



University Health Center and Counseling Center Move to Patroon Creek

The University Health Center and the University Counseling Center have moved to a new location at 400 Patroon Creek Boulevard (across Washington Avenue opposite the Harriman State Campus).

The move was prompted by the desire to provide a higher quality of service to students. Health Center Medical Director **Dr. Peter Vellis** said the new building "is a modern facility that is well-equipped to meet the primary care college health needs of UAlbany students." Counseling Center Director **Dr. Estela Rivero** noted that this move "is yet another indication of the increased commitment that we all have to the health and well-being of our students."

The new location provides a state-of-the-art facility. Health Center services are on the second floor (Suite 200). The Counseling Center services are on the first floor (Suite 104) with a separate entrance and private waiting area to maintain the highest level of student confidentiality. Yet the centers remain close to each other for easy referral. With continuous shuttle bus service during the hours of operation, students who are ill will no longer need to walk to access services. For those who drive, ample parking is available. University employees who use public transportation will also find the shuttle bus convenient.

At the new building, there is increased access to referral for medical subspecialty care. Other services in the building include cardiology, dermatology, hematology, ear, nose and throat (including allergy specialty services), laboratory (LabCorp), radiology services (PrimeCare Radiology) for plain X-rays, CT scans, ultrasound, and MRI.

The Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program, part of the University Counseling Center, as well as the Five Quad Ambulance Service, will remain in the original Health and Counseling Building on the west side of campus temporarily.

Marguerite Hill Retires

Ms. Marguerite Hill, secretary in the Office of Conflict Resolution and Civic Responsibility, retired in June 2008 after 40 years of exceptional service at the University at Albany.

A home-grown, long time resident of Colonie, New York, Marguerite served under the leadership of at seven Vice President's for Student Affairs and five UAlbany President's.

"An overall highlight of being in Student Affairs is that it taught me a lot of the student experience and it provided me with a great deal of self confidence. I had the pleasure of meeting different people each day, as no two work days were ever the same. Although there were many memories, my fondest was the day I went for a ride on a camel at Collins Circle (Secretaries Day)."



A UAlbany student takes the new Health Center shuttle bus to the Patroon Creek Boulevard location. (Photo Mark Schmidt)

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Marguerite Hill, at her "retirement luncheon," with Chef and Restaurateur Carmine Sprio.

UAlbany's Five Quad Volunteer Service Dedicates New Ambulance

UAlbany's student-run Five Quad Volunteer Ambulance Service celebrated the generosity of the 2008 Senior Class Gift, which helped purchase a new ambulance. The 2008 Senior Class Gift, with over 400 pledged donations, totaled more than \$16,000. A traditional "wet down" ceremony by local fire departments marked the ambulance's official launch into service on September 16, 2008.

Founded in 1973, Five Quad Volunteer Ambulance Service is run and operated by UAlbany students and is committed to providing a trained emergency response staff to the University and surrounding community. Each semester, Five Quad has between 50-90 active members (including actively participating alumni), 20-30 members-in-training, and two functional ambulances. Our active membership is composed of CPR certified attendants, New York State Emergency Medical Technicians, Drivers, and Crew Chiefs.

"We appreciate the spirit of giving the students have shown us throughout the year. We're excited to use this new ambulance to continue to provide around-the-clock care to the UAlbany community and beyond," said **Ryan Jankow**, '09, president of Five Quad Volunteer Ambulance Service."

Division Introduces Graduate Internship program

The Division of Student Success, together with the Department of Educational Administration and Policy Studies (EAPS), has created an exciting new internship experience for graduate students at UAlbany – the Student Success Graduate Internship program.

Designed to introduce students to the field of student affairs and provide practical experience and an understanding of the functions of a student affairs division, this internship will run for up to two full semesters and can be taken for credit through the Department of Educational Administration and Policy Studies. Graduate students concentrating in higher education administration are eligible to apply. Internship supervisors provide project based tasks for interns, articulate clear expectations of tasks and office standards, evaluate interns and provide timely feedback, as well as provide feedback to the internship liaison regarding the program.

The Division welcomed four *Student Success Graduate Interns* this fall. They are **Angela Datri**, **Michelle Murray**, **Maria Sgarlata** and **Justina Wahl**.

2008-08 NASPA Fellows

The mission of the **NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program** is to increase the number of persons of ethnic-minority, persons with disabilities, and/or persons who identify as LGBT in student affairs and higher education.

The NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program is a semi-structured mentoring program for undergraduate students wishing to explore and better understand the field of student affairs and/or higher education. Students and mentors apply as a pair, and if selected are provided the foundation to establish a semi-structured mentoring relationship at their institution.

