

Student Affairs Vibes

University of Louisville

Fall 2021



It is exceptionally exciting to welcome students to the 2021-2022 academic year. We have already celebrated several new initiatives this year that will have a lasting positive impact on our students for decades to come. The grand opening of the Belknap Residence Hall, ribbon-cutting for the University of Louisville Counseling Center,

renovations to the National Pan-Hellenic Council Suite, launching of Commuter and Transfer Initiatives, and the Commonwealth Credit Union Cardinal Cupboard ribbon-cutting are just a few of these initiatives. Thank you to everyone involved in the hard work the past several years to launch these new initiatives to better serve the needs of our students.

We are over a month into the academic year and students are adjusting to college life and creating their routines. Student Affairs endeavors to help students find a sense of belonging as members of the University community. For many of our first- and second-year students, this is their first time experiencing in-person university activities. Student Affairs plays an important role in establishing connections for students, helping them find ways to make UofL feel like their home.

I am incredibly thankful to the Division of Student Affairs for navigating the challenges of the start of the semester while balancing the lingering impacts of COVID-19. I have spoken with many students who are thankful for in-person interactions with fellow Cardinals. As always, thank you for everything that you do to serve our students and help them be successful.

Sincerely,

Michael Mardis

Michael Mardis, PhD
Dean of Students

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Fall 2021 Starts Off with Four Celebrations of New Spaces

Commonwealth Credit Union Cardinal Cupboard Opens

The ribbon-cutting for the “new” Commonwealth Credit Union Cardinal Cupboard happened on Tuesday, August 24 after a summer of renovations. The food pantry opened to provide support to students and staff who face food insecurity.

Thanks to the generous \$1 million donation from Commonwealth Credit Union for renovations, equipment, and staffing, the food pantry is bigger and better than ever. Kroger and Dare to Care are also partners with the food pantry with generous contributions of food and toiletries.

Students at the university who experience food insecurity perform worse academically and experience lower graduation rates. UofL President Neeli Bendapudi



said, “If anybody has ever experienced trying to make do, trying to do something when you are hungry, when you are embarrassed to say that you don’t know where your next meal will come from, you will know that it’s not so easy to be focusing on a lot of the ideals when you are hungry.” [More photos.](#)

Counseling Center Has Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

On August 27, the University of Louisville Counseling Center (ULCC) hosted their highly anticipated Open House and Ribbon-Cutting ceremony. The event was hosted in the Counseling Center’s new location—the 2nd floor of the Student Activities Center (SAC)—and included remarks from Dr. Mardis, the Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA); Dr. Gonzalez, Executive Vice President and University Provost; Dr. Uqdah, Director of the Counseling Center and Assistant VPSA for Student Wellbeing, as well as Ugonna Okorie, Student Government Association (SGA) President. Guests enjoyed hors d’oeuvres and beverages while touring the center’s new location.

In Spring 2020, the ULCC staff were busy preparing their new space after moving from Cardinal Station to the SAC, a more central location for students. The onset of COVID-19 necessitated that staff work remotely while maintaining the goal of creating a safe space for students to receive support. When university policy pivoted and CDC guidelines were



amended, the staff recalibrated and prepared for the return to on campus services. Though there were many challenges to navigate during that time, staff persevered and continued to keep student well-being as the highest priority.



When you reach the doors of the Counseling Center, you are greeted with an image of a tree and cardinals joyously flying in the sky. Behind these doors is a quiet and soothing waiting space for students. The Counseling Center has offices for clinical staff, graduate trainees, a room for psychological assessments, and a conference room. As you walk through the center, you may notice art on loan from the Hite Art Institute, which was an initiative headed by Rachel Evans, a ULCC counselor and art therapist.

Each office is uniquely decorated and cultivated with creating a therapeutic and tranquil space in mind. It is in this place the clinicians work to support the psychological well-being, holistic development, and retention of our students—and saving lives. [More photos.](#)



UofL Begins a New Era of On-Campus Housing

By Janet Cappiello

University of Louisville students, staff, administration, and several trustees celebrated the continued transformation of Belknap Campus on August 16 with a ribbon-cutting to mark the opening of the new Belknap Residence Hall.

