HEALTH SERVICES HONORS GRADS AND OPS WORKERS

*** The International Student Association (ISA) held its annual international fashion show “Mode Internationale 2001” at the Holiday Inn Select on April 12. The show was a success with 400 in attendance. The Honorable Consul of France Brigitte Daupt was the moderator. Dr. Cornell from the College of Education was recognized for his contribution and his support of international students. Thank you to the international students for sharing their cultures with the campus community.

*** Ragha Kandy, Coordinator of International Student and Scholar Services, published an article, “UCF’s Focus on International Education” in the March 2001 issue of Association of International Educators (NAFSA) Newsletter. The newsletter was distributed to more than 8000 people worldwide. The article describes UCF’s celebration of the “International Education Day” in part of the U.S. International Education Week, November 12-18, 2000, declared by President Clinton. The article stressed the three major goals dedicated to strengthen the international education on UCF’s campus and the programs that set forth the challenges, the educational system and institutions face in preparing students to live and work in an increasingly global community. - Submitted by Ragha Kandy

Students Honored... Undergraduate Admissions will be making special visits to area high schools this month to recognize and honor our newest class of first-year students. These students will be receiving UCF academic merit scholarships. Congratulations to our local students on their outstanding academic achievements!

The American Veterans Travelling Tribute

The Student Veterans Association sponsored the display of The American Veterans Travelling Tribute (The Wall) at UCF, April 16-23rd. UCF was honored to be the first university in Florida to display The Wall. The memorial is dedicated to the memory of the 58,220 men and women who lost their lives in the Vietnam War and to the missing in action and prisoners of war who were left behind in southeast Asia.

For more information, visit the website: www.avtt.org.

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FERPA Student Records Privacy Seminar

May 11, 2000

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Classroom Building 1, Room 104

Learn exactly what information you can disclose, to whom and under what circumstances.

RSVP: 407.823.5454

FERPA Presentation draws standing room only crowd

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Student-Athletes Volunteer

On March 21-22, 17 student-athletes participated in UCF Reads through the C.H.A.M.P.S./Life Skills Program and Academic Services for Student-Athletes. The student-athletes read books to over 275 elementary students grades 1-4. The participating schools were Grand Avenue Elementary and Waterford Elementary. Sports represented were cheerleaders, football, baseball, women’s basketball, men’s basketball and volleyball. The student-athletes had a great time sharing literature and representing the Golden Knights. Natasha Criss (Academic Advisor) and Karen Woods (C.H.A.M.P.S./Life Skills graduate assistant) represented ASSA.

Football team back on campus!

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Celebrating 25 Years of Service!
Special Welcome to Lyne Brough as she assumes the position of Assistant Director at the Student Academic Resource Center. Lyne has over 5 years of experience in higher education in a B.A. in Social Science (with a major in American Studies and a minor concentration in Psychology) from Stetson University and a Masters of Art degree from Southern Nazarene University. Lyne has an extensive background in program development, coordination of tutoring programs, development of curriculum, evaluation and supervision. Lyne’s interests outside of work include gardening, spending time with family and cooking.

Soon to be awarded MA

• Sandra Bulger, Assistant University Registrar and UCF Staff member since 1996, will graduate in May with a Masters in Spanish Literature from the University of Central Florida this month. A graduate of McMurry University in Abilene, Texas, she has journeyed through the Career and Information Center, then the Admissions Office and now serves the Registrar’s Office in her current position, where her responsibilities include: admissions, transfers, help,录取, and career college program assistance.

• Michael R. Zinssar, Assistant Director Informations and Publications, will receive a Master of Arts degree in Corporate Communication and Technology from Rollins College this month. He is a graduate of St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York and has directed the information and publications office of the Registrar’s Office since March 2001.

• Joe Ritchie, Director of Orientation, and Jennifer Royce, Assistant Director of Orientation, along with the 2001 O-Team, recently attended the annual Southern Regional Orientation Workshop held in Murray, Kentucky. Over 1,200 people attended this event with the majority of them being orientation leaders from over 40 colleges. While there, the O-Team participated in the “Song” and the “Banner” competition. In addition, both of them presented two programs: Understanding and Celebrating Our Diversity and Body Language and Non-verbal Communication. Joe and Jen received the first place in the category of Educational Seminar for their presentation titled Integration: A Comprehensive Approach to Student Success and First-Year Experiences.

When people, particularly staff and students, are our most important product, then each individual is invaluable to the operation and success of a university community. Such was the case in the Unit of Special Programs. Gloria Jimenez is the Administrative Assistant in Special Programs, working in the Office of the Assistant Vice President. Gloria began her career at UCF in 1988 as a Clerk Typist in Student Health Services. As a result of Gloria’s excellent experience and proven abilities in her current position, she was hired as an Office Assistant in what was then Multicultural Student Services (MSS) in 1998, based upon her demonstrated loyalty, performance, and effectiveness, Gloria was elevated to Administrative Assistant in the new Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services! When Gloria is not at work, she enjoys music, cooking, traveling, and being a proud parent of three adult children, two of whom are male twins and a daughter. Gloria also has a granddaughter, whom she really enjoys spending time with. Gloria is expecting a new grandson this fall and will soon expand her family by one more as of May. This segment of “About and Beyond” takes special pride and pleasure in citing Gloria Jimenez for her Unit of Special Programs outstanding staff member for this month! Let us hear it for Gloria! Congratulations! - Submitted by A.J. Range

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Student Academic Resource Center, and
Jen Ford, Associate Director of Multicultural Academic Support Services were recently selected as judges for the Elks Organization for their outstanding service. When students initially arrive at UCF, they may find it challenging to adapt to a new environment in college. By serving on the Elks Organization, Sandra and Jen demonstrate their commitment to contributing to the growth and success of students at UCF.


Career Resource Center

Thomas Barry, Assistant Director and Director of the College of Health and Public Affairs and Career Services, was the Keynote Speaker for the 2001 St. College Awards Banquet. He spoke on the critical topic of leadership and building academic and career skills for the future. This topic exemplifies the Career Resource Center’s career planning focus for all UCF students. Thomas is an example of leadership for the students he advises and his constituent.

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Student Impact students UCF experience

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Student Disability Services (SDS) is proud to announce that Deborah K. Kirk has been selected as judge for the International Technology and Education of the Deaf Symposium – Supporting Learners K-College at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY on June 25-29th. The Post Secondary Education Consortium, a national technical assistance agency that serves students who are deaf or hard of hearing, announced grants for only three stipends for participants from Florida who will be attending this conference. Deborah has brought Florida's distance Tech and Support Service Collaborative, which enables innovative technology to be implemented for the deaf and hard of hearing at post-secondary institutions. The Collaborative shares state-of-the-art equipment and software among the schools that comprise the Collaborative. The agenda for the conference includes various topics including Using Technology to Support Learning, Measuring the Impact of Technology in the Teaching/Learning Process, Online and Distance Learning as well as various "hands-on" workshops to demonstrate the effective use of technology in the classroom for students with disabilities.

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