Student Affairs Serves Students for 40 Years

Student Affairs is celebrating its 40th anniversary at the University of Louisville! From 1976 to 2016, students have found support, friendship and guidance in the Student Affairs staff. The campus has seen many changes take place in the last 40 years that impact student success including opening the Red Barn and SAC; building the new Student Recreation Center; adding to housing and new food options. So many things have evolved over the years to better serve our students. You will be seeing more about the 40th anniversary coming in the next few weeks.

40 years of service to students

Campus Life–Year in Pictures

SAC Renovation Begins

The Student Activities Center (SAC) will be undergoing a renovation and addition over the next two years. The result of the renovation and addition will be new meeting spaces, lounges, new dining options, enhanced campus store and new retail options. The project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2018.

The SAC transformation is another component of the university’s commitment to students. Student Activities Centers—often referred to as the “living room” of a campus—provide space for students to collaborate, study, dine, shop and build community. UofL is committed to creating a SAC that serves as a welcoming community gathering venue for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Research shows that students who live on campus perform better in the classroom and are more likely to persist to graduation. The SAC will continue efforts to support student success by fostering an environment for

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student engagement outside of the classroom, which helps to enable students to perform better in the classroom.

Updates on the SAC transformation can be found at [http://louisville.edu/studentactivities/sacrenovation](http://louisville.edu/studentactivities/sacrenovation). Also, look for the hashtag #betterSAC on your favorite social media sites.

Cathy Patus Receives Harold Adams Award

Cathy Patus, a recent retiree from the Disability Resource Center, received the highly coveted Harold Adams Award during the annual Student Awards ceremony on April 19 for her years serving the needs of our disabled students. The award 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 embodied.

Intramural Staff Hosts ACC Colleagues

The Intramural and Recreational Sports staff hosted the ACC Recreational Sports Directors’ Conference for a three day workshop in May. Attendees were given a tour of the Rec Center and attended discussions on trends in recreational sports and ways to improve programs at their respective institutions.

ACC Parent & Family Symposium Hosted by UofL

In April, student affairs practitioners from across the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) gathered in Louisville to discuss how to strengthen programming for parents and families, to keep them involved in universities and support student success. UofL lead the charge to launch the inaugural annual ACC Parent & Family Symposium in order to provide a forum to share best practices, new ideas, putting shared ideas to use, challenges, and to promote conference collegiality among ACC schools. To read more about the event visit: [http://uoflnews.com/post/uofltoday/uofl-hosts-first-acc-conference-focused-on-parental-involvement](http://uoflnews.com/post/uofltoday/uofl-hosts-first-acc-conference-focused-on-parental-involvement)

iCount Event Promotes Inclusion

The Disability Resource Center hosted the 4th annual iCount event on March 29. The event’s purpose was to encourage students, faculty and staff to become involved in creating a culture of accessibility on the University of Louisville’s campus by fostering inclusion. The event had tables that offered information about equal access, communication, education, and the perception of individuals with disabilities on campus and in the community. Also represented at the event was the Career Development Center and TRIO! Overall, the event was a huge success in bringing attention to the issues surrounding inclusion on the University of Louisville’s campus!

Student Affairs Represented at UofL Day of Service

The UofL staff Day of Service was well represented by Student Affairs. Erica LaMarche, Susie Cucura, Katie Wells, Ashley Hopkins,
Mackenzie Adriance, Glenn Gittings, Pam Curtis and Ron Burse participated in helping the Louisville community. Staff did landscaping, painting, and spring cleaning while working at a number of sites in Louisville: Americana Community Center, South Louisville Community Center, Parkhill Community Center, and Wayside Christian Mission.

TRIO SSS Debate Team Wins 2nd Place!
The University of Louisville TRIO SSS Debate Team traveled to Atlanta, GA for the SAEOPP Student Initiatives Conference Debate Competition. The competition, which took place on April 23, featured teams from Kentucky, South Carolina, and Florida. The UofL team was awarded 2nd place, losing by 9 points to the team from South Carolina. The debate team consisted of Naomi Deeds, a junior majoring in communication and criminal justice, and Hannah Emberton, a freshman majoring in social work. Their coach is Erica LaMarche, the Student Development Specialist for TRIO Student Support Services (SSS). In addition to receiving certificates of participation and a 2nd place trophy, the students also received a team prize of $300 for their efforts. Congratulations!

