

ORDER *of* PEGASUS

CLASS OF 2013



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES

THE UCF CREED

Integrity, scholarship, community, creativity, and excellence are the core values that guide our conduct, performance, and decisions.

INTEGRITY

I will practice and defend academic and personal honesty.

SCHOLARSHIP

I will cherish and honor learning as a fundamental purpose of my membership in the UCF community.

COMMUNITY

I will promote an open and supportive campus environment by respecting the rights and contributions of every individual.

CREATIVITY

I will use my talents to enrich the human experience.

EXCELLENCE

I will strive toward the highest standards of performance in any endeavor I undertake.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Spring 2013



Dear Friend of the University:

It is my pleasure to introduce the 2013 Order of Pegasus awardees.

The Order of Pegasus is the highest honor the university gives to students. It recognizes outstanding graduating seniors and graduate students who have demonstrated exemplary university and community involvement, leadership, academic achievement, and community service.

This year, 19 students were selected to receive the prestigious award.

The biographical sketches in this handbook provide information on the academic accomplishments, leadership experiences, and UCF and community involvement of the individual awardees.

We are extraordinarily proud of the outstanding achievements of these students, and we hope you join with us in offering our congratulations and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

John C. Hitt
President

GRADUATE STUDENTS

JOSEPH MYSZKOWSKI

HEALTH SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MITCHELL POPOVETSKY

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, CHARTER CLASS

JACQUELINE RODRIGUEZ

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

SEAN SMITH

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CALVIN STEWART

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

JOSEPH MYSZKOWSKI



Joseph Myszkowski
Lisle, Illinois

Future Plans:

Following graduation, I plan on obtaining hospital administration experience in the health field before pursuing my M.D. and fulfilling my passion to promote individual wellness.

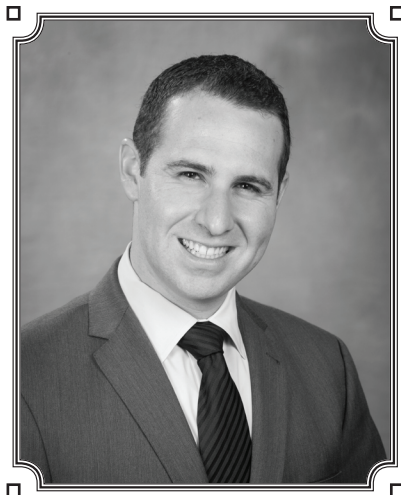
Joseph is pursuing his Master of Science in Health Sciences with a concentration in health services administration in the College of Health and Public Affairs. He has participated in the COHPA Costa Rica Research Study Abroad and was selected to participate in the National Case Competition for Health Administration at the University of Alabama Birmingham. He had the opportunity to serve in an internship with Florida Hospital Human Resources. He is a graduate assistant in the Department of Housing and Residence Life working in the Apollo Community and currently serves as a member and retreat coordinator for the President's Leadership Council. He served as president of 4EVER Knights Student Alumni Association and was on the UCF Alumni Association Board of Directors. He is the recipient of the 2012 Jefferson Award Student Volunteer of the Year from the UCF Alumni Association. His volunteer activities include the Students in Action Program associated with the Jefferson Awards, Relay for Life, Walt Disney World Marathon Weekend, Orlando Heart Walk and Knight-Thon.

Joseph's UCF Experience:

As an out-of-state student, not only did UCF prove to be a place of opportunity but became my family. When I first stepped foot on this campus, I felt valued for my individual contributions and empowered to make a difference. UCF has given me the opportunity to fulfill my leadership potential and challenge myself in ways I never thought possible. I have always been a driven individual and UCF has allowed me to reach for the stars. My service as a leader to the President's Leadership Council and 4EVER Knights Student Alumni Association has given me the opportunity to meet inspiring individuals throughout UCF and the Orlando community. The past seven years at UCF have been the best experience and I hope to pay it forward to students in the future. Opportunity does not present itself every day, but when it does, it requires passion and resolution to develop into achievement. Overall, my greatest opportunity has been to be a servant of the UCF Creed and positively contribute to my community and fellow knights.

MITCHELL POPOVETSKY

Mitch is a fourth-year M.D. program candidate in the Charter Class of the College of Medicine. He received his B.S. in Molecular Biology and Microbiology from UCF. He currently serves as the chairman of the Student Professional Conduct Council, and was also involved in the Liaison Committee on Medical Education's independent student analysis as well as their site visits for the COM's accreditation. He was involved in the COM Student Council as the first social chairman, where he helped create many of the events which have turned into COM traditions. He also helped start the Adopt a Senior program, a volunteering program that has become a pre-clinical elective. During the American Medical Student Association's national meeting last year, a poster presentation highlighting the program won first place in the category of Community Development and Service.



