STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES:
LOOKING BACK TO SEE WHERE WE’RE GOING

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In a past article for the Orlando Sentinel, the late reporter, Luis Zaragoza wrote this of the work that we do as a division. “Student Development and Enrollment Services (SDES) helps students stay in school, be healthy and live ethically.” And so here we are at the beginning of the 2012-2013 academic year, and once again we have been entrusted to deliver quality resources and services for our students to ‘stay in school, be healthy and live ethically’ as we support their success from the start of their time here to graduation and beyond.

Each student begins their journey at UCF with orientation, and over the course of the summer departments across the university have helped with the transition process through orientation programming of our incoming students. Over the summer of 2012, SDES’ First Year Experience has directed 27 orientation programs, helping a total of 11,683 students to build their support systems and learn to navigate the university. Following the add/drop period during the first week of the term, UCF is expected to reach a final fall enrollment close to 60,000 students. These are exciting times in our history, and despite the challenges we will no doubt face, I know that we as a division will work hard to move forward, support each other and keep our goals in mind in order to help our students graduate and be prepared for entry into the workforce. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication in helping our students find their paths to success.

As the university looks towards its 50th Anniversary, it is important for us to take a moment to look back at the history of the Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services to see the purpose for our creation and the meaning of our name. Student Development and Enrollment Services was officially established in 1998 as the integration of Enrollment and Academic Services and the Student Affairs divisions. The merger between the two areas was based on restructuring aimed at placing more emphasis on quality customer service, enhanced learning opportunities and increased student retention guided by the ‘Retention Plan’ that was approved by the university in 1994.

As of Fall 2012, SDES is comprised of over 30 departments with 500 full-time staff members ranging from A&F/Faculty and USPS/Staff Support in addition to over 1,400 OPS employees (including student workers). Our work can be described as encompassing eight functional areas that include:

- Learning support
- Wellness
- First year transition
- Housing and residence life
- Student rights and responsibilities
- Community support
- Student life
- Support services

While improving retention and graduation rates were seen as a campuswide effort, SDES took the lead in advancing student success. We are called SDES because of our commitment to creed values education, leadership, experience-based learning, engagement and personal wellness (student development) as well as our commitment to transition, course planning, academic advising, support, progression and success (enrollment services). I continue to believe that the student who starts at UCF is not the same person who graduates from UCF. SDES is about helping students stay in school, be healthy, live ethically from the time they start to the time they graduate as well as everything in between.

SDES in 2012-2013: As we move into this new academic year, I continue to reaffirm my commitment to the SDES strategic plan and offer these priorities for our attention this year:

- Safety and Security: The safety and security of our students and staff members will always be our highest priority. The SDES “UCF CARES-I am UCF” initiative will be a highlighted collaborative effort that provides staff members with tools to CAREfront negative behaviors, as well as campus resources to aid students of concern. The CARE program’s primary goal is to help each SDES member feel as if they can engage and CAREfront students in those difficult conversations about drugs, alcohol and other negative behaviors. To date, 300 staff members have been trained in these valuable skills. Please look for more programming and trainings throughout the year. Thanks to the CARE leadership team consisting of Jeff Novak, Housing and Residence Life; Dana Juntunen, Student Rights and Responsibilities; Belinda Boston, Community Support, Stephanie Spies, Wellness & Health Promotion Services, Sarah Oleksy, Housing and Residence Life and Maureen Hawkins, Housing and Residence Life.

Communicate Ask Respond
Empower Support

- Student Success: We continue to strive to provide leadership to the university’s efforts to improve student retention and graduation rates. What can we do to increase the retention rate of our FTIC students to 90% and how can we help the university reach a 70% six year graduation rate? How can we enhance involvement, engagement and success of our transfer students especially those from

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Diversity and Inclusiveness: We will continue to increase the cultural competency expertise in the division by having 30% of SDES staff members participate in diversity training. To date, 170 staff members (36%) have completed the diversity certification program and for Fall 2012, 233 staff members (50%) are signed up for at least one class through the Office of Diversity Initiatives. Congratulations to all the staff members who have completed their certification. Thank you to Belinda Boston, Community Support, for her encouragement and support as well as our partners in the Office of Diversity Initiatives. The SDES Leadership Team will plan to continue pursuing “Diversity in Action” through monthly discussions of the chapters in the book Diverse Millennial Students in College.