Housing Program Helps Goodwill Inc.
Campus Housing and Goodwill Inc. have partnered for the third year in a row to host the Lighten Your Load program. The program is an end-of-the-year collection drive held at the close of the spring semester. This year the program was held from April 15 through May 1. Instead of tossing belongings away, the residents dropped off the items at collection points within the residence halls—culminating into the Lighten Your Load event on Friday, April 22. The Lighten Your Load program was held outside the Student Activities Center from 11am-2pm and opened with Justin Mog, the University of Louisville’s Assistant to the Provost for Sustainability Initiatives, speaking on the accomplishments of the University of Louisville. Following Dr. Mog, Amy Luttrell, the Chief Executive Officer for Goodwill Inc. of Kentucky, spoke on the collaborative relationship Goodwill and Campus Housing have built over the past few years.

Last year, the University of Louisville donated 8,400 pounds to Goodwill thanks to the Give and Go program. This year, the University of Louisville donated over 3,390 pounds. In addition, permanent donation bins have recently been placed within all of the residence hall front lobbies. Residents now have the option to donate throughout the academic year. All donated items are redistributed throughout the local Louisville Goodwills. Campus Housing is proud to have built such a strong and collaborative professional relationship with Goodwill Inc. and looks forward to furthering the partnership.

UofL Sports Clubs Radio Broadcast
David Rice talked with UofL Today’s Mark Hebert about UofL Sports Clubs in May.

Graduates Hunt for Jobs
Career Development Center Director, Trey Lewis, was interviewed about advice for landing a first job by Brandy Warren for UofL News. In the article Trey talks about key issues facing graduating students in 2016, common mistakes made while searching for a job and more. Check out the article: http://uoflnews.com/post/uofltoday/get-hired-career-development-center-director-offers-grads-advice-on-landing-first-job

TRIO Recognizes Student Achievements
TRIO Student Support Services held its annual Awards Ceremony on April 21, 2016. The event celebrates TRIO SSS students and their achievements throughout the year. Guest speakers for the event were Angela Taylor, the Assistant Dean of Students and Director of
Spring Career Fair Presents Opportunities

The Career Development Center hosted their annual Spring Career Fair on April 7. There were over 50 employers from many different industries in attendance and ready to hire University of Louisville students, graduates, and alumni. The event aims to connect students with employers for internships and career opportunities within their majors. Students, graduates, and alumni were able to network with all the employers and develop connections for when they are ready to start the next step in their career. The Career Development Center staff was also available to assist with resumes and guide students on companies that may be of interest to them. The event was a huge success! The employers are very excited to come back and recruit more University of Louisville students, graduates, and alumni.

Social Justice Series

The Student Affairs Professional Development and Diversity Committees hosted three social justice talks this year. The first speaker was Brian Buford, Assistant Provost for Diversity and Director of the LGBT Center, who presented “Trans Students are Here to Learn… But are We Prepared to Serve?” The second speaker was Sarah Nuñez, Assistant Director of the Cultural Center, who presented “Latino Cultural Perspectives, Influences, and Resources for Engagement.” The first two presentations were so well received that the two presenters came back to give a joint presentation for the third in the series, “You Said WHAT? Apologizing, Forgiving, and Restoring Community When We’ve Offended an Identity.” Look for more Social Justice Series events in the fall.

The Parents Association has Three New Videos

Two of the new videos for the Parents Association include students demonstrating “A Day in the Life of a UofL Student.” The third video is called “Students Want Parents to Know.” Check them out below!
Student Affairs Annual Student Graduate Reception

Each year, the Division of Student Affairs hosts a graduation reception to honor and recognize the graduating students who work in various departments throughout the division. We gather to acknowledge their service to our division and celebrate their accomplishment of graduating from UofL. See photos of the event here: https://www.flickr.com/photos/ulstudentactivities/albums/72157668258764946

Spring Family Fling

We had great attendance at this year’s first ever Spring Family Fling. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents and families to come and see their students, reconnect and get to know their student’s new interests and aspirations, enjoy some fun campus events, and connect with other UofL families!

