

SPRING 2010



The Division of Student Affairs Update features highlights of the many student and community programs, events, and services provided to students and the JCU community.

Introduction

The first few months of the spring 2010 semester have been filled with many successful programs, awards, services and athletic contests. A summary of key activities and events appears below. In addition, professional and team development opportunities for student affairs administrators and staff have been priorities this semester. In January, our mid-year divisional meeting focused on strengthening relationships across departmental lines, affirming our work and contributions to institutional goals, understanding our institutional challenges related to financial resources, enrollment and planning; and working together to identify creative approaches to meet these challenges.

In light of the challenges we continue to face in terms of the health and well-being of our students and our shared commitment to become a more inclusive campus community, several in-service programs have been offered, including:

- ❖ Presentation and discussion facilitated by Vernon Wall and focusing on building a more diverse and inclusive campus
- ❖ Webinars and discussions focusing on Suicide Prevent and Resiliency
- ❖ United Educators Presentation on a Campus Response to Student Mental Health Issues, Threat Assessment Policies and Practices.

Additionally, staff members in the Office of the Dean of Students, Office of Residence Life and Campus Safety Services continue to participate in on-going training provided by the Adirondack Solutions software company as we implement more streamlined and robust processes related to housing, judicial affairs and parking.

ATHLETICS

❖ *John Carroll To Face Maryville (TN) In First Round Of 2010 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship*

The John Carroll University men's basketball team learned that it will be heading south for spring break after all. As the 2010 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship bracket was revealed, the Blue Streaks were selected as one of 19 at-large teams in the field of 61, and will face Maryville College of Tennessee (23-4, Great South Athletic Conference champions) in the first round in Greensboro, North Carolina, on the campus of Guilford College. The winner of the John Carroll and Maryville game will take on the winner of the Guilford (26-2, Old Dominion Athletic Conference regular season and tournament champion) vs. Christopher Newport (15-12, USA South tournament champion) game.

❖ *Mizner '13 Named OAC Swimmer Of The Year As Streaks Place Third At OAC Swimming & Diving Meet*

Rachael Mizner earned Women's Swimmer of the Year to highlight a third place finish at the 2010 Ohio Athletic Conference Swimming & Diving Championship,

which concluded Saturday evening at the Oliver J. Ocasek Natatorium in Akron, Ohio. Ohio Northern University won the team title with 256.5 points, followed by Mount Union College (224), JCU (217), Baldwin-Wallace College (78.5) and Wilmington College (72).

❖ *Men's Swimming Team Finishes 2nd in OAC Championships*

At the 2010 Ohio Athletic Conference Swimming & Diving Championships, the Blue Streaks Men's team finished in a solid second place and several swimmers established new records and awards. Among those awards was co-Coaching Staff of the Year for Mark Lenhart and his staff.

❖ *"Green" Streaks Grow Up With One Title And Three Consecutive Crowns At OAC Wrestling Championships*

Senior Ben Adams, the least green of the Blue Streaks, won his third consecutive individual title as John Carroll garnered a fourth place finish at the league championship event held at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio. Adams claimed his third consecutive conference title at 184 pounds as he took out senior Ed Bizorik by a score of 9-2 in the title match. Adams faced Bizorik less than three weeks ago in Tiffin, with much the same result as he was victorious by technical fall at 7:00 (16-1).

By virtue of his title, Adams will advance to the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships for the third time, which take place March 5-6 at the US Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Blue Streaks had four place winners in David Malkus '13 (141 pounds), Connor Suba '13 (149 pounds), Sean Gill '12 (165 pounds) and Alec Barker '10 at (285).

❖ *Student athletes, alumni, and faculty receive well-deserved recognitions*

During halftime of the men's basketball game against Baldwin Wallace on January 27, fifteen student athletes and two coaching staffs were honored for their fall 2009 athletic achievements. The Student Athletic Advisory Committee was also recognized for receiving a NADIIIA award for community service. Members of each varsity team tutor youth at Church of the Covenant in Cleveland each Saturday during the academic year.

In celebration of Ignatian Heritage Week, JCU sponsored a Jesuit Spotlight Basketball game with the men playing Mount Union College on February 3. Jesuits from John Carroll and the larger community as well as other faculty and administrators were invited to a reception prior to the game. Halftime included a presentation of the Champion Service Awards to four students.

