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## Shirley Willihnganz Receives Harold Adams Award

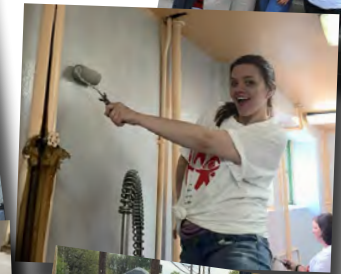
This year's Harold Adams Award was given to Dr. Shirley Willihnganz "for enhancing the quality of student life at the University of Louisville." The award, typically given during the Student Awards ceremony, is a memorial tribute to Harold "Butch" Adams, a 1963 UofL graduate and much admired former Assistant Vice President for Student Life. It is given to individuals who best exemplify the qualities and spirit Harold Adams exemplified. Dr. Willihnganz received the award along with a West Plaza Brick at her campus-wide farewell gathering in the George J. Howe Red Barn on April 29, 2015.



## Student Affairs Participates in UofL Day of Service

The UofL staff Day of Service had a good turnout from Student Affairs. Matt Real, Glenn Gittings, Shannon Staten, Aesha Tyler, Rosie Shannon, Candace Lamb, Mackenzie Adriance, Olivia Feldkamp, and Elizabeth Coder participated in helping the community. One group went to

the YMCA Safe Space and created a foundation of raised garden beds. The two other groups went to Victory Park or California Community & Park and did landscaping, spring cleaning, and painting.



## DRC Hosts iCOUNT Event

On April 9, students, faculty, and staff came together for the 3rd annual iCOUNT event promoting disability awareness on our campus. Participants had a chance to view art displays

from Creative Diversity, a local art studio for individuals with disabilities. They even helped decorate the latest iCOUNT canvas which is now on display at the Disability Resource Center. Many participants took the opportunity



to take a picture in the photobooth expressing themselves and posing with “celebrities on a stick.” TED talk videos on the topic of disability were played, while participants also had the chance to talk with campus departments to learn how they contribute to accessibility and inclusion on our campus. Fun was had by all, and we can’t wait to see you there next year!



## Tim Lynch and Stuart Neff Receive Performance Awards

Tim Lynch and Stuart Neff have been selected as two of this year’s Outstanding Performance Award winners by the University of Louisville.



Tim is currently the only person at the HSC facility with any experience specific to the facility. He has worked at UofL as Sport Facility Supervisor since the facility opened in January of 2002. Intramurals leans on Tim to provide leadership, management and supervision

to the new staff as well as take a lead role in the administration of the center.

Stuart Neff is the Coordinator of Special Projects in the Office of Student Involvement. For the past 16 years, he has been tasked with advising and serving as a resource to the Student Activities Board (SAB) in the production and promotion of student events. Stuart is patient and understanding and plays a significant role in the success of their programs. The time factors involved in managing the plethora of events, budget, and student staff require Stuart to put in extra hours in the office as well as from home to be able to keep everything organized. Tim and Stuart had lunch with President Ramsay and received their well-earned awards in June. Congratulations Tim and Stuart!



## Dale Ramsay Receives Award at National Conference

The National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA,) presented an Award of Merit for Region II to Dale Ramsay for distinguishing himself on a national level through his contributions to UofL, the association and the profession as a whole. This is the organization’s second highest award and one



that is held in very high esteem within the profession. Dale was recognized not only for his contributions to our campus, but also for his amazing record of hosting conferences and events for the association.

Louisville has hosted national conferences, state conferences, a national sport club championship, and the UofL School of Sport Management. Dale has also served on numerous committees and advisory groups for the association and is a very recognized and respected figure on a national scale. Region II has a unique tradition in how they present the award. Everyone in the room (500 or so) stands up and the accomplishments of the winner are read from the podium. If anyone does not meet the criteria of the accomplishment, they sit down one by one, until finally, only one person is standing. It was a great testimony to the UofL Intramural program this year when they got down to only 4 people standing and 3 of them were from UofL.