Student Success welcomed four **NASPA Fellows** this fall - **Courtney D'Allaird**, **Paul Porter**, **Rolando Valentin** and **Ashley Walker**. Their mentors are **Dr. M. Dolores Cimini** (University Counseling Center), **Carol Perrin** (Residential Life), **Cathy Parker** (Career Services) and **Justin Smith** (Residential Life).

University Police Department Hosts Active Shooter Instructor Course

With recent events highlighting the need for quick-response campus law enforcement groups, the University at Albany Police Department (UPD) sponsored a Train the Trainer course in late August to address active shooter incidents and major critical events that occur within University settings.

The 48-hour intensive course was designed to provide patrol officers with techniques and information necessary to plan and implement thorough ongoing training at their respective agencies.

The University at Albany Police Department has been training officers in Immediate Action Response to active shooter incidents since 2000. Since 2006, the training has included deployment of patrol rifles and "live-fire" exercises.

This year the Department sponsored the Train the Trainer course for numerous law enforcement agencies including Albany County Sheriff's Department, Bethlehem PD, Cohoes PD, Coeymans PD, Maryland Transportation Authority, Orange County PD, Saratoga County PD, and SUNY Plattsburgh PD. The course was developed by A.S.T. – Active Shooter Trainer – L.L.C., and the lead instructor is Nick Minzghor, manager and owner of A.S.T.

Residential Life Recognizes Learning Outcomes Showcase Winners

The second Residential Life Learning Outcomes Showcase was held May 5, 2008. The Learning Outcomes Showcase provided an opportunity to recognize the semester's top programmers in the Department of Residential Life. The Showcase included 'poster sessions' from programs selected by the Department's Assessment Committee, a brief recognition ceremony, and light refreshments.

Three students' programs received special awards: **Rania Elzamzamy** for "Middle Eastern Nights" CHARGE Program, **RaShaun Allen** for "A College Tour" Academic Outreach Program, and **Caitlin Inglefinger** for "Planes for Hunter" a student initiative (see story on page ??). Congratulations to all of the Spring 2008 Learning Outcomes Showcase winners!

Demonstrate Behaviors of Mutual Respect

- GOLD **Phillip Boutros** for "Beginning Arabic" (Indian Quad)
 SILVER **Heba Youssef** for "Arabian Tea Party" (Dutch Quad) &
 Rachel Brighon for "Step Your Game Up" (Alumni Quad)
 BRONZE **Shawn Curry** for "Beauty" (Alumni Quad) &
 Jamila Salomon & Jacqueline Louis for "For the Love of Chocolate" (Colonial Quad)

Positively Contribute to Their Community

- GOLD **Joshua Kohn** for "Habitat for Humanity" (Indian Quad)
 SILVER **Maureen Hanlon** for "Paper Craftsmanship" (State Quad)
 BRONZE **Dan Foerste** for "Letting the Sun Shine In" (State Quad)

Work to Overcome Challenges

- GOLD **Marc Schmelkin, Jacqueline Louis, Kerstin Massia, Stephan Kouris, & Carly Laniado** for "Biggest Loser" (Colonial Quad)
 SILVER **Tiffany Younger** for "Managing Roommate Conflicts" (Indian Quad)
 BRONZE **Kevin Wanser** for "Where Are You Living Next Year?" (Indian Quad)

Display Life Skills

- GOLD **Khalil Nobles** for "Cooking with Khalil" (University Apartments)
 SILVER **Mark Park** for "Camp on Campus" (Colonial Quad)
 BRONZE **Whitney Sperrazza** for "Classy and Confident" (University Apartments)

Demonstrate Leadership Skills

- GOLD **Keturah Abdullah** for "Stop Sweatshops Creatively" (Alumni Quad)
 SILVER **Joseph Micancin** for "Know Your Candidates" (Alumni Quad) & **Danielle Wohlenberg** for "America's Next President" (Colonial Quad)

Exhibit Pride in the University at Albany

- GOLD **Samantha Grandy** for "Comfy Cushions" (State Quad)
 SILVER **Adriele Douglas & Samantha Sinclair** for "Ain't No Half Steppin" (Colonial Quad)
 BRONZE **Sean Bradley** for "UA, U Know" (Dutch Quad)

Special Awards

CHARGE Program

- GOLD **Rania Elzamzamy** for "Middle Eastern Nights"

Academic Outreach Program

- GOLD **RaShaun Allen** for "A College Tour"

Student Leadership

- GOLD **Caitlin Inglefinger** for "Planes for Hunter"



UAlbany Students Help With Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts in Biloxi

On March 23, 2008, eight students from the University at Albany traveled to Biloxi, MS to participate in relief work after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The group assisted with reconstruction efforts and will be working with a local support organization, Hands on Gulfport.

