

Welcome Back

The Pinnacle

SEPTEMBER 2011

From Our Camp Directors

Norb Dunkel

“Welcome to the 2011 – 2012 Housing and Residence Education staff! You have been through the selection processes; you have been through training; and you have made it through fall opening. I want to thank you for all your hard work and long hours during fall opening. It was without question, the most successful opening we have experienced to date. Please take the time to get to know each of your residents. They come from 50 states and over 100 countries and they all possess a degree of anxiety as they start this fall term. Assist them where you can, refer them when you can, and most of all, listen to them and help them get engaged in our communities. Again, thank you for what will be a great year! Norb Dunkel”



Norb Dunkel
*Associate Vice President
for Student Affairs*

Lisa Diekow

Happy September!

The semester has started out very, very active. As you know, some of this activity requires your involvement. This year, UF is rolling out a new initiative, “U Matter, We Care”, in an effort to promote all UF community members reaching out to help those who may be struggling and/or in distress. By virtue of the number of reports that have been initiated through residents making calls or contacting you about someone that needs assistance, there may be a connection!

Resource information for U Matter, We Care:

www.umatter.ufl.edu

umatter@ufl.edu

352-294-CARE



Lisa Diekow
*Director of Housing for
Residence Life and Education*

Finally, a huge thanks to everyone for your individual and collective efforts to make Fall Opening so smooth and successful. I received many compliments on our new opening day move in process, which was truly a group effort. That said, those sentiments were equal to the comments about the positivity that residents and their families felt from each of you... THANK YOU!

=) Lisa

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*“Shoot for
the
moon. Even
if you miss,
you’ll land
among the
stars.”
~Les Brown*



Christine Winget

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for your hard work and attention during training! I know that it can be a lot to take in during just a few short days...plus let’s be honest, there are door tags, bulletin boards, and RCRs to complete too, plus that staff bonding! You all did a wonderful job with the entire camping experience! Other counselors (professional and graduate staff) and even specialty counselors (presenters) commented on what a good group of students we have this year. So take a moment and pat yourself (and the rest of your staff) on the back! Each year the Training Team spends hours upon hours putting together training determining the theme, the schedule, the presenters, and everything in between. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact me directly at christinewi@housing.ufl.edu and I will give you the details. We would love to have you! And, if you see anyone from the 2010-2011 team, please congratulate them on a job well done – Jenny Todden, Matt Scruggs, Thomas Germain, Carolynn Komanski, Anisley Valdes, and AC Williams! Thanks again for all of your hard work! Have a great year and don’t hesitate to visit me in the Office of Student Learning and Engagement in Graham!



Christine Winget
*Assistant Director of
Housing for Residence
Education*

Christine Winget

Lunch at the Director's Table

This is a program that was developed with YOU in mind!

The purpose of “Lunch at the Director’s Table” is to increase your access to Lisa Diekow, Director of Housing for RLE. This is a time that you can ask any burning questions that you may have and for you to share your perspective with Lisa on your experience. A number of changes to the RA experience have come directly from ideas that RA’s shared last year.

Lisa will be taking up to 10 students to lunch at the Arredondo Room for a casual lunch and to hear about you and your experiences with Housing.

If you are interested: Email Kathy Smith (kathys@housing.ufl.edu). Lunch is 12—1:30 (if you have to leave before 1:30, that is fine). Kathy will ask for your cell number, send a reminder email the day before. Then on the day-of, you will meet Lisa and the rest of the group in front of the Arredondo Room between 11:30—11:45 before dining at noon.