February 6 was Faculty, Staff and Administrator Appreciation Day with a special tribute to the late Doris Pudloski, former director of institutional research. During

halftime ceremonies, her brothers, Don and Steve Pudloski, were presented basketballs in her memory, recognizing Doris as a #1 JCU basketball fan.

❖ *NCAA Division III Volleyball Championships a success*

The Volleyball Championship matches took place in the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center November 19-21. The eight regional champions participated in seven matches during the three day event with Washington University of St. Louis capturing the national title with a four set victory over runner up Juanita College. In addition, volleyball players and coaches directed a youth clinic titled *Set, Serve and Succeed*, bringing 187 young volleyball players to campus along with their parents and siblings, boosting the attendance at the event to 1,400.

❖ *JCU representatives attend NCAA annual convention*

The NCAA convention was highlighted by the formal release of the [Division III Identity Initiative and Strategic Positioning Platform](#). The platform received much support and enthusiasm from the delegates in Atlanta. Coaches and student athletes will have an opportunity to discuss the document and Laurie Massa, director of athletics, will meet with University administrators to discuss opportunities to forward the message through recruitment and marketing efforts.

INTRAMURALS AND RECREATION

❖ *JCU community in fitness frenzy*

As students started working on New Year's resolutions and preparing for spring break, the Corbo Fitness Room and several fitness classes are packed. To meet this increased need, four new spin cycling bikes were purchased and now 15 participants can be accommodated in the class offered daily, Monday through Thursday. Additionally, the power yoga class is off to a fantastic start with participation numbers averaging over 60.

❖ *New aquatic equipment expands pool programming options*

The Intramurals and Recreation department purchased water polo equipment with inner tubes and a pool deck basketball hoop which will provide more student programming opportunities in the pool. In addition, aqua joggers and swim goggles were purchased and are available for check out at the recreation desk.

❖ *Learn to Swim program implemented*

For the first time ever, the Intramurals and Recreation is offering group swim lessons on Saturday mornings. Student certified instructors lead children through the different skill levels as designated by the American Red Cross. The private swim lesson program peeked with over ten new clients in February.

❖ *Community yoga class is a hit*

Local community members attend new power yoga class every Saturday morning in the newly renovated fitness studio. The class averages 20 paid participants each week. Walk-in participants pay \$10 per class. Multiple session passes can also be purchased at discounted rate.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

❖ *January immersion experiences broaden students' world views*

In collaboration with the Center for Service and Social Action, four immersion experience groups involving 50 students and eight faculty and staff members traveled to: Immokalee, Florida; New Orleans, Louisiana; Reynosa, Mexico; and Nicaragua. During the fall semester immersion groups participated in 15 hours of preparation including group meetings focused on social justice, solidarity, simple living, intercultural engagement, and spirituality. Once the groups were back on campus, they reconvened to share their experiences, to identify intellectual and experiential learning that occurred, and to discuss ways to integrate their experiences into their daily lives.

❖ *Mass offered to celebrate students*

Through a joint effort with Student Union, a celebratory student Mass was held at the Church of the Gesu on Sunday, January 31 to kick off this year's Ignatian Heritage Week. The Mass included a procession of students carrying flags representing their country of origin. Amanda Papa, Student Union president, asked students to rise and be recognized for living out the Catholic, Jesuit mission in various kinds of student activities and leadership experiences.

❖ *New, Christian Life Communities leaders trained*

Christian Life Communities (CLC) welcomed six new CLC leaders for this semester. Leaders completed training in January and facilitate weekly faith-sharing groups of six to ten members. In total, these communities have 24 leaders and 215 members.

❖ *Students experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius; stay silent for eight days!*

Fourteen students participated in an *8-Day Silent Retreat* at Jesuit Retreat House during the January break. The retreat is an adaptation of St. Ignatius's Spiritual Exercises and, in atmosphere of silence, allows students to explore, reflect and pray about their life and their commitment to living their Christian values. Four spiritual directors from the Carroll community accompanied the students through daily and individual meetings to provide guidance and support.

❖ *Campus Ministry participates in sponsoring Ignatian Heritage Week events*

Twenty-four students and administrators participated in a *Day of Silence* retreat at River's Edge in Cleveland on Sunday, January 31. *Ignatian Reflections through Prayer, Poetry, and Song* was offered at St. Francis Chapel on February 1. Also offered this

day was a presentation by Fr. Martin Schreiber, S.J. who offered reflections on Fr. Arrupe's famous 'Falling in Love' passage to 42 students, faculty, and staff members. The *Ignited by Ignatius Poster Presentation*, located outside St. Francis Chapel, showcased fourteen, 2009 JCU graduates in beautiful display posters describing their experience with full-time, post-graduate service.

