For those who visit UCF Osceola, you may see a little more activity on Tuesday nights as the School of Social Work and the Regional Campuses Administration have begun offering a special three-year graduate cohort, targeted for traditional students as well as state workers and case workers employed by the Department of Children and Families. While the School of Social Work has offered this degree on the main campus and has sponsored several cohorts in Daytona, this is the first attempt by the school to serve residents and students in the traditionally underserved Osceola County area.

The College of Health and Public Affairs is especially proud of this program and the outreach to this segment of our service region. It is hoped this cohort will be the beginning of a long lasting relationship between UCF, the College and the Regional Campuses. As a result, Valencia Community College is embarking on its plan to build a new joint-use facility at the Valencia-Osceola campus.

Professors Create Successful Undergraduate Research Team

The Psychology Research Team, the brainchild of Drs. Karen Mottarella and Shannon Whitten, fosters a culture of scholarly inquiry among students and demonstrates the professors’ commitment to student research as a part of undergraduate coursework. They meet regularly with student research assistants and Honors in the Major (HIM) students to conduct empirical research.
ACADEMIC UPDATE

From the Office of Academic Initiatives - Dr. Steve Holmes, Interim Associate Vice Provost

The fall semester is now in full swing and so is the Office of Academic Initiatives. We are currently engaged in the “scheduling meeting process” with our largest departments and colleges on campus. These meetings allow us to meet with our college partners, go over their current and pressing needs, discuss faculty work plans, confirm discipline-specific agreements as well as garner the departments input into the scheduling process. It is a time-consuming effort but a crucial one which allows us to interact freely with the programs on a one-to-one basis.

In addition to these meetings, we are also in the process of changing the way many of our Corporate Education programs are funded and administered. We have been working closely with Graduate Studies and Student Accounts to make sure the process works as seamlessly for students in said programs as it does for those on the main campus. Going forward, all fees for most programs will be billed by the registrar’s office at the University and subsequently transferred to RC to cover faculty and program costs. We appreciate the input of our University partners in developing this new fee billing system and anticipate increased efficiency and satisfaction for our students.

A search is underway for an Assistant Director to serve as a scheduler, advisor and overall advocate for students in our Corporate Education programs. This individual will provide assistance to the sponsoring departments and will be the students’ primary point of contact from the time they enter their program until they graduate. If you know of anyone who is looking for a truly challenging job with unlimited potential, please encourage him/her to apply.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Things aren’t slowing down in Continuing Education. The team continues to bring new programs and initiatives to life.

• New Coordinator - Join us in welcoming Ms. Kim Malac as our newest Coordinator of CE. Kim has been associated with CE for almost 3 years as a Program Associate working with Test Prep and Contract training and will now be transitioning to additional responsibilities involving broader program coordination and support.

• New Program - CE announces a new fully online “Health Care Risk Management Licensure” program. After months of work supporting Dr. Aaron Liberman’s initiative, Maria Cherjovsky announced the new, completely online Health Care Risk Management Licensure program is now available.

• CE and Curacao - CE is now providing fiscal management and programmatic support for the new Rosen College of Hospitality and Curacao Institute for Social and Economic Studies (CRUISES) program—“UCF-CRUISES Program in Hospitality & Tourism Management.” The first cohort of CRUISES students are now in Central Florida pursuing this 12 SCH, 4-course program.

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• HIPAA goes Online - “HIPAA Basic Training for Business Associates” was created by The HIPAA Group, Inc., a national leader in HIPAA compliance. Martin Malpica spearheaded the CE efforts in developing this fully online certification program. Over the years, HIPAA Group has trained thousands of people on HIPAA, including physicians, nurses, medical staff, Privacy Officers, Security Officers, managers, CEO’s, attorneys, and HIPAA Business Associates.

• Conference/Workshop Demand Growing - Demand for Continuing Education conference and workshop support services continues to grow. We will be advertising for an additional Coordinator position within the next two weeks to establish the capacity to meet the additional demand.

Visit www.ce.ucf.edu for late-breaking program and course offerings.

STUDENT SERVICES

OUT AND ABOUT IN SEPTEMBER

• Served, supported, and assisted regional students, faculty, and staff at UCF Daytona Beach in areas of student disability services, veteran services, and orientation. Conducted contacts and follow ups regarding registration and enrollment.

• Responded to transfer and transition needs of regional students at UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay, including orientation services, veteran services and transfer student need accommodations.

