Welcome back and happy 2011. Hopefully you had wonderful holidays that included lots of rest and inspiration for your Spring, 2011 semester. As I am sure you have heard, we are now the second largest university in the nation. Your major is also doing well. 180 of you graduated in the fall and preliminary figures show 1462 students enrolled in the three major tracks.

If you have had a class in CL1-219, you are familiar with the advanced age of the computers in that room. Last semester we submitted a proposal for the funds to replace those computers and it was funded. This summer, all of those computers will be replaced with new, state of the art machines. Definitely enormous progress.

We are excited to be offering a study abroad course. It is IDS 3955, section 0001. The course will be taught by Laura Hard af Segerstad and will be in and about Sweden. The syllabus is extremely well designed and the course will provide you an exceptional opportunity to learn of the Swedish culture, government, geography, history, educational system, energy and environmental projects and initiatives, and much more. Whether or not you have traveled, this is a marvelous opportunity to expand and deepen your understanding of our world and appreciation of another culture.

In the last newsletter I mentioned the project that is underway in the Unifying Theme to produce an app that brings up information on your mobile device concerning energy, sustainability, and environmental items in your vicinity as you move about campus. We are on track to launch that app at the Global Environmental Summit. This semester we will be holding focus groups to get feedback on the app to tweak it for debut. The Global Environmental Summit is also taking shape. This year it will be in the Student Union to be more accessible and central on campus and date is changed to April 21, 2011 from 4:00 to 8:00pm.

This spring semester promises to be both intense and rewarding for us all. Enjoy and do 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 17-18th, 2010. 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:**
- Iman Cassells
- Maureen Ann Parent
- Jessica Louisa Lab
- Sarah Ann Pope

**Magna Cum Laude honors designees (top 5 percent, but not in the top 2.5 percent) include:**
- Julio Andres DeVere
- Caleb James Reninger
- Norma Vazquez
- Jeannie Frances Albers
- Bryn D. Piper
- John Howard Seybert
- Lucas John Sterosky

**Cum Laude honors designees (top 10 percent, but not top 5 percent of their graduating class) include:**
- Jennifer Michelle Conn
- Brandon Richard Dowling
- Shadia Yasmine Andrews
- Jonathan Cox
- Rachel Melissa Gray
- Stephanie Anne Heath-Jolly
- Kayla Marie Jeffers
- Ashley McKenzie Joyner
- David Joseph Scales
- Ketryn Gabriel Wallace

**IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

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Interested in an Opportunity for a Servant Leadership Experience?

IDS is looking for volunteers to serve as Mentors to students who are currently on academic probation. The ideal candidate is any IDS student who has been on academic probation at some point, but is now in good academic standing. However, all interested students interested in the mentor/mentee relationship will be considered. For more information please contact Jessica Cheatwood-Alvarez at jcheatwo@mail.ucf.edu with mentor in the subject line.

Alumni Association Scholarships

Each year the UCF Alumni Association awards more than $40,000 in scholarships to UCF students demonstrating strong academic ability and significant extracurricular and community involvement. The UCF Alumni Association is pleased to again offer more than a dozen scholarship opportunities. UCF students are encouraged to apply for as many scholarships for which they are eligible. Visit www.ucfalumni.com/scholarships to download a copy. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2011. Call 407.UCF.ALUM (823.2586) or e-mail knights@ucfalumni.com with your questions.

Looking for Your IDS Instructors?

Now, you will find your IDS instructors in CL1-302. For your convenience, the instructors will be available throughout the week to meet with you as necessary. Please drop in to visit with the faculty during their office hours.

Susan Spraker - Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00
Michele Randall - Thursday 12:00 - 2:00
Laura Hard Af Segerstad - Tuesday 2:00 - 5:00
Do you want to design the official I.S. t-shirt?

Well here is your opportunity! Your design could be featured on the new I.S. t-shirt and in the next issue of What I.S. Up!

**How to Enter:**
- Must be an IS student
- Design must be two colors maximum
- Send an email with design attached to is@mail.ucf.edu along with the signed release form.

**Entry deadline is February 25th**

The winners will be selected by Interdisciplinary Studies students! 3 designs will be selected and all winners will be contacted via email.

For questions about the contest, please email: is@mail.ucf.edu.
In what ways are you going to stand out to future employers after graduation?

Many students across the UCF campus are realizing the value of gaining extensive leadership knowledge and experience during their undergraduate career. Due to the majors we offer in Interdisciplinary Studies we know that our 1500 plus students have a variety of career goals and are leading various paths to reach those goals. However, we wanted to remind you that regardless of the major you are pursuing in Interdisciplinary Studies, we offer a Minor/ Certificate that can contribute to a more successful future for each and every one of you! The fact that we have had over a 200% increase in our Leadership Studies Minor & Certificate programs over the past year demonstrates that more students are beginning to understand the importance that leadership plays in optimizing their chances for a VERY successful future, and creating a better world.

If you choose to declare this minor as an additional minor to one that you may already be pursuing as part of the Interdisciplinary studies major, you may be pleased to know that the course options listed as part of the restricted electives on the link below can count towards your Interdisciplinary studies concentration areas or minor AND in this additional minor/certificate. In other words, completing these programs may not require as many excess credit hours as you may have expected. Some of you may be able to complete this minor/certificate and keep the same targeted graduation date.

