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SDES: Two Years of Excellence

A Word from the SDES Vice President...

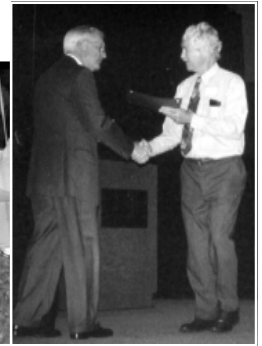
Reporting to the Provost, SDES is responsible for the administration and management of programs, services, facilities and activities designed to support and complement the educational mission and goals of the university. Since its formation in 1998, Student Development and Enrollment Services has been committed to building and strengthening student enrollment. Successful outcomes include new student growth, improving student retention, greater student success and a positive student learning experience. The division has three primary functions:

- Transition activities that assist our diverse and talented students in accessing a University of Central Florida education and making the adjustment to college life.
- Support services and programs that provide assistance to students in the accomplishment of their educational objectives.
- Personal development programs that strengthen student growth.

We believe that these activities, programs, and services not only add value to the UCF experience but also increase UCF's competitive advantage. Collaboration and partnerships among members of our division and throughout the university remain very important.

Among the Many Accomplishments of SDES...

- **Academic Retention and Development** — has been successful in building a team that has collaborated with SDES and the university community to improve retention by almost 5%, reduce first term probation rates; developed programs for transfer students and piloted a Freshmen Seminar course.
- **Campus Life** — As partners in learning, campus life staff has invested considerable energy in planning over \$100 million in facilities. In addition, efforts have resulted in expansion of LEAD Scholars Program, Volunteer UCF, and Leadership UCF; piloting the Greek Student Success and Knight Partners Programs; and establishing academic interest residences in student housing.
- **Special Programs** — unit combined several offices to form a new unit with the mission of providing leadership and advocacy for students with special needs. Since formation, Special Programs has been more than successful in meeting that mission. Their accomplishments include: increasing the number of veterans, international and disabled students served; increasing the first year retention rate for multicultural students and opening an office for Non-Traditional students.
- **Student Government** — Administration saw a reorganization which established a new policies and procedures. These included: new written financial procedures, a new accounting database to track and report expenditures; and a new property database to track inventory.
- **Undergraduate Admissions** — has continued to work toward its goal of increasing enrollment quality. This can be seen by an 80% increase in National Merit student confirmed as compared to last year. It is also shown by the 15,000 freshmen applications for the fall semester; the 10 point increase (1260 – 1270) in SAT test scores for freshmen Honors program participants; and average SAT test scores (1144) and high school GPA (3.5) for admitted freshmen.
- **Student Financial Assistance** — has processed and coordinated over 100 million dollars in aid to students in 1998-99.



Second Annual Celebration Breakfast..

Student Development and Enrollment Services presented its Second Annual Celebration Breakfast on April 25th that was attended by approximately 400 employees. The Annual Celebration Breakfast is held in appreciation to the division's employees. Dr. Tom Huddleston, Vice President of SDES, reflected the integral work of the units that draw from each other strengths by collaboration and partnerships and how critical communication is to make the division stronger. He talked about the vision of SDES and creating a competitive advantage for our students and the University of Central Florida. Dr. Huddleston thanked everyone for their dedicated service to the division. Dr. Gary E. Whitehouse, Provost, was the special guest. Dr. Whitehouse spoke of UCF as a 'Place of choice for Undergraduates' and thanked everyone for their innovation and spirit. Awards were presented for years of service and operational excellence.

(Look for more Celebration Breakfast photos on back page.)

Congratulations SDES!!!

