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## FSU DEDICATES DUNLAP SUCCESS CENTER

*Meghan McQuellon*

The Albert J. and Judith A. Dunlap Student Success Center, home to the Center for Leadership and Civic Education and the Career Center, was formally dedicated on September 19, 2008 by FSU President T.K. Wetherell. Hundreds of students, administrators, and friends gathered to attend the outdoor ceremony, tour the building, and thank Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap for their generosity.

The Dunlaps, who contributed almost half of the \$13.8 million used to build the new facility, acknowledged the importance of teaching skills, as well as values such as leadership and discipline to students in ensuring future success. The placement of these two departments was natural as both centers are committed to fostering student achievement at the collegiate level and beyond.

Mary Coburn, Vice President for Student Affairs, welcomed guests to the ceremony and spoke about the importance of bringing the Career Center and Center for Leadership and Civic Education together in one location. Service Scholar Amanda Gonzalez and 2008-2009 FSU Student Body President Laymon Hicks spoke of the significant roles the offices played in their college careers, and recognized each center's value in leading for the greater good.



A major benefit of the new facility is the ability for both the Career Center and the Center for Leadership and Civic Education to incorporate their programs under one roof. Prior to moving into the state-of-the-art building, each department had several satellite offices and the Career Center's on-campus interviews were held at multiple locations.

"Having everything here is much better for the students," Center for Leadership and Civic Education Co-Director Bill Moeller said. "It eliminates a lot of the confusion for those who we serve."

Career Center Director Jeff Garis agrees, "With the new location we have so much more visibility to the students," he said. "Student traffic level and business have already increased."

The Dunlap Student Success Center is located in the heart of campus on South Woodward Avenue. The building consists of approximately 50,000 square feet and the shared space includes four program rooms and two conference rooms. The third floor of the building is dedicated to FSU's centralized on-campus recruiting efforts and houses 35 interview rooms, two conference rooms, and an employer lounge.



## Message from the Vice President for Student Affairs

Thank you for reading the Fall 2008 newsletter! The school year is off to a great start and the excitement about the accomplishments of both our students and staff continues to grow. The impact of our work can be seen on campus as well as throughout the world. The Summer Serviceship program to the Global Pathways Certificate, we hope students take advantage of the many opportunities to become more global citizens.

The new Judith A. & Albert J. Dunlap Student Success Center opened this fall with the official grand opening in September. Already, the center has created a buzz with many students taking advantage of the services provided through the Career Center and Center for Leadership & Civic Education.

I hope you consider joining us in the coming weeks for Parents' Weekend and Homecoming. You would be able to witness the excitement for yourself!

All the best,



Mary B. Coburn

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## PARDON OUR DUST... IT'S TIME FOR A REZ-TORATION!

*Alicia Crew*

You may know it as the FSU Seminole Reservation, The Rez, or even Camp Flastacowo. Whatever your name for FSU's beautiful 73-acre facility on Lake Bradford, one can no longer say it looks "old."

The Rez waterfront buildings and front entrance are currently undergoing a much needed renovation. This construction will result in a new gate house at the entrance, improved boathouse and recreation hall, as well as provide a new Outdoor Pursuits office, First-Aid station, and classroom.

Even though the Rez is under construction, the fun does not stop! With the exception of the boat ramp (which is in the construction zone), all of the usual programs and services

are still being offered. In fact, with the recent delivery of needed precipitation from Tropical Storm Faye, there are now 3 lakes to paddle and explore in our canoes and kayaks. Additionally, visitors can reserve the pavilions, the Conference Center, select an over-night cabin rental package, climb the Wall on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, or set up a team building session with FSU Challenge!

Come out to The Rez today and witness the changes that are already happening and make plans to visit again in the Spring to see the new and improved Waterfront Facility! Follow the signs to our temporary Check-In station and set-up your next adventure today!



## FIGHTING CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE WITH THE HEART WALK CAMPAIGN

*Michon Ashmore*

Physical inactivity significantly increases the risk of cardiovascular disease, the nation's number one killer; yet 70 percent of Americans do not get enough exercise, blaming lack of time and motivation. This fall, Thagard Student Health Center is working to get local residents active and healthy by participating in the American Heart Association's Start! Heart Walk campaign.

