SHOUTOUTS
A huge thank you to all of the staff who assisted with the Hurricane Dorian Shelter Operations for the students and staff from UNCW!

To ALL of the UNCG Campus Partners that assisted with the preparation, staffing, operation, and assessing of the UNC Wilmington shelter; particularly the Kaplan Center staff and others that played one of the key roles with overnight staffing of the shelter area.

Cameron Lorrit’s (Team QUEST Graduate Assistant, RecWell) passion and diligence to her work is visible every single day. She is organized, efficient, positive, open to student and community facilitators, and is in growth mode in every aspect of her job. She intentionally makes decisions that are good for Team QUEST and is able to balance her work with school and personal life. Team QUEST appreciates all you do, Cameron!

For Dining Services and other campus partners for Project Clean Plate and collecting 1,214 meal swipe donations.

Thanks to ALL for the volunteers, community, and staff behind the scenes, on the scene, and after the dream work for HRL’s 2019 House Calls!

Briana Welsh (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL) for being a UNCG TransZone and Safe Zone newly certified facilitator!

Paul Lentz (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL) for being the first staff member to make a donation deposit to the Little Pantry Project at the corner of Lexington and Haywood.

Coretta Walker (Assistant to the Vice Chancellor) and Dr. Brad Johnson (M.Ed. SAAHE Program Coordinator & Director of Graduate Studies), co-chairs of the UNCG Careers in Student Affairs Conference, for great preparation and execution of the professional space for over 200 attendees!

Diana Aguillon (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL) for creating and leading HRL’s new fall initiative with the Papel Picado Project for Hispanic Heritage Month awareness, appreciation, and celebration.

Coretta Walker (Assistant to the Vice Chancellor) for helping to ensure a successful business meeting and events with PFAC during the Spartan Parent and Family Weekend.

The Dean of Students and OSRR teams for supporting the PFAC Fundraising Dinner.

Jodi Barber (Web & Technology Administrator, CPD) and Ashton Bare (Data Coordinator, CPD) for presenting on their employment data at the October 1 Directors Meeting.

SAVE THE DATE!

ALL-Staff Meeting
October 23 | EUC Cone | 8 – 10 a.m.

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.
SHOUTOUTS continued...

Thank you to Meredith Atchison (Associate Director, CAP) for chairing Spartan Parent & Family Weekend, and to the following committee members and volunteers: Coretta Walker (Assistant to the Vice Chancellor), Madison Hemric (Graduate Assistant, DOS), Hannah Lanziotta (Special Event Coordinator, RecWell), Lindsey Woelker (Associate Director, OLCE), Shelley Wald (Assistant Director, HRL), Kelli Thomas (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL), Dacia Ijames (Athletics Department), Kacy McAadoo (Undergraduate Admissions), Austin McKim (NSTFYE), Shannon Clegg (Campus Enterprises), Michelle Parson (Business Service Coordinator, DSA), Dr. Laké Buggs (Co-Curricular Initiatives Administrator), Brian Hollingsworth (Graduate Assistant, DOS), and Gus Peña (Director, OIE).

AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS & RECOGNITION

Daniel Wiggins (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL) earned second place group ranking in the 2019 Association of College & University Housing Officers – International (ACUHO-I) Annual Composition and Exposition’s Case Study Competition.

Demarcus Merritt (Assistant Director, HRL) was selected as recipient of the 2019 Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO) Report Article of the Year for his “Unpacking the Student Affairs Suitcase: Reexamining the Relationships Between Racial Justice and Residence Life”.

Demarcus Merritt (Assistant Director, HRL) was one of two recipients selected for the UNCG University Communications Social Media Star Award!

Demarcus Merritt (Assistant Director, HRL) and co-author Dr. Mary Jordan’s (University of Florida) manuscript “Revamping Resident Advisor Recruitment with a Critical Lens on Inclusivity” was selected to be published in the Journal of College and University Student Housing’s 2021 special issue.

Demarcus Merritt (Assistant Director, HRL) was selected to serve as a contributing author for the 2020 Association of College & University Housing Officers – International (ACUHO-I) Resident Advisor Online Class curriculum.

The Kaplan Center Recreation & Wellness staff received a Staff Star for providing shelter to UNCW students and staff during Hurricane Dorian.

Shane Byerley (Assistant Director, OARS) was nominated for a Staff Star by Kadejia Washington (Assistant Director, OARS).