Classified Staff Out in Force

The Student Affairs Classified Staff Retreat took place on May 20. The theme of the event was “May the Force be With You.” Aaron Graham from the UofL Police Department spoke about active shooter safety measures and John Smith shared the current CPR technique. After lunch the group went to Escape Plan where they had to work as a team to “break out” of a themed room using clues placed throughout the room. It was a fun day and educational, too. Special thanks to Karen Zody for planning the successful event.

Weekly Email Still Leading Way to Reach Students

The annual spring survey for the Student News and Events weekly email had 418 respondents this year. Of those who responded, 89% skim or read the weekly email. According to Campaign Monitor, the email service provider we use, the average open rate is 22% of the total student population (or around 4,350 students). While that may not seem like much, it’s the way the students surveyed prefer to receive UofL news. 79% of the survey respondents said they learned something new or went to an event because it was in the Student News and Events email.

Some useful comments from the survey included: “Bigger sports sections;” “More events at HSC discussed;” and “Simplify, simplify, simplify.” The main message was to minimize the amount of text and provide a link for more information.

The chart below shows how the students prefer to get their news and events information.

How Students Prefer to Find Out about UofL News and Events

- Student News & Events Weekly Email  80%
- Facebook  39%
- Posted Signs  38%
- Word of Mouth  31%
- UofL Event Calendar  26%
- Yard Signs  25%
- Twitter  15%
- Instagram  12%
- Texting  12%
- Red Barn Digital Sign  9%
- SAC TVs  7%
- Snapchat  6%
- Yik Yak  2%
International Service Learning Trips

Belize
Over spring break, 33 students and 7 faculty/staff went to Belize and provided a dental clinic, eye examinations for the community and presented at two schools about the solar system, resolving conflict, dental health, exercise, nutrition and fire safety.

Trinidad and Tobago
26 students and 6 faculty/staff went to Trinidad and Tobago and presented to a grade school and a university during spring break. At the University of West Indies, participants contributed to a round table discussion about incorporating community engagement and service learning into the campus community. At the grade school, students taught lessons on self esteem, collaboration, resolving conflict, problem solving and nutrition.

New Parents Guide Available

Crawfish Boil 2016
On Friday, April 15, as most people were submitting their income tax forms, the Student Activities Board and the Red Barn Alumni Association were serving up a heap of crawdads for the 31st Annual Crawfish Boil. After a running tradition of 31 years the cost is still only $5 for all you can eat. The Menu included 425 lbs. of Louisiana crawfish, red potatoes, corn on the cob, polish sausage, onions, and red beans and rice. The gate admission goes to benefit the UofL students endowed programs sponsored by the Red Barn Programs Office. This year 550 people attended the event, procuring over $2,500 for the Red Barn Scholarships.

The Crawfish Boil is one of the university’s greatest traditions and is beloved by students, faculty, staff and alumni. https://www.flickr.com/photos/studentaffairs/albums/72157667179753561

Student Awards
April 19, was the 17th Annual Student Awards presented by the Dean of Students Office. Over 115 students and student organizations were recognized at the event for their accomplishments of the past year. College Mentor for Kids, the recipient of the Outstanding New Organization and Best Buddies of Kentucky, the recipient of the Student Organization of the year will each receive $500
from the Red Barn George J Howe endowment and the George J. Howe Student Leadership Gift Account to utilize for programs for next year. The list of award recipients is below.

