



MACHEN FLORIDA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARS

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
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FLORIDA FIRST. GATORS FOREVER.

PROGRAM HISTORY

THE MACHEN FLORIDA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM SUPPORTS
LOW-INCOME STUDENTS WHO ARE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILIES TO ATTEND

COLLEGE. The University of Florida is committed to financially supporting academically-talented students who might not otherwise attend UF because of financial barriers.

National studies have shown that students from low socio-economic backgrounds can be deterred from enrolling in a four-year college or university because of fear of debt and concerns that working while in school could hinder their chances for academic success. Many of these students opt instead to enroll in community colleges or choose not to attend college at all.

→ **IN 2006**, President Emeritus Bernie Machen proposed creation of the Florida Opportunity Scholars program. Dr. Machen explained, “We believe there are significant numbers of students who can be admitted to UF, but who either don’t apply or don’t enroll because of the costs associated with attending college away from home. These students currently either don’t go to college or go to a local community college. We want them at the University of Florida!” Dr. Machen believes that UF, the state’s flagship university, has a responsibility to all Florida’s citizens, and that all academically deserving students should have an opportunity to attend UF.

5,528

Scholars in program history
(program started in 2006)

1,255

Current Scholars

143

Opportunity Scholars currently enrolled in graduate or
professional degree program at UF

400

Opportunity Scholarships for Fall
2021 freshman class

\$23,288

Average family income

66

of Florida’s 67 counties that are
home to Opportunity Scholars



CURRENT HWCOE SCHOLARS

200



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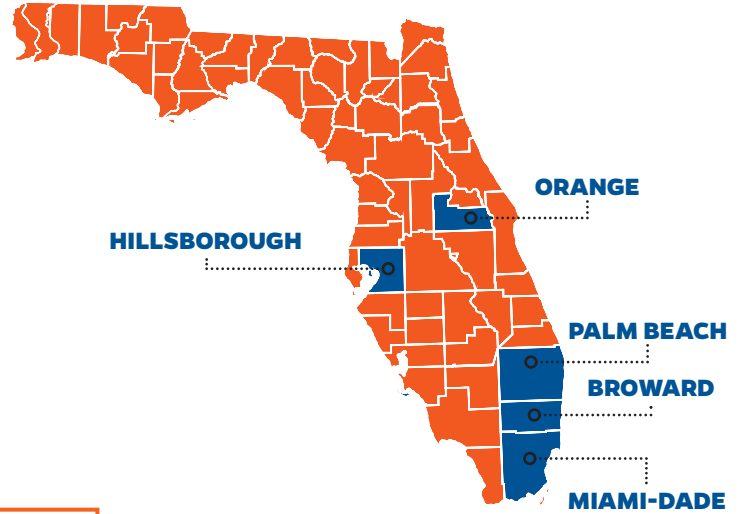
TOTAL MFOS HWCOE GRADUATES

370

TOP MAJORS

- CIVIL ENGINEERING
- ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
- AEROSPACE ENGINEERING
- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

WHERE THEY ARE FROM: TOP 5 COUNTIES



FUND

20847 GENERAL MFOS FUND - ENGINEERING



“To me, MFOS means an opportunity to pursue my passion with no barriers. It has allowed me to grow both academically and professionally more than I could have ever imagined.”

—Joel Alvarez, Electrical Engineering
Bradenton, FL

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ENDOW A SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN PERPETUITY

THE FACTS

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85.6%

6 YR GRADUATION RATE

97%

RETENTION RATE

Contact:



CURRENT
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94



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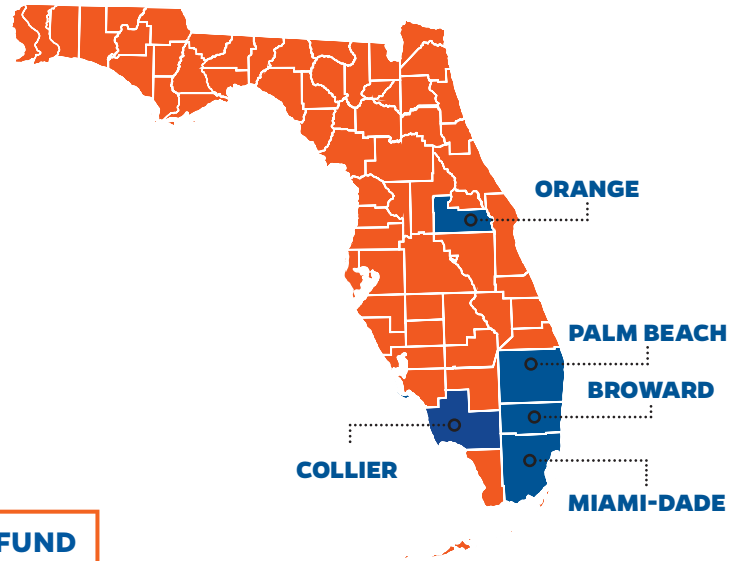
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431

