

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA®

STUDENT AFFAIRS

2014 - 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



UGA Student Affairs



The Division of Student Affairs' mission is to enhance the learning environment for students at the University of Georgia. We accomplish this by stimulating the learning process, integrating the in-class and out-of-class experiences, promoting an environment conducive to growth and discovery, and facilitating intellectual, spiritual, social, occupational, physical, cultural and emotional development.





Welcome to the 2014-2015 Student Affairs Annual Report!

Please join us in celebrating the outstanding accomplishments of UGA Student Affairs during the 2014-2015 academic year.

It has been another stellar year for Student Affairs. We completed a new 2020 Strategic Plan for the division, which we believe charts an exciting and ambitious direction to enhance the learning environment for students at UGA. We continued implementation of the Pillars of Student Success as the student learning and development framework for the division. And we extended a long list of academic and campus partnerships to benefit students and foster a more connected UGA community.

As you review highlights from the 19 departments in Student Affairs, I hope you will more fully appreciate the impact of the division's programs and services for UGA students and community members. Again this year, I strongly believe our efforts have enhanced UGA greatly for the benefit of so many.

We are exceptionally grateful for our incredible Student Affairs staff, whose efforts are represented in this report. Thank you for your collaboration and support this year on behalf of the most amazing commodity we have: our UGA students.

Best wishes for a fantastic upcoming year.

Be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor K. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Victor K. Wilson

Vice President for Student Affairs

UGA STUDENT AFFAIRS : BY THE NUMBERS



\$493,692

In Pledged Gifts



200+

Student veterans at UGA

91%

of Late-Night at Ramsey attendees
said they would not drink alcohol
after the event



639

Officially registered
student organizations



25,800+

service hours by more than
6,800 members of
Greek organizations

57,000 lbs

of material were diverted from landfills to local donation centers as part of the Dawgs Ditch the Dumpster and Donate move-out initiative



22,371

unique patients and clients served by the University Health Center this year



UGA Student Affairs

19

departments in UGA Student Affairs

500

students individually served more than 20 hours in one semester through CLS programs



Create a better student experience
for generations to come.

Let's enhance UGA together!

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Academic Partnerships and Initiatives

Academic Partnerships and Initiatives organizes and supports collaboration among administrators, faculty, staff and students from across campus in order to share learning designs, create campus-wide solutions and support student success.

“I’m overwhelmed by the support we received from across campus. Numerous organizations contributed funds or time and effort toward making our program a success.”

—Cali Callaway (Class of 2017)

Foundation Fellow and Student Affairs Academic Advisory Board Member

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Eased the transition for transfer students with a welcome reception, the initiation of an endowed scholarship and collaboration with academic advisors on transfer students’ needs
- ✓ Enhanced resources for first generation students by listing experiential opportunities on the UGAInvolve Network, providing a mentoring program and hosting a reception for advisors and scholars
- ✓ Co-sponsored several campus viewings of *The Hunting Ground*, providing impetus for campus discussion about sexual assault



Academic
Partnerships
& Initiatives

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Members of the 2014-2015 Student Affairs Academic Advisory Board

 **800** 

students, faculty and staff
attended three showings of
the documentary,
The Hunting Ground.

Assessment and Staff Development

Student Affairs Assessment and Staff Development strives to improve organizational effectiveness in Student Affairs by coordinating planning, assessment and research activities and providing staff development opportunities that facilitate learning and build community.

“The staff development events have been great for me to personally understand the spectrum of Student Affairs programming.”