Operational Excellence Award Winners:

- A/P and FAC:** **Bob Snow, Director**
First Year Advising and Information Services
- USPS:** **Martha Bradford, Administrative Assistant**
Student Health Services
- USPS:** **Jim Wilson, Electronic Technician**
Student Union
- OPS:** **Jeff Dolnack, Marketing Coordinator**
Recreational Services



International Student and Scholar Services



On April 7, the International Student Association held its annual fashion show “*Moda 2000 in the Streets*” at the Student Resources Center. 200 hundred people attended the show. The **Honorable Martin Torres Consul of Mexico** was the Master of Ceremony. The **Mariachi** group from EPCOT center opened the show, and the extravagant models from UCF and EPCOT filled the stage with grace and fashions from the past and the present taking the viewers to a different world. A BIG thank you to the International Students for sharing with us the beauty of their culture which enriches our minds and souls.

UCF RAs assist new staff at Beacon College

On April 7, three representatives from Housing and Residence Life traveled to Beacon College located in Leesburg, Florida. **Andrew Campbell** (*Graduate Assistant*), **Heather McKay** (*Interim Area Coordinator*) and **Triscia Panarello** (*Area Coordinator*) took on the outreach effort in order to assist Beacon’s new Resident Assistants, as well as, the on-campus residential students with resolving roommate conflicts. Beacon College, is a college geared to students who are learning



challenged and has an enrollment of approximately 40 students. This is the first year that they have implemented a Resident Assistant program. Andrew, Heather, and Triscia were guest speakers in their Freshmen Transition class.

KUDOS to the LEAD Scholars!!!!

During the 1999-2000 academic year, the LEAD Scholars have collectively completed over 10,000 community service hours! A few of their projects include Landscape Day at Give Kids the World, March of Dimes, Relay for Life, and the Dance Marathon. They did an excellent job in dedicating themselves to the community, and LEAD Scholars Program is very proud of all of our LEAD Scholars.

“We are excited about the upcoming opportunities and challenges facing SGA next year. Also, we are very much looking forward to working with students, faculty, staff, and administration. It is necessary to have a strong relationship with everyone on campus so that we can best serve the UCF Community. We are ready to get to work and stick to our platform upon which we were elected...we will inspire students to get involved in SGA once again!”

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SPRENKLE, *New Student Body President*



On March 3rd, International Student and Scholar Services, in conjunction with Multilingual Multicultural Center recognized **Dr. Ying** for his friendship and generosity to the University, and in particular to International Student and Scholar Services and to Multilingual Multicultural Center. One Hundred people attended a dinner at the Barbara Ying Center in honor of Dr. Ying. Dr. Ying was presented with a World Clock as a symbol of friendship.

The Knight Partners Pilot Project Prevails

The Knight Partners Pilot Project focused on identifying and recruiting 200 FTIC freshmen living in the target area (Knight’s Crossing Apts.) Fall 1999-2000. The project addressed issues of transition, academic performance involvement in campus culture, health and wellness. The identifying and recruiting 200 FTIC volunteers into the project (Fall 1999-2000) was met. As the project progressed through the Fall semester, 18 (9%) volunteers dropped out of the project for reasons ranging from heavy job schedules to moving out of the target area. The year long pilot project remains on target of assisting the 182 (91%) remaining FTIC participants. Thus, 91% of the participants were retained going into the Spring semester 99-00.



When comparing GPA’s of the participants to non-participants:

- 90% of the participants were in the 2.0-4.0 grade point range, compared to 78% of the non-participants
- 91% of the participant females were in the 2.0-4.0 grade point range, compared to 87% of non-participants
- 89% of the participant males were in the 2.0-4.0 grade point range, compared to 68% of the non-participant males
- 22% of the non-participants were in the probation range of 0.0-1.9, compared to 10% of the participants.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

Undergraduate Admissions

• There is never really a slow time of the year at Undergraduate Admissions. Recently, **Ted Bryson**, *Assistant Director* and liaison to the College of Engineering, attended the World Computer Programming Competition hosted in Orlando.

• The March 25th UCF Scholars Day event hosted over 600 scholarship winners and their guests. That same evening President and Mrs. Hitt hosted the annual President’s Dinner for National Merit students and their families; this year 25 National Merit students and their families attended at The Burnett House.

The UCF/Lockheed Martin College Work Study Program would like to congratulate **Kechia Perry** for receiving a permanent position with Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, as an Associate Specialist of Business Operations.

