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UCF COCOA & PALM BAY Knight News

From the Desk of Dr. Denise Young

SUMMER 2011

DIRECT CONNECT BECOMES MORE VISIBLE



You are familiar with the offices and services that we offer at our joint campuses in Cocoa and Palm Bay, but were you aware that we provide outreach services to the entire BCC system which includes campuses in Melbourne and Titusville as

well? At our joint campuses, in addition to permanent offices in our buildings, we staff information tables in BCC buildings with our Student Ambassadors and we have installed Prep Step bulletin Boards to instruct students about transferring UCF. These tables and bulletin boards help reach BCC students who do not travel to Building #3 to visit UCF offices.

How do we reach the other two campuses? At BCC's largest campus, located in Melbourne, our Cocoa and Palm Bay advisors take turns staffing the permanent advising office to provide on-site advising for drop-ins and by appointment, Monday through Thursday (BCC is closed on Fridays). In addition to daily advising services provided in Melbourne, Patsy Dyson staffs an information table daily. Patsy answers questions from prospective students about program



availability and the services and opportunities offered by UCF in Brevard County. She refers students who wish to receive in-depth information or advice to the professional advisors who are on-site. The information table displays handouts about our programs, requirements, and common program

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New BCC Parking Permits

All UCF faculty, staff and students will be required to get new parking permits at the Cashier's office (Cocoa: bld. 11, 2nd floor; Palm Bay: bld. 1, 1st floor) every year. Permits are free for faculty and staff. For students, permits are \$20 plus tax. Permits must be placed on the driver's side rear window or rear bumper by August 19, 2011.

Do you have anything to contribute to the Knight News?

Please email all submissions to Megan Haught at Megan.Haught@ucf.edu

Direct Connect continued.

prerequisites. Each month Patsy interacts with more than 300 potential UCF students. She also responds to invitations to do BCC classroom visits, and attends BCC orientations and events at BCC and in the local community. Because Patsy is a student with several years of experience working for the UCF Regional Campuses, she has become an invaluable UCF resource for the students and staff of Brevard Community

College. At Titusville, UCF has been given an office for Direct Connect advising, and an information table. We have placed Prep Steps bulletin Boards near the advising areas of these two campuses so that BCC students are able to easily access UCF materials.

Thank you to Patsy, our advisors, and our student ambassadors for their efforts in reaching BCC students with the great news that when they graduate with their AA degrees, they are guaranteed admission to UCF.

Provost's Update: September 8, 2011

During my first year working with you, I constantly have been impressed with your dedication and hard work. I am equally impressed by what our students have achieved in your classrooms, laboratories, and studios as well as in our community thanks to your guidance.

Of the many experiences I had this year, here are a few I would like to share.

I was especially touched by a holiday party I attended for the HUG-ME program, which provides medical care for HIV-infected individuals and their families.

Professor Sharon Douglass and her Health Professions students organized the party, served dinner to the families, and raised more than \$12,000 to buy presents for the children. Best of all were the wide smiles of many children who forgot about HIV for a few hours. My wife, Julee, and I enjoyed spending one evening with biology Professor Emeritus Llew Ehrhart and his students at the UCF Marine Turtle Research Group when they released young sea turtles off Florida's east coast. We also watched turtles laying and burying their eggs prior to their difficult march back to the ocean. I am proud of the contributions our students and faculty members have made for more than 30 years to help understand and protect our irreplaceable sea turtles.

The Center for Emerging Media – our downtown facility housing the Center for Research and Education in Arts, Technology, and Entertainment; the Flying Horse Press; and the Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy – is an outstanding example of how UCF serves the community and helps to develop a professional workforce. Just six years after opening its doors, UCF's Interactive Entertainment Academy was ranked the [#2 video game graduate school in North America](#) by *The Princeton Review*.

I was delighted that our Knights recorded the best football season in school history, and I cheered when we won our first-ever bowl game, [defeating Georgia in the Liberty Bowl](#). The bowl victory was wonderful, but we can also take pride that our team ranked among the nation's top 12 bowl teams for [academic success](#).

I am extremely pleased that the [academic quality](#) of all our students continues to increase. Our fall freshman class posted a UCF-record SAT score of approximately 1249 and an average high school GPA of 3.9. The class also features a UCF-record 74 National Merit Scholars. The academic year ahead holds much promise. I know that our faculty members will continue to win highly competitive grants and conduct research to improve our quality of life.

