Student Leadership Programs

Enhances Student Life - An interview with Craig Ullom and William Faulkner

Student Leadership Programs, directed by William Faulkner, was formed to serve as an umbrella organization to address leadership education and developmental issues. This umbrella is composed of a team of four offices within Campus Life: LEAD Scholars, Student Activities, Greek Affairs, and United Campus Ministries. The primary vision is the development of an intentional and comprehensive leadership development program that targets specific groups as well as provides campus-wide opportunities for students regardless of their class standing and/or level of involvement experience. The focus of Student Leadership Programs is to provide a variety of programmatic options that recognize students have different needs, time constraints, and levels of interests. Student Leadership Programs will be assessing the leadership programs within these four offices, determine what the current programs are accomplishing, adding new programs, and assessing student’s personal development and knowledge acquired from these programs. Quoting Parker Palmer, Craig Ullom predicted that staff and students will be “Living the Question” as various options and ideas are explored in the area of student leadership.

Student Leadership Programs provide the students opportunities to gain leadership skills, learn more about themselves, understand how they impact others when they converse, how to run a meeting and plan effectively, get into critical thinking and problem solving, manage and mediate conflicts, and more. These basic developmental skills provide a quality out of class experience characterized by challenge and support and an enhancement to student lives that can be applied to the student’s organizations, employment, and community. These qualities, values, and experiences are reflected by University of Central Florida mentors, Alumni members, therefore, connecting the circle of leadership.

A leadership center will be created to centralize Student Leadership Programs in the Student Union. With close proximity of these offices, the concept of leadership and involvement will be taken to a different level on campus allowing students the opportunity to interact with the different aspects of leadership of the departments. Once again, collaboration and partnerships coming together as a whole!

To the SDES Family,

On the occasion of the end of 1999 and the dawn of a New Year, I want to acknowledge your many accomplishments and recognize the hard work and dedication of the staff and faculty of SDES. The division has had numerous successes in 1999 and you can be justifiably proud of your contribution. It is only through your collaborative efforts that the division can reach its ultimate goal of providing an optimal student learning environment and offering programs, services and activities, which add value to the UCF experience and increases the students’ and UCF’s competitive advantage. I look forward to the many challenges and opportunities as we approach the new millennium.

Tom Huddleston

CONGRATULATIONS!

to

Dr. Tom Huddleston,
Vice President of SDES!
People in the News...

New Face!
LEAD is proud to announce a new addition to the LEAD faculty. Dr. Mary Uhl-Bien from the College of Business Administration will be teaching the Foundation of Leadership course for LEAD Scholars beginning this spring semester. Welcome to the LEAD family Dr. Uhl-Bien!

Paige Borden receives promotion:
After an extensive search and review of qualified candidates, former Assistant University Registrar, Paige Borden, was promoted to the position of Associate University Registrar. Dr. Dennis Dulmiak, University Registrar, expressed his support in announcing, “Please join me and congratulate Paige as she steps forward in this most important position to help lead the Registrar’s Office into the PeopleSoft era and the 21st Century.”

“I’m excited about the challenge ahead of me,” said Paige. “I know PeopleSoft will require a tremendous amount of effort, but the reward will be well worth it.”

Leadership Week 2000 - Awards Ceremony
Nomination Forms Now Available!!!
Do you know someone who deserves an award for his or her outstanding performance, leadership, and commitment? Here is your opportunity to nominate that person. Awards will be given in the categories of A&P, USPS, and Faculty. The Leadership Week 2000 Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2000 and will recognize all winners with plaques and certificates. If you need a nomination form, contact the Office of Student Development and Enrollment Services or the LEAD Scholars Program office. All nomination forms must be received by January 14, 2000. So don’t delay!!!

Recruitment - LEAD Students
Class of 2000-2001
A team of current LEAD Scholars has finished the phone interviews with prospective LEAD students for the fall application deadline. Many academically talented and community-oriented high school seniors have been selected to become a part of the LEAD student body. Applications are still being accepted for the March 1, 2000 deadline. We are very excited about the 2000-2001 class of LEAD scholars and look forward to working with all of them.

Great News from Undergraduate Admissions
UCF is increasingly popular among National Merit students! This year has seen a substantial rise in the number of National Merit Semi-Finalists showing interest in UCF. Twenty-two students and their guests attended the first of the “UCF Scholars’ Series” events hosted in November, and another event is scheduled in January. More students are applying to the university this year as well. Loren Herren, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions/Scholarship Coordinator and coordinator of National Merit recruitment efforts, attributes the increased interest to the attention given to file processing and to continuous promotion of the competitive advantages of UCF. Many thanks to everyone on the Undergraduate Admissions team for their support and hard work. Keep it up!

