

# Student Affairs Vibrations

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## SOUL 2017 Success

This year’s Welcome Week SOUL (Student Outreach Uniting Louisville) event was held on August 24. The event is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year and was full of “firsts.” This was the first year the event was fully student led—the Engage Lead Serve Board took on the program that kicks off the students’ day of service. It was the first time the Mayor of Louisville ever attended, as well as the first time a UofL President has been present. The event was also held in the Student



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Recreation Center for the first time. Despite all of the changes, this event met all of our goals, but especially giving many students their first introduction to the city of Louisville.

415 students were sent to sites around the city and the UofL campus for two hours of

service. We are grateful for all of the support we received from departments around campus including: First-Year Initiatives, Student Involvement, Dean of Students, Career



Development Center, Counseling Center, Disability Resource Center, Intramurals, Campus Housing, LGBT Center, Honors Program, University



Grounds Crew, Student Orientation, Campus Bookstore, Women’s Center, and Health Promotion. [Learn more.](#)

## SRC Magazine Article

Campus Rec Magazine is a national bi-monthly publication featuring campus recreation programs and facilities.

The July/August edition of the magazine featured our Intramural Sports program, the Student Recreation Center, and more specifically, the leadership of Dale Ramsay. In addition to covering the program and featuring many pictures of the SRC, the main focus of the article was Dale’s philosophy and the tenets that have become the core of the department’s daily operations. The editor, Emily Harbourne, also used her personal



space to talk about Dale in more detail and hold him up to the rest of those in the profession as a challenge for them to evaluate their own leadership. Positive publicity in a national publication is a great boost to the department's credibility and national reputation.

## Part-Time Job Fair Serves Over 220 Students

The Fall Part-Time Job Fair hosted by the Career Development Center on Wednesday, August 30 was a huge success. More than 220 students showed up to learn about federal work-study and part-time job opportunities with more than 40 different companies and offices. While some employers were accepting applications and scheduling interviews for a later date, others were offering students jobs on the spot.

*"It is great to know that when you walk into a room filled with opportunities, one of those opportunities may turn into a job. All of the jobs had flexible hours to coincide with my class schedule."*  
 – Kiarah Ross (Freshmen, Political Science)

*"Coming to the Part-Time Job Fair was a great opportunity to explore a wide range of good paying jobs, and I was interested in most of them. They were flexible with hours, and there will be at least one job for you."*  
 – Ciarah Ross (Freshmen, Biology)



## Move-In Day

The blazing heat did not hamper the event that Campus Housing gears up for every year— Move-In Day! On Tuesday, August 15, we welcomed nearly 550 students into the Engineering Living Learning Community (ELLC) at Community Park and the Honors Living Learning Community in Kurz Hall. On Wednesday, August 16, we welcomed the remainder



of our on-campus community into 11 residence halls on campus. We had over 150 volunteers on hand—ranging from faculty and staff, students, student organizations, and campus partners—to welcome our new Cardinals into their home away from home. A big thanks goes to Papa John's for providing pizza all day to all participants (students, parents, and staff).



## Intramurals Helps with Move-In Day, Play Fair and Lux Lounge

Freshman Move-In Day is always a hectic day at UofL. For many years, Intramurals has been

helping families get their new students moved in. After helping with that, the Intramurals crew went back to the Student Rec Center for a few hours before



friends from Student Involvement came over and started setting up for the big Play Fair and Lux Lounge evening in the SRC. There was music, glow sticks on the Mac Court, and 800 cookies from Insomnia Cookies in the SRC to go with the free food, cornhole, ping pong, music, and fun that was on the Plaza. Hundreds of students came out for the event and made it a great evening. Events such as this help new students to get connected to the university as early as possible, greatly enhancing their chances of persistence, retention, and academic success.



## New Event on Move-In Day "Cardinal Kickoff"

After moving into their residence halls, students and their families celebrated the start of their Cardinal experience with the Cardinal Kickoff event run in collaboration with Campus Housing, Parents Association, and First Year Initiatives.





