In the United States, a person dies by suicide every 15 minutes, claiming more than 36,000 lives each year. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for college students, and the third for youth ages 15-24, with adolescent depression -undiagnosed, untreated or both- as the number one cause.

The Out of the Darkness Campus Walks are usually 3-5 mile walks taking place in communities across the country, with the proceeds benefitting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). By walking in the Out of the Darkness Campus Walks, you will be walking with thousands of students nationwide to raise money for AFSP's vital research and education programs to prevent suicide and save lives, increase national awareness about depression and suicide and provide support for survivors of suicide loss. In deciding to walk you are taking us a step closer to making suicide prevention a national priority.

This year the UAlbany Student Association is sponsoring the “Out of the Darkness Campus Walk” event on May 6, 2012. The event will take place on the Academic Podium at the University’s uptown campus. Participants can register online at www.campuswalks.org under the University at Albany walk.
Dear Constituents,

It has been a pleasure serving you all for the 2011-2012 academic year. This will be my last address to the student body as my last day in office is May 2nd. This year has been a landmark year and a historical point for the Student Association. The initiatives and programs we’ve implemented have contributed to the campus and community in ways that have never been seen before. I leave with great confidence and pride in the fact that this great organization is being left in the best of hands. Although we’ve done many great things, there’s always more to be done; and I have no doubt in my mind that the leadership of our next administration with the guidance of President-Elect Arthur Rushforth will continue to steer the Student Association in the right direction. I want to thank you all for the great work that you’ve done for the campus and community. By coming together, we turn visions into reality. It has been an honor serving the students and all the constituents of this great University for the 2011-2012 academic year. Remember, without students there is no institution. Utilize your Student Association and empower your voice.

Best of luck to all of you in all your dreams and endeavors.

Sincerely Yours,

Zafir Uddin
President
Camp Dippikill

Dippikill is a private 850-acre wilderness retreat facility owned by the Student Association of the University at Albany. Since 1956 Dippikill has remained true to its mission: To keep the area pristine, limit development and offer visitors a glimpse of nature's beauty while enjoying overnight visits in rustic-style lodging. The cabins and campsites at Dippikill are open to reservations from University at Albany undergraduates and University at Albany affiliates: graduate students, alumni, faculty and staff.

When you come, be prepared to split your own firewood to heat your cabin, draw water from a hand pump, make do with gas lamps instead of electricity and leave behind all modern conveniences such as cell phones (which don't work anyway in the wilderness). It's the perfect unplugged vacation.
PARKFEST 2012
FEATURING: ASHANTI FABOLOUS LLOYD BANKS JADAKISS
AND SPECIAL GUESTS...
Purple & Gold Awards:
The 2012 Purple and Gold Awards is an event that honors the scholarly achievements and accomplishment of inspiring Great Danes. This year these outstanding awards acknowledged students who excelled academically and those who spent countless hours servicing their community and peers. This year the awards varied from the Outstanding Service Group Award, Outstanding Cultural Group Award, Outstanding Media and Entertainment, Outstanding Religious Group, Most Devoted Group on Campus, and many more.

ParkFest 2012:
Student Association’s biggest spring event, Parkfest, took place on Saturday, April 21st, in front of UAlbany’s Collin’s Circle. An array of famous performers were featured at the event including Fabolous, Lloyd Banks, Lloyd, Ashanti, Jadakiss, and French Montana. Although the weather shifted from gorgeous and sunny to pouring and freezing, the crowd did not lose any of their enthusiasm as the day went on. If anything, their spirit and excitement only grew as the weather got worse. As Lloyd Banks closed the show with the rain pouring down on him, it was clear from the shouts of the audience that the weather had not put a damper on the exciting event.

Cultural Carnivale:
On Sunday, April 22nd, UAlbany students from all different student and multicultural groups got together to celebrate their diverse cultures and ethnicities. The event began on Indian Quad with a parade that went around campus to State, Colonial, and ultimately Dutch Quad. At the end of the parade, food from all different cultures was served, and different games, activities, performances, and raffles were held to keep everyone entertained.
Relay for Life:

Relay for Life is an overnight relay-style event where teams of people camp out around the track to benefit cancer research. It started in 2005 with a mere 200 students/faculty and has grown tremendously over the years. Relay organizers are constantly setting goals and trying to raise as much money as possible to fight cancer. UAlbany’s Relay for Life this year raised an astonishing $88,000 which is proof of how committed UAlbany’s students were to this cause.

Brink 5K Run:

The 5th annual Brink 5K run/walk was held on Saturday, April 21st, at UAlbany in honor of David C. Brinkerhoff, a New York state trooper and UAlbany alum who was killed in the line of duty just a few short years ago. The run traces the route that Brinkerhoff would run as a UAlbany undergrad and later as a trooper who is considered the UAlbany loop. Since Brinkerhoff was a member of the ambulance service, Five Quad, during his time at UAlbany, all donations from the run go towards a scholarship for one Five Quad member.
Where Does Your Student Activity Fee Go?

Every student that attends the University at Albany pays a required $87 each year for student activities. However, many do not know the specifics as to where the money goes and what it is actually used for.

The money collected each year from every enrolled student is distributed to the many different departments of the Student Association. It also is used to fund student groups and their many events. In an attempt to enlighten the student body of precisely how much money goes to which organizations, the SA Bulletin has decided to create pie charts in an attempt to clarify certain misconceptions of the allocation of the funding the Student Association receives.

For an even more intricate description of the Student Association budget, please visit http://www.albany.edu/studentassociation/budget_internal.shtml
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**FINALS WEEK MAY 10TH - MAY 17TH**

**COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND MAY 19TH - MAY 20TH**

Congratulations to those who will be graduating!
Have a great summer break and we'll see you back in August!

May Events

5/5: UAlbany Men’s Baseball vs. Maine @ 12pm and 3pm
5/6: UAlbany Men’s Baseball vs. Maine @ 1pm
5/6: Out of the Darkness Campus Walk *Registration starts at 12:30pm
5/8: LAST DAY OF CLASSES
5/9: READING DAY
5/9: UAlbany Men’s Baseball vs. Hofstra @ 4pm
5/10-18: FINALS WEEK
5/12: UAlbany Men’s Baseball vs. Binghamton @ 1pm and 4pm
5/13: UAlbany Men’s Baseball vs. Binghamton @ 1pm and 4pm
5/18: UAlbany Men’s Baseball vs. Hartford @ 12pm and 3pm
5/19: UAlbany Men’s Baseball vs. Hartford @ 12pm

**COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND MAY 19TH-20TH**