



Multicultural Student Center Celebrates in January

The Student Government Association Multicultural Student Center (MSC) celebrated two events in January: One Year Anniversary and Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Approximately 325 attended the one year opening MSC celebration on January 8.

Each of the five organizations that constitute the Multicultural Student Center (SANGAM—Indian Student Association, HASA—Hispanic American Student Association, CSA—Caribbean Student Association, AASU—African American Student Union, The Elements—Hip Hop Organization) representatives presented information about the impact MSC has made on their organizations and members.

Student Adrian Summers served as the MC and Devlon Jackson welcomed guests. The Student Body President and Vice President, Marco Pena and Brian Kirlew, respectively provided the history of the MSC, and Chris Polke defined the mission of the MSC.

UCF student Jennifer Coronado sang a solo and the Jazz Ensemble Jeff Rupert Quartet performed. Guest Keswick Harris, chairman, Board of Directors, McKnight Center of Excellence, spoke on the importance of diversity and to “make it a way of life.”

Dave Pavlonnis, director of Student Government, said, “Chantel Carter [coordinator of the MSC] planned this wonderful event. Thank you to all who have supported this wonderful resource during the past year and we look forward to working with you again in the future.” The program ended

with an Appreciation and Dedication Award Ceremony and a buffet luncheon following.

The second event MSC sponsored was on January 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. As guests entered the room, they could hear Martin Luther King’s speech playing in the background. Chantel Carter welcomed guests and cultural reflections were presented by students on what Martin Luther King (MLK) meant to them and how his life had influenced theirs.

One student, Luis Caraballo, spoke about the foundation MLK set for all and he was thankful for the opportunities he has today because of it. Student Chris Polke said MLK has been a model for him and he liked MLK’s “character” because it created a power to make a difference. Polke said, “Before you can be a great leader you have to serve.”

Another student, Angel Lopez, talked about Latinos having the same struggle and how MLK paved the way for all cultures. She also asked everyone to celebrate who you are and where you come from every day of the year. Songs were performed by the Creative School for Children and UCF student Keyana Smith.

Pat Pates, director of Academic Development Technology Design and Research, spoke on MLK’s “Life at a Glance.” She said, “MLK gave his life serving others. . . MLK asked not to be remembered for the over four hundred awards that he received but to be remembered as the man who committed his life to the struggle for justice for all people.” Pates said the “dream lives on” and challenged the audience to “embrace the dream.” After the program, Pates said, “It was a great honor to share reflections on the life of such a great man. He has always inspired me to give back more than I receive. We each have a responsibility to ensure justice and freedom for all. If our society is to change, this change must begin with each of us.”

Chantel Carter provided her reflections on the two events. “The MSC One Year Anniversary Celebration and the MLK Celebration has helped the goal of increasing awareness of multiculturalism and diversity on campus. I am grateful for all of the support



Pat Pates talks about Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life at the celebration on January 16.

and encouragement the UCF community has shown to the Multicultural Student Center and look forward to continuing and strengthening our partnerships.”

MLK

What does Martin Luther King mean to me
Martyr, Leader, King
I believe he encompassed all three
A King is loving, stern, and wise with the ability to hear and cease his people’s cries
A King, will lead his subjects to a day of greater joy with safe non-violent tactics deployed
A King... will fight! for his people to the very end even when endangering his life just to rid his people of segregation and strife
So now I ask you to decide
Martyr, Leader, or King because he represents
Bravery
Unity
Triumph
to me.

– Chauntae Smith
Caribbean Students Association (CSA)



Students gather after the One Year Anniversary Celebration program

People in the News . . .

Welcome Aboard New SDES Employees

- **Constance Ashworth**, receptionist, Career Resource Center
- **Sheila Haynes**, program assistant, Undergraduate Admissions
- **Amy Kleeman**, associate director, Career Resource Center
- **Bonnie Rudnicki**, administrative assistant, Student Rights and Responsibilities
- **Angel Toro**, custodial supervisor, Student Union



The Career Expo was held on January 22 with 2,756 students in attendance. 103 regional and national employers were available to speak to students on career exploration, internship and permanent job opportunities.