UofL's Interim President Dr. Greg Postel, Dr. Mardis, and SGA President, Vishnu Tirumala, helped kick off Welcome Week with this great event that featured a wonderful meal provided by UofL Dining. Students and their families also enjoyed UofL's Marching Band, Louie the Cardinal Bird, a photo booth, UofL swag, music, and a contest for two

new bikes! See more [photos](#).

## Cardinal Game Night

The Wednesday following Welcome Week, the SRC and Intramurals hosted their annual open house at Cardinal Game Night. Various contests throughout the facility were set up to give the evening a different twist. This year, there was bubbleball; a "Closest to the Pin" contest in the golf simulator; an inflatable QB (Quarterback) challenge; various basketball shooting contests; and, if you were up to it, you could take the United States Marine Corps Fitness Challenge with the gentle encouragement



of five U.S. Marines on Court 2. Campus Housing set up some inflatables and activities on the Plaza. Graeters was giving away free ice cream as part of Dr. Postel's President's

Ice Cream Reception. Dr. Postel spent a leisurely evening talking with students and taking in the activities around the SRC, including the Rugby Club practice session. It was a great evening to wrap up the Welcome Week/First Week promotions.



## Sorority Bid Day



## Coffee & Juice with the Dean of Students



## Welcome Tents

Thanks to all staff who helped with the Student Affairs Welcome Tents on the first and second days of classes. The staff's role was to welcome students, answer questions, give out information, and provide cool bottles of water.



## President's Ice Cream Social



## Retention Efforts Work Group

Dr. Mardis has appointed a Student Affairs Retention Committee. The purpose of this committee is to assist Enrollment Management in encouraging students to persist to graduation. The committee is identifying ways that various Student Affairs departments can promote students registering for classes as well as



identifying students who have issues and getting them the assistance they need. The committee consists of Ronnie Rentz, Housing; Geeta Gulati, Counseling; Mackenzie

Adriance, Career; Allison Commings, Student Involvement; with Dale Ramsay, Intramural Sports, serving as Chair.

## UofL Students Vote in Large Numbers

University of Louisville joined the Tufts University National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement in early 2017 as part of our effort to earn Voter Friendly Campus status. We achieved that status in March of this year and subsequently received our Campus Report for 2012 and 2016 Student Voting Rates at UofL last month. The results were extremely positive as our students had a voting rate of 63.5%, up 7.2 points from 2012; the rate was higher than the national average for all institutions of 50.4%.



Our Cards Vote Coalition, made up of interested university partners, will dig deeper into the report as we prepare for the 2018 Election cycle.

Encourage your students to register to vote! It is easy to register in KY as it is now online. More information can be found on our [website](#).

## Cards SPEAK has Busy Fall

The Cards SPEAK program provided several National Suicide Prevention Week (NSPW)



Louisville Health Advisory Board, and Clemson University to provide awareness activities throughout the month.

August 24 – The PeteFest PreFest and Cards SPEAK LiftUp Fair were held at the Red Barn for students to sample the music and fun of the first PeteFest Music festival. The LiftUp Fair allowed students to learn about their UofL mental wellbeing resources.

September 13 – The “Holden On” film screening on campus and at the Kentucky Science Center gave an opportunity to view a film and to participate in a discussion with the director, two actors, and an educator utilizing the film about mental illness and suicide to build empathy with her students.



GameDay promoting the collaboration and National Suicide Prevention Week.

September 16 - The Collaboration with

activities. September is a time to bring awareness to suicide prevention around the globe. This year, Cards SPEAK collaborated with The Pete

Foundation, Centerstone,

Clemson University PSA video was shown on the Jumbotron during halftime at the football game.



September 10-16 - There was an #NSPW social media campaign on campus.

