



**Lake Eustis Area Chamber of Commerce  
Knowledge is Power August Newsletter Content**

Early Childhood Education

**The Early Learning Coalition of Lake County**

414 W. Main Street Suite 301  
Leesburg, FL 34748  
www.elclc.org

**Our mission**

To support and educate parents, early childhood professionals and the community as we collaborate to provide the highest quality early learning programs for our children.

**Our Vision**

Children and families of Lake County are our future and our most vulnerable resource. Our children will enter school eager to learn and ready to succeed.

The Coalition offers educational information, curriculum resources, materials and supplies to informal child care providers such as family and friends, readers for children, tutoring for parents trying to get their GED, information about state-funded VPK programs, "Helping Hands" behavioral specialist services in conjunction with LifeStream Behavioral Center, inclusion services for children with special needs, early education and care services and school readiness services.

**Lake County School Board**

201 West Burleigh Blvd.  
Tavares, FL 32778  
352-253-6500  
www.lake.k12.fl.us

A directory of all schools in the Lake County School system is available at <http://lake.k12.fl.us/165110102216814317/site/default.asp>. The listing includes Name, Address, Principal and Phone Number.

Elementary Education

**Eustis Elementary School**

714 E. Citrus Ave.  
Eustis, FL 32726

352-357-2779

<http://lake.k12.fl.us/eel/site/default.asp>

Eustis Elementary welcomes Kay Sawchuk as the new principal beginning with the 2010-2011 year.

The mission of Eustis Elementary School is to work as one to ensure learners success today and in the future.

Eustis Elementary has a vision of maintaining a permanent A+ school grade and achieving adequate yearly progress status.

Eustis Elementary School is a small neighborhood school with a student enrollment of about 600 students in grades K-5. EES was built in 1924 and grades 1 through 6 began in 1925. Additional buildings were constructed in the 1960's. The first kindergarten unit was started in 1968. Minor renovations were made in the early 1980's. Due to enrollment reaching over 600 students an additional eight classrooms were built. Eustis Elementary celebrated its 80th birthday in 2004.

Total population 533 Econ. Dis. 51.7%

Black 21%

White 50%

Hispanic 24%

Multi-Racial 4%

Asian 1%

SWD 7%

ELL 12%

2008-2009 Percentage of absences greater than 20 4.17%

2008-2009 Average Daily Attendance 95.26%

Eustis Elementary has met Class Size Requirements yearly, with our K-3 classrooms meeting the 18:1 criteria and the 4-5 classrooms meeting the 22:1 criteria. The 2008-2009 class size averages reported to the Florida Department of Education were 17.94 for K-3 and 21.1 for 4-5.

Total number of instructional staff 39

% of first year teachers 2%

% of teachers with 1-5 years of experience 23%

% of teachers with 6-14 years of experience 28%

% of teachers with 15 plus years of experience 49%

% of teachers with advanced degrees 28%

### **Eustis Heights Elementary School**

310 W. Taylor Ave.

Eustis, FL 32726

352-357-2447

<http://lake.k12.fl.us/ehe/site/default.asp>

Principal Douglas Kroulik

Our vision of: Working together, Learning Together, Reaching New Heights blends our wonderfully diverse student population with program offerings in Mainstream Classes, Exceptional Student Education, Gifted, Autistic, and Pre-Kindergarten. All students participate in Computer Lab, Media Science, and Physical Education. This year we have added a Dual Language Immersion program where select kindergarten through third grade students receive instruction in Spanish and English. This model will roll forward on a yearly basis so by the end of the sixth year, all grade levels will support this dual language program.

B Rated School

Eustis Heights Elementary School is a Pre-K through 5th grade facility located in the Central Florida community of Eustis. Eustis is located on State Route 19 in urban Lake County. Our student population for the school year 2007-2008 is 716 students. Our student racial/ethnic demographics are as follows:

African-American	274	38.26%
Caucasian	266	37.15%
Multi Racial	18	2.51%
Hispanic	149	20.81%
Asian	9	1.25%

EHES met the class-size reduction for the 2007-2008 school year.

