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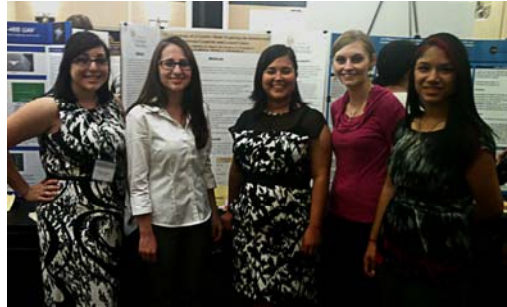
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# UCF COCOA & PALM BAY Knight News

**SPRING 2012**

**Palm Bay Psychology Undergraduate Receive Awards for 4<sup>th</sup> Year in a Row**

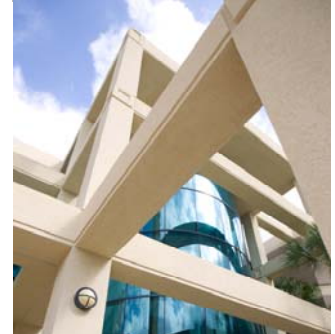


Every year during research week, undergraduates from all disciplines are encouraged to present their research or creative project at a conference on the Orlando campus. This conference, the Showcase of Undergraduate Research

Excellence (S.U.R.E.), was held on April 5<sup>th</sup> this year. The projects are judged on the basis of scientific merit, quality of scholarship, and presentation and awards are presented to recognize outstanding research. Notably, students from the Palm Bay Psychology department have won several such awards every year since 2008. This year was no exception.

This year, **Emily Edwards** won a second place award in the Social Science division for her research with **Dr. Karen Mottarella** for her honor's thesis entitled, "Preserving the Right to a Fair Trial: An Examination of The Prejudicial Value of Visual and Auditory Evidence in The Context of a Criminal Case." Emily has also won a \$1,000 scholarship for this thesis and is involved in several research projects.

In addition, the Palm Bay Psychology Research Team won an honorable mention for their research project entitled, "The Language of a Creative Mind: Exploring the Relationship between Creativity and Lexical Choice." Team members included **Melissa Antler, Diana Calderon, Breanna Nelson, Sarah Sanders, and Angela Vanella** with **Dr. Shannon Whitten** as the faculty advisor. Sarah Sanders had this to say about the experience, "Being a part of the Palm Bay Research Team and having the opportunity to present our study at S.U.R.E has been such an amazing experience for me. I have learned so much from this opportunity and I am so grateful to have been able to share this experience with my wonderful teammates. None of this would have been possible without the guidance of Dr. Whitten. I will forever be thankful for her knowledge and time spent with us. I am so excited to see what our team will do next!"



Do you have anything to contribute to the Knight News?

Please email all submissions to Megan Haught at [Megan.Haught@ucf.edu](mailto:Megan.Haught@ucf.edu)

## Provost Update

May 17, 2012

During the past few years, UCF has “tightened its belt” to become leaner and more efficient. In fact, by many measures UCF is one of the most efficient universities in the state.

Recent data show that the hard work of our staff and faculty members has helped UCF become:

25 percent more efficient than the state university system average for undergraduate instructional expenses

39 percent more efficient than the state university system average in administrative expenses.

Your dedication is best seen in recent data from U.S. News & World Report. UCF is ranked No. 177 in the country for quality, despite being ranked No. 265 in financial support — an excellent example of doing more with less.

However, belt-tightening alone will not help UCF manage the one-time \$52.6 million reduction in state support for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

### Important Next Step

One of the ways UCF will address the one-time budget cut is by requesting a 15 percent increase in differential tuition.

Although the state did not approve a general tuition increase, the Legislature approved the UCF budget assuming that a 15 percent differential tuition increase would be approved by the UCF Board of Trustees and State University System’s Board of Governors.

At UCF, differential tuition is essential because UCF’s state operating budget has decreased 49 percent since 2007, including the recent one-time cut.

If approved, differential tuition will result in \$20 million for UCF. UCF will use about \$14 million to maintain vital courses and programs, and to support our undergraduate student population. The remaining funds will be distributed

as need-based financial aid to assist our most at-risk students.