August and September - Kognito Challenge; Kognito is the online training option

available for students, faculty, and staff at the university. The challenge encouraged students to complete the training by August 31 in order to qualify for a prize drawing.

October - The Promotion of Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid, will take place at UofL. Cards SPEAK is collaborating with the state suicide prevention grant to provide a [two day training](#).



## RSO Fair



## PDC Field Day Fun

The first ever Student Affairs Field Day took place on June 28 in the SRC. The event was hosted by the Professional Development Committee and the Office of Intramurals.

Participants snacked on popsicles while competing in games

such as bubble ball (soccer), relay races, and a water balloon toss.



## Louisville Outing

On an overcast July day, some of the Office of Student Involvement staff took an outing and got a chance to take a free city tour through the Louisville Convention and Visitor's Center. We then headed to The Table Café in the Portland neighborhood for a terrific lunch! The outing was a great reminder of what a wonderful city we live in and what great people we work with!



## Family Weekend Sets New Records!

Participation continues to grow at an all-time high for Family Weekend, with more than 1,600

tickets sold for the Family Weekend football game and more than 300 family members at the pre-game tailgate event! Family Weekend is a Cardinal tradition designed for the entire family that includes various campus events: Free Friday Movie Night, a pregame meal and tailgating party, cheering on the Cardinal football team, Sunday Brunch @ The Ville Grill, and much more. To learn more about the fun event and exciting atmosphere of the 2017 Cardinal Family Weekend, visit our [website](#).



## Parent of the Year Award celebrates 10 years

Among all of the Homecoming activities this year, rests the annual tradition of the Parent of the Year Award, which is hosted by the UofL Parents Association. We are celebrating our 10th year for the Parent of the Year Award! Each year, the Parent of the Year Award seeks to recognize a parent(s)/caregiver(s) who have made a significant impact and contribution to the life of a UofL student. By supporting students, they are in turn supporting the University. This parent award nomination is open to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Every parent/guardian nominated will receive special recognition on Homecoming Weekend at the 2017 Parent of the Year Reception on Sunday, October 15, 2017.



[Learn more.](#)

## UofL NPHC 25th Anniversary Celebration

Join us October 13-15 for a series of events during Homecoming 2017 to celebrate the UofL

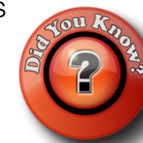
NPHC 25th Anniversary! We welcome alumni of National Pan-Hellenic Council Greek Organizations at UofL back to campus to celebrate 25 years of NPHC at UofL. Visit the [website](#) for the schedule



of events and more information on joining us to celebrate NPHC at UofL!

## Did You Know?

You can save 10% on food at campus dining venues by putting \$100 or more on your Cardinal Cash Card! Cardinal Cash is a voluntary account linked to your Cardinal Card that can be used for purchases at various



locations on and off campus. When you add funds to your Cardinal Cash account (Flex Points), add \$100 and get a 10% bonus; add \$200 and get a 20% bonus; add \$300 (or more) and get a 25% bonus. It can add up to a lot of savings! Go to ULink and click on Cardinal Card, then click on Cardinal Cash.

## RSO Spotlight

The Latin American and Hispanic Student Organization (LAHSO) is dedicated to celebrating the wide variety of Latin American and Hispanic history, heritage, cultures, and traditions present



on UofL's campus through a fun and culturally inclusive way. In response to President Trump's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, LAHSO, the Cultural Center, and the Engage Lead Serve Board hosted an event to answer questions surrounding immigration policies and why DACA is important. Approximately 40 students, faculty, and staff were present for the presentation and Q&A.

## Person of Interest

Amy Chambers, the Senior Program Coordinator for Marketing and Communications with Campus Housing, works with various campus partners by attending events and creating various types of communications and marketing materials that spread the word about Campus Housing.