Start! is the American Heart Association's signature fund-raising drive, encouraging Americans and their employers to create a culture of physical activity and health to live longer, heart-healthy lives through walking. Thagard's employees have formed a team to raise money and promote physical activity and healthy living to those in the community. Thagard's walkers are joined by more than one million individuals who participate in more than 450 events nationwide, in an effort to raise funds to save lives from the country's No. 1 and No. 3 killers – heart disease and stroke, respectively.

"These are serious diseases so it is important we come together and fight against them," said Joakima Carter, Thagard's Start! Heart Walk team captain. "Individuals and organizations involved in the Start! Heart Walk campaign can benefit from knowing they are part of an event which promotes overall health and physical activity, supports the community, increases organizational pride, and develops volunteer skills." Thagard's goal is to raise \$1,000 for the campaign. Donations will be collected until October 18, the day of the walk, held at Tom Brown Park.

"The Start! Heart Walk is a fun-filled three hour event where entire families come out to support the cause," said Carter. "Healthy food and drinks are provided along the walking route and participants can enjoy great conversation as they get to know the other walkers around them. Even if someone cannot attend the actual Start! Heart Walk event or can only give one dollar, every little bit helps," said Carter.

## GET UP, GET OUT, LET'S VOTE

*Sandra Miles*

Student Body President, Laymon Hicks made it a goal to get FSU students registered to vote in the 2008 Presidential election. The FSU Vote Coalition, a Student Government special project of the Hicks/Powers Administration, has made great strides in registering students to vote. The mission of FSU Vote Coalition is to mobilize the greatest number of constituents to go to the polls, regardless of political affiliation. In order to do this, they put together an excited, dedicated, and creative team of individuals to register as many students as possible.

The FSU Vote Coalition has cosponsored major campus events, performed various workshops, including teaching volunteers how to register a person to vote, and presented in class discussions which encourage students to register to vote before or after class. They have also staffed information tables at the dining halls for lunch and dinner in order to register new voters.

The final effort was during Vote Coalition Week, which was the final week people could register for the November 4 election, in which the Coalition hosted a plethora of events which led up to a community effort in the Frenchtown area registering voters, a Campus Block Party which got students excited about being registered, and a final voter drive.

This active group of students is proud and excited to engage the Florida State University in such a large push of civic engagement on this campus. The coalition has assisted in the successful registration of more than 1,000 new voters.

## NEW FACES IN THE DEAN OF STUDENTS DEPARTMENT

*Robyn Brock & Robin Leach*

The Dean of Students Department is delighted to welcome five new staff members. Rachel Bukanc joins the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities as the Assistant Dean/Director. Rachel previously held the position of Assistant Director of University Conduct at the University of North Florida; and currently serves as the co-chair of the ASJA Membership Interest Council. Her education includes a joint Master's in Anthropology and Women's Studies from Brandeis University, where she served as a Quad Director/Judicial Coordinator and Graduate Student Services Coordinator.

Meghan Greene returned to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities in May as the Assistant Director. She joins the staff after serving Wingate University as the Assistant Director of Residence Life and Community Standards. Meghan is a graduate of Florida State University and completed her Master of Science in Higher Education and her Bachelor of Arts in English. Outside of work, Meghan enjoys running, traveling and volunteering with her church.

James Hunt joins the Office of Greek Life staff as an Assistant Director. James completed his Master's of Science in Higher Education this May from Florida State University and earned his bachelor's degree from Mercer University. After serving as the graduate assistant in Greek Life at FSU for two years, the staff is thrilled to retain his expertise within the office. When he is not working, James is an avid college football fan, golfer, and traveler.

Regina Lattimore also joins the Office of Greek Life staff as an Assistant Director. Regina comes to us from Mississippi State University where she recently completed her Master of Science in Counselor Education (Higher Education in Student Affairs) and her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. While there, she served as the graduate assistant for health education and wellness, focusing on alcohol education for students. Regina is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and comes to FSU with a wealth of experience advising students in fraternities and sororities. When she is not hard at work, Regina enjoys theater, acting, reading, and travelling.

Darren MacFarlane joins the Dean of Students Department as a Case Manager. Darren's most recent experience has been as an Academic Advisor at FAMU. In addition, he has had five years of valuable experience with in-patient treatment centers for individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues. Darren, a native of Tallahassee, earned his bachelor's and Master of Social Work degrees from FSU. He enjoys playing the guitar, participating in Aikido, and spending time with his wife and puppy.



