” was the signature of the University of Florida’s sesquicentennial celebration in 2003. It also was the inspiration for the ceremonial mace created and dedicated to mark this historic event. The mace dates back to the Middle Ages and symbolizes strength and authority; each is unique and reflects the values and characteristics of the institution. The university’s chief marshal, who leads all academic processions, carries the mace. Designed and crafted on the University of Florida campus, the mace artfully symbolizes those elements important to the university’s identity and history.

The 70-inch ceremonial staff combines traditional elements with modern styling. The stylized alligator rests on the globe signifying the University of Florida as an adaptable global leader in teaching, research and service. The four pillars supporting the globe represent the four original colleges; Agriculture, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Law. The cone holds the University of Florida Seal and words to the Alma Mater. The staff is carved from native cherry wood. The acorn finial depicts the adage “from tiny acorns mighty oaks do grow,” a commitment to life long learning. The brick pattern on the handle symbolizes higher education tradition and structure. Like the institution it represents, the mace is not static; growth and movement are expressed with loose rings engraved with the names of the university’s presidents and their years in office.

University of Florida Tassels

Fisher School of Accounting .................................................................Aqua
College of Agricultural and Life Sciences .................................................Maize
M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Construction Management ..............................Burnt Orange and Opal
Warrington College of Business Administration ....................................Drab
Heavener School of Business ........................................................................Drab
College of Dentistry ..................................................................................Lilac
College of Design, Construction and Planning .......................................Blue Violet
College of Education ................................................................................Light Blue
College of Engineering ........................................................................Orange
College of the Arts ................................................................................Black
The Graduate School ..................................................................................Brown
College of Health and Human Performance ............................................Sage Green
College of Journalism and Communications .........................................Black and White
Fredric G. Levin College of Law ..............................................................Purple
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arts ..............................................White
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Sciences .......................................Gold Yellow
College of Medicine ......................................................................................Green
College of Nursing ....................................................................................Apricot
College of Pharmacy ..................................................................................Olive Green
College of Public Health and Health Professions .................................Salmon
College of Veterinary Medicine ...............................................................Gray
Caps and Gowns, An Explanation

The academic costume worn by graduating students and faculty at today's commencement ceremonies evolved from a style of dress worn by members of guilds and religious orders in medieval times. The academic gown is worn by individuals who have earned a degree in higher education. In addition, hoods are worn by graduate degree candidates, but not by undergraduate degree candidates.

At the University of Florida, the lining of the hood has a blue chevron on an orange background to represent the university colors. University faculty members who hold degrees from another college or university wear the colors of their alma mater.

The velvet edging on the academic hood is the color that represents the particular degree held by the wearer. Agricultural and Life Sciences and Forest Resources and Conservation share maize edging; Design, Construction and Planning and Building Construction are blue violet; Audiology degrees have colonial blue edging; Business Administration and Accounting are drab; Dentistry is lilac; Education is light blue; Engineering degrees are represented by orange edging; Fine Arts degrees have brown edging; Health and Human Performance is sage green; Journalism and Communications is garnet; Law is purple; Liberal Arts is white and Liberal Sciences is gold yellow; Medicine is green; Music is pink; Natural Resources and Environment is antique gold; Nursing is apricot; Doctor of Pharmacy is olive; Philosophy is royal blue; Public Health degrees have salmon pink edging; Rehabilitation Counseling degrees have Nile green edging; and Veterinary Medicine is gray.

Distinctions among sleeves indicate the type of degree held by the wearer. A long, pointed sleeve indicates a bachelor’s degree, while a long, closed sleeve with a slit near the upper part of the arm designates a master’s degree. A round, open sleeve identifies a doctoral degree.

The doctoral costume also has velvet running on the rest of the gown, including cross bars on the sleeve. Colored tassels on the degree candidates’ caps indicate a candidate’s school or college.

The Dentist’s Pledge

I, as a member of the dental profession, will keep this pledge and these stipulations.

I understand and accept that my primary responsibility is to my patients, and I shall dedicate myself to render, to the best of my ability, the highest standard of oral health care and to maintain a relationship of respect and confidence. Therefore, let all come to me safe in the knowledge that their total health and well-being are my first considerations.

I shall accept the responsibility that, as a professional, my competence rests on continuing the attainment of knowledge and skill in the arts and sciences of dentistry.

I acknowledge my obligation to support and sustain the honor and integrity of the profession, and to conduct myself in all endeavors such that I shall merit the respect of patients, colleagues and my community. I further commit myself to the betterment of my community for the benefit of all of society.

I shall faithfully observe the Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct set forth by the profession.

All this I pledge with pride in my commitment to the profession and the public which it serves.
Alma Mater

Florida, our Alma Mater
Thy glorious name we praise
All thy loyal sons and daughters
A joyous song shall raise.
Where palm and pine are blowing,
Where southern seas are flowing,
Shine forth thy noble Gothic walls,
Thy lovely vine-clad halls.
Neath the Orange and Blue victorious
Our love shall never fail.
There’s no other name so glorious—
All hail, Florida, Hail!

Milton Yeats