



# LIFetimes Connections

From the Desk of Todd Bowers

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Happy Holidays LIFE members! I hope you all are safe, healthy, and able to safely enjoy all that this season has to offer. It's truly a special time in an oddly special year, but no matter what you celebrate, there's a "reason for the season". Don't let the current situation keep you from your joy; celebrate the news that 2021 will be a better year for all!

I want to start by thanking **all of you**; our 570 LIFE members who renewed for this year knowing that we'd only to be able to offer online classes for the foreseeable future. Quite frankly, when we shut down so abruptly in March, our leadership team wasn't sure what to expect for the future. But we underestimated the value that our members place on LIFE at UCF. Thanks to all of you, we've moved forward with high hopes of being back together sometime next year. **Many, many thanks!**

I want to thank our volunteer leaders; our Officers, our Board and Standing Committee Chairpersons and all of the members who voluntarily serve on our Curriculum, Membership, Public Relations, Partnership and Finance Committees. What our members have seen online since we suspended classes in March has been guided by their dedication and leadership. **Thank you, team.**

Finally, I want to thank our staff, **Executive Director Leslie Collin, and Student Assistant Rebecca Underhill**. Within weeks of our abrupt cancellation, Leslie and Rebecca had developed our e-blast **LIFE Connections** and over the course of the next 4 months

delivered 12 editions containing meaningful online content to our members. More importantly, by September 8, with their leadership, we were ready to roll out our fall curriculum to members, online, live and recorded for future viewing. Thank you just doesn't seem sufficient.

So thanks to the combined effort of all of these folks; what once looked impossible has turned into a historic Fall term, featuring 24 great LIFE presentations, 5 LIFE only "special events" (2 Online live Apple Classes, Online live Yellowstone Presentation and guided tour at the Orlando Science Center to learn about Pompeii) and our usual special events courtesy of UCF's College of Arts and Humanities. All in all, not bad!

So, what do the next few months hold? Still a lot of questions, but here's what we know:

- During the Holiday break, LIFE is offering 2021 Spring semester, online only, LIFE memberships to roughly 300 applicants currently on our waiting list. Hopefully, we'll have a much larger "crowd" when we convene our first Spring, 2021 online session in January. For our current members, you'll notice no difference at all. These new members will be offered full memberships during our annual renewal process later in 2021.

- LIFE at UCF is prepared to deliver our entire Spring Curriculum in our online fashion.** Thank you to all of our scheduled speakers for quickly accommodating to our current situation.

- UCF operated at about 20% on campus student presence and more limited presence of faculty and staff during the Fall Semester. All classes went totally online after the Thanksgiving break. The Pegasus Ballroom remains reserved for emergency, on campus student use only. We've been told that UCF is preparing for more on-campus students

for Spring, 2021 but that's always subject to change.

With any luck, we hope to offer a limited number of our members the opportunity to attend our sessions live in the Student Union sometime during the Spring, but for now, we're staying with our current online format.

LIFE leadership has begun planning the future vision of LIFE at UCF; a vision that builds upon our tried and true model of weekly in-person sessions but informed by the lessons we've learned over the last 10 months, such as:

- Our members place great value on lifelong learning and the model that has been developed by LIFE at UCF for the past 30 years.

- Our members have adapted well to our "new normal". While we've heard from many members who can't wait to gather again in the Student Union, we've heard from others who actually prefer to participate from home. Regardless, all seem to appreciate the option to view from home (or at a different time) when necessary.

- Our partnership with UCF remains our most valuable asset. In addition to providing terrific guidance as we added technology and learned how to use it, our faculty speakers quickly transitioned to online and delivered fantastic content.....as usual!

While the next semester remains a bit of a blur, we're ready for anything and the future of LIFE at UCF has never looked brighter.

So, on behalf of our Staff and Board, thank you again for your dedication to LIFE at UCF and the Happiest of Holiday Wishes to you and your families.

