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President Barron,

In April, the Division of Student Affairs was able to highlight a few of our departments, programs and services of which we are so proud and you had the opportunity to get to know some of our inter/nationally recognized areas.

Now, we introduce you to the other half of our departments that focus on resources for educational, intellectual, leadership, physical, spiritual, and personal development. After today, we hope you have an even deeper understanding of how we are maximizing learning and engagement at Florida State University.

The students you meet are making a difference in their communities and we are so proud to help them reach their goals through our high quality programs.

We appreciate your interest and support.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Coburn
Center for Academic Retention & Enhancement

The Center for Academic Retention & Enhancement (CARE) is an academic support unit that assists The Florida State University in its outreach and support to undergraduate students who may be disadvantaged due to economic, educational or cultural circumstances. This center provides both, pre-collegiate and undergraduate level programs and services targeted to the first-generation college students, focused on preparation, adjustment, engagement, retention, and graduation from college. CARE was established to improve retention and graduation rates of undergraduate students attending The Florida State University.

Build Community
CARE Summer Bridge: Offer an alternative admission program that annually admits 350 highly diverse students to FSU and assists them throughout their undergraduate experience in building academic and campus survival skills, and productive engagement in campus life.

College Reach-Out Program (CROP): Support a state funded program to motivate and prepare students from five select area middle/high schools for college.

TRIO Upward Bound Program: Support students from East Gadsden High School in Quincy, Florida through a federally funded program to promote graduation and enrollment into higher education.

Educate Leaders to Make a Difference
Honor Societies: Recognize achievements of students through two national honor societies established at FSU which celebrate the African-American and the Hispanic heritages while promoting academic excellence and participation in mainstream organizations.

Integrate Learning
Freshmen Academic Advising: Assist students with course selection during their first two years while taking a proactive approach in addressing the personal and professional development of students.

Sophomore Coaching: Support students through developmental advising to improve effectiveness in and out of the classroom. Students are encouraged to establish and achieve personal and academic goals.

Tutorial Lab: Provide support to enhance academic success. Students are taught to develop effective study skills, explore learning styles, gain self confidence in course work and reduce feelings of fear and failure.

Small Course Sections: Offer several small sized class sections in English, Math, History, Speech and Critical Reasoning to aid students in their adjustment to the academic rigors of college.
Dean of Students

The Dean of Students Department supports the holistic development of students through: ADVOCACY, EMPOWERMENT, LEADERSHIP, ACCOUNTABILITY and COMMUNITY.

Build Community

Transition, Retention and Engagement: Support students’ and family members’ transition and student retention and engagement through Orientation (more than 18,000 participants), New Student Convocation, One Book One Campus program, and Family Connection organization (over 16,000 family members annually).

A Community Conducive to Learning: Guide discussions designed to identify values-congruent behaviors, develop skills to resolve ethical dilemmas, and recognize the role of community standards in a campus environment through the Ethics course, risk management programming and advising, and the Hazing Initiative.

Educate Leaders to Make a Difference

Engaging Student Leaders: Contribute to leadership development through the orientation leader course, Greek Life leadership programming, student justice training, and Association for Creating Community Equality for Seminole Students (ACCESS) and Men Advocating Responsible Conduct (MARC) organizations.

Integrate Learning

Collaboration for Learning: Provide services to over 1,900 students through the Student Disability Resource Center; the Case Manager assists more than 380 students and Victim Advocates work with over 570 students annually collaborating for student success. Programs and services assist with individual problem solving, understanding victimization issues and supporting students in crisis.

Student Judicial Process and Academic Honor Policy: Prepare students for leadership and managing ethical situations though the Student Judicial process and Academic Honor policy which focuses on educational and learning outcomes.

Ensure Operational Excellence

Coordinate Response to Student Crisis: Assist students and their families in crisis with problem-solving; student success by supporting academic, personal needs, and community safety. Responses include garnering campus and local resources, communicating with faculty, interpreting University policy, and offering services such as the Food Pantry and emergency loans.