TOP MAJORS

- WILDLIFE ECOLOGY & CONSERVATION
- NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES
- ANIMAL SCIENCES
- FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY SCI
- BIOLOGY

WHERE THEY ARE FROM: TOP 5 COUNTIES



FUND

24613 GENERAL MFOS FUND - CALS



“I am grateful for MFOS because it has given me the chance to pursue an education and a career that didn’t always seem possible. I was given the support system, as well as the funds and resources to become a successful first-generation college student and hopefully, a dentist one day.”

—Brittanie Pang, Biology
Coconut Creek, FL

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109

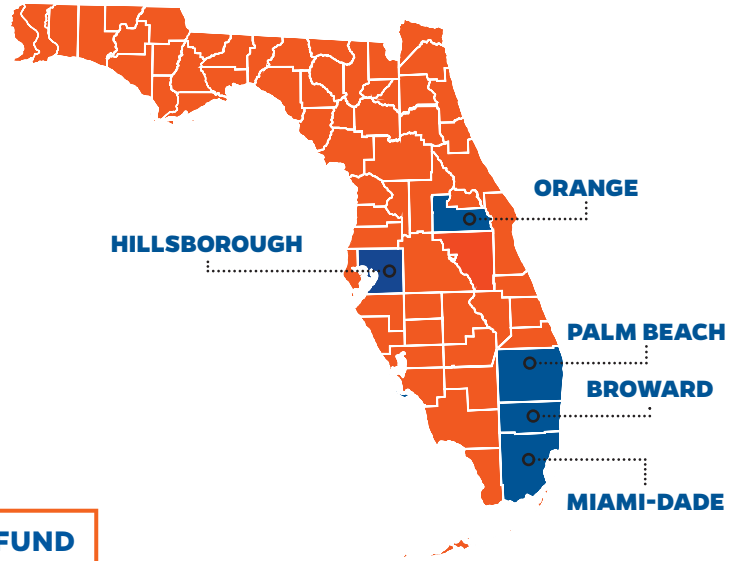


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TOTAL MFOS WCOB GRADUATES

360

WHERE THEY ARE FROM: TOP 5 COUNTIES



TOP MAJORS

- MANAGEMENT
- MARKETING
- INFORMATION SYSTEMS
- BUS ADMIN-GENERAL STUDIES
- FINANCE

FUND

20849 GENERAL MFOS FUND - BUSINESS



"The MFOS program has been a huge component of my success at the University of Florida. The program has equipped and supported me in ways that have shaped my education and professional skills. I am forever grateful for this program and the role it plays in my life and the lives of my fellow scholars."

—Angelika Gonzalez Ramirez
Deltona, FL

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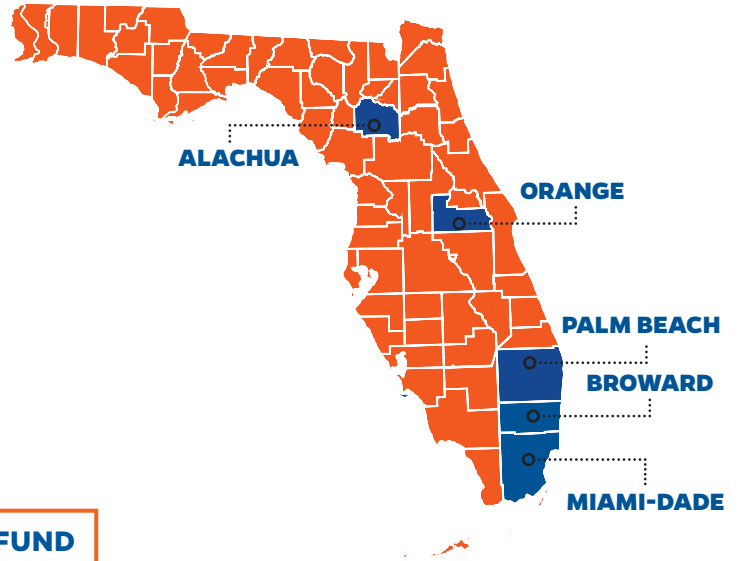
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DCP
GRADUATES