## From the Membership Committee

### PARKING PASSES - COMING TO YOUR MAILBOX

- ▶ UCF LIFE PARKING PASSES FOR 2020-2021 LIFE MEMBERSHIP YEAR WILL BE MAILED TO MEMBERS DURING FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER
- ▶ NEW PASSES ARE VALID FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
- ▶ YOUR CURRENT PARKING PASS IS STILL VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020
- ▶ NOTE: LIFE AT UCF CLASSES WILL CONTINUE REMOTELY VIA WEBINAR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

### **LIFE's Resource Page now available online!**

LIFE's curriculum committee once again did an outstanding job of bringing to LIFE members an excellent variety of passionate and knowledgeable speakers during our Fall semester. Many of our speakers shared links from their presentations that we emailed out in our Tuesday afternoon email blast. We have now put all those links in one place for easy reference!

<https://life.ucf.edu/curriculum/speaker-resources/>

We will continue to add to this list as we move into the Spring semester that begins on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The spring schedule can be found on the last page of this newsletter as well as at the following link:

<https://life.ucf.edu/curriculum/class-schedules/spring-2021-schedule/>



## Blast from the Past - *The Rockford Files*

- Diane Wink

As the months we stay at home increase, watching old TV shows can be an interesting experience as they let us travel back in time. An example is *The Rockford Files* featuring James Garner and a great supporting cast reminding us of a different world 45+ years ago.

One thing is clear - things cost a lot less in Rockford's day - good since he was rarely collected his daily, \$200 fee. Parking was 40 cents a half hour with a \$2.50 daily max. When he treated a colleague to lunch at a food truck, it cost \$1.40. No drinks, but still! A lengthy cab ride cost Jim \$2.50. Remember the painless gasoline fill-up process? Pull up to the pump, tell the attendant to fill it up, and pay with a dollar or two (Rockford always carried a lot of bills of varied denominations), and pay; gasoline was under 50 cents a gallon.

Carrying coins was essential in Rockford's time - for parking meters and phone calls using phone booths or pay phones mounted on poles near the street. Rockford did have two "modern" push button phones in his small beachside trailer - one on the kitchen wall and one on his desk which was connected to his infamous answering machine - the most modern of Rockford's technology. The answering machine, with playing cards scattered around, appears at the beginning of each show following after a brief preview of the episode and plays a message, unique each week.

There is little evidence Rockford had air conditioning in his Firebird since the front windows were always down. Safety did not seem to be a concern since seatbelts, seen hanging next to the three-person front bench seat but they were never worn. Luckily, the LA roads - highways and local streets - were amazingly free of traffic. Fortunately, because Rockford's many high-speed car chases featuring the "Jim Rockford turn-around" (usually performed by James Garner himself) always displayed an

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incredible ability to evade his followers.

The LA airport, Rockford visited at times, is of a bygone era. He could park in a lot right next to the terminal. The check-in desk had no line but did have a pin board behind it with push letters used to display flight and departure/arrival times. Rockford could easily search for whomever he sought, since everyone could walk throughout the airport freely; all the way to the departure gate. Not a TSA agent in sight. Chasing a private jet was even easier - just drive on the tarmac right up to the plane.

But on reflection, there is also so much missing. No cell phones, computers a rarity, cars with few safety features, no Zoom to use to attend LIFE at UCF classes and stay connected with family and friends when we cannot be together. The old days as documented in a classic TV show are fun "remember when" experiences but . . .



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LIFE Members,

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Click on the link, below, and  
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# Are You Looking for more Lifelong Learning Opportunities?

If you are 60+ and will have lived in Florida for at least a year, on the first day of class, you can register to audit academic classes at UCF and many other state of Florida Universities (e.g. UCF, USF, UF) and Florida State Colleges (e.g. Seminole State, Valencia College) at no cost. The program goes by varied names (e.g. Senior Citizen Audit and Senior Citizen Tuition waiver program) and some schools (e.g. Seminole State) include selected courses for credit in the program.

