The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Psychology is proudly offered to students at the UCF Valencia West and UCF Valencia Osceola campuses. While some majors have found it beneficial to restrict their enrollment, the Department of Psychology at UCF strives to provide access to students who demonstrate a strong interest in assisting others to function and flourish. Psychology is part of a broader, more diverse field called human services. Graduates with a B.S. in Psychology land professional positions in a wide array of human service environments, including outpatient mental health and inpatient psychiatric facilities; treatment centers for substance abuse; group homes for abused children; discharge and social service departments of hospitals, schools and independent living residences for the elderly, to name just a few. The B.S. degree also prepares graduates to apply to graduate programs in both clinical and research areas in addition to applications such as industrial/organizational and forensic psychology. Many graduates with a B.S. in Psychology successfully enter licensure-based graduate programs, such as the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.), the Licensed Mental Health Counselor (L.M.H.C) and the doctorate in clinical psychology (Psy.D).

To ensure student success at UCF Valencia West and UCF Valencia Osceola, two full-time faculty members and numerous adjunct instructors collaborate to offer students the best higher education they can attain.

He received two degrees from the University of Miami: Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Science in Urban Planning.

Throughout his career, John has been active in professional organizations, serving on committees, conducting workshops, and participating in international conferences related to architecture. He served as Executive Director of the National Architectural Accrediting Board for 17 years.

Since arriving, John has been busy building the architecture program. In his spare time, he’s been exploring Orlando, on foot and on bicycle. And he’s been doing what all architects do—moving walls and redesigning space in his new home. His family will join him this summer. Welcome aboard, John!
Students working toward their B.S. in Psychology can begin working on their career paths while still in college. Through interdisciplinary teamwork with Michael Looe (sociology) and Lynn Becker (management), Jason Chesnut has developed a series of research projects and is coordinating workshops for students interested in getting the research experience needed to successfully enter research-based graduate programs. For students interested in graduate clinical work or employment upon graduation, Paula Reynoso serves as a community liaison, assisting students in setting up volunteer opportunities in human service organizations. This strategic division of labor results in complementary teamwork among faculty members from different specialties. This means that the bachelor-seeking student in Psychology has access to incredible opportunities while still in college to build the foundations to prepare for career development and success.

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psychology...from cover story  

primarily focused on the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. Paula Reynoso, the other full-time faculty member, is a cognitive psychologist who teaches statistics and research methodology and courses in learning and memory. Adjunct instructors offer courses in specialty areas in the field.

Paula Reynoso in classroom  

CAMPUS NEWS

Valencia Community College is in the process of constructing a fourth building on the Osceola campus and it is intended that UCF will have a major presence in the new building and on campus. Edgar Martinez and David Laney have been attending planning meetings for the new facility design. The projected date of completion is December 2012.

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Campus news  

UCF Valencia Osceola will host their first UCF Degree Expo on February 22 and UCF Valencia West will have their second such event on February 28. In addition, both campuses will host monthly informational workshops for DirectConnect students, providing information on UCF degree programs and transcript information.

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ACADEMIC INITIATIVES UPDATE - Steve Holmes

The spring semester is now in full swing and the Office of Academic Initiatives is preparing to roll out the schedule for the next three semesters. Those involved in the scheduling process within a department know what a monumental task this can be. We, of course, coordinate an academic schedule with multiple departments, colleges, and programs across all of our locations. People say winter is the cold and flu season, but if you ask those involved in the scheduling process, they will tell you it is the season of “headaches” as we do our best to appease all of our constituents.

Not only are we heavily involved with scheduling issues, we are also immersed in the planning process for next year. As you may be aware, we exceeded our enrollment for the spring semester. This was due in part to the hard work and due diligence of those involved in the scheduling process, the number of new hires made last year and most notably the new MOU we entered into with the College of Sciences (CoS). This agreement is now beginning to pay off for us and COS in terms of growth revenue and student access/outreach. I believe it is safe to say that both parties to this agreement are extremely happy with what we have been able to accomplish together during the past year.

In order to ensure continued growth, we are heavily engaged in the process of adding additional faculty strategically placed in targeted programs. Furthermore, we are developing our staffing plan to accommodate much-needed baccalaureate programs and faculty in the new building, scheduled to open in Fall 2013 at the Valencia Community College campus in Osceola.