Don’t hesitate to check out the link and schedule an advising appointment if you would like more information on how Leadership Studies may be able to fit into your overall academic plan.

http://catalog.sdes.ucf.edu/academic_programs/pdf/Leadership_Studies_Minor.pdf
The Environment & Global Climate Change: Our Planet, Our Education, Our Future.

Rules:
- Participation for all current UCF undergrad students
- Participation is *not* restricted to those those enrolled in music courses
- Entries will be judged on their musical quality and their creativity in interpreting the Unifying Theme
- Each work should be between 1:00 and 6:00 minutes in duration
- Instrumentation may be for solo instrument or voice or any combination of acoustic instruments or voices
- Pieces may require no more than 16 performers
- Entry is via anonymous submission using the registration form on the website
- Entrants may submit no more than three pieces for consideration
- Each entry should include a clearly legible score, preferably engraved using music notation software
- A CD containing a recording (either live, sequenced, or MIDI playback) should accompany all entries
- Entrants are responsible for arranging for all performers prior to submission
- Entries that are judged 'not performance ready' will be ineligible for competition prizes or a concert performance
- **Please remember all entries should arrive at UCF Office of Undergraduate Studies, Millican Hall 210, before 5:00pm on Monday, February 25.**

A reception will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the UCF Library. It will be followed by the Unifying Theme Concert in the Rehearsal Hall where UCF musicians will perform all suitable works submitted to the competition. **Please plan to attend!**

Awards:
- 1st Place - $500 Scholarship
- 2nd Place - $300 Scholarship
- 3rd Place - $150 Scholarship

For more information, visit or email: [http://www.unifyingtheme.ucf.edu/competitions/music/student](http://www.unifyingtheme.ucf.edu/competitions/music/student) or us@mail.ucf.edu.
Help our students make the CONNECTIONS they need!

In the 2009-2010 academic year, Interdisciplinary Studies was the 2nd most popular Bachelor’s degree 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 (formerly Liberal Studies) students with a donation:

Log on:  Mail: 
http://giving.ucffoundation.org  Dr. Michael Hampton, Director
or or
Interdisciplinary Studies
P.O. Box 161998
Classroom Bldg. 1, Suite 302
Orlando, Florida 32816-1998

Call: 1-407-882-2771
HEART OF FLORIDA UNITED WAY
INTERN POSITION

**TITLE:** Campaign Initiatives Intern

**REPORTS TO:** Account Executive

**DEPARTMENT:** Resource Development

**FLSA:** non-paid, 20 hours/week; flexible schedule

**POSITION OBJECTIVE:**
The Campaign Initiative Intern will manage the research and logistics of the Resource Development’s external initiatives for engaging donors. The intern will support multiple Account Executives and the Director of Leadership Giving with planning for events and presentations.

**PRIMARY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES:**
- Conduct research and planning for the start of Student United Way (an initiative focused on engaging college students with United Way)
- Conduct research and planning for United Way Young Leaders (an initiative focused on engaging working professionals with United Way between the ages of 21 - 40)
- Contact corporate partners to verify account information
- Attend meetings of internal cross-functional teams
- Assist Account Executive with the planning of Steering Committee meetings
- Assist with presentations and reports to Steering Committee
- Schedule meetings with corporate partners on behalf of Account Executive
- Track progress of ongoing projects by ensuring completion of weekly reports and reviewing with the Account Executive
- Attend bi-weekly meetings with all department interns and the Account Executive

**INTERN BENEFITS:**
- Exposure to community leaders and businesses
- Leadership training/Business development
- Visits to supported United Way non-profit agencies

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**
Physical demands include sitting and/or standing for extended periods of time; bending, regularly moving between buildings and floors, regular use of the telephone, copier, fax and computer. Reliable transportation required. Job involves frequent and routinely intense public contact as well as protracted concentration.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**
- Requires strong organizational, follow-up, analytical, and problem solving skills.
- Requires excellent verbal and written communication skills and good interpersonal skills demonstrated through consistent working relationships with fellow employees, phone interchange, and demonstrated dependability.
- Requires ability to edit, proofread, complete and assemble reports, and the ability to operate standard office equipment; i.e. copiers, fax, telephone, computer and calculator.
- Requires knowledge of computer applications (including Microsoft Excel, Word, and Outlook) and use of internet.

Contact Mr. Michael McLaughlin for more information: Michael.McLaughlin@hfuw.org
Get Involved with Leadership Studies

If you are already pursuing, or plan to declare the Leadership Studies Minor/Certificate and would like to further enhance your leadership skills and/or marketing experience we have formed a Leadership Studies Marketing Committee of students which is led by one of our advisors, **Jessica Cheatwood-Alvarez**. Please request an appointment with her to get more information on this opportunity by completing the appointment request form at [http://www.is.ucf.edu/contact/appointment](http://www.is.ucf.edu/contact/appointment) or by calling the office at 407-823-0144. Jessica and her amazing team of students are also working to form a registered student organization specifically for students whom are pursuing our Leadership Studies Programs, so this is just one more way that you will soon be able to get involved and further enhance your personal and leadership development during your time at UCF.