Mitchell Popovetsky
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Mitchell's UCF Experience:

I came to UCF because of the vision I saw: the desire to not be content with what had already been done and to grow into something better. It was an idea held up with the strength of the community, the full backing of a major university, and the experience of talented educators. I received so much more than a medical education here; I made amazing friends, was guided by incredible mentors, and felt as though I became a part of the community that took me in. I learned how to build strong partnerships, the necessity of giving back, and the means to do so. My proudest accomplishments were not the grades or exam score I received, but the contributions I made to my school and my community. UCF has given me the opportunities to grow into a more compassionate physician, the scientific fundamentals to help me study the diseases that plague us, and the means to be freed from the constraints that might prevent me from pursuing a fulfilling career in the type of medicine I want to practice. I am so thankful to the Walt Disney Corporation for their generosity, my role models at the College of Medicine, the incredible friends which have gotten me where I am today, and UCF for getting me where I want to go tomorrow.

Future Plans:

I look forward to starting my residency training in internal medicine with a focus on primary care, forging new partnerships in the community, and finding better ways to treat the diseases that afflict us.

JACQUELINE RODRIGUEZ



Jacqueline Rodriguez
Titusville, Florida

Jacqueline is a Ph.D. candidate in the College of Education, exceptional student education track. She is a Project LEAD Scholar, a Holmes Scholar, and a recipient of the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship. Her research focuses on global inclusive education policy and practice, specifically in conflict and post-conflict settings, STEM education for diverse students with exceptionalities, and the use of technology and simulated environments to accentuate teacher preparation. She is active at UCF mentoring new students in education and serving on several student organizations including the Dean's Education Student College Council. She is committed to national service serving as the chair of the Council for Exceptional Children's Student Committee, and internationally as the student representative to CEC's International Division. She received her B.A. in international affairs and Latin American studies from The George Washington University and her M.A. in special education from American University.

Future Plans:

I hope to impact policy and attitudes towards people with exceptionalities as a part of both a national and international community of scholars. I plan to engage in national and international research on special and inclusive education, as well as advocate for innovative education programming that benefits all students.

Jacqueline's UCF Experience:

Pursuing my Ph.D., focusing on exceptional education at UCF has opened a world of opportunity I have been thrilled to explore. While at UCF, I was involved in the development of a mixed-reality teaching lab, TLE TeachLivE™, which supports pre- and in-service teachers in content and pedagogy skill development with the use of avatar students. I have had the opportunity to introduce this cutting edge technology to university and international partners, and the privilege of presenting the research at several national conferences including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Through the tremendous support of my department faculty, I have merged my research interests in educating students with exceptionalities and my background in international affairs to culminate in an internship with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. While working with UNRWA's Inclusive Education Unit, I am simultaneously supporting the development of international inclusive education policy and materials, and collecting data for my dissertation. Throughout my UCF career, I have been mentored and supported by expert faculty who have shaped me professionally and personally. I plan to continue their legacy of mentorship and generosity of spirit when working with my future students.

SEAN SMITH

Sean is a student in the DeVos Sport Business Management program in the College of Business Administration. He served as the graduate assistant to Richard Lapchick, program chair, overseeing a staff of graduate assistants. In addition, he served as the primary editor for studies published by Lapchick and The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport. Having received his Master of Business Administration in December 2012, he is currently working at runDisney and is a candidate for a Master of Sport Business Management in May. He received his B.S. in science education – biology at UCF and was a former resident assistant with the Department of Housing and Residence Life. He participated in two community service trips to New Orleans to help rebuild houses damaged by Hurricane Katrina and during his time in the program, he performed more than 140 hours of community service at Frontline Outreach, the YMCA teen achievers program and Camp Boggy Creek.



Sean Smith
Perth, Australia

Sean's UCF Experience:

I began my collegiate experience at UCF as a freshman, and I am now proudly graduating from graduate school. During my time, I have been sculpted into a scholar, a leader, a professional and above all—a Knight. UCF has given me the unique opportunity to work with some of the most esteemed names in their respective industries while teaching me the importance of giving back to the community. Richard Lapchick who is considered by many to be the “social conscience of sports” taught me the importance of making a positive impact in society and standing firm in my beliefs. Having the privilege to work with such a role model has been a remarkable experience that will motivate me to push myself personally and professionally for the rest of my life. Throughout my time in the program, I traveled to New Orleans, Boston and Chicago, had the unique opportunity to meet with world renowned leaders from the sports industry, and got a behind the scenes look at some key organizations across the sports business landscape. With all of these incredible opportunities alongside my excellent education, I am more prepared for my career than if I would have gone to any other institution.

Future Plans:

I hope to continue pursuing a career in new business development with a sports organization while further utilizing my opportunities to learn from the best in the industry.

CALVIN STEWART



Calvin Stewart
Orlando, Florida

Future Plans:

I am actively pursuing a career in academia as an assistant professor. As a professor, I will have the opportunity to improve society and create opportunities for others following the great example set for me by UCF.

Calvin is in the last of nine years at UCF and will have completed his B.Sc., M.Sc., and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the College of Engineering and Computer Science. He is a matriculating McKnight Doctoral Fellow, funded through the Florida Education Fund. His primary research interest is the investigation of experimental, theoretical and numerical mechanics of materials. Thus far, he has authored 20 publications in journals and conference proceedings. He has published in internationally recognized journals and traveled across the United States, Canada, and Asia to present research. He started his professional career at Siemens Power Generation and has worked on a Small Business Innovative Research effort for PICO Technologies. He is active in the community mentoring to freshman engineering students through the McKnight Alumni Network and through the National Science Foundation funded LEARN @ UCF program.