Without differential tuition, UCF will be a very different university next year. Reduced service and class availability will affect 112 faculty positions and 550 classes. A reduction in financial aid will hurt the students who need it most.

### Focus on Students

Although we are sensitive to asking more from our students and their families, the reality is that differential tuition has become a vital tool to fight the effects of reduced state funding. It will improve the quality of instruction students receive, and it will increase the amount of financial aid available.

Even with an increase in differential tuition, Florida tuition would remain one of the country’s least expensive. Did you know that 49 percent of our students graduate without debt related to their UCF educations? This compares to 33 percent of students nationally who graduate debt free.

UCF has worked hard to meet the Board of Governors’ first strategic goal: to provide access to a high quality education to as many Central Floridians as we are able to serve. Without differential tuition, our university will be unable to provide as high a quality of instruction as our students deserve.

Thank you for your continued service to our students and university.

Sincerely,  
Tony Waldrop

## A Partnership Award for BCC



UCF President Dr. John Hitt, retiring BCC President Dr. Jim Drake and Interim BCC President Dr. Jim Richey. (photo credit: BCC)

Brevard Community College was presented with the University of Central Florida Partnership award for the college’s joint effort in the creation and management of WUCF, the region’s primary public broadcasting channel. BCC provides the facilities, engineering, and program

support while UCF provides fundraising/development support and maintains the channel website, wucftv.org.

Through the expanding of the existing partnership between BCC and UCF, WBCC now broadcasts WUCF, in addition to the institutional channels WBCC and UCFTV, to the Space Coast. The success of WUCF is demonstrable proof of the strength of the bonds and good will between the two institutions.

For more information about this aspect of the BCC/UCF partnership visit: <http://wucftv.org/partnership>

For viewing information visit: <http://wucftv.org/where-to-watch/>



Business Services Office Manager, **Al Davis**, was recognized as the April UCF employee of the month for his outstanding performance and all around willingness to help fellow employees. As the certificate said, “Al has an active voice in monthly support staff meetings, a consistent level of excellent support, and his engaging personality has made Al an asset to the UCF community.”

Here in the Southern Region we are not surprised though. We know what a treasure Al is and are grateful that he works with us.

Congratulations, Al!



## Faculty & Staff Achievements

Twenty-one faculty and staff members attended the Diversity Certificate Series “The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow” over two days at the UCF Cocoa campus presented by Barbara Thompson of the Office of Diversity Initiatives. Of the twenty-one, the following eighteen received certificates: **Michelle Aybar-Tapia, Randall Brumfield, Paula Cepero, Elaine Cruz, Sonya Curtis, Ashley Harper, Jessica Houts, Angie Jones, Darlene Kraft, Barbara Kyle, Felipe Mendez, Nicholas Pantloni, Wendy Perez, Kimberly Poppert, Sheryl Schagen, Sue Sorensen, Kristina Watkins, and Teresa Youngman.**

Barbara Thompson presented a Panera for Peace Diversity Training movie session “The Help” for the staff of UCF Cocoa and Palm Bay Campuses. Palm



Bay attendees: **Kim Poppert, Sonya Curtis, Felipe Mendez, John King, Dan Miller, and Cara Dixon.** Cocoa attendees: **Katie Cash, Elaine Cruz, Al Davis, Angel Edgecombe, Ashley Harper, Jessica Houts, Angie Jones, Wendy Perez, Sheryl Schagen, Diana Soltys, Sue Sorensen, Kristina Watkins, Teresa Youngman, Randall Brumfield, Jim Smith, Darlene Kraft, Bill Wilmot, and Croce Todd.**

**Nancy Brasel** presented at ACEI’s 2012 Annual International Conference, the Global Summit on Childhood in Washington D.C. in March along with 2 other colleagues. The topic was: Listening to our Students’ Voices: Using Poetry as Research Methodology.

**Dr. Heather Batchelder**, along with Deirdre Englehart and Kelly Jennings, spoke about assessing teacher dispositions to produce higher quality teachers and improve Early Childhood Programs at the Eastern Educational Research Association conference.

**Sonya Curtis** attended Dr. Jim Richey’s State of the College Address. Dr. Richey, the new President of Brevard Community College, detailed his vision and goals for the college.