Please join us in welcoming each of these new staff members to the Dean of Students Department!

# SUMMER SERVICESHIPS

*Lisa Brown & Jillian Volpe White*

The Summer Serviceship Program is a service internship which gives selected FSU undergraduate students the opportunity to focus 8-12 weeks of their summer on service at a nonprofit agency. Participants concentrate their service on a specific social need in a community locally, nationally or internationally. Students write innovative proposals, demonstrate continuing interest in a social cause, and exhibit a willingness to promote intercultural learning to other students upon their return to campus.

In 2007, the inaugural Serviceship cohort, referred to as "Serviceshippers", included two students who served the Tallahassee community and four students who served the international community in India, Mexico, Sierra Leone, and Spain.

Last summer, seven students served internationally in England, Haiti, India, Tanzania, and Uganda addressing issues of poverty, HIV and AIDS, sustainable hunger relief, health services, health education, and children with terminal illnesses.

Through participating in the Serviceship program, students acquire a greater sense of independence, define their values, and deepen their understanding of a social issue through immersion in a new community. Students are encouraged to write individual learning outcomes which relate to their personal, academic and professional goals. For younger students, Serviceships may provide an opportunity for exploration while for more advanced students, the Serviceship may be a capstone experience launching them forward in their career path.

Reflection is an important component of the Serviceship program. Students choose the method of reflection which works best for them whether that is journaling, blogging, creating a photo collage, or speaking to others about their experience. Hilary O'Neil (*far right*), a senior who spent her summer in London, England, served at Fare Share, an organization committed to sustainable hunger relief.



"I will never forget staring into the eyes of a dying man expressing my love for him after spending two months feeding him, cleaning him, clothing him, changing his wounds, massaging his feet, all while basking in the rays of his grateful smile. I learned that LOVE is action, and that action is SERVICE."

– Justin Maynard, a senior, reflecting on his summer in Calcutta, India

Here is an excerpt from her blog, six weeks into her Serviceship experience:

*"At times, it's overwhelming to stand in the middle of a warehouse completely full of surplus food... everything in our possession has been diverted from going to the dump.*

*When did we, as a society, become so wasteful? I believe there's merit in the mantra 'if you build it they will buy it' but I also believe in the basic principles of economics. If we didn't demand it, they wouldn't supply it. Who's to blame? What are the boundaries between corporate and personal responsibility? I struggle with this idea daily."*

## PARENTS' WEEKEND 2008

*Allison Crume*

Each fall, the FSU community welcomes hundreds of parents to campus for its Annual Parents' Weekend. This year's event is scheduled for October 24 and 25. Families travel to campus to get a glimpse of student life and spend time with their student.

Some of the weekend's highlights include a 5K Run/Walk, two Flying High Circus performances, and a State of the University Address by President Wetherell. Other events include a Sidewalk Chalk Competition, a Picnic on the Union Green, and a Tailgate Brunch held before the football game on Saturday.

We've invited some of the most dynamic and award-winning members of the FSU faculty to talk about the topics which excite them. Participants are invited to attend these educational sessions on Friday from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. Each presentation and Question and Answer session will last approximately 50 minutes and take place in the Oglesby Union.

Please join us for Parents' Weekend 2008 on October 24 and 25. For more information, visit our web site at <http://union.fsu.edu/pw/>.

## IT'S EASY BEING GREEN IN AN FSU RESIDENCE HALL

*Steve Crudup & Denise Mercier*

To encourage residents to recycle and incorporate other eco-friendly habits into their lives, University Housing kicked off its "Housing Noles to Recycle" campaign in August 2008.

All residence halls are now equipped with clearly marked recycling stations on each floor. Green and white signs direct residents to a bin or chute designated strictly for recycling glass, aluminum, and plastics – materials frequently discarded in residence halls. Colorful stickers at each station specify which items may be deposited there, and how to recycle cardboard boxes.

For students eager to do more than recycle aluminum, glass, plastic and cardboard, a new "Housing Noles to Recycle" website at <http://www.housing.fsu.edu/recycle.html> provides information about recycling other materials. This link connects users to websites for local and on-campus entities that encourage sustainability efforts and offers everyday sustainability suggestions for students living on campus. By simplifying the procedures for

recycling a variety of materials in the halls and making it easier and more convenient for residents to practice sustainability in their daily lives, Residence Life staff hope to encourage students' efforts to make a difference in their environment.