Calvin's UCF Experience:

Since the first time I stepped on campus, UCF has provided opportunity. Before the freshman year, my mother discovered the Minority Engineering and Computer Science Center for Academic Advancement and the "opportunity" for me to participate in the Summer Program for Academic Careers in Engineering. After an outstanding freshman year, the next summer I happily volunteered to be the resident counselor of the SPACE program. As an undergraduate, I became a scholar of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, South East Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate, and Florida-Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation organizations. I volunteered with MECCA and provided assistance to the Southeastern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering. In my senior year, balancing a co-op with Siemens Power Generation and a full course load, I participated in the LEGACY Leadership and Mentoring program. My mentor introduced me to the Undergraduate Research Experience and ultimately became my Ph.D. advisor. Through UCF's Summer Mentoring Program, I received my first taste of graduate research. Without the multitude of opportunities provided by UCF, I would not be where I am today. As I continue to strive for excellence, I look forward to creating opportunities for others, following the great example set by UCF.

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ANDREW ALBAUGH

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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KAITLYN CHANA

RADIO-TELEVISION

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

RAVEN COKLEY

PSYCHOLOGY

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

THE BURNETT HONORS COLLEGE

WILLIAM FURIOSI

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

BURNETT SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

KAYLI KEOUGH

PSYCHOLOGY
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

CHELSEY LAUZON

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

HEARDLEY MURDOCK

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY
BURNETT SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
THE BURNETT HONORS COLLEGE

MARY-KATE MURPHY

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
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THE BURNETT HONORS COLLEGE

CORTEZ WHATLEY

LEGAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ANDREW ALBAUGH

Andrew is finishing his degree in legal studies from the College of Health and Public Affairs while also earning his minor in interpersonal and organizational communications. He has been on the President's Honor Roll through his academic years. As a member of The Burnett Honors College, he also works towards the completion of his undergraduate thesis on the Florida Jury system. He recently represented UCF during the South Atlantic Moot Court Tournament where he earned an Outstanding Orator Award and secured one of the first two bids for UCF to the national tournament. At the national tournament, his team placed in the top 44 teams nationwide. He spent two years as a team leader for The Burnett Honors College Freshman Symposium. He served twice as a team captain for UCF's Achieve a College Education Day and also helped coordinate Orange County's AVID program. He continues serving through Junior Achievement and the Alternative Spring Break program while working for a small, complex litigation firm in Downtown Orlando.



Andrew Albaugh
Oviedo, Florida

Andrew's UCF Experience:

At UCF, I have found mentors to develop my leadership skills, scholars to foster my academic growth, and community partners that help me reach out to my community. UCF provided endless opportunities for me to choose from while the faculty was always there to guide me. No matter where I turned or what path I chose to follow, opportunities for leadership, personal growth and education were readily available. Whether through failure or success, I knew that I would come out stronger and ready for the next challenge. Time and again individuals came into my life that helped me refine my skills and challenged me to do better. The Burnett Honors College staff and the legal studies faculty both went far out of their way to steer me to success. As exceptional as they were, I know that exceptional is the norm for UCF. It was through the consistent guidance and challenges that UCF offered that I discovered my passion: law. I will forever value the challenges, relationships and education that I experienced at UCF.

Future Plans:

I plan to attend either Vanderbilt Law School or FSU's Law School in the fall to pursue my Juris Doctorate. I am still unsure of the specific kind of law I want to practice, but I know that the legal field is where I belong.

RACHEL BRILL



Rachel Brill
Boynton Beach, Florida

Rachel is pursuing an interdisciplinary studies degree that focuses on social sciences and humanities in the Office of Undergraduate Studies as well as minors in nonprofit management and leadership studies. She is the current Student Body vice president and the vice chair for the President's Leadership Council. She has served in a variety of leadership capacities on campus from student director of Volunteer UCF to the Panhellenic vice president of Community Involvement. In addition to her on campus involvement, she enjoys dedicating her time to volunteer with Hugh O' Brian Youth Leadership – a nonprofit that empowers young leaders to teach them not “what to think” but “how to think.” One of her fondest collegiate memories was traveling to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala to volunteer at a local school. She is a proud sister of Pi Beta Phi and said she would not have been able to make an impact on the community if she did not have her sisters as a support system.

Future Plans:

I will be joining the 2013 Teach For America Corps in Colorado teaching secondary English to ensure equal and quality education is accessible to all.

Rachel's UCF Experience:

Ever since I set foot on the University of Central Florida campus, I have been given the opportunities and resources to enact positive change in the community. During my freshman year, I had the privilege of being selected to travel to Kiln, Mississippi for an Alternative Spring Break trip where I volunteered at a therapeutic horseback riding camp. This experience not only inspired my future involvement at UCF, but truly shaped how I viewed the world. I learned that in life, I was given countless opportunities, however not everyone else is so fortunate. UCF taught me how to use the opportunities I was given to pay it forward and give twice as many of those opportunities back into the community. I became immersed in a collegiate experience that focused on servant leadership and giving back, which I became addicted to. My service experiences at UCF were so powerful that they motivated me to apply for Teach For America so that I can make an even greater impact on the lives of children every day in the classroom. Although I will be moving to Colorado to teach secondary English, my UCF roots will be evident as I ensure that each of my students “Reach for the Stars” and bleed black and gold.

