



SDES Partnerships: Metropolitan Communities and the State of Florida

Community partnerships meet UCF Goal 5, "Be America's leading partnership university."

SDES units and departments collaborate and form many partnerships within the division, UCF community and the Central Florida area to achieve excellence as they provide service to students. The three SDES offices that primarily reach out in the community and partner outside the UCF community are Florida Foundation for Future Scientists (FFFS), National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) and Student Outreach Programs (SOP).

Florida Foundation for Future Scientists

FFFS partners with school districts (grades 6 through 12) in the State of Florida. FFFS promotes and administers the Annual State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida for middle and high school students. On April 10-12, FFFS hosted the fair in Lakeland where 900 SSEF finalists (442 senior section, grades 9 through 12 and 458 junior

section, grades 6 through 8) from 345 schools in 67 districts throughout Florida participated. The student scientists have the opportunity to share their ideas with one another, increase personal development in scientific and technological areas, gain self-confidence in problem-solving skills, and receive awards and scholarships for their efforts.

FFFS coordinates and partners with companies, institutions and programs to award scholarships and cash, and a chance for a summer internship at NASA. SDES offers eight \$1,000 scholarships for participants who enroll at UCF. Also, the winners of the SSEF have the opportunity to compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Other partnerships include Agere Systems, Publix Supermarkets Charities and the State of Florida Department of Education.

National Consortium for Academics and Sports

NCAS offers former student-athletes an opportunity to participate in outreach and community service programs and become mentors in exchange for free tuition. NCAS has created partnerships with many organizations in the communities, including Salvation Army's Women and Children's Living Center. Student-athletes, staff and alumni dressed in costumes presented a fall festival for the children. They carved and painted pumpkins. Children bobbed for apples and broke a pinata filled with candy. During the winter holiday festival, collection boxes are placed in Academic Development and Retention, Millican Hall 210 and NCAS office in Wayne Densch. Director of NCAS Suzi Katz says,



FFFS: 900 student scientists participated in the 2002 Annual State Science and Engineering Fair.

"We shower the moms at the Salvation Army's Women and Children's Living Center with a special bag of goods including bath and body gels, lotions, shampoos, conditioners, jewelry and all things they find it difficult to treat

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NCAS: Knighto visits a patient at the Florida Children's Hospital.



SOP: Students from McKnight Center of Excellence visit Florida Hospital.

People in the News...

Welcome Aboard New SDES Employees

- **Tammy Davis**, program assistant, Undergraduate Admissions
- **Christian de Guzman**, custodial worker, Campus Life
- **Casey Hill**, coordinator, computer applications, Administrative Services
- **Fildres Jordan**, senior accountant, Student Health Services
- **Orlando Lajas**, custodial worker, Campus Life
- **Michael Neal**, custodial supervisor, Campus Life
- **Laura Riddle**, director of Alcohol and Other Drug Programs, SDES
- **Jill Showiak**, office manager, Student Health Services
- **Joanna Thompson**, program assistant, Undergraduate Admissions
- **Jason Torres**, custodial worker, Student Union

LEAD Scholar Receives Scholarship

Kudos go to LEAD Scholar Vanessa Bowman, the first recipient of the East Orlando Rotary Leadership Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship will be distributed through two semesters of the 2002-2003 academic year.

Bowman, a student of the hospitality management program, recently completed her first year as a LEAD scholar and has been involved in the REACH Peer Education and Get Carded UCF programs. Bowman says the LEAD Scholars Program has given her the skills and experience as a leader to set a positive example for other students; the REACH Peer Education class has enhanced her skills and knowledge as a mentor in the UCF community. A special thanks to the East Orlando Rotary Club for creating this scholarship.

Paige Borden Returns to Registrar's Office

On May 10, Paige Borden returned to the Registrar's Office as associate University Registrar. Borden resumed her former position but with new and expanded responsibilities. She will direct the Registrar's Office Data Security and PeopleSoft Training area as well as lead future PeopleSoft enhancements and development. Borden rejoins the Registrar's Office following her very successful tenure as Computer Services functional analyst for student records, where for more than 12 months she worked with that office to implement the PeopleSoft Student Records Module.



Paige Borden

New SDES Position Announced

Vice President Tom Huddleston announced Laura Riddle as the director of Alcohol and Other Drug Programs (AOD), a new SDES position. Riddle joined the staff on May 13 and will report directly to Huddleston. She earned her master's degree in counseling education at UCF. She is dually certified as an addiction treatment and prevention professional.