The teacher-student ratio at EHES is as follows:

Pre-K - 2nd 1:17.76

3rd - 5th 1:18

Total number of administrators 2

Total number of teachers 55

% of teachers with Bachelor's degrees 67.2%

% of teachers with an advanced degree 32.7%

### **2010 Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program**

Barnes and Noble has a summer reading program for kids ages 3-12. If the child reads 8 books over the summer, they will receive a free book. For more information click on the following link. <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/>

### Middle School Education

#### **Eustis Middle School**

18725 E. Bates Ave.

Eustis, FL 32726  
352-357-3366  
<http://lake.k12.fl.us/ems/site/default.asp>

The new principal for 2010-2011 school year will be Mr. David Cunningham from East Ridge High School.

Mission

Building lifelong learners one student at a time.

Vision

We aspire to be an innovative community where all students are challenged to prepare, learn, and succeed for the future.

Eustis Middle School has earned an "A" school grade for the last four years. For the 2009-10 school year, Eustis Middle will have 3 new administrators and 11 new teachers. With the new staff coming on board Eustis Middle School will focus on reducing the number of non-proficient students by providing strategies that will both support and enhance teaching skills.

The school's principal has completed the Cecil B. Golden Leadership Institute and is coming from a feeder Elementary School that has been an "A" School and has achieved AYP status for the last two years under her leadership.

The school's assistant principals have completed the district's Principal Internship Program and have various leadership experiences.

The District has afforded Eustis Middle School two new positions that are geared toward reading and math in the areas of students with disabilities.

Our district has made concerted efforts to assist the schools in minimizing class sizes in all subject areas and across grade levels to enhance academic achievement.

Eustis Middle School's class sizes averaged 21.8 according to the FDOE Information and Accountability Report.

Total number of instructional staff 65  
% of first year teachers 8%  
% of teachers with 1-5 years of experience 35%  
% of teachers with 6-14 years of experience 32%  
% of teachers with 15 plus years of experience 32%  
% of teachers with advanced degrees 32%

High School Education

**Eustis High School**

1300 East Washington Avenue  
Eustis, FL 32726

352-357-4147

<http://lake.k12.fl.us/ehs/site/default.asp>

Al Larry, Principal

### EHS Vision Statement

öOur vision for Eustis High School is to become a culture where everyone is connected and actively engaged in the learning process.ö

### EHS Mission Statement

öThe mission of Eustis High School is to lead and encourage every student to become educated, respectful, contributing members of their communities.ö

Eustis High School, home of the Panthers, was founded in 1879, with the current building being constructed in 1939. It has undergone several expansions over the years with the last remodel and expansion taking place in 2005. That project included the addition of a two-story instructional building (Building 5), the addition of a brand new gymnasium (Building 3), and facelifts to Building 1 (the first original building). Eustis High School has two locations: 1300 E Washington Street (Original location), Main Campus for 10-12th graders with 966 students and 1801 Bates Avenue, Curtright Campus for 9th graders with 370 students (Total 1336).

The student population mirrors the community: 68.6% White, 16.7% Black, 10.3% Hispanic, 1.4% Asian, 0.42% American Indian and 2.53% Multiracial.

39% of the students are eligible for free and reduced lunch, 16% are designated SWD\* and 5% are LEP\* students.

Population per grade level is 370-9th, 345-10th 311-11th, and 310-12th.

Staff includes: 79 full-time faculty, 70 teachers and 9 non-load bearing faculty, and 5 administrators. 100% teach in-field and 100% are highly qualified.

Student-Teacher ratio is 20-1.

Total number of instructional staff 79

% of first year teacher 0%

% of teachers with 1-5 years of experience 28%

% of teachers with 6-14 years of experience 23%

% of teachers with 15 plus years of experience 49%

% of teachers with advanced degrees 47%

### ALEE Academy (At-risk High School Education)

**Eustis Campus ([Map](#))**

1705 County Road 44  
Eustis, Florida 32736  
(352) 357-9426  
(352) 357-8426 (Fax)  
[www.aleeacademy.org](http://www.aleeacademy.org)

**Umatilla Campus ([Map](#))**

P.O. Box 2481  
755 South Central Avenue  
Umatilla, Florida 32784  
(352) 669-1280  
(352) 669-1282 (Fax)  
[www.aleeacademy.org](http://www.aleeacademy.org)

Started in 1999, Alee Academy, a public charter school, is focused on emotionally supporting at-risk high school aged youth with drop-out potential to facilitate their educational success. The program is designed within a learning environment, which is very different from the traditional classroom. The school is intent upon raising FCAT scores, increasing attendance percentages, student retention, parent, teacher and student satisfaction levels and the ultimate goal, successful graduation. With a student teacher ratio of 15:1, students receive a high level of personal interaction and support from the teachers and staff.

