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**AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND CITY UNVEIL GATOR SCULPTURE AT THE  
AIRLINE TERMINAL**

**GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Dec. 15, 2009** – The Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority (GACRAA) and the City of Gainesville Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Art in Public Places Trust (APPT) Advisory Board gathered today at the airline terminal to unveil a gator sculpture by Artist Pete Davidson titled “Indigenous.”

The sculpture, which resembles an emerging gator head, is made from recycled materials and serves as a highly visible cultural landmark for Gainesville and North Central Florida visitors and residents. The sculpture is located at the center front exterior of the terminal and contains various found objects from the area, embedded into the sculpture. Some of the objects include a section of railroad tracks used to shape the eyes, an airplane propeller blade, typewriter keys, Florida cattle horns and an old University of Florida Gators’ soda bottle.

APPT is a 5-member City/County appointed citizen advisory board established to manage and oversee the purchase of public art. The mission of the APPT is to enhance the quality of the visual environment in the Gainesville community, both natural and built, and in doing so, add to the visual quality of life and raise the level of citizen awareness of the importance of aesthetic and intellectual experiences in everyday life.



*Artist Pete Davidson kneels with the 16-foot long sculpture after the unveiling.*

**About Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV)**

Gainesville Regional Airport serves North Central Florida and the Heart of Florida through all facets of aviation: general aviation, commercial airlines, military and air cargo. Located in Gainesville, Florida just minutes away from the University of Florida, Gainesville Regional Airport provides a close, convenient and competitively priced “gateway” to the Heart of Florida. For more information, visit [www.flygainesville.com](http://www.flygainesville.com).

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