Working with the Weinberg Tzedek Hillel initiative and partnering with Jewish Funds for Justice, students cleaned, painted, and worked to improve the lives of those devastated by the effects of Hurricane Katrina. They worked in smaller groups on homes, gutting unusable materials from homes damaged by the flooding during Hurricane Katrina, and participating in the rebuilding effort. During their off time they participated in workshops that helped them better understand the issues surrounding the disaster within a Jewish context, particularly in the areas of tzedek (social justice). Students interacted with the local community, visiting community centers and connecting with Jewish life in the area, as well as speaking with individual residents about the impact of the disaster and where the community is now.

The trip was staffed by **Leah Negrin**, University at Albany Hillel's Steinhardt Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellow, as well as by Jewish Funds for Justice staff. "By both staffing the trip and participating in the work is great modeling for our students. We hope that the experience motivates students to become global citizens, sensitive to the problems of our community, country, and our world. Educating students about the value of tzedek, justice, and tikkun olam, repairing the world, are key components to the trip and help students understand that the desire to do good in the world is also a Jewish value," notes Negrin.



UAlbany faculty and staff, together with the Spirit Committee, distributed nearly 2000 cookies on Reading Day in May 2008 as part of "Cookie Day."

UAlbany Students Help Boy Fulfill Dream

UAlbany is no stranger to the Guinness Book of World Records and the amount of effort it takes to become a world record holder, so when UAlbany student **Caitlin Inglefinger** heard about a boy who was trying to get into the record books, she reached out to Residential Life to help him reach his goal.

Hunter Winship is a five year old boy from Freedom, NY who is battling Burkitt's Lymphoma. As a distraction from his illness, he and his family decided to try and get into to the Guinness Book of World Records by collecting the most paper airplanes.

Bridget O'Toole, a Resident Assistant on Indian Quad, helped to spearhead this effort. Through programs in the Residence Halls, UAlbany students made nearly 5,000 paper airplanes in under two weeks and sent a total of 18 boxes to Hunter. According to Buffalo, NY NBC affiliate WGRZ news, Hunter and his family believe that they have received over a million paper airplanes.



Boxes containing nearly 5,000 paper airplanes for Hunter Winship of Freedom, NY are prepared for shipping in Residential Life's central office.

Great GREAT Danes

In 2005 the Spirit Committee developed a program entitled Great GREAT Danes to recognize outstanding students, faculty, staff, and University organizations. A Great GREAT Dane is an advocate for UAlbany, exhibits school spirit, is actively involved throughout campus, is respected by peers and colleagues, is in good standing academically and judicially, and is an overall good citizen and positive role model. To check out our current and past Great GREAT Danes and to nominate a person or group for this recognition, visit the Spirit Zone at albany.edu/studentevents and click on *Check out a Great GREAT Dane* on the left navigation bar.

UAlbany Ranks No. 1 Among SUNY Schools in Giving Blood

The University at Albany is the leader among all State University of New York schools in blood donations to the American Red Cross. UAlbany collected 734 more units of blood this year than last, securing first place among the four-year schools as well as among all SUNY schools.

American Red Cross officials presented plaques to **Vice President for Student Success Christine Bouchard**, and to **Nick Fahrenkopf** of Castleton, N.Y., a UAlbany graduate student. Fahrenkopf, an active member of a sponsor recruitment team, personally recruited a high number of donors, and helped boost donations by hosting two of the most successful blood drives in recent memory – each gathering more than 100 units.

"I'm happy that I've been able to help the Red Cross increase the number of units collected, and I'm enormously thankful to each person who has helped save a life by donating blood," Fahrenkopf said.

UAlbany collected 1,687 units of blood in 2007-2008, and 953 units in 2006-2007. In 2007-2008, there were 33 blood drives at UAlbany, up from 27 in 2006-2007.

Last year the American Red Cross launched an incentive program to boost donations from SUNY schools because collections remained at 10,000 units per year, even as enrollment grew and the need of hospitals for blood increased dramatically. Through this initiative, UAlbany was required to donate more than 225 extra units of blood from Aug. 1, 2007-May 16, 2008, to qualify for the \$2,000 scholarship. The University far exceeded that goal.

Across SUNY four-year schools, collections were up 19 percent as a result of the incentives.



Nick Fahrenkopf and Student Success VP **Christine Bouchard** are honored by the American Red Cross. (Photo Mark Schmidt)

A Restorative Approach to Student Discipline

Eighteen students, faculty, and staff recently attended a full-day training to become University *Community Accountability Board* facilitators. These new recruits join 22 others trained last year in a pilot program based on the principles of *Restorative Justice*. The U-CAB, as it is called, is currently being integrated into the University Judicial System as another avenue for resolving student disciplinary cases.

