The 6th College Access Summit, hosted by Valencia College, was attended by approximately 150 educators from school districts and the DirectConnect to UCF partner colleges. Valencia President Sandy Shugart welcomed the audience, followed by opening remarks from Presidents Ann McGee-Seminole State College, Chuck Mojock-Lake-Sumter Community College and UCF Vice Provost, Joyce Dorner.

Building Pathways for Student Transition was the theme of the summit and was addressed in remarks by Dr. Betsy Barefoot, an expert with the Gardner Institute and Center for First Year Students and Students in Transition. She wowed the audience with an excellent presentation regarding critical junctures along a student’s pathway (or educational track) that builds or hinders success. Dr. Barefoot provided the train station and the ticket for the student’s journey.

Two exceptional student panels discussed their journey. The first panel was facilitated by Dr. Falecia Williams, Valencia West president, on the subject of college choice and transition from high school. Upon taking the microphone, Dr. Williams realized that her high school teacher (and now Superintendent of Lake County School District) was in the audience, giving credence to the idea that “connecting with a teacher remains a singular touchstone in every student’s life.” During the ensuing discussion, it became apparent just how varied each student’s journey truly is.

The second panel was facilitated by Angé Peterson, UCF Regional Campuses Associate Vice President. The focus of this panel was relaying the student experience in transitioning to the university from the college and their preparation and progress toward graduation. Describing how they “directconnected” to UCF through their colleges and into their academic programs, they talked about being engaged and active. They also covered certain hindrances which could impact student progress: the difficulty and challenges of upper division coursework and their initial shock at the size of the Orlando campus with its large class sizes. However, the panelists allowed as how preparation and accountability for academic progress was their responsibility, attitudes supported by Dr. Barefoot’s research.

Following the panel presentations, the round tables discussed what they had heard from the students. A recorder captured the conversations and actionable items may be incorporated under the DirectConnect to UCF umbrella. Kathleen Plinske, Valencia Osceola president, facilitated the report-out from the round table groups.

Dr. Shugart delivered closing remarks which he characterized as the five P’s:

1. PLACE – a sense of community, connection and involvement
2. PATHWAY – structure for success: intention, clarity, coherence, focus and purpose
3. PLAN – personalization of each student’s pathway, defining the individual steps required
4. PURPOSE – deeper relationship with the world; intentional pursuits
5. PERSON – someone to champion a student to success; authentic interaction

The UCF Regional Campuses extends a heartfelt thank you to our partners at Valencia College for providing a significant forum to address the student pathway.
College Access Summit Panel Groups

FIRST PANEL – High School Transition & College Choice
Jeb Harrison, home-schooled and dual-enrolled student at Seminole State College
Sheneka Jackson, West Orange High School, Valencia College
Oscar Sanchez, Lake Sumter Community College
Ivan Marquez, international student, Valencia College
Todd Currie, UCF Lead Scholar freshman

SECOND PANEL – Student Experience in Transition
Samantha Gump, LSCC to UCF, Pre-Clinical Health Sciences
Sarah Sacra, BCC to UCF Cocoa, Sociology
Jose Jaimes, UF, Valencia to UCF, Architecture
Destiny Acampora, Seminole State to UCF, Social Sciences
Santa Rowley, Seminole State to UCF, Psychology

A message from the interim vice provost - Joyce Dorner

It is always difficult to “lose” a colleague you have worked with over the years and so there was sadness when Dr. Patricia Bishop, former dean of the Graduate School, announced she was retiring last May after 34 years with the university. However, that news was offset by the fact that Dr. Bishop was being honored as the 2012 recipient of the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Education in the Southern Region by the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools. Regional Campuses congratulates Dr. Bishop and also thanks her for her support of Regional Campuses and Corporate Education programs. Her assistance and direction in the development of the graduate corporate education programs has led to the establishment of numerous programs impacting the workforce of Central Florida. We wish Patricia a well-deserved retirement.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES
On March 5, several Enrollment Services staff made a trip to Jacksonville to visit UNF and its staff. The UCF group is seeking certification in Florida’s Institute for Strategic Enrollment Management (FISEM) which began in 2009 as part of the Florida Higher Education Summit organized annually by the Florida Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers (FACRAO). In order to receive certification, each participant must attend FISEM sessions for two years, complete an application, make three site visits, and write a report about each visit. Two more visits are currently scheduled, one to Flagler College and the other to Valencia College.

