UCF Women’s athletics in Spring Luncheon spotlight

Women’s athletics at UCF will take the spotlight at the Association’s Spring Luncheon, planned for Thursday, April 11, at the Holiday Inn Orlando East. Our guest speaker will be Brandi Stuart, UCF’s executive associate athletics director and senior woman administrator.

Joining the UCF staff in 2015, Stuart is responsible for the overall welfare and development of UCF student-athletes. She has direct departmental oversight of the Student-Athlete Welfare and Development, Sports Medicine, Sports Nutrition, Counseling Services and, as deputy Title IX coordinator for UCF, serves as the campus liaison for all issues involving Student Conduct and Title IX. She will explain just how Title IX requirements work at UCF.

Plus, depending on class schedules, she hopes to bring along one or two star female athletes who will be invited to share their UCF experiences with the luncheon audience.

Returning to the Holiday Inn on Alafaya Trail just north of Colonial Drive, the Spring Luncheon will kick off at 11:30 a.m. with a social time to meet and greet old friends and new faces before the noontime meal. The menu features your choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu, Salmon with Lemon Sauce, or the vegetarian entrée of Pasta Aioli. The cost remains at $22 per person.

To make your reservation for the luncheon, please complete the enclosed form and return it, along with payment, to the Association’s treasurer, Linda Bonta. (The mailing address is on the form.) The form also includes a section to provide contributions to the Carrie Lehmann Memorial Scholarship, one of two scholarship stipends awarded each year by the Association. Luncheon reservation forms must be received no later than Friday, April 5th.

In recognition of his loyal service to the UCF Retirement Association, we dedicate this issue of our newsletter to Phil Taylor who passed away on December 18, 2018.

An “almost” charter member of the University’s faculty, Phil joined the UCF staff in 1970 where he helped develop the fledgling Communications Department into the highly regarded Nicholson School of Communications until his retirement in 2005.

Anxious to continue his service to the University through the Retirement Association, Phil immediately joined up and was elected to two consecutive terms on the UCFRA Board of Directors from 2007-2011, serving as vice president during his tenure.

A native Ohioan, Phil completed his undergraduate work in Speech and Math at Ohio Wesleyan University prior to serving in the U.S. Navy for three years. His military service took him to Key West where he met and married the love of his life, Beverly (known to one and all as “Bee”). They have a son and a daughter. After his military service, Phil completed graduate degrees at Indiana University.
Welcome new members and congrats to recent retirees!

The Association extends a warm handshake of friendship to five new members: Sabrina Sadr (Management), Avelino J. Gonzalez (Computer Science), Kay Clapham (College of Nursing), Lea Witte (Education and Human Resources), and Richard Sloane (College of Education). We truly hope we will be able to greet you in person at the Spring Luncheon in April!

We also offer sincere congratulations to these newly retired UCF employees: Thomas Mis- cannnon (College of Business), Nancy Rae Ellis (Academic Support Services), Catherine Baust (Philosophy), Martha Macomilli (Florida Solar Energy Center), Ali T. Raissi (Florida Solar Energy Center), Elba Miscannon (Student Development & Enrollment Services), Alzo J. Reddick (Government Relations), Robert F. Romo (Facilities Operations), Fior Gutierrez (Student Union), James D. Stiles (Computer Services), and Charles R. Hinkle (Biological Sciences).

Lock up your information to prevent fraud and scams

Guarding against identity theft and internet fraud is an ongoing challenge in today’s electronic age. Because it’s essential to continually keep ourselves updated on steps to prevent such fraudulent activities, we are reprinting useful suggestions from Florida Retirement System’s “retiree newsletter” to help all of us avoid such threats.

- Destroy or securely store banking and credit card statements
- Sign your credit cards with “Photo ID Required” in lieu of your name
- Regularly check financial records for unfamiliar transactions
- When ordering checks, have your initials printed on them in lieu of your full name so a thief will not know how to sign them
- Minimize the amount of personal information in your purse or wallet – do not carry your Social Security or Medicare card on you
- Do not use your Social Security number as a permanent username or login ID for internet access for any account
- Use websites with addresses that start with “https” to ensure that you are visiting a secure site
- Use caution when giving out valuable personal data online, such as your Social Security number, credit card number(s) or passwords
- Change your login credentials for any account when you have determined that your online account has been compromised...

Care and Concern

A card of sympathy was sent to the family of Phil Taylor, former member of the UCF Retirement Association Board of Directors, who passed away in December.

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