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UCF COCOA & PALM BAY Knight News

From the Desk of Dr. Denise Young

SPRING 2011

Another Productive Year in Brevard County

Thank you to everyone for a productive year marked by increased services, outreach, and quality. The following summary highlights the Southern Region's accomplishments in the past year related to UCF's five strategic goals:

Goal 1: Offer the best Undergraduate education available in Florida.

- Enhanced access to undergraduate education with approximately a 5% increase in SCH's.
- Southern Region faculty members taught 25% of the total web course SCH's taught by Regional faculty (22,555).
- The Southern Region produced 51% of all regional graduates in 2009-2010, with 216 Cocoa and 101 graduates from Palm Bay.
- Enrollment Services, Student Services, and Advising made almost 120,000 contacts with students.
- Direct Connect's advisor met with approximately 1,400 BCC students.
- Student quality was acknowledged through awards and competitions: College of Nursing Founder's Day Award, Morcom Family Scholarship, Showcase of Undergraduate Research, Florida Today's Volunteer of the Year, Exemplary Science Teaching award, and Who's Who Among College Students.
- Jackie LaManna, College of Nursing, received the college-wide Founder's Day award for teaching.
- Students' undergraduate research was supported through the psychology research group, and participation in professional conferences and presentations in psychology, education, and nursing.
- Nine students successfully defended their honors in the major theses.

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UCF helps Florida Department of Children and Families

Starting with the Spring 2011 term, UCF and the College of Social Work will be providing training space for the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to train new Child Protective Investigators (CPI). On the Cocoa campus, CPIs from Circuit 18 will be training in building 3 on most week days. This partnership will help strengthen the experience and training of CPIs in the region.

Do you have anything to contribute to the Knight News?

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Goal 1: *continued*

- Discipline-based student organizations included: Psi Chi; Psychology Club; Student Council for Exceptional Children (Cocoa); National Student Speech, Hearing, and Language Assoc. (Cocoa); Kappa Delta Pi (Cocoa); and, Student Nurses (Cocoa).

Goal 2: Achieve international prominence in key programs of graduate study and research.

- Various articles and papers were produced by SR faculty members. *Sociological Spectrum*, a sociology journal with an international circulation, continued to be housed on the Cocoa campus under the direction of the Editor, Dr. John Lynxwiler; offered rotating master's degrees in PEMP and the PMBA on the Palm Bay campus through partnerships with two colleges and continuing education. Graduate degrees in sociology and health sciences continued; hosted some continuing education workshops/courses.

Goal 3: Provide international focus to our curricula and research programs.

- *Sociological Spectrum*, a sociology journal with an international circulation, continued to be housed on the Cocoa campus under the direction of the Editor, Dr. John Lynxwiler.
- Dr. Mary Romjue coordinated the UCF/NASA Aerospace Institute for the United States Department of State's Division of Overseas Schools at Kennedy Space Center. She was also an invited presenter/consultant for the Association of International Schools of Africa (AISA) conference for the teachers at schools that are affiliated with the U.S. Department of State's Division of Overseas Schools.
- Dr. Denise Young continued to serve as the RC representative on the International Affairs Committee, chaired a subcommittee on Using Technology to Support International Partnerships, organized a group to work on this topic for the FCTL summer conference she was also active in the Turkey and Costa Rica partnerships.
- Initiated a partnership with the International Services Center to broadcast and host the 3rd Annual International Breakfast.

Goal 4: Become more inclusive and diverse.

- In the Fall 2010 semester, 22.6 percent of Cocoa students and 24.3 percent of Palm Bay students were non-Caucasian.
- Ninety-two percent (92%) of staff in the region participated in one or more diversity training opportunities offered in the region as a result of an initiative linking participation to annual evaluations.
- Dr. Denise Young participated in International Education Week.
- Provided veteran services for 9% of all veterans served at UCF (1,007); processed 9% of all Veteran certifications for UCF (180 of 2,010)

Goal 5: Be America's leading partnership university.

