The mission of SDES states: “The Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services engages students in the total collegiate experience.”

Did you know UCF had 51 DUI cases on campus and within a two-mile radius in 2010-11? In addition, there were 30 medical transports of students for excessive intoxication. Over the past academic year, the university community has seen a rise in both these numbers. It's time to act. This is our wake up call.

President John C. Hitt called the UCF community to action in his State of the University address stating: “UCF has no tolerance for underage and excessive drinking. It takes only one bad decision to tragically change lives.”

Connecticut College President Leo Higdon stated, “this [alcohol] is an issue that affects all of us – administrators, faculty, staff and most importantly students. Excessive alcohol consumption by college students has deep implications later in life. Excessive drinking can also lead to academic problems, social isolation, vandalism, sexual violence, injuries and even death. . . . I want those students to know that I care about them, that people on campus are paying close attention to their behavior, and that we will not hesitate to intervene.” The UCF community should expect nothing less from us as leaders and role models for our students.

UCF C.A.R.E.S. was established under the direction of SDES Vice President Marlbeth Ehasz where a team of SDES members were charged with creating a campuswide consistent message.

The UCF C.A.R.E.S. stands for:
• Communicate.
• Ask students questions. In a recent training, Ehasz mentioned; “We often ask students who may be failing a class, do you not know the material... but what about asking what has your alcohol use been like recently?”
• Respect boundaries. Some students may not be ready today to talk, but keep that door open.
• Empower everyone to get involved.
• Support students who are trying to make changes.

“The UCF community must promote health and safety through their relationships with students,” remarked team member Stephanie Spies.

The focus of UCF C.A.R.E.S. is to open dialogue with students and become partners in reducing the number of DUIs, medical transports for intoxication and risky behaviors. The goals of the program are:
• Feel comfortable having one-on-one conversations with students
• Learn how to make appropriate referrals
• Know how to implement CAREfrontation strategies.

“Showing students we care is the essence of what we do,” stated trainer Jeff Novak.

Many offices were involved in the development of this effort including: Housing and Residence Life, Student Conduct, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Wellness and Health Promotion Services, Student Rights and Responsibilities, Counseling Center, and more. Overwhelmingly, staff and students wanted to share the message of caring.

“SDES strives to work collaboratively and cooperatively to build a community of success at UCF,” states Sarah Oleksy, team member. “By being active participants in the UCF C.A.R.E.S. initiative, we will be able to fulfill our purpose and create a truly caring community.”

What's next? SDES staff members have been identified to become official trainers. Once trained, they will be able to go out into the campus community to spread the message about UCF C.A.R.E.S. Students will also be invited to participate in training events in the coming semesters.

Team member Belinda Boston said, “UCF C.A.R.E.S. can change the campus climate in a significant way. If each person embraces their role in this journey of CAREing just think of how we can impact the lives of our student across campus. We can all make a difference. This is everyone’s responsibility. We all have the opportunity to help a student and/or refer them to services directly.”

UCF C.A.R.E.S. is asking you to care and be a part of this movement to make a change, make a difference.

What can you do? Contact Jeff Novak at: novak@ucf.edu to schedule a training session for your office. Be a part of the UCF C.A.R.E.S. – I am UCF movement.

The UCF C.A.R.E.S. Task Force
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• Maureen Hawkins, Housing and Residence Life
• Sarah Oleksy, Housing and Residence Life
• Dana Juntunen, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities
• Belinda Boston, SDES
• Jeff Novak, Housing and Residence Life
varc's outreach effort: mobile vet center visits ucf

the mobile vet center made a daylong appearance at the veterans academic resource center on september 14. veterans and their dependents met with the orlando vet center staff and toured the 30-foot department of veterans affairs' state-of-the-art readjustment counseling motor coach.

the vet center's staff specializes in helping veterans return home with a more peaceful outlook. they offer individual or group readjustment counseling, marital and family counseling, referral for benefits assistance, liaison with community agencies, substance abuse information and referral, employment counseling for families of service members on active duty service and community education.