Center Provides Additional Services to Students

The Career Resource Center (CRC) is sponsoring new services to students: Internship Fair, Majors Fair and Online Alumni Mentoring Program. These services are developed to provide information and career opportunities to students.

• On January 21, the CRC held its first Internship Fair, featuring 37 employers with over 670 students attending. Director of CRC Melanie Parker says, "Internships are quickly becoming a must for students and employers alike. This is a great opportunity for students to meet with employers to gain valuable work experience in their field of interest."

• The CRC will hold its first Majors Fair on March 6, which will feature over 100 academic programs, advising offices and major-related student organizations providing information on academic majors, minors, course requirements and career-related majors. Parker says, "The Majors Fair will provide students the opportunity to investigate curricular and career options in a central place and time."

• CRC has launched the "Online Alumni Mentoring Program." This service allows current UCF students to search for and contact alumni mentors to network professionally about careers and academic majors of interest.

SDES Staff Participates in Supervisory Training

Some of the SDES staff recently participated in Human Resources' Supervisory Skills Series. The 33-hour training series introduced supervision as well as the basics of effective management practices and technique. The



2002 Supervisory Skills Reception – Left to right, Front Row: Maribeth Ehasz, ADR, DeLaine Priest, SARC, Sandra Bulger, Registrar, Joy Blair, Registrar, and Marisa Gonzalez, Registrar
Back Row: Jennifer Wright, SARC, Linda Sullivan, Registrar, President John C. Hitt, Lisa Vaughn, Registrar, and Lisa Stilke, Registrar

following SDES employees participated:

- **Registrar's Office:** Joy Blair, Denise Devlin, Marisa Gonzalez and Lisa Vaughn
- **Student Academic Resource Center:** Amanda Murray and Jennifer Wright
- **Transfer Services:** Charlene Stinard

Core components of the series, include: The Leader's Role, Personalities at Work,

Workplace Communication, Coaching and Counseling, and Team Building

Participants who have completed the Supervisory Skills Series are asked to invite their supervisors and/or someone to present their certificate to them at the Recognition Ceremony. President Hitt speaks about the success of the series and how important the supervisors are to all of UCF

For more information, see "Training" in Human Resource's Web site: pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~perspay/.

The UCF Creed

Integrity, scholarship, community, creativity, and excellence are the core values that guide our conduct, performance and decisions.

INTEGRITY

I will practice and defend academic and personal honesty.

SCHOLARSHIP

I will cherish and honor learning as a fundamental purpose of my membership in the UCF community.

COMMUNITY

I will promote an open and supportive campus environment by respecting the rights and contributions of every individual.

CREATIVITY

I will use my talents to enrich the human experience.

EXCELLENCE

I will strive toward the highest standards of performance in any endeavor I undertake.



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Mission: Strengthen communication among employees, improve the general employee environment, build affiliation among employees within division and create awareness of the mission of Student Development and Enrollment Services.



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

Points of Pride...

Open House Breaks Record

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions had a record-breaking attendance at Open House led by assistant director Jennifer Palmer. On January 11, 534 prospective students and their families had an opportunity to meet enrolled students and faculty and learn firsthand about the campus, academic programs, student life and financial aid.



Jennifer Palmer welcomes students and their families at Open House

Assistant director Melissa Haas says, "Jennifer Palmer has been coordinating these events for the past year and has done an outstanding job bringing the entire UCF community together to showcase our campus. Undergraduate Admissions' staff applaud her efforts and look forward to our next event."

Palmer is currently preparing for the Scholars Day event to be held on April 5.

Satellite Office Assists Students in Affiliated Housing

Academic Development and Retention has opened a satellite office at Pegasus Landing an affiliated housing community. First Year Advising and Exploration (FYAE), Student Academic Resource Center (SARC), Career Resource Center (CRC) and Housing and Residence Life have collaborated to provide academic and other support services to students residing at Pegasus Landing.

Advising staff members from FYAE will be available every Monday afternoon through spring 2003 providing CLEP advisement for Bright Futures Scholarship recipients, along with summer and fall schedule planning and registration preparation. SARC will be available on Tuesdays and key times during the semester, midterm, and finals providing support services to help in each student's overall academic success. CRC will provide career-related information and services.

