

**City Beautification Board**  
**Applicant Package - Member**

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**Term** 07 Mar 2024 - 01 Nov 2026

**Positions Available** 3

**Number of applicants in this package** 2

- Donner, Bryce
- Pelton, Nathaniel

**Name:** Donner, Bryce

**Address:** 501 NW 15th Ave Apt #9, Gainesville, FL, 32601

**Email:** brycedonner@ufl.edu

**Board Name:** City Beautification Board

**Please confirm Full Name, including middle initial, prefix, and physical mailing address:**

Mr. Bryce A. Donner

501 NW 15th Ave

Apartment #9

Gainesville, FL 32601

**In what city district do you live?:**

District 4

**Employer:**

UF

**Phone Number:**

7863718833

**Occupation:**

grad student

**Why are you interested in serving on this board? (Please answer separately for each board you are applying to.):**

I am interested in improving quality of life for Gainesville citizens and making the community a more beautiful place.

**How many terms have you served on this board previously?:**

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No

**Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behaviour or another reason?:**

No

**Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?:**

No

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No

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No

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Yes

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Yes

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Yes

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Yes

**Time of Submission:** 01/24/24 7:01:44 PM

**Attachments**

- DONNER CV - LA 2024.pdf

# BRYCE DONNER

## landscape architect

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South Miami, FL 33143

### EDUCATION

**University of Florida** / Master of Landscape Architecture  
Graduation: June 2024.

**University of Florida** / Bachelor of Landscape Architecture  
2013 - 2018. Gainesville, FL  
GPA 3.90, Dean's List  
Capstone Project: A Landscape Vision for the Floridan Aquifer

#### **Design-build in Landscape Architecture**

Fall 2016. Rijeka, Croatia  
Worked on a team of twenty international students to design and build an 800-square-meter park for the blind, physically disabled, kindergarteners, and high school students.

#### **Design and Architecture Senior High**

2009-2013. Miami, FL  
Concentration: Visual Communications

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **Teaching Assistant** / University of Florida

Summer B 2022 (Eco Urbanism), Fall 2022 (D-Comm1 and Principles), Spring 2023 (D-Comm 2 and Adv. D-Comm), Fall 2023 (D-Comm 1 and Principles).

IDS 2935 Pre-Columbian Ecological Urbanism: developed interactive lesson plans, encouraged in-class discourse, graded essays, and introduced students to college-level writing.

LAA2376C Design Communications 1 (two semesters): instructed and evaluated students on hand-drawing techniques and the Adobe Creative Suite for landscape architecture.

LAA2379C Design Communications 2: coordinated virtual synchronous learning, delivered lesson plans for students to learn AutoCAD and Illustrator, created and delivered lesson plans for generating images with artificial intelligence.

LAA3394 Advanced Design Communications: coordinated virtual synchronous learning, created and delivered lesson plans for rendering with Lumion, became conversant in Rhino Grasshopper and Ladybug plugins, as well as laser cutting and 3D printing.

LAA2360 Principles of Landscape Architecture (two semesters): drafted base plans, provided individualized desk critiques, and assisted classroom instruction.

#### **Adjunct Professor** / Florida International University

Fall 2021 (LA Design Studio 1) and Spring 2022 (LA Design Studio 4). Miami, FL

Led two graduate-level landscape architecture design studios of twelve students through an iterative design process of a pedestrian-oriented streetscape for the historic Flagler Street (LAA 5653) and the Edgewater Waterfront (LAA 6656) in downtown Miami and applied concepts of site planning, new urbanism, grading and drainage, green infrastructure and planting design.

#### **Adjunct Professor** / University of Florida

Fall 2020 (Planting Design). Gainesville, FL

Led a class of seventeen students to understand the principles of planting design (LAA3352C). Three projects were sequenced from conceptual to practical, emphasizing concepts such as texture, color, line, form, and unity, using 'right plant right place,' researching and communicating plant palettes, and understanding climate change. The final project ran concurrently with the construction studio to provide a well-rounded design package for the historic home of Marjory Stoneman Douglas in Coconut Grove, Florida.