• Supported preparations and framework for four financial workshops as part of SuccessION狠 UCF South Lake.

KUDOS OR GOOD NEWS

• Welcomed Lacy Papadeas, new SGA Coordinator at UCF Daytona Beach

• Hats off to Michelle, Danny, and Santiago

• Engaged in discussions re: the prospect of facilitating SGA representation at UCF Valencia West; staffed a Welcome table during first week of classes in the UCF/VCC Partnership Building.

• Discussed with SGA Student Body Vice President and the two SGA Regional Campuses Senators plans to establish an office for SGA at UCF Sanford/ Lake Mary.

• Orchestrated the broadcast and recording across the Regional Campuses of the 2010 Diversitea program, entitled: “The Holocaust: A Survivor’s Story.”

OCTOBER EVENTS

• Preparing the launch of spring 2011 orientations.

• Making arrangements for celebration of Homecoming 2010.

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM VICE PROVOST

October is a busy month for Provost visitations to the Regional Campuses. Dr. Tony Waldrop has now visited Lake Sumter Community College, Valencia Community College, and will be visiting Seminole State College, Daytona State College and Brevard Community College by the end of the month. The first of the visits has gone extremely well and I believe the Provost has been most impressed, as have I, with the meetings he’s had with both the college presidents and with the faculty, staff, and students at each of the campuses. A number of initiatives have been introduced for us to address over the next several months and those will be identified when all of the campus visits have been completed. It is clear that students have a very positive experience through DirectConnect and that the individual attention they receive at the regional campuses makes a difference! To that end, I thank each of you again for all that you do. You truly make such a difference in the lives of our students!

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I will have more on that later.

For individual regions please see their section in the newsletter.
Regional Campuses News online
News, Events & More
www.regionalcampuses.ucf.edu/news_events/index.asp

Budgeting Seminar
Tuesday, October 12
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
UCF South Lake
Cooper Memorial Library

Financial Aid 101
Wednesday, October 13
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
UCF South Lake
Bldg. 2, Rm. 101

“How Speaking From Experience”
Elementary Education Workshop
Wednesday, October 13
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Health Science Auditorium
Contact: Cyndi Walters

“More Than Mere Words”
Diversity Workshop
Friday, November 5
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
UCF South Lake
Bldg. 2, Rm. 237

Seal the Deal
STAR Interview Techniques
Wednesday, November 10
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
UCF South Lake
Bldg. 2, Rm. 242

How to Improve Your Credit Score
Tuesday, November 16
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
UCF South Lake
Cooper Memorial Library

Elementary Education Workshop
Wednesday, November 17
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
UCF Leesburg
Health Science Auditorium
Contact: Cyndi Walters

Job Search Strategies
Thursday, November 18
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
UCF South Lake
Bldg. 2, Rm. 242

OUT AND ABOUT IN SEPTEMBER:
Enrollment Services, with the assistance of Undergraduate Admissions and Regional Campuses advisors, hosted 16 Decision Day events and decisions by appointment throughout the Regional sites. A total of 475 students submitted applications and received on-the-spot decisions.

NEWS:
Kristina Watkins (Assistant Director, UCF Cocoa) is expecting! The little addition to our group will arrive sometime in February.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The KMS steering committee is working its way through the process of re-developing the site from a grass roots perspective. We have had a number of meetings and are making excellent progress. The KMS itself was upgraded to version 3.3 and all previous issues have been addressed.

The new architecture lab has been built. It includes several pieces of contemporary technology such as large format printers and integration with GIS databases.

Valencia West has a new Smart Conference Room complete with a flat screen TV, Polycom video conferencing, and a computer. This system was designed and installed by Jason Mayer and Calston Llewellyn.

Regional Campus Headquarters will be upgrading to Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 10 within the next six weeks. Upgrades for all campuses have or will be completed soon.

The University is in the process of migrating from Groupwise Email to Exchange/Outlook and will be completed by the summer of 2011.

NSF GRANT AWARDED
UCF and consortium partners received an NSF grant to develop a software development track in the UCF Bachelors of Applied Science degree (BAS SD). Craig Tidwell, UCF Regional Campuses, was instrumental in obtaining this grant and will be the director of the project.

DirectConnect to UCF enrollment numbers will be available in the November issue.

UCF REGIONAL CAMPUSES STORIES - Marketing update
Below are links to the 30-second spots that will air in October on Bright House Networks. Marketing would like to thank you for your assistance in coordinating the shoots. The longer format videos will be finalized in October.