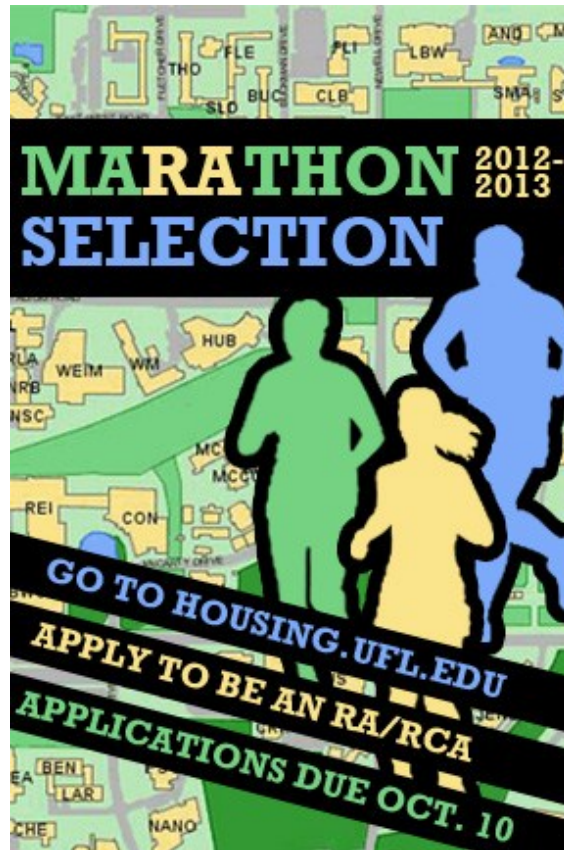
Please note the specific date that applies to you:

RAs/RCAs: September 29th & December 8th

Peer Mentors: October 27th

IRHA : October 13th

Grads: November 10th



Looking for Help planning the Selection Retreat Activities

First Meeting: ***Tuesday, September 20th at 11:00am***

Location: Graham Classroom (in the SLE Office)

If you would like to participate but are unable to make the meeting,
please email Beverly at beverlyc@housing.ufl.edu.

RA Applications

available September 19th

www.housing.ufl.edu

Please encourage your residents to apply.

Information Session dates will be posted SOON!



Goals are
dreams
with
deadlines.

~Diana Scharf
Hunt

from NRHH

Hello new and returning housing staff,

I would just like to welcome you all back to campus and to let you know that the NRHH executive board has been working this summer to ensure another successful year in housing! We are excited to announce that in May we brought home the Regional OTM Cup, for writing the most REGIONAL WINNING OTMs! The cup recently whispered in NRHH Adviser, Cliff Haynes' ear that it likes Gainesville and would like to call UF home for at least another year, so that is where you come in! Please submit your OTMs by the 1st at 11:59pm of every month. August is a great month to write them because of all the welcome programs! Keep track of all the great work your staffs are doing, and show them how much you care with an OTM, it will make their hearts glow.

I hope you all are doing great!!! If you have any questions about NRHH or would like to contact me for any reason, please feel free to do so. My email address is NRHHPresident@housing.ufl.edu. I look forward to reading your OTMs and seeing you on the North Lawn!

Sincerely,

Jimmy McClellan

NRHH President



Do you love your RA/RCA/PM position?

If so, tell me why!

Email me at christinewi@housing.ufl.edu and your quote could appear on the housing website. Please include your quote, your first and last name, and when you started your position.

Free Bulletin Boards

The RLE Office has 4 free bulletin boards up for grabs!

Gainesville, Florida: The Places to be from A to Z

Community Service

Be an RA/RCA

How Green are Your Jeans?

If you want one of the bulletin boards email beverlyc@housing.ufl.edu.

Happy Birthday to YOU!

Sept. 2nd: Lindsay Bell—Hume RCA
 Sept. 4th: Diamond Lott—Springs RA
 Sept. 5th: Malorie Durden—Oakbrook Walk CRA
 Sept. 6th: Galaxia Cortes— Corry CA
 Sept. 7th: Luke Stedrak- Keys GHD
 Sept. 8th: Joseph Kanaan—Broward RA
 Sabrina Martiello—Trusler RA
 Sept. 10th: Chelsey Coon—Keys RA
 Joanna Galaris—Jennings RA
 Sept. 11th: Kathleen Joseph—CIC
 Whitney McIntosh—Beaty RA
 Sept. 18th: Kelly Woodfine—Beaty RA
 Sept. 19th: Dana Edwards—Trusler PM
 Sept. 21st: Marissa Hartman, Broward RA

Sept. 22nd: Brittney Coyner, Jennings East GHD
 Matthew Andrews, Springs RA
 Sept. 24th: Tyler Austin, Thomas RA
 Sept. 25th: Jovana Obradovic, Beaty RA
 Michael Biana, Hume RCA
 Sept. 26th: Jenny Todden, Beaty/Jennings RLC
 Sept. 27th: Matt Scruggs, Murphree RLC
 Gillian Finklea, Murphree RA
 Sept. 28th: DP Porter-Roberts, ADH SLE
 Sept. 30th: Stephanie Dhue, Beaty RA



“Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”

~Author Unknown



from IRHA

Fall may have just begun, but IRHA is already on its way to a wonderfully productive year!