- Staff partnered with BCC at the following events: New Student Orientations and classroom visits, Project Get-Ready, Military Resource Fair, Welcome Back at both campuses, Recreation and Wellness Fair, Information Fluency workshop, Cocoa High SAT camp, Collegiate High School, Black History and Hispanic Heritage Celebrations, Green Team (environmental group), Exemplary Science Teacher awards, and LEAD Brevard's 4 Under 40.
- The BCC-UCF Writing Center served 469 students and began offering virtual services via Adobe Connect Fall 2010.
- Dr. Denise Young was invited to join BCC's Executive Council and presented information on Direct Connect to BCC's BOT.
- Dr. Denise Young represented UCF at over 100 special events and meetings for key community organizations; served as a member of CivMil, the Brevard Workforce Development Board and the Economic Development Commission; served on United Way review panel.
- Submitted grant proposals to Florida Humanities Council (in partnership with the Florida Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the UCF College of Arts and Humanities), the National Endowment for the Humanities (in partnership with UCF Women's Studies), and the Fulbright Scholar In-Residence program (in partnership with BCC).
- Education faculty designed I-StEP, a pilot program with Brevard schools placing interns into high-risk schools earlier.
- Offered rotating master's degrees in Professional Engineering Management and the Professional MBA on the Palm Bay campus through partnerships with two colleges and continuing education.
- Faculty, staff, and students volunteered hundreds of hours of community service to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, the American Lung Association, Brevard Cultural Alliance, Children's Miracle Network, CourtWatch Brevard, Rolling Readers, United Way, Project Response, The Women's Center of Melbourne, Central Brevard Sharing Center, Handlebars for the Holidays, the VA Clinic, and Connected By 25.

Provost's Update

May 17, 2011

The Florida Legislature recently agreed on a state budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year, which begins on July 1. The budget is now in the hands of Governor Rick Scott, who can approve or veto all or parts of the budget.

Because Florida faced a multi-billion dollar deficit for the next fiscal year, it had been expected for some time that UCF faced further budget reductions. However, I am pleased to report that UCF fared favorably when compared to other government agencies in Florida and throughout the country.

The current budget, if approved, will further reduce the university's state funding. Additionally, some of the funds included in our state budget are designated for specific projects only, such as building construction and maintenance. These funds cannot be used for new programs or salary increases.

However, when an expected 15-percent tuition increase starting in the fall semester is included, UCF will see an overall 1.3-percent increase in the 2011-12 fiscal year budget. This also comes with a caveat, as much of this new tuition is also designated for specific areas and cannot be used for general university needs.

Our team has worked tirelessly to protect funding that contributes to the continued success of our world-class staff and faculty. I believe the higher education budget represents our elected officials' understanding of the unique and critical role universities play in our state's economic recovery and future growth.

Changes to Retirement

If signed into law, new legislation will require state employees to contribute 3 percent of their salaries into their retirement plans.

This means paychecks will be reduced by 3 percent, with those funds being directed to retirement plans. Other retirement plan changes will principally affect those employees hired after July 1.

Additional legislation, if approved, will maintain current health benefit levels and contributions for PPO and HMO plans.

It is important for those of us who could be affected by the changes to take any personal financial actions necessary to prepare for them. We will provide you with more information on these changes as soon as we know more about how they will be implemented and what they will mean for our employees.

Considering the financial difficulties facing our state, I hope you share my belief that this outcome is as positive as we could expect. Despite our budget concerns, UCF continues to perform exceptionally well, as evidenced by:

- UCF is one of only [40 universities nationwide](#) to receive the highest marks for research and community engagement from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
- UCF students recently [won the national Ethics Bowl](#), defeating 31 teams from schools such as the United States Naval Academy, Dartmouth College and Clemson University
- Four academic advisors [received national awards](#) for their excellence in serving students
- Our student-athletes are continuing their [academic success](#) in Conference USA

These recent examples represent only a small portion of our staff and faculty members' outstanding work. As the summer semester begins, thank you for your continued dedication to creating a culture of opportunity for our students.

Sincerely,

Tony Waldrop
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Provide feedback at provost.ucf.edu/message.html

New Signs for UCF

Increased Visibility



The Brevard County Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) added UCF to six signs. FDOT installed overlays to the current BCC signs to include UCF. It took a lot of "red

tape" to get the signs changed and we thank everyone involved, especially Al Davis.

Now our staff can tell travelers, "Just follow the signs."



UCF Cocoa Welcomes New Staff Members

Wendy Pérez is the new Office Manager for the College of Business Administration for the UCF Southern Region Campuses. She has both corporate and nonprofit experience. Wendy is active in different community organizations including: 4H, Royal Rangers, and Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex. She enjoys bringing diverse people together, as she did as Coordinator for the Moore Multicultural Center. Wendy is very happy to be at the University of Central Florida where she may assist students in her local community and be a part of the Cocoa & Palm Bay Campuses.

Ms. Catherine “Katie” Cash is our new Direct Connect to UCF contact for the Cocoa and Titusville Campuses. Katie received her Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology and a Masters of Art in Counselor Education with School Counseling specialization from the University of Central Florida. She also holds a certificate in Career Counseling and Professional Educators Certificate in Guidance and Counseling (grades K-12) within the state of Florida. Katie will have office hours at the UCF Cocoa and BCC Titusville Campuses and Shakira will have office hours at the BCC Melbourne and UCF Palm Bay Campuses

Faculty & Staff Achievements

Michelle Aybar-Tapia, Dr. Lauren Miller, Darlene Kraft, and Diana Soltys attended a HR training session on the Family Medical Leave Act and Workers Compensation on March 16, 2011.