UCF Regional Campuses-Mindy (Cocoa) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWUNhQURno
UCF Regional Campuses-Ginny (Daytona Beach) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5555jw7LCeo
UCF Regional Campuses: Melinda (Sanford/Lake Mary) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lybed24mxve
UCF Regional Campuses-Franklin (South Lake) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=860RtOtWok4
student achievements

Olivia Metto is the new managing editor of Sociological Spectrum, a sociology journal with an international circulation housed on UCF’s Cocoa campus. Olivia received her A.A. degree from BCC, her B.A. in Sociology from the Cocoa campus, and began working on an M.A. in Sociology here this fall.

Twenty-three students in SCE 4304 attended a workshop conducted by the NASA Educational Resources Center where they used the inquiry model of science teaching to create a model rocket and moonlander using everyday materials. They were then taken on a special access bus tour to Launch Complex 39A, where Discovery will complete its final launch into space. The UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay Student Ambassador program welcomed three new ambassadors: Morgan Goetzfried, Phyllicia Jarrett, Jamesha Cox, Laura Raymond returns for her final semester as a student ambassador.

faculty & staff achievements

Floin Mihai co-presented a paper titled “Making the Transition from Traditional to Online Teaching: Challenges and Solutions” at the 2010 Southeast TESOL Regional Conference.


Dr. John King co-presented a paper on “Optimizing Training” at a conference on the intersection of technology and education in Sociology here this fall.

John King participated in BCC Palm Bay’s welcome back event for students.

Angel Edgecombe, Cocoa Campus and John King, Palm Bay Campus attended the annual Education breakfast on hosted by the Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce. Angel Edgecombe attended BCC’s Community Workshop in Cocoa. She presented at the “New Directions Seminar,” making students aware of the programs offered at UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay.

Sheryl Schagen participated in Alternative Certification Preparation (ACP)/Eduator Preparation Institute (EPI) Advisory Committee in partnership with the Brevard Public School District and Brevard Community College.

campus news

Hundreds of returning staff and faculty members from all campuses of Brevard Community College attended the annual “welcome back” session at King Center. President Drake spoke about the 50th Anniversary and the college’s mission. He introduced Dr. Denise Young and highlighted the close relationship between UCF and BCC. Each Vice President highlighted changes and upcoming events for their divisions.

upcoming events

UCF Cocoa:
10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, October 12, “Slum Dog Millionaire,” Pizza for Peace Cocoa, Room 325.
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday, October 15 & 22, First Timers Mediation Training, Room 260.
2:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 26, “Steps to Prevent Discrimination,” presented by Janet Balanoff, Director, EOAAP.

Dr. Linda Bradley, Dr. Bob Ford, Dr. James Flagg, and Dr. Maralee Walsh will attend the 3rd Annual Policeman’s Foundation Ball on which Dr. Bradley serves as member of the Board.
Dr. Bradley has been asked to serve on the Easter Seals advisory committee.

Vicky Cardullo, instructor, College of Education, received word a research proposal submitted to The Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute (TJEEI) has been funded. Mr. Cardullo and Vicky Zygouris-Coe, coauthor, will explore cutting-edge learning techniques beneficial to exceptional education teachers and their students.

Vicky Cardullo, instructor, College of Education: Literacy Project Funded a research proposal through The Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute (TJEEI) it was announced that a proposal submitted by Vicky Zygouris-Coe and Vicky Cardullo has been funded.

The focus of this project is to explore a cutting-edge topic that has implications for all students. Results from this project will particularly benefit exceptional education teachers and their studentscomputer assisted instruction and use of technology is prevalent with special education students.

notable events

Kappa Delta Pi at UCF Daytona Beach hosted their first HAPPY (Having Active Participation Prepares You) hour workshop in September.

The next HAPPY hour workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 12, and will feature UCF College of Education Faculty member Dr. Lewis Blessing. This pre-service professional development initiative is available at no charge for UCF College of Education students.

Members of Kappa Delta Pi volunteered their time at the Port Orange Family Days on Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2.

UCF students participated in a ‘Storybook Land’ attraction where they helped students take part in literacy activities such as read-aloud and artistic creations. This community event was a great opportunity to showcase the talents and abilities found at UCF Daytona Beach.

upcoming events

September 24 – October 24 ….. Lake Eustis Museum of Art Show, Jason Burrell, photographer coordinator/faculty
October 1 & 8 ……………… Joint UCF/DSC advisors’ meeting
October 6 …………………… ESPN Game Day-staff and faculty will have a tailgate party
October 9 …………………… Knights Give Back—for young mothers to complete high school, Chiles Academy
October 21 …………………… Provost’s Visit
October 25 - 28 ……………… Fall Festival - Pirate’s Week (theme)
updates & events

October 1: President Hitt visits our campus for Leadership Seminole.

