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Upcoming Self-Discovery Knights Schedule

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• February 14 – Gender Talk
• February 21 – Improving Communication Between Men and Women
• February 28 – How to Help a Friend or Loved One with an Eating Disorder
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Division Changes
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- Laura Riddle, who previously directed AOD, has now become part of the Counseling Center staff and will specialize in short term counseling for students with issues related to alcohol and other drugs. Riddle will be moving to one of the new offices created in the Counseling Center. The revised effort will allow the division to provide greater attention to these important issues while being able to specialize in both education and prevention, as well as counseling services.
- Richard Payne, associate director, Academic Support Services, AOD has accepted a new position of director, Academic Support Services in the newly created Marketing, Communications, and Admissions Division. Payne began his position in SDES, working primarily with the E&G budget process, in 2001. “Richard has made many positive contributions to the division, especially in the area of budgets,” says Sharon Ekern, assistant vice president, SDES Administrative Service. “He will be missed, but I wish him well in his endeavor.”
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SDES Staff Enhance Their Skills in Workshops
On January 5, Academic Development and Retention (ADR) held a Staff Development Day for its members to participate in professional development of the counseling team, partnerships, collaboration and friendships among staff members. Over 70 ADR members attended at least one workshop. Some workshops included: “Get Excel, Get Fish, Get Philosophy,” Coping with Difficult People; Team Building and Whale Done (The Power of Positive Relationships). The presenters included staff from ADR and UCF’s Human Resources.

According to Rebecca Dyer, assistant director, University Testing Center, most sessions were well organized, topics were relevant, and much of what I learned could be immediately applied in the office. “The day was organized by Larry Marks, Counseling Center, and members of ADR’s Staff Development and Monae Vision Team.”

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Outreach Programs Scheduled at Neighboring Communities
Learning and Interacting with New Knights (LINK) First Year Experience and Off-Campus Student Services (OSSS) collaborated to offer programming opportunities to UCF’s nearby area communities. The participating properties are excited to host the events and have all agreed to help with an aggressive marketing campaign. In addition, they will provide the food and drinks.

Many SDES partners are on board to offer services at the events. All UCF students (and staff) are invited to participate, and first-year students will earn LINK Loot that can be used at a Unicorns and Spring semester. The programming series will be offered at the hosts’ location, and is as follows:

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Students get expert advice on career opportunities, trends and career development. Hosted by: Riverwind Apartments

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Students will be guided through the new changes for UCF registration. First Year Advising and Exploration on-site to help students plan for classes. Hosted by: The Gathering

• April 13 @ 12 p.m. – Finals for the Win, PALS in YOU!
Back by popular demand, students are invited to come learn tips and strategies to boost scores and avoid finals. Hosted by: College Station

For more information or to get involved, contact Housing, Counseling, Student Union, and Residence Life, at 3.3392.

Black History Month
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