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**WELCOME TO THE  
KNIGHT NATION!**

# **Our Focuses**

**ACADEMIC Transition**

**INSTITUTIONAL Transition**

**SOCIAL / WELL-BEING  
Transition**



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## Orientation Takeaways

### STUDENTS

1. Identify the critical players of your “**Student Success Team**”
2. Thrive in your first semester
3. Identify **services and offerings** best equipped to support your unique pathway to success
4. Feel a **sense of belonging**
5. Start **building your network of support** (peers, friends, Orientation Leaders, etc.)

### SUPPORTERS

1. Understand your student's **unique pathway** and requirements to support graduating on-time.
2. Support your student's transition by **empowering them to identify or connect with resources** and departments for further assistance and guidance.
3. Identify opportunities to be an **engaged supporter**.
4. Understand the impact of **your new role** in your student's learning journey.
5. Develop your own **community of supporters** made up of parents, family members, and university staff.

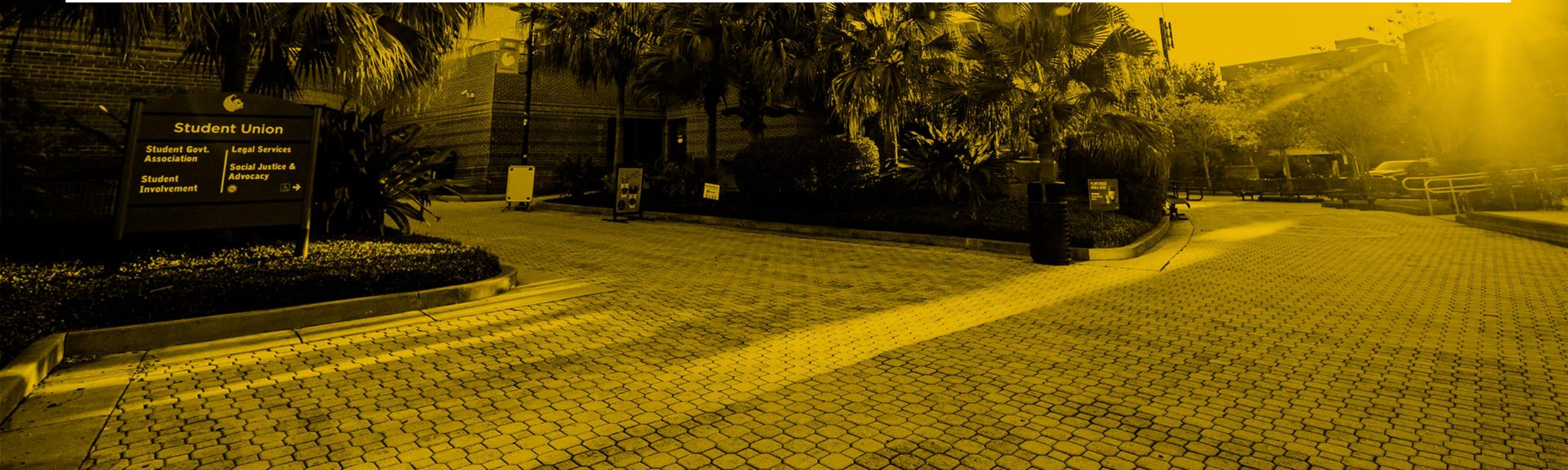


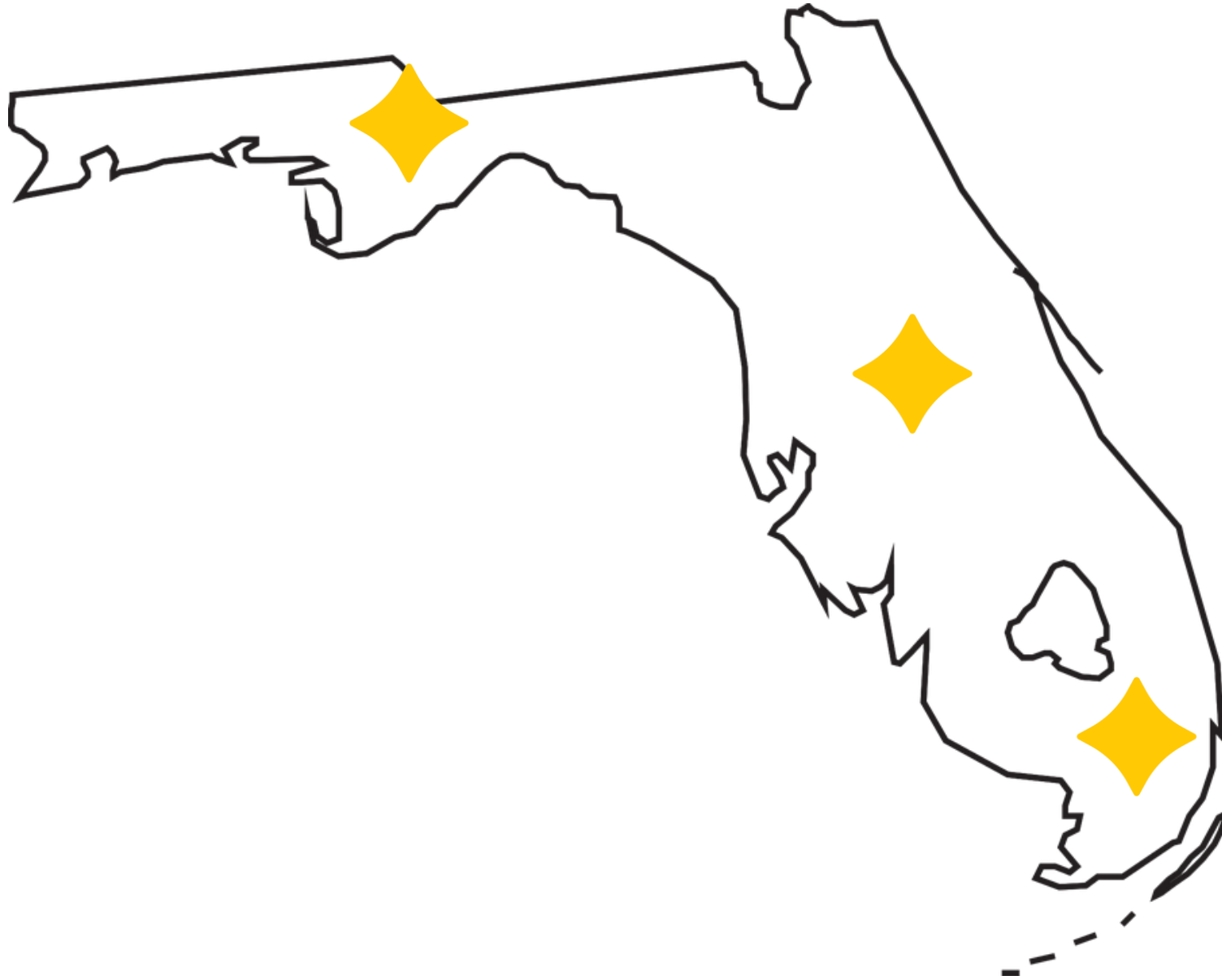




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# Welcome New Knights!





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# Alumni?



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**Only  
Student?**



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# Expert Supporters?



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# Points of Pride

- UCF will welcome a freshman class with an average weighted GPA over 4.2 and SAT scores exceeding 1300 in 2024 - **WOW!**
- Kiplinger, Forbes, Princeton Review, and the US News & World Report all rank a UCF education among the best in the nation.
- UCF also ranked in the top-20 for Most Innovative Schools nationally for a 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year!

# **Unleashing Your Potential**

UCF's 5-Year Strategic Plan (through 2027):

## **Building the University FOR the Future**

#1 Priority – Student Success and Well-Being

**OUR GOAL IS TO SEE YOU THRIVE!**



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# Student Success

**Student Success at UCF is defined as graduating with a degree within 4 years - and with a sense of belonging, engagement, achievement, meaning, and career readiness skills.**

## WHAT IS YOUR GOAL?

- Get accepted into graduate school?
- Graduate with no or low debt?
- First in the family to graduate?
- Get a good paying job?