61

TOP MAJORS

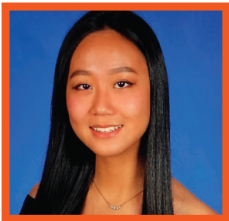
- INTERIOR DESIGN
- SUSTANBLTY & THE BUILT ENVRNMT
- CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
- ARCHITECTURE

WHERE THEY ARE FROM: TOP 5 COUNTIES



FUND

25623 GENERAL MFOS FUND - DCP



“I am so grateful to be an MFOS scholar, new doors of possibilities and opportunities opened up upon joining the MFOS family. Not only that, MFOS allowed me to work towards my dreams of becoming an architect, one day I will be traveling the world with my sketchbook in hand, in hopes of incorporating my love of East Asian culture into design. Thank you, MFOS, for giving opportunities, joy, and long-lasting friendships.”

—Yurong Huang
Boca Raton, FL

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HHP
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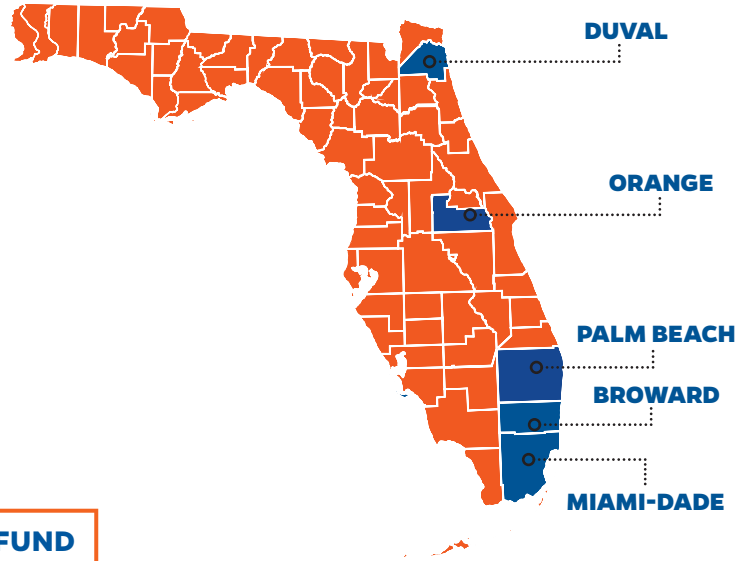
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GRADUATES

344

TOP MAJORS

- TOURISM, EVENTS & RECREATN MGT
- TOURISM, HOSP & EVENT MGT
- SPORT MANAGEMENT
- HEALTH EDUCATION AND BEHAVIOR

WHERE THEY ARE FROM: TOP 5 COUNTIES



FUND

22031 GENERAL MFOS FUND - HHP



“In the last 3 years I have developed so much academically, professionally, and personally. MFOS has given me the tools to tackle post-graduate life and studies. I have grown as a mentor and have been able to spread my knowledge to so many of my peers within the program. MFOS is such an amazing opportunity to become the most well-rounded and dedicated individual amongst a group of like-minded peers and faculty support. “

—Tamia Lindgren
Riverview, FL

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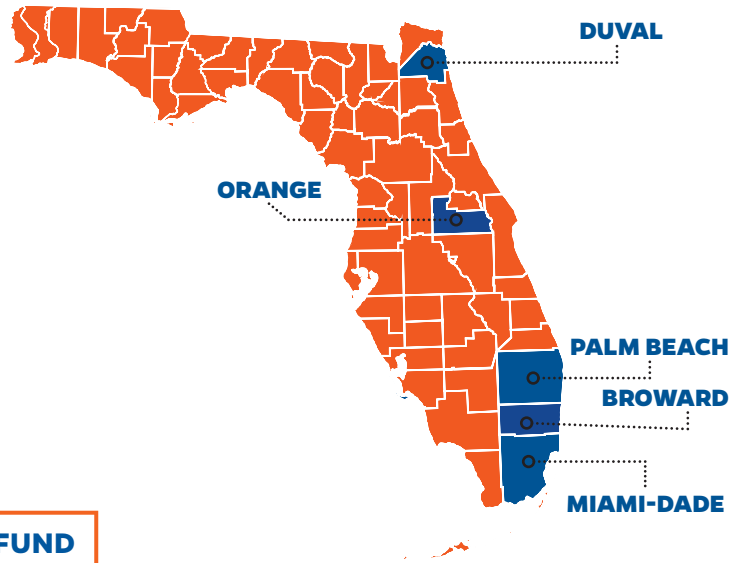
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232