KAITLYN CHANA

Kaitlyn is a radio-television major at the Nicholson School of Communication in the College of Sciences, and is pursuing a writing and rhetoric along with a leadership studies minor. She is a member of the President's Leadership Council, Radio Television Digital News Association and alumni of the LEAD Scholars program. She is the founder and president of an international non-profit organization, Love Letters: Random Cards of Kindness, Inc., whose mission is to create positive and inspirational homemade cards for children with life-threatening illnesses. These cards that inspire hope have touched over 102,599 children. In 2010, she was honored the Congressional Award Gold Medal. She also had the honor of carrying one of the world's most famous symbols of peace and unity as a torchbearer in the 2010 Winter Olympics. As a passionate journalist, she believes everyone in life has a personal story of excitement, love, desperation, hurt or a driven message.



Kaitlyn Chana
Altamonte Springs, Florida

Kaitlyn's UCF Experience:

My first step on the UCF campus was filled with an unexpected acceptance into a community that stands for opportunity. I remember speaking with students, professors and advisors, which allowed me to realize that I wanted to join the Knight family. Each day, I'm afforded new experiences that test my skills and knowledge as a black and gold scholar. The Radio-Television department has provided me with a better understanding of what truly defines journalism. Being the watchdog of the government, making critical ethical decisions and applying the law to gather information are components that have helped me develop as a journalist. As a person, UCF embodies teamwork and I've been privilege to work with peers in elaborate projects where I've learned Together Each Achieves More. Envisioning your dreams and turning them into a reality begins with a vision; UCF provides the tools and necessary steps to make that happen.

Future Plans:

I want to be a journalist who works her way up to becoming an embedded reporter uncovering investigations overseas before taking the hot seat as an anchor for a national network.

RAVEN COKLEY



Raven Cokley
Sarasota, Florida

Future Plans:

I plan to pursue a Ph.D. in adolescent counseling psychology. My long-term goals include: starting a private practice (counseling center) for at-risk youth, creating a girl empowerment youth-mentoring program, and becoming a member of the professoriate.

Raven is a psychology major in the College of Science, with a minor in Spanish and a certificate in leadership studies. Her academic achievements include being on the President's Honor Roll and dean's list every semester during her tenure at UCF. As a McNair Scholar and The Burnett Honors College student, she actively conducts independent research projects and has presented her research at conferences around the nation. She is a LEAD Scholars alum and former peer mentor, as well as a member of the President's Leadership Council and director of the Black Female Development Circle, Inc. She is a proud and an active member of the Pi Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She received the UCF Scholars Award and was honored to be a student representative on the UCF Royal Homecoming Court. She is a member of several honor societies including the Psi Chi National Honor Society for Psychology, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. She remains focused and grounded by her faith, which aids her in her pursuit of a degree in higher education.

Raven's UCF Experience:

My UCF experience has literally changed my life. As a freshman four years ago, I had no idea that I would have accomplished so many great things as an undergraduate. Through the countless opportunities that UCF has provided for me, I have challenged myself and grown in more ways than one. The most monumental experience that I had at UCF was traveling abroad to Croatia for the McNair International Summer Research Institute. Attending research conferences abroad allowed me to receive international feedback from scholars from all around the world. This experience helped to solidify my desire to pursue a career in a higher education and to continue thriving as a researcher and scholar. I am grateful to my amazing mentors, Germaine Graham and Edwanna Andrews [Student Leadership Development], who have supported and encouraged me to reach for the stars. I am forever grateful to UCF for teaching me the value of being a servant leader. I will always be proud to be a Knight, and to have connected with UCF's diverse groups of people. One of the greatest lessons UCF has taught me is to be open-minded. It is my hope that I have inspired others to act and to become actively involved in the classroom, on campus, and within the community.

WILLIAM FURIOSI

William is a member of The Burnett Honors College and is a biomedical sciences major in the College of Medicine, with a minor in coaching and business. While at UCF, he has maintained a 4.0 GPA. He serves as vice president of the Sport Club Council, president of the Men's Ultimate Frisbee Club, and as a member of the President's Leadership Council. At Florida Hospital, he is a clinical research intern where he helps record trends in patient strokes and helps create a national registry for normal pressure hydrocephalus. He previously served as the director of Athletics and Treasurer of Honors Congress. During summer 2011, he studied abroad in St. Kitts and Nevis as a President's Scholar where he helped provide linens for local hospitals and documented local bush medicine practices. He believes in giving back through knowledge and instruction, so he has volunteered as a teaching assistant in various classes, with Junior Achievement and in other educational positions.