# Two Tips To Be Successful

1

## Utilize FREE resources to thrive and stay on pace to graduate on time

- *Student Academic Resource Center (SARC)*
- *University Writing Center (UWC)*
- *Student Accessibility Services (SAS)*
- *Career Services*
- *Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS), and more!*

2

## Think 30

- *Earning 30 credits each year keeps you on track to graduate on time*
- *The estimated cost of an extra year of school can exceed \$100,000 a year when factoring in the cost to attend **and** lost wages in the fifth year*

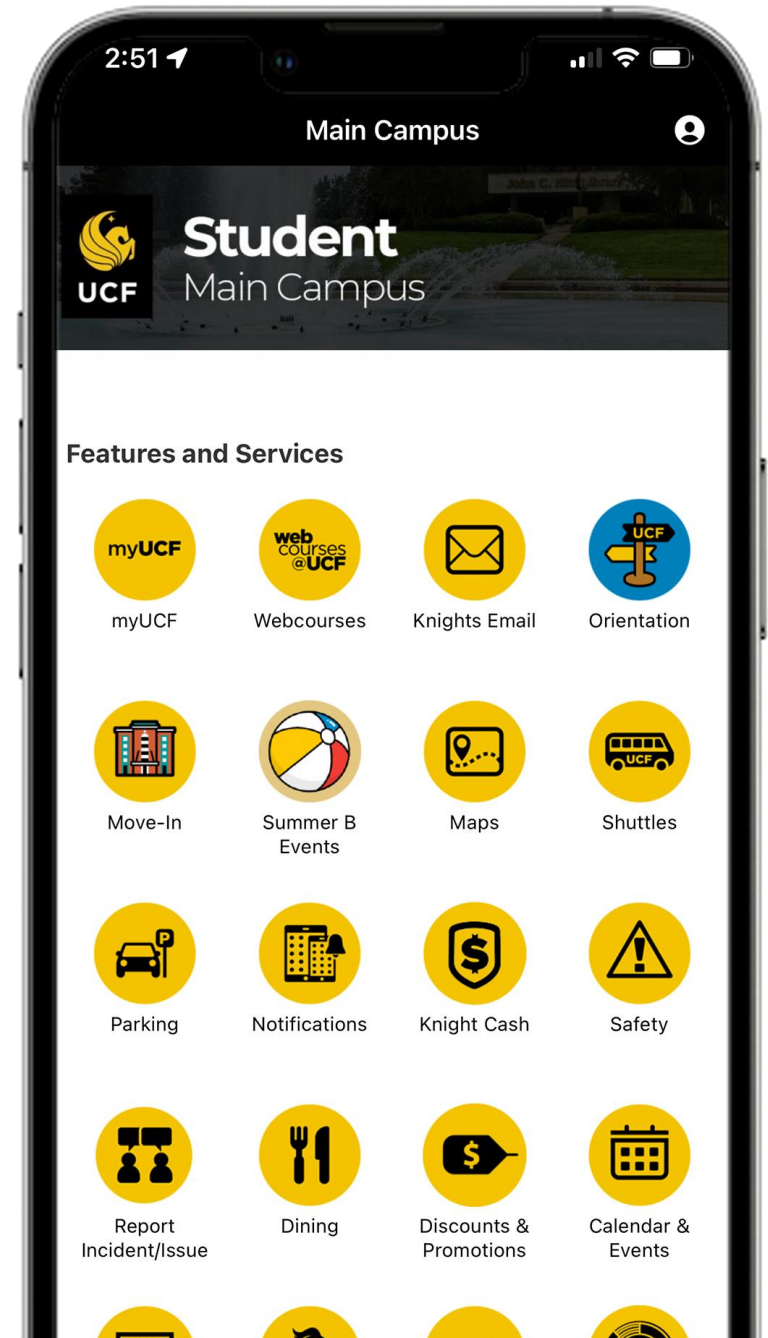




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# UCF Mobile



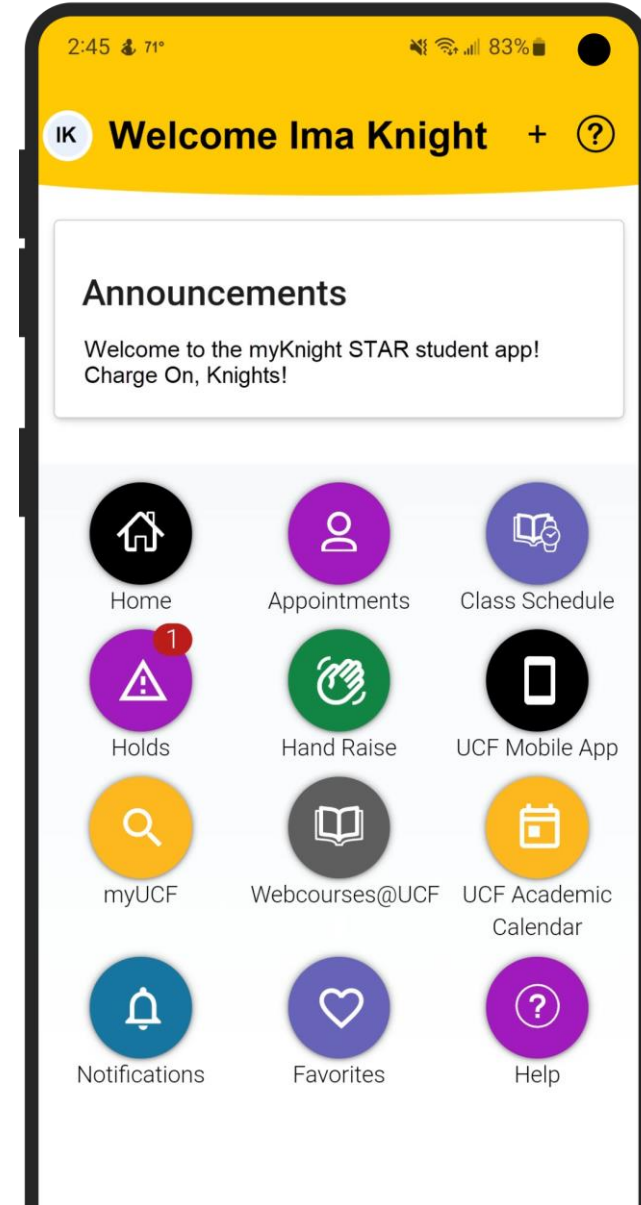
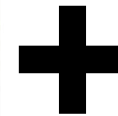
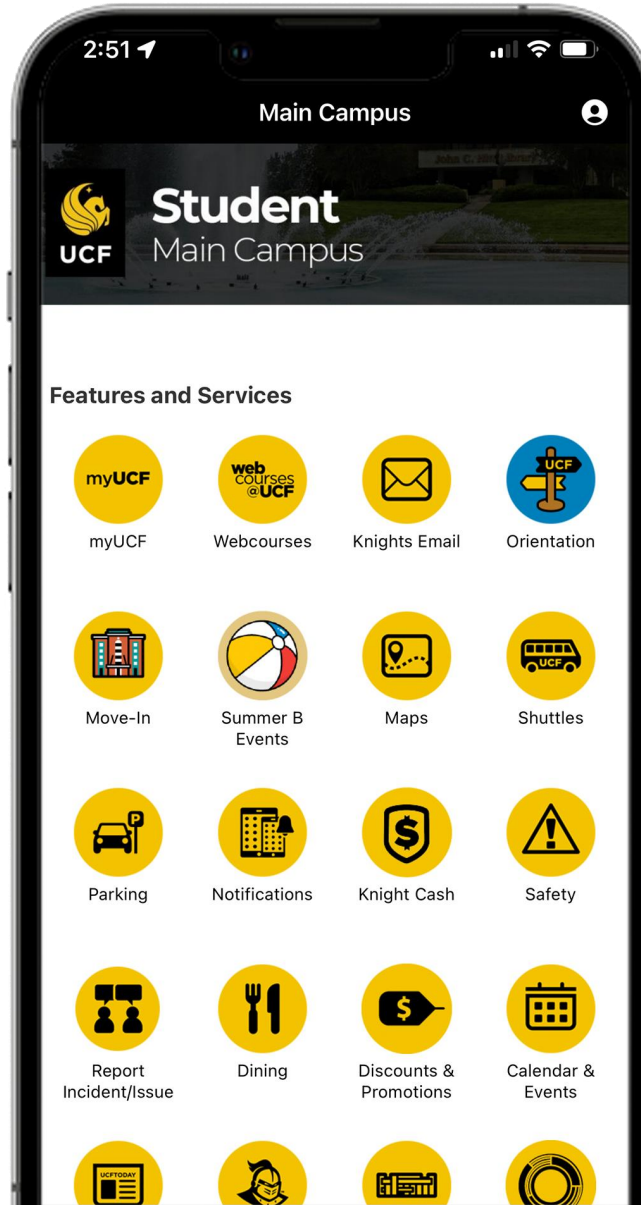
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# UCF Mobile App + myKnight STAR




