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Knights Helping Knights Pantry Comes to UCF Cocoa

The Knights Helping Knights Food Pantry – Cocoa campus is opening soon! The UCF Cocoa Student Services & Advising office has established a pantry. Special thanks to Darlyne Egan, Paula Cepero and Basheka Grant for all of their efforts in making this pantry a success. The Knights Pantry relies on the support of students, faculty, and staff. Donations of food, toiletries, or clothing (business professional or casual) can be dropped off at the UCF Cocoa Student Services and Advising Office, suite 203. The Knights Helping Knights Pantry is committed to serving UCF students by providing basic needs including food, clothing and personal hygiene items to foster continued academic success and increase retention for students in need. To utilize the pantry, please contact Sonya Curtis at 321.433.7905 or Sonya.Curtis@ucf.edu. Students will need to provide a valid UCF student ID.

Opening in October 2015

**Most Needed Items**

**Food**
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruits
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Rice
- Hamburger & Tuna Helper
- Pancake Mix
- Cereal & Cereal Bars
- Canned Beans
- Soup
- Oatmeal

**Toiletries**
- Soap or Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Body Lotion
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Mouthwash & Floss
- Toilet Paper
- Razors & Shaving Cream
- Laundry Detergent
- Hand sanitizer
- Feminine Hygiene Products

**Other**
- School Supplies
- Professional Clothing & Shoes
- Casual Clothing & Shoes

Two Weekday Football Games during Fall Semester

There are two weekday football games during the fall semester where the University, including regional campus locations, will be closing early. All Cocoa & Palm Bay faculty, staff and students must be out of the building at the closing time. Please plan accordingly.

Thursday, September 3
Closing at 12:00 pm

Thursday, November 19
Closing at 3:00 pm
Faculty Achievements

Dr. Robert Cassanello, won the Hampton Dunn Internet Award, for his podcast series “A History of Central Florida Podcast” given each year by the Florida Historical Society for best new media project that promotes Florida history.

Dr. Lauren Miller attended the SACSCOC Summer Institute in July and is working to compile all Regional Campuses information needed for the UCF SACS review next spring.

The Brevard Business News interviewed Cocoa & Palm Bay Director, Dr. Lauren Miller, and Advisor Sheryl Schagen, about UCF’s new Integrated Business program. The major will train students for work in small-to-medium sized firms which make up the majority of business in the nation.

The front page article was published in the August 17 edition and can be read at: http://www.brevardbusinessnews.com/ArchiveDocs/2015/2015-08-01/BBN-081715.pdf

Staff Achievements

Gerry Deveau attended the Leadercast Conference held at EFSC, recertified through the American Red Cross in CPR and First Aid, and completed UCF Budgeting Tools training for UCF’s new Standard Budget Ledger.

Angel Edgecombe, Angelia Jones and Raphael Robinson had their proposal accepted, Re-imagining, Re-organizing, and Re-inventing the Transfer Orientation Experience, and will present at the NACADA Annual Conference in Las Vegas.

Dr. Lauren Miller continued participation as a member of the UCF PROGRESS Steering Committee, and a member of the UCF Title IX workgroup. She also served as search committee chair for the Director, Regional Campuses Student and Advising Services position and attended the 2015 RBCA and FABCA meetings in June.

There is a fun new organizational chart up on the Cocoa campus on the first floor next to the Administrative suite. It is modeled after a fish tank. Each department is a different type of aquatic creature: Administration is starfish, Business Services is betta fish, Enrollment Services is clown fish, Student Services Academic Advising is angelfish, College Support Staff are goldfish, and Computer Services is crabs. The board also includes Knightro, and a Citronaut.

Faculty Publications


Mihai, Florin. “Teaching English to Blind and Visually Impaired (BVI) Students: North-American Educators’ Perspectives” to teachers and administrators at the Grot School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in St. Petersburg, Russia. The presentation was part of “Getting Closer: A Cross-Cultural US-Russian Project Focusing on Teaching Foreign Languages to US Students and Blind/Visually Impaired Students in Russia”, a US Department of State grant for the US-Russia Dialogue Program.


Park, Shelley. “Polyamory is to Polygamy as Queer is to Barbaric?” Queer Kinship and Relationship Conference. Zalesie Mazury, Poland. June 2015.