I know that at schools, clinics, and nonprofit agencies throughout Central Florida our students will empower our youth, serve our senior citizens, and help those who are less fortunate.

And, I know that WUCF TV, the [new home of PBS in Central Florida](#), will add high-quality local programs that showcase our university and our community to hundreds of thousands of viewers.

During the coming year, I will share updates about the state budget, and I will continue to highlight more of the exceptional work you perform every day at UCF. Best wishes for an outstanding year, and thank you for everything that you do on behalf of our students and university.

Sincerely,

Tony G. Waldrop, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President

Faculty & Staff Achievements

Sue Craig's article "A Historical Review of Mother and Child Programs for Incarcerated Women," published in *The Prison Journal*, was the most downloaded article in 2010 in this journal (of all articles published in 2009 and 2010) for SAGE Publishing.

This summer **Ashley Harper** attended DISC Diversity Training on June 20th and Panera for Peace: To Kill a Mockingbird, sponsored by the Office of Dispute Resolution Services and the Office of Diversity Initiatives.

Barbara Sgouraki Kinsey, Department of Political Science, will serve as assistant chair this academic year, fall 2011-spring 2012. She also co-authored paper titled, "The Strategic Incorporation of Immigrants' Representation: The Case of Belgium", presented at The Annual Dr. Han-Jyun Hou Conference, Binghamton University.

Barbara Rau Kyle's review of Johanna Drucker and Emily McVarish's *Graphic Design History* was published in the July 2011 issue of *Rhizomes*, and her presentation, "Participatory Information Production in an Era of Information Overload," has been accepted for the 8th Annual Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy, which will be held in September.

Dr. Lauren Miller attended the Regional and Branch Campus Administrator's Leadership Conference and the Florida Association of Branch Campus Administrator's (FABCA) Annual Meeting in Longboat Key, FL in June. She was elected Treasurer of FABCA and will continue to serve in a planning capacity for the annual meeting each year.

Dr. Lauren Miller served as the Chair of the Search Committee for the Director of Student Services position. **Angel Edgecombe, Nick Pantloni, Shakira Guice, Helen Hill** (Regional Campuses Advising), and **Chantel Carter** (UCF Office of Student Involvement) also served on the committee.

Nick Pantloni attended the FACRAO (Florida Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers) conference in Tampa. He also participated in the FACRAO Institute of Strategic Enrollment Management (FISEM) which is designed to promote industry expertise in the field of collegiate enrollment management strategies and leads to the distinction of a Registered Enrollment Professional (REP).

Diana Soltys is now a member of the UCF USPS Staff Council.

Charles Viggiano won a UCF Teaching Incentive Program (TIP) award.

Community Involvement

Dr. Lauren Miller attended the EDC Investor Update Meeting on August 3rd. The latest EDC initiatives were discussed, as well as strategic plans for economic development and the Kennedy Space Center Visitor's Complex.

Dr. Deborah Rhyne represented UCF Criminal Justice in the community program "Keeping Children Safe" sponsored by Titusville Police Department and organized by **Wendy Perez**, office manager in the College of Business/Brevard Campus. She is also currently donating her time as both a Community Watch and In-House volunteer for the Titusville Police Department.

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 Summer 2011 term, she attended the following:

- The UCF Summer Faculty Development conference
- Continued her collaboration with BCC through the following:

- Attendance at BCC Student Services Council Meetings
- Meetings with the BCC Provosts
- Attendance at BCC Executive Council Meetings
- Attendance at BCC Board of Trustee Meetings
- The United Way of Brevard Community Impact Process Persons with Disabilities Life Services Panel
- A SACS Fifth Year Review Committee.
- The EDC, as a member of the Community of Distinction Council, and at Board of Directors and Investor Update meetings.
- The Brevard Workforce Development Board, Board of Directors and Business Workforce Committee Meetings.
- The United Way of Brevard Annual Meeting
- The UCF Health Services Community Advisory Board Meeting at the Health First Corporate Offices
- Served as a judge at the 3rd Annual SPC 3513 Debate Tournament run by Jerry Sublette.

The Fred FACTOR: Are you a Fred?