Angel Edgecombe, Dr. Lauren Miller, Sonya Curtis and Terry Exum attended the College Access Summit V sponsored by UCF's regional campuses which focused on developing a regional strategy for expanding access to college education for high school graduates in Central Florida. Eleven BCC employees and 17 employees of the Brevard Public School District and Brevard High Schools also attended.

Congratulations to **Angie Jones**. She was chosen to serve on Cocoa's High School's SAC advisory committee. The SAC committee reviews and measures the status of school performance data.

Dr. Jim Katt presented the results of a study co-authored with NSC cohort Dr. Steve Collins at the Eastern Communication Association conference. The study is entitled “The Power of Provisional/Immediate Language Revisited: Adding Student Personality Traits to the Mix” and was presented to ECA’s Communication

Traits Special Interest Group. He also presented a paper at the annual convention of the American Educational Research Association. The paper, “A Personality to Grow Old With: The Relationships between Personality, Sense of Well-Being, Perception of Health, and Geriatric Depression” is co-authored with Dr. Linda Speranza (Valencia State College), Dr. Wendy Shore (Johns Hopkins University), and Dr. Lea Witta (UCF College of Education).

Dr. Barbara Kinsey presented a paper, “Political Contexts and New Electorates: The Case of Women in Norway,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

Dr. John Lynxwiler presented “World Views and Attitudes Toward Homosexuality: Measuring the Variance Among Extreme Outlook” at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society.

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Faculty & Staff Achievements

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In January, **Florin Mihai** was one of the invited speakers at the 2011 Pathways to Excellence in Teaching Project Conference where he co-presented "The Merging of Two Disciplines in Working with English Language Learners: Communication Differences or Communication Disorders?" He also presented "Assessing ELLs Through Large Scale Assessments: A Focus on Test Accommodations" at the same conference. In March, Dr. Mihai conducted the workshop "Grammar-In-Use: Form-Focused Instruction In Communicative-Based ESL Classrooms" at the Center for Global Languages, Valencia Enterprises.

Dr. Lauren Miller attended LEAD Brevard's annual 4 Under 40 event on February 18th, and served as co-presenter for one of the awards. Our campuses co-sponsor the event with BCC and FIT as the Educational Consortium Partners. The award honors the achievements of four local business leaders under the age of 40.



Nick Pantlioni ran in Melbourne Music Marathon 5K which Benefits Brevard Symphony, Souls for Soles, Challenged Athletes Foundation, and Scott Center for Autism. He also furthered his training by completing two webinars (Two Pell Grants in an Award Year and Stafford Plus Loan Basics) and the Diversity Initiatives workshop, ABC's of Discrimination: True Colors and Under Suspicion.

Dr. Deborah Rhyne participated in UCF Professional Development: "Effective Online Assessment - Scalable Success Strategies" and in the "Quality Matters" course addressing quality standards for online teaching. In CCJ 4681, Domestic Violence and the Criminal Justice System, she used community professionals to enhance the curriculum: victim advocates, police officers, attorney, judges, and domestic violence survivors were all guest lecturers in the class.

The 13th Annual SDES Celebration Breakfast was held on April 19th at the UCF Student Union. **Jim Smith**, Coordinator of the Regional Campuses Student Services Office – UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay, served as emcee of the event. Jim has been the emcee of this

event for the last four years. As an added bonus this year, the SDES Council encouraged staff to bring food donations for the Knights Helping Knights Pantry and 622 lbs. of food was collected.

Barbara Thompson, Assistant Director for the Office of Diversity Initiatives, completed the ABC's of Discrimination series on April 13th at the UCF Cocoa Campus. Twelve staff and faculty members completed this series and received their certificates.

Dr. Warren Waren

presented two papers at the 91st annual Southwestern Social Science Association. The first paper, titled *The Singing Revolution: A Sociological Perspective of the Music of the Estonian Independence Movement*, co-authored with Dr. Heili Pals from the UCF Orlando campus, will be included in an upcoming book on music and society. The second paper, also co-authored with Dr. Pals, investigated the wage disadvantage for homosexual men in areas of the United States where there are very few gay households. Dr. Waren and Heili Pals were also winners of the academic poster competition at this year's annual meeting of the Population Association meeting. The title of their research was *Variation in Lesbian Wage Gap by Lesbian Prevalence*. Their research revealed that lesbian women earn less income (compared to other women) in areas where there are many lesbian households.



The review committee for the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) has recommended the proposal submitted by BCC Palm Bay Provost Beverly Slaughter and **Dr. Denise Young** for an award under the 2011-12 academic year Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence program.