"these are the type of community outreach services our veterans need to be successful at ucf," said jim middlekauf, assistant

A Welcome with Opportunities

The MASS Extravaganza Faire 2011, hosted by Multicultural Academic and Support Services along with the Multicultural Student Center and Student Government Association, offered students the opportunity to ask questions and engage in conversations with diverse groups of registered student organizations, departments, colleges and area businesses. Although the extravaganza is open to all students, the event is designed to welcome the new and returning multicultural and first generation students to UCF and expose them to various services that UCF provides.

The first 300 students attending received goodie bags with personal care items and coupons from Waterford Lakes Shopping Center. Additionally, free T-shirts from Big Top were provided to the first 50 students.

Over 950 attendees were entertained by riveting performances by the Diversified Greek Council, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Rukus, Tremolando Steel Orchestra, Thomas O'Neil and the Disciples of Christ Step Team.

Students Draw Meaning to the UCF Creed

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The Creed Art project provided students with a creative outlet for understanding and discussing the UCF Creed, while creating a welcoming environment for all students.

Participants were able to draw or make art that represented the five tenets of the Creed, which are integrity, scholarship, community, creativity and excellence.

Students were asked: In what ways does the Creed represent your role in the UGF community? What value(s) of the Creed do you identify with most? How will the Creed shape your experience at UCF?

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2011 Recruitment Team

Sororities Recruit New Members

The Panhellenic Council concluded another successful year of sorority recruitment welcoming new members to the sorority community. The Panhellenic Council, made up of 11 sororities, held events each day during the formal recruitment week of August 15-20 in which each sorority educated potential new members on their respective organization.

Throughout the week, each sorority showcased their sisterhood and values in various ways in hopes of attracting potential new members to join their organization.

Two new aspects of Panhellenic recruitment were the addition of a new sorority Delta Zeta as well as a canned food drive.

Along with Delta Zeta, Panhellenic wanted to embrace the value of service and collected canned goods to benefit the HOPE Helps Food Pantry of Oviedo. Because of their efforts, Panhellenic provided over $1,300 dollars in food donations.

Destination UCF Leadership

Over the summer, a select group of freshmen embarked on a leadership journey to learn about what it takes to be a leader at UCF and in the community. Facilitated by Student Leadership Development, the Summer Leadership Academy took participating students on a journey to learn critical foundational leadership skills, interact with current UCF student leaders, create a winning resume and engage in servant leadership. The academy began with a leadership challenge from SDES Vice President Maribeth Ehasz where she encouraged the students to “look ahead and consider what else they want to accomplish.”

The highlight of the five-week journey was connecting with the Community Food & Outreach Center located on Michigan Street. The students learned about the many services provided by the agency. Once the presentation was over, students spent the rest of the day redistributing and packaging food to be dispensed to the various community sites.

One student remarked, “The community service we did made me feel like I was doing something great.”
September 9-11 Family Weekend had 3,400 Registered Guests for Events.

**Friday Knight Welcome**

Approximately 400 students, parents, family members participated in First Year Experience’s 2nd annual Friday Knight Welcome. The registered attendees received their official 2011 Family Weekend T-shirt as well as an event guide that detailed the weekend’s festivities.

As family members and students arrived, they were greeted by the Orientation Team and staff members from many departments and offices from across campus. The casual atmosphere provided staff and family members with the opportunity to have discussions about the campus, Family Weekend programming and student success at UCF.

SAK Comedy Lab performed their “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” style improvisational show for over an hour and engaged audience participation.

**LEAD the Way as Families Connect**

The LEAD Scholars Program opened the doors of the Pegasus Ballroom for an event featuring lunch, prizes and camaraderie with other LEAD families.

“The LEAD Scholars Family Weekend Brunch is a great opportunity for the family members of current LEAD Scholars to interact with their students and bond with fun activities, enjoy a delicious meal before the football game, and get acquainted with the parents and family members of other LEAD Scholar students,” said Hayden Kaehl, LEAD activities director. Families were entertained with various contests and a video.

Second year Chelsea Trynz said, “My family really enjoyed seeing all of the connections that I have made within LEAD Scholars and how much I have grown as a leader since high school.”

**Arabian Knights Featured on Family Weekend**

Despite the rainy weather and a change in the original location, the Late Knights “Arabian Knights” attracted more than 2,100 students and family members.

