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## City of Gainesville's Citizens' Academy 2008 Graduates (NB)

The City of Gainesville Communications and Marketing Office offers the Citizens' Academy, dubbed "Gainesville 101," to educate Gainesville citizens on the diverse services their City government provides and inform them on how they can become more involved in their local government.

Participants in this year's Citizens' Academy went behind the scenes of City government operations, met with government officials, toured facilities and asked questions at six weekly sessions. A unique feature of the Citizens' Academy is the emphasis on sustainability, fiscal responsibility and increased interaction. Handouts were provided primarily electronically via the Citizens' Academy Web pages and participants could review a summary of the session's activities, provide comments and ask questions on the "Gainesville 101 Blog."

The City Commission: 1) recognize accomplishments of Gainesville 101, Spring 2008 City of Gainesville Citizens' Academy graduates; and 2) hear brief comments from the class speaker on what they have learned.