FYAE extends a special "thank you" for the support and collaboration with Housing and Resident Life in making this satellite office possible.

Other student support offices interested in participating in this outreach effort, contact Timothy Edwards at 407-823-0209.

Student Financial Assistance Provide Stats

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (SFA) completed the first term of PeopleSoft implementation. New business procedures were created to assist staff with the administration of financial aid within the new computer system. Almost 24,000 students were paid over \$60 million in financial aid for the fall 2002 term. On January 4, staff sent these students an e-mail regarding their access to financial aid information on POLARIS. Students can review their Financial Aid To Do Lists, an electronic bulletin board, as well as other helpful links online.

The Office of SFA reports they are up-to-date in processing verification and loans and meeting their disbursement goals for spring 2003. As of January 15, over \$45 million had been disbursed. Student Financial Assistance will serve 70 percent of the student population this year.

UCF Student to Serve on International Committee

UCF senior Alex Rudloff was selected to served on the Tau Kappa Epsilon International Collegiate Advisory Committee. Rudloff, a management informations systems major, is one of nine student representatives chosen from nearly 10,000 undergraduate members to represent and advise the Offices of the Grand Chapter. He is currently serving as the team leader for the Alumni Volunteers Chapter Operations project, which involves creating an alumni/officer mentoring system within the national fraternity.



Resident Assistants Needed for Upcoming Academic Year

The Department of Housing and Residence Life is searching for students to serve as resident assistants (RA) for the 2003-2004 academic year. Currently, the department employs over 120 resident assistants and is anticipating 60 new openings for the upcoming year.

Students interested in becoming a resident assistant can visit the Web site, "Resident Idol - The Search for the Next Super RA," at: www.housing.ucf.edu/ra. The site contains details on the selection process and an application can be downloaded. Housing and Residence Life will be holding information sessions from January 30 to February 16. Students must attend one of these sessions and turn in their completed application at that time.

The hiring process will be completed by the middle of March, with positions beginning in May (for those interested in summer employment) and August. Any other questions about the search process, contact T.J. Greggs, area coordinator, at 407-362-5136 or tgreggs@mail.ucf.edu.

Intramural Officials Named All-American

Chris Morello and Steve Anderson, Intramural Sports student officials, were named All-Americans at the National Flag Football Tournament held at the University of New Orleans. Seventy-five officials from 31 institutions were invited to work the national tournament and the top 20 rated officials were recognized as All-Americans. UCF was one of five schools with two All-Americans.

Anderson worked as the Field Judge for the Men's Collegiate Championship game and Morello worked as the Line Judge for the Co-Rec Collegiate Championship game. They were also selected to officiate at an exhibition game prior to the Sugar Bowl at the Louisiana Superdome.

Anderson is a junior radio/TV major and hospitality minor, and Morello is a senior hospitality major. Both officiate high school



Left to right: Officials Chris Morello and Steve Anderson were named All-American at national tournament

football in the Orlando area. This is the first time UCF has had two All-Americans in the same year. "It is a real credit to the hard work our students have put in to achieve this high honor," said Gary Cahen, Intramural Sports coordinator.



Officer Dale Dennany, and David Emanuel, Phi Delta Theta representative, with Bailey

Fraternity Donates Drug Dog to UCF Police

UCF's Phi Delta Theta Fraternity donated a dog to the university's Police Department. Bailey, a chocolate two-year old labrador retriever was purchased by the fraternity from the Labrador Retriever Rescue of South Florida.

Bailey will be trained as a non-aggressive tracking dog available for search and rescue on- or off-campus. He will be trained to sniff out marijuana, crack cocaine, powder cocaine, methamphetamines, heroin and ecstasy.

UCF bought and trained Buddy, a bomb-detection dog, last year. Bailey is the second crime-fighting dog that the UCF Police has obtained. UCF is the first Florida university to obtain canines to assist police.

Workshops Available During Leadership Week

Leadership Week is a campus-wide event sponsored by Campus Life and Student Leadership Programs celebrating and recognizing leadership at UCF through awards, workshops, discussions and activities. The Leadership Week, February 22 – March 1, consists of events organized around the five points of the UCF Creed: Integrity, Scholarship, Community, Excellence and Creativity. Workshops include personality testing and discussions, time management and popular concepts like "FISH-style" management and, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." Last year, over 800 attended the events.