Late Knights partnered with the Diversified Greek Council to showcase both Late Knights’ activities and the annual show, “Meet the Greeks.” The first 200 attendees had the opportunity to receive henna tattoos. Activities included arts and crafts, information tables from various student organizations, dance floor, Velero Wall, photo booth, huge inflatable slide and an obstacle course. The Heath Center’s station educated attendees about the BAC [blood alcohol count] index and simulated the impaired vision of people that were inebriated through the use of Beer Goggles.

Late Knights is a free monthly student-run alcohol alternative event at UCF.

**Striving for a Smoke Free Campus**

“Out of concern for the health and safety of our campus community, we are also moving to make UCF’s campuses smoke-free. In coming months, we will host public discussions and forums as we formulate a policy. I hope to see it in place one year from now at all campus locations. This move aligns us with several community partners – such as the Orange County government and Florida Hospital – which are already headed in this positive direction.”

—President John C. Hitt, State of the University address to the UCF community, 10.27.2011

The first signs of UCF becoming a smoke-free campus were visible during the 36th national Great American Smokeout, an American Cancer Society initiative that encourages adults to quit smoking.

UCF Health Services displayed 1,000 pinwheels at Memory Mall to promote clean air for everyone. Students selected a pinwheel to show their support for UCF going smoke free. During a lunchtime flash mob, 100 students gathered to blow bubbles in the Student Union to show their support for clean air for everyone.

“The response we got from students that day was overwhelming support for a smoke-free UCF campus,” said Mary Schmidt-Owens, co-chair for the UCF Smoke Free Task Force.

“This change in policy will help ensure a healthy environment for everyone.”

The Nov. 17 activities kicked off of a multi-layered campaign to increase awareness among students, staff and faculty members, visitors and contractors about the smoke-free policy that is planned to take effect during the fall 2012 term. More information about the smoke-free initiative will be communicated throughout the coming year.

**Health Services Encourages Flu Shots**

During the fall semester, UCF Health Services encouraged students, staff and faculty members to receive a vaccination and build immunity before the height of the season in February.

Getting a flu shot – which protects against both seasonal and H1N1 flu strains – is considered one of the most effective ways to prevent the illness and protect others from it.

“With such a large campus population, your chances of being exposed to the flu are very high,” explained Megan Pabian, coordinator of University Relations and Public Affairs, Health Services.
He was the first African American to pilot astronauts; 14 of whom have traveled in space.

As the keynote speaker for the Fall First Generation Speaker Series, Garavaglia, chief medical examiner with Florida’s District Nine Medical Examiner Office in Orlando, spoke to more than 300 students about being the first in her family to attend college, her desire to become a doctor and her path to becoming a forensic pathologist. “Dr. G” not only inspired students by sharing her stories and insight, she also stayed after the program to talk to a long line of students waiting to get her autograph, take a picture or get advice.

“Dr. G is an inspiration. I plan to attend medical school in order to practice forensic pathology as well,” said senior Nicole Harvilla, forensic science major. “I cannot wait to help people in the same way she does.”

SDS staff members Jennifer Muscadin and Natalia Leal coordinated the event and shared that Dr. G’s main desire for coming to UCF was simply to make a difference in students’ lives. “This is the type of speaker that we are aiming to bring to campus through the First Generation Speaker Series, individuals whose main interest is to make a positive impact on first generation students,” said Muscadin.

Developed by the MASS’ First Generation Program and PRIME STEM Project, the speaker series connects UCF first generation students with outstanding leaders and scholars, not only so that they can get insight and information from individuals in their fields of interest, but also so they can begin to build their own professional networks.

Lunch with an Astronaut

The UCF PRIME STEM Project had the opportunity to take a group of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) majors to the Kennedy Space Center to view the launch of the spacecraft “Juno” for its five-year mission to Jupiter. While there, scholars toured the Visitor’s Complex and the Apollo/Saturn V Center. The highlight of the day was lunch with astronaut Frederick Gregory (Col., USAF, Ret.).

After lunch, students excitedly stated: “Lunch with an astronaut was great” – “I will take the advice of successful career astronaut Fred Gregory and apply her stories to my career. I already have the passion, but I will strive to give back to my community as well.” – “The KSC experience will impact my studies because just as Fred Gregory, I will keep moving forward.”

