

Succeed with Student Leadership Academy

The Parkland College Office of Student Life recently started the Student Leadership Academy, creating an opportunity for students to improve their leadership abilities while adding important skills to

their resume. The Student Leadership Academy, also called SLA, aims to provide students a chance to get involved in a variety of different campus-oriented activities as well as chance to apply for scholarships.

By NICOLINE HANSEN

Building a solid resume is becoming more crucial than ever. It is easy to notice, that today, it is no longer enough to simply have certain skills or a degree. As

explained on Parkland College's website "... organizations are looking for experienced leaders that are ethical, driven, well-organized communicators with

the ability to motivate, empower, and energize others." We as students cannot ignore the fact that in today's marketplace, it is expected to stand out and to have certain leadership qualities. The Student Leadership

Academy is a great way to obtain some of those qualities while still in the college setting.

Josh Clark, Parkland's Activities and Program Manager, who has also been a part of the

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"Brian Walker" Source: Mason Gentry

HUMANS OF PARKLAND: BRIAN WALKER

Brian Walker is a custodian here at Parkland College. But if you ask him, the job is much more than that. His responsibilities cover a great range including advice, direction and a warm welcome for each student and faculty member. Walker

exemplifies a level of friendliness, wisdom and excitement that should be shared.

A Champaign-Urbana native, Walker went to school at Central High School where his lengthy future in academia

By MASON GENTRY

was inspired by his lifelong mentor, Freeman Hrabowski. It was Hrabowski that stopped Walker in the halls one day for missing class and helped change his life. With his influence and involvement with Upper

Bound, a scholastic program for students in the area, Walker found his interest in Chemistry which would guide him in his future endeavors.

After graduating from Hampton University in 1981, "I used to work at a company called

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Queens Club Makes Debut

By LINDSAY COX

After a year in the making, Queens club is finally here! President Mikyla Steed came up with the idea for her club with her roommates while living at Parkland Pointe. They noticed that there weren't a lot of girls there and felt like something needed to be done about it. Thus, a club for female bonding was born. If you also feel like all that you are doing is going from school to home but want to change that, Steed encourages you to attend one of the Queens club meetings

The first step for Steed was putting up posters to advertise for the group. Asia Jointer, a Student Life worker and founding member of the club, informed Steed that the posters needed to be approved by Student Life. At the time there was something wrong with the poster, but Jointer was really interested in the club and told Steed that, "I could work with you to get this flyer approved, because I feel like it would really be a good thing for this college and for girls to have. If you need help with anything else, then I am willing to help."

Jointer is trying to start an organization back home, so this is great experience for her to learn what to do and how to get things done for her organization.

The girls also want to mentor other members to prepare them to take over the club once they move to the next stage of their academic career. "We want this to be like a real sisterhood where we still keep in contact after we are gone," Steed said. She also talked about the mission statement for the club stating that it's her goal for the members to bond like sisters. "Like a big sister, we want to be a role model, to help the get through things and different points of life like getting through college," Jointer added.

Both girls had older sisters but felt like they didn't really have anyone that understood what they were going through. By bridging this gap, they feel like they will be able to help other girls feel more confident moving into adulthood. Like Steed, Jointer was also going class, then returning home after class. She never even came to the U-Wing. Then she started to realize that she needed to make the most of her time at Parkland. "This is my freshman experience and I have nothing to show for it. I thought, 'maybe if I start working on campus, it will force me to meet new people and to get involved.' Through that, meeting all the amazing people that I

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Water + Color: A Tribute to Jamie Kruidenier

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, the McKinley Foundation opened an art exhibition at Artists' Alley dedicated to a former student and instructor of Parkland College. The art exhibition, "Water + Color," is currently open and honoring the memory of the late Parkland alum, Jamie Stewart

Kruidenier Artists' Alley created a media release and outlined some of her contribution to Parkland. According to the media release, "She was a lifelong educator and faculty member at Parkland Community College in Champaign, Illinois. Scores of children

enjoyed her art classes through the "College for Kids" program. She studied watercolor with Don Lake for many years, later substitute teaching for him and, upon his retirement, became a popular, well-respected, and skilled teacher herself at the

By KERRY LIPPOLD JR

college. Kruidenier's paintings, drawings, sculptures, and other works are displayed in private collections and galleries throughout the country."