In 2001-2002 Alee Academy was recognized as one of three recipients of the annual Crystal Star of Excellence Awards in Dropout Recovery, Intervention and Prevention presented by the National Dropout Prevention Network. The award was presented during the 14th Annual National Dropout Prevention Network Conference awards breakfast in San Diego, Calif.

Alee Academy has demonstrated the use of a variety of strategies shown to be effective in working with youth in at-risk situations. Strategies include direct teacher instruction, one-on-one tutoring, computer-assisted learning, field trips, individualized instruction, collaborative learning and work site training. Graduation rates and test scores have increased each year that Alee Academy has been in existence.

The original Umatilla site now functions as the ninth grade center, enabling students to get an additional year of stabilizing curriculum under their belts before proceeding to the Eustis campus where the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades are taught.

Alee Academy has flourished in its short history. Growing from a small staff of six with sixty-four students to a staff of twenty-six, serving two hundred ninety-six students. Working with each at-risk student as an individual assuring them they can be successful and recognizing each success no matter how small has proven to work. Had it not been for a second chance, four hundred fifty-nine students would not have graduated high school.

There is great need to in Lake County to provide services for at-risk students. In an effort to get ahead of the curve and possibly address the needs of at-risk youth at an early age, Alee Academy is working with the Boys and Girls Club to provide an appropriate facility for an after school program.

**For School Improvement plans** (statistical and other detailed information about scholol performance, visit:

[http://www.flbsi.org/0910\\_SIP/Login.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1](http://www.flbsi.org/0910_SIP/Login.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)

### Additional Resources

#### **Florida Learning Network (High school completion and resources)**

An online support site for High school dropouts, the Florida Learning Network provides resources to get students back on track and moving towards their graduation goal. For more information visit [www.fllearningnetwork.com](http://www.fllearningnetwork.com).

#### **FCAT Explorer (Florida Department of Education)**

With resources for parents and teachers, the FCAT Explorer helps students learn about and practice the skills tested on the Florida comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). For more information visit [www.fcatexplorer.com](http://www.fcatexplorer.com).

### Scholarship Opportunities

#### **Florida Bright Futures**

The official website for the Florida Bright Futures scholarships. Go here to apply for scholarships and check your application status.

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>

#### **Fast Web**

The Fast Web site is a collection of scholarship opportunities

<http://www.fastweb.com>

### Career Planning

#### **Princeton Review Career Planning**

This is the site for a career interest survey from the Princeton Review

[http://www.princetonreview.com/cte/quiz/career\\_quiz1.asp](http://www.princetonreview.com/cte/quiz/career_quiz1.asp)

## **CHOICES**

Florida Choices is the state career information delivery system. It provides career and educational exploration and information.

<http://www.flchoices.org>

### Health & Wellness

#### **Life's Choices of Lake County, Inc.**

201 Floral Avenue

Eustis, FL 32726

352-357-2202

[info@lifechoices.net](mailto:info@lifechoices.net)

[www.lifeschoices.net](http://www.lifeschoices.net)

Life's Choices offers free services in the form of pregnancy tests, morning after pill information, peer counseling for women and men, confidential support, accurate information, and community referrals for other services. With a comprehensive and informative website, they offer education and the opportunity to make an informed decision when those decisions count most.

#### **St. Luke's FREE Medical and Dental Clinic**

722 South Grove Street

Eustis, FL 32726

352-602-4640 Wednesday afternoons

Operated by Catholic Charities, St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Mount Dora and St. Mary of the Lakes Church, the clinic offers no cost medical and dental services to those with low income. Dental services offered are fillings and extractions only. Volunteer doctors and nurses see patients on Wednesdays from 4-8 PM to accommodate work schedules. A limited number of patients are scheduled each week by appointment only and prequalification is necessary. Lab tests and medications are available on an extremely affordable scale starting at \$4.00.

#### **Lake Community Action Agency**

501 North Bay Street

Eustis, FL 32726

352-357-3497

[www.lakecaa.org](http://www.lakecaa.org)

Lake Community Action Agency strives to become the premier agency in building partnerships that provide professional services to children and families.

LCAA offers outreach programs and referrals to partner agencies for the community that address issues such as homelessness, energy cost assistance, community participation, emergency assistance, budgeting workshops, family self sufficiency program, child development, head start and scholarship programs. Assistance will be given with appropriate documentation and/or referrals will be made, connecting those in need with the services they seek.

