

UF Women's Club Flag Football

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by Micayla Yates

A few of our players woke up bright and early on Sunday, March 24, to volunteer at the 2019 TriGators Triathlon. We filled up at least 100 cups with water and held them out for the runners to take as they ran by us on the course. We cheered on runners of all ages as they completed their last mile on the course.

“I have a lot of respect for anyone who would wake up early on a Sunday morning to do a triathlon,” said Christa DeCoursey, “so it was rewarding to have the opportunity to help them, even in the smallest way, finish the race.”



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Earlier this month, we attended a UF Women's Club Lacrosse game (left). We also cheered on our very own Megan Bohan during a UF Women's Club Soccer game (bottom). Here is what Megan had to say about it: "Nothing beats looking over to the sidelines and seeing your teammates! Hearing them yell my name and then looking over and seeing a sign or an eager wave is a pretty good feeling. Not to mention that I've been working on some soccer girls to come out to flag. So, when they're there it's fun to show my soccer teammates how fun the flag team is!"





Shoutout to Charlotte, Brittney, Amanda W., and Kailyn for winning Delta Sig's Delta Dunks philanthropy event on April 2.

Even when we are not practicing, you can usually find us hanging out together. Here is what we have been up to in the past month:

- Intramural basketball
- Delta Sig's Delta Dunks philanthropy event
- Watching Captain Marvel at the movie theater
- Studying together in Marston Science Library

Team Banquet



The team celebrated our end-of-the-season banquet on Friday, April 12. We ate some delicious food from Harry's, handed out paper plate awards to the entire team, awarded our MVPs and recognized our beloved seniors.

Amanda Chromiak, our club's founder and president, will be heading to Ohio State University in the fall for vet school. We retired her jersey, #21.

Morgan Jones will be staying in Gainesville for now to do research. "It was awesome getting (almost) the whole team back together one last time before some of us move on," she said. "The senior gifts and paper plate awards were a great surprise and really cute. Thank you to everyone who made that happen!"

Karina Fernandez will be getting married on July 20. We will miss her amazing energy on and off the field, but we promise to keep the "Gator Chomp! Gator Chomp Chomp!" cheer alive.

Here is our list of award winners:

Olivia Salzman* - Orange Team Offensive MVP
Bry Mammana - Blue Team Offensive MVP
Amanda Wichterman - Blue Team MVP
Rachel Mealey - Most Improved

Amanda Chromiak - Orange Team Defensive MVP
Kailyn Scully - Most Dedicated
Brittney Jabot - Orange Team MVP
Lorea Jackson - Blue Team Defensive MVP

*represented in the picture by Charlotte Tuohy

RecSports Banquet

Those of us who were not busy studying for or taking final exams attended the RecSports Banquet on the evening of Tuesday, April 23.

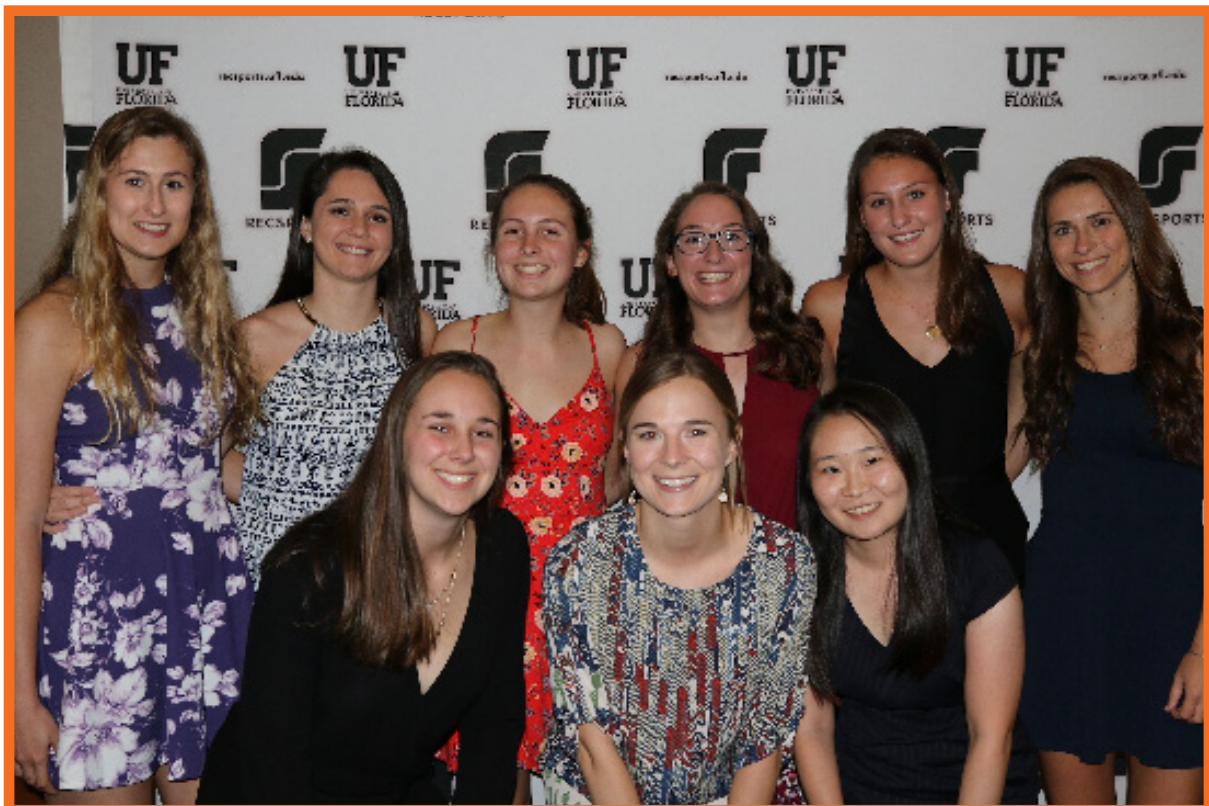
We were finalists for two awards as a team:

- Outstanding Athletic Achievement
- Club of the Year

Two of our players were also finalists for individual awards:

- Amanda Chromiak for Scholar Athlete of the Year
- Brittney Jabot for Female Athlete of the Year

Although we did not win any of the awards, we enjoyed a great evening together eating lots of jelly beans and cannolis.



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Amanda Wichterman - Internship in Hawaii

Amanda will be interning at Sea Life Park in Oahu, Hawaii, this summer from May to August. She will be caring for and training both dolphins and sea lions!

Bry Mammana -

We are so proud of Bry for being accepted into the UF Athletic Training program! She will be starting her classes in the Summer B semester and will potentially be working with UF football for the summer and fall. "I'm very excited to start in classes pertaining to my major and am very excited about my future career," said Bry.



Micayla Yates - Study Abroad in Australia

Micayla will be traveling halfway around the world to Australia in May. She will be taking two public relations classes while exploring Sydney for three weeks. Then she will fly north to Cairns, where she will get to snorkel in the Great Barrier reef!

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Lorea Jackson - Internship at Marineland Dolphin Adventure

Lorea will be interning as an animal trainer at Marineland Dolphin Adventure in St. Augustine, Florida, this summer. "I am so thankful to get to return to the very place where I first fell in love with these animals and this field," she said.



Briana Gonzalez - Study Abroad in Spain

Briana will be studying Spanish language and culture in Granada, Spain, during the month of July. She will be staying with a host family and attending the University of Granada. "I am looking forward to taking a trip from Granada to Morocco, where I will ride camels through a desert!" she said.

Charlotte Tuohy - Camp Counselor and Aquatics Director in Indiana

Charlotte will be working as a camp counselor and aquatics director at Camp Crosley in northern Indiana (#landofthecorn). She will be driving ski boats for water skiing, wake boarding and tubing. "I will live in a cabin with children, so that's ... fun," said Charlotte. "I'm excited because there are about 75 other counselors (a lot of whom are from outside the U.S.), so that'll be cool. Also, I really love skiing, so getting the chance to be on the lake all the time will be nice!"



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Jayci Grosso - Internship in Juno Beach

Jayci will be interning at the Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Juno Beach, Florida, from June to August. She will be working as a field tech, doing beach surveys starting at sunrise and tracking sea turtle nests and activity.

Rachel Mealey - East Coast Road Trip

Rachel will be working three jobs and completing two online classes at HCC. She also plans to take a long roadtrip up the east coast. "I'm most excited about being with my dog all summer!" said Rachel.



Kriss Eisaman - Research at UF and Colorado Trip

Kriss will be staying in Gainesville to take biochemistry and genetics (fun). But she will also be starting a really cool research project on pericardial effusion in dogs. "Besides school stuff, I'm going to Colorado to vacation with my (non-imaginary) boyfriend and his family," said Kriss. "I'm also training for the Hotlanta Half Marathon in June."



Letter from Amanda Chromiak

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Hi all,

While it is my time to pass the torch, the show must go on.

I am excited by the growing number of opportunities the team has in the future. The commitment levels of leaders, the increasing number of athletes on the team, and the growing support by family and friends presents a unique opportunity to create a flag football dynasty at the University of Florida. I believe our reigning National Championships will be unrivaled in the coming years.

While you all focus on winning, fundraising, and organization, I hope you do not forget the best moments of being a part of this family. The memories I have made in my 8 years of playing flag football are unforgettable. I will cherish the laughs, game changing moments, and all of you.

Thank you all for helping me build the foundation for this team, and thank you for your willingness to further shape the future of this team.

- Amanda

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