Kruidenier had the opportunity to pursue what she loved while impacting the lives of so

many students around her. Barbara England, co-organizer of the exhibition, said, "...she engaged students of all ages in the process of painting and the joy of the creative process. Jamie's paintings had a spiritual quality through her choice of subject matter and her treatment of it. She

loved color, especially red, as well as objects of nature from the simplest to the grand. She had a remarkable eye for seeing what would improve a piece of art and was consistently kind and encouraging in her critiques." Sadly, her successful career was cut short by unfortunate

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Trio's stand at the Black Student Success Project on August 28. Source: Sidney Mounts



Student Life table at the Black Student Success Project on August 28. Source: Sidney Mounts



Students check out the Black Student Success Project event on August 28 hosting it in the Student Union. Source: Sidney Mounts



Jamie Kruidenier painting on site in Alaska. Photo Source: Barbara England

Kruidenier is Remembered By Her Artwork and the People She Influenced

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circumstances. Around the age of 53, Kruidenier was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. She then battled the disease for nearly 10 years until she passed away on July 11, 2018.

"Water + Color" was created to honor Kruidenier and demonstrate the impact she left on so many artists. At the show, you will find a combination of watercolor and gouache works with a wide variety of subject matter and techniques. Aside from the specific works, what should be emphasized is the hours of hard work and meaning behind them. "This art show, Water + Color, is a labor of love honoring the life and memory of our dear friend," England

said. Each one of the artists at the show were students at Parkland and studied with Kruidenier. The featured artists include Ann McDowell, Ann Rund, Anu Murphy, Barbara England, Birute Simaitis, Bonnie Sweitzer, Jenny Barrett, Jim Gallagher, Margaret Decardy, Martha Seif, Rebecca Renwick, Sandra Hynds and Sarah Wiseman. She was a dear friend to each of them and, "They are delighted to honor her memory through what first brought them all together, the art of 'Water + Color,'" Artists' Alley stated. The show will be open until Oct. 20 at the McKinley Foundation, a student focused organization and building on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus. The exhibition

is open to the general public.

England also wanted to point out some things she hopes the students of Parkland would take away from this exhibition. "It's a misconception

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that you must be a skilled artist to take art class after high school. The Parkland Fine Arts Department offers a fine variety of introductory classes that offer a change from the typical schedule of academic courses,"

England said. "Many of the artists in this show began studying art for the first time at the ends of their professional careers and their excellent work may encourage students of all ages to try their hands at something new."

Another great opportunity for Parkland students is a show that the gallery committee is planning for Jan. of this upcoming year. The show will feature the artwork of Parkland students at the McKinley Foundation. More information about "Water + Color" and Artists' Alley can be found at www.mckinley-foundation.org and information about the upcoming show to feature Parkland students will be coming soon.



The Parkland Pride had an event on August 28 playing board games and Pictionary. Source: Sidney Mounts

Brian Walker is More Than Meets the Eye

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A.H. Robins, [which was] a drug company. [My boss] was developing high performance liquid chromatography, standardizing the method for testing the drug products, and I was studying thin layer chromatography, graph chromatography, mass spec, straight out of college,” Walker said. He and his boss worked on preventing and removing a parasitic disease in chickens called coccidia. In the first week of its approval, the drug ended up selling for 6.5 million dollars. Despite his work, Walker only earned a 13-dollar marble plaque.

Based on his work ethic, Brian was encouraged by his friend, Kim Feldman, and his mother to apply to Meharry Medical College in Nashville where he was accepted and enrolled for two years from 1985-1987. Having tended to his ill mother, he was not able to continue here because of Reagan era stipulations, where school exams must be passed within a year.

In 1995, Walker moved from his job at the Caterpillar Headquarters in Morton, Ill. to the University of Miami and eventually to Atlanta. Later that year he moved back home to Champaign-Urbana where he worked for

two years as a sales chemist on Anthony Drive—a now defunct company. Following that, he applied for a chemist position in Rantoul, Ill. in 1998. He was hired on to the team of freshly graduated, young chem-

ists. However, upon his first day, he was scolded for missing his first three department meetings—the dates of which were sent to him via email. Embarrassed, Walker did not want to have to explain to his boss that

he didn’t know what an email was after being built up as such an experienced chemist. Frustration turned into motivation and Walker taught himself how to use computers at the media library on the U

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of I campus for free. Eventually, he purchased a whole computer set with Windows ‘95 in Dec. of 1998. He then realized that computers could, “make t-shirt transfers, you can make CD labels, you can make this, you

can make money off this!” Walker decided to take his Hrabowski’s advice and enrolled in computer-oriented classes here at Parkland in 2001.

