



Message to New Hispanic-Latino Gators

As a fellow Hispanic student who will soon be closing the chapter you are now opening in your lives, I strongly encourage all newly admitted students to join CAAP. Many students including myself would have joined a program of this kind had it existed when we first arrived at UF. Come learn about the great resources CAAP offers and be introduced to resources available all over campus. Being aware of the services available to you will make your transition to college more enjoyable. CAAP is here to help you adapt and make you feel at home. This is a great opportunity for all of you. Congratulations and WELCOME TO UF!

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Our Mission

The main purpose of the CAAP “kick-off” is to introduce participating students to faculty, staff, and other members of the UF community. During the “kick-off”, there will be speakers from:

- Counseling Center
- Academic Advising Center
- Financial Aid
- McNair Scholars Achievement Program
- The Graduate School
- Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures
- Sociology Department (Latin American Video collection at UF)

CAAP students will be at a great advantage. While at UF, students often need assistance from these departments. It will be very beneficial for the students to have met faculty and staff from these areas. The kick-off also includes a scavenger hunt of the campus led by the CAAP Peer Volunteers. The scavenger hunt will help students learn where important places are located. Altogether, this experience will give the students a better idea of what to expect on the road to successfully completing their education at UF.



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paving the path to success

We Are Here For You!

By helping students achieve success in college, the Cooperative Academic Achievement Program, CAAP, hopes to improve the retention and graduation rates for Hispanic-Latino students.

Need for CAAP There are several student organizations culturally geared toward Hispanic-Latino students at UF. However, at UF there also is a need for programs to assist Hispanic-Latino students with their academic success. CAAP was established and approved for funding in Fall 2005; and the first cohort of students will enter the program in August 2006.

Learn About Great Resources! Our goal is to make the transition into college smoother for Hispanic-Latino newly admitted students by introducing them to faculty and staff in various departments on campus and informing them of great resources on campus, such as:

- Reading and Writing Center
- Student Health Care Center
- Libraries
- Free Tutoring
- Free Counseling
- Student Organizations

We will gladly help students by addressing any specific problems they might be facing in their transition from high school to college. This program gives the opportunity to form new friendships and relationships with fellow students. Many students in college begin the transition from adolescence to adulthood. Through the program we also hope to help students prioritize, create goals, make decisions, and feel more independent and confident.



Follow Up In an effort to enhance retention rates the CAAP program monitors student progress by contacting the students whose GPA falls below a 2.0. By speaking with the student, we hope to learn what is affecting the student's academic performance, so CAAP will ensure the student receives the help he or she needs.

In CAAP's one year follow up, the students submit a progress report each semester. The purpose of the progress report is to be aware of the student's academic progress, and more importantly, to provide opportunities for students to meet and form a relationship with each professor.

CAAP is working closely with faculty and staff at UF to learn more about matters concerning Hispanic-Latino students and to gather ideas on how to address those issues in order to meet the students' needs.

What is OASIS? As part of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' effort to enhance the awareness and appreciation of diversity among students, faculty, and administrators at the University of Florida, the Office for Academic Support and Institutional Services (OASIS) coordinates the College's support services for ethnic minorities, including Hispanic, African American, Asian American, and Native American students and faculty. Services include counseling, tutoring, referrals, academic skills workshops, and assistance with other problems students encounter.

To learn more about OASIS, visit www.oasis.ufl.edu



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