TOP MAJORS

- MEDIA PROD, MGT & TECHNOLOGY
- TELECOMMUNICATION
- JOURNALISM
- PUBLIC RELATIONS
- ADVERTISING

WHERE THEY ARE FROM: TOP 5 COUNTIES



FUND

22233 GENERAL MFOS FUND - COJ



"I am grateful for MFOS because it has forever changed my life by allowing me to attend a major university. Growing up I never thought this would be possible for me to achieve."

—Julie Cox, Advertising
Pompano Beach, FL

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CURRENT COTA SCHOLARS

21

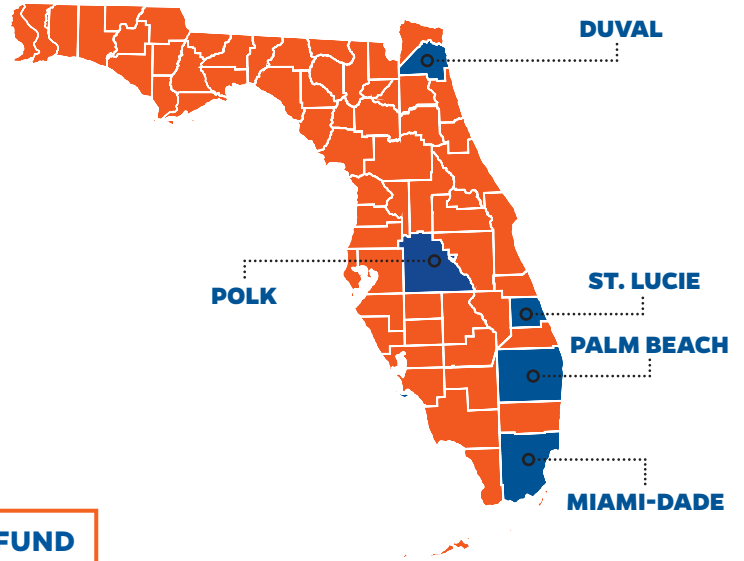


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TOTAL MFOS COTA GRADUATES

76

WHERE THEY ARE FROM



TOP MAJORS

ART HISTORY

MUSIC

ART

GRAPHIC DESIGN

FUND

12979 MFOS GENERAL FUND



"I am grateful for MFOS because it relieves the financial pressure of university and allowed for the chance to explore a field I did not even think was an option. I am also grateful for the people in the program as they helped in creating a smoother transition into college life."

—Anna Lin, Graphic Design Winter Garden, FL

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EDUCATION
SCHOLARS

6



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EDUCATION
GRADUATES

91

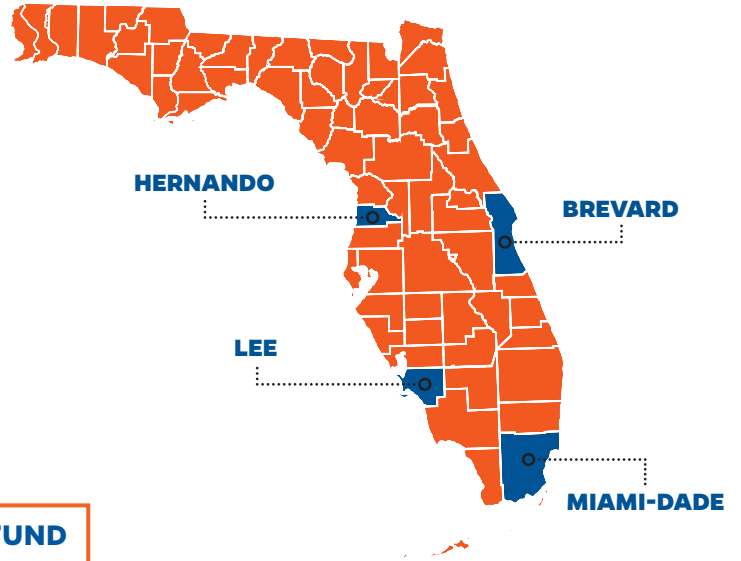
TOP MAJORS

EDUCATION GRAD CERT

EDUCATION SCIENCES

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

WHERE THEY ARE FROM: TOP 5 COUNTIES



FUND

20853 GENERAL MFOS FUND - EDUCATION



"I am grateful for MFOS because the support and access to resources has allowed me to pursue opportunities at the University of Florida and greater Gainesville community that I simply would not have been aware of or been able to afford otherwise. These experiences have allowed me to pursue a Masters degree in Education with plans of a PhD soon after. From the bottom of my heart, thank you MFOS!"