The five-story, 452-bed [residence hall](#) is the

first of two new halls for first-year students that is part of an \$87 million project



replacing outdated buildings used for three decades for housing and university offices. The second hall will open in fall 2022.

“By cutting this ribbon today, we are beginning an exciting new era for UofL students on Belknap Campus,” said UofL President Neeli Bendapudi. “Not only are we welcoming back students, many of whom have been learning virtually due to COVID-19, we are presenting our first-year students with a thoroughly modern residence hall designed to help them achieve success.”

Designed with input from student advisors, the hall is located in the heart of Belknap Campus—near classrooms, libraries, dining areas and restaurants, a campus movie theater and other activity spaces in the Student Activities Center, and an abundance of tree- and garden-lined grounds.

In addition to its single- and double-occupancy rooms, the hall includes:

- Classroom space
- Study areas filled with natural light
- Private study rooms equipped with desks, chairs, and whiteboards
- A game room, kitchen, and multiple laundry facilities, and
- Proximity to UofL’s new [Cultural and Equity Center](#), set to open in October.



“I have to be honest; this project was a big

risk, as the debt load will be carried way past my tenure and with the exception of maybe our student leaders, none of us currently working at UofL will likely be here when it is paid in full,” said Director of Housing Tom Hardy.

“However, the entire team at UofL knew this was an investment we needed to make to be competitive, but most important to better meet the needs of today’s students.”

Belknap Residence Hall is at full capacity for the Fall 2021 semester. Students have moved in and a full schedule of activities welcoming students back to campus began August 18; classes began August 23.

A third new residence hall, the 128-bed [Denny Crum Hall](#), is also being constructed on Belknap Campus and is scheduled to open in 2022. It will house a mixture of student-athletes and non-student-athletes.

[More details](#) are available here. [More photos.](#)



NPHC Gets New Space

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is settling into a new space. Over the last two semesters, the NPHC Suite (home to all nine of the Divine Nine Organizations) has been undergoing renovations to significantly impact the student experience with better lighting, no more carpet, and many new



opportunities to host events geared towards the continuous growth of the NPHC community.

Thanks to the Division of Student Affairs, the new space is outfitted with new modern-style furniture. There was an open house toward the middle of the semester leading up to this year's



Homecoming—when UofL's Fraternity and Sorority Life will be celebrating 100 years on campus.

Introducing UofL's New SGA Leaders

By Janet Cappiello

Every year, newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) leaders work to make student life at the University of Louisville the best it can be.

This year's Top 4 SGA leaders, elected in March for the 2021-22 academic year, are going to have one extra (and exciting) challenge: re-establishing the vibrant on-campus experience that colleges thrive on and COVID-19 tried to erase.

The Top 4 leaders—student body president, executive vice president and two vice presidents (one for academics and one for service)—lead the university's student government network across eight schools and colleges.

Here's what they have to say about the upcoming school year.

Ugonna Okorie Student Body President

Okorie, a senior majoring in public health and

healthcare management, said she is confident UofL students will be able to “navigate through the uncertainty.”

“I don't think we'll ever go back to exactly how things were in 2019 (and earlier), but instead, we'll take the lessons learned in 2020 and apply those lessons in 2021 and years to come,” she said. “But what does that look like in practice? As a community, are we ready for this change? I think navigating through the uncertainty that lies ahead for us will be a challenge, but a challenge I know we will be able to overcome.”

Okorie said one of her goals is to help SGA work with the university's diversity and equity units to help further UofL's anti-racism efforts and ensure all students feel their voices are heard.

One thing she can't wait for? The annual International Fashion Show. The student-led event was held in January 2021, but without a live audience. “I am always in awe of their theme and how they incorporate it in the celebration of cultures here at UofL.”