❖ ***Haitian relief efforts bring community together in prayer and action***

The JCU community gathered on the first day of classes this semester to reflect on and pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Over \$3,500 was collected for the Jesuit Refugee Services at various locations on campus, including the Office of Campus Ministry, the Center for Service and Social Action, and the Office of Admissions. Approximately 450 students fasted for one meal in return Aramark agreed to donate \$2.25 per meal to the Haitian relief fund which resulted in an additional \$1,000 bringing the total amount collected to more than \$4,500.

LITURGICAL MUSIC AND MUSICAL ARTS

❖ ***JCU Choral, Band, and Chapel ensembles perform for Christmas Carroll Eve events***

JCU student musicians of choral and band ensembles performed a concert of sacred and secular holiday music in Kulas auditorium for Christmas Carroll Eve. Ensembles included the JCU Schola Cantorum, Carroll Singers, a male a cappella quartet, and the Jazz Band. Members of the JCU Chapel Ensemble offered the music ministry at the traditional mass on Christmas Carroll Eve. Music reflected the liturgical season of Advent and a commitment to peace and justice.

❖ ***Music@Midday continues to delight this spring***

Music@Midday continues to offer a diverse menu of music on select Thursdays at 12:05pm in the St. Francis Chapel. This spring, Music@Midday events are scheduled for February 11, March 11 and April 8. Programs include music by Fanfares and Flourishes, a brass quartet; the Trinity Trio, a piano trio (violin, cello and piano); and will conclude with a recital of musical selections for flute and piano. All performances are free and open to the public.

❖ ***University Chorus to sing the Fauré Requiem***

The University Chorus, composed of students, faculty, staff and administrators, is preparing the *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré for performance at the annual *Sacred Music Concert*, in collaboration with the Institute of Catholic Studies. The concert is held on the vigil of Palm Sunday every year and will take place on Saturday, March 27 at 4:00 p.m. in St. Francis Chapel. JCU singers will be joined once again by the Cleveland Seminary Chorus.

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

❖ *OMA and African American Alliance host successful MLK event*

About 125 students, staff, administrators and local residents attended a special dinner event in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. The event, held on January 25, featured a wonderful dinner, beautiful music selections and an outstanding lecture by Cleveland radio show host Basheer Jones. Groups of students and parents from Shaker Heights Middle School and the Friendly Inn Settlement were among those who participated.

❖ *OMA participates in campus holiday celebrations*

On December 10, the office participated in a *Taste of the Holidays* event. The office provided a display with detailed information on the history of Kwanzaa and related holiday artifacts. On December 11, the office sponsored a performance by the Monticello Middle School Choir as part of the *Sights and Sounds of the Season* holiday event. The choir of sixth and seventh graders performed during the lunch hour in the Atrium of the D.J. Lombardo Student Center.

❖ *Community invited to attend spring semester events*

Recent events included a lecture on February 18 by Vernon Wall, consultant, lecturer and student affairs professional; a performance on race relations and issues by *The Color Orange* on February 23; and the upcoming one-woman show celebrating Latina women through music and dance. The one-woman show performance, entitled *Tres Vidas*, will be held on March 22 and is being sponsored in conjunction with the Tim Russert Department of Communication and Theatre Arts, the Honors Program, and Latin American Studies.

RESIDENCE LIFE

❖ *Second fraternity awarded residence hall floor starting fall 2010*

Sigma Phi Epsilon is the second of three fraternities to secure a floor in the residence halls for their brothers to live. They will take their place in Hamlin Hall next fall. All five sororities already have housing on campus. Most of the Greek floors are in Campion and Hamlin Hall with one in Millor Hall.

❖ *Resident assistants win local case study competition*

Two resident assistants, Ariel Johnson '11 and Ciara Mastin '11, won the case study competition at the annual Northeast Ohio Housing Officers Resident Assistant Conference in early February. In spring 2011, JCU and Ursuline College will co-host this drive-in conference on our campus for about 500 Northeast Ohio resident assistants and other hall staff.

❖ *Candidate pool strong for 2010-2011 resident assistant selection*

Over 78 students completed the selection process for the resident assistant (RA) position. Ten positions were offered and 22 candidates were offered alternate positions to potentially fill up to eight positions this summer. In addition, 14 current RAs applied for the eight Senior RA positions.