Career Resource Center



Florida Leader Magazine Names UCF's Greek Community as Best in the State

Orlando, FL — The Florida Leader Magazine (Vol. 16, No. 2) named UCF's Greek Community as the Best in the State of Florida. It stated that the Orlando fraternities and sororities can be found doing anything from starting the Greek Student Success program for new members to hosting an annual step show (Greek Extravaganza) competition. Lambda Theta Alpha, became the first Latin sorority and Beta Theta Pi was also added to accommodate the growing Greek population, which now has nearly 2,200 members in its 33 fraternities and sororities. The Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Diversified Greek Council launched their annual "Trick or Treat on Greek Street" to give more than 300 children a safe haunted holiday. "Chapters team up and provide games, candy, haunted houses, moon-bounces and giant slides for area kids," said Greg Mason, Director for Greek Affairs. This year, UCF sororities created the "Safe Sister" program to train women to be peer educators for sexual assault and other women's issues. The Greek Council in



conjunction with the Office for Student Activities and the Student Government Association hosted the Greek Council Leadership Conference and Leadership Symposium. Over 70 students attended sessions ranging from parliamentary procedure and networking, to recruitment and diversity issues. For more information on the UCF Greek Community, visit the web site of www.pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~ifc.

UCF's Panhellenic Council Recognized for Outstanding Programs

Atlanta, GA — The UCF Panhellenic Council was recognized at the Southeastern Panhellenic Conference (SEPC) on April 1 for three main areas, Leadership Education, Risk Management, and Recruitment. Panhellenics from across the southeast United States can submit up to three areas from a wide variety of topics. UCF programs that won, included the Greek Council Leadership Conference, GAMMA (Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol) as well as Recruitment. Last fall, the UCF Panhellenic registered over 640 women to participate in recruitment. The quota was 64, which was the highest in the State of Florida for the fourth consecutive year. SEPC is a leadership conference organized by students and is considered to be the top student leadership conference in the country for women. Over 1300 women attended this year's conference and the UCF Panhellenic was recognized as one of the southeast's best.

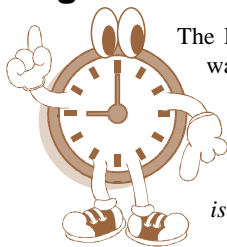
LEAD Scholars Program

Jan Lloyd, Associate Director of the LEAD Scholars Program, will be one of the featured presenters at the National Association for Community Leadership, A Sea of Diversity Conference which will be held in Miami, Florida on May 5-8, 2000. Jan will present, "Learn 12 Ways to Build Communities On and Off Campus." Participants will learn about 12 programs previously developed as well as how to implement these programs at their respective institution. Examples of these programs include academic courses, mentor programs, matching students with faculty and the business community, corporate partnerships, community service projects, etc. Strategies will be identified that business community members and higher institution administrators can formulate in order to network and work collaboratively to create on and off-campus communities.

LEAD Scholars Spotlight on Student

Anna Berger, a former LEAD Scholar, was selected as a finalist for the Student Leadership Award for two consecutive years. She did not win the award, but no other student has ever been a finalist for two consecutive years. Each year, Ms. Berger commits herself to several associations around campus and service to the community. She has a proven track record of dedication to serving others. The Office of LEAD Scholars Program is very proud of her.

Registrar's Office: New "walk-in hours"



The Registrar's Office will revise its hours for walk-in service to 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday and Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday (following a similar schedule employed by Admissions and Financial Aid). The change is scheduled to go into effect Monday, May 15.



Counseling and Testing Center

On March 17th, the Counseling and Testing Center held a retreat at Big Oaks Ranch in Orlando that featured guest speaker Nikki Pritchett, Associate Director of Counseling at FSU, who discussed counseling center interventions for students experiencing grief over the loss of a fellow student. Not long after this, Dr. Harman facilitated a grief response session for members of the TKE Fraternity following the death of one of its members.

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Please submit your June newsletter articles to jpardo@mail.ucf.edu by May 19th. Thank you.

