Housing Program Featured in Kentucky Monthly Magazine

In recent years, the University of Louisville has added or renovated a number of student living spaces so that they now more closely resemble upscale apartments. They even include details like granite countertops and amenities like fitness centers and pools.

“Housing has become quite a competitive advantage… some surveys across the country will tell you that housing is in the top three or four criteria by which students make college decisions,” she told the publication.

Weber said it’s important that housing is about more than the amenities. “At the core, all the time, is to make sure that around the swimming pool and shiny objects, those things that we know will help students be successful in college are maintained,” she told Kentucky Monthly. Read the full article.

Career Center Awarded Out for Work's Highest Honor

The University of Louisville’s Career Development Center has been awarded Out for Work’s highest honor, a Gold status rating for the 2016-2017 academic year! Out for Work is a nationally recognized non-profit organization dedicated to evaluating career centers’ programming and resources for LGBTQ students.

In November 2016, the Career Development Center was proud to partner with the LGBT Center on a career trek to Brown-Forman as part of the regional conference, Come Together Kentucky. Candace Lamb, Assistant Director in the Career Development Center, and Jess Shelton, Graduate Assistant for the LGBT Center, worked to plan and promote this opportunity for students, representing universities from across the state, met with Brown-Forman’s LGBT group to learn about their experiences working for the renowned company and were excited to learn about mentoring and internship opportunities.

Since receiving the “Bronze” level recognition in 2014, the Career Development Center has
used Out for Work’s assessment to increase its services for UofL’s LGBT students and provide resources for the unique needs of this population. In 2015, this collaboration was recognized with Out for Work’s Silver certification after partnering with the LGBT Center to provide employer panels, vendor fairs, and specialized presentations for students.

Alternative Service Break in New Orleans

Alternative Service Break (ASB) is a student organization on campuses across the nation that allows college students to spend their school breaks giving back to the community. Typically, these trips have a “cause” that is on the forefront of current events about which students are passionate. The trips are designed to immerse students in this cause, motivating them to not just volunteer, but to become active solutions-seekers for the world’s problems. Senior student Alesha Nunnally described her experience with ASB as “giving back with a purpose.” This past winter break, the trip focused on wetland restoration along the gulf coast and the group of sixteen students stayed in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans. “The Lower Ninth Ward is known for being one of the neighborhoods most heavily impacted by Hurricane Katrina in 2005,” said Alesha.

The most important part of ASB trips is how the students are able to use their experience to educate the UofL and Louisville communities about issues happening across the U.S. Freshman student Ali Buchelt brought back the importance of environmental sustainability, saying “as a community, it is imperative that we protect the Earth so that we are able to enjoy it in the future.”

Campus Housing to Manage Cardinal Towne and University Pointe

On January 13, UofL Campus Housing announced in cooperation with American Campus Communities (ACC) that they will assume management of Cardinal Towne and University Pointe starting August 2, 2017. Campus Housing will make assignments, staff buildings, and organize programming. ACC will provide maintenance and housekeeping services. Retail space will remain under ACC management. This wonderful opportunity will allow for more returning UofL students to continue to find their #MyUofLHome with Campus Housing. The value of living on campus extends beyond just the proximity to student’s classes. Students who live on campus have higher GPAs, get more involved, and are more likely to graduate than those students who do not! Campus Housing is looking forward to this new opportunity and is excited to continue growing.

Intramural Offerings Expand to Include Nutrition

The Intramural fitness program is known for its comprehensive nature, flexible set-up of classes, and personal training options. They have now expanded those offerings even more with the recent addition of nutritional counseling opportunities. In collaboration with the university’s food vendor, Aramark, there is now a certified nutritionist available 12 hours a week. Nutritionist Maji Koetter-Ali, a staff member of Aramark, is at the Student Rec Center Monday and Wednesday from 1–5 p.m. and Thursday from 8 a.m.–12 p.m. During those hours, she will meet with students individually or in small groups to answer questions about nutrition as well as provide advice. Maji is also speaking to various groups on campus and is looking for new opportunities for nutritional counseling. Staff who are members of the SRC can participate.

HECMA Conference Coming

The University of Louisville’s Dean of Students Office, in collaboration with the University of Kentucky’s Community of Concern, is hosting the 2nd Kentucky Regional Higher Education Case Management Association (HECMA) Drive-In Conference on March 24, 2017 from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (EST). HECMA is the founding organization for higher education case management professionals for individuals who provide case management services within a post-secondary educational environment. This year’s
**Drive-In Conference titled “Strategies for Effective Case Management: Information, Collaboration, Prevention, and Self-Preservation”** will provide training on
- Data-Driven Practice;
- Options for Suicide Prevention Programming on Campus;
- Working with International and Undocumented Students in the Current Climate; and
- Self-Care.