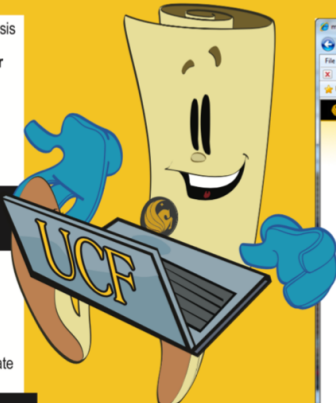
You must complete some forms and permission may be needed for specific courses. Instructions for registering for are on each school's web site. The link to the *Senior Citizen Audit* program information at UCF is <http://registrar.ucf.edu/senior-citizen-audit-request>. The process, at UCF, is also outlined on this graphic:

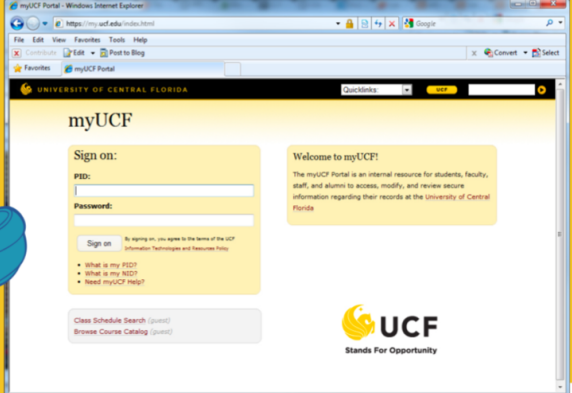
## Welcome To UCF

Senior Citizen Audit Registration is on a "space available" basis only. To register, please submit the following forms (available from the Registrar's Office, MH 161) **at least one week prior to the first day of classes**:

- Residency Affidavit\*
- Student Health History\*
- Senior Citizen Audit Registration Application

\*First time registration only





### Registration Form

- List courses in the "Class Number" box.
- List alternate classes in priority order.

If all courses listed are closed, you will be registered in **UCF 1500**, the "UCF Temporary course." This will allow you to enroll during Late Registration yet not incur the \$100 Late Registration fee. UCF 1500 will be dropped at the close of Late Registration.

### Registration Instructions

- Complete and submit your Senior Citizen Audit to the Registrar's Office **at least one week prior to the first day of classes**.
- Self registration for courses will be available online at <https://my.ucf.edu> after 3:30 p.m., the Friday before classes begin.
- To verify enrollment, print your "Fee invoice" from myUCF on the first day of classes. Enter myUCF at <https://my.ucf.edu> and click "Student Center." Click "Fee Invoice" under "Finances." Print the "Fee Invoice" by clicking your web browser's Print icon or come to the Registrar's Office to obtain a Fee invoice. If needed, request assistance with course changes. All changes must be completed by the last day of Late Registration and the Add deadline.
- Although your Fee Invoice may display tuition and fees, the Cashier's Office will void fees after Late Registration and Add/Drop closes. Additional Materials Fees, Books, and Labs, however, may apply.

### Override Assistance

**Upper Level Courses**  
Permission from the appropriate college to enroll in courses requiring pre-requisites is gained by contacting the offices listed on the reverse side.

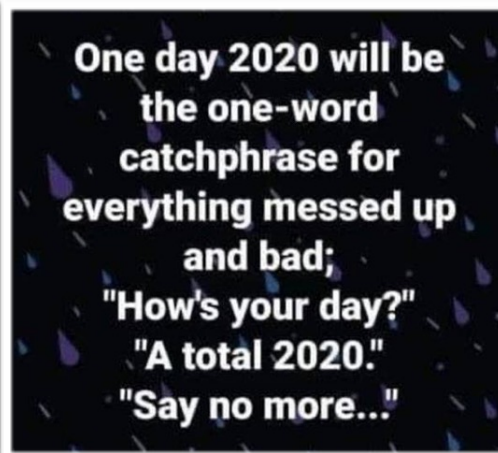
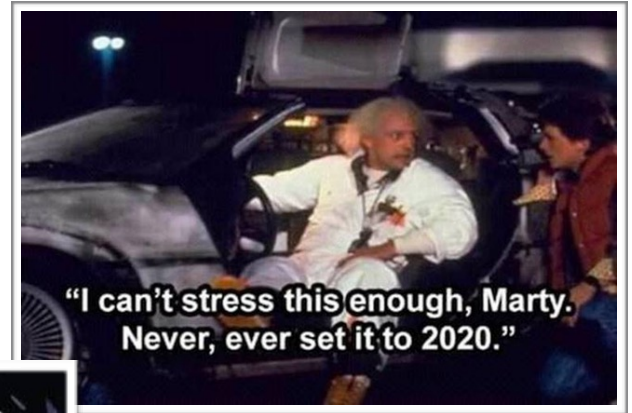
**Graduate Courses (course #5000 or higher)**  
Prior to submitting your registration form, obtain written permission from the appropriate college. Permission for enrollment may be needed. Please contact the appropriate college's graduate office for overrides and registration assistance.