Sydney Finley Executive Vice President

Finley, a junior English and political science major, said she predicts the return to in-person learning and programming will be “a major adjustment for some students and staff.”

SGA's job will be to make sure students feel “supported during this time,” she said.

For Finley personally, she said she isn't sure what to expect because most of her college experience so far has been shaped by the pandemic.

“Being a commuter student who has only



taken distance education courses for the past couple of semesters, I look forward to being on campus more often and being able to see my friends in person rather than through a screen,” she said.

She is hoping to incorporate more social service activities in student government while also focusing on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

In addition to the International Fashion Show, Finley said she is looking forward to attending talks by featured speakers on campus.

Alexa Meza Academic Vice President

Meza is a senior political science major who said she will focus on preparing students to make a smooth transition back to campus and in-person classes.

“We can't expect all students to be able to go back to normal after the past year and a half we've had,” she said. “I plan to advocate for student needs when it comes to course delivery, academic spaces on campus, and academic resources students can utilize in a post-pandemic environment.”

She added that “asking students to return to how life and college was before the pandemic is unrealistic,” and noted the Top 4 will advocate for understanding, compassion and flexibility from administration and faculty.

Meza said it is hard to remember how life on campus was before the pandemic.

“I was halfway through my sophomore year and a completely different person at the time. Now I'm thinking about graduation and grad school,” she said.

What is she looking forward to the most?

“I think just being in the company of others,” she said, “whether they be your friends or complete strangers. ...Being in the classroom, on-campus concerts and events, and sporting events are all things we took



for granted, so for upperclassmen, I imagine it'll feel like we're freshmen all over again!"

Eli Cooper

Services Vice President



Cooper is a senior who is working on an individual major in social change, and also a major in political science.

He said some of his first initiatives for the new academic year will be "advocating for gender-inclusive dorms and space on campus, developing a policy

prioritizing gender-neutral restrooms in new constructions, and laying the groundwork for more inclusive dining policies."

He noted the transition from online learning to in-person engagement is going to create opportunities along with the challenges. The Top 4, he said, will have to prioritize its goals.

"I'm excited for the potential that this year brings, but I know that the pandemic and the things we have had to do to adapt to a virtual world are taxing in ways that we have yet to identify," he said. "In addition, parsing out the adaptations that are useful post-pandemic versus those that negatively impact our university will be an interesting struggle as we move into the upcoming year."

Cooper said virtual life has left him missing "the little moments of socialization that you are able to have when sitting in the library, grabbing food in the SAC, or walking between classes. I never really realized how much of a positive impact that waving to a friend or distracting yourself from a paper for a 5-minute conversation could have on your day. I'm excited for a lot of the things that next year could hold but I think I'm most excited for these little moments that can really make your day great."

Engineering Students Keep UofL's Iconic Clock Tower Bells Ringing

By Holly Hinson

A time-honored and familiar sound to most students on the University of Louisville Belknap campus is the Clock Tower tolling the hour and playing the Alma Mater music at 12 p.m. daily.

What many students may not know, however, is the system responsible for that reliable ringing was from the 1980s, and was in frequent disrepair. But thanks to a group of Electrical & Computer Engineering seniors, the clock tower has now been automated and upgraded. The ECE students who designed and created the new system are Rio Brittany, Andrew Franxman, Johnathan Frech, Nicholas Westurn, and Brian Mortberg.

Their effort began when Dr. Andre Faul, assistant professor, Electrical Engineering, was approached by Josiah Brock, audiovisual coordinator in the Office of Student Involvement in fall 2020 to see if a redesign of the old sound system could become a Capstone project for his students. It was accepted as a Capstone in December 2020, and work on the project began in January 2021. The project was completed in late April and the students physically handed off the new system to Brock on April 27.

Faul, who advised and guided the team, said the project was intriguing because the team would have to redesign the controller and put something together at a lower cost.

"The team's design put everything together to program a new digital carillon microcontroller that would take over the functions of the

previous controller," he said. "Once the device is programmed and synchronized to the national clock standard, it is mostly hands-off and functions automatically to create the necessary sounds when needed. It includes a digital interface users are able to utilize to modify, add sounds, or reprogram if necessary."

