

## 8-koi wins place on 2022 'Gator100 List' — founded by UF graduate Inga Young; now employs 150 people

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MERRITT ISLAND (Feb. 4, 2022) — Today, Brian Danforth, assistant vice president of development and executive director of the UF Alumni Association, sent notice that 8-koi made the 2022 "Gator100 List."

The list is compiled annually to recognize high-

performing businesses around the world that are founded and owned by University of Florida alumni.

"You serve as an inspiration to your fellow Gators and the UF alumni Association is proud to recognize you and your company's success with this award," said Danforth's letter.

Nominations were open from August to October last year. 8-koi Founder and President Inga Young is a 1991 UF graduate, earning a bachelor's of applied science in accounting. Young incorporated as a consult-

ant in 2008 and now employs 150 people across the United States.

"My UF education was very rigorous and prepared me for the complex world of government contract accounting," she said. "After I worked with several large aerospace and technology businesses, I believed I had the skills to start up and offer niche accounting to companies contracting to the government at a better cost with more attentive service. This Gator100 recognition really means a lot to me."

8-koi now works as a prime contractor with federal agencies such as Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and Army Corps of Engineers.

In 2019, 8-koi acquired Cape Design Engineering Co. on Merritt Island as a wholly-owned subsidiary.

The official rankings will be revealed at the Gator100 Awards ceremony to be held on Friday, April 22, at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on the University of Florida campus. Read more about The Gator100 at <https://gator100.ufl.edu/about-gator100>.

### ● About 8-koi

8-koi can be found on the frontlines supplying PPE for COVID-19 response and direct patient care to wounded warriors. The firm works behind the scenes to manage electronic medical records and train personnel using advanced medical simulation. It designs and builds health-care facilities, hospitals, colleges and academic institutions for the next generation. The company's technical services extend to constructing the infrastructure needed to support the operations of NASA Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in the 21st Century. 8-koi is an 8(a) certified minority- and woman-owned small disadvantaged business headquartered on Merritt Island. For more information on this firm, visit <https://www.8-koi.com>.

## Retired lawyer, U.S. Army veteran Rice to address a women's organization March 2

MELBOURNE (Feb. 3, 2022) — The Brevard Federated Republican Women will host its lunch meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, at Space Coast Convention Center, 301 Tucker Lane in Cocoa. The facility is behind the Holiday Inn Express.

The guest speaker will be Frances Presley Rice, a retired lawyer and a former U.S. Army lieutenant colonel with 20 years of active service and several distinguished medals.

She rose from abject poverty to become one of America's top "100 Black Business and Professional Women" and chairman of the National Black Republican Association. Rice will share her sage advice about the keys to success and fulfillment that she learned by overcoming bigotry and taking advantage of opportunities available only in America.

The Brevard Federated Republican Women have been empowering women in the political field since 1950. The organization is a member of the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.

The meeting fee of \$25 includes lunch. Reservations are required. The deadline is at noon on Friday, Feb. 25. Any reservations made after that date will be charged \$30. Reservations can also be made by calling (321) 727-1212 or by visiting [www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org).

If you have any questions about the meeting, contact Jill Gentis, club president, at (773) 896-8616.



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