This past summer, the IRHA Welcome Bag Project was completed in less than 12 hours, an unbelievable feat!

The week before move-in, we conducted our annual Fall Leadership Conference for new and returning IRHA members, and with 86 attendees, had the largest participation rate in several years. IRHA instituted a new scholarship opportunity and had 30 new freshmen attend the conference before they even began their time as students at UF.

IRHA has a slew of new members and we are looking forward to helping to develop the newest generation of UF's student leaders.

This upcoming semester is teeming with fun events such as Welcome Bash and Mudfest.

Some of our biggest outreach efforts involve building community within the halls, starting with the staff. IRHA strives to build strong relationships with the RAs. A lot of areas have RA liaisons to build better relationships among IRHA and the Housing professionals. IRHA strongly encourages co-programming with RAs and area governments. Whether it is an area government going to an RA's floor programs or an RA approaching an area government to co-program for an event.

IRHA is always looking to co-program with RAs and reach out to them! RAs are welcome to come to all IRHA meetings and to get more involved. IRHA Auditor Kat Szulc has created an RA money request guide to help RAs have the steps to request funds from IRHA at their fingertips. IRHA's Housing budget has a line with \$320 set aside just for the RAs. And that is just for Fall. And if that line runs out, there are still other ways to request funds. For more information on that, feel free to contact Kat at IRHAAuditor@housing.ufl.edu.

IRHA hopes you all have a wonderful Fall semester! We can't wait to see you all!

Sincerely,

Courtney Read
IRHA's National Communications Coordinator

IRHA Meetings

Mondays at 6:15 P.M. in room 282 of the Reitz Union

Visit their website to learn more!

from Beverly (SLE Grad)

Welcome Back for another GREAT year! I am the new graduate assistant for Student Learning and Engagement (SLE). I met most of you during Training, and I look forward to getting to know you all better. During the Fall semester, I will attend each of your staff meetings for a more personal introduction and to let you know how I can help you in your RA/RCA/PM position. One of my duties is creating the Pinnacle each month. Please feel free to share any feedback with me regarding our monthly newsletter. Currently, my office is in the RLE Office in the main Housing office. However, I will soon move to the new SLE Office in the Graham Area.

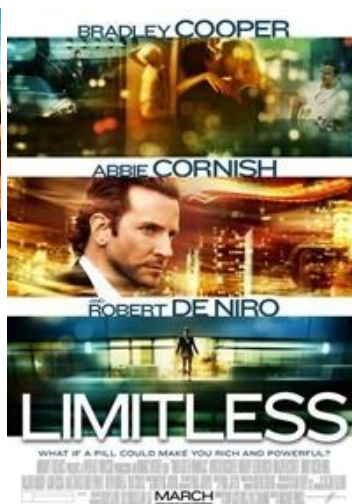
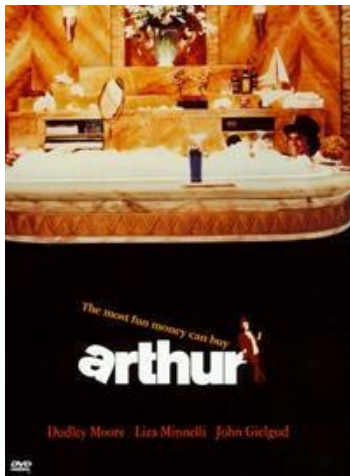
Best Wishes for a Wonderful Fall Semester!

Beverly

(To learn more about SLE, see page)

September Movies

To view a complete schedule of movie times, please visit: <http://www.housing.ufl.edu/>



Remember

When programming, avoid copyright violation by borrowing your movie from a library on campus, or plan ahead and check out Channel 8 ResTV movies live (no DVR recordings) & watch in

YDBs: You Da Bomb!

To: KGB

From: Keys Staff

We're all very excited to see how quickly you have grown from 2 members to potentially a full board in just the few days since opening. You guys are rocking so hard.