Her work in housing started over 10 years ago as a Resident Assistant at DePaul University. She was an RA for three years and decided to continue her passion for working with students and so became an

Assistant Resident Director at Eastern Illinois University, while also obtaining her M.S. in Student Affairs. Amy then ventured back to her home state of Wisconsin and worked as a Hall Director at the University of Wisconsin – Parkside for three years. During her last year at UW-Parkside, her husband, Halim, took a job at Indiana University Southeast as their Video Production Specialist and she joined him a few months later as a member of the UofL Campus Housing team. Amy became the Residence Life Coordinator (RLC) for Community Park and Billy Minardi Hall for two years before taking the position of Senior Program Coordinator of

Marketing and Communication.

Amy says, "I do not have as much direct contact with students, when I do, I really try to make it count. I think that it takes only one interaction to change not only the minds of someone, but to give you a new perspective on life" and suggests staff should take the time to have a meaningful conversation with a student even if it is only once a week.

Amy is one of six children and a proud native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She has been coming to Louisville since she was a child since her father was born and raised in Louisville and attended undergrad and medical school at UofL. She still has a fair amount of family in the city, including a brother, a UofL Law School graduate. She met her husband, Halim, while they were both RAs at DePaul University, and ten years later they have two beautiful girls, Amara (21 months) and Penelope (11 weeks); and two rambunctious beagles, Callie (4 years) and Jordy (1 ½ years) and named after Jordy Nelson of the Green Bay Packers). Amy currently lives in Jeffersonville, IN and loves spending time outside and watching a variety of sports.

## Volunteer Spotlight

Community Service is a pillar of the University of Louisville. The strategic vision of the university is that students, faculty, AND staff are supporting our community in ways that make sense for them. In this edition of Vibrations, we are recognizing the dedication of Mackenzie Adriance, who works at the Career Development Center as Assistant Director of Career Engagement.

When asked about her service, this is what

she said: "I have multiple volunteer roles around the Louisville community. I am currently the Vice President on the BIG Leadership Team, a group of young professionals who advocate and support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana. We plan large events throughout the year that raise money to match more children with mentors or "Bigs." Did you know that it costs around \$1200 to "fund a match" between a Big

and a Little? You can find out more about the BIG Leadership Team [here](#). For the past three years, (several times a month) Mackenzie has worked with the residents and pre-residents at Family

Scholar House, an agency that supports homeless, single parents transitioning from poverty to self-sufficiency by earning college degrees. The individuals (predominantly single moms) she works with are in a time of constant transition with a great deal of pressure and responsibility, from family, to their education and career goals. Mackenzie has held events and presentations on topics such as career exploration, resume building, professionalism, internships, mentorship, and everything in between."

What does she like about doing community service? "Both Big Brothers Big Sisters and Family Scholar House are agencies that are changing family trees—through mentorship, education, and by providing resources that these Littles or residents may not have had. I want to contribute and make a difference in these lives in any way that I can."



If you are serving the community, be sure to enter your hours in OrgSync by following these directions:

- Log-in to [OrgSync.com](http://OrgSync.com)
- Click on your profile
- Select "involvement"
- Click "add involvement entry"
- Select "service participation"
- Complete all required information
- BE SURE to "submit involvement entry"

Future spotlights will be chosen from those who have submitted their hours in OrgSync.

## Welcome New Staff

**Dr. Darrius Brooks** is the new Director of TRIO Student Support Services. Darrius has substantial experience working in the areas of recruitment, retention, and student engagement. He has successfully worked developing relationships with campus and community partners, has supervised staff at various levels, and has been active in grant writing and management, as well as program implementation. Darrius has worked with students from many different backgrounds and will be a good fit to work with the students who participate in our TRIO SSS program. Darrius has a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Florida and Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Higher Ed Administrating Leadership, and Communications from Tennessee State University. He most recently served as Senior Admissions Counselor for the University of Louisville School of Public Health. He served previously as the Director of the YMCA Achievers Program and the Assistant Director of Recruitment and Retention at Tennessee State University.

