UGA IN OUR COMMUNITY
UGA COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Office of Government Relations at UGA builds strong partnerships between the University and Athens-Clarke County, including government leaders, businesses, non-profit organizations and residents. UGA’s Director of Community Relations, Alison McCullick, engages with the Athens community to build and maintain relationships, while making a positive difference in Athens. Alison also serves as a resource for faculty, staff and students on local government matters. For more information please visit dar.uga.edu/governmentrelations.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- $291 million annual economic impact on Athens-Clarke County
- 37,000+ students enrolled at UGA
- 10,000+ employees—nearly 5,000 who currently live in Athens–Clarke County
- $538 million annual regional impact resulting from student spending
- 8,000 residents of Athens–Clarke County served by UGA Extension in FY17
- 10,000+ Clarke County School District students visited UGA’s campus on Experience UGA field trips during the 2017–2018 school year
- 400 UGA faculty, staff and students participate in the Clarke County Mentor Program
- UGA is a Great Promise Partnership and work-based learning site
UGA GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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EVENTS

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER
Once a semester, the Mayor and Commission have breakfasts with UGA Student Government Association leaders.

NORTH OF THE ARCH
Hosted by the Office of Government Relations and the Athens Downtown Development Authority, North of the Arch is an opportunity for first-year and transfer students to explore downtown Athens in early August.
EXAMPLES OF UGA’S COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

EXPERIENCE UGA

Experience UGA aims to bring all 14,000 Clarke County School District PreK to 12th grade students to UGA’s campus each year for an academic field trip. The trips, hosted by 33 different UGA units, engage CCSD students in hands-on, curricular-based learning activities designed to foster interest in higher education and a variety of careers. For more information, visit: experience.uga.edu.

CAMPUS KITCHEN

Every week, the Campus Kitchen at UGA serves meals and groceries to older adults, families and agencies in Athens–Clarke County. In the last year alone, Campus Kitchen recovered nearly 43,000 pounds of food, prepared more than 13,000 meals from scratch and helped to harvest nearly 5,000 pounds of fresh produce from UGArdens. For more information, visit: ck.uga.edu.

SERVE ATHENS

Serve Athens provides ongoing opportunities for UGA students to help the local community through organizations such as the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, Project Safe and Athens–Clarke County Animal Control, among others. For more information, visit: cls.uga.edu.
EXAMPLES OF UGA’S COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

VISTA
The UGA VISTA Network partners with community organizations to help alleviate food insecurity. VISTAs coordinate educational gardens and sustainability programs in Clarke County public schools, provide mentoring through UGA’s Center for Leadership and Service and support leadership initiatives via UGA’s JW Fanning Institute for Leadership Development. For more information, visit: servicelearning.uga.edu/community-engagement/americorps-vista-positions.

GROW IT KNOW IT
Grow It Know It is a middle school garden program that addresses the impact of poverty on the lives of Clarke County School District teachers, staff, parents and the nearly 3,000 CCSD middle school students. This program is jointly funded by CCSD and UGA and addresses poverty in: Cafeteria Food and Waste Management; School Gardens and Family and Consumer Science Programs; After-school and Summer Sustainability Programs; and School Produce Markets. For more information, visit: site.extension.uga.edu/growitknowit

- $6,000+ raised in community grants
- $3,500 collected in donations
- $5,000+ collected for school gardens

WATERSHED UGA
Watershed UGA is a multidisciplinary initiative focused on enhancing the quality of local bodies of water. Service-learning opportunities include water quality monitoring, invasive species removal, environmental education, raising awareness of water usage and quality and monitoring sources of potential watershed contamination. For more information, visit: watershed.uga.edu.
SERVICE-LEARNING

From 2013–2016, more than 23,000 students participated in more than 1,200 service-learning courses at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels. About 75 percent of service-learning courses volunteer in Athens-Clarke County, representing about 620,000 hours of service in three years, or about $14.7 million in volunteer time.

SERVICE-LEARNING AT UGA

413 courses offered in 2016–17 academic year

Nearly 6,000 students completed service-learning courses

327,000 hours of service completed in 2016–17, representing nearly $8M to benefit the community

$53,000 in grants from UGA to support service-learning

100+ faculty have been named Service-Learning Fellows

EXAMPLES OF HOW UGA STUDENTS SERVE ACC

- Thomas Lay After School Program
- Dawg Day of Service
- SPARKE for Clarke
- Athens Prison Tutorial
- Food Recovery Network of UGA
- Tutoring at Oasis Catolico
- Peer Court
- Red Cross at UGA
- Project Hope
- Young Emerging Leaders
- (fem)me
- Rescue Paws USA at UGA
- Dawgs for the Paws
- Athens PBJ
EXAMPLES OF UGA SERVICES

ASPIRE CLINIC
The ASPIRE Clinic provides holistic counseling and education services to UGA and the Athens community. Services include therapy, financial counseling and nutrition counseling, among others. For more information, visit aspireclinic.org.

UGA FAMILY JUSTICE CLINIC
UGA Family Justice Clinic provides direct representation and legal support to low-income domestic violence victims in Athens–Clarke County for no charge. The clinic represents 75 to 100 cases each year and provides legal advice or referrals to 300 more individuals. For more information, visit law.uga.edu/family-justice-clinic.

UGA COMMUNITY PRACTICE CLINIC
The College of Veterinary Medicine’s Community Practice Clinic offers routine care to pet owners in the Athens community. The high quality services include checkups, dental procedures, spaying and neutering. For more information, visit vet.uga.edu/hospital/services/cpc.

SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC
The UGA Speech and Hearing Clinic provides critical services for community members of all ages. For more information, visit coe.uga.edu/directory/units/speech-hearing-clinic.

OTHER SERVICES
- Community Health Law Partnership Clinic
- College of Pharmacy Smoking Cessation Class
- Couples and Relationship Enrichment
- UGA Applied Behavior Analysis Clinic
- UGA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program
- Wildbanks Child Endangerment and Sexual Exploitation Clinic
- MEDLIFE at UGA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The success of the University of Georgia and the success of our community go hand-in-hand. That is why UGA is committed to promoting economic development in all areas of Athens-Clarke County. From helping entrepreneurs launch local businesses to creating jobs, UGA is determined to advance the local economy for all residents.

UGA IDEA ACCELERATOR

UGA Idea Accelerator is an eight-week program to help entrepreneurs determine how to launch prospective businesses. It has supported 100+ teams in Athens. For more information, visit fourathens.com/accelerator.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

UGA’s Small Business Development Center provides tools, training and resources to help small businesses in Athens succeed. With 17 locations across Georgia, the SBDC has helped entrepreneurs start more than 1,600 businesses, create nearly 12,500 jobs, and earn $10.3 billion in total sales in five years. For more information, visit georgiasbdc.org/athens-office/.

INNOVATION GATEWAY

UGA’s Innovation Gateway moves new technologies into the marketplace. Supporting fields such as biotechnology, agriculture, and pharmaceuticals, more than 160 companies have been created, with about 75 percent of those businesses remaining in Georgia. For more information, visit research.uga.edu/gateway.

AU/UGA MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP

The Athens campus of the UGA/ Augusta University Medical Partnership opened its doors to students in 2010. It has created 183 new jobs and resulted in an annual $17 million impact on the regional economy. For more information, visit medicalpartnership.usg.edu.

ATHENS WELL BEING PROJECT

Faculty and staff from five UGA units—including the School of Social Work, the College of Public Health, and the Department of Geography—supported the Athens Wellbeing Project’s goal of obtaining data that improves the quality of life for local residents. For more information, visit athenswellbeingproject.org/partners.
ARTS

UGA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The UGA Performing Arts Center is a hub of entertainment, culture and education. Tickets for performances are available to the public, and the Performing Arts Center hosts a variety of talented musicians. For example, UGA will host the Vienna Boys Choir and the Prauge Philharmonic Children’s Choir in the 2018-2019 season. Each weekend, the center hosts a free Saturday Morning Club for children. For more information, visit: ugapresents.org.

THE GEORGIA MUSEUM OF ART

The Georgia Museum of Art is an academic museum and the state’s official art museum. It serves not only UGA, but also the owners of its permanent collection—the citizens of Georgia—through award-winning exhibitions, publications and programming. Admission to the museum is free to the public. Each month, the Museum hosts a “family day” that is free for the community. For more information, visit: georgiamuseum.org.

STATE BOTANICAL GARDEN OF GEORGIA AT UGA

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia at the University of Georgia aims to acquire and share botanical knowledge and to foster appreciation, understanding and stewardship of plants and nature through collections and displays, horticultural gardens, research, educational programs, exhibitions and events. The garden is a 313-acre preserve set aside by UGA in 1968 for the study and enjoyment of plants and nature. The Alice H. Richards Children’s Garden will open in 2020. Admission to the garden is free. For more information, visit: botgarden.uga.

ATHLETICS

FREE TO THE COMMUNITY

Cross Country, Equestrian, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving and Tennis and Track and Field

PURCHASED TICKETS REQUIRED For schedules and tickets, visit georgiadogs.com.

Baseball, Basketball, Football and Gymnastics
EXAMPLES OF STUDENT-RUN ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Government Association is the organized outlet for UGA students to enact change and improve UGA. SGA works with the Athens-Clarke County Mayor and Commission to establish a connection for cooperation for the betterment of UGA students. For more information, visit: sga.uga.edu.

GREEK ORGANIZATIONS

UGA has four Greek Councils, the Inter-fraternity Council, the Multicultural Greek Council, the National Pan-hellenic Council and the Panhellenic Council. These organizations engage in service projects, promote academic achievement and host social events. For more information, visit: greeklife.uga.edu.

UGA MIRACLE

UGA Miracle benefits Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. Since 1995, the organization has donated more than $7 million to support CHOA. For more information, visit: ugamiracle.org.

UGA HEROS

UGA HEROS supports the 12,000 children in Georgia affected by HIV/AIDS and works to combat the stigma of the disease. For more information, visit: ugaheros.org.
2018/ 2019 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL 2018
August 13: Classes Begin
August 13-17: Drop/ Add
September 3: Holiday: Labor Day
October 26: Fall Break- No Classes
November 19–21: Thanksgiving Break- No Classes
December 4: Classes End
December 5: Reading Day
December 6–12 Final Exams
December 14: Commencement

SPRING 2019
January 9: Classes Begin
January 9–15: Drop/ Add
January 21: Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No Classes
March 11–15: Spring Break- No Class
April 30: Classes End
May 1: Reading Day
May 2–8: Final Exams

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

The University of Georgia's Spotlight on the Arts festival features more than 100 events and exhibitions in the visual, literary and performing arts. Events include special guests as well as hundreds of student artists, musicians, writers and performers. For more information, visit: arts.uga.edu