On August 7th, the Cocoa campus welcomed Beth Scheitzach, Organization Development & Training, and her session on The Fred FACTOR. This training is based on the real life example of a mailcarrier who always goes above and beyond in his duties. Freds know that even the smallest efforts can make a major difference and attitude is everything. The four principles of being a Fred are: 1) Everyone makes a difference, 2) Success is built on relationships, 3) You must continually create value for others and it doesn't have to cost a penny, and 4) You can reinvent yourself regularly. Attending the training session were **Diana Soltys, Paula Cepero, Darlyne Egan, Megan Haught, Marylou Wade, Katie Cash, Elaine Cruz, Christine Suleski, Wendy Perez, Leslie Williams, Al Davis, Nick Pantloni, Michelle Aybar-Tapia, and Dr. Denise Young.**

It was the general consensus that this campus (and region) abounds with Freds. Several Freds were recognized in particular: **Dan Miller, Todd Jennings, Sue Sorensen, Al Davis, Darlyne Egan, Charlie Viggiano, and Dr. Barbara Kinsey.** We're lucky to have such a friendly and helpful work family. Thank you everyone who goes that extra step to help our students, faculty, and staff.

Copies of *The Fred Factor* by Mark Sanborn are available for check out in room 121. You can also visit the website for more information: [The Fred Factor](#)

3RD Annual SPC 3513 Debate Tournament



Seventeen students in **Jerry Sublette's** Argumentation and Debate class competed in the 3rd Annual SPC 3513 Debate Tournament on the Palm Bay campus on August 3. This annual event was the culmination of a workshop-style course which attempts to create a microcosm of the college debate world. From the outset students were divided into four teams, each of which prepared an affirmative case and a negative case. Students participated in 12 preliminary debates leading up to the tournament, which consisted of semi-final and final rounds. Teams flipped a coin or played rock-scissors-paper to determine sides.

This year's topic was "Resolved: That the U.S. Federal Government Should Establish and Energy Policy that Substantially Reduces Dependence on Fossil Fuels in the U.S." Issues that emerged during the debates included global warming, dependence on foreign oil, environmental damage from oil spills, green-building, bio-fuels, and mass transit.

The championship team, ABDC (America's Best Debate Crew) consisted of **Ian Gober** (senior in I/O Communication), **Kim Lapan** (senior in I/O Communication), **Shiv Patel** (senior in Business Administration), **Raquel Reyes** (senior in I/O Communication), and **Mark Sexton** (senior in Social Science). After winning on the affirmative side in the semi-finals, the team switched sides and won 6 of 7 ballots on the negative in the final round.



An individual trophy for Top Speaker was presented to **Jessica Ratnesar** (senior Business Management major).



Judges for the event included **Dr. Denise Young** (Associate VP, Southern Region), **Dr. Mike Johnson** (Instructor in Education), **Mr. Jim Smith** (Coordinator, Student Services), **Ms. Nancy Brasel** (Instructor in Education), **Ms. Barbara Kyle** (Coordinator, Student Services), **Ms. Trish Sublette** (mortgage officer), **Ms. Katie Sprayberry** (UCF grad & former debate student), and **Ms. Shellee Hutchins** (I/O Communication major & former debate student).

Refreshments and trophies were provided by the Nicholson School of Communication.

College of Arts and Humanities/College of Sciences

The animation and design team at Level2 Productions (UCF's in-house animation company) won two awards for their animated short which was created for Dr. **Warren Waren's** Sociology of Music class. The Communicator Award is an international award with over 9,000 entries this year. The Telly is the US National Award for short broadcast (advertising). The video can be viewed at: <http://engage.ucf.edu/v/p/LNeEq2X>

College of Education



Melissa Forney, nationally known educational and motivational speaker, treated the graduating seniors in the Early Childhood Development & Education program on the Palm Bay campus to a free

make-it-and-take-it workshop on April 26th. Mrs. Forney shared a variety of strategies and techniques that the UCF students can use in their future classrooms to encourage young children to enjoy and explore the process of writing, and provided materials for the students to use to create classroom tools to teach effective writing strategies.

The UCF Palm Bay Early Childhood Development and Education senior interns hosted a Teacher Appreciation reception to honor their supervising teachers for the Spring 2011

semester. The supervising teachers open their elementary classrooms and provide mentoring and supervision that allows the UCF interns to complete the student teaching component of the ECDE degree. In appreciation, the UCF interns provided an afternoon of decadent desserts and words of appreciation ending with a raffle of gifts that included gift cards for spa massages, restaurants to an area boat tour.