SDS TRiO Center Director Rebekah McCloud noted that the day provided students with an “Awesome opportunity to rub elbows with history—Colonel Gregory has contributed greatly to African American history.”

Gregory is one of 19 African-American astronauts; 14 of whom have traveled in space. He was the first African American to pilot and command a Space Shuttle mission [Discovery, 1989]. He was on three space shuttle missions.

The day also provided students with an opportunity for self-reflection; many of them commented about the value of education, the ability to achieve goals and the rewards of hard work. One student stated, “I am even more motivated to work hard in seeing how big of an impact I could make. What if everyone sat back and took the easy route in life. We wouldn’t have cures and technologies like we do today. Life is amazing and we shouldn’t take opportunities for granted.” Two others concluded that “this experience just motivated me even more to reach for the stars” and “anything is possible if you work hard to achieve your goals.”

The PRIME STEM Project, a federally funded TRiO Student Support Services program, addresses the academic and social needs of eligible students enrolled at UCF who are first generation in college, have a documented disability, or demonstrate financial need and are pursuing STEM related majors.

The project is housed in the Division of SDS,

Go Blue for a Cure

“Making Diabetes Visible,” held at the Reflecting Pond, featured keynote speaker and former Miss America, Nicole Johnson. During the past 12 years, Johnson has raised more than $26 million for diabetes research and programs.

The event themed “Go Blue for a Cure” was to educate the UCF community about the warning signs of diabetes and how being diabetic can affect someone’s life. The public event offered the following activities and resources to raise awareness about all types of diabetes:

- UCF Pharmacy administered free blood glucose tests
- Dr. Richard Pratley, a senior scientist from Florida Hospital’s Diabetes Institute and the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Sugar-free treats were given out
- Humorous skit performed by the Type1 group

Type 1 is a student organization and support group at UCF that helps students enjoy college and stay healthy. The group participates in monthly meetings where members learn about various topics related to diabetes while sharing their own experiences. Students also learned new tools and information so they can succeed while experiencing new situations in college.

Off-Campus Housing Search Made Easy

The Off-Campus Housing Fair was a one-stop shop for students, faculty and staff to research their off-campus living options. Held at Memory Mall, the event connected attendees to 25 local restaurants, businesses and apartment community representatives. The fair was an opportunity for students to ask landlords questions and learn about rental apartment offerings near campus. Each table offered valuable information in their search or decision-making process. The Central Florida Future Institute and the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute

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World Sight Day at UCF: Documentary and Panel Educate Attendees

On October 13, the UCF community joined a global awareness – World Sight Day – on vision loss and prevention of blindness as proclaimed by the World Health Organization.

The first event for the day started and concluded with the documentary film Going Blind by writer-director-producer and Peabody Award winner Joseph Lovett. The film captured Lovett’s personal journal dealing with glaucoma, or what he calls the “thief in the night.” Throughout the film, he took the audience on visits to his doctor, experts on eye and vision research, and on his talks with people who have lost their sight. Each one opens up and shares how they cope with the loss and “just getting on with life and . . . learning to use what you have.”

The second event was an open forum highlighted by a panel of five UCF Knights with sight impairments along with Suha Saleh (UCF Department of Health Professions) and Lee Van Eepoel (Lighthouse Central Florida). Keith Gee, Lighthouse Central Florida, led the panel with questions.

Each of the five Knights on the panel shared how they lost their vision and how they managed UCF courses. When asked what UCF could do to improve accessibility, all agreed on common barriers: random construction sites that are set up without notification to the community, online labs that are not compatible with screen readers (ex. myMathlab), clickers, and lectures that rely heavily on visual representations of formulas and problems being solved on the spot.

One Knight panelist commented, “The world is not going to adapt to us, it is up to us to educate the world.”

Lighthouse Central Florida, Division of Blind Services, Florida Reading and Vision Technology, College Optical Store, UCF Health Professions, and UCF Student Disability Services provided educational information and a myriad of resources available for those with sight impairments.

The World Sight Day event was made possible by the joint efforts and funding support of Student Government Association, Diversity Initiatives, Multicultural Student Center, Recreation and Wellness Center, UCF Library, Student Disability Services, and Lighthouse Central Florida.