Careful planning and consultation with local and campus partners involved in recycling helped coordinate Housing's message with other information students receive, such as from Tallahassee-Leon County Waste Management, FSU Solid Waste & Recycling, and Garnet & Gold Goes Green.

This new campaign is one of many

such steps taken since 1991. In recent years, University Housing has significantly reduced its energy and water use, put all of its major publications and application processes online, and used more sustainable products and equipment throughout its buildings.

"This summer, we switched to a 'green cleaning' program in the residence halls," said Dave Sagaser, Associate Director for Facilities. "Products were tested for one year and a cleaning products bid was conducted through Purchasing."

With many other ideas on the horizon, University Housing is committed to providing education and efforts to encourage sustainability and healthy habits among its resident population.

## OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK TO CAMPUS

*Karla M. Johnson*

As part of Seminole Sensation Week, the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) kicked off the fall term with the annual Multicultural Orientation on Thursday, August 21, 2008. The Multicultural Orientation is designed to offer first year students the opportunity to meet faculty, staff, and student leaders, as well as learn of the numerous opportunities available to them for campus involvement.

Joining OMA for the Multicultural Orientation this year was a panel comprised of faculty and staff members from the departments of Mathematics, English, as well as the University Counseling Center. First year students received an overview of the importance of communicating with their professors, information about campus resources, academic requirements and expectations, study tips, and suggestions on how to deal with the stigma and stereotypes often associated with seeking help for issues related to mental health and well-being. Student organization and agency leaders also participated by extending invitations to their meetings to assist students in learning more about their missions and activities.

OMA continued the welcome festivities for first year and returning students on Friday, August 22, 2008 by hosting the annual Barbeque and Multicultural Showcase. The Barbeque, cosponsored by the Dean of Students Department provided a fun opportunity for Student Affairs Division staff members and administrators to work side by side to serve more than 350 meals. The Multicultural Showcase, cosponsored by National Pan-Hellenic Council featured a variety of performances by many registered student organizations. The Showcase is designed as an opportunity for student organizations to generate interest in their activities and to promote their campus and community events.



## FSU STUDENTS BECOME GLOBAL-READY GRADUATES

*Cadence Kidwell*

The FSU Global Pathways Certificate, designed by FSU Academic Affairs and the Division of Student Affairs, maximizes the rich cultural learning experiences available to students on campus, in the community, and abroad. FSU students choose a certificate theme based on their interest and goals, take related academic courses and a language, and participate in international and/or cross-cultural experiences and events to enhance their experience. Such active learning and reflection, together with cross-cultural interaction, dialogue, and service help to provide the invaluable skills and competencies needed to be a global-ready graduate.



Students apply to earn the certificate and since many of the requirements can be met retroactively, the first successful applicant completed the requirements just two months after the program was announced. This certificate can be obtained in conjunction with any major. Current applicants include majors in International Affairs, Modern Languages, Sports Management, English, Communication Disorders, and Religion. With careful planning, all certificate components can be incorporated into the academic plan for most undergraduate majors.

Students can also opt for the local cross-cultural experience, in lieu of an international experience, to avoid personal travel expenses.

Participating students are enthusiastic about the events and activities; and find they are involved in events they would not otherwise have taken part in. For more information, visit <http://global.fsu.edu/globalpathways>.

## Awards and Recognitions

Lisa Brown (Center for Leadership & Civic Education) was recognized as one of Tallahassee's Volunteers of the Year.

Michael Collins, M.S. (Campus Recreation), Tommy Schorer, and Tim Kellison presented "Florida State Intramural Sports: How the Unconventional Attracts the Masses" at the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) National Conference in Austin, Texas.

Jeff Garis, Ph.D. (Career Center) was awarded the esteemed "Brownlee Award" from the Florida Career Professionals Association in June.

Juan R. Guardia, Ph.D. (Office of Multicultural Affairs) will receive the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award from the Iowa State University College of Human Sciences in Ames, Iowa.

Mai Kung (Thagard Student Health Center) published "Why Decline Better Access to Health Care" in the *Tallahassee Democrat* and republished in *The Florida Nurse*.

Mai Kung (Thagard Student Health Center) presented *Sports Physicals: Legal Implications of Qualifying and Disqualifying Student Athletes* at the 33rd National Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Symposium in Keystone, Colorado.

