SHOUTOUTS

In addition to serving as a phenomenal master of ceremonies at the Etiquette Dinner, Dr. Laké Laosebikan-Buggs (Co-Curricular Initiatives Administrator, DSA) has done an amazing job of supporting all of the people around her. In fact, her Co-Instructor, PAL, and mentees all commented on her guidance and mentorship during the exact same week – unprompted! Thank you for everything that you do, Laké! (FYE Instructor Newsletter)

Nicole Hall (Director, CPD), Jodi Barber (Web & Technology Administrator, CPD) and Ashton Bare (Data Coordinator, CPD) for an outstanding presentation at the Chancellor’s Council meeting on employment data and the importance of gathering this information.

*“Since I started in June, Robert Barker (Assistant Dean of Students, Director, OSRR) has gone beyond the expectations of a colleague: he is truly a thought partner in addressing student concerns. Robert is constantly thinking critically about our processes and how we can best support our students and each other. I appreciate the humor, humanity, and sense of calm he brings to the office each day. More than his title alone, Robert is a resource to his DOS colleagues and represents our office across campus. I am proud to work alongside him.” (Megan Karbley, DOS)*

Thank you to Daisy Santiago (Assistant Director, OIE), Kristina Gage (Associate Director, OLCE), Demarcus Merritt (Assistant Director, HRL), and Robert Barker (Assistant Dean of Students, Director, OSRR) for taking 32 students on the Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. over fall break. (Gus Peña, OIE)

Congratulations to Brittany Jellison (Assistant Director, CPD) for executing a wonderful Etiquette Dinner for 185 students and 35 table hosts. Table hosts joined us from every corner of campus, with 16 of those being partners in the Division of Student Affairs. Thanks, everyone! (Megan Walters, CPD)

An enormous thank you to Dr. Laké Buggs (Co-Curricular Initiatives Administrator, DSA) for serving as the Etiquette Dinner MC. The CPD team is grateful for the time and energy you dedicated to making this event one to remember! Student feedback, especially that related to Dr. Buggs’ portion of the evening, has been overwhelmingly positive. THANK YOU! (Megan Walters, CPD)

Thanks to Kyle Anderson (Assistant Director, RecWell) and the RecWell team for hosting a successful Homecoming 5K. By partnering with the DC Wonder Woman College Run Series, the race raised $3,500 for the Spartan Open Pantry. (Jill Beville, RecWell)

Congratulations to Outdoor Adventures (RecWell) on a successful Crush the Crux Homecoming Bouldering Competition. (Jill Beville, RecWell)

Shout out to Jamie Stephens (Coordinator, RecWell) for all of the Mental Health Awareness Programs and Events. (Jill Beville, RecWell)

SAVE THE DATE!

WINTER CELEBRATION
December 11 | EUC Cone | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

ALL-STAFF MEETING
January 22 | EUC Cone | 8 – 10 a.m.

NEW STAFF ORIENTATION
January 24 | EUC Maple | 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

HOT TOPICS CONFERENCE
March 6 | EUC

ALL-STAFF MEETING
March 25 | EUC Cone | 8 – 10 a.m.

FAMILY FESTIVAL
May 13 | Kaplan | 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thanks to Tyisha Terry (Coordinator, RecWell) and Kim Sexton-Lewter (Senior Assistant Director, RecWell) for their work towards Student Well-Being: itMatters at the G! (Jill Beville, RecWell)

Thank you to Briana Welsh (CRL, HRL) for being the University representative in leading the partnership with Glenwood Recreation Center for the annual Monster Mash event on October 19, which yielded nearly 300 youth and family members. The event had over 30 UNCG HRL student, graduate, and professional staff to sign up and help with the event! (Demarcus Merritt, HRL)

Thank you to Briana Welsh (CRL, HRL) for being the University representative in leading the support of Glenwood Branch Library’s Zombie Walk event on October 28! (Demarcus Merritt, HRL)

Kudos to Alyssa Mitchell (CRL, HRL) who recently donated 12 inches of her hair to “Hair We Share”, which is a non-profit organization based in Long Island, NY that creates wigs through hair and money donations that are donated to people across the world who suffer from medical hair loss (chemotherapy, alopecia, head trauma, accident and burn victims, etc). They provide customized human hair wigs free of charge to anyone whose financial means don’t allow them to purchase one. Alyssa didn’t stop there, and also created a social media campaign to also raise $125 to contribute to the cause! (Demarcus Merritt, HRL)

AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS & RECOGNITION
Susan Bean (Assistant Business Manager, HRL) and Matthew McKay (Coordinator for Special Projects, HRL) were named recipients of the North Carolina Housing Officers R. Randy Rice Service Award. These awards are given to those deserving staff at individual institutions that have gone beyond the call of duty and/or service to support the mission, goals, and/or activities of the Residence Life and Housing program.