—Louis York (Class of 2016)

Conducted a research study with Assessment and Staff Development

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Implemented the first Student Affairs Staff Development Calendar, consisting of seven events with a total of 945 participants
- ✓ Coordinated 94 masters level graduate assistantship interviews
- ✓ Partnered with the Center for Teaching and Learning to bring noted author Ken Bain to campus for a series of lectures which more than 600 students, faculty and staff attended



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Assessment
and Staff
Development

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UGA Student Affairs Strategic Plan 2020

 **1,600** 

The 19 departments of Student Affairs employ nearly 1,600 full-time, part-time and student staff

Center for Leadership and Service

The Center for Leadership and Service empowers students to intentionally engage in leadership education and experiential service learning. Through programs such as the Arch Society, Dawg Camp, IMPACT Service Breaks, LeaderShape® Institute, Leadership UGA, Service Ambassadors and Volunteer UGA, the CLS aims to develop the qualities that make UGA students stronger active citizens.

“Not only has my time in IMPACT Service Breaks given me perspective, but it has also provided me with leadership experience and a place on campus to call home.”

—Brittany Whitlock (*Class of 2015*)
Executive Director of IMPACT Service Breaks

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Leadership UGA, collaborating with several campus departments, offered students an opportunity to gain a stronger understanding of social issues at work in the state during a tour of Georgia
- ✓ Participated in the Multi-Institutional Study of Leadership, which will assist with strategic planning and inform future leadership and social justice programs
- ✓ Service Ambassadors launched a weekly service project initiative through which 87 students served more than 200 hours with Athens-area organizations



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Center for
Leadership
and Service

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Students Participating in Leadershape



500



Nearly 500 students individually served more than 20 hours in one semester through CLS programs.

Communications and Marketing Initiatives

Student Affairs Communications and Marketing Initiatives represents and promotes the division by increasing its visibility, creating a consistent brand and leading the division's marketing and public relations initiatives.

"It's good to know that an entire division is devoted to making my experience the best it can be."

—Adam Wofford (*Class of 2017*)
Student Intern, Office of the Vice President

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Redesigned the UGA Student Affairs and Office of the Vice President websites, nearly doubling monthly online visitors over the previous year
- ✓ Captured nearly 10,000 photographs in support of 87 programs and events
- ✓ Distributed a new monthly newsletter to list of 1,500 subscribers and growing



Communications and Marketing Initiatives

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 **2,300** 

UGA Student Affairs tripled its social media following to more than 2,300 followers on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook

Development

Student Affairs Development oversees the division's fundraising campaigns and giving opportunities in order to provide the essential private support that makes UGA student success possible.

"We love the University and the students. We want to do all we can to help them be successful at UGA, because we know it will lead to a bright future for them and the communities where they will live and serve."

—Wayne (ABJ '83) and Robin (BSED '83) Hoover
*Student Affairs Supporters
Powder Springs Georgia*

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Received 785 gifts totaling \$493,692 to support Student Affairs programs
- ✓ Established three new scholarships: The Joe LoCicero Student Leader Scholarship; the "Let ALL the Big Dawgs Eat" Food Scholarship; and the the Bradley T. Arms and Noah Harris Sigma Phi Epsilon Memorial Scholarship



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Development

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The UGA Chapel Bell

 **431** 

431 individual donors supported Student Affairs this year with their generous gifts

Disability Resource Center

The Disability Resource Center coordinates and provides a variety of academic accommodations and support services such as alternative media, assistive technology, captioning, sign language interpreting, and testing accommodations to promote equal educational opportunities and a welcoming academic, physical and social environment for students with disabilities at UGA.

“The DRC has served not only as an organization that allows me to receive accommodations, but, through my advisors, it has also given me a personal relationship with the faculty.”

—Ellen Barrow (*Class of 2017*)
Disability Resource Center Speaker’s Bureau Member

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Launched Academic Coaching program with six students, developing and enhancing essential skills for success in the classroom. The program is funded with private dollars to support students-in-need.
- ✓ Expanded technology resources, including an iPad program for 50 students and Smartpen note-taking for six students
- ✓ Hosted the inaugural Transition Reception for 75 incoming students and their parents



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Resource
Center

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Students studying on campus



12



The 24-student Speaker's Bureau spoke at 12 educational events for the campus community, parents and donors.

Greek Life

The Greek Council, Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Panhellenic Council are self-governing and self-supported, and coordinate events, provide educational programs and establish community-wide policies for their member organizations.