Office Statistics

- Advising Appointments – 1,365
- Phone Appointments – 327
- Incoming E-mails – 3,504
- Outgoing E-mails – 4,250
- Incoming/Outgoing Calls - Ongoing
UCF 4th Annual Medical School Admissions Symposium

Who: UCF and non-UCF students interested in attending medical school
When: Saturday, February 26, 2011, 9:00-4:00
Where: UCF Psychology Building Atrium

Interact and listen to presentations by representatives from the medical schools at: UCF, UF, USF, UM, FSU, FIU, USUHS, LECOM (Osteopathic), Nova (Osteopathic), UMHS St. Kitts (Caribbean), and Ross (Caribbean).

The attire for this event will be business professional.

Registration is open now! Please register soon by calling The Princeton Review at 407-882-0608. The cost of attending is $20 for UCF students and $25 for non-UCF students, and includes breakfast, lunch, and a gift box with a t-shirt. Hurry as spaces will fill up fast!

Deadline for registering is February 11th.

Please e-mail ucfforum@gmail.com with any questions.

( http://www.medsymposium-ucf.com/ )

President’s Leadership Council

The council members of PLC serve UCF as official student ambassadors at all times and at special events. PLC members are expected to establish a tradition of leadership for students at UCF. In return, the PLC receive experience and training in leadership, administration, and public relations as a result of their interaction with campus and community leaders.

Applicants should have completed 60 credit hours or more by the end of the spring semester in which they apply, should have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above, and should be full-time students during the fall and spring semesters following selection. In addition, candidates should have demonstrated leadership ability through involvement in university and community organizations and activities.

For application and more information, visit:
NEW IS STUDENT ASSOCIATION
WHAT IT’S ABOUT....

The Interdisciplinary Studies Student Association is a newly formed club where IS students can meet and network, sharing diverse experiences, talents, resources, and skills.

Our mission is to provide a unique opportunity for fellowship, networking with local industry leaders and philanthropic opportunities, and putting interdisciplinary talents and interests into practice.

This semester we're busy planning activities and getting the word out about the club. Forming committees will be our main focus. These committees include:

**Events:** In the coming semesters we'll have a variety of events, such as socials, seminars, lectures, professional development workshops, career workshops, and alumni talks. Our first event will be this semester, so come help us plan!

**Membership:** Club recruitment will include, fundraising, advertising, and marketing

**IS Journal:** *Interpretations* is an online, interdisciplinary journal showcasing interdisciplinary work of students, faculty, and anyone who encompasses an interdisciplinary perspective.

**Environmental Studies Summit:** We're teaming up with I.D.E.A.S and working on the Global Climate Change Summit.

**Virtual ISSA:** IS students are everywhere! So, the club will also focus on our online IS student community and use Facebook, blogs, and Twitter to talk, plan, and organize.

This semester we'll have our first social event! The event will allow IS students to meet one another and talk with IS graduate students and faculty.

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**ISSA T-Shirt Contest!**

Create the design for the ISSA's t-shirt

**Win an iPod!**

For more information, contact Emily Curtis or Michelle Puikis at issa@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu

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**Next ISSA meeting!**

Join us for the next ISSA meeting

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

at 5:30 PM.

CHECK the IS website for meeting place.
Interdisciplinary Studies is now offering a study abroad opportunity to Sweden during the 2011 Summer C session

Experience life in Sweden. Dance with new friends in the Midsummer festivities. Eat “real” Swedish meatballs and crispbread. Stay up all night to watch the sun circle the horizon. Live that “once in a lifetime” experience. Enhance that resume.

The course will take both an interdisciplinary and comparative approach to understanding issues related to the environment, healthcare, education and immigration as they exist in both Sweden and the United States. Four weeks of the course will be spent living and learning in Sweden in the cities of Rättvik, Uppsala, and Stockholm.

Applications are still being accepted, and the deadline has been extended to: February 15.

For further information and to apply, please visit www.studyabroad.ucf.edu.

Questions should be addressed to Laura Hard af Segerstad, at lhardaf@mail.ucf.edu.
Considering furthering your education in the Cognitive Sciences after earning your Bachelor's degree?

The Office of Interdisciplinary Studies is proud to announce our partnership with the Department of Philosophy for students to earn their Master's of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies while concurrently earning a Graduate Certificate in Cognitive Sciences.

**Fall Admission Deadline: July 15, 2011**

Speak with the Graduate Coordinator in Interdisciplinary Studies today for more information: is@mail.ucf.edu or 407-823-0144.

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Alumni Association Scholarships

The UCF Alumni Association awards scholarships each year to undergraduate and graduate students. Scholarship applications are available each spring (in early January) with an application deadline at the end of March. A committee made up of alumni volunteers reviews the scholarship applications and determines the recipients. The scholarship winners are announced over the summer and the monetary awards are distributed at the beginning of the fall semester.

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The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2011.

Visit www.ucfalumni.com/scholarships to download a copy.

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