College of Nursing

This summer The Cocoa campus Student Nurses Association (SNA) welcomed the new SNA board members whom have not wasted any time getting active in our community. Our SNA has participated in several projects this summer to give back to those in need. SNA participated with collecting supplies for the Women's Domestic Violence shelter and collecting school supplies for a back to school supply drive. Also, our SNA also participated in the successful Coquina and Riverview Elementary Schools' "Back to school" event on July 30th.

The Cocoa campus Nursing Program would also like to recognize four students, **Amber Major, Felicia Ballentine, Katie Gilton, and Brittany Gisi**, on their outstanding achievement with Honors in the Major (HIM). A ceremony will be held for them and other HIM students August 4th at the Orlando campus. Also

at this time we would like to congratulate the entire senior class of 2011 on their graduation, August 6th, at the UCF arena. A recognition ceremony was held for the graduating class at the Orlando campus August 5th.

We would also like to recognize the following students from the class of 2011 who will be graduating with Honors:

Summa Cum Laude: **Brittany Gisi**

Magna Cum Laude: **Angela Hahn, Kaitlin Driver, Rachel Migliaccio, and Jodi Mugele**

Cum Laude: **Caroline Anthony, Stephanie Evert, Cindi Houser, Amber Major, Amanda Beecken, and Felicia Ballentine**

College of Health and Public Affairs

"Distracted Driving" Event

UCF and BCC will be presenting a community education program, tentatively set for September 14, on "Distracted Driving" sponsored by Cocoa PD and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. This is scheduled to take place from noon until 4:00 PM and be presented in a "carnival type" atmosphere (popcorn and soda) while passing along a serious message.

Better Speech & Hearing Month Celebration

On May 14th at Riverfront Park in Cocoa Village, the UCF Southern Regional Campus chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) held a children's festival in honor of Better Speech and Hearing Month. NSSLHA conducts such events annually to help raise community awareness of speech, language, and hearing health and the practices of the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology.



Over 130 children and their families attended through the day, browsing the informational tables and participating in free fun activities including pony and kiddy train rides, face painting, a clown, a petting zoo, snow cones and cotton candy, and musical entertainment. Several local organizations contributed their time and expertise, including the Brevard County Public Schools, Space Coast Early Intervention Center, Children First, Buddy Walk, Advanced Therapy Inc.,

and BrainWorks Functional Neurology & Chiropractic. Corporate sponsors included Earcare, and Brevard Ear, Nose and Throat.

The NSSLHA student leaders that organized the event were **Rob Moraleda** (President), **Vianny Gordon** (Vice President), **Simmone Schmidt** (Second Vice President), **Alexia Carew** (Treasurer) and **Kaitlyn Laird** (Secretary). Faculty advisor was **Joe DiNapoli**.

At the time of the festival, the area was experiencing an unusually overwhelming "love bug" outbreak. It seems that only the cotton candy suffered. The beautiful weather, scenic venue, and exceptional efforts of the 20+ members of our NSSLHA organization contributed to the festival's grand success.

Brevard Workforce Education Fair – Criminal Justice

The Public Affairs department manned a table at the Brevard Workforce Education Fair in Cape Canaveral on August 4th. It was staffed with **Dr. Sue Craig** (CJ), **Ms. Janice Scott** (Legal Studies), Brevard County Sheriff's Deputy **Sgt. Tim "Moose" Mosebach** (UCF Criminal Justice Graduate), and **Dr. Deborah Rhyne** (CJ). They distributed academic information for both Criminal Justice and Legal Studies programs. Sgt. Mosebach was a wonderful asset as he shared with prospective students how his education with UCF has enabled him to advance in his Law Enforcement career.



Direct Connect

The University of Central Florida Direct Connect Coordinators, Katie Cash and Shakira Guice, along with UCF Continuing Education, UCF Cocoa Criminal Justice Department and UCF Graduate Studies attended the Space Coast Education Fair in partnership with Workforce Brevard and Lockheed Martin. The event was geared towards providing educational information and resources to a large percentage of the transitioning aerospace workers, continuing education professionals and high school students. Direct Connect to UCF had about fifty transitioning aerospace workers that were all pleased to hear about the variety of undergraduate degrees and minors offered at the UCF

Cocoa and Palm Bay regional campuses. Many professionals were also pleased to learn about all the educational options UCF Continuing Education and Graduate School programs had to offer returning students. Some high school students also attended the event and were able to learn about the comprehensive student advising program, career exploration assistance, guaranteed admission and partnership with Brevard Community College (BCC) through Direct Connect to UCF. Overall, the event was a huge success bringing 150 individuals who were exploring their future options in an effort to plan the next phase of their educational progression.

