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OFFICE OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT: SWIPE TO SERVE

As participants of Freshman LEAD program, Sydney Gomes, Madison Harley, Emma Jacobs and Kevin Lackey, developed and implemented a Commitment to Action for the Clinton Global Initiative University. Their group Swipe To Serve, designed a project to address hunger in the local homeless population, while encouraging on-campus students involvement.

The projects success was dependent upon collaboration with Sodexo and Franciscan Kitchen in Downtown Louisville. Sodexo agreed to allow students to donate one meal swipe per day in exchange for food donations to the Franciscan Kitchen. The food donations would be used to provide a hot Thanksgiving meal to patrons of the kitchen.

In order to advocate for their service project and collect donations, they set up information tables in the SAC for a two week period. Thanks to their efforts, Swipe to Serve collected 450 swipes which was enough to serve 360 individuals at the Franciscan Kitchen. This project created an opportunity for university students to build connections with the Franciscan Kitchen and those they serve, while raising awareness on campus of the issues of poverty and malnutrition present in our community.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

CARDINAL FAMILY WEEKEND

- Friday (9/25) – Sunday (9/27) at various locations around campus

SAB: CARDINAL CANDYLAND
- SAC Multipurpose Room
- Friday (9/28) at 12:00 – 2:00 PM

SAB: TRANS* SPEAKOUT
- Floyd Theater
- Tuesday (9/29) at 7:00 – 9:00 PM

SAB MOVIE: MISSION IMPOSSIBLE
- Floyd Theater
- Friday (10/2) & Saturday (10/3) at 5:00 & 8:00 PM

CARDINAL FAMILY WEEKEND

Family Weekend 2015 is full of tradition and excitement and is a wonderful time for parents and families to reconnect with their student, allow students to share favorite campus places and activities with their family, and meet other Cardinal families. There are exciting programs and events to explore and enjoy the vibrant Cardinal community. Families are given the opportunity to attend different local events such as Churchill downs, Belle of Louisville, and sporting events such as the UofL vs. Samford football game.

This year the UofL Parent Association will have a record number in attendance. Over one thousand people will be attending the football game on Saturday in the designated Family Weekend sections. Over four hundred and fifty will attend the Parent Association tailgate event before the game.

STRENGTHS SPOTLIGHT: ACTIVATOR

By: Pam Curtis

“When can we start?” This is a recurring question in your life. You are impatient for action. You may concede that analysis has its uses or that debate and discussion can occasionally yield some valuable insights, but deep down you know that only action is real. Only action can make things happen. Only action leads to performance. Only action leads to performance. Once a decision is made, you cannot not act. Others may worry that “there are still some things we don’t know,” but this doesn’t seem to slow you. If the decision has been made to go across town, you know that the fastest way to get there is to go stoplight to stoplight. You are not going to sit around waiting until all the lights have turned green. Besides, in your view, action and thinking are not opposites. In fact, guided by your Activator theme, you believe that action is the best device for learning. You make a decision, you take action, you look at the result, and you learn. This learning informs your next action and your next. How can you grow if you have nothing to react to? Well, you believe you can’t. You must put yourself out there. You must take the next step. It is the only way to keep your thinking fresh and informed. The bottom line is this: You know you will be judged not by what you say, not by what you think, but by what you get done. This does not frighten you. It pleases you.

Activator sounds like:

Would somebody just do something? I took over a project that was comatose. Things just weren’t getting done——nothing was moving. Some people see my impatience as not wanting to listen to the traps, the potential roadblocks. What I keep repeating is ‘I want to know when I am going to hit the wall, and I need you to tell me how much it is going to hurt. But if I choose to bump into the wall anyway, then don’t worry, you’ve done your job. I just had to experience it for myself.’

The Activator theme is vital to our college community. By your example and encouragement, you generate the energy and ideas to get things going and make things happen. By intentionally applying this theme to your work at University of Louisville, you help us more effectively accomplish our mission.