As you can see, things just never seem to slow down in the Regional Campuses. That is likely why so many of us love to work here and see every day as a new adventure.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE), in partnership with the academic, business and professional communities, provides local, state, national and international clients with distinctive, high-quality and cost-effective educational programs and services.

Some of our recent initiatives include:

- Convening a new Certified Financial Planner (CFP) cohort
- Opening registration for Certificate of Human Resource Management, programs at multiple levels
- Partnering with Rosen College of Hospitality Management in development of a new International Program in Hospitality Management
- Planning AP Summer Institute
- Providing ongoing support for new master’s degree in University Research Administration in partnership with Department of Public Administration
- Meeting our student registration goals for Photo Technician certification in partnership with Workforce Central Florida (WCF)
- Continuing to meet goals with Health Care Informatics Master’s Certificate program, also in partnership with WCF

As our role within the university continues to evolve, we are making necessary staff adjustments in accounting, conference and events, and fiscal affairs.

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ACADEMIC ADVISING

Nick Pantoni has moved over to Enrollment Services, UCF Cocoa.

Kevin Snyder is leaving UCF Daytona Beach to take a great new career opportunity out of state.

A warm welcome to Andrea Velazquez, new coordinator at UCF Sanford/Lake Mary

Shakira Guice (UCF Cocoa) is out with her new baby.

Beth and Scott Larson (UCF Cocoa) are expecting a new arrival next summer.

REMINDER: If you did not redo your FERPA training by January 31, you may be locked out of RDS. To correct, only do the training and re-send the request form to renew your access.

Last month’s RCAT asked the following question: This month’s questions are:

HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT UCF A Quiz

When and where did President Nixon give the commencement address at UCF? (by the reflecting pond)

What gift was given to the Athletic Department by a famous actor? A black stallion, by Burt Reynolds

What is the “Flying Horse Editions” and where is it located? Limited-edition art objects and fine art books, housed in the UCF Center for Emerging Media

Who is Frank Rohter and what did he do? UCF’s first athletic director, 1968-79

What is the process for recommending someone for the annual Judy Boyle Innovative Academic Advising Award? Advisors are nominated by their directors/supervisors for this award, which is sponsored by the UCF Academic Advising Council and was established in 2009.

What building on campus has bats in its belfry? The original education building

information technology

The GroupWise to Exchange migration is almost upon us. Here are a few things to remember:

- Please do NOT use GroupWise after 6 p.m. on February 18, 2011. This could have adverse effects on your migration as well as others.
- All migrated accounts should be active as of 8 a.m. on February 21, 2011.
- Your GroupWise archives must be converted. Please check with your local Regional Campus IT professional for more information.
- There are four ways of connecting your mobile device to Exchange:
  - Activity Sync - minimal cost, maximum access, moderate security
  - Notify Link - moderate cost, maximum access, moderate security
  - BES 5.0 - maximum cost, maximum access, maximum security
  - must be used for BlackBerry
  - OWA (Outlook Web Access) – no cost, minimum access, maximum security
- There are two ways of accessing Exchange e-mail from a PC:
  - Outlook Client (have VPN installed and configured to use the client outside of UCF’s network)
  - GroupWise (will not provide access to archies)
- Outlook training options will be provided by your local Regional Campus IT professionals.
- Your Outlook username will be your NID and the password is the NID password.
- Your NID password must be changed every 60 days.

Saturday, February 5, 2011, we will be replacing our aging primary server. This will provide faster access to user documents for users at HQ and faster access to shared documents. At the same time, we will be upgrading Adobe Connect to Version 8, providing more capacity and stability for this important part of our distance learning platform.

See page 11 for more information on the GroupWise to Exchange migration.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES

FEBRUARY & MARCH EVENTS

February 9 Daytona State College Welcome Back—New Smyrna Beach Campus
February 10 Daytona State College Welcome Back—Deltona Campus
February 11 Decision Day at Sanford/Lake Mary Campus
February 16 Daytona State College Welcome Back—Palm Coast Campus
February 24 Financial Aid presentation at Heritage High School in Palm Bay for Junior Night
March 1 Decision Day at Sanford/Lake Mary Campus
March 14 Decision Day at Sanford/Lake Mary Campus
March 30 Decision Day at Sanford/Lake Mary Campus
March TBD Transfer Fair

STAFF UPDATES

Farewell to LaShawn Glaspie (UCF Daytona Beach) who recently received her master’s degree in Social Work. Congratulations, LaShawn.