**Angel Edgecombe** and **Angie Jones** attended the Leadership Enhancement Program’s Leadership Institute, sponsored by the Diversity Initiatives Office entitled, “Empowering Leadership for a Global Society”. They also attended a Diversity Presentation entitled “Empowered Inclusion for High Performance” facilitated by Darrell Butler, President of Butler Consulting Group – BC Innovations.

**Angel Edgecombe** has completed her first teaching assignment, a Fall SLS class, at UCF in Orlando. The class was designed to make incoming freshmen aware of the many opportunities and resources they can avail themselves of here at UCF.

**Dr. Michael Johnson** presented the paper “The Occupy Movement’s Effects on a Social Reconstructivist Educator” the 64th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Philosophy of Education Society.

**Angie Jones** and **Ashley Harper** are part of a newly formed Regional Campuses New Media Team which explores the strategies, best practices, marketing, effectiveness, and troubleshooting that current electronic media has to offer UCF staff, faculty, and students.

**John King** and **Kim Poppert** attended the BCC Soul Food luncheon on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Melbourne campus. There were several speakers, most notably General Mary Ann Epps who spoke of her struggles in rising through the ranks to become the first woman of color to reach the rank of General in the National Guard.

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## Faculty & Staff Achievements *continued*

**Dr. Jim Katt** presented a co-authored paper, "Non Satis Sola Persona: The Relationships between Personality, Cognition, and Geriatric Depression," at the annual convention of the American Educational Research Association. He also presented "The Effect of Personality Traits on the Efficacy of Using Provisional/Immediate Language in Written Feedback." and "A Preliminary Investigation of the Relationship Between Teacher Nonverbal Immediacy and Student Personality" for the Communication Traits Special Interest Group at the annual Eastern Communication Association conference.

**Dr. Barbara Kinsey** presented a paper, co-authored with Alper Ecevit, Binghamton University, titled "The Strategic Incorporation of Immigrant Representation in Belgium," at the Midwest Political Association Conference.

**Dr. John Lynxwiler** presented "The Impact of Spirituality and Religiosity on Abortion Attitudes" at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society.

**Dr. Donna Malvey** won an award in recognition of her commitment, dedication, and stewardship the health services administration alumni at their annual symposium on March 28.

**Professor Daniel Marien** provides a weekly analysis of American politics for the morning radio program of the Quebec City affiliate of *Radio-Canada* -- the French-speaking sister organization of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

**Professor Daniel Marien** presented a conference paper on President Obama's leadership in the area of health care reform and climate protection at the Midwestern Political Science Association. He also acted as a panel discussant on Environmental Politics and Policy at the same conference.

**Ty Matejowsky**, Department of Anthropology, presented "The Incredible, Edible *Balut*: Ethnographic Perspectives on the Philippines' Favorite Liminal Food" at the April Brown Bag luncheon in Cocoa.

Please join us in congratulating **Florin Mihai**, Ph.D., who has been granted tenure as a member of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures in the College of Arts and Humanities. Dr. Mihai has served the Southern Region for several years as an Assistant Professor in TESOL.

**Florin Mihai**, Department of Modern Languages & Literatures presented "Publishing An Academic Book: An Author's Perspective" at the March Cocoa Brown Bag luncheon.

**Florin Mihai** co-authored *Language and literacy development: An interdisciplinary focus on English learners with communication disorders*, an academic textbook published by Plural Publishing.



Congratulations--there's a new doctor in the house. **Jane Moody** recently completed her dissertation, titled "E-Portfolios and Digital Identities: Using E-Portfolios to Examine Issues in Technical Communication."

Dr. Moody is an Instructor with our Cocoa Regional Campus, teaching online courses for the English and Interdisciplinary Studies Departments.

**Dr. Shelley Park** presented a paper, "Mothering queerly, queering motherhood: Exploring polymaternalism in adoptive, lesbian, and blended families" at the national meetings of the American Philosophical Association in December 2011.

**Dr. Deborah Rhyne** successfully completed the Quality Matters Publisher Rubric Update Course. Being certified in this area allows her to review courses developed by publishers such as Pearson, Cengage Learning, John Wiley & Sons.