Rio Brittany, one of the students involved in the project, said the whole team was interested in this as a Capstone project.

"For me, I have a background in music and play guitar and was interested in the audio aspect of it—that there were speakers and could be instrument interfaces and

outputting sounds," Brittany said. "That's something we haven't got to work on too much as undergrads."

Tackling the project with multiple facets required collaboration, noted Nicholas Westurn, another team member.

"We identified what we needed: a microcontroller to operate the code, a midi device to be able to send and receive midi signals, and an audio interface," he said. "From there, we branched out and some of us isolated

specific parts we could use, while others started working on the coding aspects."

Brittany said each team member focused on their individual strengths, while also working in partnership with the entire team.

"We acquired off-the-shelf items that we combined for the design, and everyone took an aspect they had strengths in," he said. "I did some of the midi software that connected the keyboard, Nick worked on the user interface, Andrew is very familiar with Linux so he did a lot of the back-end code, and Brian and Johnathan worked on the hardware aspects and documentation," said Brittany. "It was a really good collaborative effort."

One of the challenges of the project,



according to Brittany, was that the former audio system was proprietary, and only the company had the schematics for it. This meant a workaround had to be created to be converted to .wav files to upgrade the controller.



But the team was able to overcome the obstacle, as well as a few others, and for the seniors, it was a great way to end their undergrad careers at Speed School.

“It’s been like a mad dash to the end, especially with getting the parts, but it feels really satisfying to have this accomplishment,” said Brittany.

“The most gratifying part is playing a song

and hearing it play it back to you,” said team member Brian Mortberg. “It’s very rewarding in terms of knowing the system that you and your group designed actually works, and knowing that something you do could be implemented for the whole school.”

Faul noted that now whenever the chimes play, these students know they had a part in keeping the campus icon ringing.

Westurn agreed. “I feel pretty excited that we kind of have a legacy on campus.”

Campus Housing has Great Start to the Semester

What an exciting kick-off to a new year on campus! The grand opening of Belknap Residence Hall



was a truly special occasion, as over 200 faculty, staff, and students joined together to celebrate this momentous development for campus.



The excitement of the dedication ceremony carried into the following week of move-in and Welcome Week festivities. From Louie and the cheerleaders to university partners from across campus, the entire Cardinal community came together to support our residents and families. A highlight from the first week of classes was the Ice Cream

Social, where students and staff could enjoy ice cream in the Red Barn and Student Recreation Center while meeting Provost, Dr.

Lori Gonzalez. The Campus Housing team would like to extend a sincere “thank you” to Student Affairs for assisting as move-in volunteers and in other capacities throughout our return to campus. [Photos.](#)



Welcome Week Fall 2021

The Welcome Week team wrapped up a record-setting year after hosting 90+ events over the course of five days to help welcome the new and returning Cards to campus. Despite the pandemic, the team was able to offer a variety of new events for students including Cardinal Frenzy, Welcome Back Concert, and Prom. Multiple events topped 1000+ in



attendance and great feedback was received from students and families alike. Welcome Week is designed to help students meet other students, connect with campus resources, build a sense of belonging, and make UofL their home. See pictures from the various events [here](#).

Student Involvement Revs Up for Fall Semester

Student Move-In and Welcome Week activities brought students back to campus and we saw a return to student life. Below are some of the highlights from the first few weeks of campus that are only the beginning of the Cardinal Student Experience.

Alpha, Beta, Delta, Lambda

This fall, during Homecoming, there will be a celebration of 100 years of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of Louisville. The National Panhellenic Council made a return this fall with the annual Icebreaker hosted by the Alpha Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The Panhellenic Council just finished their fall recruitment window, and the Interfraternity Council has had their fall rush. Great things are happening in UofL’s Greek community.