Josh Beck (Associate Director for Housing Facilities, HRL) was selected to receive the 2019 North Carolina Housing Officers Scott Braswell Award, which is a state award to recognize outstanding teams or individuals who work in functional areas within Housing or Residence Life programs.

Stephanie Larson (Assistant Director, CPD) was recognized as a Staff Member of the Month by the NRHH.

The following Residence Life staff had a nomination written for them that won a Silver Seymour award, which is selected by those in NRHH chapters in the South Atlantic Region: Advisor: Alyssa Mitchell (CRL), Residence Life Faculty/Staff: Daniel Jay Wiggins (CRL), Spotlight: Shelley Wald (Assistant Director), Educational Program: Juliann Losey (CRL) and Spartan Base Camp, Residential Community: Cone Hall - Juliann Losey (CRL), and Diversity Program: We Are MOORE STRONG! - Kelli Thomas (CRL).
PRESENTATIONS
Paige Thomas (CRL, HRL) presented at the North Carolina Housing Officers (NCHO) Social Justice and Assessment Drive-In Conference as well as the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH) Annual Conference, where she won Top 40 distinction for the program.

Hannah Lanzillotta (Special Event Coordinator, RecWell) delivered a presentation at the 2019 Accruent Insights Conference in Denver, CO in September. Hannah was an invited speaker for the track focused on EMS software, having been asked by Accruent representatives to talk about RecWell’s reservation process. The presentation, titled “Getting In Shape: How UNCG Optimized EMS for Recreation and Outdoor Spaces” highlighted the detail-oriented and automated processes Hannah has implemented to improve RecWell’s unique events and reservation needs.

Caitie Payne (Membership Coordinator, RecWell) presented “An Inflection Point for a Healthier “U” and “De-Stress at Your Desk” Strategies for Self Care During Your Day” at the UNCG Business Affairs Conference on October 16.

Erik Unger (Assistant Director, RecWell) and Maili Williamson (Interim Coordinator, RecWell) presented “What Students Want” at the NoCRSA State Workshop.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SERVICE
Paige Thomas (CRL, HRL) was selected to serve on ACPA’s Multiracial Network Directorate Board for a two-year term.

Housing & Residence Life won the bid to host the NCHO RA Drive-In Conference on November 9. The committee includes Kelli Thomas (chair) (CRL, HRL), Shawn Copeland (CRL, HRL), Darron Jenkins (CRL, HRL), Jessica Webb (CRL, HRL), Natasha Young (CRL, HRL), Paige Thomas (CRL, HRL) and Shelley Wald (Assistant Director, HRL).

Justin Golding (Assistant Director, CPD) and Brittany Jellison (Assistant Director, CPD) became Strong Interest Inventory certified. This certification elevates our work as we interpret SII results for 1,200+ students annually.

Hannah Wiebke (Assistant CRL, HRL) and John Mitchell Benton (Assistant CRL, HRL) were selected as 2020 The Placement Exchange (TPE) Ambassadors.

Juliann Losey (CRL, HRL) will serve another term as the Communications Coordinator for the North Carolina Housing Officers Executive Council.

Great job to Darron Jenkins (CRL, HRL) for service during their time as the Professional Development Chair for the North Carolina Housing Officers Executive Council.

Great job to Janay Crosland (Assistant CRL, HRL) for service during their time as the Graduate Student Representative for the North Carolina Housing Officers Executive Council.

Great job to Shelley Wald (Assistant Director, HRL) for service during their time as the President of the North Carolina Housing Officers Executive Council. She will remain on the Executive Council for the upcoming year as the Past President.