SDES Changes

Edwanna Andrews has been promoted to assistant director, LINK (Learning and Interacting with New Knights) and Transition Leadership Programs.

Jill Ehling is now assistant director, Academic Support Services, LEAD Scholars Programs.

J. Robert “Bob” Wirag is the new director for Health Services. “Bob has an extensive career in the field of student health, spanning over 30 years of service to higher education communities, including directorships of campus health service programs at the University of Arkansas, the University of Texas-Austin, and most recently at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill,” Wirag said.

“What a dynamic, forward thinking place it is to work,” Wirag said. “I am grateful for the opportunity to join the UCF family as your new Health Services director. Additionally, my predecessor, Bob Feust, left us with a state-of-the-art facility and a truly dedicated and committed staff. I am in the process of strengthening the leadership team and partnering with other interested parties to assure the campus Health Services program is responsive to the changing health-related needs of the community.”

Wirag received his undergraduate degree from West Chester University (Pennsylvania) and both his master’s and doctorate degrees are from Indiana University.

Awards and Recognition

Laine Powell, Parking and Transportation, was recently appointed to the board of directors for the Florida Jamboree/Start Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy to help improve the personal financial literacy of Floridians by focusing on the state’s youth, promoting and teaching personal finance skills so that individuals can make informed, responsible financial decisions.

The UCF Creed

The UCF Creed is designed to help students understand the university’s mission, values, and the role each person plays in its success. 

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UDS' Role in Ambassador Program on Home Game Day

SDES and the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Program (AODP) are coordinating the second year of the Good Sport Program, also known as the Ambassador Program. SDES partners with university administrators and faculties, UCF police, the Athletics Department, Student Government Association (SGA) and community sponsors to plan for the upcoming year of pro-gambling football tailgating and to assist fans during the events. The primary goal of the Ambassador Program is to promote responsible tailgating during UCF home football games.

“Students line up to redeem their ‘Good Sport’ citations.”

pizza and nutritional drinks from Smoothie King, and goodies (promotional T-shirts and foam fingers).

“Were able to refine the program, making the whole process more organized this year,” said Mark White, SGA president. White said mapping out the physical layout of all the sponsor’s tents enabled them to prevent uncontrolled vendors with alcoholic beverages from setting up in the tailgating area, which had been a problem in the past.

According to White, “That’s something we really don’t want. We want to keep the students and other fans safe.”

In addition, with a donation from the UCF Foundation, SGA was able to provide $2,500 to transportation to home games at a subsidized rate of $3 per person.

Coca-Cola sponsors the Designated Driver Campaign by donating Dasani water for students who sign up to be a designated driver. Students can sign up for this program at any Ambassador tent, which entitles the student to free water throughout tailgating time. To date, over 250 students have signed up to be designated drivers since the start of the season. The sponsor City Beverages, a local Anheuser-Busch distributor, provides the Good Sport Program with financial assistance as well as staff to work each tailgating home game. In addition to their financial and personnel resources, City Beverages also provides the Citrus Bowl concession with its license to requiring responsible beverage service.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a UCF Ambassador, visit: www.realproject.ucf.edu and click on Good Sport, or call Judy Mount, AODP, at 407.823.3652.

Pirate’s Dinner Adventure

Pirate’s Dinner Adventure attraction tickets are now on sale at the SGA Ticket Center. Admission tickets are free for all students, and a discount is available for groups of at least 10 people. The cost of each ticket is $47 (regular admission) or $59 (premium admission) if purchased before October 18th. Tickets are available at the Student Union or online at www.sdes.ucf.edu/staffdev.htm.

Wiring 6400 Carrier Drive, Orlando (near Wet ’n Wild).
During this year’s Housing and Residence Life Resident Assistant (RA) training in August, the Residence Life staff took part in a porous wall competition between RA staff to raise money for United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). Although the competition lasted only six days, $2,000 was raised. Kudos to the student and professional staff for their efforts in this fund-raiser.