Community Engagement

Investing in the areas around campus is the responsibility of every member of the Cardinal Community. Student Outreach Uniting Louisville



(SOUL) is an annual Welcome Week event in which students participate in greater Louisville community service. [Photos.](#)

Prom

Many of our first- and second-year students were not able to have a traditional prom experience. This is where the Student Activities Board came to save the day. “A Starry Night: An Opportunity to Express Yourself” allowed students to



gather in the Speed Art Museum for a prom-like experience. [Photos.](#)

Student Organizations

Student organizations are the backbone of the campus community. Getting students connected to opportunities to further their passions, make friends, and build community is a primary focus of the Student Organization Advisory Board. On August 24-26, the Recognized Student Organizations



(RSO) Fair was expanded over the course of three days to increase visibility and outreach opportunities for our students. The fair boasted over 113 student organizations and university departments who spoke to over 1000 incoming and returning students. [Photos.](#)



Commuter Connections



Increasing the engagement and support of our commuter students is a strategic priority for both the university and the Division of Student Affairs. There will be a lot of activities happening in the purple lots of the stadium and on the buses around campus.

Addressing Food Insecurity

This spring a \$1 million gift from Commonwealth Credit Union helped to refresh the Cardinal Cupboard. President Bendapudi said it best in that the only hunger our students should experience is the hunger to learn and the Cupboard is helping us do this one visit at a time.



2021 Harold Adams Award Goes to Dale Ramsay

The Harold Adams Award is a memorial tribute to Harold “Butch” Adams, a 1963 UofL graduate and former Assistant VP for Student Life. This award recognizes a faculty or staff member that has excelled in contributing to a diverse and vibrant student experience on campus through their extraordinary involvement in the lives of students and positively impacting their attitudes and behaviors.

Harold Adams’ relationship with the University of Louisville spanned nearly 30 years and encompassed most of his college and professional life. He was a distinguished alumnus, a respected coach and one of the university’s best-loved administrators. An athletic scholarship launched his involvement with UofL in 1958. He went on to earn degrees

in history, education, and law, and in 1962, began serving as assistant basketball and head baseball coach for the university.

Adams accepted his first administrative post in 1966 as Director of Housing, a position he held for four years. In 1970, he was appointed Associate Dean of Students, and in 1976, was promoted to Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.

As Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Adams oversaw virtually all of campus life including Student Activities, Greek Life, Intramural Sports, Housing, the Cheerleading and Dance Squads, and Student Legal Services. He initiated several new programs to promote student growth and development such as the Student Leadership Series that began in 1985.

His contributions to the university did not go unnoticed; he twice received an Outstanding Performance Award for Administration. In 1983, he was cited for his role in the opening of Humana Gymnasium, and University Park Apartments, and the subsequent expansion of the intramural programs. The ramp leading to the Student Activities Center is named in his honor.

Dale Ramsay, Director of Intramural and Recreational Sports, was recognized as the recipient of this year’s award. Dale has announced his retirement as of November 1 of this year, which will mark over 41 years of service to the Division of Student Affairs. During that time, the program has grown from two basketball courts—previously not available until after 8:00 PM in Crawford Gym—to the extensive operation it is now with two indoor facilities and a field complex. During Dale’s tenure as Director, the department hosted two national conferences and numerous state conferences. Dale knew “Butch” well. He certainly encompasses the many qualities that the award exemplifies and was founded on. Congratulations, Dale.



Study Abroad Meets In-Person

The Office of Study Abroad hosted their first in-person Study Abroad Fair since January 2020 in the Student Activities Center Ballroom on September 1. Six third-party program providers and three UofL departments tabled to make the return to in-person a success. To reach a wider student

audience, they offered another week-long virtual Study Abroad Fair between September 13–16.

Other recent events include Welcome Week's Study Abroad 101 and WorldFest, Accolade, and the RSO Involvement Fair. The Office of Study Abroad is scheduled to speak in a number of GEN 101 classes.