Charlene,
You da bomb for your awesome creativity. Your effort it definitely noticed, and I love my Dumbledore!
-Cortland

TO Tolbert Area staff
From Adri
Tolbert is the best area on campus and it's because of you guys. There's no doubt in my mind that this year will rock.

To Jameil,
Thanks for being the only returning grad in Graham/Hume and for showing the rest of us the ropes. Things would have been pretty ugly without you. Sha-ba :) - Patrick, Tori, Shannon, and Jennifer

Salamanca,
You da bomb for rocking training like a pro.
-Your Secret RA Buddy

TO Chris Rokicki
FROM East hall staff

Chris, you da REAL bomb!
Thanks for helping us get through training and for being a boss.

To: Zachary Wortzel

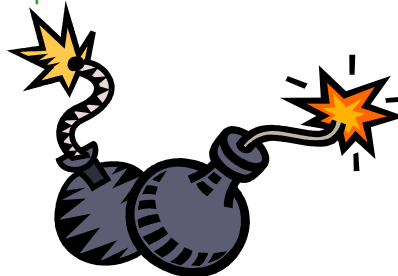
From: Dustin Rollins

Thanks for being such a wonderful part of the Lakeside Leadership Team. I couldn't do it without you.

To the Beaty West RAs,
Tower Power is where it's at! Thanks to *each* of you for your enthusiasm and dedication through training and opening!

Looking forward to a great year with a fabulous staff!

Stephani



To: Beverly

You were amazing during training, thank you so much for all of your help!!

:) Christine

Ryan - YDB for your listening ear and care - Matt

To: Mr. Tickle

From: Grumpy

Thank you for telling your story. Please stay away from my fish!

To: Graham Hall Staff

From: Erika

We won the West Campus Spirit Competition! Go Graham!

To Graham Staff:

Thanks for being so awesome during training and opening! You rocked the Spirit Competition and your energy has been awesome in these first few weeks! You guys already have me super excited for the rest of the year and I look forward to working with you guys this semester!

-Patrick

YDBs

Nick - YDB for the new initiatives you are bring to Murphlympics - Matt

TO Julia Slayden
From Adri

I'm so glad you're the PM on the floor! You've been such an incredible help so far, and its only been like 3 weeks!! I'm excited for what the rest of the year has in store for our awesome floor.

JAM (Jenny, Ayesha & Matt),

Thank you. For everything. After a long summer, we are to the part of the year we love the most - when our wonderful RAs and AGs return and we settle into 35 weeks with our residents! Looking forward to a great year!

To: Buckman Hall Staff
From: Jimmy McClellan
Thank you Ashley, Bryant, Alex, Steven and Kristen for welcoming me to this side of the Murph! I cannot wait for another amazing year.
#buckman4lyf

Kathy ~ You have been FANTASTIC since my first day!! Thank you for all of your help. :) Bev

To: Lakeside Area RA and Desk Staff

From: Dustin Rollins, RD

Thank you all for being absolutely amazing and helping

Our students feel wonderfully connected to all that is Lakeside!

To: The NRHH Executive Board

From: Jimmy McClellan
Vinnie, Adam, Lindsey and Cliff... THANK YOU FOR BEING SO AMAZING.

Kaleb - YDB for all the hard work you put into all the scheduling we had to do this semester - Matt

Wuest!!

I love the welcome sign you made for my section! Wouldn't have been the same without you!
-Cortland

Weston,
Youuuuuuuuu're the best!
-Katie

To : Everyone Who Has Given Me A Ride

From : JFN

Thank you all...my feet especially say thanks!

Cody - YDB for being a very active advisor and awesome DJ - Matt

Marissa,
You da bomb because you always go above and beyond even when you're super busy!
-Cortland

To: Shannon
From: Lindsay

I'll make you a door tag Shannon!

To: Jen Gresley
From: Amanda Cox
Jen! Thanks for an awesome opening and being there to answer all of our many questions! You are the best RLC EVER!!!
Amanda Cox :)

TO East Hall staff
From Adri
I LOVE YOU GUYS! This is going to be an exciting year, and I'm so glad that we'll all get to work together.

To: All Staff
Great job during our camping experience (also known as training). I loved spending time with you all and getting to know the new staff members!

:) Christine



YDBs

From: Carolynn

Springs Flash Mob was the Bomb!

Brandon YDB for being the Best Grad EVER!