**Zunaira Ahmad** is a Graduate Assistant and the

Note Taker Coordinator at the Disability Resource Center (DRC). She is currently in the second year of her Master's in Higher Education



Administration. Zunaira was born and raised in Pakistan and served as a faculty member in higher education for two years before coming to the United States. "Since the beginning of my journey as a graduate student here," she says, "each day has provided new experiences and learning from a multitude of perspectives under the guidance of very affectionate and knowledgeable teachers." Zunaira's goal is to be a faculty member/administrator at the university level and to be able to make valuable contributions within the field of higher education in both the U.S. and Pakistan.

**Josh McKee** is Assistant Director, Career Engagement, for the Career Development Center. Josh engages students in career counseling in the College of Education & Human Development and the Kent School of Social Work, and also oversees the collection of data, assessment, and reporting for the CDC. He has prior experience in the Office of Admissions at UofL, and in the Center for Career & Professional Development at Clemson University. Josh earned his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and his Master's degree in Counselor Education from Clemson University; he is currently pursuing his Doctorate in Counseling and Personnel Services at UofL.



**Erica Adams** is a Graduate Assistant and conducts career counseling for students in the College of Arts & Sciences who are majoring in the natural

sciences and humanities. She has prior experience in the Student Financial Aid Office at UofL and in the Career Development Center and Academic Center for Exploratory Students at Indiana University-Southeast. Erica earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Indiana University-Southeast; she is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Counseling & Personnel Services.

**Ron Denney** is the Employer Engagement Graduate Assistant, and comes to the University of Louisville with a combined 8+ years of customer service, career development, and higher education experience. Ron graduated from Bluffton University in Bluffton, Ohio with a Bachelor's degree in Communications. After working for Verizon Wireless as a



retail sales representative, Ron took a job as a Senior Recruiter at Robert Half Technology in Dayton, Ohio. While at Robert Half, he coached job-seeking professionals on resume and cover letter development and interview skills, and helped place them in temporary and temp-to-hire employment. From there, Ron moved to New Mexico to work as an Enrollment Advisor at a small arts college in Santa Fe. In that role, Ron recruited students to the University, and helped coach students and parents through the enrollment process. Ron also worked closely with student leaders on campus, serving as a mentor to undergrad students as they dealt with the rigors and joys of college life. Ron is starting his first year in the College Student Personnel program this fall and is excited to add his personal and professional experience to the Career Development Center team!

**Melissa Taylor** joined the Student Affairs Business Service Center as a UBM and Campus Housing liaison in August 2017. She has been part of the UofL family since 2010, working as

the Office Manager in Parking and Transportation Services for seven years. Melissa completed her undergraduate work at Indiana University Bloomington in Business and Operations Management and her Master's at UofL in Human Resource Education. She hopes to complete her doctorate at UofL in Human Resource Development in 2018. Before arriving at the University of Louisville, Melissa spent many years working in the hospitality industry as a hotel manager. She and her son, Kade, enjoy traveling every chance they get.



**Gabbi Greenwald**, is a new Sport Program Assistant (Fitness) for Intramurals. Gabbi earned her Bachelor's degree in Fitness and Health Promotion from Samford University in May 2017. During her time there, she also competed on the University's volleyball team, winning two Southern Conference Championships in 2014 and 2016. She is currently working on her Master's degree in Sport Administration at the University of Louisville. Gabbi has a passion for participating/competing in CrossFit, running, watching sports, being outside, and cheering on her Louisville Cardinals!



**Christina Franck** is the new Sport Program Assistant at the HSC Fitness Center for Intramurals. Christina graduated in May 2017 with her Bachelor of Science in Sport Administration from the University of Louisville and is beginning her pursuit of a Master's degree. During her undergrad years, she was an active member of Kappa Delta sorority and UofL Club Lacrosse. She also completed



an internships with CMG Sports Agency, the Kentucky Derby Festival, UofL Field Hockey, and the Youth Baseball Nationals. In her spare time, Christina officiates high school girls lacrosse and loves cheering on the Cards.