Enrollment Services

In June Enrollment Services hosted 4 Decision Days events at each of the four BCC campuses. We made admissions decisions for 68 students.

Starting in the Fall 2011, Decision Days will change to Express Decision Days, since the admissions application will only be available online. Students will get an admissions decision before they attend the Express Decision Day.

When students attend the Express Decision Day they will be able to talk with UCF staff members about their next steps to UCF including financial aid, immunizations and signing up for orientation. We are excited about the new Express

Decision Days and expect a smooth transition with the new event.

Students wanting a UCF transcript can now order it on MY UCF and request the pickup to be at UCF Cocoa. Students can no longer purchase transcripts at the joint BCC cashier in Cocoa or Palm Bay. If they do not want to pay online, students will need to send a check to the UCF Registrar's Office in Orlando. Students have stated the online transcript request is very easy and they are excited that they can pick up the transcript at the Cocoa campus.

Advising Center

On Thursday August 11, 2011 **Sheryl Schagen**, and **Dr. Lauren Miller** attended the Science Teacher Awards at the Astronaut Memorial Planetarium & Observatory, Cocoa Campus. The ceremony, coordinated by the Space Coast Science Education Alliance (SCSEA), honored the efforts of eight science teachers from Brevard County who demonstrate best practices in the area of science instruction.

On September 7, **Ashley Harper**, **Lenae Walton**, and **Jessica Houts** will be attending the Graduate Fair at the Orlando campus. Nearly 200 graduate degree and certificate programs will be showcased at the event, and students as well as the public can learn about what graduate school has to offer. Grad Fair is an open-house style event taking place in the Pegasus Ballroom inside UCF's Student Union. No reservations are needed—just stop by to join the many other graduate degree-seekers from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

Angel Edgecombe and **Angie Jones** attended the Regional Campus Advising Retreat on August 4, 2011. This retreat included all advisors on all 11 regions who came together to explore best practices. The day's activities included a tour of the new home of the Veterans Academic Resource

Center (VARC) and the newly built Career Center, a (National Academic Advising Association) NACADA webinar, and a teambuilding activity that included case studies and various scenarios that challenged the advisors current advising styles. Breakfast from Panera and Lunch from Wackadoos was provided by Dr. Helen Hill.

Angel Edgecombe participated in an Education Fair on July 26, 2011, at Northrup Grumman where she gave out information regarding UCF for both live and online programs. She, along with representatives from Brevard Community College, Florida Institute of Technology, Webster University, Embry Riddle, Barry University, and the University of Central Florida, were all in attendance.

Congratulations to **Ms. Lenae Walton** who graduated with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Ms. Walton served as a Peer Advisor and Student Ambassador, and is currently a Student Assistant in the Cocoa Advising office. She graduated this Spring 2011 and received a 4.0 in her final semester. She is planning on pursuing a Master's in Technical Education and Industry Training.

UCF Joint Use Library

With the Fall semester fast approaching, there are several ways that the library can help you in your classes and scholarly endeavors.

EndNote x5 is now available for PC users. This is the newest in a string of citation management tools that can help you organize your references and create instant bibliographies in many different citation styles. EndNote x5 is available as a free download for UCF faculty, staff, and students. Have a Macintosh instead? No problem; EndNote x4 for Mac OS is also available. To download the EndNote program and for more information, see the following Libguide: <http://guides.ucf.edu/citations-endnote>.

Want to access ebooks from home? The UCF Libraries has plenty of full text books online from a variety of publishers and sources. For a list and links to the different UCF eBook, database, go to <http://library.ucf.edu/Databases/Subjects/eBooks.php>. UCF Faculty, staff and students can login with their UCF Library ID number and pin to access these full text book collections. Please note that NetLibrary is now EbscoHost eBooks. Feel free to check out the new interface!