Healthy Knights – UCF Smoke-Free Campus 2012: ‘Catch Your Breath’ as UCF becomes a smoke-free campus in Fall 2012, making the university one of hundreds of colleges across the nation that has moved forward in this direction. Since health and well-being are an important aspect of productivity, student development and success, the smoke-free policy is designed to address the health risks associated with smoking and second hand smoke. In support of the smoke-free policy, UCF continues to provide smoking cessation programs to faculty, staff, and students as well as educational programs. For more information on these resources and other programs, visit: www.smokefree.sdes.ucf.edu. Many thanks to the leadership team of Michael Deichen, Mary Schmidt-Owens from Health Services and Tom Hall from Wellness and Health Promotion Services for their extensive efforts to make UCF Smoke-Free.

The UCF Creed

Integrity, scholarship, community, creativity, and excellence are the core values that guide our conduct, performance and decisions.

INTEGRITY
I will practice and defend academic and personal honesty.

SCHOLARSHIP
I will cherish and honor learning as a fundamental purpose of my membership in the UCF community.

COMMUNITY
I will promote an open and supportive campus environment by respecting the rights and contributions of every individual.

CREATIVITY
I will use my talents to enrich the human experience.

EXCELLENCE
I will strive toward the highest standards of performance in any endeavor I undertake.

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The Sophomore and Second Year Center held a Summer Social on July 25 for Accelerated FTICs [students coming to UCF for the first time with 30 hours or more college credits] at Academic Village. The theme was “Get Smart, Get Connected.”

Twenty-eight students attended and met with academic advisors from SSYC and staff from Student Academic Resource Center and the Office of Pre-Professional Advising. They learned about valuable academic resources, strategies for academic success, and heard from a student panel who discussed their perspectives as to what helped them be successful in the Summer B session and following semesters. The panel also included an active question and answer session, followed by a very interactive Tic-Tac-Toe game played by the students attending this session.

**Academic Services for Student-Athletes Report Card**

Each week, Academics Services for Student-Athletes gives the UCF coaches academic reports. ASSA is staffed with 11 hard-working individuals ensuring 450 athletes are academically successful. ASSA, an office in the Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services, provides academic tutoring, one-on-one mentoring and academic advising for student-athletes. Here is an example of their accomplishments for 2011-12.

- **Top 5 degree programs:** Sport and Exercise Science, Business, Interdisciplinary Studies, Criminal Justice and Interpersonal/Organizational Communication
  - 96 different majors the athletes are pursuing
  - 4 consecutive years the athletic department GPA has been at least a 3.0
  - 3.37 highest UCF team GPA (volleyball)
  - 3 years in a row, All-American Team Academic Award (volleyball)
  - 50 student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0 GPA
  - 1000 perfect score, NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) (women’s tennis)
  - 26 points above the APR multi-year national average (football)
  - 1 C-USA Sport Academic Award for highest GPA in the conference for its sport (football)
  - 83% highest graduation success rate in UCF history, three points above national average
  - 2 teams earned Academic All-American status, one of only two universities in the state to achieve this status (men’s and women’s tennis)

“The academic achievements of our student-athletes in the past year are tremendous and should be commended,” noted Kimya Massey, director for ASSA. “It’s really exciting to see how well our students are doing both in and out of the classroom. Their collective efforts further demonstrate the work ethic and commitment to excellence they have and I have no doubt that will carry over into this coming year.”

**Educational and Social Opportunities Connect Students to UCF During Summer B**

Summer B students did not have to wait until fall to get connected to UCF. “Summer Knights 2012” provided students a calendar of programs, events and resources to make that connection now. In an effort to take an all-inclusive integrated approach to providing both educational and social opportunities to UCF’s incoming students, Housing and Residence Life partnered with many departments within Student Development and Enrollment Services.

Many first-time-in-college students were enrolled during the Summer B term. Summer Knights was designed to help students adjust to college life. Over 50 programs were planned with a focus on getting students connected quickly.

The following is a sample of events:

- **July 9:** “Communication Issues” – importance of good communication skills between roommates, students, faculty and staff
- **July 13:** “Late Knights” – free entertainment, T-shirts, novelty acts, dance floor and food
- **July 24:** “Study Skills and Test Preparation” – Learn from a panel of experts on how to prepare for your summer final exams.

