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UCF COCOA & PALM BAY Knight News

The New UCF Speech Team

FALL 2011

Based at Brevard Campuses
By Jerry Sublette, Instructor & Interim Speech Team Coach

The Spark

In late December, 2011, a new Brevard Community College graduate, **Stephen Sherbin**, transitioned to UCF as a new student. But he had some unfinished business. He graduated during the middle of the intercollegiate forensics season, and transferred to a university that had no speech/forensics team with which he could continue his championship-level competition. So he approached **Dr. Bob Chandler**, Director of the Nicholson School of Communication, to persuade him to start a forensics program.

The Ignition

This is the same Dr. Bob Chandler that last year incubated another co-curricular activity, the UCF Debate Team. The Debate Team presently has active second-year varsity debaters who are competitive at the highest levels of the college debate circuit. Stephen persuaded Dr. Chandler to continue that initiative. Dr. Chandler explained to me that he sees this as an expansion of public speaking opportunities for students of all majors who want to improve their public communication skills.

Dr. Chandler then asked me to act as interim-coach in helping him incubate a new team, the Speech Team. I agreed and I'm having a great time helping out. Of course, it has also meant that I have had to simultaneously prepare a team for competition in tournaments while recruiting that team. At the present time, we are recruiting and meeting on three campuses: Orlando, Cocoa, and Palm Bay. So far around 10 students have shown a serious commitment to the organization.

Here We Go

Our first tournament activity will be during January 27-28 at the University of West Florida's "Mark's Tournament" in Pensacola. **Stephen Sherbin** will be competing in Poetry Interpretation and in Impromptu Speaking. Our other entry, **Xzondra Bergman**, who has high school experience, will be entering Persuasive Speaking. Both are excited to be "back on the circuit."

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Do you have anything to contribute to the Knight News?

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Welcome Back Events



In September, the Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses welcomed their faculty and staff members to a new academic year with light refreshments, an overview of the previous fiscal year and additions for the new year. The campuses have gained 3 new faculty members and 6 new staff members. Last year, we provided 20% of regional student credit hours and in 2009/2010 had 51% of the regional graduates. Ninety-two percent of our staff participated in one or more diversity training events. In addition, there are several honors earned by our region's faculty: *Sociological Spectrum*, a sociological journal edited by **Dr. John Lynxwiler**, is now hosted in Cocoa; **Krisann Draves** won recognition from the Florida Nurses Association; and, **Charles Viggiano** earned a Teaching Incentive Program award.

Direct Connect to UCF Coordinators, **Catherine Cash** and **Shakira Guice**, participated in Brevard Community Colleges Fall Welcome Back Events held within the BCC Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay campuses the week of August 22nd. **Sonya Curtis**, **Cara Dixon**, **Patsy Dyson**, **John King** of the Palm Bay and Melbourne Campuses, and **Mike Pezo** of RC SOS also joined the festivities.

Collegiate Day was hosted on the Cocoa Campus on August 23rd, which provides local high school dual enrollment students information on the UCF admissions process and helps to ease the future transition from high school to the university. Direct Connect coordinator, **Catherine Cash**, set up a table and met with a number of students interested in learning about the majors UCF offered. Overall, the event was a huge success and had 71 students in attendance not including parents and school counselors that also attended.

During the second week of classes, Southern Region Student Outreach Services (formerly known as Student Government Association) celebrated the beginning of the new school year with an Ice Cream Social, Resource Breakfast, Game Day, and Get to Know Your SOS Team Day on both the Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses. Over 200 students total were in attendance for the week.



Put Down UR Cell Phone

Wendy Perez and **Dr. Deborah Rhyne** helped organize a distracted driving event on the Cocoa campus called "Put Down UR Cell Phone." The event was held in the front parking lot and featured driving simulators and free snacks. Students, faculty, and staff got to test their driving abilities in a fun and safe fashion while learning about the dangers of distracted driving. Assisting with the event were: Sgt. Mike Green, Deputy Mike Charest, Deputy Bob Wagner, and Lori Chabot from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office; Scott Tanner, Eric Totten, Tim Forkenbrock, and Ronald W. Tarr from



the UCF Institute for Simulation and Training, **RAPTER Lab**; **Kathlyn G. Rubin** from Brevard Community College Police Academy, Brevard Police Testing Center; **Joe Steward** from Florida Department of Transportation; and, **Officer Debra Titkanich**, Police Athletic League and her team from the Cocoa Police Department.