—Valeria Contreras, Elementary Education
Cape Coral, FL

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CURRENT CLAS SCHOLARS

518



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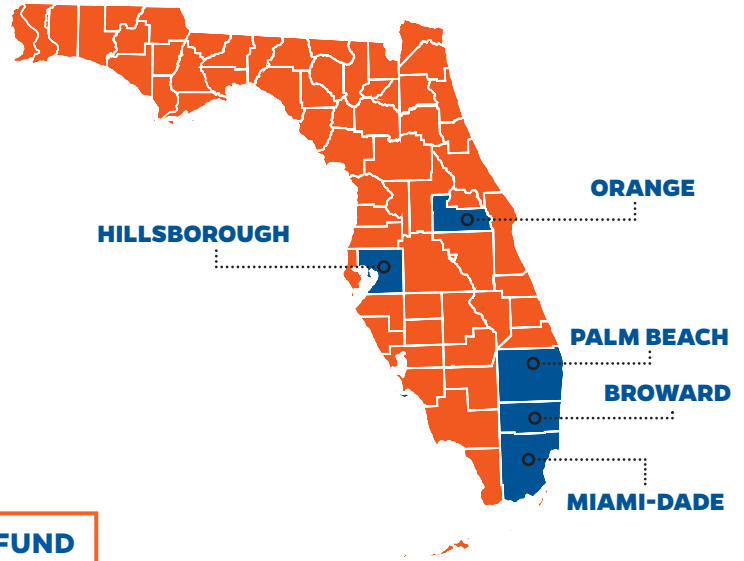
TOTAL MFOS CLAS GRADUATES

1,861

TOP MAJORS

- ANTHROPOLOGY
- MICROBIOLOGY AND CELL SCIENCE
- CHEMISTRY
- BIOLOGY
- PSYCHOLOGY

WHERE THEY ARE FROM: TOP 5 COUNTIES



FUND

20851 GENERAL MFOS FUND - CLAS



“Being apart of the Machen Florida Opportunity Scholarship has been an answered prayer. It has granted me the opportunity to attend college without any financial burdens and meet a community of students and staff who are wholeheartedly for me. The MFOS program has served as a source of inspiration and support as I pursue my Bachelors degree in Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience. I will always have so much gratitude and admiration for the MFOS program.”

-Sarita Vargas, Miami, FL

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CURRENT NURSING SCHOLARS

47



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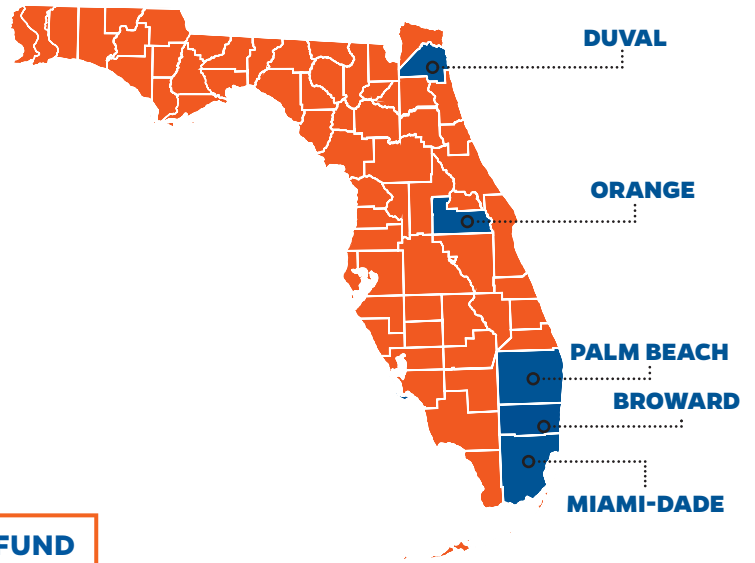
TOTAL MFOS NURSING GRADUATES

103

TOP MAJORS

NURSING

WHERE THEY ARE FROM: TOP 5 COUNTIES



FUND

12979 MFOS GENERAL FUND



“Words cannot describe how grateful I am to be an MFOS scholar. Not only has MFOS opened up a world of opportunities, but it has also allowed me to work towards my dream of becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner and giving back to my community”