Springs Staff is the Bomb so go see Carolynn for a surprise: Code word is 'Mushchamp'

Brianne, Mel, Jeskeeka, and Brain thanks for the Great Energy!

Diamond, Justin, Joy, and Matt thank you for being such great role models!

Ishaan, Adam, Michelle and Tiffany thanks for doing great work we couldn't be a team without you!

TO: Christine Winget

FROM: Kathy Smith

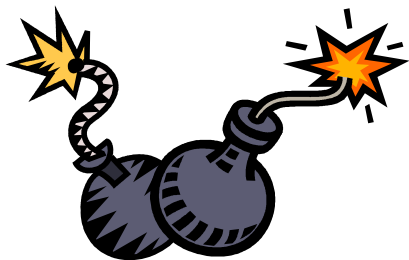
You Da Bomb just for being YOU :)

TO: Beverly Cribbs

FROM: Kathy Smith

You are awesome and a great part of our team!

Janelle - YDB for helping to get the ground running with our recognition initiatives - Matt



To: Adriana Espinal

From: Ruben Jean

Hey Adri. I just want to thank you for helping me out when I messed up during check-in. I really appreciate how you didn't berate me or make me look foolish in front of everybody when I made a mistake. Thanks again and I'm privileged to be working with you this year :).

Kristen - YDB for breaking ground on our Murphree Area assessment efforts - Matt

TO—Bianca Miller

FROM - Maria Lima

Thanks for everything. You know, the whole picking me up in the wee hours of the morning from JAX and always keeping the humor alive. You rock!!!

Jameil,

You da boss fo SHO!

-Katie

SHO,

Thanks for being a fantastic area government! Your programs rock & I hope you know it!

-Katie Kafer

Stephanie - YDB for raising the bar with our marketing efforts - Matt

To: Amanda Cox

WOMP. Thanks for being an amazing SAB President and RA!

From V

To: John, Beth, Jake, Kate, and Ryan (and Ernie) Thanks for being an awesome staff. You make my job so much easier and fun, fun, fun, fun. Looking forward to a great year. Great you all are!

From V

To: Grad Staff

It's been a pleasure getting to know all of you and let's make this year Legend....wait for it....Dairy!

From V

To: Jen Gresley

Thanks for being an amazing boss/role model and helping me these first few weeks. You have put together a wonderful staff [especially mine :)] and created an amazing work environment.

From V

To: Everyone

Thanks for welcoming/ talking to me and putting up with my craziness.

From V

To: Ryan Johnson

I heart T5. Let's keep up the energy and enthusiasm throughout the year!

From V

To: Training Team

Great job this year. Best camp experience/memories ever! We appreciate all the work and effort you all put in starting the year off right.

From V

YDBs

TO-MALT

FROM-Kaleb Lewis

Thank you all so much for all of your support throughout training, opening, and the first week of classes! You all rock!

TO-Matt Scruggs

FROM-Kaleb Lewis

Thank you for being a great RLC and helping me transition into my new role as a GHD!

TO-Lindsey Wuest

FROM-Kaleb Lewis

Lindsey, thank you so much for all of your hard work over the summer and continued work thus far! You are so creative and I look forward to your creative ideas for programs, bulletin boards, and hall decorations!

TO-Brian Edwards, Rachel Wolfe, Joey Prusa, and Lindsey Wuest

FROM-Papa K

Thank you my Summer B Sledd group! You were all truly a blessing to work with!

TO-Theos Rizos

FROM-Kaleb Lewis

Theos, thank you for all you do, especially with GatorSpace! I am so happy to have you on my staff and really am looking forward to working with you throughout the year!

TO-Melinda Vinson

FROM-Kaleb Lewis

Melinda, thank you for being your wonderful self. I am so happy to have your insight and knowledge and will be relying on you throughout the year!

TO-Bryan Stroud

FROM-Kaleb Lewis

Bryan, you know how to make a room full of people crack up! I am really looking forward to hearing more of your stories and getting to know you better!

TO-Haley Rohrer

FROM-Kaleb Lewis

Haley, you don't know how happy I am to have a fellow former BRRYM on staff! We will add a little of our magic to the area!

TO-BRRYM Staff

FROM-Kaleb Lewis

BRRYM, what can I say? You will always have a special place in my heart! I hope to see you all throughout the year and come visit whenever you can!