William Furiosi
Palm Bay, Florida

William's UCF Experience:

UCF provided me so many ways to become a better scholar, athlete and person. As a scholar, my degree in biomedical sciences has challenged me to learn molecular concepts that stretch limits of known human knowledge. I used the information I learned through my studies to help my classmates achieve academic success. Outside the classroom, my athletics experience acted as a counterbalance to my rigorous coursework. In The Burnett Honors College, my role as director of Athletics allowed me to create innovative and enjoyable events, such as a tour of the new Amway Center and a Workout Buddies program. As a former captain and current president of the Men's Ultimate Frisbee Club, I helped the club earn its first tournament win in 2010, and later its first-ever USAU College Nationals berth two years later. My athletics experience at UCF helped me to lift others to a level unattainable by themselves. UCF has helped me become a person sound in both mind and body. I am eager to share my knowledge and experiences to help better individuals and the community. I thank UCF for providing the opportunity to become so involved in many different avenues, and I can't wait to continue helping others succeed.

Future Plans:

I plan to attend graduate school at UCF to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching on a full scholarship through the RTP3 [Resident Teacher Professional Preparation Program], in order to pursue a career in education.



Eddiedelso Garcia
Queens, New York

Future Plans:

After graduation, I will pursue an acting career. I will be training in New York City and learning as much as I can about the entertainment industry.

EDDIEDELSON GARCIA

"Eddie" is a public administration major with a nonprofit management minor in the College of Health and Public Affairs. He is on the President's Honor Roll and dean's list, and has received awards including the President's Scholarship; Walter Komanski Scholarship; Campus Involvement Scholarship; and Orlando Magic, Magic Maker. He is chair of the President's Leadership Council, coordinator for SDES Vice President Maribeth Ehasz' Student Advisory Council, and a member of College Leadership Florida Class XIV. He is a brother of Beta Theta Pi fraternity where he has held roles as the Leadership Development chair and vice president of Philanthropy. He has served as an Orientation Team leader, marketing director for LEAD Scholars, Student Outreach coordinator for Student Government Association, and the special projects director for Knight-Thon. He has interned locally for the Orange County Mayor and Dick Batchelor Management Group Inc., as well as abroad in Sydney, Australia for the Public Education Foundation. He volunteered with Boys Town, Junior Achievement, American Heart Association, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Eddiedelso's UCF Experience:

Stepping out of your comfort zone can be a difficult challenge in life. UCF encouraged me to take those steps with confidence and to embrace uncertainty, always assuring me I had a family of Knights supporting me along my path and dreams. Interning for a nonprofit organization in Sydney, Australia was one of those experiences that forced me to step out of my comfort zone and allowed me to gain a different perspective of the world we live in. I impacted the educational lives of aboriginal students, managed a \$500,000 scholarship for students to pursue their dreams and provided them with educational needs from pre-kindergarten to the university level. Through service, involvement and extracurricular activities, I learned how interconnected we are not only with people in our own community, but globally. No one ever makes it alone. As I close a chapter in my life that I hold very dear to my heart, I reflect on how grateful I am to be part of the Knight family. UCF has become my home. It empowered me to excel academically, personally and professionally, ardently striving for excellence in any journey I embark on. No matter what path I take in life, a piece of UCF will always travel with me.

ROBERT GOTTFRIED

Robert is a senior legal studies major in the College of Health and Public Affairs with a specialization in commercial and transactional law and a minor in entrepreneurship. He is a member of The Burnett Honors College and the President's Leadership Council. He also has been extensively involved in the Honors Program, serving as vice president of Honors Congress, chair of the Honors Student Philanthropy Council, and peer ambassador for Honors Orientations. He is a three-time presenter at the National Collegiate Honors Council National Convention, speaking to students from all over the country about ways to improve student organizations and honors programs. He works as a student assistant for the Office of General Counsel and is a member of the UCF Moot Court team, representing the university at its first appearance at the national competition. He served as a team captain for Achieving a College Education Day, and has been involved in various community service projects, including volunteering at Give Kids the World, Relay for Life and Junior Achievement. In addition, he serves as the program director for the National Student Leadership Conference's Business and Entrepreneurship program at Northwestern University.

Robert's UCF Experience:

I grew up in Oviedo less than two miles from campus, so naturally, UCF has been one of the largest defining forces throughout my life. UCF has provided me with so many incredible opportunities to learn, to grow, and to discover who I am and who I want to be. One of my favorite stories to tell is that I changed my major nine times during my four years at UCF. Having the ability to take classes in many different disciplines put me on a path of self-discovery, and helped me decide to use my education in business and legal studies to choose law school and pursue a career in intellectual property law. This journey would not have been possible without the support of my family and friends, and the incredible mentors, faculty and staff I have had the pleasure of working with at the university. I have been blessed to have been given so many opportunities to thrive at UCF, and it has been my privilege to be able to serve the university and the Central Florida community in return. Thanks to UCF, I know I am ready to take on anything the world has up its sleeve for me.



Robert Gottfried
Oviedo, Florida

Future Plans:

Following graduation, I will be moving to Chicago to attend law school. I hope to pursue a career practicing intellectual property law, and one day, be able to help low- and middle-income families start and maintain their own small businesses.

