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**Academy Award Winner To Speak at UF**

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—ACCENT Speakers Bureau is proud to announce that Academy Award-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody will speak at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday, April 8. The show begins at 8 p.m. and doors open at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public with first come first serve seating.

Cody is best known for writing “Juno,” a coming-of-age story about a teenager and her unplanned pregnancy, for which she won an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay. The film was nominated for three other Academy Awards, including Best Picture. In addition to her academy award, Cody won an Independent Spirit Award for Best First Screenplay. She received honors from The British Academy of Film and Television Arts, the Writers Guild of America, Broadcast Film Critics Association, the National Board of Review, the Chicago Film Critics Association, the Dallas-Fort Worth Film Critics Association, the Florida Film Critics Circle, the Southeastern Film Critics Association and the Satellite Awards.

Before becoming a screenwriter, Cody first became known for her blog entitled “Pussy Ranch,” which chronicled her year as a stripper and her 2006 memoir “Candy Girl: A Year in the Life of an Unlikely Stripper.” In July 2007, Showtime announced that it would produce a pilot of Cody’s TV series, “The United States of Tara,” a comedy about a mother with dissociative identity disorder. The series will begin filming this spring and stars Toni Collette.

ACCENT Speaker’s Bureau, the largest student-run speakers bureau in the nation, has been bringing prominent speakers to the University of Florida since the 1960s. ACCENT strives to bring controversial and influential speakers to the university, with the intent of further educating the student body, outside of the classroom, on current topics and controversies. Past speakers include Presidents, Prime Ministers, entertainment, media, business and sports legends.

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