### Business Development

#### **Lake Eustis Area Chamber of Commerce**

1 West Orange Avenue  
Eustis, FL 32726  
352-357-3434  
[www.eustischamber.org](http://www.eustischamber.org)

The Lake Eustis Area Chamber of Commerce seeks to be the Business Center for our members and should provide the access to resources for networking, training, consulting, and the general exchange of ideas and information. The Chamber wants to be the liaison between business, education and the community. We are committed to the highest level of Professionalism and Excellence in all our endeavors. Courses and seminars offered through the Education committee include How to be Bankable and Marketing your Business Effectively.

#### **Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC)**

600 Market Street  
Leesburg, FL 34748  
352-315-1846  
[www.sbdcorlando.com](http://www.sbdcorlando.com)

State designated as Florida's principal provider of small business assistance.

#### **Vision**

To be recognized as Florida's leading business development resource. Our future is secured by sustainable funding. Our stakeholders recognize and reward our contributions to Florida's economic growth.

The Florida Small Business Development Center Network (FSBDCN) delivers, through certified professionals, counseling, training and information to help businesses succeed and create positive impact for the Florida economy, while providing value for our stakeholders.

The FSBDCN serves as the statewide single point of contact for the advancement of an entrepreneurial environment; thus, creating a positive foundation for the development and growth of micro, small and medium enterprises in Florida. The Network's focus on the

critical needs of businesses drives its direction and performance expectations. The Florida SBDC program is the most experienced economic development network serving Floridians statewide.

### Adult Literacy Programs

#### **Lake County Library System Adult Literacy Program**

352-253-6183

[http://www.mylakelibrary.org/adult\\_literacy\\_program/](http://www.mylakelibrary.org/adult_literacy_program/)

The Lake County Library System Adult Literacy Program is designed to serve LEP (Limited English Proficient) adults and adult English language learners who are interested in improving their English skills - conversation, reading, writing, comprehension, and basic math. It is a volunteer-based program, which offers one-to-one and small group tutoring. Trained volunteer tutors and adult learners meet weekly at their local library or other established community-based satellite location and have access to student workbooks; adult literacy materials; a computer-based literacy lab; and other library resources. The adult learner, with the guidance of the tutor, identifies their learning goals and sets the pace to achieving them!

Contact Erika Greene at 352-253-6183 or your local Lake County Library for more information.

Visit the Florida Literacy Council site for more information and an index of county literacy programs. [www.floridaliteracy.org](http://www.floridaliteracy.org)

### Adult Education

#### **Lake Technical Center**

2001 Kurt Street

Eustis, FL 32726

352-589-2250

[www.laketech.org](http://www.laketech.org)

Lake Technical Center's Charter Board named Dr. Diane Culpepper as the Center's new director to succeed Mr. Terry E. Miller effective July 1, 2010. Dr. Culpepper has over eight years experience as director of Winter Park Tech and an additional eight years of administrative experience with the Orange County District Office in the career and technical education department. Mr. Miller, Director since 2003, will retire June 30<sup>th</sup> after 26 years at Lake Tech.

Lake Tech had approximately 600 students in attendance last year on the two campuses, with a graduating class of 500 from programs on the main campus and 125 from the Institute of Public Safety in Tavares.

Currently, Lake Tech offers 28 postsecondary certificate programs plus two apprentice programs. The Commercial Foods and Culinary Arts and Early Childhood Education apprenticeship programs are alternative methods of delivery for regular certificate programs. The school encompasses two campuses, the Kurt Street location and the Institute of Public Safety in Tavares.

Course offerings are substantial in the following areas: Adult General Education, Applied Technology, Business and Information Technologies, Early Childhood Education, Health Science Education, and Public Safety.

Lake Technical Center's mission is to meet the educational needs of the community by offering a variety of high quality career-technical training opportunities.

Adult and dual-enrolled high school students may be enrolled quarterly in non lock-step programs with the following start dates: August 16, October 26, January 25, 2011 and April 11. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Financial aid, such as Pell grants and other scholarships, may be available to those who qualify.