—Joslyn Massie, Nursing
Homestead, FL

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CURRENT PPHP SCHOLARS

103



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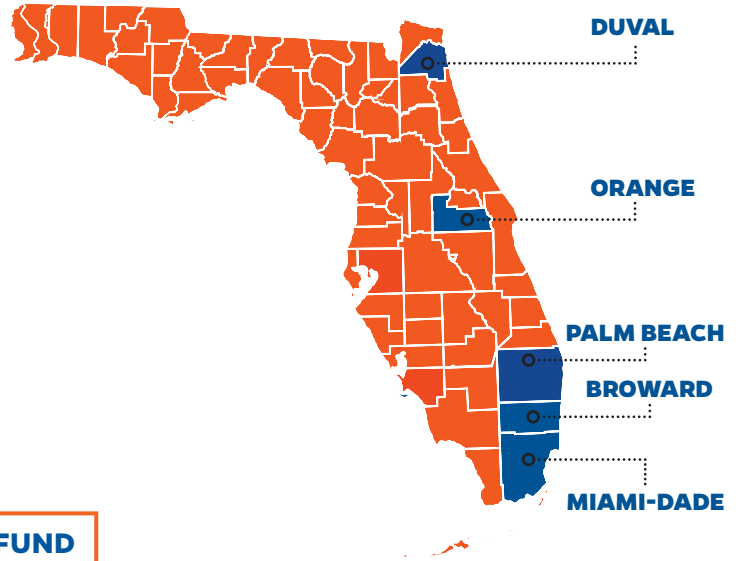
TOTAL MFOS PPHP GRADUATES

161

TOP MAJORS

- PBH POSTBAC GRAD SCHOOL PREREQ
- COMMUNCTN SCIENCES & DISORDERS
- PUBLIC HEALTH
- HEALTH SCIENCE

WHERE THEY ARE FROM: TOP 5 COUNTIES



FUND

12979 MFOS GENERAL FUND



"I am grateful for MFOS because it allows me to live my college experience and really focus on my studies without having to overcome certain barriers that comes with being a first-generation student. It has allowed me to have a true college experience and for that, I am forever grateful."

—Amber Nipper, Health Science
Winter Haven, FL

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COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY



“I am grateful for MFOS because without the support, both financially and professionally, the opportunity to pursue my dream career in dentistry would not have been possible. MFOS single handedly impacted my life in a way that I will never be able to pay back in full.”

—Dalton Helvey, Dentistry
Sebring, FL



CURRENT
DENTISTRY
SCHOLARS

7

UF

GO GREATER

TOTAL MFOS
DENTISTRY
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9

FUND

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GENERAL
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Contact:

LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW



The MFOS Program connected me with UF alumni, provided me networking opportunities, and have even offered workshops on soft skills that I had never been exposed to before as a first-generation student. The tools and support I've received through MFOS have helped me to develop the network and personal confidence necessary to succeed in my first year of law school.

—Tonianne Attard, Law
Fort Pierce, FL



CURRENT
LAW
SCHOLARS

5

UF

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LAW
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27

FUND

17599
FOS
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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE



"I am grateful for MFOS because without this scholarship I would never be the first in the family to graduate college, and now the first doctor in the family. Thank you MFOS and all the generous donors to this scholarship fund."

—Akeem Bartley, Medicine
Ft. Lauderdale, FL



CURRENT
MEDICINE
SCHOLARS

16



GO GREATER

TOTAL MFOS
MEDICINE
GRADUATES

25

FUND

17511
FLORIDA
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SCHOLARSHIP

* 1 undergraduate Medical Honors Program

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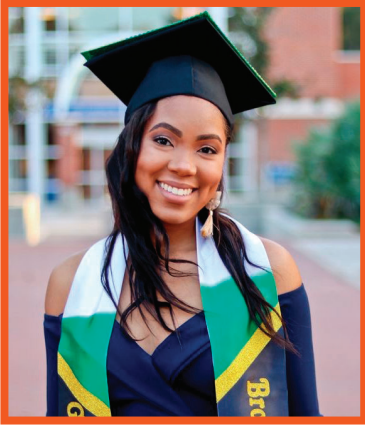
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—Gabrielle Brown, Pharmacy
Ft. Lauderdale, FL



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PHARMACY
SCHOLARS

17*



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—Devon Mims, Veterinary Medicine
Tampa, FL



CURRENT
VET MED
SCHOLARS

3



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VET MED
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