The Concurrent Nursing program is unique in that, contrary to traditional higher education guidelines, students enrolled in the program are seeking two different (but complimentary) degrees at two separate institutions. They work on their ASN (Associate of Science in Nursing) at Seminole State while concurrently working on their BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) at the University of Central Florida. As a result, this joint venture requires a great deal of cooperation between the college partners.

Applications are reviewed and approved by representatives from the nursing program at both institutions, with input from UCF admissions personnel.

Likewise, the two financial aid offices at each campus work closely to identify the concurrent students in the program, thereby ensuring student aid packages are correctly processed. Financial Aid is awarded and distributed through Seminole State. In addition, this collaborative team processes consortium agreements and reports student hours at UCF to Seminole State for programs such as Bright Futures.

UCF Concurrent Nursing Orientation is also handled by staff from both schools.

Faculty and staff work closely with the students to make sure they progress smoothly through the program. Joint meetings are held throughout the year to discuss the program’s progress and to problem-solve any issues that have arisen. This has resulted in a more efficient financial aid process and has led to a change in the nursing curriculum designed to build courses that work better with summer financial aid requirements.

The Concurrent Nursing Program is an example of a great idea that has depended on the cooperation of both partners for its success. In other words, it works because we work together.

UCF Sanford/Lake Mary Faculty Highlight

Gina Fromang joined the Sanford/Lake Mary faculty team as a Visiting Professor for the Legal Studies Department beginning in the Fall 2010 semester. “I am very excited about this position. I truly enjoy working with the students, and I am very honored to be a part of helping to develop the minds of the future of our state. I feel that this position is a very natural fit for me and it is the best job I have ever held!”

Fromang graduated from the University of Florida with a B.S. in Journalism where she was a member of Florida Blue Key. She received her J.D. from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University. See Fromang, page 3
Robert Chandler (Director, Nicholson School of Communication), Harry Weger and Boyd Lindsley (UCF) met with Laura Ross and other key faculty (Seminole State) to discuss the possibility of offering selected graduate courses to assist with SACS accreditation.

Seminole State College is interested in creating “safe spaces” on campus for students in the LBGTQ community and have asked UCF to provide training for Seminole employees through the UCF ALLIES program. Sean Armstrong (UCF) and Yolanda Williams (Seminole) will facilitate the offering of this training on behalf of their respective institutions.

Free football tickets were handed out to DirectConnect at UCF students for the SMU/UCF conference championship game on December 4.

The SGA Office is up and running. Students can come in and use the computers, print, copy, and study.

Cram for the Exam, the week before finals, SGA handed out FREE snacks, pens, pencils, notecards, waters, etc. to all UCF students to help them study.

UCF International Services Center held a workshop on our campus for International students looking to transfer into UCF.

In practice since 1992, Fromang has had an interesting and varied career. She was Assistant State Attorney in the Ninth Judicial Circuit after which she worked for Travelers Insurance Company as In-House Counsel. She then established her own law firm, practicing in the area of Criminal Defense. Upon her marriage to Mark A. Fromang in 1999, she joined him in the law firm of Formang and Fromang, P.A., specializing in Family and Criminal Law.

She has been featured on Court TV, Court TV Crime Stories and Dateline in the case of State of Florida vs. Barry McDuffie.

Fromang is active in church and community affairs, working extensively with the homeless. She and her husband have also led mission trips to Costa Rica. They have four sons.
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Any update would not be complete without mentioning some of the really neat and interesting stuff we are doing with Corporate Education. Over the past few weeks, we have finished writing a business plan to solidify our new structure and processes. We have been conducting interviews to select a staff person to run these programs, to advise students and to assist faculty.

Faculty may have heard a rumor about a new knowledge management system being discussed to replace web courses. That rumor is true. Blackboard evidently is planning on discontinuing service on web courses which will necessitate our moving to its new combined product Learn 9.X. This new product will include an app for Blackberrys, androids, iPhones and iPads called Mobile Learn with which you will be able to see announcements, discussions, grades, blogs, tasks, rosters, journals and much more.

The migration is not set to take place until some time in mid-2012 so there’s still plenty of time for faculty to familiarize themselves with its functionality.

Interest has been expressed for creating a section of the newsletter devoted to what our faculty are reading. Steven Holmes agreed to introduce this idea and you are encouraged to forward the name of your own “good read,” a little bit about your book choice and why you enjoyed it.