## UCF Represented at Women’s Leadership Conference

Mabeth Ehasz, vice president for SDES, awarded travel monies to fund four students to attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Association of Women’s University (AAUW) National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, June 7-10 in Washington, DC. The AAUW annual event enables student leaders from across the nation to strengthen their leadership, advocacy, civic engagement, community-building and networking skills. Those selected through an application process were: Megan Clementi, Maria Pecoraro, Kyra Tan and Megan White. Jill Ehling, assistant director, LEAD Scholars Program, attended with the students.

“This was an amazing experience for those of us attending from UCF. A very special thank you to Dr. Ehling for her continuing support in empowering women,” said Ehling.

The theme of the conference was “The Summit on Sexual Harassment: Leading Change on Campus and Beyond.” Workshops covered a range of topics, such as women and the low-understanding Title IX, fostering campus dialogue; creating inclusive environments; and navigating the workplace. The highlight of the conference was the panel “Sexual Misconduct: Equity and Fairness.”

## Career Services & Experiential Learning

### Mass Welcomes Students

Over 170 students attended the 11th annual Multicultural Academic and Support Services (MASS) Fall Welcome Program on September 14. The presenters were: Mathew Ehls (vice president, Student Development and Enrollment Services); keynote speaker Ambassador Harriet Elam-Thomas; and Celeste Ferguson (assistant director, MASS).

“They brought a welcome and a challenge, purpose and inspiration, direction and guidance to the students,” said Exum. “Their intention was to promote the students’ active involvement in the UCF campus, as well as their educational programs.”

Entertainment provided by UCF students included performances from the Hispanic American Student Association (HASA), Filipino Student Association, Phi Sigma Kappa and Sigma Mu Fraternity and Faces Modeling Troupe.

## Student Government Association

Students’ comments about the Learning Fair:

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## Staff Students get Acquainted with Career Services and Programs

Career Services & Experiential Learning (CSEL) recently hosted Golden Opportunities: A Major Today, a Career Tomorrow Program and the employability skills program (GO! PRO) Open House. Approximately 230 students attended who had the opportunity to learn about the CSEL GO!PRO Series, the Lockheed Martin College Work Experience Program, KnightLink, co-ops and internships. Sponsors for the event included: Walt Disney World, Progressive and Enterprise. Students enjoyed food from BubbaGourm’s and participated in a scavenger hunt to learn about CSEL. Once they learned about these opportunities, their sheet was stamped and placed into a raffle to win prizes, such as gift baskets from Disney and gift certificates from local vendors. Additionally, freshman students received 1,000 LINK points for attending.

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Penny War Pays Off

During this year’s Housing and Residence Life Resident Assistant (RA) training in August, the Residence Life staff took part in a penny war competition between RA staff to raise money for United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). Although the competition lasted only six days, $405 was raised. Kudos to the student and professional staff for their efforts in this fund-raiser.

CEO of Ericsson Speaks at Employment Prep Conference

With more than 300 students attending the Employment Prep Conference on September 13, Angel Ruiz, president and chief executive officer for Ericsson Inc., kicked off the event as keynote speaker with a room full of students eager to hear his success story. Ruiz chronicled his life’s history, including his days at UCF as an undergraduate student. He went through school on a Basic Opportunity Grant and received a Bachelor of Science degree from UCF in Engineering Technology in 1978. Later, he received his master’s degree from John Hopkins University.

Regarding the interviewing process, Ruiz said he looks for an employee with good communication skills, assertiveness and a person who knows what he or she wants. He recommended that students learn about an organization before interviewing there to ensure that employment will be mutually beneficial to the student as well as the employer. Ruiz also spoke about the meaning of success, risk-taking, making hard choices and leadership. In addition, he encouraged students to participate in the co-op program so they can gain the relevant work experience that will help them become more competitive in a global society.

The event included practice interviews and cue resume critiques, job search techniques and success workshops conducted by over 22 employer organizations.