UCF Students Seek Job Opportunities

UCF’s Career Services hosted its fall 2011 Career Expo at the UCF Arena in October. This year’s expo was a great success with over 1,700 students and 168 corporations in attendance. That’s a seven percent increase in students and 23 percent increase in corporations from last year.

The event was especially valuable to students and alumni seeking full-time professional positions because it provided the opportunity to meet with employers face-to-face. Students and alumni were able to hand out their resumes, network and interview onsite.

Employers were overwhelmingly positive about their interaction with UCF students and staff and made special mention of the overall professionalism, turnout and efficiency of the event.

Service Day, Tradition Carries On

On October 15, over 1,000 students, alumni, faculty and staff including, for the first time, volunteers from UCF’s Regional Campuses, participated in Knights Give Back and made a difference at 22 sites in Central Florida community. Knights Give Back is UCF’s annual campuswide day of service, has been a tradition since 2007.

Participants provided a number of services to the community, from helping to clean the Wekiva River, restoring a local natural area in Oviedo and setting up a festival for the residents of Winter Park Towers to volunteering at Give Kids the World.

“This event helps to ignite the volunteers’ passion for service,” said Mark Baker, Knights Give Back site leader at Give Kids the World. “Knights Give Back allows participants to really see the impact they can make on the lives of their neighbors.”

The event promotes civic engagement between UCF and Orlando and helps to build partnerships with local non-profits. Since the program’s inception, Knights Give Back has provided over 3,000 volunteers, participated in almost 11,000 hours of service, and saved Central Florida over $219,200.

UCF Information with Campus Spirit

The fourth annual “Pre-Tailgate Rally” welcomed students to the fall semester and provided a festive setting for students to interact with staff from 15 UCF support offices. Students had the opportunity to discuss programs and services with campus representatives and learn ways to stay connected and be involved at UCF. The Pre-Tailgate Rally was themed to get students excited for the start of the football season and build campus spirit with the playing of the UCF fight song and having a special appearance from Knightro. The students enjoyed interactive games, refreshments, many prizes, plus 1,000 LINK points for freshman students.

One student commented, “This was a very fun event – and I learned about a lot of programs that I wasn’t aware of – thanks for having this program.”

The event was was hosted by the Sophomore and Second Year Center, in collaboration with Burnett Honors College and Housing and Residence Life.
Healthy Knights, Healthy Campus

The 2011 Healthy Knights Expo promoted health and wellness with information tables, activities and games to help students stay healthy. Specific topics included body image, hypertension, flu immunizations, breast cancer, alcohol moderation and sleep.

Along with the Healthy Knights Expo, activities and events were offered throughout the day such as: Nutrition Education at UCF Wellness Center, Simulated Impaired Driving at Memory Mall, Strengths Screening at Ferrell Commons and a Flu Shot Clinic tent outside the Student Union.

“Having this annual event is a great example of how powerful our message is when we all join forces,” said Teresa Michaelson, associate director of Prevention, Counseling Center. “Students walked away with good information and a better idea of the resources available to them to help them lead healthier lives, not just as a student, but for the rest of their lives.”

The event was coordinated by the Counseling Center in collaboration with the Recreation & Wellness Center, Health Services, and Wellness & Health Promotion Services.

Satisfying Student Hunger for Knowledge

The Student Academic Resource Center’s Fall Learning Fair 2011 focused on first-year students to foster academic success and retention as well as increase awareness of learning support services on campus. This event offered students the opportunity to engage in a lengthy academic dialog.

Staff and peers answered student questions and provided informational materials, promotional items and hands-on demonstrations of effective learning strategies. Live music was provided by Crescendudes, a UCF group.

Based on results of written evaluations, 99 percent felt that the Learning Fair was well organized; 94 percent felt more aware of UCF campus resources after attending the Learning Fair; and 93 percent agreed that they learned at least one strategy to improve their study skills by attending the Learning Fair. Student comments included: “Extremely informative presenters,” “Had all the right information,” and “Very helpful in informing me about UCF resources and studying.”

Preparation for Graduate School

Career Services has seen a significant increase in the number of students seeking graduate school planning services. During the fall semester, Career Services offers students career guidance in their workshops and educational exploration opportunity events.

The “Is Graduate School in Your Future?” workshop offered assistance to students who have an interest in an advanced degree but need additional career clarification prior to pursuing their academic plan. Thirty students attended the workshop. Attendees commented on how this workshop helped them "feel more focused and motivated to pursue their true passion."