Many Summer Knights programs were LINK (Learning and Interacting with New Knights) connected events which can be found at: www.link.sdes.ucf.edu/programs. By attending these events, Summer B students earned LINK Loot points that was used to bid on items at the LINK Lottery on July 30.

Refreshments were served and students earned 500 LINK points for attending. LINK points can be used at a lottery at the end of the semester.

Student comments included: “It was very informative,” “Great attitude,” “I loved it – educational and fun games,” and “I learned a lot.”

The Late Knights Wild West Round-Up attracted over 700 students, many wearing cowboy boots and flannel shirts. The first 100 students to arrive at the Late Knights “shindig” dressed up had the chance to customize their own cowboy hats. The mechanical bull was the most popular attraction of the night.
Cortez-Rachel: Your Vision Our Mission

“Your Vision Our Mission” was Cortez Whatley and Rachel Brill’s winning campaign slogan and they still stand firm on it as Student Government Association student body president and vice president, respectively.

This administration is different. Most campaigns use their last names such as former SGA administration McCann and Brock. By using their first names - Cortez and Rachel - was an open, inviting, friendlier approach to students. They also are reaching outside UCF into the Central Florida community.

Cortez is a senior majoring in public administration and legal studies. Rachel is also a senior in the Interdisciplinary Studies program with a minor in nonprofit management. Rachel had an interest in student government in high school and got involved with VUCF when she came to UCF. Cortez joined UCF College Democrats the first year and quickly understood how SGA worked. They both served on the SGA Senate and knew each other professionally and personally. The decision came to run for SGA president.

“I saw an opportunity to give back to the university that has given so much to me personally,” says Cortez. “In this position, it is probably one of the very few that a student has the opportunity to provide services and open up pathways and doors for students coming after him- or herself.”

Cortez was asked how he selected Rachel to be vice president: “I was looking for a complement and I believe that is the best way to look for a team member. Rachel has different leadership abilities and talents than me… together we make a strong team. . . Many times candidates are pulled together based solely on experience, not necessarily on how well they know each other.”

Their slogan came about not only by listening to fellow students but their vision boards used during their campaign. Students were invited to write changes and improvements on what they would like to see on campus on the boards. Cortez said, “The vision boards became a “guideline, more of a living document that will continuously be grow and expand.” They plan to continue to set up vision boards throughout their term.

“We have a different look and role in Student Government,” says Cortez. They are working on community-based initiatives such as the Knights Campus Kitchen project to donate leftover food from the Student Union or Marketplace to homeless shelters. In addition, they will visit high schools to talk to students about college life, motivate them to prepare for college now, and most of all to inspire and instill that they can go to college. “Students relate better to people who are just a little bit older than they are…especially since we’re still in college,” says Cortez. Some students may not understand why this administration is working outside the UCF community. “These students are our future. It’s not only an investment to UCF but the community as a whole in which we are a part of . . . Our scope is very broad under this administration.”

Other initiatives include:

• Advocate to reduce student cost of textbooks by introducing eTextbooks that may save 40-70% off the tangible printed books. In addition, Knights Helping Knights has a textbook exchange where a student can bring in a textbook and get credit for another.

• Expand the university transportation with KnightLynx to Downtown Orlando area at night, free to UCF students for their convenience and safety. Rachel says, “We are still planning on the days and times.” In addition, they plan to implement a new initiative, a holiday shuttle service that would travel from main campus to the Orlando International Airport during Thanksgiving, winter and spring break.

• Expand Study Space (currently in the Arena) to Ferrell Commons. This study space will have multiple computer stations, free printing, tools for studying and will accommodate individual or group studying. The space will also be convenient for Academic Village residents.

• Expand on fall’s Diversity Week working with the Office of Diversity Initiatives and/or the Multicultural Student Center and introduce a spring semester Diversity Week.

• Make Regional Campuses a priority providing SGA services and engaging those students with the main campus events such as Spirit Splash or establish a ‘like’ event at their campus.

• Opening of the north side Recreation and Wellness Center’s expansion to Knights Plaza and looking to keep the facility open 24-hours to accommodate students with unconventional hours or early class hours.

• When Cortez was asked if there was an area that he would like to see changed in SGA, he said “As a whole, SGA is in a good place . . . Maybe see more professionalism [attire]. . . Students asking to receive funds have to dress up and present professionally, I think we should do the same thing.”

