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Sponsored by Amy Schwartz

Over 500 students, faculty and staff attended the Campus Wellness Center’s first annual Relaxation Station at the Student Union on October 16th. The evaluations were extremely positive and asked that they bring back the 50 plus exhibitors every semester! Free stress-relieving experiences was provided by local alternative practitioners who offered a tea ceremony, aromatherapy, reflexology, reiki, massage, yoga, head and neck massages, reiki and meditation, as well as a ‘no-worries’ stress-relieving services like Counseling and Testing Center, Student Legal Services, Campus Life, SARC and Recreational Services.

Points of Pride...

UCF Relaxation Station

The Ole’ Switch-a-Roo

Student Disability Services (SDS) and the Office of Veterans’ Affairs (OVA) have swapped locations. SDS has moved to its new location, Student Resource Center 132. The Office of Veterans’ Affairs is now located in Millican Hall, room 149. SDS now consists of a reception area, offices and testing facility. The newly remodeled testing facility is capable of monitoring as many as ten tests at once, as well as providing office space for psychoeducational evaluations. The soundproofed rooms and monitoring technology provide a quiet, secure testing environment to assist professors in accommodating students’ exam needs. Adaptive technology is also available in the testing facility to accommodate students with various disabilities.

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- Honor: Grand Rapids Bilingual Ed. Dept. Appreciation Award
- Employee of the Month: College County Public School
- Leadership: 1999 Annual Bilingual/Migrant Ed Conference
- School of Religious Education
- Membership: Knights of Columbus, Knights of the Order of St. Francis

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Heather Scales, Senior Financial Aid Officer, has taken the Lead to the fullest. She is comprised of adult students and other PINNACLE’s winners. The PINNACLE is a national honorary award for students who have achieved at least junior status, have worked in the student loan process in excess of 11,000 student loans totaling over fifty million dollars. She speaks on “One stop shopping” when it comes to processing loans. She will research, evaluate, and then award loans all at the same time. No waiting, no guessing, no holdup on the student loan process. This great attitude, identifies, isolates and reduces problems immediately and efficiently. Her can-do attitude and dedication to service makes it possible for students to receive their loans in a timely manner. “Heather’s work ethics and commitment to doing a good job makes her a jewel of an employee,” says Mary McKinney, Executive Director of Student Financial Assistance.

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**Holiday Clothing Drive**

In an effort to find ways to provide service for the community, tutor coach, Shane Strumlish suggested that the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) unite with sorority Kappa Delta in a collaborative effort to make a difference in the lives of others for the holiday season. The Second Annual Clothing Drive was sponsored by Dreyel in October. The company distributed the donations to local families. The event involved fraternities and sororities of the Greek system as well as local businesses and organizations. The unselfish giving from all of those involved in the outreach resulted in a completely successful clothing drive.

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**The Spirit of a Smile!**

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