Nina Sumlar, M.D. (Thagard Student Health Center) was awarded a renewal certification from the Board of Internal Medicine.

Leslie Parsons, M.D. (Thagard Student Health Center) was named Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

David Peters, M.S. (Campus Recreation), and Michael Collins, M.S., presented *Good Sports: Creating a*

*Respectful Atmosphere for Competition* at the NIRSA National Intramural Symposium in Raleigh, North Carolina.

David Peters, M.S. (Campus Recreation), presented "Keeping Recreation in Intramural Sports" at the NIRSA National Conference in Austin, TX.

Greg Turner (University Housing) was nominated as one of Tallahassee's Volunteers of the Year.

## New Hires

Jacquell Abrams, student program coordinator, Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement

Billy Dahlgren, student program coordinator, Student Activities, Oglesby Student Union

Scott Otte, associate director, Thagard Student Health Center

Elizabeth Roberts, program coordinator, University Housing

Amy Safriet, director of development, OVPSA

Perry Whitehead, facilities, University Housing

Ian Arnold, media specialist, Union Marketing, Oglesby Student Union

Khorey Baker, student program coordinator, University Housing

Krishna Baker, assistant director, Fitness, Campus Recreation

Kathleen Barber, student program coordinator, Student Life Center, Oglesby Student Union

Susan Bowland, accounting assistant, Center for Leadership & Civic Education

Lucinda Braswell, registered nurse supervisor, Thagard Student Health Center

Bobby Broome, facilities superintendent, Campus Recreation

Rachel Bukanc, assistant dean & director, Student Rights & Responsibilities, Dean of Students

Lisa Cooper, student program coordinator, University Housing

Jeannette Corredor, psychologist, University Counseling Center

Jeffery Darby, custodial worker, University Housing

Barbara Davidov, psychologist, University Counseling Center

Celina Dezzuto, student program coordinator, Circus, Oglesby Student Union

Jane Dorhout, office manager, University Counseling Center

Jessica Driemeier, student program coordinator, International Center

Alfonza Dupree, custodial worker, University Housing

Tim Ebener, assistant director, Student Disability Resource Center, Dean of Students

Theresa Edwards, custodial worker, University Housing

James Fleming, maintenance mechanic, University Housing

Candace Ford, career development specialist, Career Center

Angie Foster, instructional specialist, University Housing

Edna Gasque, clerical assistant, Center for Leadership & Civic Education

Freddie Geathers, custodial worker,  
University Housing

Meghan Greene, assistant director,  
Student Rights & Responsibilities,  
Dean of Students

James Hunt, assistant director, Greek  
Life, Dean of Students

Ricardo Jenkins, custodial worker,  
University Housing

Jami Kerkstra, student program  
coordinator, University Housing

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Child Development Center, University  
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specialist, Career Center

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Center

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Linda Stacey, custodial worker, University  
Housing

Randy Staley, program coordinator,  
Thagard Student Health Center

Nate Stapp, assistant director, Circus,  
Oglesby Student Union

Brandi Tatum, academic program  
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and Enhancement

Brenda Thompkins, program associate,  
University Housing

Yolanda Torres, senior custodial worker,  
University Housing

Angela Ward, insurance billing  
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Center

Jared Whitfield, custodial worker,  
University Housing

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assistant, Greek Life

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OVPSA

Melvena Wilson, health & human  
services specialist, Thagard Student  
Health Center

Tingting Xu, instructional specialist,  
University Housing

## Alumni Updates

### 1950's

Patricia Finlay Parham (1959), fully retired, works as the Chairperson of the South Florida Educational Federal Credit Union, while participating in several other clubs and organizations. Both of her daughters are employed by the school system, one as a teacher and one as Director of Food Services for the district.

### 1960's

Ronald Boersma, MD (1963) received his MD degree at Creighton University in 1968 and has been practicing cardiology in the Buffalo, NY area in a 15 man group. He is semi-retired and grandfather to 9.

Sue Rice DeLuca (1968) taught for 36 years and is now happily retired from full time work. She now enjoys competitive golf, alpine skiing, travel, and spending time with family and friends.

Kathleen F. (Hufford) Esmiol (1960) has written a book which is currently under consideration by a publisher.

David E. Fountain (1965) retired and is now working on a book.

Ruth Doyle Hinman (1965) survived a bout with cancer and is currently in good health.