**Andy Todd** collaborated with Timothy Bottorff from the Rosen Campus Library on an article entitled "Making Online Instruction Count: Statistical Reporting of Web-Based Library Instruction Activities," which is featured in the January 2012 issue of *College & Research Libraries*.



**Diana Soltys** graduated this spring with a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies from UCF. Congratulations, Diana!

**Dr. Karen Mottarella** won the prestigious 2012 Undergraduate Mentor of the Year after being nominated by her students. Her dedication and guidance encourage our students to reach new heights of academic excellence. As her nominating student said, “ Her enthusiasm, guidance, and encouragement enabled me to gain a unique understanding of my field of research and to become in love with research overall.”

Congratulations, Dr. Mottarella!



## Community Involvement

The Southern Region helped the charity Connected by 25 during the winter break by donating presents for single parents who recently left the foster care system.



**Dr. Deborah Rhyne** is volunteering at Brevard County Schools to help with their FCAT training and will be writing curriculum for Titusville Police Department training.

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 Spring 2012 term, she participated in the following:

- continued her collaboration with BCC through the following:
  - multiple meetings with both the outgoing and incoming BCC Presidents (Dr. Jim Drake and Dr. James Richey)
  - participating at the BCC Spring Welcome Back Session
  - 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
  - Participating in BCC's QEP Committee
  - Attendance at the BCC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
  - Attended the Grand Opening of the BCC Career Development Center on the Cocoa Campus
  - Met with Dr. Simpson, Provost, BCC Titusville Campus and Karen Eisenhauer, BCC Instructor, regarding faculty development
- Worked with BCC's GEP Assessment Committee to



develop a college-wide assessment handbook, to draft a committee procedures manual, and to develop a proposal for a Fall 2012 Course-Level Critical Thinking Assessment Initiative

- Working with Kay Pruitt, Development Officer at BCC, to complete and submit the BCC/UCF 2 + 2 Partnership Allocation application.
- Continues to be involved with the Brevard Workforce Development Board through attendance at the quarterly Business Workforce Committee meetings and Annual Retreat
- Continued involvement with the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast through attendance at the Board of Directors Meeting in December
- Attended the Association of American Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting, held in Washington, DC, January 25-28, 2012
- Attended the 2nd Annual Space Coast Energy Symposium, hosted by the Florida Solar Energy Center, which focused on job creation, emerging technologies, manufacturing, financing and policy to foster an energy economy in the Space Coast and Central Florida.
- Reviewed and scored essays submitted to the Nile Foundation for their annual Art and Essay Contest.
- Attended a UCF/BCC Veterans Outreach collaboration meeting with Randall Brumfield, Kim Koplak, Chris DeVane, and Bernie Lee.
- Attended the Direct Connect College Access Summit at Valencia College, West Campus along with Kim Poppert, Sheryl Schagen, Angie Jones, Angel Edgecombe, and Randall Brumfield
- Continued involvement with the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast through attendance at the Brevard County Economic Development announcement by Governor Rick Scott.
- Represented UCF on the United Way of Brevard Health, Wellness & Safety – Addressing Domestic Violence Community Impact Team. This is the fifth year she participated.
- Attended the Space Coast Business Marketing Anniversary Celebration
- Attended the UCF 2012 Summer Faculty Development Conference (FCTL), Education and the 21st Century.

## Sue's Tech Tip

The Southern Region was awarded, from a pool of entries, tech fee monies to upgrade three classrooms. The classrooms are to be upgraded with new multi-media equipment are Cocoa rooms 310 and 351 and Palm Bay room 201. The work on these rooms should begin this summer.

## College of Education

Southern Region College of Education hosted a mandatory Professional Development workshop for Fall 2011 internship I and II student with Coordinators **Kathy Seeley** and **Shloe Kerness**, and school district representatives, **Dinah Kramer** and **Barbara Davis**.

Over 100 internship applications were processed by the College of Education faculty and staff during the months of October, November and December and the Spring 2012 interns were placed in schools throughout Brevard County beginning January 17.