Sam

As 2020, FINALLY, is nearing its end and with hopeful signs that a vaccine is on the sunrise horizon of the new year, I thought it might be worthwhile to share a few “farewell to the year that was” chuckles. Enjoy! -Gail



**Stay Safe!**  
**Wear a Mask!**

## LIFE (SPRING, 2021) Curriculum Schedule (12.01.20)

Please check your email for the Zoom link to the upcoming presentation and for the most up-to-date schedule

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter (introduced by)
1/12	9:00 AM	Spanish Inquisition	Dr. Wayne Bowen Director of UCF Interdisciplinary Studies (JM)
	10:00AM	TBD	
1/19	9:00AM	Audubon EagleWatch Program	Shawnlei Breeding Program Manager, Audubon Center for Birds of Prey (RS)
	10:00AM	Florida State Parks	Robert Brooks Manager Wekiwa Springs State Park (JJ)
1/26	9:00 AM	My Big Year - 715 birds in 1 year	Greg Miller (MC)
	10:00AM	Florida Cowboys	Bob Stone Folklorist (JJ)
2/2	9:00AM	Classical Guitar	Dr. Eladio Scharron UCF School of Performing Arts (KB)
	10:00AM	Orlando's Journey to a Sustainable City of the Future	Chris Castro Director, Office of Sustainability & Resilience, City of Orlando (LL)
2/9	9:00 AM	Theatre UCF Goes Virtual	Professor Bert Scott UCF School of Performing Arts (KB)
	10:00AM	Global Perspectives	
2/16	9:00AM	The History and Development of the Steel Band	Dean Jeff Moore and Kirk Gay UCF School of Performing Arts (KB)
	10:00AM	Global Perspectives	
2/23	9:00 AM	How the UCF Orchestra Builds Musicianship, Culture and Community Through the Rehearsal Process	Dr. Chung Park UCF School of Performing Arts (KB)
	10:00AM	Rock Images of the Southwest	Paul Magnanti Triple Crown Hiker (JJ)
3/2	9:00AM	2020 California Wildfires	Elaine Fisher Retired Orange County Firefighter (JJ)
	10:00AM	Guardian Ad Litem	Amber Padrick (KS)
3/9	9:00 AM	Culinary Presentation and Demonstration	Chef Robb Seltzer UCF Rosen College
	10:00AM	Global Perspectives	
3/16	9:00AM	Invasive Plants in Florida (TENT)	Sherry Williams (JL)
	10:00AM	Global Perspectives	
3/23	9:00 AM	So Much Traffic! What would you do?	Sheryl Bradley Program Manager for FDOT District 5
	10:00AM	The Rise of Nation States	Duncan Hardy (GA)
3/30	9:00AM	Laughter Yoga	Joy Stillman (LL)
3/30	10:00AM	Building your Brain Buffer: Lifestyle Changes That Lower Your Risk of Dementia	Dr. Nathaniel Chin Univ. of Wisconsin, Dept. of Medicine & Public Health and Carol Koby (RK)
4/6	9:00 AM	Marine Mammals of Florida - Then and Now	Dr. Graham Worthy UCF Department of Biology (JM)
	10:00AM	Florida Forts: On the Edge of an Empire	Zach Zacharias (JJ)
4/13	9:00AM	Year End Celebration	
	10:00AM	TBD	