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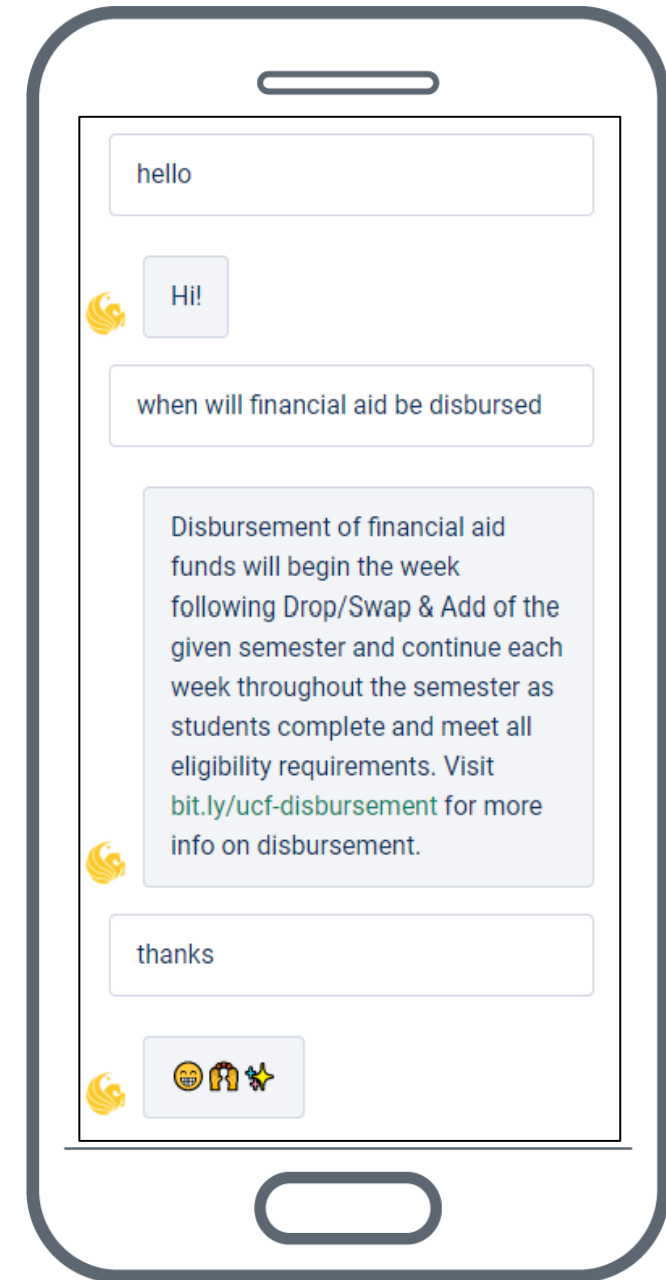


# Meet Knightbot, the UCF Chatbot!

# 407-993-6880

 Knightbot can answer **general questions via text** or connect you with a human who can help

 Knightbot will also **text you personalized reminders** of what you need to do to succeed





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**Integrity**

**Honest Conversations**

Health & Public Affairs I





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# **Scholarship**

**Take notes and ask questions**





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# Community

Connect with others







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A large mural on a brick wall depicting a Pegasus, a mythical winged horse, in a dynamic, running pose. The Pegasus is rendered in a golden-yellow color against a dark, starry background. To the right of the Pegasus, there are white line-art figures of people, possibly representing a scene from Greek mythology. The mural is set against a brick wall with a window visible at the top.

# Creativity

Change your perspective





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# **Excellence**

**Challenge yourself**

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**BUT WAIT...**



**GO KNIGHTS!**

**CHARGE ON!**



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