NIRSA also has an award called the Outstanding Facility Award. The UofL Student Recreation Center (SRC) was one of ten facilities to earn the associations Outstanding Facility Award at this year’s national conference. The award is highly coveted as it represents not only the architectural design and completion of a new facility, but it is weighted to recognize how the new facility positively impacts the quality of student life on its respective campus.



## Student Affairs Staff Participate in Media Training

On April 7, 2015, Sally Evans, Dr. Glenn Gittings, Trey Lewis, Dr. Michael Mardis, Dale Ramsay, Shannon Staten, Dr. Angela B. Taylor, and Dr. Aesha Tyler participated in Media Training

led by Mark Hebert and Brandy Warren. Staff members learned about their rights when working with the media, how to respond when a reporter calls, and how to prepare for the interview. Tips on how to have successful on-camera and

telephone interviews were discussed.

Rules for dealing with media were outlined such as:

- Say what you have to say and stop.
- Do not become emotional.
- Do not get drawn into gossip or speculation.
- Never say anything in the presence of a reporter or in a studio you don't want to read in the newspaper, see on TV, or hear on the radio.

Following a discussion of the information learned, staff members were put to the test. Each group of staff members had to review a scenario and prepare for an on-camera interview.

During the on-camera interview, Mark or Brandy asked questions regarding the scenario. Questions ranged from simple to complex and were intended on helping the staff member learn how to best respond under pressure.

After the staff member completed the interview, the film of the interview was played back and critiqued by all in the training. The training provided an excellent opportunity to begin to develop the skills necessary to successfully be on camera. Many thanks to Media Relations in the Office of Communication and Marketing for helping Student Affairs prepare for the media!



## Housing Banquet

On Campus Housing honored the hard work and dedication of the over 100 students who work in Housing and Residence Life at the annual Housing Awards Banquet this past April. The banquet provided an opportunity to recognize the student staff for their



achievements as well as celebrate the closing of another wonderful year in Housing. Among the staff members that were recognized were Resident Assistants, First Year Guides, Desk Assistants, Office Assistants, Facilities Assistants, as well as student leaders within the Resident Student Association and National Residence Hall Honorary. Awards were given to staff members and student leaders by their peers for their excellence in programming, service, leadership, and dedication. It was a fun and meaningful evening for all who attended.

## Spring Job Fest Helps Students

Just as the snow began to fall on March 3, the Career Development Center hosted its Spring Job Fest in the Multipurpose Room

of the Student Activities Center. There was a flurry of activity as students from across the university networked with over 50 employers from a wide variety of industries. Those employers were on campus to recruit students for opportunities ranging from



full-time employment to internships and graduate school.

Employers in attendance included Teach for America, the United States Navy, Enterprise Holdings and WHAS 11, among many others. The Career Development Center serves students from all schools and colleges within the university, and the Spring Job Fest is the center's signature recruitment event to connect students and employers. "Our role on campus is to connect students to opportunities," said Trey Lewis, Director of the Career Development Center. "Some students may have not had the opportunity to interact in a professional environment and may not be as comfortable talking about themselves and their unique experiences and skill



sets. This event provides a great venue for students to put it into practice." Both current UofL students and alumni are



welcome to attend this annual event, as well as, utilize such services and resources as resume review, mock interviews, and career coaching that are available everyday throughout the year at the Career Development Center located in the Houchens Bldg. Rm. LL03.

## Intramurals Continues to Set New Records

Participation in the intramural portion (leagues, tournaments, special events) of the recreational sports program set a new record for participation in every indoor sport in 2013-14, coinciding with the opening of the new Student Recreation Center. That was pretty impressive in and of itself, but this year there was even more growth. New participation records were set in 10 activities including, basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, floor hockey, 3-on-3 basketball, badminton, and wallyball. In addition, the increase in participation of the indoor sports also fueled increased interest in outdoor programming with ultimate Frisbee, sand volleyball, and kickball also setting new participation records. In all, 1,178 teams participated in the structured intramural phase of the recreational sports program. The first year growth of the SRC opening was anticipated, but it's great to see the growth of the program being sustained.