As director, Riddle will provide leadership for the coordination and implementation of a comprehensive alcohol and other drug prevention program as well as counseling students with related problems. In addition, she

will serve as a spokesperson on AOD issues and educate the university community and administration on alcohol and drug prevention-related policies, laws and liability issues.

Riddle has 20 years of experience in the Central Florida area. She managed and directed the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention/Intervention Programming for six years at Valencia Community College. In addition, she has worked in a variety of community-based, nonprofit, behavioral health care organizations, most notably managing a number of programs for the Center for Drug Free Living, Inc.



Laura Riddle

◆ KUDOS ◆

Counseling and Testing Center

- **Dr. Rich McLaughlin** has been officially named as the new associate director of the Counseling and Testing Center.
- **Dr. Gernayne Crow**, specialist in student counseling, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation at Auburn University.
- **Dr. Larry Marks**, staff psychologist, is now officially recognized as a licensed psychologist in the state of Florida.

Greek Council Receives Recognition

■ The UCF's Panhellenic Council was recognized at the Southeastern Panhellenic Conference (SEPC) banquet in April for the outstanding programs in the State of Florida in the areas of women's issues and recruitment. The conference was held in Atlanta.

The SEPC is the largest women's student leadership conference in the country. Over 90 institutions and 1,400 students attended the conference. The UCF delegation numbered 23, which was the largest contingent of UCF students to ever attend SEPC. This provided more women the opportunity for skill and leadership building than ever before.

■ Recently, the UCF Interfraternity Council (IFC) won a Fraternal Excellence Award at the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference. This award is presented to those IFC's who submit award packets that meet 90 percent of the criteria in nine of 12 areas, including Interfraternal Relations, Recruitment, Community Service and Philanthropy. Nearly 600 students and advisors from 77 campuses attended the conference in Atlanta. UCF was one of 12 schools to win this prestigious award.

LEAD Scholars Mentors 2002

The LEAD Scholars Program staff announced 30 current LEAD students were selected to serve as mentors for the 2002 program.

Mentor selection is highly competitive and based on outstanding involvement, service and academics at the university. LEAD mentors will serve as the leaders of a program by working with faculty as teaching assistants for the first-year Introductory Leadership Course by facilitating transitional issues, leadership development and coordinating service projects in the community. LEAD mentors will participate in a course, The Mentor Academy, a semester of extensive training on the LEAD Scholars Introductory Program as well as advanced leadership development topics geared toward second-year leaders.



Points of Pride...



Left to right: Registrar staff: Kristy Schmidt, Audrah Steffens, Vanessa Cheesman, Karyn Steinberg and Regan Dees were busy alphabetizing the scanned grade rolls on May 2. Final grades were officially posted on POLARIS on May 8.

PeopleSoft Milestones Continue: First PeopleSoft Grade Processing

Through the combined efforts of both the Registrar's Office and Computer Services, UCF's first PeopleSoft Grade Processing was a great success. The university processed more than 125,000 grades, concluding most processes in the early morning hours (3:30 a.m. on May 3), with quality control testing occurring from May 3 through May 7. Students obtained their official spring 2002 grades using the new POLARIS starting May 8. "Overall the process went very smoothly and we were reassured to discover that there were no major problems or mishaps," associate University Registrar Linda Sullivan reported.

Student Appreciation Day

Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) staff held a Student Appreciation Day to recognize and honor the individuals who contributed to the center's success – the students. The student assistants, tutorial staff and supplemental instruction leaders were given a reception. DeLaine Priest, director of SARC and Patricia Pates, director of Academic Support and Advising Programs, thanked the students for their hard work and dedication. "We spotlighted the students involved in both the College Achievement Program and the Pegasus Success Program who achieved academic excellence. There were a total of 11 students recognized for achieving grade point averages between 3.75 and a 4.00," says Priest.

The event was highlighted by the presentation of the Charles Favreau Tutor of the Year Award. Favreau has been a long-time tutorial staff member who graduated at the end of the spring 2002 semester. This year Chrissy Aber and Olivia Vega were voted by their peers to receive this award. In addition, Jeff Draude was named outstanding Supplemental Instruction Leader.



SDES Council 2002-2003



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Mission

- Strengthen communication among employees.
- Improve the general employee environment.
- Build affiliation among employees within division.
- Create awareness of the mission of Student Development and Enrollment Services.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments, please contact a SDES Council member.