The *Restorative Justice* model presents an alternative to the traditional judicial process by engaging the responsible party, as well as those impacted by their behavior, in a dialogue that seeks to repair harm and reintegrate the responsible party into the community.

Assistant Vice President for Student Success and Director of the Office of Conflict Resolution & Civic Responsibility, Clarence McNeill explained that U-CAB is not a replacement for the current University Judicial Board which is also comprised of students, faculty, and staff.

"Our Judicial Board serves a very important function here at the University. It provides students who are alleged to have violated the University's Code of Conduct with a fair and unbiased hearing of their case. The Board works very well in cases that involve discrepancies of fact."

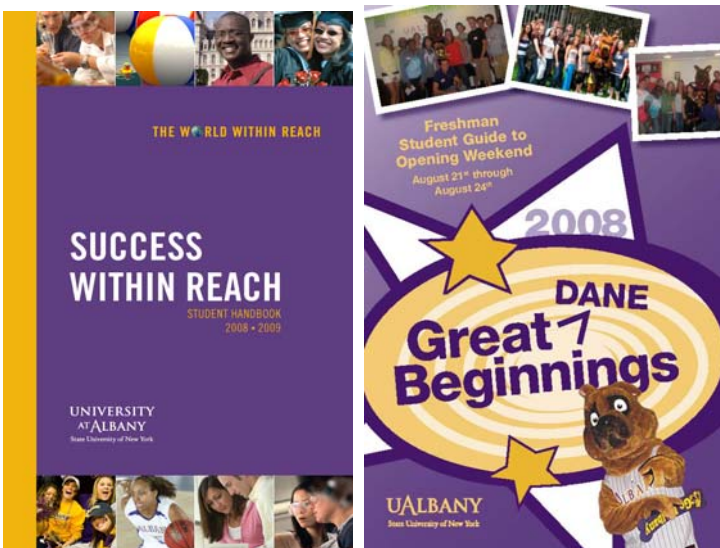
"However," states McNeill, "from time-to-time, we see certain cases where the Board process may not be the most appropriate because it operates solely on fact. We saw students who were accepting responsibility for their actions and asking for ways to make up for it. We wanted to find a way to reward the honesty and integrity of that positive step. We started looking for a way to encourage more of the behavior we wanted to see."

A U-CAB process typically involves 3 facilitators, the referred student, and his or her support people, and other community members who were impacted by the student's behavior and their support people. Support people include friends, suitemates, and parents. Impacted parties may include roommates, suitemates, Residential Life Staff, Cleaning and Maintenance Staff, and even University Police.

At the U-CAB meeting, the referred student is asked to describe what happened, what he or she was thinking at the time, what they have thought of since, who was impacted by his or her behavior, and what he or she must do to make things right. Impacted parties and support people are asked a similar series of questions. From this discussion, facilitators work with the group to formulate a *reparative agreement*. This agreement outlines what the referred student must do to resolve their case and regain the trust of the community. The substance of the agreement is case driven but may include restitution, community service, and self-improvement activities.

Success Within Reach

Student Success produced a new student handbook/planner entitled *Success Within Reach* which was distributed to all incoming freshmen and transfer students for the 08-09 academic year. This easy to use resource includes a planner and important information on academic and student services. The creation of this handbook would not have been possible without members of the handbook committee including; **Cynthia Brady, Beth Conrad, Sue Faerman, Jennifer Fila, Laurie Garafola, Nancy Lauricella, Pamela Malatesta, Catherine Parker, Vincent Reda, Mary Schimley, Judy Squadere, Carol Stenger, and Justina Wahl.**



UALbany Student Receives ODK Leadership Award and Scholarship

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), the National Leadership Honor Society, has awarded UAlbany graduate student **Nick Fahrenkopf** a \$1,000 scholarship. Fahrenkopf was one of only 19 scholarship recipients across the nation in the highly competitive 2008 application process.

On more than 300 college campuses across the country, ODK recognizes and awards students who demonstrate exceptional leadership on their campuses and in their communities. In addition to receiving a scholarship, Fahrenkopf was named the 2007-2008 Circle Leader of the Year at the UAlbany ODK Circle. The award recognizes him as someone who has made a qualitative difference in the institution and in the lives of other students.

"ODK continues to be a positive experience for me, and an asset to this University as faculty, staff, and students come together to develop leadership and move this institution forward as peers," said Fahrenkopf, a May 2008 graduate from Castleton, N.Y., who is now a graduate student at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering.

Fahrenkopf noted the Circle will celebrate its fifth anniversary during Homecoming Weekend (Oct. 24-25) with a reunion dinner, and added that it has received ODK's Superior Circle Award for the past four years.



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