October 4: The new UCF Sanford/Lake Mary SGA office opened.

October 6: ESPN UCF vs. UAB Football Game – UCF Sanford/ Lake Mary and Altamonte campuses close at 3 p.m. on for game day.

October 9: Knights Give Back- All UCF and Seminole State students invited to attend UCF’s annual campus-wide, day of service.

October 11 - 22: Advising Week- Sanford/ Lake Mary is hosting Speed & Training Recognition Ceremony in Orlando where Pam will receive a certificate for completing the Emerging Leader Series.

October 13: Decision Day

October 14: Pam Williams-Gruen and Sean Armstrong will attend the OD & Training Recognition Ceremony in Orlando where Pam will receive a certificate for completing the Emerging Leader Series.

October 18 - 22: UCF Homecoming Week- Movies throughout the week on TV in Partnership Center HUB. Nature’s Table will offer discount specials for UCF students. UCF Homecoming football tickets will be available as well as t-shirts, giveaways and cotton-candy.

October 29: Decision Day

campus news

September 29, 2010, Knightro and the UCF cheerleaders visited Partnership Center Hub. Over one thousand UCF and Seminole State students received free tickets to October 6 ESPN football game. Football clips and spirit videos were shown on the TV during this event. Knightro walked around campus taking pictures with students while the UCF cheerleaders handed out tickets.

student activities

• The ACEI Leesburg chapter hosted a Junior/Senior picnic September 8 at the Leesburg campus. The Seniors welcomed the incoming Juniors to the UCF College of Education, Western Region.

• Fairwinds Credit Union will facilitate a Budget Seminar for students on October 12 at the South Lake campus and will offer additional money management seminars over the next few months.

• The WR’s annual Black and Gold Knight will be held at the Olive Garden on October 21. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend. There will be lots of free food, fun and games.

• The WR hosted a FTCE workshop on September 29 at the Ocala campus for our Elementary Education majors and anyone who wished to better prepare for the exam. Special thanks to LaKiecher Murphy for coordinating this important workshop.

professional development/faculty & staff

• Faculty Workshop - Eric Main of the UCF Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, and Patti MacKown, Student Rights and Responsibility office, co-facilitated a joint faculty workshop on ”Academic Integrity and Turnitin for UCF and LSCC South Lake faculty on September 29th. The workshop addressed concerns re: student dishonesty and strategies for maintaining academic integrity in the learning environment.

• Bill Kuminka, instructor and coordinator of the Sport & Fitness program at the South Lake campus, attended the USA Triathlon Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on October 1-2, including the two-day Race Directors Certification Clinic.

• Beth Larson and Scott Larson, two of our advisors, along with co-presenters Carolyn Scott of Lake Sumter Community College and Pamela Williams Gruen (UCF Sanford/Lake Mary Campus) presented at 2010 NACADA conference held October 3-5 in Orlando. The Larson’s workshop was entitled: Partnerships in Advising: A Regional Advising Model Addressing the Concerns of College Access in the 21st Century. In addition to Scott and Beth, advisors LaKiecher Murphy and Robin Tinsley attended, as well as Tanya Armstrong, Associate Director for the Western Region.

partnership with LSCC

The Cooper Memorial Library will compete for an opportunity to be highlighted in the Library Journal’s Architectural Issue in December. Cooper Memorial opened in August, just in time for the start of Fall classes 2010. The two-story 50,000 square-foot library features a collection of over 75,000 items, 125 station computer lab, special Genealogy Collections, and study rooms. In addition, the library houses a joint use bookstore and café. UCF South Lake has a full-time librarian at the library to serve its students and faculty.

events

UCF Provost Dr. Tony Waldrop visited UCF Leesburg and South Lake campuses on October 1. Dr. Waldrop first met with the LSCC President Chuck Mojock at the Leesburg campus, before traveling to South Lake to meet with representatives of their faculty, staff and students.

new faculty & staff

Jeff Biddle is an instructor with the Sports & Fitness program. Jeff has been an adjunct instructor with the program for the past seven years. Gary Nichols was appointed Instructor, Business Management, to support our BABA program. Mr. Nichols has taught in the region for three years prior to his appointment as a resident faculty member and brings experience from the business world and leadership in the community.

kudos!

