



## Leadership at UCF Sparks Events

Leadership at UCF, whether as a group, individual or an organization, demonstrates qualities that stand out among the rest. The most recent leadership events were the crowning of Miss UCF 2003 and Leadership Week.

UCF's 18 women demonstrated their talent and competed for the title of Miss UCF 2003, an event sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. Katie Noland, 21-year-old management information systems major, won the title and was crowned Miss UCF 2003. Noland says she is looking forward to promoting her platform, *Speak Up, Speak Out: The Epilepsy Foundation*. Noland's competition talent is baton twirling. She has traveled the world competing in baton and is the current World Solo Champion. Also, receiving awards were: Kristy Burgess – first runner-up; Jennifer Hartzler – second runner-up; Genevieve Jahn – third runner-up; Erin Keller – fourth runner-up; Denesha Jenkins – non-finalist talent; and Sheena Howell – non-finalist interview. Over \$4,000 in scholarships and prizes were awarded. Miss UCF is available to attend your office or program's event. Contact Emily Ann Kukulies at 407.823.6471 or [ekukulie@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:ekukulie@mail.ucf.edu).

Leadership Week recognizes, educates and celebrates leadership development at UCF through awards, workshops and service opportunities offered from February 22 through March 1.

Leadership Week kicked-off with the Dance Marathon, a 24-hour event of dancing, live musical performances and games. All of the money raised from the marathon went to support the local Children's Miracle Network hospitals. With 133 people dancing and 100 volunteers helping throughout the program, \$23,400 was raised.

Some workshop topics offered during the week were Leading with CARE-Leadership Styles, Breaking the Ice, Becoming a Team, and a session based on the book, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."

On February 27, an award ceremony and reception was held to recognize employees, alumni, students and student organizations. Leadership Week is sponsored by LEAD Scholars Program and involves presenters from UCF and the community.

The Heart of UCF award is given each year as a tribute to a UCF student who demonstrates the leadership, compassion, commitment to service and humanitarianism exemplified by Henri Landwirth. The friends of Henri Landwirth and the Heart of America Foundation established the Heart of UCF Award in 1999. To learn more about this award, visit: [www.lead.sdes.ucf.edu/currentstudents/heart.htm](http://www.lead.sdes.ucf.edu/currentstudents/heart.htm).

The Rising Star awards are given to alumni who as students demonstrated involvement or leadership and are currently active with UCF and the community in which they live in.

The Order of Pegasus award was established in 2001 and recognizes exemplary UCF students who demonstrate outstanding university involvement, leadership, academic achievement and community service.

The Distinguished Knights award was won by The LEAD Scholars Association. "We, as student leaders, are proud to represent the best of UCF. It is

our primary goal to develop leaders who will make an impact on their community and benefit UCF," says Vanessa Bowman, co-executive student director of LEAD Scholars Association.

Leadership opportunities are developed through the offices of LEAD Scholars Program, Student Activities, Greek Affairs and United Campus Ministries, which make up the Office of Student Leadership Programs.

"Leadership Week continues to grow into a major university-wide effort and I would be remiss in not recognizing the hard work of Micki Pannozzo from the LEAD Scholars office and the planning committee for all their hard work along with the support of our generous sponsors. There are many 'unsung heroes' at our university whose efforts and dedication make a silent but positive impact on UCF. This week is dedicated to them," says director Bill Faulkner, Student Leadership Programs.

### Leadership Week

### Awards

- *Faculty* – **Ross Wolf**, Criminal Justice, College of Health and Public Affairs, and **Kristin Conglon**, Art/Philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences
- *A&P* – **Montel Watson**, Physical Plant
- *USPS* – **Anne Marie de Govia**, College of Business Administration
- *Distinguished Knights* – **LEAD Scholars Association**
- *Emerging Student Leadership* – **Vanessa Bowman** and **Sara Marti**
- *Progressive Student Leadership* – **Jeanne Bollinger** and **Tiffany Levine**
- *Heart of UCF* – **Annie Howe**
- *Rising Star Leadership Award (Alumni)*
  - \* College of Arts & Sciences – **Heather Ann Strayer, '01**
  - \* Burnett Honors College – **Michael Gellman, '02**
  - \* College of Business Administration – **Ryan Totka, '99**
  - \* College of Education – **Melinda Kratz, '00**
  - \* College of Engineering and Computer Science – **Jessica Mock, '02**
  - \* College of Health and Public Affairs – **Christopher Hall, '01**
- *Order of Pegasus*
  - \* Graduate Students – **Sunita Modani** and **Duc Tran**
  - \* Undergraduate Students – **Jaecann Bollinger**, **Kimily Burgess**, **Bethany Ensor**, **Tyler Fisher**, **Yahaira Franceschini**, **Faraz Kureshi**, **Sarika Patel**, **Erika Phifer**, **Shakeba Thomas** and **S. Anne-Marie Wolff**