## End of Year Move-out Helps Goodwill

Give and Go!/Move Out 2015 is a national program hosted by Keep America Beautiful, Goodwill Inc., and College & University Recycling

Coalition (CURC). In order to be eligible to participate in Give and Go, universities must apply for the program. Twenty universities are selected to participate and, for the second year in a row, University of Louisville Campus Housing was selected to take part in



the program with Louisville's local Goodwill.

The program itself is an end-of-the-year collection drive held at the close of the spring semester.

Instead of tossing belongings away, the residents dropped off the items at collection points within the residence halls. Lighten Your Load took place on Friday, April 24 and was the culminating event of the Give and Go program. This event was held in the Miller Hall First Year Resource Center from 12pm-3pm. The program opened with the Director for Campus Housing, Shannon Staten, and the Vice President of Goodwill's Louisville-area operations, Dr. Marsha Berry, delivering special remarks.

Those in attendance at Lighten Your Load had the opportunity to peruse the display tables with donated clothes as well as other household items and "shop for free." This location was also used as a drop-off zone for residents and community members if they wanted to responsibly discard any items. Last year, UofL donated 3,100 pounds to Goodwill thanks to the Give and Go program. This year, UofL donated over 8,400 pounds to Goodwill, nearly tripling the amount over the course of a year. During this program, 530 pounds of items not able to be received by the



Goodwill were donated to the FreeStore here at UofL.

This program was truly a collaborative event between Goodwill and Campus Housing. Many thanks go to campus partners; Sodexo, Physical Plant, and Delta Upsilon Fraternity for their support with this program.

## Classified Staff Retreat

The 2015 Classified Staff Retreat, planned by the Professional Development Committee with special thanks to Karen Zody, was a big success. It started out with breakfast and some icebreakers to get the day moving. The theme this year was "Stuck" and the speakers could not have been more perfect. The classified staff would like to thank Nicole Dean, who spoke on Achieving Balance through Wellness. Then Justin Peterson, from Intramurals, led them in the Office Olympics. Last, but certainly not least, Brian Buford spoke of



his thru-hikes of the 2,175 mile Appalachian Trail in 2007 and Spain's 500-mile Camino de Santiago in 2012. All were very motivational and energetic—quite the morale boosters and they had awesome ideas for the staff to take back to work/life. The event was held at Cardinal Hall of Fame Café this year and as always, the food and service was great. Top all of this off with door prizes and you have a winner indeed. A big thank you to all of the Classified Staff who work so hard throughout the year for our students.



## Intramurals Awards



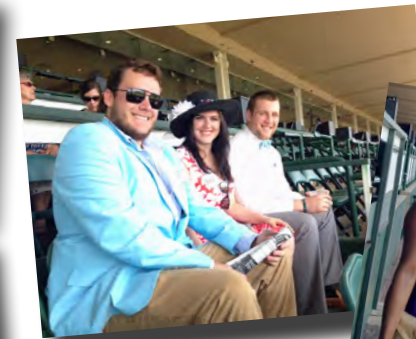
Dale Ramsay presented both Suzanne Galbreath and Janice Day the Intramural and Recreational Sports Service Award at their end of the year annual Awards Banquet.

## Crawfish Boil



Robin Sutherland, Pinkie Smyser and Frank Mianzo were recognized at the Crawfish Boil by George Howe for their years of service at UofL. Pinkie and Robin are celebrating 40 years of service and Frank is marking his 35th year.