**Heather Batchelder's** EEX 3450 class volunteers each year at the Very Special Arts Festival at the Brevard Zoo to staff an arts and crafts booth. This year they helped special needs children make Prehistoric Party Picture Frames.



**Stacey Yount**, an Interdisciplinary Studies major with a focus in Education and Health, was awarded the Morcom

Family Scholarship which helps BCC alumnae and current full time UCF students who will work schools and have a history of overcoming adversity.



Palm Bay Early Childhood Development and Education graduating seniors hosted the 2012 Teacher Appreciation Reception to honor the teachers and principals who supervised their internships.



The Palm Bay Early Childhood Development and Education graduating seniors participated in a Teacher Certification and Hiring seminar presented by Dinah Kramer, Certification Specialist from Brevard School District.



## College of Arts and Humanities/College of Science

The UCF Speech Team has now competed in three tournaments. At "Pride of the Palm", **Xzondra Bergman** tied for 6th in Persuasion and qualified for the final round. At "Pride of the Palmetto," Xzondra again qualified for the final round, and **Stephen Sherbin** finished 5th in Poetry Interpretation and qualified for the varsity division of the national tournament.



The UCF Speech Team gained active membership in the Florida Intercollegiate Forensics Association (FIFA) when **Stephen Sherbin II** competed in Poetry

Interpretation and Impromptu Speaking. He will compete in National Forensics Association competitions in April.

Women's Studies minor and Political Science major, **Anna Eskamani**, received the Order of Pegasus award during this year's Founders' Day Celebration. The Order of Pegasus is the highest honor the university gives to students. Anna's

sister, **Ida Eskamani**, is also a Political Science major and recipient of this year's Order of Pegasus. The Eskamanis are both ardent activists around women's and gender issues, as well as a dynamic presence in current political processes in Central Florida.

**Emily Edwards** presented a poster co-authored by **Drs. Karen Mottarella** and **Shannon Whitten** at the SPS Social Psychology and Law Pre-Conference. The presentation was "Preserving the right to a fair trial: An examination of emotion and verdict decision in the context of a criminal case."

**Emily Edwards** (An Examination of the prejudicial value of visual evidence in the context of a criminal court case) and **Bryan Henderson** (College Student Attitudes About Cheating and Plagiarism) presented at the 2nd Annual Florida Undergraduate Research Conference.

**Heidi Moore**, **Symone Gibson**, **Marcy Csuhran**, **Gary Moore**, and **Chad Covert** presented research, completed with **Dr. Grace White**, at Showcase for Undergraduate Research Excellence (SURE) titled "Authenticity in Relationships."

## College of Arts and Humanities/College of Science *continued*

**Marie Sabbagh, Tess Hare, Holly McFarland, and Erika Wheelhouse** won the University of Central Florida Libraries Annual Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research for their essay "Self-Silencing in Response to Sexist Behavior: Exploring Women's Willingness to Confront Sexism."

Congratulations to the newest members of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology! New members were inducted into the Cocoa and

Palm Bay Psi Chi chapters at a formal ceremony on April 13: Melissa Antler, Diana Calderon, Molly McDonald, Allison Myers, Daniel Pumphrey, Sarah Sacra, Sarah Sanders, Patty Shokrani, Kelsey Springer, Tremaria Sweet, Rose Ann Swiden-Wick, and Kristi Ulery-Daley .



**Sarah Sacra** won the USBI scholarship which provides \$500 to students or dependents who were laid off from the space industry.

**Anna Shuman** presented her research at the Southwestern Social Sciences Conference. Her presentation was titled, "Age at Menarche and Choice of College Major: Implications for STEM Majors." Ms. Shuman surveyed 150 young women at UCF and found an association between the age of the onset of puberty and the college majors these young women were likely to make later in life.



**Matthew Hiesterman** presented at the Southwestern Social Sciences Conference. His presentation, titled "Blended Learning at the University: Why Relatively Few Students Take Half-Online Courses," investigated student opinions of blended learning at UCF. He worked with **Dr. Warren Waren** in the Sociology Department and his work was supported by the Research Initiative for Teaching Effectiveness (RITE).

Mr. Hiesterman is still collecting data from professors and students and hopes to publish his findings in the fall.