Faculty & Staff Achievements

Not Everyone Can Bring Dessert, the potluck cookbook for the Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses was completed and sent out to regional faculty and staff members. The cookbook contains faculty and staff recipes for the holiday potluck luncheons that occur on campus. If you would like a PDF copy, email Megan.Haught@ucf.edu.

Al Davis (see photo), **Sheryl Schagen**, and **John King** were presented with their 10 year service awards in August. **Todd Jennings** earned his 5 year service award.



Krisann Draves received the Heather Scaglione Award, recognizing an FNA member's significant and outstanding contribution to support the work of the Florida Nursing Students' Association, and nursing students.

Megan Haught took part in the 15th annual Komen Race for the Cure held on the Orlando campus to support breast cancer research.

Dr. Jim Katt will present the results of a co-authored study with Dr. Jason Teven of California State/Fullerton at the annual convention of the National Communication Association in November. The study, to be presented to Instructional Development Division, is entitled "Personality and its Association with Students' Prosocial/Antisocial Communication Orientations."

WE HAVE A GRADUATE!!! Congratulations to **Felipe Mendez** for completing his Associate in Arts at Brevard Community College. Felipe has currently is

working towards completing his Bachelor of Science degree in psychology at UCF.

Florin Mihai co-presented "Teaching and assessing English learners: Distinguishing between communication differences and communication disorders" at the Florida Association of Teacher Educators Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida. He also received a Research Incentive Award (RIA) and Teaching Incentive Program (TIP).

Drs. Shannon Whitten and **Karen Mottarella** presented their research "An Exploration of Undergraduate Students' Understanding of What Constitutes Plagiarism" at the Florida Statewide Symposium: Engagement in Undergraduate Research.

Nick Pantlioni ran in Run for Pizza benefitting Brevard County High School Football and attended the NASFAA Webinar – NASFAA Federal Update: Where Financial Aid Stands. He also participated in Pumpkins in the Park run, attended Helen Greenspun's "The Holocaust: A Survivor's Story" for Diversity Week, Panera for Peace – "Semper Fi: One Marines Journey" and International Breakfast: Opening up a Dialogue – Fight Violence, Mariane Pearl.

Diana Soltys attended the Diversity Training session "Power and Privilege: Membership Has Its Benefits" hosted by Michael Freeman. She has also joined the Scholarship Committee for the USPS Staff Council.

Kristina Watkins completed a Financial Aid verification webinar and a Financial Aid professional judgment webinar.

Saying a Fond Farewell to Mary Kalen Romjue

After 48 years of distinguished service to education and the science community, including the last 18 at the University of Central Florida, **Dr. Mary Kalen Romjue** has retired from full-time teaching. A reception was held in her honor on Friday, November 4, at the Astronaut Memorial Planetarium and Observatory in Cocoa.



Community Involvement

Dr. Lauren Miller attended the EDC Board of Directors and Investor Update meetings for Dr. Young.

As part of her community activities on behalf of UCF, **Dr. Denise Young**, Southern Region Associate Vice President, has participated in many events. Over the course of the Fall 2011 term, she attended the following:

- “Gender Differences in Communication” Diversity Workshop on the Cocoa campus
- Hands-on Florida Assessment Workshop at the UCF main campus
- The Founders Forum Entrepreneur of the Year
- Continued her collaboration with BCC through the following:
 - BCC Student Services Council, Executive Council, Board of Trustee, and bi-weekly Provost meetings
 - BCC Fall 2011 Welcome Back at the King Center on the BCC Melbourne Campus
 - Serving with BCC faculty and staff on a SACS-QEP Sub Committee
 - Met with Cathy Cady, Director of Student Recruitment & Support Services, regarding BCC’s Career Center
 - Met with Marika Koch, Education Instructor, regarding Education curriculum alignment between BCC and UCF
 - Met with Richard Laird, COO Financial and Technical Services, regarding Fulbright grant collaboration between BCC and UCF
 - Included BCC Provosts and other staff members at a webinar session, “Comprehensive Internationalization: Inspiring Campuswide Action,” held at UCF Cocoa
 - Arranging and attending meetings between BCC and UCF Education Faculty
 - Coordination of and attendance at a BCC/UCF Direct Connect Meeting
 - Participating in BCC’s QEP Committee
 - Joint viewing, of the NAFSA Webinar, MyCap: Cultural Reflections in Teacher Education
 - Joint viewing, of the NAFSA Webinar, What Employers Want, with BCC Attendees: Mary Garrett, Marjorie Rivera, Dorothy McCalla; and UCF attendee Jim Smith
- Continued her involvement with the EDC, through attendance at EDC Annual Meeting.
- Continued to be involved with the Brevard Workforce Development Board, attending Board of Directors meetings as well as Business Workforce Committee Meetings, the Grand Opening of their Rockledge Career