“From the support of my individual chapter and its alumni to the campus involvement that Greek Life offers, I appreciate the countless opportunities and the confidence Greek Life provides.”

—Thomas Paris, Jr. (Class of 2017)
Interfraternity Council Recruitment Chair

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Opened for extension for the first time since 1987, with Delta Phi Epsilon joining campus in 2015 and Alpha Phi arriving in 2017
- ✓ Celebrated the 20th anniversary of UGA Miracle with a record-shattering \$683,251 raised for Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
- ✓ Installed a new digital recording system for the Student Food Pantry, which serves an average of 100 students per day, to improve efficiency and data collection



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Greek
Life

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UGA Miracle Dance Marathon

25,800+

More than 6,800 Greek organization members contributed over 25,800 community service hours this year.

International Student Life

International Student Life enhances the student-learning environment by internationalizing the campus experience through three core areas: transition & support services for international students, programming & outreach initiatives and events that engage the larger campus and Athens community, and leadership & engagement opportunities for both international and domestic students.

“ISL has prepared me for the future by improving my ability to understand the needs of a large diversity of people. By providing me with opportunities to interact with unique and globally minded individuals, ISL has helped me improved my ability to communicate effectively with people of many different backgrounds.”

—Rahul Shah (*Class of 2017*)

President, World Ambassadors and Two-time World Leader

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Created the Language Partner Program to enhance English language skills and provide cross-cultural learning for nearly 200 participants
- ✓ International student organizations sponsored eight Ethnic Nights, which more than 4,000 student and community members attended
- ✓ Presented 28 International Coffee Hours with a different host each week



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International Student Life

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International Street Festival

 **7,000** 

More than 7,000 students attended the decades-long tradition of International Coffee Hour during the year.

LGBT Resource Center

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center's mission is to create an inclusive, sustainable place off self-discovery for the LGBT community within the University of Georgia. We support and affirm every student regardless of their sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and their expressions. The LGBT Resource Center serves as a place by which all members of the University of Georgia community can engage and explore the issues associated with sexual and gender identities. This mission is achieved by a commitment to an intersectional social justice framework, leadership development, and equity.

“The friends I gained through my involvement with the LGBT Resource Center provided me with friendship and support that helped me heal when I needed it, and made my good days even better.”

—Lance Griffin (Class of 2016)
LGBTRC Ambassador

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Selected nine students to serve as LGBT Ambassadors, a new student leadership program
- ✓ Partnered with Lambda Alliance to host more than 75 attendees for the inaugural Connect Conference
- ✓ Launched a campaign to raise \$25,000 to support the LGBTRC, its largest fundraising effort to date



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LGBT
Resource
Center

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Lavender Graduation

 **\$10,000** 

Raised an initial \$10,000
toward an ambitious \$25,000
year-long campaign

Multicultural Services and Programs

Multicultural Services and Programs works to create an inclusive campus environment by supporting the development and affirming the overall experiences of all students, particularly multicultural students. This is achieved by advising and providing leadership opportunities for 13 multicultural student organizations; providing social justice education programs; facilitating learning opportunities around intersections of identities; advocating for the needs of multicultural students and supporting them in amplifying their voice and developing agency; challenging all students to fully examine issues of equity, oppression, and privilege; and fostering a safe community of care for multicultural students.

“My greatest aspiration is that MSP continues to reach thousands of students to work toward creating a more socially aware and just community.”

—Charles King (Class of 2015)
President, Black Male Leadership Society

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Received seven University awards for staff and departmental excellence, including four at the annual Student Affairs celebration and three at the Center for Student Organizations S.O.A.R. Awards
- ✓ Set to open fall 2015 in the Tate Student Center, The Intersection will provide a safe and dynamic learning environment for students, faculty, staff and all members of the university community to explore issues of social justice



Multicultural
Services and
Programs

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Rite of Sankofa — African Rite-of-Passage Graduation Ceremony

 **184** 

184 graduates took part in the Rite of Sankofa, a 38% increase over last year's record participation.