Outstanding Freshmen Student Award
• Kyle D. Bilyeu, Nicholas Yates

Outstanding Sophomore Student Award
• Kevin Jacob, Karen Udoh

Outstanding Junior Student Award
• Hares Patel

Outstanding Senior Student Award
• Jacquelyn Ha, Allen L.H. Rakotoniaina, Megan Seldon

Outstanding Student Awards for Graduate and Professional Students
• Hossein Mirinejad, Femmy Rose, Douglas Saforo, Natalie Spiller

Spirit of Community (Individual)
• Nicole Robertson

Spirit of Community (Student Group or Organization)
• Delta Zeta Sorority

Spirit of Service (Individual)
• Grace Flaherty

Spirit of Service (Student Group or Organization)
• Cards Beyond Borders

Social Justice and Inclusion Award (Individual)
• Brandi Jones

Social Justice and Inclusion Award (Student Group or Organization)
• Best Buddies at UofL, Minority Association of Graduate Students (M.A.G.S)

Outstanding New Program
• Cards Against Hunger by the Student Activities Board: Outreach Committee

Outstanding Program of the Year
• Omit the Silence: Stand Up for Equality by the Student Activities Board: Diversity Committee

Collaboration Award
• Graduate Student Council, Minority Association of Graduate Students, UofL Counseling Center

Outstanding Student Employee Award
• Katie Connor – Elkstrom Library
• Allison Cook – Athletic Department
• Jacqueline Wandling – Office of Marketing and Communication.

Advisor of the Year
• Stephanie Passow – Advisor for the National Residence Hall Honorary

Harold Adams Award
• Cathy Patus

Outstanding New Organization of the Year
• College Mentor for Kids

Student Organization of the Year
• Best Buddies

The Cardinal Award of Excellence – Scholar/Leader
• Allen L.H. Rakotoniaina

The Cardinal Award of Excellence – Scholar/Volunteer
• Jerome Soldo

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Derby Potluck

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Seniors Night at the Downs

Orientation Photo Booth

Congratulations
Justin Peterson

Justin Peterson was elected as the next State Director for the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) at their national conference in Orlando this spring. Justin will serve a two-year term. During that time he will be highly involved with the National Office, the Regional Representative, Regional Student Leader and all of his constituents in the State of Kentucky. Justin will have a lead role in communicating with the state and coordinating the annual state workshop for the next two years. Congratulations to Justin on this significant step forward in his professional development and his continued contributions to the profession.

Congratulations Dr. Hopkins

On Friday, April 29, 2016, Ashley Hopkins, Program Coordinator for TRIO Student Support Services, was awarded her Doctorate of Education in Educational Administration from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Her area of focus is Comparative and International Educational Leadership. Her dissertation, “The Impact of Participation in an Appalachian Literature Course on College Student Perceptions of Appalachian Culture”, was awarded a research grant by Ohio University in 2014, was presented at multiple conferences including the Appalachian Studies Association annual conference in 2014, and was a winner at Ohio University’s Student Research and Creative Activity Expo in 2015. Congratulations, Dr. Hopkins.

In addition, Ashley was recently selected by the Commission on the Status of Women for a $600 award to attend Focus Louisville, a leadership and civic engagement conference held by the Louisville Leadership Center.

Congratulations Erica LaMarche

On April 7, 2016, Erica LaMarche, Student Development Specialist for TRIO Student Support Services, completed the Front End Web Development program through the Code Louisville organization in Louisville, Kentucky. She completed a hybrid online/in-person 12 week course in learning how to build a working website, learning along the way web-based programming languages HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. For her final project, she revamped a website on web accessibility for college students with disabilities, making it more accessible to those students. Congratulations, Erica, for this accomplishment!

Housing Wins Photo Contest

The laundry vendor for Campus Housing holds a photo contest every year for their schools. This year, Hanna Sullivan’s photo at UofL won the most creative laundry picture. Congratulations Hanna!
Staff Volunteer at Churchill Downs Backside

The staff from Student Leadership and Service in the Office of Student Involvement spent June 13 doing some service and spending some time together celebrating a successful year. They were so interested in the services provided by Chaplain Ken (learned about at the Derby Potluck) that they decided to spend the one day this summer that everyone was together (not at a conference, travelling internationally, on vacation or going to class) at the historic Backside of Churchill Downs.

In the morning, they helped sort donations for the clothing closet while local residents came by to pick up the clothes and supplies they needed. Then they took a tour around the barns, fed some horses peppermints and learned a lot about Churchill Downs and the people that contribute to the sport that keeps it going. Pam Curtis expressed “We live in a great city and are lucky to work with such a great group of people!”