Meeting and Exceeding Recommended Practices: Facilitate programs and services of Withdrawal Services, Student Disability Resource Center, Victim Advocate Program, and Student Rights and Responsibilities by helping students manage their unique needs and ensure University compliance with federal and state laws.

Coordinating Scholarships: Assist students with disabilities financially through the Johnson Scholarship and Learning Disability Merit Scholarship to encourage the pursuit of their education.
Campus Recreation

Campus Recreation offers a wide range of recreational sports and activities through its intramural, extramural, aquatic, fitness, outdoor pursuits, and challenge ropes programs. Through high quality recreational programs, services and facilities, students can maximize opportunities for lifelong learning, personal development, and leadership through varied recreational endeavors and extensive employment opportunities.

Educate Leaders to Make a Difference

Professional Development: Train more than 700 graduate and undergraduate students each year in conflict resolution, time and stress management, teamwork, facilitation and communication skills, safety and rescue skills. Provide training for facility and event supervisors, sports officials, lifeguards, fitness trainers and instructors, and outdoor adventure staff. Provide more than 1,325 national certifications in CPR/First Aid, Automated External Defibrillator (AED), Oxygen Administration, Wilderness First Aid, Water Safety, Lifeguarding, Leave No Trace, Adventure Leadership Training at FSU (ALTA), Personal and Group Exercise Training for students.

Student Leadership Retreat: Host annual student supervisor leadership retreat that educates and empowers student supervisory staff and involves students in strategic planning for Campus Recreation.

Integrate Learning

Partnerships: Host more than 43,000 guests annually at the The FSU Reservation providing group meeting, retreat and conference opportunities for student, faculty, staff and community groups. The Fitness and Wellness program partners with academic programs in Nutrition & Exercise Science, Sport Psychology and the Counseling Center providing internships, seminars and Stress Buster Day. Outdoor Pursuits offers adventure trips accompanied by FSU faculty and staff members who provide educational commentary in their areas of expertise relating to the activity and location of the trips.

Operational Excellence

Program Participation: Tallied 1,684,854 participations in all recreation programs in 2009. The Leach Center was utilized by students on over 829,000 occasions including nearly 450,000 in fitness classes and programs, Intramural Sports recorded more than 166,000 individual game participations, and the FSU Reservation hosted over 43,000 users. Nearly 2,000 students served as team captains for the more than 2,500 intramural teams across 38 team sports in 2009, while another 2,000 students participated in one of FSU’s 42 sport clubs.

Outstanding Facilities: Support recreation through the award-winning 108-acre Rec SportsPlex outdoor sports facility, the largest collegiate intramural recreational facility in the nation offering more than 21 sport fields for student play.
Thagard Student Health Center (TSHC) provides healthcare, prevention, education and outreach services to a diverse student population and eligible recipients in a safe and supportive environment. We promote campus wellness, encouraging healthy lifestyles and personal responsibility to enhance students’ capacity for reaching academic and personal goals.

**Building Community**

**Future addition to “Student Services Corridor”:** Will integrate health and wellness activities with the College of Human Sciences, College of Nursing and Campus Recreation.

**Community Service:** Partner with non-profit health organizations such as the American Cancer Society in the campus-wide Relay for Life event.

**Alternative Programming:** Collaborate with other University departments to provide students with a safe, alcohol-free tailgating alternative each fall.

**Community Outreach:** Provide health and wellness information to the greater community through educational workshops and seminars.

**Integrate Learning**

**Academic Partnerships:** Mentor undergraduate and graduate students in research and supervise practicum experience in the areas of counseling psychology, health communication, instructional design, film, medicine, nutrition, nursing, public health and social work.

**First Responders:** Train the First Responder Unit - student volunteers offering support to existing emergency medical and safety units during campus-wide events.

**Special Topics Course:** Facilitate “Eating Disorders and Body Image” to assist students with safe, low risk behaviors and healthy attitudes.

**Operational Excellence**

**Accredited Facility:** Implement standards of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. (AAAHC), a voluntary process to measure the quality of services and performance against nationally recognized standards. TSHC demonstrates commitment to providing high-quality care by measuring up to AAAHC’s high standards.