Former Miss UCF Isabel Rougeau crowns Miss UCF 2003 Katie Noland

## People in the News . . .

### Welcome Aboard New SDES Employees

- **Reginald Drummond**, coordinator, Student Outreach Programs
- **Lisa Fulford**, administrative assistant, Registrar's Office
- **Wendy Miletello**, office manager, Registrar's Office
- **Sally Quirello**, office manager, LEAD Scholars Program



❖ **Director Patti MacKown**, Student Rights and Responsibilities, and coordinator **Victoria Burke**, Student Conduct, attended the Association of Student Judicial Affairs (ASJA) national conference in February. Burke presented a program titled, "Encouraging character among our student leaders; a guide to sanctioning student organizations."

❖ **Josh Murdock** has been promoted to interim coordinator of public functions in the Student Union. Murdock is responsible for supervising the student staff and coordinating VIP events.

❖ **Director Jan Lloyd** will speak on the LEAD Scholars Program at the NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) conference in St. Louis on March 26. The presentation will discuss incorporating student and academic affairs to develop a leadership program on campus.

❖ **University Registrar Dennis Dulniak** was elected to a two-year term as vice president for Professional Development for SACRAO (Southern Association of Collegiate Registrar's and Admissions Officers). At the annual meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi, he presented, "How Much Historical Data IS Enough?"

❖ **Gregory Mason** will be presenting "Fish Camp," at the Annual UCF Leadership Institute on April 4 in the Pegasus Ballroom. The lessons in Fish Camp were created from Seattle's Pike Fish Market on developing an enjoyable workplace. The "Fish" philosophy can assist your organization with issues of energy and morale, recruitment and retention, as well as creativity and innovation. For more information and to register for the Leadership Institute, call 407.823.3642.

### Goal Setting, a Hands-on Experience

A significant part of Mark Allen Poisel's LEAD Scholar's course is activity-based learning. To teach students about setting and reaching goals, Poisel took his class to the rock climbing wall in the Recreation and Wellness Center. The students were asked to set a goal of how high they would climb the wall, and to determine how they would support each other in achieving their goals. Students had the opportunity to set, visualize, and attempt their goals, and if necessary, to reevaluate and try again. Poisel even climbed the wall during class, but not without a little practice earlier in the day.

"The students learned some valuable lessons and really enjoyed learning about goals through an applied experience," said Poisel.

### UCF Offices Collaborate to Promote Web Accessibility

On February 5, at the Florida Educational Technology Conference, "Web Accessibility: What You Need to do NOW," was presented by coordinator Deborah Kamm, Student Disability Services, and technology specialist Mark Geary, UCF's Florida Literacy and Reading Excellence (FLaRE) Center.

The team of disability and technology specialists collaborated to provide the background of the various federal and state laws that require Web accessible standards to accommodate students with disabilities along with the technical knowledge to make it happen. Participants were able to analyze various sites for compliance to the Section 508 standards of accessibility and learn how to prioritize and plan for their own sites to become compliant under the laws. The conference was held in the Orange County Convention Center

### 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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### Staff Gets A Taste of Director's Cooking Talents

The Counseling Center staff and interns celebrated Valentine's Day by attending a luncheon at director "Chef" Robert Harman's home in Oviedo. "Chef Robert" showed his appreciation of the staff by using his culinary talents in preparing a luncheon. On the menu was a tossed green salad with toasted pecans, Chicken Tetrazzini and Baked Ziti, served with fresh bread. Desserts included mango custard pie and apple cobbler.



"Chef Robert" puts the final touches on the meal

### SDES Council 2002 - 2003

**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.

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



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## Articulation Issues Discussed at Workshop

UCF's Office of Transfer Services and Valencia Community College hosted the annual SUS Central Region Articulation Workshop on February 6. This meeting, which is a portion of the statewide tour, brings the articulation officers from the 11 state universities to each region to discuss state issues with community college counselors. [Articulation was devised to assist students in the transition from one institution to the next.] Ninety-five counselors represented nine community colleges; two county school board members attended.

State university articulation officers talked about topics, such as innovative programs to enhance transfer success, strategies to retain transfer students to degree completion, A.S. to B.S. programs, and articulation agreements. Presenters also discussed enhancing communications, student services for distance learners, how technology is impacting transfer students, and effects of legislative mandates and implementing change. Issues relating to international students, such as the importance of appropriate advising, was presented by Saleha Suleman, director of UCF's International Student and Scholar Services. Florida Department of Education representative Nate Johnson reviewed changes and proposals for action in the state Articulation Coordinating Committee.