“I am reading Newt Gingrich and William Forstchen’s Valley Forge: George Washington and the Crucible of Victory. It’s a fascinating account, not only of the war but the motivation behind the men planning and caught up in battle. The personalities of the characters and the detail in which they are presented make this one of my favorite novels of this genera.”
ACADEMIC ADVISING

Advisors to DirectConnect to UCF have been busy contacting our new prospects about the many advantages available to them at the UCF Regional Campus sites. Data shows that one third of our known DirectConnect to UCF population at consortium schools had a personal connection with an on-site advisor. It is our goal to bring that number up to half of the prospect cards completed. All prospective students have received several e-mail contacts through CRM, and we will continue our efforts to establish a personal connection with each.

We currently have six DirectConnect to UCF advisors out in the regions: Scott Larson (South Lake), Robin Tinsley (Leesburg, part-time), Shakira Guice (Cocoa/Palm Bay), Michele Camden (Sanford/Lake Mary) Chris Miller (Valencia West) and Celena Lue (Osceola). These folks represent our front line with the students at the community/state college level.

BUDGET, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

Joe Schofield, Sonya Ugran, and Sharon Littleton oversee the full budget process and maintain over 200 accounts for RCA alone. In addition, Schofield and Ugran are responsible for finance and accounting processes for the Division of Continuing Education, adding over 200 program auxiliary accounts to their list of responsibilities.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Mria Cherjovsky, Sarah Faehnle, and our IT team recently received high praise from Admiral Al Harms for their superb support of the ITSEC conference, nearly doubling attendee participation and CEU productivity.

Martin Malpica is conducting discussions with Rosen College of Hospitality to form a partnership which will incorporate the use of Rosen facilities for small-to-moderate conferences.

Chris Rose and his team continue to expand their contract service activity. A new training cohort is being established in Kentucky.

Welcome to Austin Companion, our new OPS Program Support team member in the Test Prep unit.

Farewell to Angé Lopez who has resigned to teach English in Japan. We wish her the best in her new adventure.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Raphel Robinson and Sheri Newble (UCF Daytona Beach), Christy Pasnissi and Thomas Silarek (UCF South Lake), and Shellie Thomas (UCF Valencia West) participated in the FASFAA Region III Financial Aid training workshop held at Valencia Community College in November.

November 17 was the last Decision Day event using paper admission applications for Valencia Community College (West campus). In the future, students will use the online admissions application and registration for all Decision Day events.

Staff attended the Federal Student Aid Conference in Orlando, which was sponsored by the US Department of Education. The program included four general sessions and “hands-on” instruction on using DOE’s software products and systems.

A warm welcome to Nick Pantloni who will assist students with admissions, records/registration and financial aid needs in the Southern Region.

HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT UCF - A Quiz

When and where did President Nixon give the commencement address at UCF?

What gift was given to the Athletic Department and the University from a famous actor?

What is the “Flying Horse Editions” and where is it located?

Who is Frank Rohter and what did he do?

What is the process for recommending someone for the annual Judy Boyte Innovative Academic Advising Award?

What building on campus has bats in its belfry?

[Answers will appear in the next newsletter.]
The semester meeting of DirectConnect to UCF with Valencia Community College took place on November 5 at UCF Valencia West. A lively discussion ensured, with relevant issues reviewed in the following areas: enrollment reports and services, advising, student services, SGA initiatives, campus activities, academic program updates from UCF and Valencia, and College Access Summit working groups summaries. As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, over one third of the new students enrolled at UCF for the fall term have taken advantage of DirectConnect at UCF advising and admission services.

The Data Working Group met in December to continue the discussion related to template development for the consortium.

The Resource Working Group met to determine the goal overlaps and gaps within the strategic plans of the consortium: school districts, state/community colleges and UCF. An additional benefit coming out of the meeting was assistance in the development of the resource agenda.

A conference call with members of the College Access Summit steering committee took place on Dec. 14, the purpose of which was to provide agenda items for further discussion with the summit facilitator, Don Upton, Fairfield Index.

Angé Peterson (RGHQ) and Joyce Romano (Valencia) presented “The Power of Partnerships in Addressing STEM Outcomes” at the national League of Innovation Conference held in Orlando.