## Graduation Day at the Downs



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFKonjWaoIc>

## Photo Gallery

### Student Awards



## International Service Learning Trips

### Croatia Trip



### Trinidad and Tobago Trip



### Alternative Service Break—Galapagos Islands Trip



## Pinkie Smyser's Work in Open Walls Exhibit

The Open Walls Exhibit, which is located in the lower level of Ekstrom Library, will be open until Friday, June 26. The hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and the exhibit is open to the public. Pinkie Smyser from Campus Housing has three photographs in the exhibit.



## BRICC Coalition Meeting

The annual BRICC Coalition meeting was held on March 31 and was attended by Student Affairs staff members: Dr. Angela Taylor, Laura Ulmer, Dr. Geeta Gulati, Brooke Kingsley Isbell, and Michelle Massey. Building Resiliency In Campus Community (BRICC) Coalition addresses high risk drinking using a public health model approach. BRICC includes over 165 partners from campus and the community working together on multiple committees. Strategies target individuals, groups, campus and the broader community.

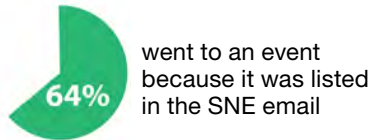
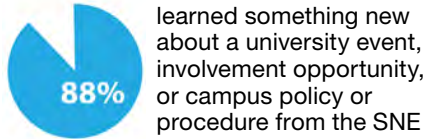
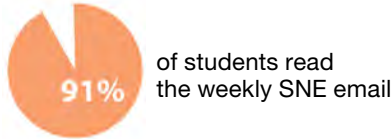
Recent outcomes supported by the BRICC Coalition include the passage of a medical amnesty law in Kentucky and AlcoholEdu-Haven population level prevention. Medical Amnesty grants limited immunity for people who choose to call for help in an emergency situation. BRICC also serves as a lead advocate in the implementation and integration of AlcoholEdu-Haven online alcohol and sexual violence prevention for every incoming first time freshmen to help them make well-informed decisions as they transition to UofL.



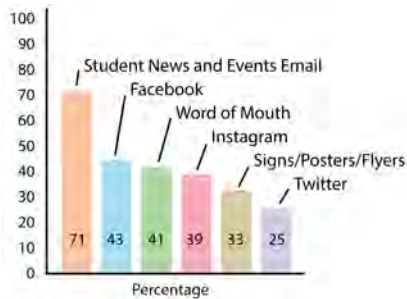
## Students Give Feedback About Weekly Email

According to a survey taken this spring by 242 students, the majority said they preferred to find out about news and events through the Student News and Events (SNE) weekly email. They also find the information helpful.

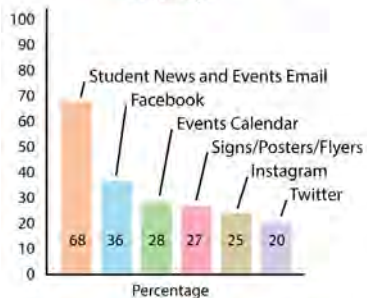
Some of the students' requests included minimizing the amount of text and providing a link for more information, so be



Where students currently find out about news and events (they could select their top three)



Where students prefer to find out about news and events (they could select their top three)



sure to include links in your submissions. It was also recommended that we give out the event information a week ahead of time for scheduling purposes.

The newsletter will resume publication on August 14, 2015. The deadline for submission is always the day before publication at noon. Be sure to bookmark the link to the SNE weekly email submission form: <http://louisville.edu/studentaffairs/forms/student-news-and-events>