When asked if they foresee any challenges, Rachel said, “We are bringing a lot of new ideas and initiatives forward and I don’t see nothing we can’t overcome. While we were campaigning, some students said we had exciting ideas, others said, ‘that’s not going to be possible.’ - It’s people getting over the mindset that we can’t . . . We have to prove them wrong. It should be that they know we can and this is what they are going to do.”

Cortez-Rachel is stepping out-of-the-box (UCF) and into the Central Florida community. This administration sees beyond the horizon, the future. They are dedicated to students and plan to make the students’ vision a reality.
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Once May training was completed the orientation sessions began. This year, First Year Experience and campus partners facilitated 16 two-day FTIC orientation sessions and 11 one-day transfer orientations. During the FTIC orientations, O-Team members facilitated small groups with 20 students, assisted FYE with academic advising, introduced students to diversity and social responsibility, and started the conversations about academic and personal success. Also during these sessions, six to seven O-Team members worked with the incoming families. The O-Team members hosted small groups and answered general questions about the presentations given by representatives from over 23 campus departments.

During orientations for transfer students, the O-Team members’ roles were smaller and focused on assisting college advisors during academic advising and registration. The transfer sessions this year went through a few small changes to highlight the resources available for transfer student success. FYE worked with the Transfer and Transition Services office, which showed a 45-minute presentation on how to successfully navigate the transition into UCF. This year, the transfer orientations required all students to complete an online virtual component through Webcourses.

This allowed transfer students to have an extra hour with their colleges during the mandatory on-campus session. FYE had also partnered with the Registrar’s Office and the Veterans Academic Resource Center to create a veteran specific presentation to ensure veterans and their dependents understood the benefits and services available to them. During the transfer orientation, family members were also treated to presentations from over 10 campus departments with the opportunity to meet with more during lunch.

Overall, the 2012 summer orientation was a success because of the dedication of the O-Team student staff, enthusiastic first-year and college advisors, and the support of SDES departments and UCF colleges. “Thank you to all who have been a part of this experience,” said Josh Wheeler, assistant director for FYE. “Orientation would not be a success without you.”

Students Use LINK Loot at Summer Lottery

Over 85 events were offered for students to earn LINK Loot during the Summer B session. Hundreds of students filled the Pegasus Ballroom to participate in the annual LINK Lottery. Familiar faces from O-Team 2012 greeted the excited students as they waited for the emcee to start the show.

The LINK Lottery is a raffle-style event where students can “purchase” tickets with their LINK Loot as a chance to win prizes. The first prize claimed was a mini-fridge. Other hot items included Kindle Fires, 1 year of Netflix, VIP Passes to Knight Rave and a UCF blanket. As more prizes left the table, the competition boiled as seen by a dance-off between two students trying to win the Knight Rave VIP Passes. Even students who did not receive prizes enjoyed this event as a conclusion to the semester. They left the event more determined to attend as many events as possible in the fall semester.

The annual LINK Fall Auction will take place November 29. Students will be able to use the LINK Loot they have earned during the fall semester to bid on prizes like a Kindle Fire, Flat Screen TV and a $1,300 SGA scholarship.

On-Campus Housing Residents at Social Gathering

Students had an opportunity to take a break from their studies and socialize at the July Summer Luau, held in the Academic Village Courtyard. The program provided luau-themed food, such as pineapple pizza, hot dogs, snow cones, fruit drinks and fresh pineapple slices. Many students who live on campus during Summer B attended the program. The beach-themed music provided a fun, friendly atmosphere to connect with other on-campus resident students and make new friends.

Jarell, a freshman living in Academic Village, said “It was fun. The food was good and this was a creative social gathering. It was good to get out of the dorm room.”

Even after all the food was gone, many students stayed in the courtyard to chat with their newfound friends. Overall, the summer luau was a success and provided a great opportunity for summer residents to meet new people. Approximately 100 students attended the event.
### Alcohol Emergency Procedure: Fostering a Community of Care

UCF implemented a new Alcohol Emergency Procedure on June 25 to encourage students to call for medical attention for themselves or others who are severely intoxicated or in danger of harm due to alcohol abuse.

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Dedication and Partnerships = Successful Commencement

Over 2,100 graduates participated in the summer 2012 Commencement ceremonies at the UCF Arena on August 4, adding their numbers to the over 200,000 alumni who have graduated from UCF since the university was founded in 1963. Surrounded by faculty, friends, family and honored guests, each graduate crossed the stage and was recognized for his or her achievement.

