“The horrific shooting on the campus of Virginia Tech has stunned and saddened our entire UNF community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims, their families and their friends. There is no way to make sense of this tragedy.”

-UNF PRESIDENT JOHN DELANEY

About 200 people gathered at UNF’s Gandhi statue to honor Virginia Tech shooting victims.
Crisis Hostage Negotiations among courses taught at IPTM

BY TOM CAIN

UNF is home to an internationally renowned law-enforcement organization that trains 15,000 people a year, has nearly 300 employees and generates enough income to pay its own expenses and contribute money to the University.

That organization is the Institute of Police Technology and Management, or IPTM as it is often called. While there’s no scientific data to prove the assertion, chances are very good that more people in other states and countries are aware of what IPTM does than people at UNF.

“I would have to say one of the things I am most proud of is we are probably the most recognized law-enforcement training institute in the country, maybe the world,” said L.R. “Bob” Jacob, IPTM director. Jacob, who became the director in January of 2006, said he’s working on increasing IPTM’s visibility on campus.

Founded at UNF in 1980, IPTM was originally established to offer management and traffic training to municipal, county, state and federal law enforcement officers.

It does all that and much more now. IPTM has in excess of 150 classes taught by its 13 full-time instructors and 250 adjunct instructors. Approximately half of the classes are taught at UNF in the IPTM classrooms on the first floor of the University Center, and the other half are taught at locations throughout the United States and the world.

Course titles include Deviant Sexual Behavior and Related Criminal Activity; Traffic Crash Reconstruction; Interviews and Interrogations; Homicide Investigation; and Crisis Hostage Negotiations. The average course length is anywhere from one day to two weeks. The cost of a course runs from $150 to $1,200.

Jon Lansley, a police constable from Hampshire, England, is teaching a two-week drug-recognition expert course for IPTM at the University Center. Lansley applied to be an instructor after taking IPTM drug-recognition courses in 2004 and 2005.

Lansley said he is teaching the course to “improve my credibility in the U.K. [United Kingdom] courts.” He was referring to trials during which he would be called on to testify for the prosecution against medical experts introduced by the defense.

“Absolutely fantastic. It exceeded what I was looking for,” Lansley said of his experience with IPTM as a student and an instructor. “It’s a fantastic environment in which to learn. You get views from a lot of
different agencies and from officers from all over the United States and the world, and the instructors are 100 percent committed to what they are teaching.”

IPTM instructors, all of whom have some sort of law-enforcement background, have taught classes in Australia, Guam, the Mariana Islands, Taiwan, Iceland, Germany and Puerto Rico. Two display cases in the hall leading to IPTM’s four classrooms are crammed full of police patches from all over the United States. Each of IPTM’s four classrooms is in use Monday through Friday.

Jacob started with IPTM in 1984 as an instructor after a 10-year career as a trooper with the Virginia State Police. When he began his career with IPTM, the organization’s offices were in Schultz Hall, and classes were taught in the Robinson Center. The majority of the courses then were taught in other cities. Jacob recalls loading his car up with training materials and hitting the road on a regular basis.

IPTM is a 501(c)3, or not-for-profit organization. IPTM also benefits by being able to use the University logo and name for branding or public-awareness purposes.

As for the money IPTM gives to UNE, part of which helped fund the Carpenter Library addition, Jacob said: “It’s great being able to know that the money helps the University do things. We’ve got a good relationship between IPTM and the University.”

Bob Jacobs and Jon Lansley in front of some of the many badges left behind by police from around the world.

Photos by Alexander Brandtovski
Representatives from each of UNF’s five colleges and keynote speaker Dr. David Jaffee presented their views on the University’s academic strategies last month at LearnUNF’s final presentation this academic year.

Topics for the session, titled “A UNF Education: A Transformational Experience,” included updates from each college, new academic programs and Transformational Learning Opportunities.

Jaffee, assistant vice president for Undergraduate Studies, explained several trends in higher education that “have moved colleges and universities to rethink how they approach the question of institutional effectiveness and the realization of their purpose.” According to Jaffee, those trends include a shift toward focusing on student engagement as a way to ensure students learn and succeed.

These trends “would lead one, logically, toward what we call here at UNF Transformational Learning Opportunities, or TLOs,” Jaffee said. “At UNF, we define these, officially, as learning opportunities inside or outside the classroom that potentially enrich or augment student learning and personal development.”