The IIE/UofL Passport Initiative is off to a fantastic start. Current freshmen who are Pell Grant eligible are encouraged to apply to be part of the 25-member cohort and receive a free US passport. The office hosted information sessions throughout the month of September to promote the Gilman Scholarship, which awards up to \$5,000 for a study abroad program for Pell Grant recipients.

Faculty interested in teaching abroad during Winter Break 2022–23 through affiliated program provider KIIS can submit a proposal. Email Dr. Virginia Hosono at vlhoso01@louisville.edu for more information.



Intramurals Off to a Great Start

The Fall 2021 semester is off to a great start in the Intramural Department. Everyone is happy to see students back on campus and able to engage in some activities again. Most of the Intramural programs have started. There were 32 teams in spikeball and pickleball tournaments and another 24 teams signed up for ultimate frisbee. Sport clubs have been able to re-start practice and some have already had a game. The Rugby Club



had a match with Indiana University. Tabletop gamers are back in the Student Recreation Center on Friday afternoons and are having a blast being together again. Most of the structured activities at the beginning of the semester have been outdoors—making them more conducive to Covid protocols.



International Students Welcomed

The International Student and Scholar Services office hosted a successful Get Connected event where over 200 international students and scholars from all over the world were welcomed for the fall semester.



Greek Recruitment

College Panhellenic facilitated a hybrid recruitment August 25–29. Over the weekend 160 students completed the recruitment process and joined a Panhellenic sorority. The College Panhellenic was innovative and diligent in their approach to primary recruitment, utilizing Greek facilities and providing online options for potential new members to find the best organization for them.



The day following Panhellenic Bid Day was the start of Interfraternity Council (IFC) rush which ran August 30 to September 2.

During this time, our fraternity interest group and 15 fraternities recruited potential new members for their organizations. Monday through Thursday, potential new members met the chapters, and the week was concluded on Thursday with IFC bid signing and new member orientation. At the end of the process 232 young men signed their bids and joined fraternity and sorority life at UofL, so in the span of a week our Greek community welcomed 392 new members into our organizations.

Awards and Recognition

The University of Louisville's 2021 winners of the Outstanding Performance Awards have been named. The staff employees were selected by a committee of peers and recognized for their work in exemplifying the Cardinal Principles. More information about this year's winners is available on the Employee Success Center's [website](#). Student Affairs had two staff members win the prestigious award.

Justin Peterson, Associate Director of Intramural and Recreational Sports, was awarded

the 2021 Outstanding Performance Award.

From the nomination: "Justin does everything with integrity and is committed to UofL students. He has helped to create a culture in the Student Recreation Center where customer service is a priority. He has excellent judgment and can always be counted on to make the right decision. He always represents Intramural and Recreational Sports and the university in a positive and professional manner. His work ethic is unmatched. He is a highly valued member of the Intramural Recreational Sports team, all of whom have the utmost respect for Justin."



Beverly Cooper, Program Assistant Senior, International Affairs in the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office, was awarded the 2021 Outstanding Performance Award. From the nomination: "Beverly has been a dedicated employee at the university for almost 40 years. She is a consummate professional. She puts the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) team first, strives to get all involved, and has a student-centered mentality. In short, she has put her love into her job, her fellow staff members, and her university and community. Beverly has always been timely, resilient, and a self-starter. She asks the questions needed to fill in the blanks of any issues or concerns she sees in the office. She is dedicated to her customer service and making every international student feel welcome when they enter the university. She makes the university feel like family and like home for our students. She is committed to the office, dependable, hard-working, a team-player, an independent worker, brings the office together to solve admissions concerns, and is a genuinely



wonderful person. She is not in this for herself. She is in it for the greater good and that is a lost trait."

Joi' Craig, one of the Graduate Assistants supporting the Student Activities Board (SAB) was named the 2021 recipient of the Hayward M. "Skip" Daugherty, Jr. Graduate Scholarship awarded by the National Association for Campus Activities Foundation.



