

Knights Charge On: Leadership Conference



Alfred G. Harms, Jr., retired Navy Vice Admiral, is the University of Central Florida's Vice President for Strategy, Marketing, Communications and Admissions, and Special Assistant to the President. In addition to his responsibilities on the university's senior leadership team, he also serves on various Advisory Boards for academic, scientific, corporate and philanthropic organizations located across the nation. A native of central Illinois, Al Harms completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois, and later earned a M.S. degree in Statistics from Texas A&M University. Commissioned through the Naval ROTC Program, he completed flight training and served in various A-6 Intruder attack squadrons prior to attending the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and commanding Attack Squadron Seventy Five (VA-75). After completion of the Naval Nuclear Power Training Program, he served as Executive Officer of USS Enterprise (CVN-65), and then commanded USS Shreveport (LPD-12) and USS Nimitz (CVN-68), the lead ship of America's largest class of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. In 1996, he was promoted to Flag (General Officer) rank where he had five follow-on major staff and sea assignments. In his final active duty assignment, he served as the Navy's Chief Learning Officer where he was responsible for the education and training of all Navy officer and enlisted personnel, including basic military training and commissioning programs, technical and warfare training, advanced specialty training, and graduate education.

Donnie Jones

UCF Head Men's Basketball Coach

University of Central Florida

(See full biography http://www.ucfathletics.com/sports/m-baskbl/mtt/jones_donnie00.html)



Tony Coley is the Regional President of BB&T, Central Florida. As BB&T's most senior executive in Central Florida Tony is responsible for the growth and development of the region and its 300+ associates. Prior to coming to Central Florida, Tony was BB&T's Area Executive for Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and the Senior Commercial Banking Officer for all of Broward County. Tony joined BB&T through its acquisition of Colonial Bank, where he served as the President and CEO of Colonial Bank's South Florida Commercial Banking Unit. Coley received his B.S. degree from the University of Miami where he was a starting linebacker on the football team, which won three conference championships and played for two national titles. Tony earned numerous accolades for academics, athletics and community service. Among his honors were selections to the College Football Association's Academic All-American Team as well as the University of Miami's Iron Arrow Honor Society, the University of Miami's highest honor. Tony also earned a place on the National Collegiate

Athletic Association (NCAA) Good Works Team, a national award recognizing outstanding service to the community. Tony remains very active in the community, holding a seat on three local boards: Boy Scouts of America Central Florida Council where he serves as the Vice President of Finance; The Central Florida Partnership; and the Central Florida Economic Development Commission.

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Todd Currie is a junior pursuing a degree in Event Management at the University of Central Florida. During his time at UCF Todd has been involved with a variety of organizations. He is an Alumnus of the LEAD Scholars Program, and he credits this organization for inspiring him to get involved as a UCF Knight. Currently Todd is a member of the President's Leadership Council, Assistant Director of Volunteer UCF, as well as a 4EVERKNIGHTS Ambassador. Through his involvement with Volunteer UCF starting his freshman year Todd found opportunities to serve the Orlando community. He helps lead a group called Sunday Night College Food Share which provides a meal to about 100-150 homeless people in Orlando each week. This year Todd was honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award, and was also nominated for a Jefferson Award. In the future Todd hopes to combine his knowledge of event management and passion for community service to plan and execute fundraising events for a Non-Profit organization.



Tiffany Roberts Sahaydak

UCF Head Women's Soccer Coach & Olympic Gold Medalist

University of Central Florida

(See full biography: http://www.ucfathletics.com/sports/w-soccer/mtt/tiffany_roberts_sahaydak_846001.html)

Melissa Westbrook

UCF Student Government Association President & Peace Corps Ambassador

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Eduardo Salas is Pegasus & Trustee Chair Professor of Psychology at the University of Central Florida where he also holds an appointment as Program Director for the Human Systems Integration Research Department at the Institute for Simulation and Training (IST). Previously, he was the Director of UCF's Applied Experimental & Human Factors Ph.D. Program. Before joining IST, he was a Senior Research Psychologist and Head of the Training Technology Development Branch of the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWC-TSD) for 15 years. During this period, Dr. Salas served as a Principal Investigator for numerous Research and Development programs, including TADMUS, which focuses on teamwork, team training, and decision-making under stress and performance assessment. Dr. Salas has co-authored over 450 journal articles & book chapters and has co-edited 25 books. His expertise includes assisting organizations in how to foster teamwork, design

and implement team training strategies, facilitate training effectiveness, manage decision making under stress, and develop performance measurement tools. Dr. Salas is a Past President of the Society for Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Fellow of the American Psychological Association, Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, and a recipient of the Meritorious Civil Service Award from the Department of the Navy. He is also the recipient of the 2012 Society for Human Resource Management Losey Lifetime Achievement Award, and the 2012 Joseph E. McGrath Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Marie Perry is the North Florida Market Unit Vice President. She leads the North Florida Field Sales team, focusing on channel execution for regional and local customers.

Perry is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University. In 2000, she was a Corporate Manager for E-commerce Implementations. She continued to climb up the corporate ladder, becoming Director of Customer Business Transactions, to Director of Business Development, then Director of Customer Solutions and Supermarkets, eventually to Director of Strategic Solutions and then to her current role. Perry is also a longtime golfer. Perry became part of the task force that created Executive Women's day at the Players Championship. It is part of a PGA Tour initiative to reach more women in business. The events are an introduction to the tour and a way for the PGA to market the corporate hospitality venues to women who otherwise would never have considered them. She is also serving as Secretary on the North Florida Junior Achievements Board of Directors.



Mark Toombs is the owner and President of The Training Edge and the lead facilitator for Corporate and Organizational Development Programs with the UCF Division of Continuing Education. As a natural extension of a professional career that included experience in sales and marketing, customer service, management and employee development and training, Mark decided to devote his efforts to helping organizations and employees learn, grow and succeed. For the past seventeen years he has partnered with corporate, municipal, and association clients throughout the U.S. and the world, in areas including training design and delivery, consulting services, individual coaching, and keynote speaking. His areas of focus include leadership, supervisory/management skills, building high performance work teams, navigating change, managing conflict, successful negotiating, sales/sales management, strategic planning, providing exceptional customer service and more. Originally from South Bend, Indiana, Mark is a graduate of Indiana University and has resided in Orlando for the past 21 years.