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SDES Supports Saturday, August 17 Extended Deadline

The payment deadline for fall 2002 fees has been extended to Saturday, August 17 and will be supported by multiple offices. The Registrar’s Office, Undergraduate Admissions, Student Financial Assistance, Student Accounts, Graduate Studies and the Cashier’s Office will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to support the extended fee payment deadline.

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For the celebration of the July 4th holiday, the children at the Creative School for Children (CSC) displayed their talents as they marched in costumes, holding signs that they designed for the Independence Parade. Also, they presented a musical program of patriotic songs for their parents and family members. In memory of September 11, the children built and displayed a replica of the Twin Towers and presented a Children Display Their Patriotism

Best Wishes to Mark Hall

Craig Ullom, associate vice president of Campus Life, presented Mark Hall, assistant vice president of Campus Life Operations with a plaque for his dedicated service at UCF. Hall has accepted a position as vice president of Finance at Columbia College in Columbia, South Carolina.

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The program is designed to give students the tools to develop learning strategies and techniques to be able to start their collegiate careers on a positive note. The program concluded on July 25 with the Pegasus Success Program Closing Ceremony. Staff, students and their families celebrated the achievements of the program participants through congratulatory remarks from SDES vice president Tom Huddleston and Academic Development and Student Services associate vice president Maribeth Ehas. Students read essays describing how the Pegasus Success Program experience impacted their view of succeeding at the collegiate level. There were 250 people in attendance including students, faculty, parents and family members.

Many thanks go to the SARC advisors, student assistants, supplemental instruction leaders, tutors and the Pegasus Spirit Leaders.

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Points of Pride...

Record Attendance at Open House

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Students and parents expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff while they were visiting UCF. The Undergraduate Admissions staff would like to thank the offices that contributed to the success of this event.

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Director of Student Health Services Bob Fant reports, “This was an excellent opportunity to have our colleagues from around the state visit our beautiful campus and strategize on these topics, which are of vital interest to all of us right now.”

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