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University of Florida**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Representative Yvonne Hinson (D-Gainesville) toured the sixth ranked top public university, University of Florida on Monday, August 9 to discuss an array of needs. **Representative Hinson** gained an increased understanding of UF initiatives that will generate solutions to issues encountered by the university and surrounding communities.

University initiatives include Artificial Intelligence, Water Resources and Solutions, Education Advancements and the new state Book Delivery Program and new community partnerships. In addition, through the introduction of new COVID-19 precautions and presenting road safety initiatives to the Gainesville City Commission, the University will work to ensure a smooth and safe transition into the new school year. Artificial Intelligence initiative seeks to provide essential information and data, as well as create a surplus of high-tech jobs within Alachua County, the state and nation. The Water Resources and Solutions program aims to use new technological advances, such as GatorByte, to monitor water quality. **Representative Hinson** looks forward to future conversation on how this technology can be utilized to prevent further damage to Florida's waters. Furthermore, the University is developing educational initiatives to impact the public schools in math, reading literacy and more.

Representative Hinson states, "I am thrilled to support the Lastinger Center for Learning in creating equitable education systems throughout Florida to impact the achievement of critical education milestones. Prepared educators are the solution to improving these learning outcomes, which is why I will work to equip teachers with the skills and support they need."

"I am proud to work along with the University of Florida in supporting their long-term initiatives," said **Representative Hinson**. "I look forward to continued conversation and collaboration to bring tangible change for the benefit of all Floridians."

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