Thomas Silarek and Christopher Quintero from the South Lake campus represented UCF at the Santa Fe College Transfer Fair on February 15, meeting with 75 students. On March 1, Thomas also participated in the College Preview Night sponsored by the College of Central Florida. Thomas and Cynthia Kirk (Ocala campus) shared information about UCF and its Regional Campuses with about 150 high school seniors.

This year Deborah Bradford (Orlando), Raphael Robinson (Daytona Beach), Christy Pasnisin (South Lake), Kristina Watkins (Cocoa), Pam Williams (Sanford/Lake Mary) and Sheri Newble-Dunn (Daytona Beach) will be the first to earn FISEM certification through this process. The Florida program is modeled after a similar program offered in the state of Georgia.

Express Decision events continue through June. To date, almost 1000 students have signed up to participate in this expedited admission process throughout our regions. There are 25 events between now and the July 1 application deadline for fall term.

Gina Clifton was asked by Undergraduate Admissions to assist with the beta testing of the ViewStar imaging system. The roll out for all users is scheduled to be complete by March 30.
DCS and Security Innovation launch Online (SSD) Certificate Program

UCF Division of Continuing Education is proud to announce the new, fully-online Secure Software Development Certificate Program. This comprehensive program, developed in partnership with Security Innovation, Inc., equips software developers with expert knowledge in secure software design and coding techniques. The program is aimed at students and professionals looking to improve their application security skills with a recognizable certification from an accredited university.

90% of cyber security attacks target weaknesses in software. Thus, this represents an important step in driving behavioral change in higher education and preparing students for real world challenges. As software applications continue to become the target of hackers, the need for defensive skills increases. The UCF program is built on 15 courses from Security Innovation and is comprised of 3 levels of certification: Foundation, Advanced and Expert.

“Until now, the primary approach to application security has been reactive, either finding and fixing flaws or trying to defend web application attacks, while the more sophisticated and proactive security defenses have concentrated on network security,” said Ed Adams, CEO of Security Innovation.

Security Innovation’s work with UCF is an important step in training students before they become software engineers; however, it is equally valuable to professionals who are already active in their professional careers. “The point is not to build more security professionals,” says Adams. “Instead, we want to help integrate security into the daily activities of software architects, developers, and QA professionals.”

WHAT are you doing this SUMMER? Check out the new SPRING 2012 course catalog.

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Student Services

UCF Daytona Beach:
• Conducted five workshops and information sessions during the month of February, the most popular of which was a lunch and learn program dealing with savings and budgeting, sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank—17 attended.

UCF South Lake, Leesburg, and Ocala:
• Documented 2,500 duplicated student services contacts at this campus during the month of February, which included 54 office visits and 30 phone calls.

UCF Valencia West and Valencia Osceola:
• Conducted 10 classroom visits during the month and interacted with approximately 164 students and faculty members; planned and coordinated four workshops during the month and recorded 41 persons in attendance.
• Supported Vanessa Delgado, UCF Valencia West student, in her winning bid for SGA Senate seat. She will represent Regional Campuses.
• Conducted 2 live orientation sessions during the month of December for 19 students at West campus and 10 students at Osceola campus.

UCF Sanford/Lake Mary:
• Provided information and assisted 11 students with disabilities during the month.
• Orchestrated two tutoring sessions, in collaboration with SARC, via Adobe Connect for Psychology 3204C, a statistical methods class.

ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

As I sit down to write this update, I notice we are more than half way through this semester, one of the busiest in recent history. “March Madness” applies not only to basketball but also to the workload we are experiencing. The latest news out of Tallahassee is that the university will receive approximately a 52 million-dollar cut for next year. Regional Campuses is doing its best to make budgetary adjustments as fairly as possible, reducing administrative and professional travel and trimming excess where we can.

With regard to our instructional mission, we have decided that despite our budget woes, it doesn’t make sense to cancel or significantly reduce our summer course offerings. Doing so would place undue hardship on our students. So, while the complete summer schedule will be offered, we will pay close attention to course enrollment numbers and may recommend course cancellations as early as April 17. Each of the AVP’s, Directors and Asst. Directors has been asked to get the word out to faculty and students on the importance of securing seats early.

On a lighter note, we look forward to seeing some new faces on our campuses beginning this fall. At Cocoa, we welcome Dr. Adam Pritchard (Asst. Professor–Sociology) from the University of Kentucky who hopes to continue his research on domestic violence. Other faculty searches are in progress, including a line of math that will enable us to offer the General Education Program completely online.