Peterson presented “The Power of Partnerships in Addressing Outcomes: Version 5 – Celebrating 5 Years of DirectConnect at UCF” at the national SEM XX (Strategic Enrollment Conference) held in Nashville, TN. She also attended the SEM XX Executive Forum “The National Rankings Debate and Future Implications” discussion with national leaders George Kuh (National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment), Scott Swail (Educational Policy Institute) and John Pryor (HERI- CIRP). As a 20-year attendee at SEM, Peterson was a luncheon keynote speaker.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
College Access Summit, Feb. 23, 2011, UCF Fairwinds Alumni Center

FIRST ANNUAL CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT CONFERENCE,
OCTOBER 27, 2010 AT VALENCIA WEST CAMPUS

The first annual Curriculum Alignment Conference, sponsored by UCF Regional Campuses and UCF Interdisciplinary Studies, brought together K-12, college faculty and administrators to discuss ways to develop a more seamless pathway for students in the areas of biology, chemistry, math, and physics. The event took place at the Valencia Community College convention center on their West campus in Orlando, FL. Approximately 100 people participated in the day-long event that culminated in the creation of 20 goals, with action items, to accomplish between October 2010 and October 2011. These goals are listed below and will be tackled over the next year in preparation for the next conference scheduled for late October, 2011.

**Biology**
- Improve biology lab skills for entering freshman.
- Standardize HS biology curriculum beginning with labs.
- Improve pedagogical and content knowledge of MS/HS teachers.
- Increase ongoing support from CC/Univ to MS/HS.
- Improve general college readiness of HS Students.

**Chemistry**
- Academic transition readiness - Students will be prepared to enter the next level of the chemistry curriculum
- Students will demonstrate mastery of core concepts and skills, eg. scientific method, experimental design, data collection and analysis, results communication (written and verbal), inquiry labs are a tool for accomplishing this
- Students will demonstrate strong problem solving and critical thinking skills and scientific curiosity
- Students will have established successful learning strategies including basic study, note taking, and time management skills
- Establish and maintain a supportive communication, resource network, and meeting schedule for K-16 and industry

**Math**
- Continue and initiate more dialogue between high school and college levels.
- Provide constant communication of course descriptions and ongoing assessments between levels.
- Discuss and align placement process from secondary to post secondary (6-20).
- Develop a consistent alignment of concepts taught and tools used in the K- 20 levels.
- Share data to modify instruction to achieve desired learning outcomes.

**Physics**
- Develop a Lab Curriculum/List of Suggestions
- Clear communication between K-12, colleges, and FDOE
- Improve Public Relations
- Implement STEM Competition (JETS, Physics Olympiad) hosted by the regional college
- Align physics curriculum (middle school - college)
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### STUDENT SERVICES

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#### RECENT ACTIVITIES
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- **UCF Cocoa** - Held first mediation training, facilitated by Dispute Resolution Services
- **UCF South Lake** - Reported 20% increase in student usage at National Training Center
- **UCF Osceola** - Held a “pizza for peace” workshop and a diversity workshop
- **UCF Sanford/Lake Mary** - Participated in ticket distribution for UCF/Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles football game
- **Veterans Academic Resource Center (VARC)** - attended grand opening

#### UPCOMING EVENTS
- Scheduling Spring 2011 live and virtual orientations
- Planning welcoming activities/programs for Spring 2011 semester
- A warm welcome to Myriam-Lise Guillaume in UCF Daytona Beach, the newest member of our student services staff, who will assist with orientation.

### LIBRARY SERVICES

Whether research is required for your classes or not, the library can be a great stress-reliever and time-saver for busy students and faculty. Here’s a quick look at some ways the libraries can help you.

#### STUDENTS:
- Identify ideas for a paper and help you broaden or narrow the topic into a manageable project
- Find the best full text, scholarly or peer-reviewed articles in a database specific to your subject
- Learn where to get tips on how to cite your sources according to APA, MLA, or other style manuals
- Discuss your unique needs with a librarian in a one-to-one appointment (in-person or virtually)

#### FACULTY:
- Present customized library and research instruction for your face-to-face classes (your choice: from a brief five-minute introduction to full class hands-on research)
- Support WebCourses online teaching by linking to online library modules, providing a single information literacy assignment, or being embedded throughout the class to monitor research and answer questions
- Find and purchase print and electronic books that directly support your research needs
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students

Rebecca Shillings, a former Cocoa Psychology undergrad and UCF Volunteer Coordinator, was nominated for Florida Today’s Volunteer of the Year. [photo credit: Florida Today - Tim Short]

The Cocoa chapter of the UCF Student Nurses Association (SNA) has been very busy, planning fund raisers, community participation events, and budgeting for the big national convention in Utah in April, 2011.

UCF Regional Palm Bay Campus Psi Chi and Psychology Club’s participated in Brevard County’s First Epilepsy Walk at Gleason Park.


