

School of Business recognized for innovative leadership program

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The School of Business' Leadership Development Certificate program won the Outstanding Student Leadership Program/Activity award from the NASPA Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

The Outstanding Student Leadership Program/Activity award recognizes “a program or activity that significantly contributes to the area of student leadership programs. The program/activity must have an innovative and creative design and must make an impact on student leadership initiatives on campus.” The Leadership Development Certificate Program, which was instituted in the Fall of 2010, was developed to help Warrington students gain professional and academic skills that will be needed after the undergraduate experience. The program requires advancement through three levels of Leadership Certificates (Introductory, Intermediate and Advanced) with students engaging in academic courses, student organization participation, community service, internships or study abroad opportunities and career development workshops among other activities.

“Our Career & Leadership Programs staff is very excited about having the Leadership Development Certificate Program recognized by NASPA as an innovative and creative program,” said Joshua Funderburke, Assistant Director for Career and Leadership Programs. “Our office values innovation in creating leadership experiences that redefine the traditional undergraduate experience. It is a testament to the value for students inherent in the program that—even though the program is less than a year old—it was chosen by such an important group of Student Affairs leadership educators from among the many applicants for this award.” For more information on the LDC program, visit <http://warrington.ufl.edu/sb/leadership/certificate>.

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The Warrington College of Business Administration is one of the world's top-rated public business programs, recognized for excellence by *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *The Economist*, and *Fortune*. As part of a Research 1 institution, Warrington is dedicated to a substantial research agenda, in addition to its teaching mission, from the undergraduate to the doctoral level. Warrington educates future business leaders using teamwork that provides opportunities for development of leadership, interpersonal and total management skills; promoting mastery of business functional areas; and fostering the habits and attitudes that constitute a solid research and work ethic.