Person of Interest

Michelle Pinckney is a Counselor Intermediate at the Counseling Center. She provides individual, couple’s & group counseling to our university students. She also participates in outreach events & crisis interventions. She has been with UofL since April of 2010.

After Michelle completed her undergraduate degree in psychology in 1998 from the University of Kentucky, she worked for Bluegrass Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Board, Inc. in Lexington for about 10 years in several positions under different departments. Her first full-time position was at Eastern State Hospital as a Mental Health Associate where she worked for 3 ½ years providing direct patient care to the acute adult psychiatric population. After completing her master’s degree in Counseling Psychology in 2002, she transferred over to the Forensics Unit working as a therapist for 3 ½ years providing individual and group counseling (domestic violence, substance abuse & anger management) to court-ordered & self-referred individuals. Desiring a different therapy focus, she returned to UK in 2005 to complete her second master’s degree in Family Studies (Marriage & Family Therapy) after which she began her therapy position in 2007 at the Child & Family Wellness Center providing individual, group & family counseling to children, adolescents & their families. After working many years in the community mental health field, she was excited about the opportunity to work in the university setting, hence, her move to the University of Louisville.

Michelle’s best advice to other Student Affairs professionals is, first, to always be present. The college years are a pivotal point in a student’s personal development. It’s a huge adjustment academically, socially & emotionally. You never know the impact you can be making. I just love working with college students as they transition into young adulthood, make major life decisions & process their own life story. Second, slow down. We tend to always be on the go with just daily tasks that we forget to enjoy ourselves & live in the moment. Having a healthy work/life balance is extremely important. I think our students can benefit from that approach to life as well.

Michelle is 39 years old & lives in Louisville. She grew up an “Army brat” – was born in Fort Knox and has also lived in Germany, California, and Maryland. She moved back to Kentucky with her family to Elizabethtown in the summer of 1991. After graduating high school in 1994, she moved to Lexington for college & graduate school, where she ended up living for almost 16 years before moving to Louisville in 2010. Some of her hobbies include powerlifting, traveling, decorating, hosting get-togethers & enjoying Louisville’s plethora of yummy restaurants. She’s actually very excited to turn 40 this year and plans to do it big by skydiving for the first time.

Welcome New Staff

Samantha MacKenzie is the new Student Advocate in the Dean of Students Office. Samantha has worked at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College since 2014 as the Advisor/Student Life Coordinator. In that role, she advised students regarding course withdrawal, degree plans, and career counseling. She also worked closely with distance learning students. She advised the ECTC Student Government Association and was responsible for providing Title IX education for students. Prior to working at ECTC, Samantha worked at the University of Louisville in the Ticket Office and at Sullivan University as an Admissions Officer. Samantha earned her B.S. in Sports Administration with a minor in Communications from the University of Louisville.
Did You Know?
Student Affairs has a student resources webpage for distance education students. Check it out: http://louisville.edu/studentaffairs/students/distanceed

High Fives

Pam Curtis
Student Leadership & Service
“Pam is one of the most selfless people I know. She is completely dedicated to enhancing the student experience here at UofL—so that they are Experiencing More! She works long, varied hours and always goes above and beyond what is asked of her. I am very fortunate to work with her.”

Kathy Meyer
Student Leadership & Service
“Kathy never does anything without giving 110%. She and Pam lead and guide UofL students in a very personal and meaningful way. Our students are lucky to have Kathy working with and encouraging them.”

Shirley Hardy
Student Conduct/ISLP
“There isn’t a person on the entire UofL campus who puts more into her work than Shirley. Her dedication to getting things done, done well, and done beyond expectation is stellar. She is also one of the most humble and...
**Editorial Comment**

Apologies go to Caroline Houchins, whose name was misspelled in the March edition of Vibrations.

**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 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.

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**Mark Your Calendar**

- 7/9 ACUHO-I Conference, Seattle
- 7/11 AHEAD Conference, Indianapolis
- 7/14 PDC Summer Academy
- 8/17 Move-in Day
- 8/22 First day of fall classes
- 8/23 Welcome Tents
- 8/24 Welcome Tents
- 8/26 RSO Involvement Fair

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