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## Students Are Welcomed to UCF for Fall 2004

Students are welcomed to UCF by various SDES events, such as the New Student Convocation, LINK (Learning and Interacting with New Knights) Luau, Got Questions and Welcome Expo 2004.

### Students Have Fun at LINK LUAU Before Classes Begin

Take a Velcro wall, bungee bull, joust, barbecue food, a balloon artist and karaoke, and what to you get?—the second annual LINK Luau. Approximately 1,000 students braved the rainy weather on August



21 from 6 to 9 p.m. on the Student Resource Center lawn to enjoy a meal and fun at the kick-off program of the year—the LINK Luau. Sponsored by the LINK First Year Experience Program, SGA, UCF Dining Services and Business Services, the LINK Luau is just one of many programs that help first-year students get connected to UCF. First-year students can choose from a wide variety of programs offered through the LINK Program each

semester. For each program that a first-year student participates in, he/she will receive LINK Loot points. The first-year students who attended the LINK Luau received 1,000 points. LINK Loot points can be used to bid on free prizes at an auction at the end of each semester. The LINK Program will be giving away \$1,300 in tuition again this year. “The LINK Luau is a great way for new students to get together, mingle and have some fun before classes begin,” says Rebecca Morales, coordinator of the LINK Program. For more information about the LINK First Year Experience Program, visit [www.link.ucf.edu](http://www.link.ucf.edu).



Several Got Questions tables were located around the campus from August 21-27. Stefanie Riveiro and Jill Egnot, graduate assistants for Housing and Residence Life, are pictured giving information to a student.

### Family attends New Student Convocation for Second Time

The Aughton family attended their son David's New Student Convocation program on August 21, 2004 as they did when his sister, Lindsay, was an incoming freshman.



Left to right: David Aughton (UCF incoming freshman) and sister, Lindsay Aughton (UCF senior)

“We did enjoy the ceremony and liked the video preceding the ceremony,” said Maureen Aughton, David and Lindsay's mother. “My mom commented at the dinner following that she found it very interesting to learn about the history of the region and the university.”

The UCF Creed and traditions are introduced to first-year students and their families at the New Student Convocation.

### Welcome Expo 2004

Students could check out information on clubs, organizations, departments and various SDES services at the Welcome Expo 2004 on August 27. Staff was on hand to answer students' questions. Brochures and freebies were available on the tables. Tables pictured left to right: Student Health Services and Career Resource Center.



## People in the News...

### Welcome Aboard New SDES Employees

- **Stephanie Baysing**, Admission/Registrar officer, Undergraduate Admissions
- **Kacy Cordwell**, program assistant, Registrar's Office
- **Julie Escobar**, senior financial officer, Student Financial Assistance
- **Sylvia "Patty" Farris**, Student Affairs coordinator, Dispute Resolution Services
- **Mary Goetzke**, program assistant, Registrar's Office
- **Alicia Philpart**, program assistant, Registrar's Office
- **Alicia Pineiro**, senior financial officer, Student Financial Assistance
- **Robert Springhall**, associate director, Undergraduate Admissions
- **Tina Sutherland**, Academic Support Services coordinator, Registrar's Office

### Division Changes



**Sylvia Farris**

is the new coordinator of Dispute Resolution Services, Campus Life.

**Brenda Posey** was promoted from office manager to administrative assistant. Posey has been employed with the university for over four years and worked for the Activity and Service Fee Business Office for two of those years during which time she completed her master's degree in Liberal Studies.

### Awards and Recognition

• **Patricia MacKown** and **Michelle Ku** of Student Legal Services attended the National Legal Aid Defenders Student Legal Services annual meeting in Chicago. MacKown is the Southern regional representative.

### Presentations

• **Mary Aman** and **Phil Kalfin** from Student Disabilities Services gave a presentation on student-athletes with disabilities at the national conference for the Association for Higher Education and Disabilities (AHEAD) held at Miami Beach in July. As a result of this presentation, AHEAD may make this topic a preconference institute next year.



### Elvis Wanamaker Honored as Employee of the Month

Kudos to Elvis Wanamaker, Admissions/Registrar Officer, First Year Transitions, winner of July USPS Employee of the Month.

"A long-time employee of UCF, Elvis has gone way beyond the expected, moving out of his own comfort level and has made significant new contributions to our office," says Charlene Stinard, assistant director for Transfer Services. "His willingness to do more, to extend himself, to take on new training in order to help the unit are examples and commitment to collaboration, excellence and a caring service attitude that exemplify Transfer Services and First Year Transitions."



### 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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### What's Cooking SDES?

Over 300 SDES employees enjoyed a BBQ hosted by the SDES Council on August 2. The menu consisted of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, corn bread, corn, baked beans and soda. The SDES BBQ gave employees the opportunity to come together and socialize before the busy fall semester began.

Many thanks to the SDES Council and very special thanks to Joe Paulick, Bob Boyle and T. J. Greggs, Housing and Residence Life, Craig Ullom, Campus Life, Linda Haynes, Office of Vice President, SDES.

### SDES Council 2003 - 2004

**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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## Points of Pride...

### LINK and OCSS Take the Show on the Road

Learning and Interacting with New Knights (LINK) First Year Experience and Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) are collaborating to bring programming opportunities to neighboring communities this fall. The management staff of participating properties will host the events, execute an aggressive marketing campaign and provide enough food and decorations for the participants.