To Matt Boles, peer mentor, Trusler,
You da bomb. No explanation necessary.

Keep up the awesomeness!,
Allie Cherry

Ryan Rushing - YDB for helping me out with my computer
- Matt

Christine,

Your excitement and love for training is contagious. Thank you for another great year. Regards,
Janelle

Ryan Rushing and Harry Jennings - YDB for helping out late night with the area slide card issues - Matt

MALT

Looking forward to another great year. Regards,
Janelle

Team Sledd

What a great start to Fall 2011. Your excitement and initiative for the community is invaluable. Regards,
Janelle

MALT - YDB for all the hard work you put into training and opening and really being a rock star team! Very EPIC!
- Matt

To: Graham/Hume Staff

From: Kelly

Thank you for the wonderful job you have been doing.....keep it up!



YDBs

To: Rawlings Staff

From: Mallorie Durden

Thank you all so much for being so supportive of me during Training Week. I really enjoyed getting to know the new staff members and had so much fun hanging out with the returners. I'm going to miss you all, but don't worry... I'll be stopping by to say hello!

Murphree Maintenance Staff - YDB for being on point with helping to fix resident issues but also educating them on how the issues can be prevented in the future - Matt

To: Rena

From: JFN

Thank you for all your support and patience this first month...or two...or three! J

Lakeside Staff, thank you for being so awesome and helpful this opening! I love working with ALL OF YOU!
From, Dianna

To: Jenny Todden, Ryan Winget, Christine Winget

From: Mallorie Durden

It was a blessing having your help during my move. You are all such a great team and I am so excited for the opportunities ahead. Thank you so much!

Murphree Building Services Staff - YDB for being quick to address any concerns brought up and helping to keep our beautiful courtyards beautiful -Matt

To: ALL RLCs/RDs

From: Dustin Rollins

Thanks for helping my transition back to UF feel seamless and incredibly welcoming. GO GATORS!

Ms. Linda - ydb for all the hard work you put into opening and getting us ready to go - Matt

To: Graham/Hume GHDs

From: Kelly

You are awesome! Thank you for a great first month.....I appreciate all you do!

To Alicia, Nicole, Rashid, Christian, Joe, Musset, Jordan, and Danesha:

I've had a blast so far this year, and can't wait to keep up the awesome RAness. And thanks a million to our fearless leader Courtney!
~Bianca

Jenny Todden and Ayesha Mian - YDB for the wonderful JAM conversations - Matt

To the Awesome Grad Staff :
It is rare to work with a group of such talented, passionate, and fun people! I am really looking forward to working with you all this year! And thanks again for letting me visit your staff meetings. :)
~ Bev

Ms. Carolyn - ydb for working so hard to get our mailbox keys and area office ready for opening -Matt

For: Luke Stedrak
From: Katie Daspit

Luke! You are an incredible GHD. I appreciate all of your hard work, your willingness to offer assistance, and your compassion. You truly have a big heart!

Lindsey Wuest Thank you so much for your help designing publicity for RA Selection!
~ Beverly



FYI: For Your Information

This section each month will provide you with some new information that may be helpful. Please feel free to send any information to Beverly (beverlyc@housing.ufl.edu) that you would like to include in the FYI section—programs, events, opportunities—for the benefit of everyone.

"What the SLE happened to AIE?"

The office that you have come to know and love as Academic Initiatives and Enhancement is now Student Learning and Engagement. All of your Peer Mentors and favorite AIE Staff (DP, Kim, MC, and Cliff) are still there. But now you will also find Christine Winget, Beverly Cribbs, and a new student assistant in the same location!

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

Florida Law Review is bringing in retired (and first female) U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to speak at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on **Monday, September 12th, at 10:30 a.m.**

The event is **FREE**. For more information, please visit:
<http://www.law.ufl.edu/news/2011/08/22/sandra-day-o%e2%80%99connor-to-address-judicial-reform-in-inaugural-uf-law-event/>

Need a fun, informative Bulletin Board idea??

Look at the Bulletin Boards To-Go on GatorSpace!!



Log into GatorSpace to view a variety of bulletin boards that are ready to use!

If you do not see what you are looking for, contact Beverly (beverlyc@housing.ufl.edu). I will see what else we may have or help you with ideas to create your own unique board.