Prospective students are strongly encouraged to complete their financial aid paperwork for the upcoming term as soon as possible by securing a PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov), then applying online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Lake Technical Center is a public postsecondary institution that offers high quality affordable training. Lake Technical Center is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education, 7840 Roswell Road, Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350, (800) 917-2081. Most programs are approved for VA. Eligible veterans may be certified through the Financial Aid Office. Lake Tech is an equal opportunity institution. The Lake Express bus service stops at the front of the main campus located at 2001 Kurt St., Eustis, FL. The Institute of Public Safety is located at 1565 Lane Park Cutoff, Tavares, (352) 742-6463. Questions may be answered by visiting [www.laketech.org](http://www.laketech.org) or calling (352) 589-2250.

### **Lake Sumter Community College**

9501 US Hwy 441  
Leesburg, FL 34788  
352-787-3747  
[www.lsc.edu](http://www.lsc.edu)

For more than 47 years, Lake-Sumter Community College has been growing to serve the community and promote student success. With three campus locations and online course offerings, we strive to meet the demands of your schedule. Serving more than 5,000 students annually, LSCC continues to have a major impact on the surrounding region. In addition, qualified high school students are eligible for LSCC dual enrollment thus earning college credits while completing their secondary education.

LSCC offers Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.), and Associate in Science (A.S.) degrees, college credit certificate programs, applied technology diplomas and vocational certificate programs. Non-credit vocational supplemental courses are also offered.

There is also a Direct Connect to UCF program where study at the LSCC Campus can be continued at UCF in pursuit of a four-year degree. Class schedules, descriptions of programs of study are available online.

The application fee is \$25. Fall term begins August 23, 2010. Open registration is from Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Priority deadline for financial aid was Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Applications for financial aid continue to be accepted and processed through the start of the term. Students with questions about course choices, transfer credits or other academic issues are encouraged to set up an appointment with an academic advisor prior to registration. Call 352-365-3574 to schedule an appointment.

Financial aid, such as Pell grants and other scholarships, may be available to those who qualify.

Prospective students are strongly encouraged to complete their financial aid paperwork for the upcoming term as soon as possible by securing a PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov), then applying online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### **Lake Eustis Institute**

127 North Grove Street

Eustis, FL 32726

352-357-3995

[www.lakeeustisinstitute.org](http://www.lakeeustisinstitute.org)

The institute's mission is to provide a lifelong learning center that encourages creative thought in arts, culture, humanities and science.

A wide variety of seminars, workshops and forums are offered in the areas of literature, philosophy, history, music, economics, finance, medicine, and the natural sciences. All instructors, moderators, and seminar leaders are community professionals well degreed in their areas of expertise. LEI's classes, seminars and forums are non-credit. There are no tests to take, no papers to write, and no grades are given. The fees are moderate and even more of a bargain if one becomes a member of the Institute.

LEI offers the community intellectual stimulation and opportunities for interesting and enjoyable conversations. Our goal is to enlighten and to widen perspectives.

At LEI, we learn from one another by listening to opposing ideas. We synthesize the expertise of the instructor, the wisdom of our fellow students, and our own opinions into new views which brings greater creativity. This synthesis spreads into the community and the community becomes stronger and more cohesive.

The fall schedule of classes is available on the website. Reservations close October 9<sup>th</sup>. Snowbirds may enter a class late and receive a 20% discount if they reserve by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes begin on October 11<sup>th</sup> and complete December 17<sup>th</sup>. Among the fall course offerings, Effective Communications and Social Networking promise to be of benefit to the business community. Classes are offered at a reduced rate to LEI members. Memberships for individuals start at \$50.

**University of Central Florida (UCF)**

4000 Central Florida Blvd.

Orlando, FL 32816

407-823-2000

[www.ucf.edu](http://www.ucf.edu)

Nationally renowned faculty, pioneering research and a student-centered approach to learning have cemented UCF as a center for academic excellence. From excavating archaeological digs to researching a cure for AIDS to discovering new uses for lasers, students and faculty collaborate in more than 200 areas of study. UCF also online education for those with busy schedules.

UCF Colleges include: College of Arts & Humanities, the Burnett Honors College, College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Engineering and Computer Science, College of Graduate Studies, College of Health and Public Affairs, College of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Optics and Photonics, Rosen College of Hospitality Management, College of Sciences, Interdisciplinary Studies

Application Priority Date for student financial aid is March 1<sup>st</sup> or as soon thereafter as possible for remaining funding.

