



The Washington Post: “UCF Storms Higher Ed”

I can imagine that you, like me, have heard many times that “UCF is the best kept secret in the country” when it comes to exceptional universities.

Well, the secret is out.

Today, The Washington Post published a lengthy article showcasing how UCF is in “[the vanguard of an insurgency that aims to demolish the popular belief that exclusivity is a virtue in higher education.](#)” The story also explores how our philosophy is “storming higher ed” as a model for “a nation in desperate need of a better-educated workforce.”

The reporter spent several days on campus last month talking with students, faculty members, and administrators about our vision. “These guys are breaking the mold,” the Post reports.

This story is the latest in a recent run of high-profile national media outlets featuring UCF. Other notable national publications have recently reported about how we are [impacting lives and livelihoods](#) with our work:

- U.S. News and World Report ranked us as the [13th-most innovative university in the country](#), alongside institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, Duke and MIT.
- POLITICO Magazine profiled our DirectConnect to UCF program and concluded that “Central Florida’s institutions of higher learning are [creating a seamless pipeline of social mobility.](#)”
- And, “PBS NewsHour” aired a national story about how our [commitment to access and partnerships transforms lives and communities.](#)

These reputation-building stories reflect the creativity, excellence, and dedication with which faculty and staff support our students, conduct research, and better our community. With our addition of 200 new faculty positions, UCF will continue meeting the higher education needs of our community, state, and nation.

Cordially yours,



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President