Jaffee said such experiences occur not only through officially funded TLO projects, but also as a regular part of curriculum offered by faculty who organize the student learning process into their courses.

Dr. Neal Coulter, dean of the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction, provided an explanation of the college’s industry partnership program and examples of recent CCEC TLOs. He cited the
Building Construction Management Program’s work on a residential group home and the restoration of a 20-foot-tall dinosaur as examples of departmental TLOs.

As interim dean, Dr. Dale Clifford gave an overview of the College of Arts and Sciences, including an inventory of departments, an update on the college’s flagship program, Coastal Biology, a listing of TLOs offered, and an explanation of the challenges the college faces: consistent growth and the need for more space.

“We take our mission statement very seriously and we think there are a lot of different ways in which it tangles with the idea of the kind of Transformational Learning Opportunities that UNF hopes to provide for every single one of its students,” Clifford said. “I personally think a Transformational Learning Opportunity transforms the faculty as well, so it’s important to put that in the mix.”

Clifford said “a transformational moment can happen in any class, on any day, anywhere.”

Dr. Larry Daniel, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, elaborated on successes of the college’s students, partnerships within the community and milestones over the last several years.

One of the college’s most successful programs involves the its 15-year partnership with Belize. “If you want to talk about transformational learning, we have helped to transform an entire nation in Belize,” Daniel said. “[There are] over 300 alums and most of them from the College of Ed in that country, and we have alums making major leadership decisions in education, business, industry and probably just about anywhere else you can imagine.”

Around 25 percent of UNF’s majors come from the Coggin College of Business, according to Dr. John McAllister, Coggin College’s dean. McAllister’s presentation included examples of mind-opening learning experiences offered to students, which he referred to as “learning outside the textbook.”

Dr. Rusty Smith, chair of the Department of Athletic Training and Physical Therapy, stood in for Dr. Pam Chally, the dean of the Brooks College of Health.

In addition to breaking down departments within the college, Smith outlined distinctive qualities of its programs, including the School of Nursing’s flagship program, the new Nurse Anesthesia program and new doctoral programs in physical therapy and nursing practice. He also detailed many of the college’s faculty, student and alumni successes, and discussed the new Center for Global Health and Medical Diplomacy.

LearnUNF is a project of the LeadershipUNF class of 2006. This session was one of a series of presentations designed to help produce a campus community that is more aware of the general workings of the University. The next LearnUNF session is planned for October. For more information, visit www.unf.edu/learn-mentor.


Dr. Aleksandra Sasha Milicevic was an invited speaker at a research seminar on “The Economic Consequences of the Size of Nations” in March at the Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. She also presented a paper titled “Real Men Don’t Fight: Masculinity, Nationalism and War (Non) Participation” at the 2007 Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting in Chicago. In addition, Milicevic organized a panel on “Fieldwork After Fire: Doing Research in the Balkans” at 12th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities at Columbia University in New York. She presented a paper on “Arrested Ethnography: Conducting a Research in a Post-Conflict Society.”

College of Computing, Engineering and Construction

Dr. David Dubbelde presented a paper, “Integrating Real World into the Curriculum Through Service Learning,” at the mid-year meeting of the American Council of Construction Education in March.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING: The paper by Dr. Chiu Choi, “Design of Compensators for Meeting the Specification of Peak Value,” was presented and published at the 39th Southeast Symposium on System Theory in March.

Dr. Daniel Cox and Alexandra Schönning attended the 13th International Conference on Industry, Engineering, and Management Systems in Cocoa Beach, in March. Schönning organized and chaired two sessions on Industry and Academia Collaboration. Three student papers were presented by research assistants for Cox and Schönning, including “Four Axes Milling Machine in a Shared Resource Center,” “Multi-sensor Platform for Experiments in Data Acquisition” and “Mentoring of High-School Students in Mechanical Design by Undergraduate Engineering Students.”

Dr. Tayeb Giuma served as the faculty adviser for UNF electrical engineering students participating in the IEEE Southeast Regional Robotic Competition. The student team finished in the top 16 and placed ahead of all Florida schools (UF, UCF, USF, UM, FSU, FAU, UWF, FIT) in the competition.