Center and the quarterly ACDC meeting

- Continued her involvement with the United Way through attendance at the Hunger Summit held at BCC on October 13th.
- Hosted a Faculty Coffee at the Cocoa Campus on October 13th for all Cocoa and Palm Bay Faculty.
- Community Leaders Luncheon at FIT hosted by FIT President Anthony James Catanese.
- Harris Corporation 2011 Shareholders Meeting
- Attended the Mary Romjue’s Retirement Party hosted by members of the Cocoa/Palm Bay College of Education
- Attended the Nile Foundation Annual Dialogue Dinner
- Attended a Brown Bag seminar “Health Reform versus Climate Protection? Why President Obama Underplayed Energy Policy at the start of his Administration” presented by Daniel Marien
- Attended President Hitt’s Focus on Excellence Breakfast, The Power of Partnerships: PBS and Our Community” with keynote speaker: Judy Woodruff, Senior Correspondent, PBS NewsHour at the Ballroom at Church Street
- Attended the International Week Breakfast at the Student Union where Mariane Pearl spoke about “Fighting Violence: Open Up a Dialogue”
- Continues involvement with the Space Coast Civ Mil group through attendance at the November meeting hosted by the aerospace members.
- Participated in the induction ceremony for the new Palm Bay members of PSI CHI.
- Represented UCF Regional Campuses at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the SACSCOC as a co-presenter of the paper “Spirit of SACS Past, Present, and Future: Role of the Accreditation Liaison” and a co-presenter of a poster session “Blurring Institutional Lines to Benefit Students”
- Served as a panelist at Lead Brevard’s Leadership Brevard education session
- TechExpo awards banquet and arranged the UCF booth at the expo
- Was a speaker with Provost Slaughter on the “Power of Partnership” at Nile Foundation on December 1st



From Dr. Mary Kalen Romjue
University of Central Florida 1993-2011

It was late August 1993 when my old friend Dr. Judy Johnson and I went in to the first COE Faculty Meeting over on the Orlando Campus. Everyone seemed friendly, happy to see old friends and colleagues and I was wishing I had stayed home in Nebraska where there were lots of friends and my only family. Right away Dr. Jack Armstrong and Dr. Robert Everett came up to me and started talking about a new program (run by Dr. Mike Hynes) that Martin-Marietta (which became Lockheed) had funded and about the classes those grad students would take. It was then that Jack said to me, "oh yes Mary, you'll be teaching the Space Science for Educators class that is part of the Cohort we are talking about." My mouth must have dropped because I remember saying I thought I was to teach Elementary Education Science Methods classes in Cocoa where I had been assigned.

I soon learned that it was always a pleasure on the days I worked in Cocoa. The faculty and staff there always had a smile and genuinely were interested in what everyone was doing and often volunteered to help each other. Dr. Karri Williams had a warm, gentle way of working with everyone and she seemed to bring folks together. I would look forward to seeing everyone and it started to feel like I had a home again. Christine never seemed to get tired of my never ending questions and she always put me at ease. Even though I would find friendly people at Orlando, Daytona, Palm Bay, etc. they never seemed close like they did in Cocoa.

It did not take long to feel the differences in students too. Students in Cocoa were a mix of people fresh out of high school to those who had raised a family and were now going back to college to fulfill their dreams of becoming teachers. When you would set a goal, say two feet high, they would jump three feet high. They knew why they were in college and they intended to get everything they could possibly get out of it. What a joy it became to work with each one of them.

I looked around us and saw a wealth of opportunity waiting to be tapped. I had always loved to teach, but in Western Kansas and even at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln I had never seen so many fantastic resources for my students. Right away I asked Dr. Pat Manning, she had taught the Science Methods years before, how to get into touch with some of the people who headed these organizations. She was very helpful and took me to meet Leslie Neihouse at U.S. Space Camp. It was through Leslie and with the permission of the Chair Dr. Jack Armstrong, that we started a partnership to take all of the Elementary Education Juniors to Space Camp. They took the first week in January and went through training at Space Camp. Then each of them would take a week from their normal internship and work at Space Camp meeting students from around the world in this nontraditional science education environment. Later we included the Exceptional Education Juniors because they wanted to have the experience too.

