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The University of Central Florida opened its doors to 1,948 students in 1968. Originally developed to support the high-tech workforce needed for the Kennedy Space Center, UCF was originally named Florida Technological University. “Florida Tech” soon grew to include other areas of study, and was renamed the University of Central Florida (UCF) in 1978. UCF now offers 212 degree programs to over 60,000 students. UCF has expanded to become a vital force in the region offering quality education at over a dozen locations, including 9 regional campuses and 2 branch campuses at the UCF College of Medicine and the Rosen College of Hospitality Management.

**Historic photos**

The UCF 50th Anniversary exhibit features prints of memorable moments in UCF history. Additional photos and a timeline of UCF history are available at: [http://www.ucf.edu/50](http://www.ucf.edu/50)

**Sports memorabilia**

Well known for excellence in athletics, UCF has embraced a variety of mascots and logos throughout its history. A look at several notable mascots, as well as sports memorabilia, can be seen in this exhibit through September 2013.

Sir Winsalot made his debut at the Tangerine Bowl. A basketball from the game may be viewed in the exhibit. 1980

One of UCF’s many mascots - the Florida Tech Citronaut. 1968

**Homecoming & Spirit Splash**

UCF’s annual homecoming game pep rally, the Spirit Splash, has been a school tradition for over 15 years. Historic Spirit Splash photos and commemorative homecoming and Spirit Splash rubber ducks may be viewed in the UCF 50th Anniversary exhibit.

Spirit Splash featuring the current UCF mascot, Knightro.