## The Year in Campus Life



## Shannon Staten Accepts Position at FL State University

Shannon Staten is leaving UofL after 26 years to become the Executive Director of University Housing at Florida State University. As the Executive Director, Shannon will be managing the on-campus housing program of 7,300 residents living in 19 residence halls on campus with its own maintenance and housekeeping staff. FSU is completing phase I of a replacement program opening three new residence halls this fall. Phase II begins this year with the demolition of two older halls and replacing them with new buildings designed to provide academic support space and suite style living. Shannon will be



overseeing the ongoing construction projects, growth in the Living Learning Communities on campus and the overall vision of the University to provide a campus that is focused on student centered support and academic success. The FSU Division of Student Affairs was just named one of the 15+ Most Promising Places to Work in Student affairs by the Center for Higher Education Enterprise, Diverse: Issues in Higher Education magazine, and the American College Personnel Association (ACPA). Shannon states that after 26 years at UofL it is difficult to leave the good friends and colleagues that she worked beside as the campus has been transformed into a vibrant, residential-based community. She is proud of the work that Housing has done to provide a quality experience for residents and to help the campus meet our vision of becoming a prominent Research I institution and a welcoming residential environment. She is excited about the new experience and managing a large campus housing program. She starts her new job at FSU in August.

## Laura Ulmer Moves to Old Dominion University

Student Affairs is thankful for Laura Ulmer's commitment to the University of Louisville and congratulates her on her new position as Director of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity at Old Dominion University. While we will miss Laura and her great work in times of student conduct, care, and crisis, this is an excellent professional opportunity for her. Laura has worked at the University of Louisville for nearly five years serving as the Coordinator for Student Rights and Responsibilities in the Dean of Students Office. Student Affairs is appreciative



of Laura's hard work and dedication in dealing with tough student conduct cases. As a Student Affairs On Call staff member, Laura has provided care and compassion to a number of students and families in time of crisis. Laura was integral in implementing the Maxient Conduct Manager database, successful in collaborating with various departments on campus during challenging student situations, and actively assisted with a number of policy revisions.

## Jeremy Johnson Moves His Career to Elizabethtown



Jeremy has accepted a position with the TRIO Student Support Services Program at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College. He will serve as the Academic Counselor for 185 first-generation, low-income and/or disabled students. Jeremy worked with the UofL TRIO Student Support

Services Program as Program Coordinator and was Chairperson of the Professional Development Committee.

## Keeley Copridge Leaves UofL to Pursue Doctorate

Keeley Copridge, Student Development Specialist, for TRIO Student Support Services will leave our wonderful department to pursue her doctorate degree in Higher Education at Indiana University-Bloomington in Bloomington, Indiana. She was rewarded a Project Associate assistantship with the Center for Postsecondary Research working with the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).



She is incredibly thankful for the professional development and experiences she gained through our program.

## Lee Ann Riffle Moves to University Advancement



After almost 6 years in Student Affairs, Lee Ann has accepted a UBM position with University Advancement. She will be located on the second floor of the University Club in Alumni Relations. Lee Ann states "I have loved working in Student Affairs and making the decision to move to another area was not easy." She looks forward to still seeing everyone in Student Affairs that she has grown very close to. The new position will be a challenge and a different mindset than what she had been accustomed to, but she looks forward to that challenge. "Thank you Student Affairs for giving me the skill set that I needed to be able to make this move" she says.

## Brooke Isbell Leaves UofL

Brooke Isbell served as the Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life in the Office of Student Involvement. Brooke came to UofL in January 2014. She was responsible for advising IFC, Panhellenic and NPHC and providing support to the fraternity and sorority system.



## Elizabeth Coder Takes New Position in NC

After a brief period as Director of the



International Service Learning Program at UofL, Elizabeth Coder has accepted a position as the Coordinator for the Gap Semester Program/Assistant Director of First Year and Transition Programs at Elon University in North Carolina.

## New Staff

Allison Commings has been selected as the Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life in the office of Student Involvement. Allison will be responsible for providing support and advising to Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and the National PanHellenic Council as well as the 33 fraternity and sororities at UofL. Allison has most recently served as Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Middle Tennessee State University and prior to that worked at Texas A&M University. Allison has her master's degree from Ball State University and her bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University.



## Person of Interest

Debra Mayberry is an Assistant Director at the UofL Career Development Center. She provides career coaching, career assessments, career presentations, career direction, and helps with optimization of career services and career resources in choosing majors and careers while maximizing today's technology in the job search for UofL undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni. Debra works directly with her colleagues of the UofL Alumni Association, College of Education & Human Development,



and Kent School of Social Work to increase both students' and alumni awareness and use of career services.