Community Involvement



Sonya Curtis attended the Florida Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce meeting on February 24, at the Greater Palm Bay Senior Center. She also attended the Multicultural Student Center's MLK Remembrance with Dr. Steven Perry at the UCF Fairwinds Alumni Center on February 15.



Sonya Curtis was invited by BCC Palm Bay Provost Beverly Slaughter to attend their Palm Bay

Academic Leadership Team (PBALT Plus) meeting. She attended the Black Faculty and Staff Association's Spring "Town Hall Forum" in Orlando featuring UCF President John Hitt and Provost Tony Waldrop.

Sonya Curtis, John King, Angel Edgcombe, and Felipe Mendez, attended the BCC Palm Bay Southern Comfort Luncheon on February 16, in celebration of Black History Month.

Angel Edgcombe and **Lenae Walton** attended the Black Faculty and Staff Association's Mentoring Breakfast, themed "All We Need Is You," on the Orlando Campus. Some staff members and students attended the breakfast on their own campuses through Adobe Connect. Cocoa attendees were **Denise Young, Lauren Miller, Darlyne Egan, Jim Smith, Sue Sorensen, Terry Exum, Elaine Cruz, and Bill Wilmot**. Palm Bay attendees were **Sonya Curtis, John King, James Costa, and Felipe Mendez**. Angel and Lenae also attended BCC's Cocoa Black History program together and Angel attended the Palm Bay program as well.



Angel Edgcombe volunteered to teach in a community event sponsored by Junior Achievement held at Parrish Medical Center on February 5th. The audience was approximately 25 High School seniors from local high schools including Cocoa High, Rockledge High, Astronaut High, Titusville High, and Merritt Island High. She also participated in IMPACT Day sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Brevard County Alumnae Chapter.

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

Along with Ange Peterson met with Dr. Dietrich, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Success, Brevard Community College to discuss continued collaboration between UCF and BCC.

BCC's Spring Term "Welcome Back" event at the King Center for the Performing Arts on January 6, 2010. A brief "state

of the College" presentation was included in the event. Joined the UCF Palm Bay staff and BCC faculty and staff on Friday, January 7th, to celebrate what will be their 1st annual Happy New Year Luncheon on the invitation of the BCC Palm Bay Provost.

Entrepreneur Summit on January 11th at the TRDA Business Innovation Center in Melbourne. This purpose of the summit was to bring together various entrepreneurs from across the Space Coast region to showcase their innovative technologies to potential investors and to the public.

BCC Executive Council Meeting on January and March.
BCC Student Services Council Meetings on January 18th and 31st.

Met with BCC Trustee Debra Sibley on January 19th.

The Brevard Workforce Board, Aerospace Career and Development Council meeting on January 20th to discuss various support policies, investments, and advocacy for economic development, employment, research, and education activities that advance.

The BCC Academic Council Meeting on January 21st.

Made a presentation regarding the joint BCC/UCF Partnership at the BCC BOT Meeting held on January 24th at the King Center in Melbourne.

The Brevard Workforce Community Involvement Committee met on January 26th.

UCF Health Services Community Advisory Board which met on January 28th.

BCC Student Services Council Meeting on January 31st.

Met Dr. Lauren Miller and Linda Eichas, BCC'S Director of Collegewide Admissions and Advising, to discuss Direct Connect Advising Sessions and other aspects of Direct Connect.

Commercial Space Community Roundtable discussion hosted by Space Florida during which Robert Bigelow, of Bigelow Aerospace, Frank DiBello, President of Space Florida, and Dr. George Sowers, United Launch Alliance Vice President of Business Development and Advanced Programs, discussed the future of commercial space, crew launch and its impact on the Florida Space Coast.

Served as a judge for the Nile Foundation Essay Contest and was in attendance at the awards ceremony that was held at the Orlando Science Center on February 4th.

Hosted the Annual Brevard Workforce Board Meeting and Retreat on February 18th at the UCF Cocoa Campus Spring DiversiTea celebrating Turkish Culture on the UCF Cocoa via Adobe Connect.

Hosted Faculty Coffees held in both Cocoa and Palm Bay during the month of March. The coffees were held in order to give faculty members a chance to talk with Dr. Young regarding issues they feel important and for her to provide information updates.

Represented the UCF Southern Region at the IF Conference held at the UCF Orlando campus March 9-11.

Represented UCF, along with Dr. Michael Johnson, at the 25th Annual Space Coast Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame event, a celebration that honors the community's most influential examples of enterprising leadership.

Along with Dr. Lauren Miller, attended the Office of Diversity Initiatives presentation of "Tackling Prejudice-Related Bullying - The Teacher as a First Responder Workshop" at the UCF Cocoa Campus.