#### **Teaching Assistant** / University of Florida

Fall 2012 (Design Communications 1). Gainesville, FL

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Research Assistant** / Coastal Resilience Design Studio  
Summer 2023. Gainesville, FL

Provided GIS analysis and graphic support for Living Shorelines research on the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Chesapeake Bay, Maryland.

**Landscape Architect** / Freelance  
2020 - Present, Miami, FL

Provides landscape architectural design services in Florida with an emphasis on planting design and site planning.

**Landscape Designer** / Jungles, Inc.  
2018 - 2020. Miami, FL

Generated schematic design, design development, and construction document drawings for gardens in Miami and the Caribbean. Developed landscape design concepts for the Raleigh Hotel in Miami Beach, the Pulse Memorial and Museum in Orlando, and the revitalization of a national park in New Providence, The Bahamas. Drafted planting schemes for the Biomuseo in la Ciudad de Panama, residential gardens, and private rooftops in Miami. Coordinated the installation of plant material and site furnishings.

**Design Intern** / SWA Group  
Summer 2017. Los Angeles, CA

Worked on the design team to re-envision three interventions for the Chicago Riverfront. Conceptualized a written and visual narrative to reorient Miami towards Biscayne Bay. Visualized a new L.A. Plaza de Cultura y Artes, integrating the Mexican- American cultural center into the urban fabric of downtown Los Angeles.

**Intern** / Jungles, Inc.  
Summer 2015 and Summer 2016. Miami, FL

**Research Assistant** / USDA Subtropical Horticulture Research Station APHIS PPQ  
Summer 2012. Miami, FL

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES**

English and Spanish.

## **LICENSURE**

Florida Landscape Architect 6667606

## **PUBLICATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS**

*Subterranean Imaginarium*. Group Exhibition. Florida Springs Institute. High Springs, FL. January 2023.

*Home Lost. Home Found*. Group Exhibition. University of Florida Student Government. Gainesville, FL. January 2023.

*Karst Unknown*. University of Florida A12 Center Juried Exhibition Finalist: Generative AI and the Arts. Gainesville, FL. October 2023.

*Virginia Key Sea Level Rise Adaptive Strategies*. Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Juried Group Exhibition: Eco Art: Ecologies Over Time. Miami, FL. December 2022.

*Landscape Typologies: A student exhibition for coastal Landscape Architecture solutions to sea-level rise*. Curatorial Advisor. Florida International University Mana Wynwood. Miami, FL. May 2022.

*A Journey Through the Karst Springs of Europe*. Self-published. 2019.

*ABC: Birds of the World*. Self-published. 2019.

*Gilchrist Blue Springs: A Landscape Vision for the Floridan Aquifer*. Self-published. 2018.

Roda, Amy, Mary Yong Cong, Bryce Donner, et al. *Designing a Trapping Strategy to Aid Giant African Snail (Lissachatina Fulica) Eradication Programs*. Journal of Pest Science. September 2018.

## **AWARDS**

2023 - Sigma Lambda Alpha Travel Award. *Karst Springs of Europe Field Research*.

2023 - UF Graduate School Travel Award. *Karst Springs of Europe Field Research*.

2018 - UF Joshua Lepp Travelling Fellowship in Landscape Architecture.

2018 - Landscape Architecture Foundation National Olmsted Scholar Finalist.

2017 - UF Gilkey Fourth-Year Student Professional Award.

2016 - UF Herrick Smith Fellowship in Landscape Architecture.

2016 - Florida ASLA Award of Honor in Philanthropic Category: UF SCASLA PARKing Day with UF SCASLA team.