**Chris Colburn** is a new Sport Program Assistant (Fitness) for Intramurals. Chris graduated from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor's degree in Health and Human Performance with tracks in Exercise Science, and is currently working towards a career in Physical Therapy. He is a Certified Personal Trainer through ACE and enjoys working with clients to strive for a healthier lifestyle. He is very passionate about health and fitness, enjoys strength training, golf, and competing in natural physique competitions.



**Katherine Halbleib** is a new Sport Program Assistant (Intramurals). Kat graduated from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor's in Sport Administration in 2017. During her time as an undergraduate, she worked for the Intramural Department as a sports official and eventually as Intramural Supervisor. She is currently pursuing her Master's in Business Administration at the University of Louisville. Not only does Kat work for the Intramural Department at UofL, she also coaches high school girls lacrosse. In her spare time enjoys running, playing recreational sports, and officiating basketball.



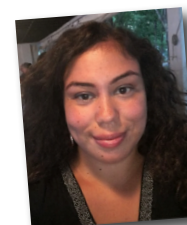
**Steffi Schoeder** has joined the team as the new Hall Director for Louisville Hall. She is originally from Janesville, Wisconsin and graduated with her Bachelor's in History Education from the University of Wisconsin-



Green Bay in 2015. This past May she graduated with her Master's in College Student Affairs from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In her position as Hall Director, she oversees the day-to-day operations of Louisville Hall, and supervises the RAs of the building.

**Linda Wilde** is originally from the beautiful island of San Juan, Puerto Rico and is the new Unitas Tower Hall Director. She is fully bilingual and went to school in Minnesota. Linda has worked in Residence Life for nine years; she truly enjoys working with students and is also passionate about diversity and helping and supporting underrepresented populations. Her hobbies are surfing and water sports, working out, reading, and watching movies and her favorite TV shows (Walking Dead and Game of Thrones).

**Luke Harness** is originally from Kansas City, Missouri. His Bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) is in Creative Writing with a minor in History. Luke is starting the College Student Personnel program at UofL this fall. He is the Hall Director for University Tower Apartments, which includes supporting themed communities of the Metro program, ROTC, and the Bayard Rustin Social Justice floor. Luke's Assistant to the Hall Director is Chuck, who is a 6-year-old Maine coon and tabby mix. Chuck enjoys putting things in his water bowl, meeting new hands to pet him, and sitting in sinks.



**Kata Traxler** is the Hall Director for Cardinal Towne. Her office is located in the Cardinal Towne leasing office. Kata holds a Master's degree in higher education from



Marquette University, and a Bachelor's degree in psychology & communication studies from DePaul University. Kata began her career in Student Affairs as an Assistant Director in the Diversity Center at Gustavus Adolphus College, and then spent two years at Loyola University Chicago as a Resident Director. Kata is a Chicago native who loves the Bears, Bulls, & White Sox. When she is not adding more leopard print to her wardrobe, one can find Kata tuning into Home & Gardens Television.

**Christopher Allen** has joined the team as the new Hall Director for Kurz Hall. Christopher is originally from Detroit, Michigan and he obtained his Bachelor's degree in Social Work at Wayne State University. He completed his graduate degree at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater receiving a Master's in Education-Higher Education Leadership. Christopher



enjoys photography, Netflix, and overall wellness. He has a two-year-old Australian Cattle Dog named Avery, named after the Avery family on his favorite show "Grey's Anatomy." Christopher and Avery are both excited about living and experiencing Louisville.

**Tyree Mathis** is from the City of Champions, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He loves to watch and play all sports, and being new to Game of Thrones, he would be remiss if he didn't mention binge watching shows as a hobby as well. As a recent graduate of Slippery Rock University, Tyree is proud to hold the position of Hall Director for Miller Hall. His primary focus will be to supervise the lovely Resident Assistants, co-advise the Miller Hall Council, and oversee FYRC reservations. Student Development is the path Tyree chose, so he is looking forward to doing just that by



creating environments for students to become the best version of themselves. He is super excited to be starting his career at UofL!