❖ *Popularity of off-campus duplexes and Bernet Hall keeps students on wait lists*

The 2010-2011 room selection process for JCU duplexes and Bernet Hall concluded with 137 students on the waiting list for Bernet Hall and 59 for the duplexes. Bernet Hall will accommodate 68 seniors, 29 juniors and 1 sophomore. The duplexes will accommodate 19 seniors, 10 juniors, and 1 sophomore student approved to participate in the Living Simply community.

❖ *On-campus living intentions for 2010-2011 higher*

There are 125 more students who reported that they intend to live on campus for the next academic year than last year at this time.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

❖ *88th President of the Student Union inaugurated in January*

Amanda Papa '11 was inaugurated President of the Student Union on January 21. Also sworn in that evening were the other members of the Executive Board: Rita Rochford '12, Executive Vice President; Lauren Halladay '12, Vice President for Judicial Affairs; Michael J. Fox '12, Vice President for Business Affairs; Chelsey Neuhaus '11, Vice President for Student Organizations; Angela Petitto '11, Vice President for Programming and Ashley Bauer '11, and Vice President for Communications.

❖ *Student Union presents annual leadership awards at inauguration*

The following people and student organizations received special recognition during the Student Union Inauguration on January 21. Recognition was awarded in the following categories:

- Outstanding Advisor: Chris Kerr, Campus Ministry
- Outstanding Senator: Rita Rochford '12
- Best Overall Organization: Emergency Medical Services Association
- Outstanding Academic Organization: Alpha Kappa Psi
- Outstanding Cultural Organization: Allies
- Outstanding Service/Spiritual/Issue-Based Organization: JUSTICE
- Outstanding Greek Organization: Chi Omega
- Outstanding Programming/Social Organization: Student Alumni Association
- Outstanding SU Committee: Homecoming Committee

- Outstanding Student Leaders of the Year: Andrea Capasso '10, Joe Cody '10, Dan Fitzmaurice '11, Hilary Fulp '10, Andy Johnson '10, Amanda Papa '11, Carolyn Pici '10, Brandon Sheil '10, Natalie Terry '10, Jill White '10
- Person of the Year: Maura McCool '10

❖ ***GPA's of fraternity and sorority organizations higher than all campus***

Once again, the members of the fraternities and sororities achieved GPA's higher than the all campus average in fall 2009.

All-sorority: 3.15	All-female: 3.09
All-fraternity: 3.14	All-male: 2.89
All-greek: 3.15	All-campus: 2.99

❖ ***Late Night@Carroll activities increase with more student organization sponsors***

During the fall 2009 semester nine programs were planned by the Late Night at Carroll Team with 2,574 students in attendance. In addition, another eleven late night programs were planned by SUPB or other student organization and/or departments with 1,095 students in attendance. The spring semester has already shown a steady increase in the number and type of late night programs and student organizations sponsors involved.

❖ ***OrgSync members increase by over 65 in a month***

The number of registrants on the Org Sync program, a student organization networking system, has risen to 808 as of early February. To date, over 260 requests for facility use forms were processed since early February. Incoming students in the class of 2014 will be joining Org Sync on the second day of their summer orientation.

❖ ***Seniors looking forward to Senior Week 2010***

The class of 2010 will take part in a number of fun events the week of May 17-23 sponsored by the Office of Student Activities, Camus Ministry and Alumni Relations Below is a summary of the week's events. Please visit the [Senior Week 2010 website](#) for detailed information.

- Monday, May 17: Senior Day at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
- Tuesday, May 18: Senior Retreat
- Wednesday, May 19: Class of 2010 BBQ and Casino Night
- Thursday, May 20: Senior Celebration on the Goodtime III
- Friday, May 21: Senior Night at Progressive Field, Indians v. Reds
- Saturday, May 22: Baccalaureate Mass
- Sunday, May 23: Commencement

DEAN OF STUDENTS

❖ Suicide prevention training to be offered to students, faculty, and staff

The Office of the Dean of Students (DOS) and the University Counseling Center (UCC) sponsored suicide prevention training called *Campus Connect* for key student affairs administrators and faculty on December 3. Developed by the Syracuse University Counseling Center, *Campus Connect* is a gatekeeper training program for college and university faculty, staff, and students. A member of the Syracuse University Counseling Center served as the training facilitator.

