Welcome to SDES

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SDES Division Changes

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Creative School for Children, formerly a unit of Campus Life, is now part of Administrative Services and will report to Sharon Ekram, assistant vice president.

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Greek Affairs is now called Fraternity and Sorority Life and is now located in the Student Union, room 154. With the departure of Bill Faulkner, former director for Student Leadership Programs, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life will report to Kerry Welch, director of the Office of Student Involvement.

Greg Mason, who retired for Greek Affairs, will take on the new role of director for Fraternity/Sorority Life and Development. He will report to Cheri Harter, director for Housing and Residence Life. Mason's new position will allow him to concentrate on the advancement of housing initiatives on behalf of the Greek community (renovations to current fraternity facilities, and plans for additional housing). Mason can be reached at 407.823.3449 for issues related to fraternity and sorority housing facilities.

Awards and Recognition

Larry Marks, who received the 2005 Early Career Outstanding Contribution to Counseling Center Work Award from the Society for Counseling Psychology's Section on College and University Counseling Centers at the American Psychological Association convention in Washington, DC.

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The SDES departments used the opportunity to connect with various campus resources. The event, co-sponsored by First Year Advising and Exploration (FYAE) and the Student Government Association, had over 130 tables with representatives from the colleges, student services, academic departments, and student organizations. Among the representatives could receive information or answers to questions or concerns. Nine of these tables were representatives from the community, including the Orlando Magic and Student Government Association (SGA) and the Orlando Magic and SGA.

A fund-raiser to assist Hurricane Katrina victims had an overwhelming snowball effect in contributions. Over $6,553 was raised through penny wars, Student unions collection, Emergency Mardi Gras, class and private donations, a single anonymous faculty member matched that amount with $5,000. The total amount collected on campus was $11,553 with Best Buy matching that amount to a grand total of $23,107. The spirit of giving touched many. This collection effort began with a first-year LEAD Scholars Introduction class and ended up becoming a partnership with the LEAD Students Association and the LEAD Scholars Program. Affiliated with having(ev) and the Student Government Association collect funds for the victims of Katrina. SDES is planning several projects, including a benefit concert, to raise funds, so part of the effort to help those affected by Katrina.
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Employers and students alike from various businesses at the expo. Students got connected to UCF's resources at the Welcome Expo. Students had the opportunity to give their resumes and experience to participate in other various contests. On August 26, the Rosen College hosted their first Welcome Ceremony for new and current students, faculty and staff. With over 100 people in attendance, Dean Allen Rosen spoke about the vision and mission of the Rosen College. Students were given a Rosen College pin, class photos were taken and a small reception was held in the Dining Room. In other news, the Campus Life department has started up a team sports program including 4 on 4 flag football, water volleyball and kickball. A huge sign "I Saw It Sold Out" hung over Gemini South apartments, which is located next to the Arena. The RA's planned a Welcome including the Sumo Wrestling BBQ, which gave Gemini South residents the opportunity to build their get acquainted experience and terrific opportunity for incoming students. In addition to providing fun during the summer, the Residence Life staff has created an educational programming series, "Does a Body Good," where residents will learn diverse information from changing the time to the effects of the Constitution's 4th amendment. These programs are all presented by SDES and UCF departments in coordination with the RA's in an interactive and social environment.

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According to the mission of FYAE, the office focuses on creating a successful transition into a positive university experience at UCF through early, proactive and continuous contact. "On the first day of classes, an FYAE advisor could be meeting with a first-year student to discuss schedule planning and major exploration, preparing for the Rosen College Welcome Expo, planning new and exciting outreach initiatives, or reviewing a student's application to the Grad on Track program. Even more recently, FYAE advisors can be found in the satellite offices in Pegasus Landing, Pegasus Pointe and the Libra commons. An FYAE advisor is assigned to each Rosen College student apartments and the Rosen College of Hospitality Management, as the Advisors in Residence (AIR) program reaches out to students through various advising and support services programming partnerships. Though most FYAE advisors have majors assigned to them as part of the advisor pool, all advisors are ready, willing, and able to discuss any of the majors at UCF that a student may be considering. A recent AIR advisor meeting was focused on particular challenges facing first-year students. According to Paul Viau, assistant director for FYAE, everyone recognizes the importance of the first-year student's experience and provide the opportunity for incoming students to connect to their peers, faculty and their new environment," said Amanda Ford, LINK graduate assistant.

