Greetings! This has been a really busy but good Spring, 2010 semester so far. The IS Student Club is forming, becoming active, and already forming partnerships with other student organizations such as IDEAS. Please join us for the first meeting of the club and help make it the best on campus. The announcement giving the date, time, and location of the meeting is in this newsletter.

As usual, you are all doing great things and we have the pleasure of congratulating many of you for graduating with honors. Mr. Ryan Chabot, a junior in the Environmental Studies track has earned the Founder’s Day Award. Ms. Amber Dukes, who is earning a double major in Interdisciplinary Studies and Psychology with a minor in Hospitality Management earned a 2010 Order of Pegasus Award.

We had another student gathering at the Orlando Executive Airport. Mr. Kevin McNamara told us about the range of operations that occur at an airport in a day and then lots of conversation and good food were enjoyed.

On March 23 we worked with JA and the Burnett Honors College to host 500 fifth graders for College Discovery Day. Working with the incredible IDEAS Club, we provided the students demonstrations and information on the environment and chemistry.

Enjoy this newsletter and keep doing great things.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael D. Hampton
Interdisciplinary Studies graduates walked across the stage marking their last symbolic act as Undergraduates at UCF during the fall commencement ceremony on December 18th, 2009. Over 200 I.S. students graduated this fall and we want to congratulate all of our graduates. Good luck in your future endeavors!

Summa Cum Laude honors designees (top 2.5 percent of their graduating class) include:

- Kacie Elizabeth McGill
- John Webster Phillips
- Sandra Amelia Rogers

Magna Cum Laude honors designees (top 5 percent, but not in the top 2.5 percent) include:

- Melissa Christine Heatwole

Cum Laude honors designees (students in the top 10 percent, but not top 5 percent) include:

- Vincent Paul DiPasqua
- Traci A. Milbute
- Rebecca Ann Miner

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

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In the 2008-2009 academic year, Interdisciplinary Studies was the 3rd most popular major and one of the top 10 Bachelor's degrees awarded to University of Central Florida's undergraduate students. With over 560 degrees awarded during the same year, Interdisciplinary Studies is poised to become one of the top programs at UCF with students who are the leading achievers at the University. Contributions from our alumni around the world help ensure we create programs to help build a sense of community and cohort among majors, introduce them to role models, and connect them to future employers.

**BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Show your continued support of Interdisciplinary Studies students with a donation:

1. **Mail:**
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   Interdisciplinary Studies
   P.O. Box 161998
   Classroom Bldg. 1, Suite 302
   Orlando, Florida 32816-1998

2. **Call:**
   1-407-882-2771

3. **Log on:**
   www.foundation.ucf.edu/give
The Founders’ Day Honors Convocation is an opportunity to acknowledge outstanding academic achievements of faculty and students. The Office of Interdisciplinary Studies would like to congratulate the IS students receiving this prestigious distinction.

**Founders’ Scholar Award for Excellence in Academic Performance**

These awards are presented to undergraduate students who have completed at least 75 hours of credit, earned a minimum of 30 of those hours at UCF, and maintained overall GPAs that place them in the top one percent of undergraduates within their colleges.

Ryan M. Chabot
Ashley N. Halpin
Sandra L. Hulen
Amberli K. Moore
Maureen A. Parent
Sarah L. Reichel
Ellen L. Rieckhoff
Jennifer L. Sewell
Adam P. Tow

**Founders’ Awards for Exceptional Ability and Performance in a Particular Area of Study**

Ryan Maddox Chabot

Congratulations to this year’s recipients. You are destined for great things!

**I.S. Students Gathering for A Day in the Life**
The Interdisciplinary Studies department is proud to announce the formation of the **first ever IDS club**. The process is ongoing, but we hope to be recognized by the SGA as an official student organization very soon.

We have a meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, April 13, in COMM 102 4:00-6:30pm.**

Pizza will be provided for all in attendance.

If you would like to be a part of getting this club off the ground, please stop by. We will also need to pick officers to continue making progress heading into next year, so if you are interested in becoming an officer it would be a good idea to attend this first meeting.

We hope to see you there as we continue to make the Interdisciplinary Studies club a huge success!

Jeff Dickson & Jillian Drenning
to all students interested in careers in social justice

The Direct Action & Research Training (DART) Center unites people together to powerfully address the systems that create and perpetuate injustice. We have built powerful community organizations in Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Kentucky, and Indiana.

By combining on-the-job experience with classroom instruction, the DART Organizers Institute has become a national leader in developing superior, professional community organizers. Graduates of our program have led sweeping changes across major metropolitan cities on issues such as affordable housing, accessible healthcare, equitable public education policies, and others.

If you are seeking a career in community organizing and possess a passion for service and community change, then we encourage you to apply for the DART Organizers Institute.

To find out more, please visit the “Become an Organizer” section of our website: www.thedartcenter.org or call DART at: 785-841-2680. The final application deadline for 2010 is April 26, 2010.
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