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Alachua County Supervisor of Elections receives national recognition for University of Florida partnership

ALACHUA COUNTY, Fla. (September 9, 2019) — The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Office was recognized by the Election Center for its 2018 election cycle partnership with the University of Florida.

At its August national conference in Orlando, the Election Center awarded its Stars and Stripes Award for Outstanding Partnerships to the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections.

During the 2018 election cycle, nearly 8,000 voters used the University of Florida's J. Wayne Reitz Union to vote early, making it the third-most popular early voting site in Alachua County and the most popular early voting site on a Florida college campus. Working together, the elections office and the University of Florida created a comprehensive communications plan that made students, faculty and staff aware of the J. Wayne Reitz Union's availability as an early voting location.

"We are so proud to have collaborated with the University of Florida in creating a successful partnership," Supervisor of Elections Kim A. Barton said. "Without the work of the University of Florida and Bob Graham Center for Public Service, we couldn't have done what we did."

Turnout among voters between the ages of 18 and 25 more than doubled compared to the last midterm election in 2014, increasing from 25.7 percent to 53.9 percent.

This the first national award the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Office has received.

The Election Center, based in Katy, Texas, is also known as the National Association of Elections Officials.

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