On behalf of the Florida Engineering Society and the American Society of Civil Engineering, Dr. Adel El-Safty taught a series of review courses in preparation for the Professional Engineering exam. Continued on page 6
Welcome:
New employees include: Richard W. Buck, associate general counsel in General Counsel; Leslie O. Footman, research program and services coordinator in the Florida Institute of Education; Stephen M. Frazho, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Linda Hamilton, head athletic coach of women’s soccer in Athletics; Ann R. Hamlin, business manager in Facilities Planning; Jose M. Irizarry, maintenance mechanic in Physical Facilities; Valecia D. Johnson, clerk in Postal Services; Mualla S. Kekec, senior financial aid officer in the Enrollment Services Processing Office; Deborah A. Kochanowski, academic support services coordinator in the Academic Center for Excellence; Valerie P. Murphy, senior information specialist in the Railroad Institute; Michael H. Summers, refrigeration mechanic in Physical Facilities; Janice E. Swart, senior library technical assistant in the Library; Christopher D. Todd, maintenance mechanic in University Housing; Stephanie B. Wehry, evaluation programs and services coordinator in the Florida Institute of Education; Craig Wulf, groundkeeper in Physical Facilities.

May Milestone Anniversaries:
35 years - Linda L. Smith, Library
25 years - Shawn A. Brayton, Academic Affairs
20 years - Mary A. Bowen, Enrollment Services Processing Office; William L. McSherry, Information Technology Services; Karen L. Reedy, Academic Center for Excellence
15 years - Nancy L. Boyle, Small Business Institute
10 years - Laurel W. Kendall, Student Life; Angela Y. Lee, Controller’s Office; Keith E. Martin, Graduate School; Pamela J. Wingard, Physical Facilities

5 years - Rodney M. Grabowski, Institutional Advancement; Patricia K. Maroney, Arts and Sciences; Heather D. Stake, Office of Academic Testing

Congratulations:
Charles Hubbuch (Physical Facilities) and UNF’s Landscape Department were recognized by the Student Government Suite Staff Social Committee for exercising exceptional competence and creativity in the execution of their duties.

Dr. Fred Pragash and his Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team will travel to Dallas this month to compete in the national competition after winning the regionals for the 10th consecutive year. David Hayes made important contributions of time and talent to SIFE. The team also won two individual special competitions on Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics.

Births:
Jennifer Ascher (COEHS) and her husband Rob welcomed their son, Joseph Michael Ascher, April 4. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Amy Weatherford (COEHS) and her husband William welcomed their son, Benjamin Cole Weatherford, Feb. 17. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Linda Sciaratta (COEHS) welcomed grandson Brody Cade Petrick March 1. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Farewell:
Dr. La-Juan Stout (COEHS) has accepted a position at Illinois State University. She will serve as an assistant professor in the Special Education Department working in the Deaf Education track. Stout will be an Osprey until the end of Summer A, but will root for the Red Birds in the fall.

Review course topics included concrete design, strength of materials, steel, structural analysis and seismic events.

Dr. Pat Welsh and Dr. Dan McCarthy of Jacksonville University had their proposal, “State of the St. Johns River,” an evaluation report on the state of the St. Johns River, approved by the Jacksonville City Council in March. The proposal requires Mayor Peyton’s signature to be funded. Welsh also was invited to participate in a national workshop on extreme weather impacts on infrastructure, jointly sponsored by the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research in Santa Fe, N.M. Welsh served as chairman for the Florida Weather Sensor Mesonet meeting hosted at the National Hurricane Center in March.

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING:
Dr. Charles Winton was the chief judge for the Texas Region Botball Student Competition in March. Winton also directed the Florida Region Botball Student Competition, also in March. In addition, Winton presented a paper, “Beyond Botball: A Software Oriented Robotics Challenge for Undergraduate Education” and a demonstration in March at the AAS/AI Spring Symposium on Robots and Robot Venues.

DEAN’S OFFICE: Dr. Jerry Merckel served as the faculty adviser to building construction management students involved in JEAS Green Home demonstration at the Jacksonville Home & Patio Show. The BCM students prepared educational content on green features for housing and presented them at the show.