The Drive-In Conference will be held at the University of Louisville’s Student Recreation Center. Registration can be accessed here. The cost is $20.00. Registration includes lunch, beverages, and parking for individuals coming from off-campus.

**Glenn Gittings Published in NASPA Publication**

Glenn Gittings and the former UofL Cultural Center Director, Tierney Bates, were published in the new release of the annual 2017 NASPA Knowledge Community Online Publication. The article topic is on Student Affairs Fundraising for Identity-Based Initiatives. You can read the article starting on page 56, and then enjoy the great work by other authors included in the publication.

**NASPA & ACPA Networking Receptions**

UofL Student Affairs, again, hosts two Institutional Networking Receptions. One was held at NASPA in San Antonio and the other will take place at ACPA in Columbus. The NASPA reception took place on March 13 from 9–10:30 p.m. in the Grand Hyatt. We invite UofL colleagues, UofL Student Affairs staff attending the conference, CEHD faculty, current UofL graduate assistants and graduate students, former UofL staff and UofL alumni, as well as colleagues within the Commonwealth of Kentucky to come to the ACPA reception taking place on March 27 from 9–10:30 p.m. in the Hyatt Regency, Delaware D room. Please spread the word to those who you know will be attending the ACPA conference and encourage them to attend our annual networking reception. For more information, email: glenn.gittings@louisville.edu.

**Student Activities Center Renovation Update**

The renovations in the Student Activities Center (SAC) are moving right along. The Campus Store is now open and has plenty to offer. Panda Express is also open and it’s a new favorite for students. Construction on Starbucks has begun. Activity is increasing on the west side of the SAC for the new addition and the crew has begun to pour concrete. Drivers can expect congestion along Brook Street and the service drive behind the SAC. Check out the Grand Opening video of the Campus Store.

**New Fitness Equipment at the SRC**

During the next two months, students and members of the Student Recreation Center (SRC) will have the opportunity to check out the newest and most innovative fitness equipment. Currently, students can try the new “Zero Runner,” which has no set stride and allows the user to run, walk, glide or jog in any way they want. It allows for a treadmill like running workout without any of the impact of a treadmill. A couple of treadmills are also being tested. The “True Incline Trainer” is a treadmill that can give the participant a 30 degree incline to climb during their workout. It has a number of very innovative programs where you can climb things like the St. Louis Arch, Eiffel Tower, and a number of mountains and peaks. The other treadmill, the “Green Series,” is a treadmill that draws fewer amps to operate than other commercial grade treadmills. Through using a friction reducing motor and belt, the Green Series is said to provide a more sustainability-minded approach to your workout.

**UofL Players Named to the U.S. Rugby Team**

Larome White, former UofL Rugby Club Team member, is now a member of the United States Rugby Team. Two players from the Intramural Sports and Recreation
Sports Club Program have been named to the United States National Team. Larome White and Pro Vaturi have been named to the practice squad, just one step away from actually competing on the National Team. Read a great article on our UofL club from the Rugby Network.

**ISLP Trip to Cebu, Philippines**

Thirty-seven students and eight faculty and staff went to Cebu in December as part of the International Service Learning Program (ISLP). Students were focused on projects involving HIV, STDs and safe sex, personal beliefs, domestic violence/sexual assault, being a bystander to violence and “know your rights,” earthquakes, structural engineering, projectile motion, catapults, and sustainability and compost. In addition, a dental clinic was set up that served 125 students and community members.

**TRIO Helps Students Give Back to the Community**

TRIO Student Support Services recently did a community service project during their Valentine’s Day Social on February 9. Several students stopped by the TRIO office to create 35 Valentine’s Day cards for the residents of the Villages of Historic Silvercrest in New Albany. This was an outreach project for students to give back and be a part of the community.

**RAVE Guardian App Video**

Student Affairs has recently launched a campaign to encourage the use of the RAVE Guardian safety app at UofL. A video made by Katie Wells and Susie Cucura is posted on the Parents Association and Student News and Events Facebook pages. Staff can download the app here.

See the video here.

