Upcoming Events

- **Homecoming 2013**
  Bear Spirit March & Banner Competition
  **Tuesday, October 22nd**
  March starts 5:00pm, Amphitheater

- **Student Staff Applications**
  Applications for student staff positions for Spring 2014
  **Monday, October 7th**
  Applications posted on OrgSync
  **Monday, November 4th**
  Applications Due

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**New Bears on Campus**

**2,850 Students Move In For Fall 2013**

Over the weekend of August 17th, nearly 2,850 students moved into UCA’s 14 residence halls and apartment complexes.

This included both new freshman students and returning upperclassmen who chose to return early. Freshmen moved in to participate in Welcome Week activities leading up to the first day of class.

This year’s move-in utilized a new system in an attempt to expedite the process. Freshman residence halls were divided into two distinct groups, and assigned specific times during which only residents from those halls could check-in. The new process was designed to alleviate traffic congestion on and around campus.

Student Orientation Staff, UCA PD, Housing & Residence Life, as well as university and community volunteers worked together to make the move-in process operate smoothly. The new system made the weekend one of the most stress-free move-ins in recent memory. One parent, who was moving her third son in five years into Hughes Residential College said this year was “definitely the easiest year yet!”

According to Residence Coordinator of Bear Hall, Alex James, the shift-based move-in had a hidden bonus. “Staff had an opportunity to get a breather, but also a chance to get to know more students through individual interaction before the building meetings.”

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**Getting Wet n’ Wild during Welcome Week**

Things got a little slippery on the lawn of Arkansas Hall the last night of Welcome Week.

Residence Hall Association (RHA), Social Justice League (SJL), and Sophomore Year Experience (SYE) partnered to host Wet n’ Wild, a Welcome Week tradition.

The event, which served as the Closing Ceremony to Welcome Week, featured inflatable water slides, yard games, music, food, and more to give students one last chance to relax before classes started the next day.

“I believe students had a blast during Wet n’ Wild”, said RHA Advisor Amanda Kuster, “and Wet n’ Wild created memories that they will never forget.”

Wet n’ Wild was overseen by Kuster, as well as SYE Coordinator Cristina Araujo and SJL Advisor Janelle Lemish. The three would like to thank the RHA executive board and the student and professional staff of Housing & Residence Life as well.
“Stand Up, Speak Out”

Event raises sexual assault awareness

Housing & Residence Life (HRL) sponsored the second annual Stand Up and Speak Out Carnival to raise awareness and educate students about sexual assault and sexual violence.

“The goal of the carnival” according the Assistant Director for HRL Thomas Bruick, “was to create a fun learning environment where students could obtain knowledge and skills relevant to preventing sexual assault and sexual violence.”

To that end, the planning committee identified objectives for the event, including educating students on the components of a positive relationship, educating students on community and campus resources, and increasing awareness of sexual assault and sexual violence.

Students attending the event visited various “carnival booths” and completed carnival themed activities targeting the various objectives. Students who completed all four activities received a free t-shirt and were entered in a drawing for door prizes. In addition, there was a “Snack Shake” to add to the carnival atmosphere.

Thomas called this year’s event a “huge success” with over 200 students participating and 167 completing all four activities. This is almost a 50% increase from last year, even though the length of the carnival was reduced. Thomas believes that condensing the activities and making them more interactive helped encourage participation.

The Stand Up and Speak Out Carnival was held in conjunction with UCA PD as part of National Campus Safety Month.

Spotlight on our Pro-Staff

Each issue, we sit down with a member of our team to get their take on things. If you have a question you’d like us to ask, email us at housing@uca.edu

Craig Seager
Assistant Director

Craig oversees the Southside Halls (Carmichael, Bernard, Conway,) the Oak Tree, Erbach, Torreyson and Baldridge apartment complexes, as well as RHA and Social Justice League. Craig is also responsible for Summer Camps and Conferences operations.

Craig earned his B.S. & M.S. at Henderson State University and is currently working towards his Ph.D. in Leadership Studies in Higher Education here at UCA.

What is the most important thing you believe Housing & Residence Life does and why?

“I believe the most important thing we do as a department is positively impact our students through our various interactions, programs, and initiatives. These actions foster their growth and development and prepares them for the real world so that they can be successful, contributing citizens to society.”

What drew you to UCA?

“I was drawn to UCA because of the abundant opportunities that this position had to offer for both my personal and professional growth.”

If you had 30 seconds face time with the entire faculty and staff, what would you say/do?

“I would take a panoramic picture of them with my awesome iPhone 5 and post it to my Facebook feed with the caption “The Super Sleuth”. A “sleuth” is the collective term for a group of bears FYI. There’s also a “sloth” of bears, but that doesn’t sound cool at all.”

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