After Space Camp closed, I saw other opportunities too. We have an outstanding zoo, Brevard Zoo, in our county and it included a "Zoo School". I contacted one of my former UCF Grad students, Mr. Chris De Lorey, who headed up the education at the Zoo, and we worked together with others like Janelle, Dawn, etc. to form a partnership there. Not only could students in my classes volunteer to work at the Zoo School but also they had groups working in the Indian River Lagoon, kayaking in the waterways and even more. Here was another excellent way to get nontraditional science education to my students.

Probably the one thing that I was so thrilled about finding in our county was the close proximity of NASA Education at Kennedy Space Center. Every student in every one of my classes, no matter what campus, spent a full day at the Space Center. We had workshops in the morning and behind the scenes tours in the afternoons. What a treat to be so close to our own space program!

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The other major contributors to our nontraditional science experiences were right in our own back yard. The Florida Solar Energy Center, with Susan Schleith, another former UCF Grad student of mine, helped us with tours and workshops for many years. Then right across the pond from our own building we began taking advantage of the great programs offered at our own BCC Planetarium. Suzanne Leslie made special arrangements for us so we could visit and experience the same types of programs that our students could provide for their own students someday.

It is no wonder that I have loved the years here at UCF Brevard. All of the above led to fantastic opportunities with the U. S. Department of Education's Division of Overseas Schools. I coordinated an Aerospace Institute for them at KSC. It was funded by a grant that was handled by the Brevard Schools Foundation. The first two years by Sara Stern, ten of those years by Lynn Clifton and one year with the Florida Space Grant Consortium under Dr. Jaydeep Mukherjee.

As a result of these connections I was invited to present both Aerospace workshops and Environmental Education workshops around the world. One time Sara accompanied me to Madrid, Spain. On three occasions Lynn accompanied me too. We were in Rome, Italy, Florence, Italy, and Kathmandu, Nepal. Those trips also took me to The Hague in The Netherlands, to Accra, Ghana, Nairobi, Kenya, Lusaka Zambia, Dakar, Senegal, and Paris, France.

How could anyone ever be so fortunate as to have had such a great teaching experience? I do not know, but "what a ride"!

Mary Kalen

Sue's Tech Tip

Several of you have asked how to have more than one instance of Excel open at the same time on your screen. There are 2 different ways to do this:

Right click on the Excel Icon pinned to the taskbar and LEFT CLICK on Microsoft Excel 2010

Or

Press the Shift + Left click on your Excel Icon pinned to the taskbar will open another instance of Excel.

If you don't have your Excel Icon on your taskbar:

Go to Start, All Programs, Microsoft Office, Right Click on the Excel icon, select Pin to Taskbar.

College of Education

During September and October, **Sheryl Schagen** visited BCC education classes at the Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay campuses to discuss program requirements and to ensure that students transferring to UCF are well-prepared. As a special treat, **Nancy Brasel** also attended and talked about Early Childhood Development and Education alumni who are now contributing their expertise, creativity and enthusiasm to our community and schools. The result? A very insightful and exciting look into the future for students who want to make a difference!

Several members of Student Council for Exceptional Children 1050 (chapter on the Cocoa campus advised by **Dr. Dan Ezell**) attended the Council for Exceptional

Children Convention being held in October. Members of SCEC are also participating in an anti-bullying program in some Cocoa area elementary schools.

Thirty Palm Bay Early Childhood Development and Education students attended the National Association for the Education of Young Children's 2011 International Conference, November 2nd- 5th. The [NAEYC Annual Conference & Expo](#) is the largest early childhood education conference in the world, where tens of thousands of educators choose from hundreds of presentations and exhibits. Fifteen of our students were selected as conference volunteers in exchange for free registration for the conference.

College of Nursing

In the month of June 2011, the junior and senior class from SNA Cocoa collected over a \$400 value in donated supplies to the South Brevard Women's Shelter Center. The Women's Center advocates for the health of all women and seeks to support women in need. We received many friendly donations from the community such as clothing, food, toiletries, and children's supplies. The Parrish Fitness Center also helped collect supplies for the Women's Center. The Women's Center was very grateful and was very surprised with the amount of items we brought, it filled up 2 cars, and the remaining items that did not fit were donated to Titusville's Sharing Center. It was truly a group effort!