Sheila Riley (1967) retired from a career in social work. She is President of the Southern California Seminole Club, Secretary of the Riverside County (CA) Democratic Central Committee, Volunteer Coordinator of the Hedrick for Congress Campaign, Secretary of the Greater Riverside Democrats Club, and also Secretary of the Riverside Women's Democratic Club. In her spare time, she travels with her husband, Russ, and enjoys spending time with their dogs and working in the yard.

### 1970's

Jim Lanahan (1973) has retired from the US Marine Corps Reserves with the rank of Colonel. He serves as the Chairman of the Board of Goodwill Industries of North Florida. He also operates Advanced Direct Marketing Services in Jacksonville, FL, a full service, high volume, mailing and lettershop business.

Jan McNeill (1970) officially retired in June 2008 from the field of education after 37 years of teaching English and Latin in middle and high schools, as well as the part-time position of Instruction Specialist in the last six years of her 37 year commitment.

J. Barry Mittan (1971, 1976) worked as an international correspondent for icenetwork.com for the 2008-09 figure skating season. Mittan, who has published over 700 articles on figure skating for *SkateToday*, *GoldenSkate*, *OzSkater* and other media outlets, also photographs figure skating for publications in Australia, Canada, Germany, Italy and Russia, as well as the International Management Group and International Skating Union.

George Waas (1970) was named a top government lawyer in Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite for 2008. Waas is Special Counsel for the Attorney General's Office.

### 1980's

Lisa Brock (1980) received the Judges

Choice award from the Tampa Bay Business Journal's Business Woman of the Year. The award is given for character and leadership and awarded by an independent panel of judges.

Tim Center (1988, 1991) was named the Executive Director of the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida. He was appointed by Florida Department of Community Affairs Secretary Tom Pelham. He serves in this capacity while he is the Vice President of Sustainability Initiatives at the Collins Center for Public Policy.

April Salter Herrle (1985), president and chief operating officer of Salter Mitchell in Tallahassee, claimed eight of the state's highest awards at the Florida Public Relations Association's (FPRA) 2008 Grand Image Awards Gala in Kissimmee, FL.

Jerry Roden (1986) former Torchbearer Board Member, maintains his law office on the Treasure and Space Coast. Along with FSU President T.K. Wetherell, he participated in the dedication of the FSU College of Medicine at Indian River State College (IRSC) in Ft. Pierce, FL in his role as IRSC Board of Trustee, a post appointed by Governor Crist in October 2007.

### 1990's

Kristen (Eppers) Aguirre (1993) married Miguel Aguirre (1991). She received her MBA from UCF in 1999. Kristen and her husband have two sons ages, 7 & 8. They own an industrial design firm, U-A Design Integration Company (formerly known as Zumdesign).

Dr. Greg Borgstede (1997) recently started work with the Cultural Heritage Center at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. Greg and his wife, Karla Silvestre (1995), recently welcomed their second daughter.

Chris Bracco (1991) works in Iraq as a civilian contractor for KBR. His

wife and 16 year old daughter live in Baytown, TX. His other child just married a Marine and will settle in NC. He looks forward to being back home with his family soon.

Michelle Parks Cummins (1991) received her master's degree in counseling and works as an elementary school counselor where she coordinates the Coweta County Mentoring Program (Coweta County, GA). She also works with the executive director of Communities in Schools - a non-profit program devoted to keeping kids in school.

Adam DeRosa (1997, 1999) was hired in June 2008 as the Residence and Student Services Manager for the Harid Conservatory in Boca Raton, FL.

Karla C. Carney-Hall, PhD (1993) serves as the Vice President for Student Affairs at Hendrix College in Conway, AR.

Caroleigh Karlsson (1991) received a master's degree in E-Commerce from the University of Maryland in May. As a result of that study, she is now a member of the Phi Kappa Phi national honor society.

Shelbie Legg (1996) and her husband welcomed their second child, Annabelle Aedan Barybov on August 8, 2008. Legg and her family will be transferring to Embassy Sarajevo at the end of September.

Bill Litton (1994) was appointed by Governor Crist to the State of Florida Diabetic Advisory Council for a four year term. He currently works with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office in Sanford, FL and serves as President of the Rotary Club of Sanford.

