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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.

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First Year Advising and Information (FY) Advising Outreach Programs - In preparation of early registration, First Year Advising and Information Services conducted advising outreach programs at Boardwalk Apartments, Knight’s Crossing Apartments, with the LEAD Scholars first-year students, and at a display table outside the Student Union. 184 students were advised through these programs and over 50 students came by to gather academic information!

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The Registrar’s Office reaches PeopleSoft milestone:
The Student Records Conversion Team successfully converted the historical course catalog and schedule of classes from 1968 through summer 1998. This conversion effort resulted in a data load of 25,396 catalog entries and 170,593 schedule entries. This conversion is required in order to load student course records and to print historical transcripts. The team anticipates loading current class schedule data (courses from fall 1998 through spring 2000) in late spring 2000. Currently, the team is mapping data fields for converting student database to PeopleSoft. This phase of the conversion remains on target of assisting the 162 (91%) remaining FTIC freshmen students.

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The Knight Partners are very much looking forward to the opportunity of expanding the pilot project in other areas of the UCF student body. The Knight Partners Pilot Project has been very successful and will continue to expand in the future.

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The Nightingale Scholarship Program is a $1,000 scholarship opportunity for incoming female freshman students with a 3.0 GPA or higher and who have been accepted to UCF. The program is named in honor of Nightingale and is open to students majoring in any field in the University’s College of Health and Public Affairs.

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.

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Career Resource Center

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