Many SDES partners are getting on board to offer services at the events, such as the Campus Wellness Center and Student Academic Resource Center (SARC). All UCF students and staff are invited to participate, and first-year students will earn LINK Loot. The fall calendar is as follows:

- **Collateral Defense:**

*Protect Your Most Valuable Assets*

September 2 @ 7 p.m.

Hosted by Jefferson Commons

Orange County Sheriff's Office and UCF Police Department will provide information about the latest safety strategies; engravers will be available to engrave valuables. Refreshments will be provided.

- **Paradise Island**

October 14 @ 7 p.m.

Hosted by University House

Pool party luau-style; UCF advisors will be available to chat one-on-one about registration for spring. Refreshments will be provided.

- **Smooth Move!**

October 26 @ 7 p.m.

Hosted by Boardwalk Apartments

UCF Dietician will talk about nutrition; free smoothies and giveaways.

- **Survivor: Finals for the Procrastinator in You!**

November 18 @ 7 p.m.

Hosted by Village at Science Drive

SARC expert on-site to give tips for organizing notes and strategies to prepare for finals before the holidays set in. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to get involved, contact Triscia Panarello, Housing and Residence Life, at 407.823.3392.



### Center Ranks Top 100

The University Testing Center (UTC) was recognized by the College Board as being one of the top 100 CLEP test centers in the country administering College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams. The UTC staff is committed to promoting access to higher education for all students.

### Florida Colleges Share Ideas at Student Conduct/Judicial Affairs Conference

The Office of Student Conduct hosted a Judicial Affairs/Student Conduct Summer 2004 Drive-In Conference on July 23. The conference provided an informal setting for Florida judicial and housing officers to come together and discuss pertinent issues and/or topics they are facing. Attendees shared ideas and resources and got acquainted with fellow judicial/housing officer colleagues from around the state.

The conference was sponsored by Association for Student Judicial Affairs (ASJA) and the UCF Office of Student Conduct. Conference attendees included SDES Vice President Tom Huddleston and Campus Life Associate Vice President Craig Ullom, as well as students and staff from the UCF's Student Conduct, Dispute Resolution Services, and Housing and Residence. Students and staff from the University of Tampa, University of Florida, Florida Southern College, Florida Atlantic University, Rollins College, University of North Florida, Florida State University, Florida International University and Mercer University were in attendance.

### Pegasus Retention Rocks

Not only did this year's Pegasus Success Program rock, the retention rate was rock solid. Of the 92 students enrolled in early summer admission Pegasus Success Program, 89 attained the grades necessary to return in the fall; a retention rate of 97 percent.

"This is a noteworthy achievement for the program, and a substantial leap in the direction of one of Academic Development and Retention's key goals-to enhance first year retention for FTIC students," said Sandra Macaulay, coordinator for the Pegasus Success Program. "With the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) as their first year advising office, the 2004 Pegasus Success students have set in place their keystone to academic success."

### Student Leaders serve as Ambassadors

Student Ambassadors serve as leaders for prospective UCF students and families. These students direct the campus tours and assist the Office of Undergraduate Admissions (UA) during the eight Open House events. UA selected 10 ambassadors for the 2004-05 year from a record-breaking 48 applications. The Undergraduate Admissions Office has also initiated an ambassador program at the Rosen College of Hospitality Management. The staff of UA thanks the student ambassadors for their dedication and hard work.

### Self-Discovery Knights Events for September

The Counseling Center offers students the Self-Discovery Knights series of events on topics concerning personal development and self-improvement. The following presentations will be held in the Student Union-Key West Room 218A, 12-1:30 p.m.

- **September 13:** Time Management—planning, setting priorities and making a schedule
- **September 20:** Self-Esteem in African American Women—strategies for dealing with issues of low self-esteem and the empowerment of a positive one
- **September 27:** Assertiveness: Getting What You Want—concepts of assertiveness and its impact on one's relationship and self-esteem.

For more information, visit:  
[www.counseling.sdes.ucf.edu](http://www.counseling.sdes.ucf.edu)

### SARC Instructor Receives Scholarship

Kudos to Veronica Kent, Supplemental Instructor (SI) leader at Student Academic Resource Center (SARC), for receiving the Florida Section American Water Works Association (FS/AWWA) Roy W. Likins Scholarship. The \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to Kent for her successful academic achievement, her involvement in drinking water industry activities, and her leadership in civic and community activities. Kent is a junior majoring in environmental engineering and has been a geology SI leader at SARC for two years.

### What Student Records Can Parents Access?

Parents are often astonished to learn that once their child turns 18 or is enrolled in an institution of higher learning such as UCF, Federal law mandates record privacy right transfer from the parent to the student, and the parents become third parties.

In a continuing effort to communicate these issues, the Registrar's and Orientation office will provide parents of FTICs with a one-page guide, Important Facts Parents Need To Know About Record Privacy and Record Release at UCF. The guide, authored by Associate University Registrar Douglas Burgess, will according to Burgess, "hopefully increase awareness among parents of the source (namely not UCF) of the restrictions, as well as the narrow paths by which they can achieve access to their children's records."