"The annual program brings the best information on articulation issues to each region, and offers community college counselors the opportunity to meet with each university's articulation representative," says Charlene Stinard, assistant director of Transfer Services.

## Deadline for Bright Future CLEP Requirements is May 3

The Florida Legislature mandated Bright Future Scholarship recipients that graduated high school in 2002 to use degree acceleration mechanisms, such as the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), to earn college credit. This applies to high school graduates who earned Florida Academic or Merit Scholars awards and attended a community college or state university in Florida. The University Testing Center has delivered approximately 3,336 computerized CLEP examinations.

The Office of First Year Advising and Exploration has worked very closely with the University Testing Center in assisting these students with this process. All Bright Future CLEP requirements at UCF must be met by May 3. Testing is by appointment only. Students can register at the Bright Future's CLEP Office in Howard Phillips Hall, room 115, Monday through Friday, 8-5 p.m. Students can also register on-line at: [testing.sdes.ucf.edu/bfclpeinfo.html](http://testing.sdes.ucf.edu/bfclpeinfo.html). For information, contact Shawn Piety at 407.823.2537.

## Students Flock to Weekend Programming

Late Knights, an event hosted by the Office of Student Activities (OSA,) drew over 900 students at each event. Surveys, taken at the event, indicated students had an enjoyable evening. OSA develops each Late Knights evening with a variety of activities and entertainment.

For the March event, OSA staff plan to showcase student talent and have several music bands, candle art, Body Art by Susan, Balloon Creations by Lester and food.

Funded by the President's Office, Late Knights provides alternative programming during evening and weekend hours. Several universities, including the University of Florida, Pennsylvania State and the University of West Virginia, have already established a version of this program to counter alcohol-related behavior. The program is sponsored by the input, support and donations from on-campus



A February Late Knights event called the "Road Show" [similar to the MTV show] attracted a crowd in the Student Union

organizations, Southwest Airlines and Sprint.

Each Late Knights has about forty volunteers, with that number rising each month due to rising attendance. Volunteers help with survey distribution, wrist-banding, aiding performers, game organization and promotion distribution. If you would like to volunteer, contact Joshua Katz at 407.823.6471 or e-mail: [katz@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:katz@mail.ucf.edu).

## UCF-Fit Program Offers Challenge to the UCF Community



The UCF-Fit program was developed to encourage students, faculty and staff to participate in physical, health and wellness activities on a regular basis. Participants keep track of their progress in physical, educational, motivational and group activities in a Check List, using a point system. Some physical activities in the Check List are offered at the Recreation and Wellness Center (RWC) for students and members or Wellness Research Center (WRC) for faculty and staff. The UCF-Fit program offers a schedule of activities and seminars to aid in accomplishing goals.

The RWC, WRC, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning and the Wellness Initiative Committee are sponsoring the UCF-Fit program.

The program runs from March 3 through April 11. Participants can still register after March 3. For more information or to register, the Check List and calendar events are available at: [www.fctl.ucf.edu/ucf-fit/index.htm](http://www.fctl.ucf.edu/ucf-fit/index.htm) or call RWC at 407.823.2408 or WRC at 407.823.3509.

Announcing . . .

**SDES Breakfast**

**April 17 • 8-10 a.m.**

**Pegasus Ballroom**

## Nike Community Offers a Smorgasbord of Treats to Residents

The Tuesday Night Treats is a series of programs presented by the Nike Community Residence Life staff in the Academic Village. This semester includes a variety of programs focusing on academic and life skills issues.

The Nike Community kicked off their Tuesday Night Treats series in January with "How to Get the Semester Started Out on the Right Foot." The program consisted of topics on time management, goal setting and study techniques presented by Jennifer Wright, assistant director of the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC). Other programs through February included topics, such as, "How to Choose or Change a Major", "Safer Sex" and "Body Image."

The Tuesday Night Treats program offers residents an opportunity to meet representatives of on-campus resources, such as REACH, First Year Advising and Exploration, and the Career Resource Center, and learn more about the services and programs. Following is the Tuesday Night Treats program schedule:

- March 11 – Alcohol Awareness
- March 25 – Tax Preparation
- April 8 – Resume/Interview Techniques
- April 15 – Getting Ready for Finals

The programs are held in the Nike Community Center from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Nike Community Center. Contact Dee Dee Bauer at 407.822.7004 for more information.

Please submit your April 2003 UKnighted newsletter articles to [jpardo@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:jpardo@mail.ucf.edu) by March 15th.

