

## People in the News...

### Welcome Aboard New SDES Employees

- **Jessica Boreran**, Admission/Registrar officer, Undergraduate Admissions
- **Findley Lovelyn**, program assistant, Registrar's Office
- **Enrique Martinez**, custodial worker, Student Union
- **Gary Morgan-Muskin**, director, LEAD Scholars Program
- **Robert Morgental**, psychiatrist, Student Health Services
- **Elizabeth Tomko**, coordinator, HS/CCR
- **Meredith Varner**, coordinator, Housing and Residence Life

### Division Changes

• **Gary Morgan** is the new director of the LEAD Scholars Program. Morgan comes to UCF from Boston College where he was associate dean for Student Development (Graduate Student Life) in the Office of Student Development. He received his masters in College Personnel at Bowling Green State University and his A.B.D. in Higher Education at the University of South Carolina.



• **Rebecca Piety** has been promoted to assistant director of the University Testing Center at the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC).

• **Kerry Welch** is the new director of the Office of Student Involvement. Welch comes to UCF from the University of Cincinnati where he was assistant director for Student Activities and Leadership Development.



He received his Ed.D. in Urban Educational Leadership from the University of Cincinnati.

• **Student Leadership Programs** and **LEAD Scholars Program** have moved to Classroom I room 302 due to the construction at the Student Union. The offices are expected to return to the Student Union in May 2005.

### Awards and Recognition

• **Bob Faust**, **Larry Bridgham**, **Marsha Huddle** and **Mike Deichen**, M.D. from the

Student Health Services administrative team attended the Sunbelt Directors' Conference in Charleston, S.C. UCF Student Health Services will host the conference next year and will feature a tour of our completed health center facility.

- **Inez Ford**, **Karemah Campbell**, **Ricardo Colon** and **Will Hunter** attended a New Aid Officer's Summer Workshop sponsored by the Southeastern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SASFAA) held at the University of South Florida, Tampa, in June.
- **Mary McKinney**, **Lisa Minnick**, **Abigail Troche** and **Michele Sudar** from Student Financial Assistance attended the FASFAA, held at the Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa, Ft. Myers, in June.
- **Melanie Parker**, Career Resource Center, has accepted the appointment to serve on the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Prospective Employer Action Team.

### Presentations

- **Thomas Huddleston**, vice president for SDES, presented, "Competitive Advantage: Students, Employees, University," at the College Board Conference, which was held in Orlando in July. Huddleston also gave the same presentation at the Snowmass Institute Conference, Denver, in July.
- **Caroline Willard**, Career Resource Center, copresented Online Career Portfolios at the FACTS.org Conference, which was held in Safety Harbor, Fla. in June.

### UCF Wins \$10,000 at Miss Florida Pageant

"We didn't win the crown, but we won scholarships," said Veronica Livesay, Campus Life, about the UCF women who participated in the Miss Florida 2004 Scholarship Pageant on June 26 in St. Petersburg. Miss UCF, Christine Cooper ('04), won a Non-finalist Talent Award, State Scholar Award, Academic Achievement Award and the Busch Gardens/Miss Florida Community Service Award totaling \$3,000.

### 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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Other winners included: Meredith Kovarik ('03) – 3rd Runner-Up and Overall Interview Winner, Denesha Jenkins – Non-finalist Talent, Kristy Burgess ('04) – Non-finalist Interview, Danielle Marino – Character Award, Sheena Howell – Heart Award, Genevieve Jahn ('03) – Top 15, Candace Cragg (incoming transfer) – Top 10.

Livesay said, "As these awards demonstrate, these women are all living the tenets of the UCF Creed – integrity, scholarship, community, creativity and excellence, and we are very proud of all of their accomplishments."

Laura Waltrip, assistant director for the Office of Student Involvement, served as a contestant hostess for the Miss Florida Pageant. During a reception for directors from around the state, Livesay was named Volunteer of the Year for 2004. She is a former Miss UCF Pageant executive director and is now a regional director and board member for the Miss Florida Pageant.

## SDES Council 2004 - 2005

**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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## New Welcome Center Opens to Students and Families

The new Progress Energy University Welcome Center will officially open this month and provide the Office of Undergraduate Admissions with enough space to adequately welcome more than 25,000 prospective students and parents to the campus. The building will have a gift shop and a multipurpose auditorium. The center will also feature state-of-the-art technology, which will allow the Undergraduate Admissions Office to become 99 percent paperless by year's end.

"Once documents are received and scanned into our new BPM System with imaging, we will eventually be able to eliminate the paper copy," says Gordon Chavis, assistant vice president for Undergraduate Admissions, Student Financial Assistance and Student Outreach Programs. "We will revolutionize the way we conduct admissions business by developing a more timely and efficient application review process that will allow us to provide more accurate information in a moment's notice to our student and guidance counselor communities."



The 19,000-square-foot Progress Energy University Welcome Center is located just south of Millican Hall, where Central Florida Boulevard meets Gemini Boulevard.



The 200-seat multipurpose room will be available to host presentations, classes and a variety of other events.



Visitors will pass through the Progress Energy University Welcome Center atrium when they first arrive on campus. Banners bearing The UCF Creed can be seen hanging throughout the atrium.

## Grad On Track Program Kicks-off this Fall



UCF is rolling out a new program to a limited number of select students beginning this fall. Sixty freshmen, who have chosen a specific major, will participate in the Grad On Track (GOT) program and will be guaranteed to graduate in four years. This program will provide students with a specified four-year-plan and the ability to register for courses



a year at a time. There are many requirements, but following them guarantees students the courses they need to complete each step of their four-year-plan.