Bird Flu Immunization Drill: No Shots, Just Candy

Recently, 375 members of the UCF community helped the university prepare for a potential avian flu outbreak by volunteering as patients in a vaccination exercise. UCF Health Services was asked by the Orange County Health Department to develop a plan to immunize 40,000 students, staff and faculty in 48 hours.

Volunteers filled out questionnaires and then screened sorted out potential infected people. The UCF School of Nursing faculty and professionals reviewed each participant’s screening form. Those with positive answers had their temperature taken, given a mask and either sent to Health Services for follow-up appointments, or proceeded through the drill process. Once the screening nurse approved the volunteer, they progressed to the actual immunization table-to-no shots, just candy.

The experiences learned through the drill allowed the Health Center to review and discuss the plan and increase the efficiency of the process.

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An old graduate assistant talks with students about how they can become involved at UCF.

Jennifer Wright, SARC, presenting the “Pass the Knowledge” workshop.

The 2006 Learning Fair It’s All Relative

The Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) held its third annual Learning Fair on September 13, showcasing the academic support services available to all UCF students. Targeting first-year students, this event was created to foster academic success and retain students through the development of relevant personal and academic skills, and through increased awareness and use of learning-support services on campus.

The Learning Fair offered four academic workshops to enhance students’ learning skills, covering topics on Power Studying Motivation, Making the most out of the UCF Experience, and How to Study Science. By attending the Learning Fair, first-year students earned 1,000 LINK (Learning and Interacting with New Knights) points, which they can use later in the semester at the LINK Auction. Learning Fair attendees also enjoyed free food and door prizes, such as an MRI examination. Students also learned how to ‘rep-the-dip’ and participate in a range of multicultural faces of Albert Einstein (mimicking artist Andy Watlock). Display tables at the Student Unions included SARC tutoring, Supplemental Instruction (SI), University Testing...
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The role of the Ambassador is one of hospitality and assistance, not enforcement. Ambassadors and meet and greet fans in designated student parking areas, promote responsible fan behavior and locate resources for students in need. There are no qualifications for Ambassadors to volunteer, only a willingness to help out. Approximately 74 Ambassadors have signed up, and some work multiple games. Tailgating time is divided into two shifts, of which Ambassadors are assigned.

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Diana Weidman and Kerry Welch represented UCF at the Mid-Manager’s Institute, which is sponsored by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) held at the North Carolina State University June 3-8.

It was a very positive experience, probably the best professional development experience I have had in higher education,” said Welch. “It was an excellent opportunity to dialogue with colleagues from around the southeast region on issues of student development and identifying learning outcomes.”

Presentations

Susan MacPeek, University Testing Center, presented a workshop, “Developing a Marketing Program to Keep Your Test Center on the Track to Success,” at the National College Testing Association’s (NCTA) Eighth Annual Conference in Missouri during September.

The workshop addressed topics such as free and low-cost marketing tactics, e-mail campaigns, marketing events and creative approaches. The workshop was attended by over 100 conference participants and representatives of national testing agencies, such as the College Board.

Disney College Days

On sale now at the SGA Ticket Center on the first day of the Student Union and One-Day, One-Park Walt Disney World attraction tickets. These tickets are good for admission to Animal Kingdom, Epcot, Magic Kingdom or MGM Studios during Disney College Days, October 1-11 or November 26-December 1, 2006. The price of each ticket is $54 (regular admission is $56) and anyone with a UCF ID may purchase up to eight of these discounted tickets. Supply is limited and sold cash only on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Pirate’s Dinner Adventure attraction tickets are now on sale at the SGA Ticket Center. Admission tickets are for a one-time entrance (reservations required), which includes pre-show entertainment, appetizer buffet followed by dinner and an interactive show. Tickets cost $35 (cash only; the price at the gate is $55). Anyone with a UCF ID may purchase no more than eight discounted tickets in any 30-day period. Pirate’s Dinner Adventure is located at 6400 Carrive Drive, Orlando (near Wet ‘n’ Wild).