Michael Loy (1994) switched careers and after practicing law for 9 years, he became the Managing Director for Intermarkets, Inc., a Washington, D.C. based advertising sales management services firm. He lives in Potomac,

MD, with his wife, Nil, and 1-year old daughter, Jordan. He also serves as President of the Beta Eta Alumni Chapter, Inc., an alumni organization for Pi Kappa Phi alumni from FSU.

Kara Sproles Mock (1991) accepted the position of director of Marketing and Communication for Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in Columbia, S.C., where she also teaches journalism. In addition, she is an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina and is the principal of K. Mock & Partners, a consulting firm offering public relations, advertising, and marketing services.

Annalise Wehr Smith (1995) is the Vice President for Business Development with Sunshine Pharmacy. She and her husband Brent live in Naples, FL with their two children, Tyler, 7, and Lydia, 4.

Chris "Max" Steiner (1997) and wife Lisa are expecting their 1st child, a baby girl.

David Traill (1993) earned National Board certification (the highest level teachers can earn) in Social Studies, and welcomed twins Ryan and Macy in February of this year. He is also writing a book.

### 2000's

Dr. Jean C. Accius II (2002, 2003) received his doctorate in Public Administration and Policy Analysis from American University. Currently, he is a Research Analyst with the AARP Public Policy Institute, and an adjunct professor at American University, as well as co-authored two publications, "The Senior Executive Service", in the *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy* and "The Program Assessment Rating Tool and the Government Performance and Results Act: Evaluating Conflicts and Disconnections" with the *American Review of Public Administration*. He will marry in October.

Karen Barako Arndt (2002) and David Arndt (2003) were married January 12, 2007 and live in Nashville, TN. Karen completed two masters degrees and is currently working on a Ph.D. in Speech-Language Pathology at Vanderbilt. David, a licensed pilot, works as a Certified Flight Instructor for the Flight Academy of New Orleans.

Jessica (Crouse) Bacon (2003) married Brian Bacon on Saturday, August 9, 2008 at the Pink Shell Beach Resort & Spa in Fort Myers Beach, FL.

Elizabeth Williams Benson (2002) relocated from Cambridge, MA to Washington, D.C. with her husband, Scott Benson, and 9 month old daughter, Ella. She was hired as the Manager of Recruiting Programs in the Career Education Center at Georgetown University.

Vinny Bocchino (2006) completed a master's in Higher Education at the University of South Carolina in May and works as the coordinator for Emergency Planning and Research with the University of South Carolina Division of Law Enforcement.

Rachel Derby (2008) and Allin Hedge (2004, 2005) were married on August 30, 2008 in Jacksonville FL.

James Walter Doyle (2006) graduated with a masters degree in Education from Pace University. He has completed the Teach for America program, and remains in the classroom as a 12th grade English teacher in Harlem, NY. He was promoted to Senior Advisor and Department Chair for the Advanced Placement and Honors program.

Allie Feldman (2006) and Scotty Taylor (2006) serve on the Executive Board of the New York City Noles and live on Upper West Side of Manhattan. Scott works for E-Music.com and Allie works as a Democratic campaign operative.

Melissa Gallagher (2000) started Healthy Being, LLC and launched a natural health & wellness product currently featured on CNN's Accent Health News Network. The product is Sunshine in a Box, a natural relief kit for Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

Adam Grafton (2002) and wife Heather (Gantt) (2002) are expecting their first child in February 2009.

Lauren (Ramey) Kiley (2001) is a felony prosecutor for the State Attorney's Office for the 10th Judicial Circuit in Bartow, FL.

Katie (Davis) Longo (2002) married May 3, 2008 and teaches middle school chorus at JEJ Moore Middle School in Prince George County, VA.

Clinton W. Mitchell (2006) is in his third year of law school at Howard University.

Nina Pantelic (2005, 2008) teaches in Madrid, Spain since October 2007. Pantelic also held an internship with human rights NGO called "Helsinki Espana." Her plans include moving to Belgrade, Serbia in Summer 2009.

Jesús M. Salas (2005) was promoted to an Instructional Coach at Markham Middle School and also became a part-time professor with the School of Education at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA.

Phyllisa Smith (2001) is engaged and will marry in Paris, France in February of 2009. She recently completed her comprehensive exams for a Ph.D. in English Literature.

Dana Vettel (2006) started graduate school at Duke University as a master's in Public Policy candidate, class of 2010.

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## CARE SETS THE MARK FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS

*William Hudson*

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