In the month of July 2011, the junior class from SNA Cocoa collected \$100 of school supplies for the Brevard Schools Foundation. The Brevard Schools Foundation collects donated school supplies from around the community to help families who are unable to afford basic school supply for their daughter/son.

Student Nursing Association Cocoa participated in the Back-to-School event for Coquina Elementary and Riverview Elementary in Titusville on July 30. The back to school event gives students and their families a chance to receive lightly used shoes, clothing, and newly donated school supplies. The members of SNA Cocoa provided free clinical services such as blood pressure screenings, scoliosis



screenings, vision screenings and dental and personal hygiene education to around 100 families.

SNA Cocoa held a car wash fundraiser for graduation expenses. They raised \$170 total between pre-sale tickets and during the car wash. 10% of the money raised from this event will go towards Bright Star.



SNA Cocoa volunteered at the Special Olympics Florida 2011 State Aquatics Championship. The event was attended by 350 Special Olympians from all over the state of Florida.

SNA Cocoa raised money for the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk. **Cece Dinh** (SNA president) put together several pink ribbons for the fundraiser. Several members of SNA went out to sell them in the community. Cocoa SNA raised over \$120 for the Breast Cancer Society with our sales.

SNA Cocoa participated in Step up for Down Syndrome, a one-mile advocacy walk. While doing the walk they helped with concessions as well as Buddy Walks with those who have Down's syndrome and acted as advocates for Families Exploring Down Syndrome of Brevard, Inc.

College of Health and Public Affairs

Court Watch Brevard, founded by UCF Cocoa student, **Nancy St. George**, in 2009, has helped UCF and BCC students gain insight into how the court system deals with domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse while they earn community service credits. The program garnered accolades on the UCF Today website. You can view the article at: <http://today.ucf.edu/courts-in-session-for-students/>. For more program information, visit their website (<http://courtwatchbrevard.org/>) or "like" their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Court-Watch-Brevard/218953401478058>).

Brevard County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) Candance Matthews instructs UCF students **Max Coulanges** and **Schneider Marcelin** on how to obtain blood samples from crime scene evidence during **Dr. Rhyne's** Criminal Investigation class on the Cocoa campus.



Enrollment Services

Please welcome **Jessica Houts** as the new Program Assistant for the office of Enrollment Services. Jessica has worked for the Cocoa campus in the College of Education office and the Advising office for the last four years.

Cocoa & Palm Bay staff members completed 62 classroom visits which impacted over 750 students in Brevard County.

Shakira Guice, Nick Pantloni and **Kristina Watkins** attend their first Express Decision Days at BCC Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay. They had a total of 30 students visit and believe that as students learn about Express Decision Days, the numbers will grow.

UCF Cocoa & Palm Bay student ambassadors received training on staffing UCF information tables: **Darius Sloan**, Student Ambassador; **Catherine Cash**, Direct Connect Coordinator; **Shakira Guice**, Direct Connect Coordinator; **Gary Moore**, Student Ambassador; **Nick Pantloni**, Enrollment Services Coordinator; **Kristina Watkins**, Enrollment Services Assistant Coordinator; **Sara Sacra**, Student Ambassador; **Patsy Dyson**, Melbourne Office Assistant; **Ashley Ostoski**, Student Ambassador.



Direct Connect

Welcome **Kim Poppert**, the new Direct Connect Coordinator. Kim is a strong addition to our already fantastic Direct Connect team and will be based in Palm Bay.

Direct Connect to UCF Coordinators, **Catherine Cash** and **Shakira Guice**, participated in Brevard Community College's Fall Welcome Back Events held within the

BCC Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay campuses the week of August 22nd. **Sonya Curtis, Cara Dixon, Patsy Dyson, John King** of the Palm Bay and Melbourne Campuses, and **Mike Pezo** of RC SOS also joined the festivities.



Advising Center

Angel Edgecombe, Angie Jones and **Sheryl Schagen** attended the annual Transfer Advising Workshop, which was held on



September 12. They manned the regional campuses information table and gave out valuable information on Direct Connect and Regional Campus programs. The program included the UCF academic colleges' breakout sessions. In addition to a review of some of the great things happening at UCF, the workshop offered attendees the opportunity to meet and network with our partnering colleges' advisors and staff.