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Community Involvement

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Hosted a visit of Dean Frumkin and Associate Dean Rogers from the College of Health and Public Affairs

Grand Opening Celebration of the Viera Hospital, a new Health First Hospital in Brevard County.

11th Annual Florida Tech/Harris Ethics & Leadership Conference.

CEO Luncheon and Forum, hosted by Congressman Bill Posey, which provided an update on the actions and plans of the new 112th Congress and how they will impact local businesses.

April meeting of the Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce where Edyie McCall, Palm Bay's Economic Development Administrator provided a City of Palm Bay update.

Represented UCF at the Economic Development of Florida's Space Coast Quarterly and Community of Distinction Meetings in April.

5 year anniversary celebration for Space Coast Business, publishers of the SpaceCoast Living and Discover Brevard magazines.

Continued her collaboration with BCC through meetings with BCC Provosts, the BCC Executive Council and participation in a Circle of Science meeting hosted by BCC president Dr. James Drake.

Represented UCF for the 4th year in a row on the United Way of Brevard Community Impact Team. This was her first year serving as a chair. She chaired Persons with Disabilities – Life Services team.

Sue's Tech Tip

Do you have an error code on your computer and you want me to see the exact message?

With Windows 7 you can go to the Start Button, select the Snipping Tool (if you don't see it, it is under Accessories). Once the tool starts you can drag your mouse around the portion of the screen that you want me to see and let go. You can then do a File, Send to: Email recipient as attachment and email to sue@ucf.edu.

College of Education



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Staci Brewer, Palm Bay Early Childhood Development & Education Senior, participated in Read Across America Day on March 2nd at Manatee Elementary. March 2nd is the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss so activities that day

revolved around the themes of his books. Ms. Brewer, dressed as Thing 1 from the book The Cat in the Hat, completed her senior internship at Manatee Elementary and will graduate in May 2011.

Inspired by EEX 3450, Melissa Baldwin participated in the Pike's Peak 5k run at Wickham Park which benefited autism awareness. Melissa's running partner, Rick, is legally blind and they stayed connected through the race with a shoestring. The pair was awarded first place ribbons.



Selina Black, Mary Proctor and Valerie Smith, students in Katherine Seeley's LAE 4314 class, have been volunteering time in Barbara Wilcox'

Kindergarten class at Endeavor Elementary this semester. The kindergarteners have received small group and individual tutoring in literacy and math skills to prepare them for first grade.

UCF Palm Bay Early Childhood Education Teacher Appreciation Event was held at the on April 26th. Melissa Forney spoke to the interns and they discussed teacher certification.

Florida Teacher Certification Examination workshop was held for UCF College of Education students on March 16th in Palm Bay.



College of Business

The PMBA program completed another cohort at UCF Palm Bay campus with 16 students.

On April 30th, Cocoa and Palm Bay Cornerstone students, taught by Dr. Charles Viggiano, helped organize and staff the "World's Greatest Baby Shower" at Miracle City Mall in Titusville. The event had more that 40 information exhibitors that covered everything new parents need to know.

College of Arts and Humanities/College of Sciences

Jerry Sublette participated as a judge in a debate tournament held by UCF in February. It was the first to be held at UCF in many years, as the debate team has been revived this year by the Nicholson School of Communication. The debate topic was immigration visa policy. Attending schools included the University of Miami, Monmouth College, Florida International University, the University of Florida, and UCF.

On February 20, **Jerry Sublette** acted as a judge for the Spring Ethics Bowl, held at the UCF Teaching Academy. The event was sponsored by the Philosophy Department, the Ethics Center Initiative, the Burnett Honors College, the Quality Enhancement Plan-Information Fluency initiative, and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Approximately 30 students, representing 6 teams, engaged in 3 rounds of preliminary competition and then semi-final and final rounds. Teams sported names like "The Philosoraptors," "Kant Be Beat," and "Aristotle's Apprentices," as they stated and defended the ethics of their positions on a number of legal, political, economic, and social issues.

Women's Studies' student **Anna Eskamani** won two prestigious awards at the Service-Learning Award Showcase for her work in **Leandra Preston's** online Virtual Girls class. Her awards included the Engaging Community Online Award and the prestigious Recognition of Excellence in the College of Arts & Sciences. The class's community service partner was Young Women's Leadership Program (YWLP).