Equally exciting is the progress that has been made on Building 4 in Osceola, which will include a library, wet labs, and enough offices for 12 faculty and staff. David Laney and I visited the campus last week; it is going to be an impressive facility.

So while we are being forced to deal with difficult news on the financial front, the future here at the Regional Campuses has never looked better. The difference we are making in the lives of our students shows, and you should all be proud.
CAMPUS NEWS

A series of workshops have been conducted at Valencia West/East and Osceola campuses recently: Male/Female Relationships—Wayne Jackson; Gender Differences in Communication and DOTS: Understanding Your “Hidden” Biases—Barbara Thompson; Learn About Undergraduate Research at UCF—TTS (Transfer & Transition Services); and How to Make a Smooth Transition to UCF—Shellie Thomas.

Faculty and Staff

The administrative staff on campus received professional development training from Christopher Leo (mgmt./bus. admin.), focusing on the job interview, the benefits of internal recruitment and “6 Ways to Sell Yourself.”

Carol Black and her staff received a letter of appreciation for their hard work from Osceola student, Carlos Lebron (exceptional ed.), in which he states, “As a regional student, I can attest that sometimes I feel disconnected from UCF . . . Today (Spirit Day) I am truly impressed at the efforts taken to host this amazing event and the amount of student engagement there was . . . I just want to thank you and all the staff who made this possible . . .”

The “Knights Rescue” team, composed of Daisy Daimwood, Sharon Moore, Taylor Treback and Kelsey White, won “Best in Show” at the Cornerstone Social Entrepreneurship Competition in Fall 2011. Part of the UCF Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation (CEI), the competition celebrates the contributions students make to the social missions of prominent non-profit organizations serving Orlando and central Florida. Nasser Kutkut (mgmt./bus. admin.) coaches the team.

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UCF legal studies students attending the opening championship round of the AMTA Mock Trial Tournament at Furman University will be in for a treat. Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor will address the opening session.

Monique Eigenbauer, a legal studies student and current Florida Legislative Intern in Tallahassee, was recently featured in the Orlando Sentinel regarding her experience with mysterious cellphone “cramming” charges. According to Chad Cronon (legal studies) what the article didn’t mention was that she was given a unique opportunity to testify at a hearing before a legislative committee regarding “cramming.”

The 2nd annual Knights Write Showcase was held in February on the main campus. Rebecca Lowe (concurrent nursing) presented her research on the “Doctor-Nurse Relationship.” Over 40 students presented at the event.
CAMPUS NEWS

The BCC/UCF Joint-Use Library featured a traveling history exhibit sponsored by the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex on the Cocoa campus. The exhibit will be displayed on the Palm Bay campus later in the Spring 2012 semester. Robert Cassanello delivered two lectures regarding the exhibit.

STUDENTS

The UCF Speech Team (based in Palm Bay) has now competed in three tournaments. Xzondra Bergman and Stephen Sherbin were finalists in the competition.

The sisters, Anna and Ida Eskamani, both political science majors, will receive the Order of Pegasus award during this year’s Founders’ Day celebration.

John Lynxwiler presented “The Impact of Spirituality and Religiosity on Abortion Attitudes” at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society.

Florin Mihai co-authored an academic textbook, Language and Literacy Development: An interdisciplinary focus on English learners with communication disorders.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Deborah Rhyne is volunteering for Brevard County Schools to help with their FCAT training and will be writing curriculum for Titusville Police Department training.

Sheryl Schagen coordinated 3 BCC teacher education recruitment presentations, a College of Education program update session for BCC advisors, and made 2 Direct Connect classroom visits.

A recent article in Brevard Business News highlighted the volunteer activities of students enrolled in the Cornerstone class, a service-learning course. They have contributed over $15,000 to the community during the past semester. Since the program’s inception in 2004, business students have raised more than $100,000 for nonprofit organizations in the region.

Emily Edwards presented a poster co-authored with Karen Mottarella and Shannon Whitten at the SPS Social Psychology and Law Pre-Conference entitled “Preserving the Right to a Fair Trial: An examination of emotion and verdict decision in the context of a criminal case.”

Emily Edwards (An Examination of the Prejudicial Value of Visual Evidence in the Context of a Criminal Court Case) and Bryan Henderson (College Student Attitudes About Cheating and Plagiarism) presented on March 17 at the 2nd Annual Florida Undergraduate Research Conference.