The UCF Cocoa Advising office sponsored the annual Advising Weeks retention activity on October 6th as an

open house in the advising suite. Information such as deadlines, Library, Writing Services were placed in a packet and handed out to every student in attendance.

Lenae Walton, Jessica Houts, and **Ashley Harper** from the Cocoa Advising office attended the UCF College of Graduate Studies annual Grad Fair. All three have earned their Bachelor's degree from UCF.



The Cocoa Advising office is proud to welcome the newest student assistant additions to our office: **Jessica Valdez** and **Katie Hart**. Ms. Valdez is currently a junior majoring in Criminal Justice here at UCF. Ms. Hart is a senior here at UCF majoring in Social Science.

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Some of the other new members are preparing to join Stephen and Xzondra in future tournaments. During the first weekend of February, we plan to attend the University of Florida tournament in Gainesville. In addition to Stephen and Xzondra, we potentially have:

Quinton Dallas is preparing to do Informative Speaking.

Kathy Bellamy, much like Stephen, is going to continue a year of competition that she began at BCC before she transferred to UCF. She will be competing in Poetry Interpretation.

Jennifer Sangalang, a brand new member, is planning to compete in After Dinner Speaking.

Michael Smith, who has some high school dramatic experience, plans to do Dramatic Interpretation.

Robin Lucas and **Shellee Hutchins** also plan to compete in Persuasive Speaking.

Catherine Waldenberger, our newest member, also hopes to compete during this semester.

Member **Rita Fleming** is acting as web designer for a team website on Webcourses@UCF, using the Blackboard platform with which most UCF students are familiar. This website will hopefully act as the communication center for this multi-campus organization. Captain Stephen Sherbin has also set up a Facebook site for networking and recruitment.

As the team grows, these, and other new members will be able to participate in additional events, such as Prose Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Parliamentary Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Communication Analysis.

We also plan to attend the Florida State Championships in late February at UWF. There is even a remote possibility that UCF may be able to host a small tournament of its own before the semester is over. Please wish us luck. This is a great co-curricular activity to establish here at UCF.

UCF Joint Use Library



The Cocoa Campus BCC/UCF Joint-Use Library participated in Florida Library Snapshot Day on November 2nd. Library Snapshot Day is a statewide event which

promotes community awareness for public, private, school media, special, and academic libraries. Libraries were asked to submit statistics, take photographs, and gather comments and narratives that exemplify what happens during a single day at their location. Collectively, the event was designed to provide a snapshot of daily library activity across Florida.

Over 750 people visited the Joint-Use Library during Library

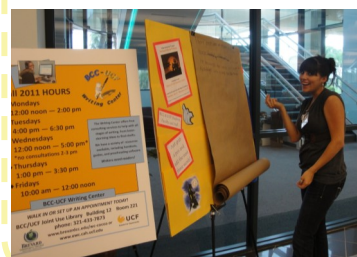
Snapshot Day, making the effort a huge success. The UCF Cocoa Student Services Department and UCF Student Government Association, along with BCC Cocoa campus departments and organizations and local businesses, donated items for drawings which were held to celebrate the event.



Statistics, photos, and student comments were reported to the Florida Library Association for dissemination on the event website. For more information concerning Library Snapshot Day, visit http://www.flalib.org/snapshot_day_nov_2011.php

Writing Center

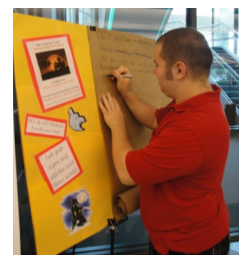
BCC-UCF Writing Center consultant **Marilyn Morgan** is an active book reviewer for *Technical Communication*. Her review of *The Shallows* was published in their May issue, and her review of *Book Promoting 101* is forthcoming.



National Day on Writing at the BCC-UCF Writing Center

The BCC-UCF Writing Center celebrated National Day on Writing with a Three-Word story board.

From October 17 through October 20, over thirty BCC and UCF students, faculty, and staff contributed to a collaborative story that featured an imperiled but ever-hungry speckled bookworm. Passersby as well as participants enjoyed seeing the great ideas that can develop collectively. Like the BCC-UCF Writing Center on Facebook to read the completed story!