**Counseling Center Plans Spring Wellness Fair**

Last year, the Counseling Center hosted the Self-Care Cardinal Fair—designed to remind students of what they can do to take care of themselves, and how to seek mental health help when needed. It was a success, bringing in nearly 500 students!

This year, we are collaborating with Fresh Check Day (FCD), the signature program of The Jordan Porco Foundation (JPF). JPF works closely with colleges to plan and fund Fresh Check Day in an effort to bring awareness of mental health resources, suicide prevention, and coping strategies to college campuses. Please see www.Freshcheckday.com for more information on JPF and Fresh Check Day. The Counseling Center will again provide FREE food, giveaways, games, and entertainment (music, photo booth, etc.). The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Red Barn (outdoors, weather permitting).

The plan is for this event to be an even bigger success than last year’s event. RSOs and other UofL offices will provide several different booths, each with a different message, activity, and of course, swag! There will also be a raffle for a big-ticket item for students who visit at least five booths and complete an online survey afterwards.

If you or your organization are interested in volunteering, please contact Dr. Aesha Uqdah (aesha.uqdah@louisville.edu).
Successful Launch of On-Line Chat for Housing

In November, Campus Housing launched an on-line chat option that is available via the front page of their website. A staff member is available Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to answer any questions that current and/or perspective students and parents may have! So far, they have received 80 chat requests and are looking forward to continuing this extra customer service opportunity to students and parents! Contact David Horrar if you are interested in adding a chat option to your front page.

Social Media and Web Committee Findings

The process of collecting data for the division’s social media and web pages has provided some information from which we can benefit. Here are the first impressions from our data after two months:

- Parents Association and Student News had the most likes and reach (the number of people by whom posts were seen) on Facebook. The overall top posts were related to current updates, information, events, and activities.
- The Student News and Events Facebook page had its highest number of readers around 12 noon and 9 p.m.
- The first day back to school has a lot of social media traffic. You don’t want to miss this opportunity.

Housing Recruits for Student Staff Positions

Campus Housing is completing its recruitment and selection process for student team members. Nearly 370 people applied for one or more roles with Campus Housing, and over 250 interviewed on Saturday, February 11, with assistance from over 80 current team members. Positions included in the recruitment effort are Resident Assistants, Community Managers, Facility Assistants, Community Hall Assistants, Office Assistants, Residential Area Technology Specialists, and Conference Assistants.

Student staff play an important role in the Housing program and the time invested in the selection of staff is vital to finding the best selection of people.

Ice Hockey Club Enjoyed Tremendous Season!

The Ice Hockey Club has just wrapped up another highly successful season. The team hosted the Tri-State Collegiate Hockey League Conference Championship at Iceland Sports Complex. Those games involved Ohio University, Cincinnati, Ohio State, Bowling Green State University, and the IceCards. On February 25, the team served as host to the Southeast United States Regional Championship. UofL won the conference championship tournament by beating Ohio University 2-1 and Cincinnati in the championship game 6-4. That is their third conference championship in a row. They stood 28-9 on the season and traveled to Lynchburg, VA for the Southeast Region Championships. The IceCards continue to carve out a national reputation for outstanding play. Home games are usually sold out. Who would have thought UofL would become a hockey school?
Person of Interest

Brenda Powell is the Administrative Assistant for TRIO Student Support Services which is a Department of Education grant funded retention program geared toward first generation, Pell eligible students and/or students with a documented disability. She works part-time and is responsible for most administrative aspects of the TRIO office including budget reconciliation, data entry, records, payroll, etc.

Brenda held positions in the corporate world for 18 years until she was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom for her youngest daughter for three years. When she returned to the workforce, Brenda began with a position in the Family Resource Center at Atkinson Elementary School in the Portland neighborhood. It was there that she realized the rewarding nature of working with an underserved population. During those years, she returned to college to finish her BFA in Studio 3D at UofL. “It felt like a natural transition when the position with TRIO Student Support Services was offered; I have since found a deeper connection to the students here at the university level and feel even more in tune and satisfied with my work,” said Brenda.

An important aspect of her role in TRIO is reception. It is critical that students feel welcome in the TRIO program. This speaks directly to her advice for other Student Affairs professionals: “Create a sense of belonging for our students. When a person feels as though they belong in a space or with a group, they feel respected and valued, more inclined to make connections with others and to be more involved. It increases confidence, facilitates learning, and enables them to be open to advice from our advisors. These feelings are especially important for students who are first generation and/or low income who may already feel like a ‘fish out of water’ while they are in college.” Brenda feels an important part of her position is to greet students, show interest in their lives, acknowledge them when they leave the office, etc., in an effort to help create this sense of belonging.