Lindsay Wigderson (Aquatics Coordinator, RecWell) recently completed the Lifeguard Instructor Training (LGIT) Academy through the American Red Cross. The intensive week-long training program led to Lindsay receiving the LGIT certification, which is one of the most highly-regarded credentials in the aquatics industry. Lindsay is now able to lead instructor-level courses, to certify people who can then teach and certify lifeguards. This designation opens up many more opportunities for Recreation & Wellness and our ability to maintain our 250+ staff CPR certifications – along with upholding safety and emergency preparedness standards – and also for UNCG and the greater community, through the many safety courses we offer throughout the year. Lindsay is one of just 2,000 LGITs in the entire country.

Jill Beville (Director, RecWell) was interviewed for the “Tips for Directors on How to Unplug” article on ladieswantmore.com.

Dr. Cathy Akens (Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs) co-authored College Students and their Environments: Understanding the Role Student Affairs Educators Play in Shaping Campus Environments with Dr. Raquel Wright-Mair and Dr. Joseph Martin Stevenson. The book was recently published by Charles C Thomas Publisher and is available on Amazon, in the Google Play store, and on ccthomas.com. The book covers a wide range of topics relevant to campus environments and serving increasingly diverse college student populations. Congratulations, Dr. Akens!
PRESENTATIONS

Ashley Owens (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL), Daniel Wiggins (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL), Adric Hardy (Assistant Director, DOS), and Daisy Santiago (Assistant Director, OIE) all served on the “Things I Wish I Knew: An Interactive Panel of Entry-Level Student Affairs Professionals” at the UNCG Careers in Student Affairs Conference.

LaFarin Meriwether (Associate Director, HRL) presented “Introduction to the Student Affairs Field” at the UNCG Careers in Student Affairs Conference.

George Still (Director of Assessment, DSA) presented “Campus Climate” at the UNCG Careers in Student Affairs Conference.

Dr. Megan Walters (Associate Director, CPD) presented “What Are My Next Steps? Preparing for a Career in Student Affairs” at the UNCG Careers in Student Affairs Conference.

Demarcus Merritt (Assistant Director, HRL) presented “Diversity Self-Care Health Check-Up: You Are Not Alone” at the UNCG Careers in Student Affairs Conference.

Dr. Brett Carter (Associate Vice Chancellor, Dean of Students) presented “Work-Career Planning While Getting Your Ph.D.” at the UNCG Careers in Student Affairs Conference.

Ashley Owens (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL) and Crystal Thibodeaux (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL) each received program proposal acceptance for the upcoming 2019 North Carolina Housing Officer’s State Conference.
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SERVICE

Several HRL staff are currently serving on the North Carolina Housing Officers’ Executive Council: **Shelley Wald** (Assistant Director) is President, **Darron Jenkins** (Coordinator for Residence Life) is the Professional Development Committee Chair, **Janay Crosland** (Assistant Coordinator for Residence Life) is the Graduate Student Representative, and **Juliann Losey** (Coordinator for Residence Life) is the Communications Chair.

**LaFarin Meriwether** (Associate Director, HRL) served as Program Committee Chair and member of the Host Planning Team for the 2020 Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO) Annual Regional Conference.

**Ashley Owens** (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL) served as Chair for the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO) Graduate Issues and Involvement Committee.

**Alyssa Mitchell** (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL) was selected as a 2019 NASPA New Professionals Institute participant. **Dr. Brett Carter** (Associate Vice Chancellor, Dean of Students) served as a Faculty Member for the Institute.

**Ashley Owens** (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL) and **Jessica Webb** (Coordinator for Residence Life, HRL) were two of the 32 professionals selected for the 2019 Regional Entry Level Institute (RELI) by the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO).

**Demarcus Merritt** (Assistant Director, HRL) was selected to serve as Faculty for the 2019 Regional Entry Level Institute (RELI) by the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO).

**Demarcus Merritt** (Assistant Director, HRL) was selected to serve as Guidebook Chair for the 2020 Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO) Annual Regional Conference Host Planning Team.

**Lindsey Woelker** (Associate Director, OLCE) was selected to attend the UNC Chapel Hill BRIDGES program, which is an inclusive professional development program for women in higher education who seek to gain or strengthen their academic leadership capabilities. Open to women from four-year North Carolina institutions, participants attend over four weeks throughout the fall semester. They develop insights into leadership, acquire an understanding of the many facets of colleges and universities, refine and improve their cross-cultural communication skills, and create a program of personal and professional development to benefit themselves and their institutions.

**LaFarin Meriwether** (Associate Director, HRL) will serve as the closing keynote speaker at the North Carolina Housing Officers (NCHO) Awards Luncheon later this month!