At the Graduate and Professional Schools Fair on October 15, over 585 students, who are exploring graduate and professional programs, had the opportunity to talk to representatives from 75 schools. In addition to the UCF, other Florida state, public and private institutions attended as well as other reputable graduate, law and health programs from across the country.

Career Services collaborated with McNair Scholars Program and Delta Epsilon Iota, a career development honor society to co-sponsor a graduate school planning workshop seminar, “Gaining Entrance into Competitive Graduate Programs.” Facilitated by Donald Asher, one of the nation’s foremost authorities on the graduate admissions process, the topics included researching graduate programs, obtaining graduate funding and support, as well as an interactive exercise to help students draft components of their personal statements.

Anna Turner, currently completing a MA in mass communication, said “The workshop really inspired me to stop the organizational/research process and take action,” commented “Thank you for that boost of confidence and all of the valuable information. I had the most productive Saturday in my life.”
UCF Participates in Drug Take Back

Health Services, in conjunction with the UCF Police Department, hosted the first on-campus Drug Take Back event on October 27. The event was to educate the UCF community on proper drug disposal and offer a convenient way to dispose of medicines for free. Practicing proper drug disposal protects our nation’s waterways, as well as helps to keep the substances out of the hands of abusers. The event was well utilized with a total of 31.5 pounds of medicines collected.

“Were very pleased with the turnout being this was our first time hosting a take back event,” said Megan Pabian, coordinator of Public Relations and Community Affairs, Health Services. “At the very least, we have planted a seed in the minds of students, faculty and staff to question the way in which they dispose of their medicines.”

The event has the potential to be hosted on campus about every six months thanks to a national take back program administered by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This was the third time the DEA hosted the event. Over the course of their last two events, more than 309 tons of medicines were collected across the nation. Until new regulations are in place that provide readily available drop off locations throughout the year, local law enforcement agencies like UCF Police and the DEA will continue to hold prescription drug take back events.

Be Aware, Show You Care

Did you know that in the United States, one person completes suicide every 15 minutes? When suicidal behaviors are detected early, lives can be saved. To raise awareness, the Counseling Center hosted the “Field of Memories—Be Aware, Show You Care” exhibit in Memory Mall. The event was a powerful and poignant visual display representing the 1000+ suicides that occur on U.S. college campuses each year. Students, faculty and staff came to personalize a flag and show their support and awareness or honor a memory of someone lost.

In addition this fall, the Counseling Center offered QPR a Thon—Suicide Prevention Training. QPR [Question, Persuade, Refer], guided by certified trainers, is a program designed for everyone to learn what can be done to prevent suicide. Participants learn the signs of suicide and three basic principles of how to help save a life.

UCF Helps Set World Reading Record

UCF College of Education students and youngsters from the Creative School for Children gathered in their pajamas on October 6 to help set a world record.

Children all over the world put on their pajamas and participated in Read for the Record, sponsored by Jumpstart and the Pearson Foundation, to raise awareness about the importance of reading in early education.

Knightro welcomed and energized the children at UCF’s event, held in the Morgridge International Reading Center. Then 67 preschoolers read along as Llama Llama Red Pajama by Ann Dewdney was shared digitally on the computer to the group. Sharing the book digitally automatically made a donation of 67 books to children who would not otherwise have access to books of their own, thanks to the non-profit We Give Books.

“It was a great learning experience for our students to not only read the book, but also hear it read out loud, as they develop their reading skills,” added Kim Campese, associate director Creative School for Children. “The children love working with the students from the College of Education and it is important for them to interact with future teachers.” UCF Elementary Education majors, all enrolled in a Children’s Literature classes, worked with the 3- and 4-year-olds and practiced read aloud skills they learned in class.
Welcome to SDES