Brenda is happily married and has three “wonderful” daughters, two of which have earned their Bachelor’s degrees. The youngest, a 7th grader at Noe Middle, is a competitive age group swimmer. She has one “super-special (spoiled)” granddaughter, Zoe, who is an 18-month-old. She also has two playful pups, Teddy and Truman. She began her return to college as a ceramics major and worked as a potter for 10 years, being involved in many local art festivals and farmers markets. As she continues to pursue her degree, she is leaning more toward fiber art for her area of focus, as it allows her a more well-rounded approach to art.

RSO Spotlight

RaiseRED is an 18-hour Dance Marathon, and the largest student run philanthropy on the University of Louisville’s campus. The Dance Marathon is a culmination of yearlong fund raising efforts to help support the University of Louisville’s Pediatric Oncology and Hematology Clinic. Each participant is required to raise at least $100

Kudos

George Howe

George Howe collects aluminum cans for recycling. Last year, he collected and recycled 5,209 pounds of aluminum in 2016. That’s about 166,688 cans! Way to recycle, son!

Harold Adams Award

Nominations Due April 1

The Harold Adams Award is a memorial tribute to Harold “Butch” Adams, 1963 UofL graduate and former Assistant VP for Student Life. This award recognizes a faculty or staff member who excels in contributing to a diverse and vibrant student life experience on campus through a unique commitment to students through their attitudes, behaviors, and extraordinary involvement in the lives of students. Nominations for this year’s award are due by April 1, 2017. Nomination Form.

Mr. and Ms. Cardinal Video

Jason Jewell and Jessica Morgan are this year’s Mr. and Ms. Cardinal. Check out the video to learn more about them.
prior to the main event. Many students raise more than the required $100, such as Jordan Noble who individually raised an impressive $5,395! Overall, the students amassed a record $459,402.50 For The Kids, and produced a record breaking 1,100 participants. Congratulations to all involved; the participants, the staff, the raiseRED members, and especially to Ellie Romes and Alli Bailey, who served as this year’s raiseRED officers.

Valentine Star
The IceCards (Ice Hockey Club) sent out a number of Valentine Cards, one of which featured Intramural supervisor Grant Hennesy.

Update Your Contacts
Aesha L. Uqdah, the Director of the Counseling Center, can now be reached at aesha.uqdah@louisville.edu. Messages sent to Aesha Tyler will bounce back as undeliverable, so please update your contacts.

Colleen Martin, formerly Colleen Gettys, and Director of the Disability Resource Center, got married on November 5 to Jordan Martin. Her new email address is colleen.martin@louisville.edu.

Student Affairs Staff Departures

Robin Sutherland
Robin started her career here at UofL in 1975 in the office of Admissions. She worked all of her 41 years in Student Affairs. Robin worked in Admissions, Student Development, Counseling, Career, AVP for Student Life, Dean of Students, Student Involvement, and finally, the VPSA Business Operations. Robin served in different positions during her tenure including Administrative Associate and UBM with job duties including purchasing, payroll, office management, budgeting, and accounts payable.

Beverly Wolford
Beverly began working at UofL in 1986. For the last 30 years, she worked in a number of departments including the Medical School, Human Resources, VP for Student Affairs, and Dean of Students. She may have been in the background, but she played a major role within Dean of Students and VP for Student Affairs Offices, working in the areas of personnel, budgeting, SGA, and speech and literature policy. Throughout the last few years, Bev served as the logistics coordinator for the ISLP trip to Belize—accompanying groups on planning and student trips.

New Staff

Trent Wallace

Campus Housing
Trent Wallace began his role as the Graduate Assistant for Facilities Operations in January. He grew up in the small town of Haubstadt, Indiana, before attending Indiana University Southeast. At IU Southeast, he earned a Bachelor of the Art’s Degree in Communications and was an RA for two and a half years. He is currently earning a Master’s Degree in Higher Education Administration at the University of Louisville. In his free time, Trent loves to spend time outdoors, play/watch sports, attend concerts, and hang out with friends.

Ashlea Worner
Ashlea served as Administrative Assistant in the office of Student Involvement. She has moved to the School of Medicine as Fellowship Coordinator. Ashlea began working in Student Involvement in July 2015 after working in the Career Center.

Alexis Becker
Alexis served as Program Coordinator for Reservations and Conference Services in the Office of Student Involvement. She began working in Student Involvement in August 2015. Alexis has taken a position with Boys and Girls Club as the Director of Special Events and Advancement.