Faculty Presentations
Partnerships & Community Involvement

Southern Region Administration

- continued collaboration with EFSC through attendance at the following:
  - EFSC Provost/Executive Council Meetings
  - EFSC BOT meetings
  - Meetings with EFSC Provosts
  - Participated in a Cocoa networking meeting with EFSC.

- Continued community involvement through attendance at:
  - The 13th Annual Economic Development Update Breakfast for the City of Cocoa
  - EDC meetings:
    - Investor Update
    - Quarterly Board of Director
    - Quarterly Community Marketing Council
  - United Way Community Impact Funding Panel
  - Meetings of the Brevard CareerSource, Business Workforce Committee

Space Coast UCF Alumni chapter hosted Starry Knights V where the chapter awarded scholarships to seven students who live in Brevard. Sarah Sacra, who completed her Bachelor’s in Psychology at the Cocoa campus and was a student assistant in the Cocoa Enrollment Services office, won a Debbie K Phillis scholarship to help fund the continuation of her Masters in Applied Sociology on the Orlando campus. Sarah is a previous recipient of the Debbie K Phillis scholarship. **Dr. Lauren Miller** and **Jessica Houts** attended the event which the Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses helps sponsor.

**Sheryl Schagen** represented the UCF Cocoa & Palm Bay Campuses at the 17th Annual Exemplary Science Teacher Awards hosted by the Space Coast Science Education Alliance (SCSEA) at the Eastern Florida State College Planetarium & Observatory. Also in attendance were the members of SCSEA, including Dr. Mary Romjue, retired Cocoa Elementary Education Associate Professor.

The Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses hosted a school supply drive in July for Brevard County Public School’s Supply Zone for Teachers backpack program. The program provides a full stocked new backpack for Brevard County students who qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program.

Computer Services

Most of our computers have a software application called Microsoft Intune. This is a program that keeps our computers up to date with Adobe Flash and Windows Updates. You can get to Microsoft Intune by clicking the up arrow on the bottom right corner of your task bar. You can place the Intune icon on your bottom task bar by choosing “Show Icon and Notifications.” Once it is on your task bar you can open it and run virus scans and check the status of your updates. If you see a yellow exclamation on the icon it means there is an update that needs to run and may need to reboot your computer. If you ignore these updates too long it will install them anyway at the most inopportune time and reboot your computer. Most install at night, but critical updates will install throughout the day. We are learning more about the capabilities of Intune, so please be patient with the process.
College of Nursing

The UCF College of Nursing has formed a new strategic hospital partnership with Health First, Brevard County’s largest private employer, to offer an on-site Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) degree program. More information about the program is available at: http://today.ucf.edu/hospital-partnership-formed-with-health-first-to-offer-on-site-rn-to-bsn-degree/

The Cocoa campus would like to welcome three new Nursing faculty members, Nancy Duckworth and Carol Burgunder, and Dr. Francis Iacobellis. Dr. Iacobellis is in the new joint position with Health First. Dr. Jacqueline LaManna has transferred to the College of Nursing in Orlando, and Dr. Krisann Draves has entered private practice as an NP.

The Student Nurses Association at UCF Cocoa served homeless veterans through volunteering at the VA Stand Down in April, and completing a sock drive for homeless veterans in May, bringing in 193 pairs of socks. In May and July, SNA held fundraiser carwashes to support their NCLEX preparation efforts. SNA sponsored a Red Cross blood drive at EFSC campus in June which brought in 27 pints of blood. In July, SNA in combination with four other nursing schools participated in a beach cleanup at Pelican Beach, Satellite Beach, FL. Planned upcoming events include a Back-to-School blood pressure screening on, Habitat for Humanity work. The seniors graduated August 8 and plan to challenge the NCLEX examination in September for their RN licenses. New SNA leadership takes over under the guidance of Joshua Page as of August 8, and SNA has a lot to look forward to in the 2015-2016 school year!
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Departments

Direct Connect

Kim Poppert held a Direct Connect Information Session with Tracy Glidden of EFSC on both the Palm Bay and Cocoa campuses. She also attended EFSC Open Houses on all four EFSC campuses.

Kim Poppert and Sonya Curtis conducted two Direct Connect presentations at the Brevard County Schools South Area Adult Education Center where they met with 33 students.

Kim Poppert, Sonya Curtis, and Jill Parks attended the College Fair hosted by DRS Technologies.

Kim Poppert and Sonya Curtis, along with ROS staffer Andrea Melgar, attended the Titans to Knights event at the EFSC Palm Bay campus.