The following UCF Palm Bay students presented their Honors in the Major research at the *UCF Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence (SURE)* on April 1:

- **Chris Sharpe**, "*iBully: Impact of Gender of Bully and Victim on Perceptions of Cyberbullying and its Consequences.*"
- **Debra Stagman**, "*A Comparison of Traditional and Nontraditional College Students' Stress and its Relationship to Their Time Management and Overall Psychological Adjustment*"
- **Christine Hippler**, "*The Relationship between Genre Choice of Music and Altruistic Behavior.*"
- **Sally Clausen**, "*I Never Forget a Face! Memory for Faces and Individual Differences in Spatial Ability and Gender.*"

Chris Sharpe, supervised by **Dr. Karen Mottarella**, presented his HIM research "*iBully: Impact of Gender of Bully and Victim on Perceptions of Cyberbullying and its Consequences*" at the *First Annual Statewide Symposium of Undergraduate Research* at the University of North Florida on March 5.

Congratulations to Palm Bay Psychology students **Christine Hippler** for winning second place in Social Sciences Division II and **Sally Clausen** for Honorable Mention in Social Sciences Division I for their HIM research at SURE.



Congratulations to the UCF Palm Bay Psi Chi Spring 2011 Inductees: **Mellisa Carlon, Amber Hall, Ronald Koji, Nicole Kruse, Juliana Stalter, Lauren Schwartz, and Adam Stein**. The UCF Psi Chi Cocoa Chapter hosted the Southern Region Induction Ceremony.

The UCF Palm Bay Psychology Club and Psi Chi Chapter donated Easter Baskets to the local "*Grandparents Raising Grandkids*" organization.

Congratulations to **Meg Tworkowski**, UCF Palm Bay Psychology Student and President of Palm Bay Chapter of Psi Chi for being awarded the *Regional Student Achievers Scholarship*.

The UCF Palm Bay Psi Chi and Psychology Club hosted the *First Annual Ice Cream Social and Jeopardy Tournament* on April 14. They also held a *March Psychology in Cinema* event which included a private screening and discussion of "The Lincoln Lawyer" on March 20, and a *Panel of Psychology Professionals*.

UCF Palm Bay Psychology Club hosted its Fourth Annual Brain Awareness Event in the BCC center pavilion at the UCF Palm Bay Campus on April 5th.

Psi Chi & Psychology Club held a Mental Health Panel of Professionals and Students for students who are interested in attending graduate school on March 25th.

On April 20th, the Sociology Department held its annual Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium at the Orlando Campus. Students from the Sociology Data

Analysis course at Cocoa presented their research posters to the faculty and Dean Panousis. Kaitlin Delaney's research poster was called, *Academic Benefits of Taking a Gap Year*. Her research indicated that there is a statistical association between GPA and taking time off from school (that is, returning students tend to have higher GPAs than students who go straight through). Christie Smith's research poster was titled, *Condoms, Coitus, and Cocktails: Contributing Factors Among UCF Students for Unprotected Sex While Intoxicated*.



College of Nursing

The Cocoa Student Nursing Association will be collecting Box tops for Education, which is a year-long event in support of local schools in Brevard. Early in the next school year, they will donate the box tops to a local school in need. The Cocoa campus is also collecting aluminum cans and aluminum can tops to raise money for two additional foundations. The cans will be given to the Habitat for Humanity Foundation where they in turn will collect money for each can received. The aluminum tops from the cans will be going to support the Ronald McDonald Foundation in Cocoa and Orlando. These two events will be a continuous collection throughout the year in hopes to raise as much money as possible. The Cocoa Student Nursing Association will be continuing their community volunteer projects with at least one major event a month.

The SNA “pasta for pennies war” raised a total of \$143.02 between the senior and junior class in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

On March 19th, the UCF Nursing Program of Cocoa volunteered at the VA Stand Down in Cocoa. It is an event hosted by the VA to provide free food, health

screenings, haircuts, showers, clothing, supplies, and more for the veterans in need. The students helped pass out supplies, assisted with health assessments, and escorted the veterans and homeless to the areas where needed supplies or services were being provided.



The following students in the UCF Nursing Program of Cocoa received scholarship awards:

- **Amber Major**, HIM student, received the Orlando Health Honors in the Major scholarship
- **Katie Gilton**, HIM student, received the Orlando Health Honors in the Major scholarship for \$1,000
- **Gretchen Demary** received the MIMA Foundation of Brevard Scholarship for \$4,000
- **Amanda Beecken** received the VITAS Innovative Hospice Care Endowed Scholarship for \$1,000
- **Allison Cummings** received the Dorothy Anne Perkins Tomlinson Endowed Scholarship

College of Health and Public Affairs

The UCF Southern Region Campus chapter of the National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA) will be holding a Speech Communication Awareness festival in celebration of National Speech and Hearing Month at the Riverfront Park in Cocoa Village on Saturday, May 14th from 10- 2PM. The public is invited. This kid-friendly event will include a petting zoo, clowns, face painting, and other attractions. For questions, please e-mail chapter president Robert Anthony Moraleda II at r.a.moraleda2@knights.ucf.edu.