An all-campus training implementation plan was created by the DOS and the UCC. Student leaders will be the first to be trained in March and will include Student Union leaders, resident assistants and student organization leaders. The next phase of training implementation will be offered to other students and then faculty, staff, and administrators.

❖ Allies receives support and advising

The DOS is working with Allies members and their supporters to help them successfully navigate university procedures in their efforts to publicly demonstrate the need for inclusion of sexual orientation in the university's non-discrimination policy and to educate the campus community on the matter. Allies and their supporters are staging a rolling fast in the Atrium of the D.J. Lombardo Student Center until the March 10 Board of Directors' meeting.

❖ No Tomatoes Week raises awareness; encourages student activism

In collaboration with JCU Dining and Campus Ministry's Fair Trade Interns, a *No Tomatoes Week* was held in all dining facilities to raise awareness of the working conditions for tomato pickers in Florida. Students and other dining visitors were educated on the deplorable working conditions for tomato pickers in Florida and were offered the chance to sign a petition to encourage Aramark to reach an agreement with the Coalition for Immokalee Workers about wages and working conditions.

❖ Violence Prevention and Action Center to sponsor human trafficking film

The Violence Prevention and Action Center received a late night programming grant from the Office of Student Activities to host a screening of the film *Call + Response* is "a first of its kind feature documentary film that reveals the world's 27 million dirtiest secrets: there are more slaves today than ever before in human history. *Call +*

Response goes deep undercover where slavery is thriving from the child brothels of Cambodia to the slave brick kilns of rural India to reveal that in 2007, slave traders made more money than Google, Nike and Starbucks combined." The screening will be held on Friday, April 9.

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

❖ Peer educators set sights on expansion

Seven students on campus have completed training and are now certified as peer educators. Congratulations to Bridget Beirne '12, Katie Deiger '12, Kelly Cassella '11, and Nathan Noga '12 as they join returning educators Ashley Wallace '11, Brittany Daugherty '10 and Sarah Horan '12. For the month of February, the group developed a "Have a Safe Spring Break" educational marketing campaign and collaborated with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to offer an anonymous HIV testing clinic on campus.

❖ "Spread the Word, Not the Flu" update

225 seasonal flu vaccines and 375 H1N1 flu vaccines have been given to the JCU community. The health center still has a limited supply of these vaccines available. Since the beginning of fall semester, 73 students have reported influenza like illness to our office. Only one student has reported flu symptoms this spring. All students have recovered without incident.

❖ Student Health Center visits remain high

Visits to the Student Health Center have increased 15.5%, compared to last year at this time. Of the 2,477 visits so far this year, 75.4% were nurse visits; 18.7% were physician visits; 2.6% were massage therapy visits; and visits to the nutritionist increased to 3.3%. Sore throats, respiratory illnesses and stomach flu continue to be the most popular complaints.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

❖ Suicide gatekeeper training to be offered to students, faculty and staff

The implementation plan for the Campus Connect gatekeeper training program began this past December and will continue throughout the spring semester. Hester Thorpe, UCC counselor, has coordinated the efforts, adapted the program materials to meet the needs of the JCU community and reached out to other campus departments to schedule the training. To date there are three sessions set within the Division of Student Affairs: March 9 with Student Union leaders, March 15 with residence hall staff, and March 24 with fraternity and sorority leaders. Three additional training dates will be set for student affairs personnel. Thorpe will also be collaborating with several people from Academic Affairs to schedule training for faculty, staff, and administrators in that division.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

❖ Plans underway to address issues of health and spiritual wellness

JCU was the recipient of a \$100,000 grant from the Xavier-Nichols Foundation. The Division of Student Affairs created a cross-departmental Xavier-Nichols Grant Programming Team to implement health and spiritual wellness initiatives for students. In addition to program initiatives, the grant will help fund a part-time counselor, suicide gatekeeper training, on-line mental health screening software and education on the impact of the use of alcohol and other drugs on one's spiritual and mental health.

❖ Talks commence with Recovery Resources

Discussions began last December with Recovery Resources to investigate possible partnerships in supporting University efforts to address student issues with alcohol and other drugs. Recovery Resources is a 54 year old nonprofit agency with a mission of helping people triumph over mental illness, alcoholism, drug and other addictions. They deliver outpatient mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment programs in nine locations touching 13,000 clients annually in Cuyahoga County.