



# FLORIDA BLUE KEY

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-OFFICE OF THE HONORARY TAPPING CHAIRMAN-

Dear Florida Blue Key Member:

The spring semester signals an exciting season for Florida Blue Key as it is time to begin the honorary tapping process. Honorary tapping provides Florida Blue Key with an opportunity to recognize the individuals who have contributed their time and directed their efforts to the betterment of the University of Florida, Florida Blue Key, and Gator Nation as a whole.

Honorary members enjoy the recognition of Florida's most prestigious leadership honorary and will contribute to the chapter through their knowledge, experience, and years of leadership. Honorary members also have the unique opportunity to engage with alumni and active membership through participation in Florida Blue Key events.

As a member of Florida Blue Key, the chapter and the Honorary Tapping Committee would deeply appreciate your input on who should be considered for membership. Enclosed you will find the requirements necessary to qualify as a nominee. Please remember that the primary criterion to be honorarily tapped into Florida Blue Key is service to the University of Florida.

If you know of an exemplary individual whom you feel is worthy of such recognition, please complete the nomination packet and submit it via e-mail to Clay Hurdle at [honorarytapping@fbk.org](mailto:honorarytapping@fbk.org) no later than **5 p.m. EST on Monday, February 22, 2021**. The nomination packet can also be found on our website: [www.fbk.org](http://www.fbk.org). Please ensure that résumés, curricula vitae, and letters of support clearly outline a nominee's impact on the University of Florida. This information will be integral to the Honorary Tapping Committee's holistic and successful evaluation of a nominee. Lastly, please note that, of the one to three letters of support generally submitted as a part of the nomination packet, one of the letters must be written by the nominator.

The Honorary Tapping Committee will meet to discuss the nominees, and the active Florida Blue Key membership will vote on the nominees recommended for tapping at the final meeting of active membership for the spring semester. Nominators should expect a status update sometime during the first week of April. The new honorary members will be recognized in conjunction with the spring tapping banquet sometime during late April. Due to the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, plans for both the spring tapping banquet and the honorary tapping recognition ceremony are still in development. More information will be provided after the honorary tapping class is announced.

On behalf of the Honorary Tapping Committee and active membership, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration into this important matter. If you have any questions concerning honorary tapping, please feel free to contact me at [honorarytapping@fbk.org](mailto:honorarytapping@fbk.org), or our president, David Gunby, at [president@fbk.org](mailto:president@fbk.org).

Sincerely,

J. "Clay" Hurdle  
Honorary Tapping Chairman



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### Honorary Tapping Criteria

The bylaws of Florida Blue Key outline the requirements for honorary membership. The Honorary Tapping Committee will make recommendations for honorary membership to the active chapter of Florida Blue Key at the annual spring tapping meeting. Upon approval by a majority of the active chapter, the recommended nominees will be offered membership in Florida Blue Key.

#### ARTICLE IV. SECTION 5.

- B. Honorary Tapping Criteria. The Honorary Tapping Committee shall determine whether nominees comply with the following criteria for honorary membership. The nominee must:
- (i) have manifested a continued and sustained interest in the welfare of the University of Florida, or have contributed to the University by an extraordinary act of service;
  - (ii) have made some outstanding contribution toward the betterment of the University of Florida without hope or expectation of reward; or
  - (iii) if he or she holds public office or is employed by the University for a minimum of four (4) years, have complied with the above criteria and rendered unselfish, outstanding and meritorious service to the University, outside of the scope of office or employment.



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**FLORIDA BLUE KEY 2021 HONORARY TAPPING  
-NOMINATION FORM-**

**Nominee's Biographical Information:**

*Nominee:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Telephone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Biographical Information:**

*Nominator:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Telephone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email:* \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the **nomination form** along with the nominee's **résumé/curriculum vitae** and **letters of support** in Microsoft Word or PDF format to Clay Hurdle by e-mailing [honorarytapping@fbk.org](mailto:honorarytapping@fbk.org). The nomination form must include the **nominee's** current address, telephone number, and e-mail to be considered. The deadline for nomination forms and supporting material is **Monday, February 22**. Upon honorary membership, the initiation fee of \$200 can be paid by either the nominator or nominee.