“Commencement is not only a special day for our graduating students and their families but also for the administration, staff and faculty of the university,” said Brian Boyd, University Registrar. “It is rewarding to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and their graduation.”

Over 1,000 graduates took part in the morning ceremony, where the commencement speaker was Dale Brill, president of the Florida Chamber Foundation, the research and policy department arm of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. At the afternoon ceremony, over 1,100 graduates participated. The commencement address was delivered by Winter Park Mayor Kenneth Bradley, who also serves as chief executive officer of the Winter Park Hospital, a 307-bed facility that is part of the Florida Hospital system.

Coordinated by the Registrar’s Office, various offices across the campus joined together to make the ceremonies a success, including Student Disability Services, Parking and Transportation Services, UCF Police Department, Office of Instructional Resources, and many others.

“The staff in the Registrar’s Office,” Boyd said, “along with many other university departments we partner with, are to be commended for the tremendous work and pride they put into commencement to ensure that it is truly a special event for the university and our new alumni.”

The Fall 2012 commencement ceremonies will take place on Friday, December 14, and Saturday, December 15. More information can be found at: registrar.sdes.ucf.edu/commencement/terms/2012/fall.

Sport Clubs Team Members Energetic On and Off the Field

The UCF Roller Hockey Club A and B teams proved that hard work pays off. Members’ high-spirited energy showed in their playing in the games as well as raising enough money from the five Publix fund-raisers to fund their trips.

The national tournament was structured to have teams split into pools of four for three Round-Robin games. The A team did very well, winning all three Round-Robin games ranking as the top seed in their pool, while the B team had some early struggles but still made it to the playoffs.

When the first playoff games started, both teams received good match ups, with the A team topping Metro State University 7 to 3 and the B team winning their game against Grand Valley State 10 to 5. The win for the B team sent them to the quarter finals where they eventually lost to Arizona State University in overtime, ending their season. Once again, they finished in the top eight at nationals and number one in the southeast, making them one of the best B teams in the country.

The A team continued on to play last year’s national runner-ups Cal Polytechnic University. Knowing this was going to be a tough game, they came out ready to prove themselves as contenders. The game was an intense defensive battle with great goaltending, but they were able to pull off a 2 - 1 win in overtime with a goal from David Novalis, making them one of eight teams left competing for the championship. Sadly, the A team lost their next game to Eastern Michigan University and had to watch as Bethel University won the national championship.

“Looking back it was an amazing season with both the A and B teams ranking in the top eight in the country in their respected divisions,” said UCF Roller Hockey President David Dillon. “I think I can speak for everyone in the club by saying we’re all looking forward to having an even better next season.”

The Roller Hockey Club worked hard both on and off the field raising over $10,000 for their competitions above and beyond the regular sponsorships.

The UCF Women’s Volleyball Club had goals for the 2011-12 school year. With plans in place, the women started working hard. Both the A and B team competed in over seven events where they took first place three times. Not only did Women’s Volleyball compete here in Florida, but both those teams made it to the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation tournament in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Las Vegas Open, a first in the club’s history.

In order to compete in all of these events, the ladies had to fundraise. By working over 10 fundraising events, Women’s Volleyball raised over $5,900. In addition, the Women’s Volleyball had the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of other women. By teaming up with the Ice Hockey Club at UCF, the women helped organize an event called “UCF Ice Hockey Pack the Rink Pink.” This event raised over $100 for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Not only did they work at the charitable event, but the Women’s Volleyball Club chose to give twice as much back. At one of their home events, they raised yet again over $100 for Alzheimer’s Awareness.
SDES Changes

- Keira Kant is the new director for First Year Experience.
- Wellness & Health Promotion Services was formed by a merger of the former Wellness Center and the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention and Intervention Services.

SDES Awards & Recognition

- Stacey Malaret was the recipient of the 2012 Gabor A&P Excellence Award at UCF’s Annual Awards Program.

SDES Publications & Articles

- Dennis Congos’ book, Starting Out in College, is in its second printing.

SDES volunteers hosted a pancake fundraiser in support of the "SDES Heart 'n Soles" team for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk. "We didn’t know what to expect being that this was the first time hosting a fundraiser Heart Walk. "We didn’t know what to expect being that this was the first time hosting a fundraiser Heart Walk. But we were pleasantly surprised at the support of our fellow SDES members."