Recreational Sports

Recreational Sports promotes healthy lifestyle choices by providing development, growth, and education for the University of Georgia through the spirit of recreation.

“I have made life-long friends that I can truly call family. The ‘RamFam’ has given me a great support system and motivates me when I need it.”

—Dillon Haughton (*Class of 2015*)
Senior Facility Manager

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Built and opened the new Odyssey Challenge Course in Oconee Forest Park
- ✓ Hosted three late-night events, which 1,400 students attended
- ✓ Launched new online registration system, greatly improving efficiency for the cashier’s window



Recreational
Sports

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Odyssey Challenge Course in Oconee Forest Park

 **91%** 

91% of Late-Night at Ramsey attendees said they would not go drink alcohol after the event. 75% of attendees indicated that the events are effective alternatives to drinking.

Student Conduct

Student Conduct educates students and student organizations about their rights, responsibilities and expectations as members of the UGA community while providing a fair and educational process through which alleged violations of the UGA Code of Conduct are resolved.

“I look at Student Conduct as a place to go to feel support and be welcomed. The faculty have supplied me not only with mentorship, but also friendship.”

—Ryan Rogowski (*Class of 2016*)
Executive Director, University Judiciary

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Identified three learning outcomes for students in the conduct process: integrity, resilience and social responsibility. Developed three corresponding learning activities to foster progress toward the outcomes: a core values reflection, a career focus reflection and mentor program requirements
- ✓ In partnership with the University Health Center, expanded the Mentor Program with an additional 30 faculty and staff members receiving training and a record 37 students being assigned to mentors



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Student
Conduct

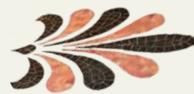
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Jenny Penney Oliver University Judiciary Recognition and Induction Ceremony



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The Three Pillars of the Arch:
Wisdom, Justice and Moderation are
the guiding principles upheld by the
Code of Conduct

Student Support Services

Student Support Services provides individualized assistance to students experiencing hardship circumstances, support to faculty and staff working with students in distress and guidance to parents seeking help and information on behalf of their students.

“The way Student Support Services explained everything made me feel so much more prepared to move forward at UGA. Thank you for allowing me to have a greater chance at succeeding by doing your job and doing it well. You have a strong desire to help others and for that I am grateful!”

—Student who was assisted during very challenging health/medical circumstances

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Established Georgia Cares, a resource for faculty, staff and students to request assistance for students via a web form in order to promote successful retention, progression and graduation
- ✓ In partnership with the Behavioral Assessment and Response Council (BARC), Student Conduct and University Housing, launched Symplicity Advocate, an electronic database that assists with the identification, tracking, documentation and management of students of concern



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Student
Support
Services

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500



Student Support Services fielded more than 500 requests to assist students via the new Georgia Cares program.

Student Veterans Resource Center

The Student Veterans Resource Center serves as the primary location for way-finding and entry into a wide array of UGA services and programs for student veterans. The SVRC offers support, advocacy and a convenient lounge for student veterans to gather.

“The SVRC has been nothing short of amazing, making my transition from rucksack to backpack as easy on my family and me as possible.”

—Chris Sconiers (*Class of 2017*)
Transition Mentee and SVRC Scholarship Recipient

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Moved and expanded the Student Veterans Resource Center and opened the First Data Student Veteran Lounge in the Tate Student Center Atrium
- ✓ Launched the Student Veteran Orientation Program and, in partnership with the University Health Center, rolled out a Transition Mentoring Program connecting student veterans with experienced faculty
- ✓ SVRC programs touched more than 50% of UGA's student veterans — a 30% increase over the previous year



Student Veterans Resource Center

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Student Veterans Honor Cord Ceremony

200+

More than 200 student veterans attend UGA.

Tate Business Services

Tate Business Services includes the operations of the Tate Student Center Business Office, UGACard Office, Print & Copy Services and the Tate Information Technology Office. This department oversees the financial management of all accounts supported by the Student Activity Fee.

