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## News from HRS

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### Happy New Year! Be sure to verify your benefits deductions for 2014

Whether or not you made changes during the fall benefits Open Enrollment period, the new year is a good time to review your paycheck to ensure your coverage selections are accurate. Beginning with the Jan. 10 paycheck, any changes to the following plans made during Open Enrollment will be reflected:

- Medical/Dependent Care Reimbursement plans
- Health Savings Accounts
- UFSelect plans
- GatorCare health plan



### myMRA Cards now offer debit option

If you participate in the State of Florida medical reimbursement account plan, your myMRA Visa card is valid for three years. If you have had your card since January 2011, you should receive a new card in the mail in February. You may wish to verify that your address is accurate in the People First system to avoid a delay in receiving your card.

### Flex spending account grace period available through March 15

If you have not used all the money in your 2013 Flexible Spending Account (FSA), you still have time. The state's FSAs feature a grace period that enables participants to continue to use medical and dependent care accounts for eligible expenses from Jan. 1 through March 15. This annual grace period provides more time to use your 2013 FSA pre-tax funds for qualified expenses.

### FICA Alternative and Special Pay Plan participants may access new VALIC accounts online

FICA Alternative and Special Pay Plan participants, whose accounts were recently transitioned to VALIC, should visit [www.valic.com/uf](http://www.valic.com/uf) to register for online account access.

### New myUF Payment Solutions security roles available Jan. 13

Employees wishing to request the new UF\_AP\_REVIEWER and UF\_AP\_APPROVER roles may do so beginning Monday, Jan. 13. These security roles will provide access to myUF Payment Solutions, UF's new accounts payable system that will go live on Feb. 1.

### New recycling vendor for UF

## GatorBytes

### For Your Health

Click here for our *For Your Health* supplement!

This month's features:

- Spring employee wellness event
- Inaugural Integrative Medicine Conference
- Orthodontic research study seeking participants



### Nearly \$5 million added to UF Rising initiative

On Jan. 6, President Machen announced to faculty and staff the next step in the university's initiative to strengthen UF's standing as one of the top public research universities in the country.

### New Baby Gator playground dedicated to Faye Huskins

On Dec. 13, the Faye Huskins family welcomed infants and toddlers to play on a newly designed playground at Baby Gator at Newell Drive.

### UF emergency alerts system now provides options for specific locations

All myUFL users are automatically enrolled in UF's alerts system in case of serious emergency, but can now opt-in or out of two other groups.

As part of its ongoing efforts to become a “Zero Waste University” by 2015, the University of Florida—in partnership with the University Athletic Association and UF Health—recently entered into a memorandum of understanding with a new waste and recycling vendor. Beginning this month, Waste Corporation of America, WCA, will begin emptying “mixed paper” recycle bins and barrels on campus.



## For Your Health

### Plans for spring employee wellness event are underway

Key to the success of the goals we set is finding adequate support and motivation. With this in mind, the University of Florida and UF Health are teaming up to host a wellness event designed to help employees know their numbers and find the resources they need to support them in their quest for improved well-being.

### UF Health to host inaugural Integrative Medicine Conference

On March 14 and 15, UF Health will host Understanding the Mind-Body-Spirit Connection for Health, its first Integrative Medicine Conference.

### Interested in having your teeth straightened?

The UF Orthodontic Research Clinic is looking for participants for an orthodontic study.

### UF EAP provides free and confidential counseling

UF's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides a wide range of services to employees, including individual employee evaluations and referrals.

### Smoking cessation support offered year-round

The EAP continues to offer Smoking Cessation Groups throughout the year and individual coaching sessions for those who cannot attend group.

### UF Theatre program film screening Jan. 13

A free screening of “Theatre of Rice and Beans,” a new documentary film produced and directed by UF theatre professors Tony Mata and Ralf Remshardt, will be held on Monday, Jan. 13, at 5:30 p.m. at Constans Theatre in the Nadine McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion.

### Pulitzer Prize-winner to discuss the political evolution of Dr. King

Author David J. Garrow will speak on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m. in the Pugh Hall Ocora.

### January APA events to feature UF Athletics

Get an all-access pass to University of Florida Athletics during the Academic and Professional Assembly's GatorVision Behind-the-Scenes Tour on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 4 to 5 p.m. at Weimer Hall (College of Journalism).

### Gators Read group to discuss Kingsolver book in February

The University Libraries' Gators Read discussion group will meet on Feb. 5 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Marston Science Library Room 107 to discuss Barbara Kingsolver's book “Flight Behavior.”

### “Man of La Mancha” comes to Philips Center Feb. 11

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m., the Philips Center will host a new production of this musical, complete with the Tony Award-winning score and book that has inspired theater-goers since “The Impossible Dream” was heard on opening night.

### Christian pop bands to perform at O'Connell Center this March

Casting Crowns and for King and Country will perform at the O'Connell Center on Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m.

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