**Wade Vierheller** works as the Graduate Assistant for Student Rights and Responsibilities with Campus Housing. Originally from Eastern Kentucky, he received his Bachelor's degree in Psychology at University of Louisville and is currently working on his Master's degree in College Student Personnel. Since being heavily involved in Campus Housing as an undergraduate student, Wade is excited to be part of the professional staff team. Outside of school, Wade likes to study and play music with instruments including violin, guitar, piano, and voice.



**Ravil Askarov** is joining the Campus Housing team as a Graduate Assistant for Residence Education. Ravil is originally from Istanbul, Turkey and has called Louisville his home for last 10 years. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky in Education and is currently working on his Master's degree in Higher Education Administration here at the University of Louisville.

**Michelle Montalvo-Jourdan** is joining the Campus Housing Team as the Assignments Coordinator. She is from San Juan, Puerto Rico, but has called Louisville her home for the last 20 years. She studied Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Florida and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Louisville in Anthropology with a concentration



in the Natural Sciences for Skeletal Forensics and Archaeology. She is enrolled in post-baccalaureate classes here at the University focusing on Biological Anthropology, Archaeology and Environmental Ecology; she hopes to have her Master's completed spring 2019. On her off time, she enjoys researching pathologies, doing archaeology, hiking, volunteering, tutoring, mentoring, and rescuing animals. She is a devout vegan yogi and loves to help people succeed. She is very excited to be joining the Campus Housing Team and helping make a difference in students' lives!

**Tiara Chatman** is joining the Campus Housing team as the Hall Director for Community Park. She is originally from Nashville, Tennessee,



obtained her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Middle Tennessee State University, and plans to pursue her Master's degree while working at UofL. Tiara previously worked for privatized student housing before coming to work at UofL and is excited to continue her work with students as a part of Campus Housing. She enjoys trying new restaurants, attending music festivals, and yoga in her free time.

**Tyler Ragland** has joined the Campus Housing team as the Graduate Assistant for Housing Operations. He was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. Tyler found his way to Louisville and UofL due to graduate school. He is here to pursue his Master's in College Student Personnel. Tyler received his undergraduate degree from Austin Peay State University in Communications. Tyler once had aspirations to become a sports broadcaster, but fell in love with the field of Student Affairs through his many undergraduate experiences with



Orientation/First Year Experience, Greek Life, Cultural Center, and Admissions at Austin Peay. He is looking forward to adding Campus Housing to his skill set and working with everyone within Student Affairs.

**Nicholas Wright** is the new Disability Resources Coordinator in the Disability Resource Center.



Nick is a graduate of the University of Louisville with a Bachelor's in Justice Administration. He's currently in his second year in the Master's program in Counseling and Personnel Services with a concentration in College Student Personnel program. Nick has an extensive background with

the university, serving as a graduate assistant for the Disability Resource Center, a member of the Student Orientation Staff, C.O.N.E.C.T. Mentor, CAPS Mentor, A.V.I.A.T.O.R., Porter Scholar, and a Community Manager for Unitas Tower. He is also a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. Along with his interest in making the University of Louisville a more inclusive campus, he is interested in playing with his puppy, working out, mingling with friends, zip lining, and doing anything that is active.

## Staff With New Roles

**Evan Keil** has moved from the Program Coordinator for Residence Education position to the Program Coordinator for Affiliated and Managed Housing position within Campus Housing.



**Arielle Clark** has moved from the Program Coordinator of Assignments position to the Coordinator for Technology Administration position within Campus Housing.



**Stephanie Passow** has moved from the Graduate Assistant for Residence Education to the Program Coordinator/Assistant to the Director position within Campus Housing.

**Tara Carty** has moved from the Leasing and Marketing Manager position to the Program Coordinator for Public Outreach position within Campus Housing.