**Carla Cox** presented her research at the first Undergraduate Research Colloquium hosted by the Department of Sociology on the Orlando campus. Her presentation, titled "Gauging the Social Distance between the Homeless Population and UCF Student," which investigates how UCF students feel about the homeless.

Twelve students from the Cocoa campus presented at Undergraduate Symposium of Sociological Research. All projects involved gathering data from at least 150 surveys, extensive literature research, and data analysis using SPSS.

- **Brenna LeMaster:** Does Dog Ownership Affect Pit Bull Perceptions?
- **Eric Hines:** Do UCF Students Support a 'Safe Ride' Program
- **Michelle Higgins:** How Do Education Level & Religious Affiliation Affect Student Perception of Violence
- **Stephanie Crowell:** Religious Affiliation and It's Influence on Attitudes of College Students Regarding End of Life Treatment
- **Savannah Cotton:** Marital Status For Mothers Affects College Life
- **Penny Wilson:** A Look at Volunteering: A Call to Civic Action, Induction of youth
- **Ashley Fraser:** The Prolonged Effects of Domestic Violence on Children Who Witness it
- **Madison Zierk:** The Fast Way To Get To Know An Individual: The Graphic T-Shirt
- **Katie Beckman:** Creative Fandom: Removing the Stigma of Fan Culture
- **Tre'shawndra Capers:** Attitudes Toward Civil Disobedience As A Way To Improve Social Injustices
- **Stacey Johnson:** Threats of Violence Perceived as Serious among College Students base on College Level
- **Carla Cox:** Gauging the Social Distance between the Homeless Population and UCF Students

## College of Health and Public Affairs

Lincoln Strom, a detective with the Titusville Police Department, spoke with Dr. Rhyne's Criminal Justice Ethics class.

Tonya Sanders, a Crime Analyst from Brevard County Sheriff's Office, demonstrated computer crime mapping

techniques to UCF students during **Dr. Deborah Rhyne's** "Crime and Place" class.





## College of Nursing

The new semester started off with a Meet-and-Greet held to welcome the junior class to the UCF BSN program. At this informal get together, the junior class had the opportunity to meet with the senior class in a teacher-free environment over cookies and juice. Every junior was paired with a senior student, known as a Senior Buddy, to help with any questions or concerns that they may have about what to expect while in the nursing program and also to help guide them along the new journey.

The UCF Cocoa nursing program raised a total of \$466.54 last month for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with their "Pasta for Pennies" fundraiser.



On March 20, **Cecelia Dinh, Tera Smith, Priscilla Crawford, Amanda D'ambra, Samantha Bainbridge, Jenee Wagner, Stephanie Dotson, and Carol**

**Myers** were all honored at a luncheon for the scholarships that they received while in this program. One of their instructors, **Jacqueline Lamanna**, was also recognized, and named a Nightingale Scholar.

Seventy students from the senior and junior cohorts of the Cocoa Student Nurses Association, and instructors **Jacqueline Lamanna** and **Krisann Draves**, participated in the VA Stand Down located at the Cocoa Armory to perform blood pressure screenings, triage and intake, handing out clothing, sleeping bags, and hygiene products for about 300 community members.



## FCTL Annual Conference Has Strong Regional Presence



## Enrollment Services

Enrollment Services, Advising, Direct Connect Coordinators and UCF Ambassadors completed 35 classroom visits at all 4 BCC campuses promoting the Direct Connect program and informing students about the majors offered at UCF Cocoa and Palm Bay.

During the months of January and February, **Sonya Curtis, Kim Poppert, and John King** conducted 13 classroom visits at the BCC Palm Bay and Melbourne campuses.

## Direct Connect

**Sonya Curtis, Kim Poppert, and Student Ambassador Gary Moore**, promoted the Direct Connect to UCF at 14 BCC Men's Basketball games this season.

Direct Connect Express Decision Days were held at the BCC Palm Bay and Melbourne campuses. **Kristina Watkins, Sonya Curtis, and Kim Poppert** participated in the events.

# Advising Center

Angel Edgecombe, Angie Jones, Katie Cash, Kim Poppert and Sheryl Schagen attended the College Access Summit at Valencia West, which included student panels and group discussions, giving us all a better

understanding of how our direct connect students feel about their transition from the community colleges to the University of Central Florida.