GRE Test Prep

Open to All Interested Students

Summer 2011 on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Palm Bay, building 3, room 203/205.

Dates: May 17th, May 24th, May 31st, & June 7th

Email Margo Storm at mstorm@mail.ucf.edu if you would like more information or if you would like to attend.

Enrollment Services

Nick Pantloni attended Project Get Ready at Brevard Community College in Cocoa with **Shakira Guice**, **Catherine Cash**, and **Patricia Dyson**.

New Scholarship Board

Cathi Evans updated the Enrollment Services Scholarship board to show off the many great opportunities available to students. She also has created a scholarship book located in the Enrollment Services office and sends the scholarship flyers to all the UCF Cocoa/Palm Bay departments to display around their office.



Classroom Visits

Nick Pantloni completed 6 classroom visits for Enrollment Services to BCC ENC 1101 and SLS 1101 classes which brings the total of UCF staff visits for February. He presented on financial aid at Heritage High School in Palm Bay on February 24th.

Sonya Curtis and **Felipe Mendez** conducted two classroom visits at the BCC Palm Bay campus in February. A total of 24 students were in attendance.

Sonya Curtis conducted 3 BCC classroom visits in March and spoke to a total of 53 students.

UCF Cocoa staff visited three BCC Orientations in April to discuss Direct Connect on Cocoa and Titusville campuses.

Nick Pantloni, **Shakira Guice** and **Sonya Curtis** visited BCC Cocoa and Titusville for an outreach with advising staff called "Things to Know." They also visited BCC Cocoa Orientation to discuss Direct Connect.

BCC Decision Days

During Decision Days by Appointment in March, decisions for 41 students at Cocoa and Palm Bay. Special Thanks to **Raphel Robinson**, **Chris Fletcher**, and **Pam Gruen** for assisting the Southern Region with Decision Days!

Cocoa Enrollment Services attended Decision Days in April for Melbourne, Palm Bay, and Cocoa making decisions for a total of 47 students.

Academic Advising

We say a fond good-bye to **Christina Williams**. Her last day was Thursday December 2, 2010. While a student she served as a student assistant in the advising office and then as a peer advisor. Christina Williams recently returned to the area and has helped out tremendously filling in as a student assistant in the advising office and as a student assistant in the College of Business office.

Angel Edgecombe attended 2 Brevard Community College Orientations. Angel presented information on Direct Connect, Program Offerings, Decision Days and other valuable resources available on the UCF Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses.

Ashley Harper and **Lenae Walton** recently attended classroom visits at Brevard Community in Cocoa. These visits exposed students to the Direct Connect Program and focused on the easy transition from Brevard Community College to UCF's Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses.

Angel Edgecombe participated and taught a Careers class in the Real World Money event sponsored by Junior Achievement. The audience was approximately 25 High School seniors from local high schools including Cocoa High,

Rockledge High, Astronaut High, Titusville High, and Merritt Island High.

Angel Edgecombe participated in IMPACT Day sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Brevard County Alumnae Chapter. IMPACT: Influence and Motivate Youth for the Purpose of encouraging Action, Commitment, and Trust in their lives. The audience for this event was for males ages 12 – 17.

Angel Edgecombe attended the 2011 Access Summit sponsored by UCF's regional campuses. The focus of the summit is to develop a regional strategy for expanding access to college education for high school graduates in Central Florida. That includes improved communication with families of high school students and solutions that could better align K-12 and higher education.

Quarterly Advising Tip:

Set goals. It can be hard to get motivated to study when you don't have a clear goal in mind. Set a goal of how much you want to get done and try your best to meet it.

Joint Use Library

RefWorks 2.0

RefWorks 2.0 went live on Wednesday, May 4th. It's a new and improved interface and users will not lose any information, citations, attachments, accounts, etc.

Users will have access to the old "Classic" interface until the end of this year; however updates will not be made to the Classic version. There is a Research Guide that helps with using RefWorks: <http://libguides.lib.ucf.edu/citations-refworks>

ebook Collections

There are several new ebook Collections from the library's website, Oxford Scholarship Online, Oxford Handbooks Online and Cambridge Books Online Psychology Collection. The Oxford ebooks consists of

scholarly books and debates in various disciplines that provide a variety of views on the subjects. You can search the full text of these books on Business and Management, Philosophy, Political Science, and Religion. These collections were purchased with 2010 Technology Fee monies. You can link to individual chapters or books directly in some collections.

If you have any recommendations for items to purchase for the library (books, dvds, ebook titles), please send your ideas to us. If you have any questions about the new ebooks or RefWorks, we're here to assist you. You can contact the librarians by calling the reference desk at 321.433.7879 or emailing Barbara.Alderman@ucf.edu or Andrew.Todd@ucf.edu

Writing Center

The BCC-UCF Writing Center worked with almost 300 BCC and UCF students Spring 2011. The center is closed over the summer, but students can continue to schedule phone and Adobe Connect chat consultations by going to <http://uwc.ucf.edu>.

