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Tutors and Supplemental Instructors Recognized

Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) celebrated the hard work and dedication of the Supplemental Instruction (SI) and tutorial staff during National Tutoring Week, October 3-7. This is third year SARC has participated in this event associated with the National Tutoring Association (NTA).

National Tutoring Week activities included a luncheon to honor tutors and SI leaders, Faculty Open House and a bowling night. One lucky tutor, Natesha Manoucheri, was allowed to park in a reserved parking space donated by Maribeth Ehasz, vice president for SDES.

Activities (NACA) South Region Conference held September 29-30 in Valdosta, Georgia. The conference was held collaboratively with Valdosta State University’s Office of Student Affairs and the South Georgia Educational Consortium. Students were awarded for their projects and papers on topics ranging from personal development to community service.

UCF Officials Attend Workshop in Georgia

A group of 16 students and staff members had the opportunity to improve their offering skills in the sport of flag football as they represented UCF at the annual Southeastern Flag Football Officiating Workshop in Athens, Georgia.

The workshop was designed to provide training and education for flag football officials and was attended by coaches, officials, and players from across the Southeast. Participants learned about rules of the game, officiating philosophy, communication and leadership techniques. Intramural Sports hires officials throughout the year, so they are excited about this new facility and anticipate it becoming a permanent addition to their program.

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Outreach advising sessions were held with undeclared students often feel confused and uncertain about their career paths. Outreach advising activities to assist UCF’s undeclared students in exploring various career-related experiences, helped ensure that undeclared students are academically and professionally prepared to meet the workforce needs.

More than 127 advisors, who represented 13 university centers, attended the annual Transfer Transition Services (TTS) Coordinator Workshop. UCF’s eight academic colleges presented updates on majors and programs.

Through FYAE, “I always think about partnerships. I always think about collaboration. I always look for opportunities for this across the university—things that will help students succeed academically and in their career goals and development.”

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The fair introduced students to post-baccalaureate education options at UCF and across the state. The fair included Health Professional Schools and Law School section in addition to the major academic colleges. There was an 80 percent increase in the attendance of Health Professional Schools at this year’s fair.

Additionally, the top two medical schools in Florida, University of Florida College of Medicine and the Florida State College of Medicine attended this fair for the first time. The Graduate and Professional Schools Fair was the fourth fair Career Services & Experiential Learning has hosted this semester.

TheFall Majors Fair offered faculty and students an opportunity to interact and discuss issues related to majors and careers. Career counselors and academic advisors were present to assist students with their major exploration issues. The event was open to all UCF students and community college students.

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“UCF has a renewed commitment to the students by providing academic and support services based on proven and promising practices to enhance student success and first year student retention.”

By taking on such an endeavor—to reach that top percentile of key students—"we must dig deep," said Laureano. "We will continue our efforts to make sure we can be one strong unit and meet the needs of every first year student." To get to this point, Laureano said, "UCF will go through trial and error. "We will cross our fingers that we will try again," said Laureano. “We will also maintain our focus on students and their needs. We will create opportunities for students, listen to students and have a renewed commitment to the students by keeping them in the center of what we do." This student-centered vision is already exemplified in the many FYAE projects implemented for the new school year, including the "What can I do with this major?" handouts, which contained relevant information about the major, careers related to that major, exploration sites and ways to gain career-related experience.

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OSI Designers Win Awards at Regional Conference

Kudos to the Office of Student Involvement (OSI) student graphic designers who won awards at the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) South Region Conference held September 28-October 1. The students won six awards for graphic design, social media, and professional services.

Students were honored for their work in multiple categories, including Best Logo/Brand Identity, Best Social Media Campaign, Best Interactive Media, Best Website Design, Best Print Material, and Best Video Production.

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