Sonya Curtis attended EFSC Palm Bay New Student Orientation.

Enrollment Services

UCF Cocoa/Palm Bay staff have completed 12 face-to-face class visits at EFSC and 2 virtual class visits. The office also had 1,779 student contacts.

Enrollment Services hosted a meet and greet for students in the Cocoa High School Omega program. Students and Omega Program Coordinator, Marilyn Borges, had the opportunity to meet with staff from the offices of UCF Admissions, Financial Aid and Direct Connect, EFSC Admissions, UCF Cocoa Advising and Student Services, Regional Outreach Services. Following the meet and greet, students had the chance to visit a live EDF classroom session “Analysis and Application of Ethical, Legal, and Safety Issues in Schools” lead by UCF instructor Dr. Shloe Kerness.

Nick Pantloni and Jessica Houts attended the 7th Annual Florida Higher Education Summit & Florida Association of Collegiate Registrars and Enrollment Services.

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Admissions Officers (FACRAO) annual conference.

Nick Pantloni attended the UCF Online Student Services-customer service training workshop which focused on, the ability to attract, satisfy, and retain customers while providing exceptional experiences for customers to create highly satisfied and loyal customers.

Autumn Adams, Jessica Houts, Marylou Wade and Nick Pantloni attended the annual RCES Retreat. Staff convened at iFly in Orlando for Team Building activities and later attended a presentation on customer service.

Academic Advising

Angel Edgecombe, Patricia Terrill and Sheryl Schagen attended the online majors training session on the Orlando campus.

Angel Edgecombe attended FLACADA (Florida Academic Advising Association) Statewide Drive-in Conference: Moving Into Action: Motivate & Innovate hosted by Miami-Dade College Kendall Campus.

New Advising Initiatives:

Armored Knights is an early alert program by which faculty who have matters of concern regarding their students including general academic performance, unexcused absences, missing assignments, drop in grades, etc. can submit an electronic form and receive help with those concerns by way of their advisor.

A new degree audit system called My Knights is set to go live this Fall 2015.
Student Services

The UCF Cocoa Student Services office has been busy over the summer collaborating with several offices in Orlando to bring services to UCF Cocoa/Palm Bay Knights! The office had 13,887 contacts with students.

Flu Shots
Because getting the flu shot is an important part of maintaining a healthy campus, The UCF Cocoa Student Services office is collaborating with the UCF Student Health Services office to bring the vaccine to you. UCF students are encouraged to join us at the traveling flu shot clinic at the Cocoa campus, November 9, 10 am - 2 pm, room 271. To take part, UCF students must present their valid UCF ID.

UCF CARES
UCF CARES has developed a Community Resource Guide for Regional Campuses, it has some helpful information, be sure to check it out: http://cares.sdes.ucf.edu/docs/community-resources-guide.pdf

UCF Cocoa & Palm Bay Resource Guide
The UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay Resource Guide has been updated for 2015-16. It can be found at: http://issuu.com/ucfrcamarket/docs/3363-072015_resource_guide_-_cocoap/15?e=0

Regional Outreach Services
Multiple UCF Cocoa offices served as one of several hosts for participating students from the YMCA Children’s Summer Program. Approximately 20 students ranging from ages 6 to 15 years of age participated in a tour of UCF Cocoa and other activities that were organized by UCF Cocoa ROS (Paige Ellermets).

Out & About

Jill Parks joined the Palm Bay campus this summer as their part-time Office Assistant. Jill graduated from Eastern Florida State College in 2012 with an AS degree in Office Administration. She’s been a Florida resident off and on for nearly 30 years, 20 of them in Brevard County.

Assistant Director of Student Services, Angie Jones, has left the Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses to become the new Director of Student Services for UCF Regional Campuses. Congratulations, Angie! We will miss seeing you every day.

Sonya Curtis and Gerry Deveau have transitioned into new temporary roles. Sonya has moved to the Cocoa campus and has taken over responsibilities in the Student Services area, and Gerry has taken over day-to-day operations at the Palm Bay campus. They are both very excited about these new opportunities.

Happy Birthday to Gerry Deveau, Business Services, who turned 60 in July.

Megan and the rest of the Haught family send a warm thank you to the UCF Cocoa & Palm Bay family for all the support and kindness shown during her father’s short illness and passing. You helped make a tough time easier to bear.

Special note: Thanks to Megan Haught for her work in completing this newsletter.