UCF Librarians Barbara Alderman and Andy Todd can provide customized library instruction sessions for your face to face classes. We can also build an online Research Guide for your class with links to databases and online resources, along with instructions for using the library and getting help. Click here to see examples: <http://guides.ucf.edu/index.php?gid=1092>. Personalized electronic research consultations are also available for faculty students, and staff.

The UCF Libraries has some non-recurring funds available for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Please let us know if you have suggestions for future purchases, including Books, eBooks and DVD Videos.

To take advantage of the aforementioned services, please contact us via the phone numbers and email addresses below.

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Writing Center

Lee Woods, former BCC-UCF Writing Center peer consultant, has published "What's Up With *Up*" in the Spring 2011 issue of *Dangling Modifier*.

Dr. Mark Hall started in July as the Director of the University Writing Centers. He has been involved in planning consultant orientation and improving the Adobe Connect consulting mode with Barbara Rau

Kyle, Coordinator of the BCC-UCF Writing Center, and Kim Murray, Coordinator of Orlando's University Writing Center, who have welcomed his collaboration. He will be supervising the UWC's role in UCF's Writing Across the Curriculum initiative, and Kyle looks forward to his visits and impact on the Cocoa campus.

Information Technology

To connect to the UCF wireless in the building visit the following website and install the appropriate configuration for your laptop's operating system: <https://publishing.ucf.edu/sites/itr/cst/Pages/UcfWpa2Configuration.aspx>

Reboot your computer and click on the WPA2 wireless access located at the bottom right of most laptops. The log-in user id is your NID and your Outlook password. The older way to access the wireless on campus by registering the laptops MAC address will no longer work after August 15th. Date for termination of older wireless activation is Sep 15th. Most of you use the WPA2, if you need help converting over to WPA2 please let me know. Sue, 433.7814

Student Services and Student Government

Veteran Services Updates

Paula Cepero, VA Program Specialist, has started an ongoing monthly Outreach program “Connecting with Our Veterans” to offer opportunities for veterans to ask questions, update veteran records or just to come in to say “Hello”. Andy Todd and Barbara Alderman came to our July 12th Outreach program to help veterans get familiar with different resources offered at the BCC/UCF library. Joseph Patrusевич, from the Veteran Academic Resource Center (VARC) in Orlando visited the Regional Campuses Student Services Office in Cocoa on June 25th, to review upcoming changes to Veteran Education benefits effective August 1, 2011 and October 1, 2011.

RCSS (UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay) continues to experience an increase in the number of students seeking veterans’ information and/or services due to eligibility for the new GI Bill.

Mark your calendars with these upcoming Veterans Events/ Important Dates for Fall/2011:

- Aug 10th – Connecting With Our Veterans
- Aug 17th – Veteran Orientation
- Aug 24th – Veteran Orientation
- Sep 14th – Connecting With Our Veterans
- Oct 13th – Connecting With Our Veterans
- Nov 3rd – Panera For Peace: “SEMPER FI: One Marine’s Story”
- Nov 11th – Veterans Day
- Nov 18th – VA Deferment Deadline

For more information, call 321.433.7950 or stop by Bldg. 3, Room 238 in Cocoa.

On-Campus and Virtual Orientation heading down the homestretch

New admits for the Fall 2011 term are calling the Regional Campuses Student Services Office in large numbers to register and complete their New Student Orientations to register for classes. Students have until Friday, August 19th to complete the components of orientation to have their Orientation hold released to register for classes by Sunday, August 21st @ 5:00 p.m. to avoid late registration fees.

The last On-Campus Orientation session is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Cocoa (Bldg. 3, Room 103 – Auditorium). All virtual orientation students from both Summer and Fall 2011 will be invited to attend to meet and greet faculty, staff and other students. If you would like to join us, call Regional Campuses Student Services today 321.433.7950 or email Jim.Smith@ucf.edu to reserve your spot.

Student Disability Services Updates

The Regional Campuses Student Services Office (RCSS) has experienced a large turnover this summer with our students that receive academic accommodations at the UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay campuses. After several graduations in May 2011, a whole new group of students have inquired over the summer about the process for registering for and receiving academic accommodations. If a student is in need of assistance with accommodations, please have them contact our office 321.433.7950 for assistance. As we head toward the Fall 2011 term, faculty should be on the lookout for SDS Accommodation letters from RCSS outlining academic accommodations needed by our students.