Student Services and Student Government

Student Services Welcomes New Director

Dr. Randall Brumfield joined the Student Services Office for UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay on September 16th. Dr. Brumfield returned to Regional Campuses following the last three years serving as Director for the Office of Undergraduate Student Services in the UCF College of Business. All of the staff, faculty and students want to welcome you back to the Regional Campuses.

Busy Fall for Student Services

October and November have been busy for the staff of the Student Services Office as they have hosted several annual as well as new events at both the Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses. In collaboration with UCF Career Services, the Student Services Office hosted two workshops highlighting the U. S. State Department Foreign Service Office career opportunities and test preparation for the Foreign Service Officers Exam.

In recognition of World Sight Day @ UCF on October 13th, the Student Services Office hosted a viewing of the film "Going Blind" at the Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses in conjunction with a screening at the UCF Student Union in Orlando hosted by UCF Student Disability Services.

Diversity Week 2011 included two events at the UCF Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses. On October 17th, a total of 19 students, staff and faculty attended. On October 19th, "The Holocaust: A Survivor's Story" was broadcast via Adobe Connect to both Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses.

Regional Campuses Student Services was invited to participate in Disability Awareness Days hosted by the Office of Students with disAbilities at Brevard Community College. **Randall Brumfield, Jim Smith and Paula Cepero** attended the event at the BCC Cocoa Campus, and **Jim Smith and Paula Cepero** attended on the BCC Melbourne Campus.

Student Services Office hosted Panera For Peace with Barbara Thompson, UCF Office of Diversity Initiatives, at both the UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay campuses. A total of 11 students, staff and faculty viewed the movie "Semper Fi: One Marine's Story." For Veteran Week 2011 "A Week of Honor and Remembrance", the Student Services Office hosted Connecting with Veterans held at the Cocoa Campus

with special guest speaker George Taylor, Founder and President of National Veteran Homeless Support, Inc. A total of 10 students, staff, faculty, veterans and dependents attended.



On November 9th, **Randall Brumfield, Jim Smith and Paula Cepero** attended the 3rd Annual Veteran Services Extravaganza. Besides hosting an information table, Paula Cepero assisted with registration and Jim Smith provided help as master of ceremonies for the event.



Upcoming Events

"The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow" diversity workshop
Monday, February 6, and Tuesday, February 7,
9 am to 1 pm
Building 3, Room 325

Panera for Peace: *The Help*
Thursday, March 15, 9 am to 12 pm
Building 3, Room 325

Call Student Services to reserve your seat for each event.
(321) 433-7950

Orientation Dates

Spring 2012

Cocoa:

9 am to 1 p.m.

Thursday, January 4th

Veteran's Orientation - Cocoa

1 pm to 2 pm

Thursday, January 4th

Wednesday, January 11th

Please contact the Student Services Office
at (321) 433-7950 for more information.

Cocoa Fall Term Birthdays

September: **Teresa Youngman** and **Leslie Williams** were our September birthdays. The party was a great break early in the semester even though we proved none of us are singers.

October: This fall month saw the birthday's of **Dr. Lauren Miller** and **Wendy Pérez**. Our bashful singing was followed by a delicious cake.

November: This month was chockfull of birthdays with **Alex Armstrong**, **Michelle Aybar-Tapia**, **Angie Jones**, **Diana Soltys**, and **Doug Watkins**. We celebrated with a chocolate cake and gingerbread.

December: Congrats go to **Al Davis** for another great year. As our sole December birthday, Al got to choose the cake, a decadent cherry topped cheesecake baked by Darlene Kraft.

You can see pictures of all the birthday people grouped by month on the board by the Administrative Suite, building 3, room 121. Thank you goes to Mary Lou Wade for creating the scrapbook images.

Halloween and Spooky Treats



Savory treats and succulent sweets were the focus of the day at the Cocoa Halloween luncheon. The campus gathered to share much laughter and good times in celebration of this fun event.

A Thankful Breakfast

A bountiful breakfast was laid in celebration of this favorite American holiday.



Winter Holidays Party



As usual, all the food from chicken wings to stuffed grape leaves (dolmades made by our own Dr. Denise Young) to brownies was excellent and the company even better.

And a baby on the way for Dr. Miller

Dr. Lauren Miller and her husband, Mark, are expecting a new little bundle of joy, Hadley, in January. Following our winter holidays party, the Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses threw her a baby shower where many cute gifts were given. Kristina Watkins and Teresa Youngman won the baby shower games.