## UCF Joint Use Library

### Library Corner - Online Videos

Have an online class and want to show a video? Try the library database: Films By Demand. You can view these by going to the A-Z list of databases in the library, click on F, scroll down and click on FMG-- Films on Demand.

Here are some of the titles available now:

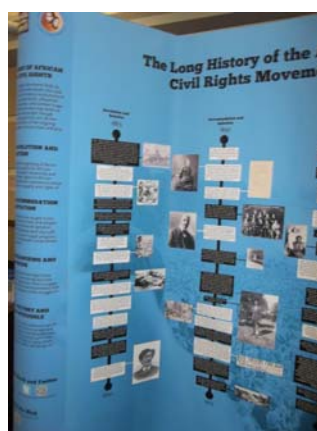
- Music of the Brain
- The Truth About Liars
- A Child's Guide to Language: Teaching a Second Language
- Voices of Disposable People
- Eyewitness: Memory in Criminal Investigation - this is a series with titles such as:
  - Who did it?
  - What actually happened?
  - Where the only witness is also the victim

We currently have a trial of the collection Alexander Street Press online videos. If you are interested in trying one of the subject areas, please contact either Barbara or Andy to gain online access. The library is considering purchasing these and all comments are welcome.

- World History in Video
- Opera in Video
- Nursing Education in Video
- Filmakers Library Online
- Education in Video

- Dance in Video
- Counseling and Therapy in Video
- Ethnographic Video Online

### Civil Rights Movement Exhibit



The BCC/UCF Joint-Use Library in Cocoa celebrated Black History Month by featuring a traveling history exhibit sponsored by the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex in Mims, FL, from February 6 through February 17, 2012.

The traveling exhibit, entitled "The Long History of the African American Civil Rights Movement in Florida," featured a timeline of Civil Rights events starting in 1865 and ending in 1965 with the passage of the Voting Rights Act. **Dr. Robert Cassanello**, UCF Assistant Professor of History, delivered two lectures regarding the exhibit on February 15, 2012.

For further information, please contact Andy Todd (433-7878) or Barbara Alderman (433-7997).

### Upcoming Veteran's Services Events Summer 2012

#### Veteran's Orientation

1 pm to 3 pm

Cocoa:

April 11, May 2, May 15, August 8, August 21

**Palm Bay:**

May 3, May 16

#### Connecting with Veterans

1 pm to 3 pm

Cocoa:

May 8, June 20, July 17, August 14

**Palm Bay:**

June 19, July 18, August 15

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

## Student Services and Student Government



Student Outreach Services had a Health and Wellness Fair for students sponsored by Rec and Wellness, Running

Zone of Melbourne and Brevard County Parks and Recreation. Students received nutrition facts, could get a blood pressure screening (courtesy of Student Nursing Association) and find out about events in our community.

### Busy Spring Underway for Student Services

The Regional Campuses Student Services Office facilitated multiple programs for our UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay students in a variety of areas:

- **Diversity Certificate Series** – February 6 & 7: Barbara Thompson, Assistant Director of the UCF Office of Diversity Initiatives presented “The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow” over two days at the UCF Cocoa campus.
- **Connecting with Veterans** – February 15: VA Program Specialist Paula Cepero hosted this monthly event for veterans in the Student Services Office in Cocoa.
- **First Aid Certification** – February 22: Student Outreach Services and UCF Recreation and Wellness hosted a First Aid Certification class at the UCF Palm Bay campus facilitated by Catherine Garland, Sport Club and Regional Campus Coordinator for Recreation and Wellness.
- **Connecting with Veterans** – March 14: VA Program Specialist Paula Cepero hosted Library Services and the University Writing Center for this monthly veteran event.
- **Panera For Peace: “The Help”** – March 15: Regional Campuses Student Services, the Office of Diversity Initiatives and the Dispute Resolution Services Office presented Screen Actors Guild Award winner and Academy Award nominated film “The Help.”
- **Trauma Management Therapy Workshop for Veterans** – February 27 (Cocoa) and March 19 (Palm Bay): Dr. Rachel Ruffin, an instructor at the UCF Cocoa campus, presented an overview of the UCF Social Anxiety Disorder Clinic and the Trauma Management Therapy Program For more information on the Clinic visit <http://anxietyclinic.cos.ucf.edu/tmt.html>.
- **Universal Knights Ticket Distribution** – Tickets were given to current UCF students between April 2 to April 13 @ UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay. A total of 230



tickets were distributed for this annual event held this year on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at Universal Orlando.