• Shari Carew, office assistant, Health Services
• Stephanie Abell, coordinator, Office of Student Involvement
• Haana Abi, psychologist, Counseling Center
• Jacqueline Blue, psychologist, CC
• Jocelyn Michele Buhain, psychologist, CC
• Margaret Dann, coordinator, Academic Services for Student-Athletes
• Rachel Davis, web designer, Information Technology
• Linda Feeney-Entrican, coordinator, Student Disability Services
• Andel Fels-Aime, coordinator, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities
• Deborah Fisk, registered nurse specialist, Health Services
• Veena Garib, assistant director, Career Services
• Manuel Gonzales, custodial worker, Recreation and Wellness Center
• Irma Gonzales Bravo, custodial supervisor, RWC
• Teal Graham, executive administrative assistant, SDES
• Haley Groves, coordinator, OSI
• Erica Hampton, coordinator, ASSA
• Adam Hubbard, coordinator, ASSA
• Nicole Huie, coordinator, OSI
• Keya Jakar, database analyst programer, IT
• Gary Lease, dentist, Health Services
• Meredith Malkin, specialist student counseling, CC
• Kimya Massey, director, ASSA
• Jeremiah Morris, computer analyst, Registrar’s Office
• Tammie Nadeau, coordinator, RO
• Brittney O’Dell, coordinator, ASSA
• Dina Orlando, specialist student counsel, Wellness and Health Promotion Services
• Ann Marie Palmer, coordinator, OSRR
• Josef Patrushevich, program assistant, RO
• Stephanie Preston, specialist student counseling, CC
• Jeffrey Reiss, application system analyst programer, RO
• Henry Rodriguez, custodial worker, RWC
• Danielle Sarris, senior secretary H&RL
• James Van Horn, maintenance mechanic, H&RL
• Jenna Van Winkle, office manager, WHPS
• Ashlee Warren, physician, Health Services
• Casana Whitworth, instructional specialist, Creative School for Children
• Angela Williams, certified medical assistant, HS

SDES Recognition

• Greg Mason, director of Fraternity/Sorority Housing and Development, served as table sales chair for the sold-out 2011 Headdress Ball. The table sales committee exceeded their goal by selling over $260,000 of tables. The event benefited Hope and Help, Central Florida’s largest HIV/AIDS agency.

SDES Recognition continued...

• Teresa Michaelson-Chmelir, associate director of Outreach and Community Intervention–Counseling Center, was elected treasurer of the Association for University and College Counseling Center Outreach
• Andrew Luchner, licensed psychologist–Counseling Center, recently had an article, “Exploring the relationship between two forms of narcissism and competitiveness,” accepted for publication in Personality and Individual Differences.

RWC, a Safe Environment

The UCF Police Department recognized with a plaque the Recreation and Wellness Center staff members’ ongoing efforts to make the RWC a safe environment for students. Police Chief Richard Beary praised the RWC efforts in four key areas: police accessibility to facility security cameras; logger management and proximity to security cameras; marketing campaigns on theft risk; and front desk renovations, including state-of-the-art vein reading technology that allows students the option to enter the facility by placing their finger on a touch pad.

Non-Traditional Knights Project

• Creation of a new student advisory council in Spring ’12 to work with current NTK Project Team [website: www.ntk.getinvolved.ucf.com]
  --Council will facilitate dialog with non-traditional students
  --Council will provide direct feedback on the needs of non-traditional students.

SASI

SASI (Support All Staff Involvement) is proud to announce a professional development workshop scheduled for February 3 from 9-11 a.m. in the SU Cape Florida Ballroom 316. This workshop is for all SDES employees within the division.

This professional development workshop will be facilitated by Dee Byrnes from The Byrnes Group. Byrnes has held a number of human resource positions within the Disney organization, both in the United States and abroad, in a career that spanned for over 20 years. The workshop will focus on workplace behaviors impacting the work environment, communication, team and relationship building, empathy and recognition. There will be an opportunity for self-reflection and sharing.

SDES Heart ‘N Soles Team

On September 17, members of SDES participated in the 2011 Greater Orlando Heart Walk. Led by team captain Katie Kanable Rogers, the SDES Heart ‘N Soles team achieved great success this year with 47 walkers and raised a grand total of $6,230.00.

2011 SDES Holiday Celebration

SDES members came together to share in the 2011 SDES Holiday Celebration at Knights Plaza. SDES staff enjoyed desserts and hot beverages. Activities included: ice skating, ice slide, dancing with the Wii, photographs taken with a wintery background and a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Non-perishable food items and toiletries were collected for the Knights Helping Knights Food Pantry.