Points of Pride...
Scanning reaches a milestone:
The Registrar’s Office has scanned more than ONE MILLION documents into Viewstar’s Student Record Archives since the purchase of the first high speed scanner in the summer of 1997, alleviating the need to warehouse hundreds of boxes of documents as well as facilitate instant retrieval.

Program Assistant, Wynn Borden explained, “We are building a computerized document information system that, once expanded, will help expedite transfer work as well as other outside documentation necessary to meet state university requirements.” Borden continued, “Technology is a major factor in helping us keep pace with our ever increasing enrollment.”

“FY—Plans, Set Goals, and Follows Through”
In the November 1999 UKnighted newsletter article, “FY is Hard at Work,” First Year Advising and Information Services (FY) reported their plan on how they were going to meet the needs of the continually growing freshman population. With over 2500 first-time-in-college students assigned to their office, it wasn’t a question of who but how. FY is happy to announce that by the end of early registration (December 3, 1999) over 2400 students (>95%) of their assigned students had met their mandatory academic advising requirement!!!

One of the ways they accomplished this goal included several advising outreach programs where first-year advising staff go to students’ residences or classrooms. Their final advising outreach of the semester was conducted on November 3, 1999 at Knights Krossing Apartments where 91 students discussed schedule planning, registration, and other academic related topics.

The Registrar’s Office shares the holiday spirit:
While many in the Registrar Office family participated in University sanctioned holiday drives, everyone wanted to become more directly involved in the spirit of giving. Marlene Agostini, Program Assistant, and Kelly Shilton, Senior Secretary, coordinated an effort by the entire Registrar’s Office to brighten the holidays for three needy Central Florida families. Marlene and Kelly talked with the families. “I was so moved,” said Marlene. “Most asked for simple everyday items, the kinds of things we all take for granted.” It was a gentle reminder to all of us of our many blessings. In return for our goodwill, this was their gift to all of us.

Endorsement:
 Excellence!
New Directions In Career Development at UCF

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, the most important reason for students to come to college is to get the education and training that will prepare them for the career or job of their choice. This year the Academic Development and Retention Unit received enhancement funding from the Board of Regents to develop a career development program for first and second year students. The goal of this program is to help the students think about how career and academic choices are part of the same process and the importance of going through the right steps early on to make the right decisions.

The department within ADR responsible for initiating this program for freshmen and sophomores is the Academic Support and Advising Programs (ASAP) and Dr. Emily Santiago will be heading up this effort in collaboration with other programs that assist students with career development issues. Recently, representatives from A.S.A.P., Career Resource Center, and Counseling Center met with Dr. Maribeth Ehasz, Associate VP for Academic Development and Retention, to begin a dialogue and to envision what might be the strategies that will get us started in a new path of providing career development services, a process that will start with the first year and finish with the senior year. The Career Development Committee will develop some short term goals and strategies for the remaining of the year and then make long term recommendations for the delivery of these services at UCF.

-Submitted by Emily Santiago, ASAP

Academic Services for Student-Athletes

Ms. Natasha Criss has joined the staff of Academic Services for Student-Athletes. Ms. Criss earned an M.Ed. at the University of Louisville where she worked as a graduate assistant with the student-athlete program. Ms. Criss completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland where she was a member of the track team. Ms. Criss is working with the following teams: women’s basketball, men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s tennis and women’s crew.

Other staff members include Ms. Debbie Foreman who advises men’s basketball, men’s and women’s cross country, women’s track, and men’s and women’s golf. Mr. Raphel Robinson advises members of the football team. Mrs. Sandra Reeves works with baseball and serves as director of the program. Ms. Sandra Andrews is a graduate assistant with the ASSA office. Ms. Andrews coordinates the study session attendance records and progress letter distribution to faculty. The advisors collaborate with the coaching staff to ensure academic progress. They also work closely with Mr. Chris King, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance.

In addition to appointments with advisors, student-athletes are also required to attend study sessions in the writing lab, computer lab and library. Interactive study sessions focusing on certain general education courses are facilitated by the Student Academic Resource Center. Study sessions are held during evening hours following classes, practice and conditioning requirements.

Learn to SCUBA DIVE at Rec Services!!!

Scuba classes are back at Recreational Services this spring semester. Experience the adventure and excitement of exploring the underwater world. Upon completion of this course, you will be certified as a PADI open water diver. The course involves academics, pool training, and open water dives.

Class #1 will be held on January 24th & 26th from 6:00pm - 10:00pm, and on January 29th & 30th, from 9:00am - 6:00pm at the UCF Pool, with a second class being offered in February as well. A separate Scuba Dive Trip is also being planned to Crystal River on January 22nd and 23rd.