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Student residents at one of the newest residence halls, Gemini South

LINK Connects Students to Central Florida

The LINK program helps new students get connected to UCF's resources and opportunities. This year's LINK program offers many opportunities through events and programs to enhance the first-year student's academic success, while connecting them to UCF.

LINK's LEAP In excursion program connected 97 first-year students to faculty members prior to the week of the fall semester. Participants traveled to St. Augustine, SeaWorld EPCOT, Sleuths Mystery Dinner Show, Orlando Wetlands, New Smyrna and Cypress Gardens, Faculty members from OCMHA and Education, and the Communications and History departments participated in the excursion program. "LEAP's insight into the existence of Peterson's, financial aid, choosing a major and how to effectively utilize the University Center has been a valuable experience," said one student. LINK students not only gained valuable insights to their upcoming course experience, but also received 1,000 LINK points for participating. These points can be used at the LINK auction at the end of the event. Students also completed learning skills exercises in time management, note-taking, and reading through the textbook: Get Good Grades In College, which explains the 10 steps involved in achieving college success.

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She will collaborate with SDES and the Office of Career Services & Experiential Learning (CSEL) to host the Fall 2005 Career Expo on September 14. The event will have 197 employers and 1,626 students in attendance. Employers and students will have the opportunity to get to know each other in an interactive and social environment.

Rosen students have fun in the sun at Rosen's on-campus housing facility

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Recreation and Wellness Center Facilities Tour

The Recreation and Wellness Center (RWC) opened its doors in January and has been visited by more than just fun and games. With 42,000 students and enrollment increasing every year, Willis Elih, director for RWC, is planning for a future expansion of the center. Willis Elih said the center was created from several successful programs, these leaders of today are poised to plan the recreational future for the students of tomorrow.

Many students are confident that their students have any ideas they would like to see implemented in this first stage of expansion, communicate with the SARC students.

Students and Kathryn Connolly, first-year academic advisor, inside front of the passing student at John's Pass

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In addition to student advising through office appointments, a mobile, and instant messaging, FYAE reaches out to students through various outreach programs, making it easier for the students to meet with their advisor when the advisor comes to where they are. These programs have taken place in the Student Union, Marketplace and at bus stops. This event started as a "Meet Your Advisor" session in fall '96. Bob Snow, former director of FYAE and advisor comes to where they are. These programs

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**Staff Assist a Student in Need**

Campus Life came together to donate clothes and supplies for a student in time of need. Daniel Escobar was traveling to UCF when his train was derailed by a storm. The Campus Life family found out and quickly responded with donations. Anonymous donors were also received as well. The Campus Life staff presented Escobar with over 30 T-shirts, school supplies, toiletries, gift cards to Foot Locker/Public/Target, cookies, candy, bookbags and health supplies. He was very thankful and expressed his appreciation.

Wille Benner, president of Student Government Association (SGA), called Escobar to touch base and they had a face to face meeting to see how SGA could assist.

Many thanks to Sarah Weprin who planted the seed to contact this drive, and to the Residence Life staff for their support.

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**Welcome Multicultural Students**

Multicultural students were welcomed and connected to administration, faculty and other students at the Tenth Annual Fall Welcome Program. Opening remarks were presented by Maribeth Busch, president for SDES, and Wille Benner, president for SGA.

Students were greeted by representatives from the colleges followed by a steel drum musical selection. Keynote speaker Gabriela Othonón shared her experience as a multicultural student at UCF and how she overcame obstacles and has taught her to adapt. Othonón was the recipient of the 2005 Global Fellow Award presented by the Office of UCF Global Perspectives. Students were introduced to the seven student organizations represented at the Multicultural Student Center and then refreshments were provided.

The event was sponsored by the partnerships of the Multicultural Student Center and Multicultural Academic Support Services.

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**Self Discovery Knights Events**

- **Oct. 4:** Making the Most of your Schedule: Effective Planning and Time Management
- **Oct. 10:** Your College Life with Stress Management
- **Oct. 24:** Make-Up Your Mind: Skills for Effective Decision-Making

For more information, visit:**

website: www.sdes.ucf.edu/outreach/hdl.html

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In addition to assisting new students to UCF, the departments in the Student Success Center and the Counseling Center made arrangements to group together the current UCF students that were from the affected areas. E-mails were sent and phone calls were made to the students offering assistance and services in their time of need. The Student Development and Enrollment Services (SDES) joined the university setting. “Assisting and welcoming these students into the UCF community was an amazing collaborative effort on the part of many offices,” said Mark Allen Poisel, associate vice president, Academic Development and Retention.

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