

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES ACCREDITED!
The long awaited word finally reached Student Health Services, all the votes are in and UCF is joining an elite group of colleges and universities with accredited medical facilities. The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) has awarded its official stamp of approval to our Student Health Services! (And there will be no recount!) After a three year preparation effort led by Assistant Director Marsha Huddle, Health Services was recently inspected as to the credentials of its medical staff, its policies and procedures and even the arrangement and safety of the Health Center building. Student Health Services received the second highest rating possible, with the granting of a three year term.

UCF joins the University of Florida’s health center as the only SUS school to receive this distinction and is one of only 100 other colleges and universities in the nation that are accredited. Director Bob Faust said, “We’re pleased and proud to have achieved accreditation. We feel that this has helped us improve the quality of care to our patients, UCF students, so they are the ultimate benefactors.”

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This month’s Above and Beyond article features Robin Holmes’ Robin is a Coordinator in Student Outreach Programs. In 1991, he began his career at UCF in Human Resources (formerly Division of Personnel Services) as a Student Assistant. Rob as he is known to his friends, worked very hard and impressed his superiors. In 1993, Robin continued this dedicated service at the UCF Arena where he worked special events, arena security and arena setup. Shortly thereafter, Robin Holmes assumed greater responsibility in the Department of Housing and Residence Life. Through Robin’s years as a Student Assistant, he left a very positive impression on his supervisors and co-workers.

During 1995, Rob began to work in what was then the Office of Special Programs as a full time staff member. He assisted with the College Reach-Out Program (CROP) and McKnight Center of Excellence. Rob graduated from UCF in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies and a minor in Mass Communication. As a result of Robin’s sense of responsibility and willingness to serve, he was hired as a Program Assistant in CROP.

Since 1995, Robin Holmes has been the prime mover behind the success and leadership of CROP! Under his guidance, CROP’s pre-collegiate program has grown from 190 high school students in 1995 to 440 middle and high school students today. In 1997, Robin Holmes became a full time Administrative and Professional staff member in what is now Student Outreach Programs. Thus, in the absence of a full time director since 1999, Robin has been faithfully leading and coordinating the Department of Student Outreach Programs with skill, excellence and dedication.

The Unit of Special Programs is pleased, proud and honored to cite Robin Holmes as its outstanding staff member for this month! “Give it up for Robin Holmes!” Let’s hear it! Congratulations!

On behalf of the University of Central Florida, and the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS), Coordinator Ragda Kurdy received a crystal plaque from Major General Lee C. Vinson-Maig of Taiwan, who visited the Barbara Ying Center with a Taiwanese Delegation.

International Student and Scholar Services is preparing for the International Student and Scholar’s Orientation. The event will take place at the Barbara Ying Center on January 3, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Many departments will be invited to participate, in order to give the international students the best information and help possible. For more information, please call Ragda Kurdy at 823-2337.


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The divisional newsletter will be published throughout the year to provide information about SDES.

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