Contact Debbie Madison @ x2391 or dmadison@mail.ucf.edu for more information on these exciting opportunities.

http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~rec

Additional Location for Non-Traditional Services

On December 20th, an additional location opened for Non-Traditional Students to meet and share information with each other. The new location is in the Office of Veterans’ Affairs, Student Resource Center, Building 7, Room 132. The telephone extension for this new location is 823-3928. Please note that Evening Student Services will still be located in Room 210, Administration Building. An application has been submitted to the Student Activities to reactivate the UCF Non-Traditional Student Association. Look for an announcement of the upcoming meeting. A Spring issue of the Non-Traditional Newsletter will be ready for publication the beginning of next semester.

-Submitted by Emily Santiago, ASAP
On December 2nd, an outreach program for top scholars in UCF’s local service area, Undergraduate Admissions and the College of Engineering and Computer Science co-hosted 11 Central Florida high schools for an inside view of Inter-Service/Industry Simulation, Training and Education Conference, I/ITSEC, the world’s largest convention of virtual display and computer simulation. Local-area National Merit Semi-Finalists, International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors students were able to experience various 3D-computer simulated environments, including over two dozen flight simulators. UCF participation in this conference was proposed and developed by Mark Yerkes, Assistant Vice President for Research, as an educational opportunity to link students and UCF degree programs.

Dr. Chuck Reilly, Chair, Industrial Engineering and Management Systems, Ted Bryson, Engineering /Computer Science Recruitment, and Loren Herren, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions/Scholarship Coordinator, greeted over 200 students during the event. Guided tours of the display area were provided by UCF faculty and graduate students, along with support from UCF’s Institute for Simulation and Training.

Thanks also to the generous support of the Orange County Public School, West Leadership Center and their representative Kelly Pelletier, for supporting this outstanding educational opportunity.

**Exploring the World of Virtual Display AND Computer Simulation**

**Santa visits Creative School for Children**

**Career Resource Center**

The UCF/Lockheed Martin College Work Study Program is currently recruiting students in the area of Engineering, Business and Computer Science. This program provides students with the opportunity to gain professional experience in their area of study and earn a portion of their expenses while in school. The UCF/Lockheed Martin College Work Study Program would also like to congratulate Alan McCluney and Tine Otte, who were both selected by Lockheed Martin Information Systems to participate in their Leadership Development Program. The students will receive technical training, job rotations and leadership development for two to three years, which will provide them the opportunity to become a future leader for the corporation. If you have any questions regarding the UCF/Lockheed Martin College Work Study Program, please contact Kerry Fortson, Program Coordinator at 823-3314 or 356-4581 or the Career Resource Center at 823-2361.

**Campus Life/Academic Development and Retention Partnership**

The Offices of Alumni Affairs, Career Resource Center, Transfer Services, and Student Activities are collaborating to provide a Senior Year Experience workshop for UCF students. The program will be held on January 26, 2000 from 11am to 3pm in the Key West and Cape Florida rooms in the Student Union. Reuban Rodriguez, Mark Allen Poisel, Jill Ziegenfuss, Annie Ware, and Jessica Smith (a UCF senior) are coordinating this program for graduating seniors in order to help them make their transition from college life to the real world. Workshop presentations will include information on job search techniques, resume building, interviewing skills, finances and salary negotiating, and employer roundtable discussions. Students will be receiving invitations; however, if you interact with any graduating seniors, please encourage them to attend this event. For more information, please contact the Office of Student Activities at 3-6471.

**Career Resource Center**

The UCF Career Expo for Spring 2000 promises to be one of the most exciting major events presented by the Career Resource Center. Although there are space restrictions that will limit the number of employer tables in the UCF Arena, over 220 organizations with 600+ representatives are expected. This is one of, if not the, largest job fair events in Central Florida and is exclusive to UCF students. Upwards of 1,500 student attendees are anticipated. With the country’s unemployment at 4.1% - a 30 year low - many employers from across the country are sending their recruiters to UCF to tap into the talents and skills of graduating students. Job Fairs such as this have become even more attractive as a recruiting tool for not only large companies, but they can “even the playing field” for the smaller employer competing for college grads. Many employers will arrange interview schedules around the candidates they originally meet at their tables. The Spring 2000 Expo on February 1 will jam the interviewing rooms in the CRC for weeks after the event as employers arrange follow-up interviews.

**Welcome New Students!**

On December 29, 1999, International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) held an Orientation for new arriving students and scholars. The event was at the Barbara Ying Center from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Mr. A. J. Range, Assistant Vice President of Special Programs, was the guest speaker. Lunch was served to students to welcome them into the university.