**Jake Jenson** has moved from the Area Coordinator for University Tower Apartments and Louisville Hall to Assistant Director of Campus Housing.

**Ronnie Rentz** has moved from the Area Coordinator for Unitas Tower/Miller Hall/Threlkeld Hall to Assistant Director of Campus Housing.



**John Vitalis** has moved from the Residence Life Coordinator for Community Park and Billy Minardi Hall to Hall Director of University Pointe and Billy Minardi Hall within Campus Housing.

**Sarah Gregory** has moved from the Residence Life Coordinator for Kurz Hall to Hall Director of Bettie Johnson Hall within Campus Housing.



## Student Affairs Departures

**Ashley Hopkins** went to the University of Miami, Ohio to the Office of Student Success. She worked in UofL's TRIO SSS office



for two years. She'll be greatly missed.

**Brittany Barnes** left her Program Assistant position on August 18 to begin a new position at Jefferson Community and Technical College. She has taken on a newly created role as Assistant Director in the recently opened Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Community Engagement. We miss her and wish her all the best in the exciting new position!



**Shelby Fiske**, former Department Assistant for the HSC Fitness Center, is now pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health Nutrition at Eastern Kentucky University.

**Mary Elise Schlich**, former Intramural Sports Department Assistant, is now working for the Indiana Pacers in ticket sales and client relations.



**Danielle Lavender**, former Fitness Department Assistant, is now on the Strength and Conditioning Staff for the Athletic Department of Cleveland State University.

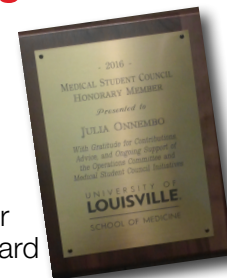


**Chelsea Case**, former Department Assistant for Fitness at Intramural Sports left to work in the HR department with a local company.



## Kudos and High Fives

**Julie Onnembo** "Julie was recognized by the School of Medicine Student Council as an Honorary Member and was given an award



in recognition of her support and contributions to the members and initiatives of the Medical School Council. Congratulations, Julie!”



**Justin Peterson**

“High Five to Justin Peterson for his contribution to the Student Affairs Field Day. Justin always goes above and beyond to help in anyway he can. His expertise/gift definitely shines through. Thanks again!!”



Submit a High Five [here](#).

**Reference Corner**

Here are four websites to keep handy. Click on the buttons here and bookmark them on your web browser. When you have events you want students to attend, be sure to submit them to be placed in the Student News and Events weekly e-mail, Digital TVs, and Red Barn Digital Sign. Just click on the *Submit Student News & Events* button on the right and follow the directions. The *Follow the Bird* button will take you to the Student News and Events Facebook page. The *Social Media* button will take you to a page of Student Affairs various Social Media websites. The *SA Tier One Tech Ticket* will take you to a form for getting help with technology issues.



Two ways you can help Student Affairs

**Mark Your Calendar**

9/28	Development Dialogues: <i>How to be a Great Boss</i>
9/29	Family Weekend
9/30	HC Crowns & Gowns Ball
10/3	HC Roller “Pink” Party
10/7	Homecoming Day of Service
10/9-10	Fall Break
10/11	HC Wear Red to be Fed
10/12	HC Concert (TBA)
10/13	HC Parade
10/13	NPHC Stepshow
10/14	Homecoming
10/14	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Parent of the Year Award
10/18	Walk and Talk through Old Louisville
10/21	Cardinal Preview Day
10/25	Halloween Potluck
11/15	Lunch & Learn: <i>How to Deal with Challenges and Change</i>
12/4	Last day of classes
12/8	48 <sup>th</sup> Annual Red Barn Birthday Party
12/12	Last day of exams
12/13-19	Alternative Service Break–ELSB
12/15	Student Affairs Holiday Party
12/15	Winter Leadership Institute
1/19	New Staff Orientation

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