After coming down with a serious illness, Walker was sentenced to his bedroom for two months. Walker, now bed ridden, was forced to voluntarily resign from his position at the lab in Rantoul.

Walker was happy to explain his life up until this point and even happier to be doing what he loves. “Right now, I have my own IT practice, I do video surveillance, I’m monitoring 17 cameras on my phone for [various businesses],”

Walker said. Along with camera surveillance, Walker builds computer labs for churches in the area, repairs laptops and does several other computer-related business transactions for people and friends in the area. At Parkland, Walker always tries to maintain the same character as he does outside the community. He aims to keep positive. “Life throws you curves, what you think his going to happen in your life, is not going to happen. But education is always a crutch you can fall back on,” he said. If you see him around campus, make sure to give Walker warm salutations and don’t stray from talking to him!

The Student Leadership Academy Benefits Students in Different Ways

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development of the program, explained that students can complete the Student Leadership Academy by “... completing 12 hours of interactive workshops, attending events on and off campus, performing community service and participating in experiential learning opportunities.” One of the main goals of the SLA is to keep the individual student focused on completing the program. This means that students can tailor their experience by attending those workshops and events

that will benefit them the most and help them reach future goals. Some ways to earn 12 hours are by participating in the Black Student Success Project, the Alternative Spring Break, attending Race Talk sessions or volunteering with the Garden Hills Homework Club.

The Student Leadership Academy benefits students in different ways. “The Student Leadership Academy benefits students who complete it by developing students into effective and ethical leaders in their education, career and community,” Clark said. Another benefit that

comes with the completion of the program is the opportunity to receive a 50% in-district tuition waiver. This could help lessen some of the financial burden that many college students face, allow students to focus on succeeding academically and further develop their leadership skills.

The first student to complete the Student Leadership Academy was Brianna Stone, who managed to complete the program in just one semester. Stone is a great example of how the program can help you develop personally, as well. Clark described

that, “She [Stone] began the program as a reserved, Student Life student worker. She ended up running and becoming elected to serve as President of Student Government.” This personal development led to a huge opportunity for Stone.

When asked why students should consider joining the Student Leadership Academy, Clark answered that, “The Student Leadership Academy is beneficial because it prepares students to be a part of a global workforce, builds off the experiences of students and is tailored

to the interests, goals and time availability of students.” In addition,

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students should consider being a part of the program because it will serve as a benefit when applying or transitioning into a four-year university

or into the work force.

Events that are coming up for the Student Leadership Academy included, “Time Management and Goal Setting,” “Diversity 101,” “Women’s Career Institute” and “Event Planning.” If you are interested in attending any of these events, please check out the Student Life Calendar on Parkland’s website. If you are interested in learning more about the Student Leadership Academy, please do not hesitate to visit parkland.edu/studentlife or send an email to stulife@parkland.edu.

The Queens Club is a New Organization with a Positive Message

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have met have forced me to join iconnect,” Jointer said. “Student Life wants me to be senator for student government; they got me into a lot of different stuff. Just being around everyone

is makes you want to be a better person.”

Steed and Jointer are in the process of trying to organize a fundraiser to help pay for their club’s bonding trip to Atlanta, Georgia. The goal of the trip is to listen to motivational

speaker Sarah Jakes Roberts. Steed plans on doing more events to recruit girls. Both leaders of the club are eager to leave a legacy at Parkland. Last year, the two talked about starting it and there were a lot of obstacles that they had to

overcome, but now they are finally a recognized club.

Before wrapping up, Steed and Jointer told the Prospectus that, “This club is for every type, every color, race, ethnicity, whatever religion. We want people to feel comfortable

coming in. This is a judgement free zone. We want them to feel comfortable talking to us. Many people are so different, and you think that you wouldn’t have anything in common, but at the end of the day we are all human and have

more in common than you think. We go through the same things with guys, religion, our bodies, so we can all talk on an equal playing field and learn from each other.”



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- The net is **7 feet, 11 5/8ths high** for men.



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Sep 7 (SAT) 2:00 PM CT

VS — Heartland Champaign, IL/ Soccer Field
Sep 10 (TUE) 4:00 PM CT

VS — Iowa Lakes Spencer, IA
Sep 14 (SAT) 2:00 PM CT

VS — Iowa Central Spencer, IA
Sep 15 (SUN) 2:00 PM CT

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