Sarah Klump
Dean of Students Office
Sarah is the new Program Assistant Senior and is from Louisville. She went to Presentation Academy (an all-girls high school), came to UofL, and received her degree in Marketing in the summer of 2016. Sarah likes playing sports (especially tennis), hanging out with her friends and family, going to the beach, and binge watching Netflix.
Caleb Brooks
International Service Learning Program
Caleb Brooks began his role as Director of the International Service Learning Program in February. He’s a Louisville native who’s come back home after 10 years of working and living in Cambodia, Australia, Liberia, India, Brazil, and a few other places in-between. He got his Master’s Degree in International Development from Northumbria University in northeast England in 2012 and has worked in student travel and cross-cultural education ever since. He says he has “quite literally never turned down sweet tea, a game of ping pong, or the call of an unoccupied hammock.” Notably, he was once a shepherd.

High Fives

Karen Boston
Career Development Center
“Karen’s positive attitude encourages me on a daily basis. Whether it is receiving a smile when we pass in the hall or getting your input on a career question, I know I can always count on you to encourage me. Thank you for being you!”

Brittany Barnes
Student Involvement
“Brittany represented Student Leadership and Service by presenting an energetic session on Strengths for the women of Speed School. Because of her strong representation of our office, she helped connect a number of students to our programs who might not have otherwise found us. Great job!”

Zachary Smith
Student Involvement
“He did a great job leading his first student conference trip this past week! The students gained a lot from the experience and it would have not been possible without his leadership and organization.”

Nick Wright
Disability Resource Center
“Nick volunteered to assist with the IMPACT trip as an additional advisor. He did a great job assisting with this trip and made a significant impact on the student experience. We greatly appreciate his help and his passion for student advocacy.”

Kathleen Donovan
Disability Resource Center
“Thank you for being the great supervisor that you are. You welcomed me into the DRC with open arms and you are always easy to talk to. Thank you for being open and honest with me. (Shout out to Sam for doing the polar plunge for special olympics).”

Colleen Martin
Disability Resource Center
Thank you for being the person you are. You are so genuine with everything you do and it truly shows. I believe you were more excited than I was when I told you about my birthday. I’ve always treated my birthday as just another day, but you treat it special. Thank you Colleen for all that you do!

Submit a High Five here.

Did You Know?
Student Affairs has resources for Distance Education students—students who do not come to campus for classes. Whether they are looking for mock interviews, ULifeline, workout videos, newsletters, or Student Organizations, there is access to information from most of our Student Affairs departments. Check out the webpage for Distance Ed.

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 appropriate button on the right and follow the directions. The “Follow the Bird” button will take you to the Student News and Events Facebook page. Feel free to “like” our page.
Let Your Students Know!
Upcoming Career Events

3/21 Classroom Series—Negotiating, 11a-12p, CDC Classroom
3/27 Online Resume Review, 12-1:30p
3/30 A&S Council Event, 3-5p, UClub
3/31 Career Trek, Uspiritus, Time TBD
4/4 Classroom Series—Budgeting, 11a-12p, CDC Classroom
4/5 Spring Career Fair, 11a-1p, Bigelow Hall
4/18 Classroom Series—Mentorship, 11a-12p, CDC Classroom
4/19 Non-profit Career Fair, 11a-1p, Bigelow Hall

Mark Your Calendar

3/19 ACUI Conference
3/21 iCOUNT, 12-2p, Red Barn
3/26 ACPA Conference
3/30 A&S Council Event, 3-5p, UClub
3/31 20th Anniversary of PINK, 8p, SAC MPR
4/5 ACA Conference
4/5 Coffee & Conversation, 9-10:30a, DOS, SAC W301
4/5 Spring Career Fair, 11a-1p, Bigelow Hall
4/6 Fresh Check Day, 11a-3p, Red Barn
4/12 DRC Cookout, 11:30a-1p, Stevenson Hall
4/17 Student Awards, 7p, SAC MPR
4/19 Non-profit Career Fair, 11a-1p, Bigelow Hall
4/21 Crawfish Boil, 5-8p, Red Barn
5/3 Derby Potluck, 11:30a-1p, Red Barn
5/11 Coffee & Conversation, 9-10:30a, SRC
5/11 Senior Day at the Downs, 5p, Churchill Downs
5/12 Graduation Reception, TBD
6/6 NACE Conference

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