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**Employer:**

University of Florida

**Phone Number:**

(352) 392-3261

**Occupation:**

Student

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At the University of Florida, I serve as the elected Majority Party Leader of the Student Senate, and in my term, I have made strides toward environmental protection. I founded the Senate Green Caucus, a coalition of thirty-seven student senators from all political parties working toward legislative solutions for environmental problems. The coalition, under my leadership, passed five bills addressing the harms of sugarcane burning, designating October as Campus Sustainability Month, advocating university leadership to consider eco-friendly lighting for future construction, and launching the THRIFT Project to create an on-campus secondhand clothing store. In addition to direct legislative efforts in the UF Senate, I also served as the Sustainability Liaison to the Student Senate, where I met with the UF Office of Sustainability and reported on UF's sustainability efforts to the Senate as a whole.

I have a distinct interest in environmental preservation and beautification efforts, and there are few better ways for me to serve my community than on the City Beautification Board. As a UF student leader, I bring a unique perspective to the board, supported by the resources and connections I have as a Student Government official. As a member of the board, I hope to develop future beautification projects across our city with input from the UF student body and their wishes for a better future for the City of Gainesville.

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Male

**Optional: Ethnicity:**

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

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- Resume\_NP.pdf



# Nathaniel Pelton

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## Experience

### League of Conservation Voters

September – November 2022

#### Florida Field Organizer

- Assembled team of 49 volunteers through personal outreach to 8,700+ members utilizing campaign software.
- Mentored and organized volunteers, overseeing 370+ voter outreach shifts, exceeding team average by 163%.
- Accomplished 67% candidate victory rate by orchestrating innovative daily get-out-the-vote events.

### Florida Democratic Party

June 2020 – November 2020

#### Organizing Fellow

- Organized virtual shifting of 76 volunteers to complete over 900 volunteer shifts, surpassing 260% of goal.
- Facilitated 4-5 training events weekly on campaign software usage to enhance volunteer campaigning skills.
- Accelerated turf voter turnout by 5.58% by conducting 3,000+ get-out-the-vote phonebanking connections.

## Involvement

### University of Florida Student Senate

March 2023 –

#### Majority Party Leader

- Expanded 37-senator caucus membership by 60% through strategic political outreach and electoral success.
- Campaigned equitable appropriation of \$24 million budget by negotiating agreement with minority caucus.
- Steered passage of over 100 bills through effective and collaborative lobbying efforts with senate membership.

#### Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Authored and passed over 25 impactful bills by surveying the needs of 15,000-student-constituency.
- Enacted law that directed university administration to safeguard scholarship funding for over 23,000 students.

### Florida Green Caucus

March 2023 –

#### Founder and Chairman

- Assembled 37 Student Senators and over 30 students in drafting and passing five environmental bills.

### Change Party

December 2022 –

#### Director of Policy

- Transformed outreach by polling over 230 students to develop an equitable campaign policy.
- Generated 89-point campaign platform through meeting with a five-member student working group.

#### General Counsel

- Delivered 86% victory rate for election cases filed against opposition party by assembling evidence and briefs.
- Thwarted 65 election violation charges, presenting cases supported by thorough research and case law.

### Florida Political Review

September 2022 –

#### Treasurer

- Managed \$4,000 annual budget and hosted weekly meetings for the advancement of the organization.

#### Contributing Opinion Author

- Produced two investigative journal pieces by interviewing students and assessing their stances on diverse issues.

## Education

### University of Florida — Gainesville, FL

Expected Graduation: May 2026

B.A., Political Science; B.A., Philosophy; Pre-Law Professional Track

GPA: 3.75/4.0

### Honors

Bright Futures Scholar, Second Place – *Future of Florida Policy Summit* – Bob Graham Center for Public Service,  
Dean's List – *Fall 2022 and Fall 2023*

### Activities

Democratic National Committee, Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity International, UF College Democrats

### Certifications

Community Organizing for Social Justice – *University of Michigan*

July 2023

Civic Engagement in American Democracy – *Duke University*

June 2023