Faculty are invited to paste Writing Center information into their fall syllabi: At the BCC-UCF Writing Center, a qualified writing consultant will work individually with you on anything you're writing (in or out of class) at any point in the writing process--from brainstorming to editing. Appointments are

recommended, but not required. For more information or to make an appointment, visit the website at <http://uwc.cah.ucf.edu>. You may also call 321-433-7873, or just stop by the Writing Center on the second floor of the library, Building 12, Room 221.

A longer version is also available on our website: <http://uwc.ucf.edu/syllabustext.php>

Remember that we also provide documentation if you choose to offer extra credit or require your students to visit us.

Student Services and Student Government

More diversity programs are being planned for the Summer and Fall terms for Cocoa and Palm Bay staff, faculty and students through collaboration with the Office of Diversity Initiatives, Regional Campuses Student Services and Cocoa and Palm Bay administration.

Cocoa student **Dr. William (Bill) Wilmot** was the first UCF Cocoa recipient of a Pizza for Peace diversity certificate of completion.

Assistant Director Diversity Initiatives Barbara Thompson presented the certificate. Dr. Wilmot completed five in a series of Cocoa Pizza for Peace workshops, which included *Freedom Writer*, *Crash*, *Body Image*, *People Like Us* and *Slumdog Millionaire*.



Students and staff on the UCF Cocoa Campus attended the Spring Diversitea on March 1st. The event was co-sponsored by the Office of Diversity Initiatives and the Orlando Turkish Cultural Center. The event was transmitted to UCF Cocoa from the Orlando campus. Attendees had the opportunity to hear information regarding interesting facts and traditions of Turkey. The event ended with a performance of traditional Turkish music.

UCF Cocoa and Palm Bay Orientation

We are starting to see many of our new transfer students coming in to ask questions, connect with faculty and to identify support services. It is a time of excitement and new experiences for our incoming transfer students who will be taking advantage of the academic programs and support services Cocoa and Palm Bay faculty and staff have developed and implemented to expand, enhance and support the academic experience of regional campuses students. All Cocoa and Palm Bay Orientations are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Orientation information table sessions are from 8:45-9:30. Faculty, staff, and student organizations can reserve an information table by contacting Regional Campuses Student Services at 321.433.7950.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 14, 2011

9:00 a.m. to Noon

UCF Cocoa - Room: 325

Pizza For Peace: To Kill A Mockingbird

Facilitator: Barbara Thompson

Monday, June 20, 2011

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

UCF Cocoa - Room: 235

DiSC: Behavioral Profiles Workshop

Facilitator: Barbara Thompson

RSVP Needed by Monday, 05.23.11 @ 5:00 p.m.

Materials need to be ordered for this course...

Staff, Faculty and Student Assistants...no charge

Students and other guests...\$22.00/ea. for workbook
(Payment needed with RSVP)

Orientation Dates Summer and Fall 2011

Cocoa:

9 am to 1 p.m.

Thursday, June 23rd

Wednesday, August 17th

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

Kristina Watkins brought Katherine Louise into the world on February 10, 2011. She was 6lbs 8oz and 18 inches long. Welcome Katherine and congrats to Kristina and Gary!



Cocoa Spring Term Birthdays

January: Strawberry topped chocolate cake greeted **Megan Haught** at the January birthday celebration. **Sheryl Schagen**, the other January birthday, was unable to attend so party attendees sang "Happy Birthday" to her over the phone.

March: Staff members feasted on cake, fruit and hummus while celebrating the birthdays of **Dr. Denise Young** and **Ashley Harper**.

April: **Nick Pantloni**, the lone April birthday, was happily serenaded (even if it was off tune) before everyone dived into 2 different chocolate cakes, mini cupcakes and ice cream.

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.

Holiday Celebrations



The annual Valentine's Day Dessert Party was a rousing success. There were desserts galore ranging from gooey chocolate caramel brownies, to Heath Bar cake, to strawberry soup. The discussion about everyone's Valentine's plans was lively around the table during this welcome break in the work day.

The St. Patrick's Day party this year held a new twist. It had a soup, salad and bread theme. There were Irish Stew, Beef Barley soup, and a plethora of salad and bread options. As usual, the food was excellent and everyone had a uproariously good time.



In celebration of Administrative Professionals Week, Cocoa staff gathered to enjoy a selection of cheesecakes. The Cocoa and Palm Bay administrative staff are the backbone that supports all of our success here in the Southern Region. Thank you for all you do.