

Student Senate Bill 2020-1063

Title: Resolution Recognizing the University of Florida as a No. 6 Public University

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida is a land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant public research university founded in 1853; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013, the University launched the UF Preeminence Plan in 2013 under the leadership of President Emeritus Bernie Machen [1]; and,

WHEREAS, The US News and World Report ranks national universities in six categories, including outcomes, faculty resources, expert opinion, financial resources, student excellence, and alumni giving [2]; and,

WHEREAS, The US News and World Report recognized the University of Florida as No. 6 among Public Universities in 2020 [3]; and,

WHEREAS, this is the fourth consecutive year the University has rose in the rankings for public universities [4]; and,

WHEREAS, Student Body President Trevor Pope has launched numerous programs at the University of Florida to improve the overall student experience, including #IPledgeFlorida; then

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the ranking of the University of Florida as the No. 6 Public University.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate shows appreciation towards the strides made by Student Body President Trevor Pope, University of Florida Administration, and every past and present Gator that made this achievement possible.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the University of Florida's efforts to become a Top 5 Public University.

[1] <https://news.hr.ufl.edu/news/uf-preeminence-five-years-later/>

[2] <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/ranking-criteria-and-weights?rec-type=usn>

[4] <https://news.ufl.edu/2020/09/us-news/>

[3] <https://news.ufl.edu/2020/09/us-news/>