Student Outreach Services (SOS) held a Health and Wellness Fair for students where they received nutrition facts, found out about community events and could get a blood pressure screening from the Student Nursing Association.

VA Program Specialist Paula Cepero hosted Connecting with Veterans; this month’s special guest was Andy Todd from the Library.

SOS held a self-defense training class on the Cocoa campus that was open to students, faculty and staff.
CAMPUS NEWS

Kappa Delta Pi has been working hard this semester to put the finishing touches on the materials lab in Building 150 and should be ready by Summer 2012. In addition, KDP opened an Educational Outfitters closet with the College of Education which provides business professional clothing for education majors in exchange for canned goods. To donate, contact Desiree.Freeland@ucf.edu.

As part of ProjectSPEAK (Daytona State's suicide prevention program), Student Services is co-sponsoring two informational meetings regarding a new therapy for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans suffering with PTSD. The program is available to all military personnel who were deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. There is no charge and mileage may be available. Participants in the study need not be students.

Students, faculty and staff participated in the annual UCF Daytona Beach Health and Fitness Fair in February.

The National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter, will hold their annual awards banquet on March 30, in Daytona Beach. The 2012 award recipients include: Social Worker of the Year: Michael Bermes, MSW; Student Social Worker of the Year: Cassandra Palmer; Social Worker Educator of the Year: Mary Flynn Boener, MSW, LCSW; and UCF Daytona Beach Elected Official of the Year: Pam Woods (Daytona Beach City Commissioner).

Faculty and Staff

Steve Berman (psychology) made several presentations at the Society for Research on Adolescence in Vancouver, Canada, in March.

Mary Starzynski (education) has announced she will retire at the end of the spring semester.

Linda Bradley has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Daytona Beach Regional Chamber for a two-year term. In addition, she is on the Board of Directors of Team Volusia Economic Development Corporation.

UCF Daytona Beach will be a sponsor for the DSC Women's Center luncheon at Daytona State College on March 29 in recognition of National Women's History Month. The national theme for this year’s event is “Educating Women-Empowering Women.” Ginny LaRue is a member of the advisory board for the Women’s Center.

Darryl Greeley attended the Get Motivated! business seminar in Miami which featured discussions on the behaviors, skills, and attitudes successful leaders bring to their organizations. Presenters included Rudolph Giuliani, Colin Powell, Laura Bush, John Walsh, Steve Forbes, and Dan Marino.

STUDENTS

Congratulations to photography senior, Jillian Brownings, who has received a full scholarship from Florida State University to complete her MFA.

Congratulations to psychology major, Estefany Bologna (left), for receiving the Honors in the Major award this semester. Estefany is mentored by her professor, Steve Berman.

Miriam Guillaume (right), an international student from Haiti, was awarded a spring break externship through the UCF Career Center.
Campus News

- SLM staff attended a two-day workshop called “The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow,” facilitated by Barbara Thompson (diversity initiatives).
- Diversity Month, in partnership with Seminole State College begins March 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 29 – DiversiTea “An Overview of Music Created by African Americans”
- April 6 & 18 - Express Decision Days

STUDENTS

Over 100 local students have signed up for the FREE Lake Mary YMCA membership.

Ashley Squillante organized a SARC tutoring session for the Sanford/Lake Mary psychology students. Additional sessions will continue throughout the spring semester.

In February, Student Rights and Responsibilities hosted a workshop called “Facebook Etiquette” for all UCF and DirectConnect students.

FACULTY AND STAFF

FACULTY HIGHLIGHT:

Brett Meltzer began teaching at Sanford/Lake Mary in Fall 2011. He graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, with his B.S. in History and went on to the University of Florida to earn his J.D.

After graduating from UF in 2004, Meltzer began his legal career working at the Office of the State’s Attorney in Orlando. As a state prosecutor, he tried over 100 cases and worked on thousands of others, as well as conducting hearings and drafting motions and legal memoranda.

In 2008, he was hired by the U.S. Department of Justice and in January 2009 he was appointed by Attorney General Eric Holder as a federal prosecutor. Meltzer supervised federal investigations with the FBI, DEA, Secret Service, IRS, ICE, FDLE, and other federal and local law enforcement agencies. He worked primarily on complicated white collar crimes: cyber-crime offenses, drug trafficking, firearm offenses, and public corruption. He also argued in front of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, GA.