For more information, call First Year Advising and Exploration at 407.823.4427 or visit: [gradontrack.sdes.ucf.edu](http://gradontrack.sdes.ucf.edu).



## Good Deeds Well Done

Two separate incidents occurred where SDES employees Diane Reitz, senior programming computer analyst for Student Financial Assistance, and Mike Pinn, computer applications coordinator for the Registrar's Office, spontaneously got involved and took action to keep the UCF campus safe.

On April 26, Reitz smelled smoke while she was working in a portable and went outside to investigate. She noticed a small fire in a trash can that began to spread to the walls of a unit in Portable Classroom Cluster Two. After calling 911, Reitz proceeded to get a gallon jug of water and threw it on the flames. After many trips, she put out the fire before the fire fighters came. "We deal with putting out small fires all day in our jobs with working with PeopleSoft and Financial Aid, but it felt good to put out a real one," said Reitz.



Left to right: Jim Middlekauff, Dennis Dulniak and Mike Pinn

Registrar officer Jim Middlekauff, had surprised someone breaking into the break room vending machines. Middlekauff confronted the thief and chased him, but he fled the building. Rather than risk allowing the burglar to sprint away again, Pinn called the police. The police officers came and an arrest was made. Later at a UCF Police event, Pinn was presented with a certificate of appreciation and Middlekauff was presented with a Chief's commendation award.

Many thanks to Reitz and Pinn for taking that extra step to keep our UCF Community safer.

## Kappa Delta Sorority and Student Win Awards

The delegates of UCF's Kappa Delta Sorority attended its National Leadership Conference in Denver in June. At the awards ceremony banquet, Epsilon Omicron Chapter received the Campus Prestige Award. This award is given to the chapters that have excelled on campus, as well as in the community, alumni relations and within the chapter itself. In addition, Stacy McCord received two honorable awards: the Corre Anding Stagall Collegiate Leadership Award for the top echelon of Kappa Delta student leaders and the \$2,000 Elizabeth Banta Mueller Scholarship Award, which is based on academic performance, service to the chapter and university.

## Transfer Students Connect with Research Faculty

The UCF summer Undergraduate Research Academy connects new transfer students with faculty mentors working on research projects. Forty-one of UCF's "best and brightest" transfer students attended the inaugural camp for three days in June. Faculty presented students undergraduate research opportunities at UCF. Students toured research facilities, explored the activities of undergraduate and graduate research assistants, and met faculty members who may be a part of mentor-protégé research teams in the fall. Research experiences enhance students' academic experience, and challenge students to strengthen their critical, analytical, and writing skills.

Two of UCF's undergraduate research programs, Research and Mentoring Program (RAMP) and the McNair Scholars Program, encourage students from traditionally underrepresented populations to attend graduate school. Students participating in RAMP and the McNair Scholars Program receive financial support. Other programs include Honors in the Major, Student-Mentor Academic Research Teams, and Research Experiences for Undergraduates, sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Students who participate in undergraduate research at UCF have the opportunity to present their findings at national conferences and to share their work with the campus community at the UCF Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence in the spring.

The Undergraduate Research Academy helps community college and other transfer students understand how they can be engaged in the research experience as an undergraduate at UCF.

According to Charlene Stinard, assistant director of Transfer Services, "The summer research academy is another example of UCF's commitment to the highest quality undergraduate learning experience; our best transfer students are excited about this unique opportunity to connect early with research faculty in their discipline."

**Newsletter Correction:** In last month's article, Spreading Knight Fever at Parent Orientation, the following should have been noted as a quote by Richard McLaughlin, Counseling Center. "One of the last sessions parents experience is a presentation called Letting Go. The letting go process is one of those life events where both parents and college students are in a crucial part of identity transition in their lives. It marks the beginning of a new era where parents may change their relationship from authority or control to more of a partnership. Navigating that important balance on the continuum between under- and over-involvement is critical for parents in fostering healthy adult development in college students."



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## MASS Maximizes Academic Student Success

During Orientation 2004, the steadily growing UCF diverse population has had an opportunity to learn about the Multicultural Academic and Support Services (MASS) Office. Bianca Ferguson, interim associate director for MASS, presented "Making the Cultural Connection" to parents and incoming students. The presentation introduced: the MASS personnel, mission, goals, programs, services and tips for academic success.

Multicultural students make up nearly 25 percent of the total UCF enrollment. "Celebrate your diverse background," says Ferguson. "One of the MASS goals is to reaffirm the cultural and ethnic identification of the students while connecting them to UCF. Student success is our business."

Numerous parents have expressed gratitude to the MASS staff following the presentation. "It is great to know that you are here to support our kids," commented one mother.

## Group Program Offers Students Exercise Variety

The Recreation and Wellness Center (RWC) Group Exercise Program offers students to get involved in healthy activities on campus. The Class Sampler: A Group Exercise Learning and Interacting with New Knights (LINK) First Year Experience event was held on July 14 to give new students a taste of all the program's most popular classes. This fast paced and informative class gave students a chance to try out kick boxing, step, muscle strengthening and abs. Students had the opportunity to ask a team of certified fitness staff questions related to fitness and health.

The Group Exercise Program hosted FitPlanet Weekend on July 24 and 25. The event consisted of four workshops and offered faculty, staff and students the opportunity to earn their Continuing Education Credits required to keep their certifications.

For more information on the group exercise program or becoming a certified instructor, visit: [www.rec.ucf.edu](http://www.rec.ucf.edu) or contact Kim Halliday at 407.823.2408.