**Advanced Technology:** Provide patient-centered healthcare through electronic medical records, digital radiology, and on-line, evidenced based wellness interventions.

**Policy:** Protect the campus community and positively impact future generations at The Florida State University. The health center implemented environmental management policies including mandatory health insurance and the Breathe Easy Initiative.
The mission of the Student Government Association (SGA) is to provide FSU students with representation, services, and advocacy within the university structure. The Student Government Association provides quality leadership for, and accountability to, its constituency by recognizing that strength arises from diversity, engagement, and dialogue.

**Build Community**

**Student-Run Government:** Give students representation, services, and advocacy within the University structure. SGA provides an official voice through which the student community may express itself.

**Organizational Diversity:** Create a welcoming environment for students of different ethnicities, philosophies, and backgrounds through the contact and interaction with SGA entities such as the American Indian Student Union, the Asian-American Student Union, the Black Student Union, the Hispanic-Latino Student Union, the Jewish Student Union, the Pride Student Union, the Women’s Center, the Center for Participant Education, the Institute for Conservative Studies, the Institute for Liberal Studies, and the Congress of Graduate Students.

**Educate Leaders to Make a Difference**

**Learning Laboratory:** Offer learning opportunities whereby students gain experience and knowledge in running their own governments (constitution, statutes, elections, allocations, etc.) under University supervision with the end result of creating more knowledgeable and responsible citizens.

**Office of Governmental Affairs:** Develop the student body legislative agenda, work with the SGA lobbyist to track state bills affecting students; lobby and educate state legislators and the student community on student-related legislative issues.

**Integrate Learning**

**Lecture Series:** Bring well-known educators, entertainers, and politicians to campus to discuss current issues and topics.

**Congress of Graduate Students:** Provide travel grants for graduate and professional students to present papers and/or attend regional, national, and international conferences in their field of study.

**Ensure Operational Excellence**

**Partnerships:** Partner with different University departments to help provide safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments—SAFE (University Police Department), University Childcare (University Housing and the Congress of Graduate Students), V-89 student radio station (College of Communication and Information), Men Advocating Responsible Conduct (Dean of Students/Victim Advocate Program), First Responders (Thagard Student Health Center), Service Corps (Center for Leadership and Civic Education), PeaceJam (Center for Leadership and Civic Education), Homecoming (Oglesby Union/Student Activities Center), Night Nole Bus System (Parking and Transportation), FSU Traditions Book (Student Alumni Association), Tutoring Center software (Office of Undegraduate Studies), and Strozier Library Improvements (Provost’s Office).
The Oglesby Union is a diverse and engaging community that fosters individual and collective learning by providing outstanding services and opportunities for involvement.

The Oglesby Union is an integral part of the educational program of The Florida State University, providing students with cultural, social, educational, and recreational programs. It serves as a laboratory of citizenship; training students in social responsibility and leadership. Oglesby Union facilities serve as a central gathering place for the University community. The University community is defined as any student, faculty, staff member, alumni or guest.

**Building Community**

**Community Center:** Serve students, faculty, staff, and guests by offering a variety of programs, activities, services, and facilities that, when taken together, represent a well-considered plan for the community life of the University. The Oglesby Union serves as a unifying force that honors each individual and values diversity. The Oglesby Union fosters a sense of community that cultivates enduring loyalty to the University.

**Educate Leaders to Make a Difference**

**Participatory Decision-Making:** Offer students first-hand experience in citizenship and educate students in leadership, social responsibility, and values through the experiential learning of committees, student employment and volunteer involvement in organizations. In all its processes, the Oglesby Union encourages self-directed activity, giving maximum opportunity for self-realization and for growth in individual social competency and group effectiveness.

**Integrate Learning**

**Educational Programming:** Complement the academic experience through an extensive variety of cultural, educational, social, and recreational programs. These programs provide the opportunity to balance course work and free time as synergistic factors in education.

**Operational Excellence**

**Excellence:** Provide an environment for community that promotes the highest caliber services and activities for our guests.
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