VALERIE GRECO



Valerie Greco
New Orleans, Louisiana

Future Plans:

I plan to attend medical school to pursue a career in pediatric surgery and one day work in a Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

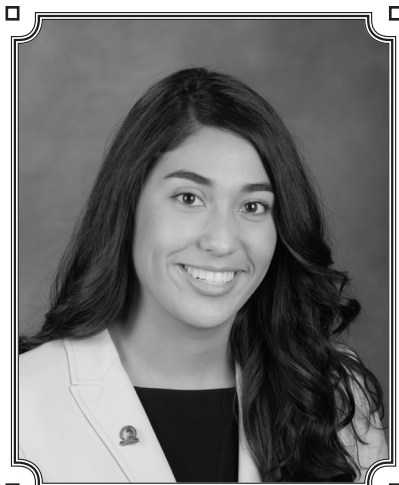
Valerie is an interdisciplinary studies major in the Office of Undergraduate Studies with concentrations in the biomedical sciences and physical sciences, and has a minor in health sciences. She remains on the President's Honor Roll and dean's list while staying involved both on campus and in the community. She began her involvement as a LEAD Scholar and as a member of the Student Body President's Advisory Council. She later led the council as a member of the Student Government Association's Executive Cabinet. She broadened her servant leadership as a student representative for various committees and as the morale director and fund-raising director for UCF's official philanthropy, Knight-Thon. She is the retreat coordinator for the President's Leadership Council and works on campus as the Board of Trustees student assistant. She has volunteered with UCF Relay for Life, American Heart Association, Orlando Children's Home Society, Walt Disney World Marathon benefitting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Valerie's UCF Experience:

My experiences at UCF have been invaluable. The number of students is our greatest resource and being surrounded by so many people, each with a unique story, has allowed me to learn unforgettable lessons and create life-long memories. I have gained the confidence to discover my abilities and to apply them to all facets of my life. Through my science courses and health related internship opportunities, I have learned that science is not black and white; rather it requires creative solutions to complex problems. This knowledge will follow me throughout my career as a physician. My involvement on campus has further demonstrated the opportunity that UCF has given me. As a member in Student Government Association, I coordinated a philanthropy that raised over \$24,000 in toys for the Orlando Children's Home Society. As a director of Knight-Thon for two years, I have been part of a board that has raised over \$200,000 for the Greater Orlando Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Lastly, my mentors have taught me the true meaning of what it means to be a Knight. My professors have challenged me to work hard and be persistent while my mentors in the Office of the President have taught me the value of humility and striving for excellence in everything I do. I am forever grateful to my alma mater.

ASHLEY JARAMILLO

Ashley is an interpersonal and organizational communications major in the College of Sciences with minors in marketing and leadership studies. She currently serves as the director of Campus Life with the Student Government Association creating programming to enhance the student experience. Her university involvement began with the UCF Orientation Team in 2010, and since then she has served as an event coordinator for Pegasus Palooza Welcome Week, Volunteer UCF's Alternative Break student director, President's Leadership Council member, and is a former LEAD Scholar. She has been on the President's Honor Roll and dean's list throughout her time at the university. As a proud sister of Pi Beta Phi, she was also crowned UCF Homecoming Queen. Her community service spans across the Orlando community, nation and abroad. Some of her most memorable volunteering experiences include participating with hurricane disaster relief in New Orleans, Save-A-Sato Animal Rescue Shelter in Puerto Rico, and at an elementary school in Colombia teaching English as a second language.



Ashley Jaramillo
Miami, Florida

Ashley's UCF Experience:

From the moment I received my admissions acceptance letter, the University of Central Florida has continuously stood for opportunity. As a first generation college student, it opened the door to continue education and work towards career goals that would ultimately shape my future and change my life. UCF has provided me with valuable learning experiences, professional development, friendships, and has been a home away from home. My co-curricular involvement at the university fueled my desire to learn about higher education and student affairs. Some of my future research interests include examining issues related to educational pathways, student retention, and multicultural studies in higher education. Ultimately, the opportunities made available through UCF are the reason I discovered the field I am excited to pursue upon graduation, and for that am I forever grateful.

Future Plans:

After graduation, I will begin working towards a master's degree in higher education and student affairs.

KAYLI KEOUGH



Kayli Keough
Land O' Lakes, Florida

Future Plans:

After graduation in spring 2013, I plan to obtain my J.D. at either Stetson University College of Law or the University of Florida College of Law. I hope to use my law degree to help others secure justice for wrongs against them.

Kayli received her B.S. in sociology in 2012 and will receive her B.S. in psychology from the College of Sciences in May 2013. She is on the President's Honor Roll, Athletic Director's Honor Roll, Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and dean's list. She has received the Scholar Athlete Award, the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal and is a member of the Conference USA All-Academic Team. She is a co-captain on the Women's Basketball team as well as a former member of Theta Alpha Christian Sorority. She serves as a member of the 925 Christian Bible Study and is excited to become a participant in the newly-formed Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She contributes to the community in various volunteer activities such as Give Kids the World, Miracle Field, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk, and Florida Citrus Sports Camp.