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Visiting Gators

UCF Student Health Services recently hosted two groups of staff members from the University of Florida (UF) Health Care Center. On May 14, the UCF Pharmacy staff welcomed their counterparts from UF. The focus of the information exchange was UCF's large inventory of over-the-counter health products. The offering of these products at reduced prices has proven to be very useful and popular with our students and will likely be duplicated at the Gainesville campus. The following day, a contingent of health educators and registered dieticians from the UF program visited the UCF campus wellness facility located in the Recreation and Wellness Center. During the meeting, UCF staff shared information on the campus programs, including eating disorders and nutrition counseling, alcohol and other drug programs, sexual responsibility and healthy lifestyles.

Undergraduate Admissions FTIC Stats

Undergraduate Admissions will receive a record number of FTIC applications for the fall 2002 entering class. As of May 21, 2002:

- Applications processed: 19,473
- Admits: 9,100
- Enrollment target: 4,000

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themselves with during this time of transition.”

Florida Children’s Hospital is another NCAS partnership. Student-athletes visit the children at the hospital every other Friday and give campus souvenirs, such as UCF athletic signed posters and T-shirts.

NCAS partners with various schools in Central Florida. During Red Ribbon Week, NCAS participants visit an elementary school mentoring students about making positive life decisions. NCAS works with eighth-grade students on awareness of diversity by encouraging students to participate in an essay writing contest, “What Cultural Diversity Means to Me.” This contest has had 1,600 students participate in the past four years.

Student Outreach Programs

SOP has two programs that primarily deal with outside partnerships: College Reach-Out Program (CROP) and McKnight Center of Excellence. CROP partners with Central Florida school districts to assist low-income, educationally challenged students in grades 6 through 12 from Central Florida school districts. Students engage in meaningful workshops and seminars held on the university campus and at their respective schools during the academic year and summer. Other partnerships include college tours and field trips to places of cultural and historical significance that enhance the students’ learning experiences and motivates them to make early college and career decisions.

McKnight Center of Excellence partners with elementary, middle and high schools and focuses on recruiting students who excel academically in Central Florida. Students accepted in the program are offered pre-collegiate programs to better prepare them for college. On May 10, McKnight Center of Excellence held its annual Senior Recognition Program at the Dr. J. B. Callahan Center, the McKnight Center of Excellence headquarters. Students were recognized for their program participation and academic excellence.

Achievers Jonathan Blocker was awarded for the highest SAT score of 1,440; David Mears scored 1,330; and Stacey McCaulley scored 1,240. Orlando Magic and Florida Power donated giveaways.

The McKnight Center of Excellence partnered with Florida Hospital for a career exploration fieldtrip for 25 students interested in healthcare. “During the surgery tour, the students were supplied with scrub suits, hats, shoes, gloves and glasses,” says the director of SOP Natalie Powell. “They were given the opportunity to walk through the operating room as well as observe a doctor performing back surgery.” McKnight also partners with the Florida Hospital, Legacy Foundation, State

Creative School for Children Celebrates 25th Anniversary

On May 18, Creative School for Children (CSC) celebrated its 25th Anniversary and Reunion with a field day of fun, food and festivities. Faculty, staff and pioneer leaders were acknowledged with special certificates. Current students and alums presented a talent program, which included several steel drum solos by Janine Sinanan-Singh.

Michelle Tice, an original enrollee when the facility opened in 1976, was one of the 400 children and parents in attendance. “Most alumni were recognizable . . . the same sweet faces but now in bigger bodies and hip hairdos and dresses,” says Dolores Burghard, director of CSC.

“I believe it is both historic and significant that our Creative School for Children was established first among the state universities as an Educational Research Center for Child Development,” says A. J. Range, director of Special Programs. “It became the model for all the other centers within the state. Here we are more than 25 years later, and our mission has always been the same . . . to give priority to our student parents.”



Right to left: Dolores Burghard, director of Creative School for Children, Janine Sinanan-Singh, age 10 (1996-97 alumnus) with her younger sister Jasmine (class of 2000).



The children’s attention were captivated by a balloon maker creating various animals.

Farm, Orlando Times and local businesses for financial support.

As the FFFS, NCAS and SOP services expand their partnerships off-campus; they strive to become America’s great metropolitan university and meeting the UCF Goal 5, “Be America’s leading partnership university.”

“The university will continue to rely on partnerships both on and off campus as its preferred means of addressing significant opportunities.” – UCF’s Strategic Direction Statement.

Students Helping Students



A student tutor at Student Academic Resource Center helps prepare students for spring term finals.

Reserve Your Table For Welcome EXPO

The 5th Annual Welcome EXPO is an opportunity for campus departments and student organizations to highlight their programs and services for new UCF students. The event will be held on **Friday, August 23 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** on The Green, behind the Chemistry Building.

RSVP

YOUR TABLE

If you would like to participate in the Expo, e-mail Tim Edwards at: twedward@mail.ucf.edu

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