If students with disabilities require notetakers, this will be coordinated by RCSS through emails sent to class rosters asking students in the class if they are interested in assisting a classmate and making some money, too. An online process is in place for prospective notetakers to apply for the position. After the application is submitted with a note sample attached, the student needing the notetaker will review the samples to choose the notetaker they want to work with during the semester. Student notetakers can earn up to \$115.00 per class for assisting their classmates.

Diversity Initiatives Summer and Fall Updates

The Office of Diversity Initiatives and Barbara Thompson, Assistant Director have been busy planning several events for the UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay campuses. During the Summer term, Barbara Thompson facilitated the **DiSC: Behavior Profile** program on June 20th (17 attended) and then another Panera For Peace (formerly Pizza for Peace) on July 14th to view “To Kill A Mockingbird” (19 attended). Mark your calendars for these upcoming Fall 2011 Diversity Events:

- Sept. 1: Fall DiversiTea – Noon to 1:30 p.m. (Cocoa: 235 – Palm Bay: 206)
- Sept. 22: Gender Differences in Communication – 9:00 a.m. to Noon (Cocoa: 325)
- Oct. 13: World Sight Day @ UCF – viewing the film “Going Blind” (Sites: TBA)
- Oct. 17: UCF Diversity Breakfast – 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (Cocoa: 235 – Palm Bay: 329)
- Oct. 17: Helen Greenspun – Holocaust Survivor Presentation – 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Cocoa: 235 – Palm Bay: 206)
- Nov. 3: Panera For Peace: “Semper Fi: One Marine’s Story” – 9:00 a.m. to Noon (Cocoa: 325 – Palm Bay: 208)

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Student Services and Student Government (*cont.*)

New Student Government Association Staff hit the ground running in June

Chantel Carter, Assistant Director for the Office of Student Involvement and the newly formed Student Outreach Services Office, conducted interviews to hire a new coordinator and three assistants for the Student Government Association Office at the UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay campuses in June. When you get a chance, stop by the SGA Lounge (Bldg. 3, Room 236 in Cocoa or Bldg. 3, Room 209 in Palm Bay) and meet the new staff:

- **Nichole Seaman** – SOS Regional Director (Cocoa and Palm Bay)
- **Katie Williams** – SOS Regional Assistant (Cocoa)
- **Grey Dodge** – SOS Regional Assistant (Cocoa)
- **Miguel “Mike” Pezo** – SOS Regional Assistant (Palm Bay)

When visiting SGA in Cocoa, you can meet our newest Regional SGA Senator, Grey Dodge. He was appointed to this position in July 2011...Congratulations Grey!!!

Fall 2011 SGA Events:

- Aug. 30: Fall Welcome Back – Palm Bay – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 31: Fall Welcome Back – Cocoa – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Sep. 17: Learn To Surf – Cocoa Beach – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 11: Bowling Knight – Shore Lanes – Merritt Island – 9:00 p.m. to Midnight
- Oct. 24-29: Homecoming Week Activities – TBA
- Nov 28 – Dec 2: Cram For The Exam Week Activities – TBA

Cocoa Summer Term Birthdays

May/June: This party was heavy on our Enrollment Services staff as it included **Katie Cash**, **Cathi Evans**, and **Kristina Watkins**. **Elaine Cruz**, one of our office managers, rounded out the mix for the celebration.

August: We had a simple job singing for this party. **Jim Smith** was out of the office so **Darlene Kraft** and **Darlyne Egan** were gifted with our less than in tune efforts. While feasting on angel food cake, we discovered **Jessica Houts** was also a birthday girl.

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 **Marylou Wade** for creating the scrapbook images.

The summer started off in a happy way with the annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon hosted by our administrative suite and catered by Olive Garden. Joyce Dorner, Interim Vice Provost, Regional Campuses, was a most welcome attendee. It was a great chance to step back and let someone else take care of the work. Unfortunately, everyone was having so much fun that no one stopped to take pictures.



It was a festive atmosphere as we met to celebrate our nation's independence with a picnic potluck. As usual, there was so much food it was hard to find the room to try it all.

It was a sad day on campus when Enrollment Services Program Assistant **Cathi Evans** was filling out her final paperwork. We couldn't let her leave without a send off though. Everyone gathered for an ice cream party to say good-bye and let her know how much we'll miss her.