“I’ve had the opportunity to serve and interact with people from across campus, always treating each individual with patience and respect, a skill that will serve me well both personally and professionally beyond UGA.”

—Camille Pfister (Class of 2015)
UGACard Student Staff Member

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ The Tate Business Office fully implemented an online ticketing system in partnership with the Performing Arts Center
- ✓ The UGACard Office launched photography services, expanding its operation to take professional headshots, including headshots for all Terry College students and all UGA Student Affairs staff
- ✓ Tate Print & Copy launched several services, including online ordering, vinyl banner printing and book binding



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Tate
Business
Services

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UGACard Office Photography Services

18,700

The UGACard Office produced
18,700 UGA IDs, over 1,500
professional headshots and more
than 1,200 passport photos
this year.

Tate Student Center

The Tate Student Center is the “living room” of campus, providing a safe and welcoming space for students, entertaining and educational programs, efficient and courteous customer service and opportunities for students to learn and develop. Tate is also home to several programs and services offered through the Office of the Dean of Students.

“The Tate Leadership Scholars program taught me how to manage both new and comfortable situations, network with professionals on and around campus, and work with individuals with varying viewpoints to accomplish a task.”

—Lauren Tricksey (Class of 2015)
I Am Enough, SGA, Tate Leadership Scholars

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

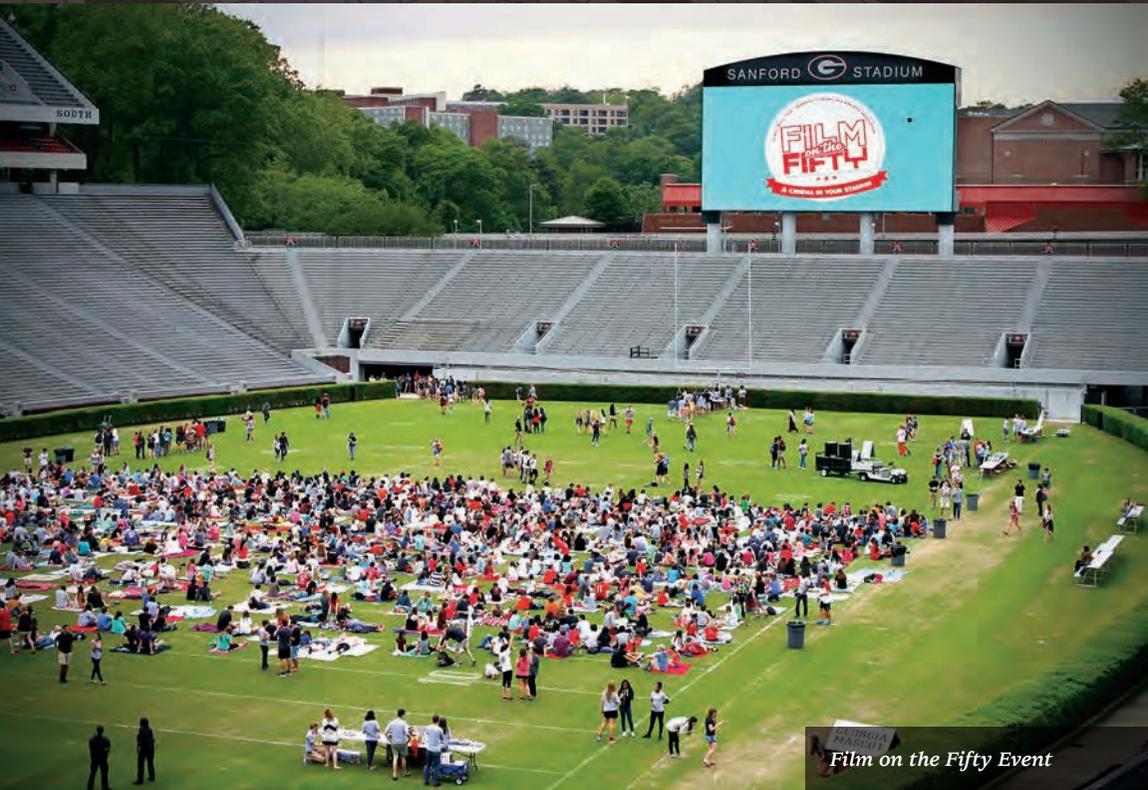
- ✓ Enhanced the campus welcome to transfer students through the Transfer Experience program, as well as to first generation students with the First Generation Student Reception
- ✓ Implemented the UGA Involvement Network, a comprehensive database that connects students to engagement opportunities at the University
- ✓ Student Activities offered 170 student programs, including a Sam Hunt concert, Film on the 50 and Dawgs After Dark. These programs enjoyed a total attendance of more than 62,000