Admission application deadlines for Fall 2010 have already passed (new Undergraduates May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and Undergraduate transfers July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010). Fall 2010 classes begin Monday, August 23, 2010. Admission application deadlines for Spring 2011 for new and transfer Undergraduates is Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Spring 2011 classes begin Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Florida State University**

A2500 University Center

Tallahassee, FL 32306

850-644-6200

[www.fsu.edu](http://www.fsu.edu)

One of the nation's elite research universities, Florida State University ô with the Carnegie Foundation's highest designation, Doctoral/Research University-Extensive ô offers a distinctive academic environment built on its cherished values and unique heritage, welcoming campus on the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida, championship athletics, and prime location in the heart of the state capital.

Florida State University's 15 colleges offer more than 275 undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, professional and specialist degree programs, including medicine and law, covering a broad array of disciplines critical to society today. Each year the University awards over 2,000 graduate and professional degrees.

Florida State University's arts programs — dance, film, music and theatre — rank among the finest in the world, offering an arts education comparable to leading conservatories. Its creative writing program is ranked among the nation's best and is home to the most consistently honored and published student body in the United States. Florida State is responsible for governance of the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and associated arts programs, one of the largest museum/university complexes in the nation. Other programs consistently included in the top public university list include physics, chemistry, political science, psychology, criminology, public administration, library science, information, human sciences, business and law.

Undergraduate Admissions application deadline for the Fall 2010 term was January 20, 2010. Fall 2010 term begins August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

### **University of Florida (UF)**

201 Criser Hall  
P.O. Box 114000  
Gainesville, FL 32611  
352-392-3261  
[www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu)

The University of Florida (UF) is a major, public, comprehensive, land-grant, research university. The state's oldest and most comprehensive university, UF is among the nation's most academically diverse public universities. UF has a long history of established programs in international education, research and service. It is one of only 17 public, land-grant universities that belongs to the Association of American Universities.

### **History**

In 1853, the state-funded East Florida Seminary took over the Kingsbury Academy in Ocala. The seminary moved to Gainesville in the 1860s and later was consolidated with the state's land-grant Florida Agricultural College, then in Lake City. In 1905, by legislative action, the college became a university and was moved to Gainesville. Classes first met with 102 students on the present site on Sept. 26, 1906. UF officially opened its doors to women in 1947. With more than 50,000 students, UF is now one of the largest universities in the nation.

University of Florida has 16 colleges and more than 100 research, service and education centers, bureaus and institutes. More than 100 undergraduate majors are offered. Over 1,200 freshmen and sophomores participate in the honors program, which offers nearly 100 honors courses per semester. Most classes are limited to no more than 25 students.

The University Scholars Program introduces UF undergrads to the exciting world of academic research by allowing them to work one-on-one with Florida faculty on selected research projects. The Graduate School coordinates almost 200 graduate programs. Professional degree programs include dentistry, law, medicine, pharmacy and veterinary medicine.

Approximately 90 percent of incoming freshmen score above the national average on standardized exams. The fall 2009 incoming freshman class had an average 4.14 GPA and 1963 SAT score.

UF admitted 1,179 International Baccalaureate students – more than any other university in the U.S. – in fall 2009.

The freshman retention rate of 94 percent is among the highest in the country.

The preferred application period for incoming freshmen for the **2011-2012** year, is July 1 through November 1, with applications still being accepted on a space contingent basis from November 2 through March 1. The recommended deadline for priority financial aid application is January 2011. The FAFSA is available for completion at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### Local Government

#### **City of Eustis**

10 North Grove Street

P.O. Box 68

Eustis, FL 32727

[www.eustis.org](http://www.eustis.org)

Recent past City Commission meetings can be viewed from the following site: <http://eustis.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. They occur the first and third Thursday of each month at 6 PM. Regular meetings are held in the Commission Room, City Hall, 10 North Grove Street, Eustis. Additional meetings and workshops will be scheduled as need is determined by the City Commission. Live streaming of City Commission meetings can be viewed here: <http://www.eustis.org/launch/onlinemedia.htm>. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

### Political Information

In keeping with our theme this month, we are presenting some political resources and information available to the public. In this election year, it is important to understand the issues to increase your power to make a difference.