Person of Interest

Kat Halbleib is an Assistant Director of Intramural Sports. Her position encompasses a wide variety of things, but the main portion includes the organization and execution of Intramurals for the student body at UofL. In a regular year she oversees 60-70 officials, 10 scorekeepers, 8 undergraduate supervisors, and a Sports Program Assistant. With intramurals being the most visible part of the department, she strives to provide a wide variety of sports and tailor the program to students' wants.

Her story toward working full time at UofL starts as a freshman. Kat became interested in working for the Intramural department as an official. She officiated basketball, flag football, and handball. After working as an official for three years, she decided to apply for an undergraduate Intramural Supervisor position. She received the position in her senior year and thoroughly loved the work. Then Kat was hired as the Sports Program Assistant for Intramurals where she worked under the Assistant Director of Intramurals while obtaining her Master's in Business Administration from



the university. Following graduation, she was hired to be the Assistant Director of Intramural Sports and has been in this position going on three years. Kat exclaimed, "Working with students and being involved in sports is a true delight. I have an excellent work environment filled with exceptional coworkers. Let's just say I am really happy that I decided to become an official my freshman year."

If she had to give one piece of advice for Student Affairs professionals, she would say to get to know as many people as you can. "It is always positive when you can increase your



network portfolio. It is not about who you know, but who knows you."

Kat's life is very busy. "I have an amazing mother and father along with an older brother. I just got engaged to my love, Trevor, this past May. I have two CRAZY dogs—Chaco and Biscuit. I fill my time with training for marathons, movies and shows, dog parks, trying new restaurants, and spending time with my book club."

Farewells

Arlene West. After over 40 years of service to the University of Louisville, Arlene West retired on July 8, 2021. During her time with the University, Arlene served in several departments including the old General Hospital, the Department of Family Medicine, the Parking office, and most recently the Counseling Center. Arlene's bright attitude and welcoming nature as the first point of contact for students at the Counseling Center



will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best on her retirement and all the adventures ahead!

Dr. Glenn Gittings, who has served in various roles in Student Affairs including most recently as the Director of the Student Activities Center (SAC) and Special Programs, has moved to the UofL School of Medicine as the Chief of Staff to the Dean. Glenn's work with the SAC, Parent and Family programs, and Welcome Week is deeply appreciated.



Josh Hardman, Assistant Director for the SAC, is reconnecting with former SAB members Alex Hunnicutt and Paul Latham as he works with them at Fleur de Lis Events and Designs.

Teresa Fisher has worked at the University of Louisville for the past 21 years, the majority of which has been in the Disability Resource Center as Program Assistant, Senior. She transitioned from Robbins Hall with just a couple of testing rooms to Stevenson Hall with a hallway full of booked testing rooms. Teresa has worked diligently in her position providing excellent customer service to students and faculty alike. From tracking accommodated exams in a lengthy Word document to managing a complicated database full of testing information, Teresa has navigated constant change in the DRC with enthusiasm and a smile. Our students and student workers all adored Teresa as she made them feel relaxed and at home, so they always wanted to share their latest news with her. She's been a fixture of the office as it's changed over the years and will be truly missed by both staff and students.



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Gifts made to the Division of Student Affairs help to inspire a vibrant campus life and engaged student body. It is through donor support that we are able to provide student scholarships, strengthen the Student Emergency Fund, and provide club programming to 450 student organizations, which are available to the entire student body. Please consider a gift today, and ensure a legacy of student success at the University of Louisville. [Make a gift today!](#)

For more information regarding your gift,

please contact Dillon Miles, Director of Development for Student Affairs, at (502) 852-0769 or dillon.miles@louisville.edu.

Student Emergency Fund

This fall, we are still seeing an increased need for Emergency Funding for students. Throughout the past year we have given almost \$1 million dollars to students to cover everything from tuition to groceries. Going forward,



making sure that students have access to these emergency funds will continue to be a top priority on campus. You can make a gift here to the Student Emergency Fund or contact Dillon Miles, Director of Development at dillon.miles@louisville.edu.

Mark Your Calendar

Dec 10

Red Barn Birthday Party



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