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The real magic of the work and experience students get from LeaderShape is when they return to their home campuses and work to incorporate what they’ve learned during the week into their own contributions, with their peers and in their respective leadership positions,” says Morgan. “The true impact of LeaderShape comes from when the student participants give back to their own home campuses.”

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**LEAD Scholars Partners with Seminole to Teach High School Students**

UCF was involved this spring with the Success at Work (SAW) Program in partnership with the Lake Mary/Seminoe County Chamber of Commerce. Seven LEAD Scholars were selected for this opportunity. Each LEAD Scholar professional volunteer involved with the chamber to deliver one hour a week, five session, career exploration curriculum for high school sophomores. The topics included: making a budget, completing applications, preparing resumes and interview tips.

**Community professional Stacie Caldwell (Allstate Insurance--Caldwell and Associates, Inc.) expressed her experience via e-mail to Ginny Coombs (Seminole Chamber of Commerce of Commerce): “We are having a terrific time at Lake Mary High School and I have seen the kids make a special connection with UCF Lead Scholar Beniah Hildebrand on several key issues. They are interested to hear what I have to say, but especially attentive when Beniah speaks of his college experiences after all, that is the next step in your young adult lives. Beniah is a pleasure to work with; he is very organized, has great ideas to help us connect or inspire the kids and conducts himself on a very professional manner. Thanks to the person who initiated this partnership between UCF and the Chamber.”

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Sarasota Web page

http://www.sarc.sdes.ucf.edu...
SDEs Members Participate in Faculty Development Conference

Micki Pannecko Meyer and Stacey Lazenby (LEAD Scholars Program) and Rebecca Morales (LINK) were selected by the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL) staff to join forces with academic faculty at the Summer Faculty Development Conference from May 2-5 at UCF.

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