Welcome to our newest program assistant, Kla Anderson (UCF Sanford/Lake Mary).

Nick Pantoni joined the Enrollment Services staff at UCF Cocoa as coordinator in December. You may remember Nick from RCHQ.

Congratulations to Angela Peterson on her promotion to Associate Vice President, RCHQ.

Deborah Bradford was recently promoted to Director of Enrollment Services.

Congratulations.
RCHQ UPDATES continued

STUDENT SERVICES

CAMPUS NEWS

- Met with Paul Vlau and Aila Asi (Registrar’s Office) at UCF Cocoa, UCF Daytona Beach, and UCF South Lake, for tours and reviews of our IDES operations related to orientation, enrollment, registration, transcripts, and commencement.
- Planned, scheduled, and conducted a series of Spring 2011 live and virtual orientations during the month across the regional locations; contacted and followed up with transfer students scheduled or registered for orientation who may not have attended or enrolled for Spring 2011.
- UCF Cocoa student Dr. William (Bill) Wilmot was the first UCF-Cocoa recipient of a Pizza For Peace Diversity Certificate Of Completion. Assistant Director of Diversity Initiatives, Barbara Thompson presented the certificate at the January Pizza For Peace workshop entitled “Grand Torino”. Dr. Wilmot completed five in a series of UCF Coca Pizza For Peace workshops, which included Freedom Writers, Crash, Body Image, People Like Us And Slumdog Millionaire.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

- Congratulations to Ginny Larue (formerly Ginny Dear) on her nuptials!! Ginny also received a UCF staff Council Book Scholarship to assist in her graduate studies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2 – “ABCs Of Diversity,” a workshop certificate series on discrimination Prevention—Linguistic Profiling (Voice/face). At UCF Cocoa
March 15 – Tackling Prejudice-Related Bullying,” At UCF Cocoa

College Access Summit V

REGIONAL STRATEGY: FROM ACCESS TO ACHIEVEMENT

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011 • FAIRWINDS Alumni Center, University of Central Florida • 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

SUMMIT AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Provest and Presidents’ Panel
DirectConnect to UCF Version 5.0
Business of the Day and Recap
Reports by the Curriculum Alignment, Data and Resources Working Groups
Establishing Regional Priorities
Luncheon presentation by STEMFlorida: Innovation and Leadership at the Regional Level
Roundtable Teams: Strategies to Accomplish Priorities
Next Steps

SUMMIT SESSIONS

- Transition from Life in Foster Care: Student Storytelling by Denise Young
- Student & Family Success Stories by Diane Chase and Heidi Watt
- RED ALERT! Developing an Early Warning System for Substantive Change by Virginia B. Moore and Erin Kavanaugh
- The College Access Summit V team will meet with the UCF Student Government to discuss initiatives and priorities.

Campus News

The UCF Southern Region supported Connected by 25 Brevard for the third year as our holiday charity in lieu of gifts. Our campuses “adopted” 25 former foster children and their babies or toddlers and provided them with holiday gifts. A decorated tree was donated to their Christmas party by one of our employees. Connected by 25 helps young adults transition from life in the foster care system to life in the community.

Upcoming Events

February 17 – 17th Annual Mentoring
March 1 – Spring 2011 DiversiTea: “Celebrating Turkish Culture”
March 2 – ABCs of Discrimination: “Linguistic Profiling” and “The Ugly Truth”
March 15 – Decision Days By Appointment:
March 15 – Cocoa
March 16 – Palm Bay

Faculty and Staff

Angie Jones was appointed to serve on Cocoa High School’s SAC (School Advisory Committee).

Shloe Kerness, the Instructor/Internship Coordinator for the College of Education, on the Cocoa campus, hosted a H.A.P.P.Y Hour skill session for education majors: “Interviewing Strategies and Resume Building.”

Charles Viggiano’s Cornerstone students at UCF Cocoa have conducted service-learning projects raising funds, collecting food, supplies, clothing, and raising awareness for Brevard area non-profit organizations.

Undergraduate research was discussed at an organizational meeting with RC project coordinator Lynn Becker, Karen Mottarella, Erin Murdoch, Shannon Whitten, Warren Waren, and Denise Young.

Denise Young co-presented “RED ALERT!: Developing an Early Warning System for Substantive Change” with Diane Chase and Heidi Watt at the 115th Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS/COC). Young also served as a mentor for a first-time SACS/COC attendee and as a Roundtable moderator.