Kayli's UCF Experience:

My experience at UCF has literally changed my outlook on life. I learned that every event in my life, every person I meet, and every challenge that I face, is in fact, an opportunity. UCF has allowed me the opportunity to obtain not one, but two degrees and has challenged my academic abilities in a variety of ways. Taking advantage of this opportunity has permitted me to attend the law school of my choosing. UCF has allowed me the opportunity to pursue athletics and learn, among other things, the true value of perseverance. It has given me the opportunity to be in leadership positions, to experience failure and success, and to become better acquainted with my own capabilities. I had the opportunity to give back to my community and, in so doing, have been blessed with irreplaceable experiences. One of the most important things UCF has given me has been the opportunity to meet a variety of individuals. I am so blessed to have such dedicated professionals encouraging me to make the sacrifices required for success. I am likewise blessed to have teammates and fellow students who make working towards success even more enjoyable. When I made the decision to attend UCF, I was unaware of how fortunate I'd be during my time here. I am forever indebted to this university.

CHELSEY LAUZON

Chelsey graduated Summa Cum Laude from the College of Education, receiving a B.S. in elementary education and a minor in coaching. She was a four-year member of the UCF Women's Rowing team and served as captain her final two years. She was a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education, and Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. She was named to the C-USA All-Conference First Team for three consecutive years, C-USA All-Academic Team three consecutive years, Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association All-South Region First Team all four years, and was honored as a Second Team All-American in her senior year. She was on both the President's Honor Roll and C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and was named the C-USA Rowing Scholar-Athlete of the Year for two years. She spends her summers working at Camp Blodgett, a camp for at-risk youth, and volunteers at the Central Florida Children's Home, Florida Children's Hospital, UCUMC Epic Middle School Program, and various elementary schools and after-school programs.

Chelsey's UCF Experience:

UCF has challenged me and changed my life in the best ways possible. Being a student-athlete, I have always tried to embody the principle of putting my education first and striving to find balance between academics, athletics, and my passion for giving back to the community. I discovered new strengths as I committed to the dedication and time required to perform with excellence in these areas. The honor of being on the rowing team and serving as a captain greatly contributed to my personal growth as I found a supportive environment that cultivated my leadership abilities, challenged me personally, and ultimately provided me with a sense of home at UCF. As an educator, I cherish and honor learning, both as my purpose at UCF, and my purpose in life. It is through my journey at UCF that I was provided the opportunity to discover this love for learning and scholarship and allowed to give my time and energy to various organizations in Central Florida and beyond, learning and growing each time. I am grateful I chose to become a lifelong member of the UCF community, as it has been the most educating, motivating and life-altering experience I could have imagined.



Chelsey Lauzon
Rockford, Michigan

Future Plans:

I am currently teaching at a local elementary school and coaching middle school rowing. I plan to continue both of these and will pursue a master's in education with the goal of working in urban education and eventually administration.



Heardley Murdock
Orlando, Florida

Future Plans:

I plan to spend a year researching rare inherited immunodeficiencies at the National Institutes of Health. Following this fellowship, I plan to attend medical school. My ultimate goal is to integrate medical practice, biomedical research and public health initiatives to improve the lives of patients, especially underserved populations.

HEARDLEY MURDOCK

Heardley is a molecular biology and microbiology major in the College of Medicine and a member of The Burnett Honors College. He has served as a Supplemental Instruction leader, an Honor's College team leader and an Honors Educational Reach Out Civic intern for the Jackson Underserved Math Program, a math tutoring and mentoring initiative he founded. As a member of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center of Orlando's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, he also helps oversee animal research at Orlando Health. He has given back to the community as a Spanish-English interpreter at the Shepherd's Hope clinic, as well as a volunteer at Orlando Health in the Healing Arts program. As an AmeriCorps volunteer through the Burnett Community Scholars program, he has volunteered over 600 hours, tutoring and mentoring underserved middle school students. He has also engaged in undergraduate research, and was awarded a SURF grant to fund his project. He is the first UCF student to be accepted into the National Institutes of Health Intramural NIAID Research Opportunities program and he was one of 12 undergraduate and eight graduate students from across the nation invited to this conference.

Heardley's UCF Experience:

When I entered UCF as a freshman, I thought I had my whole life planned out. From that first semester, my experiences at UCF have broadened my horizons and expanded my plans in ways I could never have imagined. The opportunity to learn about genes and proteins in the classroom was complemented by faculty who were passionate about mentoring and who took time to advocate for their students. Their excitement for science encouraged my involvement in research, a field I would not have considered otherwise. Through the Honors Symposium course and later through the Office of Research and Civic Engagement, the Honors College encouraged me to take my skills and knowledge gained in the classroom and apply them in the community, a focus I will incorporate in my personal and professional life. Every step of the way, my peers have challenged me to work harder, aim higher and consider novel viewpoints. UCF stands for opportunity, and my experiences here have given me a strong footing from which I can move forward, taking advantage of existing opportunities, and in turn creating opportunities for those I plan to serve in the future.