Tate
Student
Center

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Georgia Institute of Technology
Film on the Fifty Event

 **639** 

639 student organizations were officially registered with the Center for Student Organizations this year.

University Health Center

The health center's staff addresses each student's individual problem with expertise and compassion. Medical care, counseling, and prevention services are all conveniently housed in one state-of-the-art facility. Due to the prestigious accreditation from the Joint Commission, and the scope of services, UHC is recognized as one of the best student health centers in the country.

"It is inspiring to work with such a knowledgeable group of people and see that the University Health Center staff always puts the students' health and wellness first."

—Justin Little (*Class of 2015*)
Patient and Student Health Advisory Committee Member

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ 5,608 students completed the online AlcoholEDU course; 5,936 students completed the online Haven sexual assault prevention and awareness course; and 2,115 students completed the WatchDawgs Bystander Intervention program
- ✓ Rated in the "Top 20 Best College Health Services" by the Princeton Review
- ✓ Served the campus community through 152,885 clinic and department encounters



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University
Health
Center

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University Health Center Healthy Dawg Fest

❁ **22,371** ❁

The University Health Center served
22,371 individual patients and clients
this year.

University Housing

University Housing provides comfortable, affordable and secure on-campus housing options in residential communities where the academic success and personal growth of residents are encouraged and supported.

“Environmental sustainability has become an increasingly vital component of housing initiatives, providing opportunities for students, faculty and staff to contribute to the local and global community by participating in environmental action.”

—Jane Diener (*Classes of 2012, 2017*)
Doctoral Intern for Sustainability

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Implemented new housing information system, StarRez, enabling student billing, room change requests, staff program tracking and mobile room inventory modules to be brought online
- ✓ Engaged an outside consultant to conduct a comprehensive master plan, including a market study, facility assessment and financial feasibility analysis, as well as a long-term plan for renovation and new construction
- ✓ Enhanced efforts to provide an inclusive living and learning environment for students and working environment for staff through a new diversity initiative



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University
Housing

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Residence Life

 **57,000** 

Diverted more than 57,000 pounds of material from landfills to local donation centers as part of the Dawgs Ditch the Dumpster and Donate move-out initiative.

University Testing Services

University Testing Services provides placement testing, internet-based testing, national and university standardized tests, professional certifications and test scoring services to students, faculty, staff and the community.

“I sure like the short testing format for quickly assessing years of knowledge accumulation. It beats having to take multiple-hour SAT-like tests! This approach encourages me to take additional tests, knowing that it takes such a small amount of time, but with large value and implications.”

—Richard Everett (Class of 2019)
University Testing Services Client

2014 - 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Administered the newly acquired Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) to 123 student applicants for nursing or allied health programs
- ✓ Initiated design for the new Scheduler system that will be fully integrated into the website, provide 24/7 online registration, and will be fully accessible to users with disabilities
- ✓ Completed certification process as a nationally recognized, state-of-the-art testing center by the National College Testing Association (NCTA)



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University
Testing
Services

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Clark Howell Hall – Home of the University Testing Services

 **100%** 

100% of Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam takers reported a “very positive” testing experience.

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