Deborah Rhynie has joined the Southern Region as a visiting professor teaching both online and face-to-face courses. Rhynie is a long-time loyal UCF supporter after having earned multiple degrees here: B.S: Criminal Justice (1974), M.A: Education (1988), and PhD: Curriculum and Instruction (1998). She also holds a M.A. in Criminal Justice from Rollins College in Winter Park and brings 20 years of teaching experience and 17 years in law enforcement experience to our campus.

Students

Nancy Dunwoody St. George, a UCF Cocoa senior in Legal Studies, founded CourtWatch Brevard. This organization allows UCF student interns to compare and contrast judicial styles to find a jurisprudence that effectively halts further acts of domestic violence and child abuse. http://www.courtwatchbrevard.org.

UCF Cocoa student Bill Wilmot received the first “Pizza for Peace” diversity certificate of completion.

Cocoa Liaison Student Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi hosted a special “Read Aloud” event at Books-A-Million with donations of new children’s books going to Rolling Readers, a non-profit literacy program.

Denise Young recently participated in numerous community and partnership activities, which included giving a presentation to the BCC Faculty Academic Advisory Council, serving as a judge for middle school and high school events, and participating in board activities for a variety of community organizations.

Sonya Curtis, Assistant Director-UCF Palm Bay, participated in BCC’s New Student Orientation and the BCC/SGA “Student Welcome Back” with approximately 300 students.

Robert Chandler, Director of the Nicholson School of Communication, and Assistant Director Boyd Lindsey visited the UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay campuses.

Enrollment Services worked with 631 students in December at the UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay campuses. In January, they met with 38 students at the Decision Days in Cocoa, Melbourne, Palm Bay, and Titusville.
March 23  Career Workshop
March 16  Health and Fitness Fair
March 29  Onsite Orientation Session
March 26  UCF Daytona Volunteer Day: Chiles Academy

A colloquium on “Domestic Violence Training for the Professional Community” was sponsored by the Clinical Psychology M.A. program on February 5. The presenter was Cheryl Fuller, Chief Executive Officer of the Domestic Abuse Council, Inc.

Psi Chi organized a benefit concert to raise money for the Autism Society of Greater Orlando. This effort was coordinated by the Vice President, Patti Peace.

Laine Wyatt curated the “XX-XY-Gender Representation in Art” exhibition at the Orlando Museum of Art which will show through June 5. Wyatt also has works on display in the First Annual Florida Juried Exhibition at the Florida Museum of Women Artists in DeLand and the Joyce Elaine Grant Annual Juried Exhibition at Texas Women’s University in Denton, TX.

Mark Soksin, Professor of Economics, spoke at the Volusia County Property Owners Association monthly meeting regarding property taxes, land values and rents in the region. Soksin was a guest on the “Big John Show,” a news-talk radio program discussing local and regional economic issues. The Daytona New Journal published his article entitled “Florida to Tackle Pension Reform.”

Kevin Snyder graduated in December with his Ed.D in Education Leadership.

Metas Rivers, a student and retired veteran, has been hired by Student Services to work with student veterans.

The campus has been busy since the first of the year with numerous activities. We conducted a blood drive the end of January. In addition, Kelly Grillo and Ginny Dear interviewed for the “Order of the Pegasus.”

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As the end of the year, we are working hard to prepare the School Board Foundation (FUTURES) Annual Bowl-A-Thon the end of February.

upcoming events
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A warm welcome to four new staff members to our team:
• Andrea Veliz-Vazquez is the new Coordinator II of Academic Advising Services. She comes to us from UCF’s College of Health and Public Affairs advising for the Health Informatics and Information Management Department as well as undergraduate and graduate HSA programs.
• Kla Anderson is the new Program Assistant in Admissions and Enrollment Services. She comes to us from Academic Services in UCF’s College of Sciences, Graduate Office.
• Jesse Green is the new Computer Specialist. He began working at UCF as an OPS employee, assisting with our IT team over a year ago.
• Kailie Reyes is the new Office Manager. She also began working at UCF as an OPS employee over a year ago.

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Bowling for Super Bowl Weekend was held in February at Airport Lanes in Sanford, with free bowling and pizza for students and their families.

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GroupWise to Outlook/Exchange

UCF SOUTH LAKE, UCF OCALA and UCF LEEBURG

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