Leadership Week was created by the LEAD Scholars Program in order to identify, recognize and develop leadership at UCF through programs, events, awards, projects and workshops. As the week nears, a schedule of events will be available at the LEAD Scholars Program's Web site at: www.lead.sdes.ucf.edu. Contact mpannozz@mail.ucf.edu for more information.

Self-Discovery Knights Attendance Grows

The Counseling Center's Self-Discovery Knights fall 2002 series of nine presentations was attended by 340 students, 64 percent of whom were freshmen. Last fall, 205 students attended. Larry Marks, staff psychologist, said, "The Counseling Center staff has made efforts to increase attendance, which was supported by the center receiving a \$500 grant from the American College Counseling Association. The strategies have included increased advertising, networking with campus offices and incorporating the program into the Student Life Skills (SLS) classes for freshmen."

Evaluation of the program revealed that 83 percent of students thought the presentations were good or excellent and 82 percent agreed or strongly agreed that they learned new skills or useful information from the presentations. Fall topics included: Dealing with Roommates, Adjusting to College and Homesickness, Diversity Awareness, and Coping with Stress During Final Exams.

Spring 2003 presentations focus on issues of relationships. The following presentations are at 7 p.m. in the Student Union, Key West, room 218C:

- **February 3** – Friendship: Getting the Friends You Want, Keeping the Friends You Have;
- **February 10** – Gender Talk: Communication Between Men and Women;
- **February 17** – Attachment: Ways to Choose the Right or Wrong Relationship;
- **February 24** – Shyness: Overcoming Internal and External Obstacles;
- **March 3** – How to Deal with Difficult People: Assertiveness in Relationships.

According to Andrew Blair, staff psychologist, these topics are relevant to the developmental concerns that students say they're interested in and to please let students know about these presentations. For more information contact Andrew Blair at 407-823-2811 or visit the center's Web site: www.counseling.sdes.ucf.edu.



Student Activities assistant director Laura Waltrip said, "Over 1,500 students checked in to check out Late Knights" on January 11. Activities and entertainment was planned on the theme, 80's Rock – Music in the Video Age.

Fraternity Member Awarded Scholarship

Neroliza Quiles, member of Delta Gamma Fraternity, was awarded a Parker F. Enright Scholarship Award by the National Order of Omega Honor Society. The scholarship was awarded to Quiles in recognition of her exemplary service to the University of Central Florida. Quiles is an active member of her sorority, the 2002 Panhellenic Executive Board, ROTC and is president of the local chapter of Order of Omega.

Order of Omega Honor Society is an organization that consists solely of fraternity and sorority women, which recognizes other members of the Greek community for their contributions. This scholarship is awarded to students who have excelled in scholarship, participation and leadership in campus organizations and citizenship and service to Order of Omega and campus Greek community. Quiles is the fourth student in four years to be a recipient of this award.

Learning Skills Strategies Available to Students

The Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) will offer the spring 2003 workshop series "Shining the Spotlight on Success: Learning Skills Strategies for Academic Rewards." Students are encouraged to bring a fellow classmate, roommate or friend. Students can sign up and reserve a seat to receive the latest learning skills related to these topics. For additional information or to RSVP, call SARC at 407-823-5130. Following is the workshop schedule:

- **Note Taking**
February 4, 4-5 p.m., SU room 218B
- **Test Preparation**
February 19, 4-5 p.m., SU room 220
- **Memory and Concentration**
March 3, 4-5 p.m., SU room 218C
- **Reality Check**
March 26, 4-5 p.m., SU room 224
- **Getting Ready for Finals**
April 15, 4-5 p.m., SU room 220

Updates to the Fall 2003 Academic Calendar

Key changes are as follows:

- Classes begin August 25
- Classes end December 5
- Final Exams: December 6-12
- Commencements: December 15 and 16
- Grades due December 17

The updated calendar can be accessed through the UCF Web site at: www.ucf.edu/toplinksacademic_calendar.html.

Please submit your March 2003 UKnighted newsletter articles to jpardo@mail.ucf.edu by February 15th.

