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Overall, a school record of 378 student-athletes earned a spot on the Athletic Director’s Honor Roll with a 3.0 or better GPA during either semester of the 2006-2007 academic year. Of that number, 250 posted a 3.5 or better and 52 achieved a 4.0. UCF also had 190 student-athletes named to the Conference USA Commissioner’s Honor Roll for maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA during either semester of the fall 2006 semester.

Students Take a Break from Their Studies

Rosen College of Hospitality Management students had the opportunity to take a break from their studies at the 2nd Annual RWC Awards Banquet. Award recipients included four: 

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Multicultural Students Recognized for Excellence

Recently, Multicultural Academic Support Services (MASS) Peer Mentors and students have had special recognition of excellence. Kudos to Peer Mentor Stephanie Morales who was selected as a member of the President’s Leadership Council. Congratulations to Peer Mentor Renee Forde who has been accepted to the School of Social Policy and Practice at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, Forde was selected for this year’s Who’s Who Among Students. “Our MASS Peer Mentors have made us proud,” says Catherine Ferris, director and faculty advisor. The MASS office held its Excellence in Action Awards program honoring their students who have earned a 3.0 or above GPA during either semester of the fall 2006 semester. Delaine Priest, assistant vice president for the Student Success Center, delivered the welcome address and Wayne Jackson, director for MASS, addressed the students.

Students Receive Highest University Honor

The Order of Pegasus is the highest university honor that recognizes exemplary graduating seniors and honorees who have demonstrated outstanding involvement, leadership, academic achievement and community service. Vice President Maribeth Ehaie presided over the recent Order of Pegasus induction ceremony that honored 14 students. President John C. Hitt and Provost and Executive Vice President Terry Hickey were in attendance to congratulate the students and assist with the presentation of their award medals. Out of 68 nominations this year, only two graduate and undergraduate students were selected for this prestigious award from among a student body population of over 46,000 students. Students are nominated annually by high-ranking university officials. A separate selection committee reviews their credentials and interviews them.

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Students Honored at Memorial

On April 5, approximately 100 family members and friends attended the Eternal Knights Memorial Service, a memorial ceremony of UCF students who passed away during the 2006-2007 academic year. The solemn service commenced by bagpiper, Stewart Meredith, leading the processional. The UCF Community sang the remembrance of the students. Carolyn Walker-Hopp, College of Education, briefly eulogized 21 students who passed away during the academic year. Carolyn Walker-Hopp, College of Education, briefly eulogized 21 and friends attended the Eternal Knights Memorial Service. Students received possible offers for a part-time/full-time employment and internship opportunities. Students received possible offers for a part-time/full-time employment and internship opportunities. One extern student said, “The people I shadowed, through their routine, explained each and every detail of their work. I felt so comfortable asking just about any question, and they always had an answer for me. They took an interest in my career choices and future plans after which they gave me any advice they could on how to make myself a better candidate.”

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• Mark White, Student Government Association (SGA) president; Jared Stout, SGA vice president, Office of Operational Excellence and Assessment Support staff members; and Shawn Maguire, Bonneville Elementary School, were among the guests.

• Manthelz Ehasz, vice president for SDES, welcomed everyone. “Your commitment, care and expertise truly make a difference,” said Ehasz. “Together we empower students to succeed through our services, programs, events, operations, involvement and care.” Ehasz highlighted some of these accomplishments for the year. She acknowledged and thanked her leadership teams: Mark Allen Poisel, Academic Development and Retention; Craig Ullom, Campus Life; Sharon Ekern, Administrative Services; A.J. Range, Regional Campus; and Retention and Planning. In closing, Ehasz thanked the SDES Council for coordinating the breakfast. In addition, she thanked everyone in the division, noting that SDES is “One team of talented people.”

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• Outstanding Overall Excellence: ASP: Stephen O’Connell, First Year Advising and Exploration
• Stressed Students Program
• Pride in Customer Service: Fred Okumu, Administration
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• Student Leadership Program
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• Faculty: Daniel Martin, Composition

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