MARY-KATE MURPHY

Mary-Kate is an interdisciplinary studies major in the Office of Undergraduate Studies with minors in cognitive science and psychology. She is a Bright Futures Scholarship recipient, as well as other various UCF scholarships. She is a proud member of The Burnett Honors College and alumni of the LEAD Scholars Program. Her commitment to scholarship led her to participate in the UCF 2010 Summer Research Academy, and then continue her involvement in research by contributing to the work of four professors at UCF. In summer 2012, she received a National Science Foundation award to complete research with a professor of Developmental Psychology at the University of Minnesota. With a strong commitment to encouraging growth in others, she worked three years as a resident assistant for Housing and Residence Life. In addition, she held leadership positions as the Campus Campaign coordinator for Teach For America at UCF, and two different officer positions in the Honors Congress. Her volunteer experience includes three years working with children in local Orlando schools through the Honors Educational Reach Out program. For her final semester at UCF, she traveled to Arroyo de la Encomienda, Spain, to share American culture and language as a teaching assistant in a rural middle school.

Mary-Kate's UCF Experience:

UCF encourages diversity, scholarship and creativity; for this reason, I was able to explore my interests and discover my passions while contributing to the community. As a transracial international adoptee, I have overcome many challenges which motivate me to help others succeed. As a UCF Knight, I found leadership and community service opportunities which gave me an outlet to encourage and mentor students at UCF and children in the Orlando area. While participating in undergraduate research, I discovered my excitement for investigating and sharing research on cultures, child development, and interventions. By becoming involved in the UCF community, I blossomed and gained confidence in myself and my ambitions. I am grateful for the support I received from my mentors and advisers, and the relationships I formed which made UCF feel like a second home. Ultimately, UCF has provided me with invaluable skills and experiences that have made me better prepared to create change in the world.



Mary-Kate Murphy
Naples, Florida

Future Plans:

Prior to my career in academia, I hope to receive the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to share culture and language in Taiwan, China for a year. Due to my experiences at UCF, I have decided to pursue a Ph.D. in development psychology and career in academia in order to help minority children develop resilience.

CORTEZ WHATLEY



Cortez Whatley
Auburn, Alabama

Cortez is a fourth year student with double major in legal studies and public administration in the College of Health and Public Affairs. He is the current Student Body president and member of the university's Board of Trustee. In addition, he serves as the chair of the Florida Student Association and a member of the Board of Governors for the State University System. He is an active member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, as well the Student Government Association, serving as the attorney general and as a student senator for the College of Health and Public Affairs. He served as chair of the University Fee Assessment Committee and worked as a legal clerk at the law firm of Quintairos, Prieto, Wood, & Boyer P.A. He is the recipient of the UCF Scholars Award as well as the Robert and Pamela Kirby Endowed Scholarship and is consistently a member of the dean's list. He has been involved in various community efforts including Give Kids The World, Teen Court and the Y.M.C.A.

Future Plans:

I plan on attending law school with intentions of serving my country as part of the military's Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Cortez's UCF Experience:

Upon arriving at the university, I didn't realize how easy it would be to find my place at such an enormous institution, yet UCF opened her doors and embraced me. I have found every experience valuable, every relationship meaningful, and every moment on campus as some of the best time ever spent. Through my experience at UCF, I have developed a professional and personal foundation that I will rely on for the rest of my life. Not only have I met some of my closest friends and built an expansive network while at the university, I have also matured significantly as a person mentally, emotionally and intellectually. In serving in my various leadership roles while attending the university, I have truly gained appreciation for public service. I learned that leadership is difficult and learning is constant throughout the leadership experience. However, as long as you lead with a moral compass and remain true to your faith and values, your experience will be enjoyable. It is wonderful to think that in just 50 years the university could make such a profound impact on the lives of so many students. Although my time is ending now, I cannot wait to see what the next 50 years produce.

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 Adam Brock
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 Anna Eskamani
 Ida Eskamani
 Brandy Espinosa
 Andrea-Li Medina Flores
 Christopher Frye
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 Anya Kroytor
 Amanda Lager
 Matthew McCann
 Zainab Nasser
 Lee Noto
 Alana Persaud
 Yisell Rodriguez
 Amber Scheurer
 Leslie Shillington
 Marla Spector
 Kevin Stevenson
 Adam Straka
 Colton Tapoler
 Tatiana Viecco

CLASS OF 2011

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 Keristen Black
 Melissa Blette
 Jacqueline Boehme
 Ashley Curry
 Brennan Dobbins
 Ashley Ewh
 Adam Giery
 Kumail Merchant
 Michelle Messina
 Anika Mirick
 Jasmine Rosa
 Stephen "Kyle" Schumacher
 Kyle Simpson
 Rachael Spangenberg
 Gabrielle Swaby
 Sylvia Torres-Thomas
 Zachary Walker

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 Jennifer Bazemore
 Natalia Marques da Silva
 Amber Dukes
 Brenna Egan
 Shelly Frick
 Timothy Harnden
 Lisa Kipersztok
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 Andrea Long
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 Lauren Rehm
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 Sergio Tafur
 Miguel Ubiles

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 Tamara Chaplin
 Katherine Ferstadt
 Demetrius Frazier
 Satyender Goel
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CLASS OF 2008

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 Ashley Conyers
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 Cassandra Korsvik
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Lissa Stovall
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Duc Tran
S. Anne-Marie Wolff

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Carol Mancero
Peggy Moch
Wayne Nguyen
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