Meltzer began working for UCF as an adjunct professor before joining the Legal Studies Department full time. Along with publishing a peer-reviewed article “Capital Punishment Should Not Be Abolished in the United States,” Meltzer is writing a book chapter on contemporary practices of affirmative action in the U.S.

“I love teaching at UCF Lake Mary,” Metzger said. “I especially like the ability to get to know the students personally, since many of them take all my classes. The administrators and staff on the Lake Mary campus are all very accommodating and committed to helping the faculty and students succeed. I’m really grateful to be working at such a great campus.”

Ray Sturm’s paper “Sequential Greed and Fear in Stock Prices” was accepted for publication in The Journal of Investing.

ADVISING SPOTLIGHT

Advisor of the month is Jacqueline West-Lee. She has been with the University of Central Florida for 13 years and with the Regional Campuses for the last 4 years. With her Masters in Counseling Psychology she has shared her time and talents in advising UCF students who attend the Seminole State Campus of UCF. Jackie has been doing the Leadership Enhancement Program this term and had an opportunity to take part in the UCF-EARU Leadership Institute that took place March 16th. She presented a poster session on a subject near and dear to her heart, probation prevention. The focus of her project was to identify some key elements in early identification of the student, time management needs of the student, and how to encourage student participation in the process. Her successful project will now be put to use as she continues to target students who need this attention. Her plan is to bring the students who are at or below a 2.2 GPA into workshop. There she will offer ongoing interventions and guidance to assist the students to obtain academic success and graduate in a timely manner. Good work Jackie! If anyone would like to discuss her project and how she will continue to use the results please contact her at the address on the poster.

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WANT to KNOW HOW?

Workshop for all UCF Sanford/Lake Mary and Seminole State College students

Thursday, February 16
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
UCF Sanford/Lake Mary Partnership Center Room 2208

Learn how to be successful, avoid probation, or what to do if you are on probation while building integrity and confidence for your future.
CAMPUS NEWS

The UCF/Citrus County Elementary Education Advisory Council met to discuss opportunities for collaboration in February. UCF will offer a Clinical Supervision graduate class in Citrus County summer 2012. Plans for spring 2013 include piloting the BITE (Bug in the Ear) program, an innovative way of observing and coaching interns through the use of Bluetooth technology.

Scott Wise and Sheryl Cohn, (elem. ed.) facilitated an FTCE workshop in partnership with St. Leo University and the College of Central Florida’s University Center. A total of 26 UCF Ocala elementary education majors learned successful test taking techniques in preparation for the Florida Teacher Certification Examination.

In February, Guido Zamora and Kristy Zamora, representatives of the Lake County School District, presented to elementary education interns at the UCF South Lake campus. The presentation focused on the benefits and consequences of social media in the teaching profession.

Robert Ergle co-hosted an education seminar in partnership with Citrus County School District personnel at the UCF Ocala campus in March. Nancy Simon, Trishia Mikel (a 2011 UCF/Ocala graduate), Jenny Kreush, and Lori Simon presented an interactive and informative talk on Effective Classroom Management and Questioning Techniques.

UCF Regional Campuses and the UCF Alumni Association hosted an alumni networking event at Pi on Broadway’s rooftop in the heart of downtown Ocala. Door prizes were provided to those who wore black and gold.

Alumni Association had six additional nominees for Teacher of the Year or Rookie Teacher of the Year throughout the county. That number represents 20% of the nominees for the district’s program. GO KNIGHTS!

Students

Congratulations to Rebecca Sirolli (UCF Ocala graduate 2011) who was selected as Rookie Teacher of the Year for Marion County Public Schools. Rebecca teaches at South Ocala Elementary School.

UCF Ocala had six additional nominees for Teacher of the Year or Rookie Teacher of the Year throughout the county. That number represents 20% of the nominees for the district’s program. GO KNIGHTS!

Congratulations to Christine Palmer (UCF Leesburg graduate 2011) who was selected as one of three finalists for Rookie Teacher of the Year for Lake County Public Schools. She currently teaches third grade at Grassy Lake Elementary School.

Facult y and Staff

Chrysalis Wright and five undergraduate research assistants, Theresia Jackson and Rachel Bennett (Ocala), Caitlin Cassidy and Kandyce Garth (Orlando) along with Erum Qureshi (Valencia West) made four presentations at the Conference for the Society for Research in Adult Development in February.

Welcome new OPS staff: David Ballagh, Computer Support and Sharon Gomez, front desk reception.

GO KNIGHTS!