Office Manager Cindy Kirk has been at the UCF Ocala campus for four years. Cindy, whose office is located in the University Center on the College of Central Florida campus, is the face of UCF at the campus. She makes a positive and lasting impression on anyone who walks through the doors of the office, always willing to help and go the extra mile to assist a student or faculty. The only full-time staff member at the campus, she manages the office as well as serving on the Higher Education Council and the Educational Training Council. She is well-respected and appreciated by her UCF family for the outstanding service and support that she provides.
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Successful Research Team

Dr. Karen Mottarella is a licensed clinical psychologist who joined UCF’s faculty in 1998. Her research areas include the psychology of women and the scholarship of teaching and learning. As the founding psychology faculty member at UCF Palm Bay in 2001, she recalls, “We held office hours in the library while our building was being built!” Dr. Mottarella’s commitment to excellence has been recognized multiple times by the university: University Faculty Award for Excellence in Academic Advising in 2002, Teaching Incentive Award (TIA) for excellence in undergraduate teaching in 2006, and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award (SoTL) in 2007.

Dr. Shannon Whitten received her Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology at the University of Memphis in 2003. Her research interests are in Psychology of Language: specifically, how language use in various media affects cognitive and psychological processing. On the importance of mentoring, she said, “There is nothing more important or rewarding to me than helping the next generation of students achieve their goals. Through undergraduate mentoring we not only have the opportunity to train students in research and scholarship; we also are able to facilitate confidence, critical thinking, and social awareness . . .”

According to Department Chair Dr. Bob Dipboye, “Dr. Whitten and Mottarella have done an amazing job in developing the undergraduate program as seen by their initiation of a chapter of the Psychology honor society (Psi Chi) at UCF Palm Bay and the many students they have involved in conference papers and presentations. Dr. Mottarella also serves as the faculty coordinator for the forensics certificate which Psychology offers, in conjunction with several other departments.”

Dr. Alvin Wang, head of the honors program notes, “Drs. Karen Mottarella and Shannon Whitten are committed to offering their students the best possible undergraduate experience. Their dedication is not only evident in the classroom, but also in their labs where students are actively engaged in the pursuit of new psychological knowledge . . .”

Alumnus Ashley Harper said, “This research program had a huge impact on me. . . After my first semester at UCF, I was selected to join the research team. With HIM, I was able to start working on my undergraduate thesis and was guided through the whole research process. I won First Place at the Showcase of Undergraduate Research. My presentation was also accepted for a special Interactive Poster Session at the Southeastern Psychological Association conference. We are currently working together to publish the results of my study.”

The quality of the mentoring given in this research program is evident based on the number of awards and juried presentations or publications. Palm Bay students have won and placed in the university-wide Showcase of Undergraduate Research (SURE) award program in 2008, 2009, and 2010. Further, honors students have presented their honor’s related research at the Southeastern Psychological Association Conference, Annual Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) Conference, and the Statewide Faculty Symposium on Undergraduate Research, and were published in CyberPsychology & Behaviour.

UCF Cocoa & UCF Palm Bay
campus news

Southern Region faculty members will participate in four Course Innovation Project workshops to innovate or refine teaching techniques and learning activities, including Susan Craig, Tino Dilberardo, James Katt, Barbara Kinsey, Barbara Kyle, Virginia Ludwig, Daniel Marien, Irina Mclaughlin, Florin Mihai, Jane Moody, Leandra Preston, Deborah Rhyne, and Jerry Sublette.

Shloe Kerness, College of Education Instructor/Internship Coordinator on the Cocoa Campus, will be hosting professional development series for pre-service teachers called HAPPy Hour for Education majors. For more information and schedules, please visit the HAPPy Hour website www.education.ucf.edu/happyhour or email Shloe at skerness@mail.ucf.edu.

The University Writing Center has added Adobe Connect Video to its KnightOWL distance consultation modes. From any computer with internet access, writers can see and chat with the consultant in real time, make session notes on the paper in screen share, and have instant access to UWC handouts and other resources. Go to http:// uwc.ucf.edu/knightowl.php for more information or email UWC Regional Coordinator Barb Kyle at bkyle@ mail.ucf.edu.

Lynn Mitchell, Program Assistant in the Cocoa Advising office, retired September 30, 2010, after over 10 years of service to UCF.
FEATURED PROGRAM
Masters of Social Work at UCF Osceola