Debra has had a variety of professional career roles and responsibilities at the UofL Career Development Center since she began more than 25 years ago. Her first job after college graduation was a position at Creative Employment Project in Louisville.

Upon completion of a Bachelor's degree in Counseling & Guidance, she went on to complete a Master's degree in College Student Personnel at UofL. Debra also gained formal Diversity Training through the National Coalition Building Institute in Washington, D.C. and additional Diversity Training with Gardenswartz & Rowe. Additionally, she has taken several Ph.D courses at the College of Education & Human Development.

Debra's professional career aspirations are to pursue and complete her Ph.D and pursue administrative and teaching opportunities in higher education. She also plans to continue working with her book coach to pursue her goal of writing New York

Times Best Selling Books and e-books which address education & higher education, academic success for today's students, diversity and inclusion, and pay equity for women in the workplace.

She has many hobbies, ranging from reading, writing, shopping, and collecting cookbooks, to enjoying sports and keeping up with the latest advances in today's technology and career services technology systems. She is a fan of today's free on-line classes at Ivy League and major universities. She also widely promotes, LinkedIn networking and jobs, and today's 100 Top Companies for Remote/Telecommute/Virtual Jobs with major companies.



Debra has a large, loving family of seven brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

## RSO Spotlight

UofL Students on the Road Less Traveled. 1500 miles. 5 weeks. 3 states. 2 people. A home for a family in Louisville, KY: priceless. UofL students, David Exe and Stephanie Dooper, are on an adventure of a lifetime! They are biking the West Coast to help raise funds for the FIRST University of Louisville Habitat for Humanity



student sponsored home. Starting in Seattle, they venture down to Los Angeles, biking over 1500 miles and building with Habitat for Humanity along the way. The desire to fully sponsor a home has been an initiative of the UofL Chapter, of which Stephanie serves as President, for a long time—they are so excited to see their dream come to life!

As they work with other students at UofL to accomplish this, David and Stephanie give their additional support by biking the roads less traveled to build the roofs most needed. Though the journey is now complete—a journey filled with more than just mountains and coasts, but with people and hope —checkout their blog at <https://roadsnroofs.wordpress.com/>. You can support the cause from there as well.

Bike on!



## High Fives



A huge High Five to **Colleen Gettys** and **Autumn Reed** for grilling in the rain for the DRC Cookout on March 26. That is true dedication!

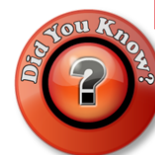


A High Five for **Pam Curtis** for being recognized by Break Away for her Alternative Service Breaks (ASB) efforts. Break Away is the national organization that supports alternative break programs. "We want to make sure that you know about the incredible work being done by the Alternative Service

Breaks program at the University of Louisville. Led by Pam Nettle Curtis, Director for Student Leadership and Service and Associate Director for Student Involvement, this program engages students in powerful service that shapes their civic identities and contributes to communities around the country. Alternative Service Breaks is a key member of the national alternative breaks movement, working in tandem with 190 other colleges and universities. Collectively in 2015, these schools sent 1,868 alternative breaks that engaged 23,599 students in over 1.2 million hours of direct service."



Submit your High Five now at <http://louisville.edu/studentaffairs/forms/student-affairs-high-five>



## Did You Know?

You can find all of the Student Affairs social media sites by going to: <https://louisville.edu/studentaffairs/followthebird>

## Reference Corner

Here are four websites to keep handy. Click on the buttons here and then 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 UofL Event Calendar. 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.



## Mark Your Calendar



6/24/15 Reception for Bridgette Pregliasco  
7/16/15 Summer Academy  
7/22/15 Reception for Shannon Staten



Two ways you can help Student Affairs!



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