#### **Lake County Republican Party**

212 West Main Street

P.O. Box 1160

Tavares, FL 32778-3812

352-742-1972  
[www.lakecountyrepublicans.org](http://www.lakecountyrepublicans.org)

Candidate Forum (R)  
Florida State House District #25  
Liberty Baptist Church  
2451 Dora Avenue  
Tavares  
Thursday, August 5, 7 PM  
Candidates: Rick Joyce and Larry Metz

Candidate Debate (R)  
Florida Congressional District #08  
Lake Receptions  
4425 N. Hwy 19A  
Mount Dora  
Wednesday, August 11, 7 PM

**Register to Vote**

Lake County Supervisor of Elections  
P.O. Drawer 457  
Tavares, FL 32778  
352-343-9734  
Physical Address:  
County Administration Building (Round Courthouse)  
315 W. Main Street Room 144, Tavares  
[http://elections.lakecountyfl.gov/voter\\_information.asp](http://elections.lakecountyfl.gov/voter_information.asp)

Primary Election August 24, 2010  
Early voting August 9<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 AM to 5 PM, closed on Sunday  
General Election November 2, 2010  
On election day, polls are open 7 AM to 7 PM  
July 26<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register to vote.  
City Election for two non-partisan commission seats will be held Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

To find your precinct and polling place visit  
[http://elections.lakecountyfl.gov/polling\\_place.asp](http://elections.lakecountyfl.gov/polling_place.asp)

For more helpful information about elections and government representation visit  
[www.election.tv](http://www.election.tv), see the FAQ's tab.

For a list of offices up for election this year, visit the Florida Division of Elections at  
<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/voting/10-offices.shtml>

## **Lake County Democratic Party**

317 East Main Street

Tavares, FL 32778

352-742-8280

[www.lakedemocrats.com](http://www.lakedemocrats.com)

## **Lake County Voter Registration Statistics**

As of 6/1/2010

Total 193,265

Democrats 67,471 (35%)

Republicans 85,294 (44%)

NPA 30,903 (16%)

Other 9,597 (5%)

## **Amendment 4 (Florida Hometown Democracy Amendment)**

Vote No on 4! Visit [www.florida2010.org](http://www.florida2010.org)

Vote Yes on 4! Visit [www.floridahometowndemocracy.com](http://www.floridahometowndemocracy.com)

An Informational Presentation on the perceived negative impact of Amendment 4 will be held at ALS Landing at the Tavares Seaplane Landing near Wootton Park in downtown Tavares on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. Kane Webster Morris of Colliers Arnold will be speaking. For more information contact Rick Gonzalez at (352) 408-3892.

## **Forum for District Four County Commission Candidates**

Presented by the East Lake Chamber of Commerce, this political forum will be held on August 3, from 6-8 PM at Round Lake Elementary School, 31333 Round Lake Road, Mount Dora, 32757.

Free and open to the public, the forum will present all the candidates without restriction for party affiliation. Gene Romagna, Certified Business Analyst with the Small Business Development Council at UCF and a business consultant will moderate. The format of the forum will allow an introduction by each candidate, and then will shift to prepared questions by Mr. Romagna. Each candidate will be allowed a brief period for a closing statement. For more information on the Forum, contact Pam Jennelle at 352-383-8801.

## **Candidate Websites**

### **County Commission District 2**

**Rep. David W. Yeager**

[www.davidyeagercampaign.com](http://www.davidyeagercampaign.com)

**Rep. Sean M. Parks**

[www.voteforsean.com](http://www.voteforsean.com)

**Rep. Elaine Renick**

[www.elainerenick.com](http://www.elainerenick.com)

**Rep. Mark Saunders**

[www.marksaunderscampaign.com](http://www.marksaunderscampaign.com)

**WRI Nathan Scott Shamey**

no site found

**County Commission District 4**

**Dem. E.K. Emery**

**[www.egoremery.org](http://www.egoremery.org)**

**NPA Wolfgang W. Halbig**

**no site found**

**Rep. Lloys (Buddy) Atkins Jr.**

**[www.buddyatkinscampaign.com](http://www.buddyatkinscampaign.com)**

**Rep. Leslie Shamrock Campione**

**[www.lesliecampione.com](http://www.lesliecampione.com)**

**Rep. Linda Stewart**

**[www.lindastewartforlake.com](http://www.lindastewartforlake.com)**

**Rep. Paul Williams**

**[www.paulwilliams4countycommissioner.com](http://www.paulwilliams4countycommissioner.com)**

**WRI Vance Jochim**

**[www.fiscalrangers.com](http://www.fiscalrangers.com)**

**WRI George J. Romano**

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