- **UCF On-Campus Orientation** – April 11: the Student Services Office hosted concurrent orientation sessions for the first time in their history at the UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay campuses. A total of 12 students attended: 7 in Palm Bay and 5 in Cocoa. Another new innovation was the usage Audience Response Technology to collect answers to questions about policies and procedures discussed throughout the presentations.
- **Cram For The Exam: Finals Edition** – April 16 to April 19: Students stopped by the Student Lounge during the week for some brain food, study resources, scantrons and pencils as you prepare for finals week (April 24 – 30).
- **SOS Director and Assistant Interviews** – Cocoa and Palm Bay – Week of April 16: Chantel Carter, Assistant Director for the Office of Student Involvement along with Randall Brumfield, Director of Regional Campuses Student Services for UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay conducted interviews for new hires to work during the 2012-13 school year. There will be a total of 5 SOS Staff members in Brevard county. In Cocoa, a Student Director and two Student Assistants and in Palm Bay two Student Assistants will be hired.
- **Connecting with Veterans** – April 18: Paula Cepero, VA Program Specialist, was available to answer any questions or assist with the completion of the Summer 2012 Certification Form.
- **2nd Annual Outdoor Extravaganza** – April 21: Student Outreach Services staff hosted a fun-filled afternoon of activities at Kelly Park in Merritt Island. Activities included water slides, bounce houses, rock climbing, kayak tours, food and more.
- **Career Planning & Development Center Job Fair @ BCC Cocoa** – April 25: VA Program Specialist, Paula Cepero, and DirectConnect to UCF Advisor, Catherine Cash, attended this event to provide transition information and provide assistance with questions about orientation, academic advisement and veteran services resources available.

### Student Services Staff On The Road

Student Services Program Assistant Darlyne Egan and VA Program Specialist Paula Cepero visited the Palm Bay campus recently to spruce up several bulletin boards. When you are on campus, check out the new bulletin boards and information.

### Upcoming Event

**NSSLHA Hearing Awareness Month Festival** – May 12 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Lori Wilson Park West Pavilion – Cocoa Beach

## Cocoa Spring Term Birthdays

**January:** Sheryl Schagen and Megan Haught celebrated big days this month with a decadent chocolate cake in 121 amidst their coworkers.

**March:** Healthy, savory treats were the theme of the day when Dr. Denise Young and Ashley Harper joined the party

**April:** Nick Pantloni is the lone birthday for April. His birthday will be celebrated in the summer term with the May birthdays this year.

## Regional Parties



(left) Valentine's Day arrived at Cocoa with much fanfare. A wide array of very tasty and gooey desserts shared table space with a few savory treats which helped balance out the sweet.

(right) The Cocoa Business Services Coordinator, **Michelle Aybar-Tapia**, has left the Southern Region to work for UCF in Orlando and will be greatly missed. Of course, we had to send her off in style with chocolate cupcakes and fresh fruit.



(left) Direct Connect Advisor, **Katie Cash**, is moving on from the Southern Region to work for the School of Social Work on the Orlando campus. All the work she has done for us was celebrated with chocolate cake and ice cream in an end of term party. We'll miss you, Katie.

(right) A grand party was held for **Diana Soltys** to celebrate her graduation from UCF. We are so very proud of what you have accomplished, Diana. Good luck with grad school!



## New Additions to the UCF Family



Congratulations to Dr. Lauren (Cocoa and Palm Bay Director) and Mark Miller on the birth of their daughter Hadley on January 19, 2012. Welcome to the Knight Family!

Our newest Knight, Fiona McLean Sandidge, was born February 28, 2012. **Barb Kyle**, BCC-UCF Writing Center Coordinator, is the proud, first-time grandmother.