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campus news

Among those in the College of Nursing who received recognition in a November issue of Brevard Business News were the following:

- Jackie LaManna-UCF College Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
- Kelly Sullivan-2009-2010 chapter president, Student Nursing Association
- Jennifer Watts-2010 College of Nursing Founder’s Day winner
- Barbara Green, Florida Nurses Association scholarship awardee

Students in Shloe Kerness’s Teaching Social Science in Elementary Schools class brought in a live turkey to demonstrate the type of livestock that Native Americans raised in Florida. (Fortunately, Big Boy had received a Thanksgiving pardon long ago.)

All of the Brevard 2010 graduates from the College of Nursing have taken their national licensing exam to become Registered Nurses and the campus pass rate was 100%!

The UCF Palm Bay Chapter of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology, hosted their fall induction ceremony for both the UCF Palm Bay and Cocoa Psi Chi chapters. Alvin Wang, 2009 International President of Psi Chi, served as the guest speaker.

Pamela Kirby visited the Cocoa campus and met with faculty members in all COHPA programs in November.

The UCF Southern Region took part in the Florida State Employees Charitable Campaign (FSECC) again this year and collected $3,440 in total pledges for an increase of 3% over last year.

The campus hosted the quarterly meeting of the UCF Brevard County Community Advisory Board for the Health Services programs.

Denise Young and Sonya Curtis received Taino Awards from the Florida Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber for their work in gaining recognition for the original Ponce de Leon landing spot in Brevard County.
faculty and staff

The campus staff participated in the Diversity Week activities, via Adobe Connect broadcasts. 14 staff members attended the breakfast as well as other diversity-related events throughout the week.

UCF Daytona staff attended an FMLA workshop in November, sponsored by HR and conducted by Boyd Lindsley.

campus news

Steve Berman assumed the position of president-elect of the Society for Research on Identity Formation. International and multidisciplinary, the Society provides a forum in which “theoretical and research analysis find practical applications in dealing with identity processes and problems.”

In November, an open house was held for students interested in transferring to this campus. Approximately 20 people attended the general information and break out sessions.

The campus celebrated the 2nd annual Veterans Day Recognition Day. About 100 UCF and DSC faculty, staff and students attended, along with community residents. There were veterans representing all branches of service dating back to World War II and including many active duty members of the military currently serving. SGA partnered with the campus in providing refreshments for the reception.

As part of the week-long observance, a “Salute to Our Veterans” decorated the second floor walkway overlooking the atrium. The display featured flags and the names of 51 veterans who have touched the lives of Daytona faculty, staff and students.

students

The first Daytona onsite orientation for Spring 2011 was attended by 18 new transfer students. A total of 86 students have submitted reservations for the spring orientations.

SGA sponsored Cram for the Exam week.

On December 15, UCF Daytona Beach will have a graduation reception to recognize and congratulate our 100 fall graduates.
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The UCF Center for Nonprofit Management hosted a luncheon in recognition of the 40 participating nonprofit organizations in the Strengthening Communities grant program. The 10-month program, a partnership between the Center and UCF South Lake, holds classes on this campus. A new group of 40 nonprofits will be selected for participation in the grant’s “phase two” over the next year.

UCF Western Region held its annual Holiday Social on December 15.

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Fall 2010 interns donated food items, diapers and toilet paper for the Best Little Thrift Store in Clermont’s Food Pantry.

Kudos to Diana “Dawn” Scott for her efforts in bringing UCF Recycles to the campus. She has established a partnership with LSCC’s SGA to encourage recycling efforts.
faculty & staff


Valdez also attended or participated in the following events:

• AMA (American Marketing Association) virtual conference, “Cracking the Code: Advance Social Media Strategies”
• AMA (Central Florida chapter) conference: “The State of Central Florida: What Every Marketer Needs to Know”
• UCF Office of Research and Commercialization workshop: “Research through Global Collaboration”

A warm welcome to Nuria Curras who has been selected the first UCF librarian for the Valencia West and Osceola campuses. She will begin her new duties on January 10.

campus news

Dave Krepcho, President/CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank, spoke to the Principles of Marketing class re: his organization’s past and present marketing strategies. Krepcho was named Marketer of the Year for Central Florida in 2010.

Also speaking to the marketing class was Nancy Noriega, President of Nn Marketing, Inc., who addressed the benefits of developing and implementing marketing plans for local firms. Noriega also serves as President of the American Market Association for the Central Florida chapter.

students

Architecture students visited the Chicago area as part of an Architecture History field study on October 21-23.

Students from UCF Valencia West campus Criminal Justice class toured the updated Orange County Jail.
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