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JALEEL WHITE TO MAKE FIRST SPEAKING APPEARANCE THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

GAINESVILLE, Fla.— Former childhood actor Jaleel White who played geeky character Steve Urkel on the show “Family Matters” will make his first public speaking appearance at the University of Florida on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. in the University Auditorium. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Tickets are required for admittance and can be picked up when doors open.

Jaleel White will speak about his experiences as Steve Urkel on the television show “Family Matters.” He will share unique anecdotes about “Family Matters” and writing for television. He will also recount his story of trying to make it in the real world upon graduating college. White’s down-to-earth perspective offers advice on ways to find one’s own voice in life while still standing out in the crowd.

Behind the scenes, White wrote and supplied story ideas for several episodes of “Family Matters.” Additionally, he co-produced and wrote episodes for a show “Grown Ups,” in which he also starred as "J," a college graduate struggling to establish his role in life as an adult. While trying to find his voice off camera, White landed his own television special on ABC in 1992, “Urkel's Other Side: The Jaleel White Special”. Currently, he is working on several screenplays.

White grew up in Pasadena, California and received his B.A. from UCLA's School of Theatre, Film and Television in 2001.

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 hot topics and controversies. Past speakers include presidents, prime ministers, entertainment, media, business and sports legends.

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