LEAD Scholars Academy is more than a leadership program — it is a diverse and inclusive community within the Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services. Students grasp this opportunity and turn it into reality by getting involved, learning about leadership and becoming change agents in our community.

The LEAD Scholars Academy is celebrating 23 years at UCF and has assisted thousands of students to excel in leadership development. We are excited to announce that in addition to the two year academic program offered for incoming first-year students, third- and fourth-year programs (U-LEAD) in various leadership topics are now available for incoming transfer students and other upperclassmen. It is my hope that ALL UCF students will have the ability to gain leadership development through our multiple engagement opportunities.

As the only academic and co-curricular leadership program in Florida, LEAD Scholars Academy offers many exciting opportunities in academics, leadership opportunities, student organizations, research, and campus life to our students. LEAD Scholars Academy is a springboard to leadership at UCF. Students are given the chance to take advantage of the workshops, events and opportunities that are provided to make a difference on campus and beyond.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of LEAD Scholars Academy and our outstanding students.

Sincerely,

Stacey Malaret, Ed.D.
Director, LEAD Scholars Academy

To Learn, To LEAD, To Serve.
The fall 2018 LEAD Scholars Academy class showed a high level of diversity, community involvement, and academic achievement.

FALL 2018 LEAD SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS

262 TOTAL INCOMING FRESHMEN

1330 AVERAGE rSAT (math and verbal)

51.8% ETHNIC MINORITY ENROLLMENT

28.2 AVERAGE ACT

4.22 AVERAGE HS GPA
During the 2018-19 academic year, LEAD Scholars Academy boasted high academic achievement, graduation, and retention rates among scholars.

**STUDENT SUCCESS**

- **95.5%** Retention Rate (90.4% UCF rate)
- **62.2%** Four Year Graduation Rate (45.7% UCF rate)

**AVERAGE CUMULATIVE GPA**

3.395

**OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- **17** 2018 Lead Scholars on President’s Leadership Council
- **8/16** 2018 Order of Pegasus Undergraduate Students
- **19,639** Academic Year Service Hours*

*Includes U-LEAD Program service hours
The LEAD Scholars Living Learning Community (LLC), located in the Neptune Community, is for first-year students who are a part of the LEAD Scholars Academy. LLC accommodations include: single room housing with a shared bathroom with one other resident and a community room with kitchen on each floor.

**In the LEAD Scholars Living Learning Community, you will:**

- Receive resources to assist in **taking full advantage** of the LEAD Scholars Academy and UCF experiences: including LLC sponsored events, socials and benefits.
- Have access to **two resident assistants** from the LEAD Scholars Academy.
- Live with fellow students in a **peer-to-peer supportive environment** who share similar interests and goals.
- Participate in programs providing opportunities to **interact** with fellow LEAD Scholars, **fulfill** LEAD Scholars Academy requirements, and **learn** about personal leadership development.
LEAD Scholars Academy was chosen as the 2019 Outstanding Leadership Program of the Year at a conference hosted in Los Angeles by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, a student affairs organization for higher education. The award recognizes leadership programs from the association’s 1,400 campuses in 25 countries.

The program of the year recognizes programs that are transforming higher education through best practices that should be recognized by the Student Leadership Practices Knowledge Community. Programs can be centered around student leadership topics such as: Research and Assessment, Influences on Student Learning, Theory to Practice, and more.