College of Education and Human Services
Childhood Education:
Dr. Jacqueline Batey and Katrina Hall presented their research findings from their recent project on intergenerational read-alouds to the United Way Life Act: 2 Multi Generational Early Literacy Collaboration committee in March.

Dr. Nile Stanley was a featured performer for the Jacksonville Beach Elementary School’s Cultural Arts Festival. He performed a show titled, “I Learned the Truth from Dr. Seuss That Reading is Fun!” Stanley also published a short story, “I wouldn’t Let it Concern Me if I Were You,” and storytelling mini-lesson in Florida Reading Quarterly, Vol. 43, No. 3, Spring 2007. In addition, his new monthly feature for parents is available online at www.unf.edu/~nstanley/makethegrade.htm.

Dr. Christine Weber was invited to speak to Ukraine professors visiting Jacksonville about gifted education in the U.S. This visit was organized through the International Visitor Corps of Jacksonville, focusing on “Education Models for the Gifted and Talented.” She was also invited to speak with parents of gifted children at Cunningham Creek Elementary School in March, providing a presentation on the “State of the State in Gifted Education” and answering questions.

FOUNDATIONS AND SECONDARY EDUCATION: Dr. Otilia Salmon presented at the
Add life to your garden

My father planted milkweeds, butterfly bushes (Buddleia), and other plants at my childhood home to attract insects, birds, and other critters.

Before I started elementary school, I knew most of these plants and the animals that visited them. I watched, and frequently caught the various inhabitants of the garden to examine them. I retained that curiosity about nature and have planted some of those same plants in my Jacksonville garden.

Native plants are the best for attracting native wildlife. A non-native plant called giant porterweed, Stachytarpheta mutabilis, is a great compliment to the natives as a nectar plant for butterflies, moths, and hummingbirds. I first met this plant in Costa Rica where it is native. When I found a giant porterweed in a Jacksonville nursery, I bought it and planted it in my yard. To my surprise, this tropical plant resprouted that spring and each subsequent year. On campus, last year, plants remained evergreen throughout the winter. These plants can grow to over 6 feet tall and bear purple or pink flowers on long spikes from spring to frost. They are the most reliable attractors of hummingbirds, butterflies and other pollinators.

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AIDS QUILT
Sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt were exhibited at the UNF Arena in April. The quilt, which displays the names of more than 91,000 people who died of HIV/AIDS, is transported throughout the country as a memorial to the disease’s victims.

UNITED WAY KICKOFF: Lynn Brown, last year’s UNF United Way campaign chair, Marianne Jaffee, this year’s campaign co-chair with Provost Mark Workman (not pictured), greet the campus with Greg Frazier, campaign division manager for United Way of Northeast Florida.

SGA ELECTIONS
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A group of UNF faculty and staff members participated in a study-abroad program in Italy over spring break, led by Accounting & Finance professors Jeff Michelman, David Jaeger and John MacArthur. Coggin College also funded two ACE personnel and a Coggin adviser to participate in the program, so that they could learn firsthand what the programs involve and would be better able to explain and promote all UNF short-term study abroad programs to students. Pictured from left to right: Bruce Turner, ACE adviser; Denise Guerra, CCB adviser; Jaeger; Alma Laias, COAS alumna and adviser to the Italian Parliament; Karen Reedy, director of ACE; MacArthur; and Michelman.
Get to Know: Lance C. Hunt

Department: One Stop Student Services
Job: Assistant Director
Years at UNF: 9

If you could choose any other career, what would it be and why? I would become an engineer and architect. I’d love to help turn a pile of dirt into a beautiful building. I’ve always loved seeing construction projects evolve. Makes it all the more special being at UNF during this era of growth.

What would you like to do when you retire? Celebrate my 40th birthday (yes, retire ASAP. Donations are being accepted). Just travel around in an RV to sporting events around the world.

Favorite thing about working a UNF Students and staff. Being able to watch students develop into leaders in the Jacksonville community. Seeing how important a role staff plays in that and how passionate they are about helping students.

Best thing you ever won: My wife’s hand in marriage.

If I won the lottery, I would: Donate enough money to put my name on the UNF Arena. The Lance Hunt Arena at UNF has a wonderful sound to it. Also, expand my wife’s home health care business so that we can employ more people in Jacksonville and contribute more to the local economy.

Favorite way to blow an hour: Lying down with my 6-month-old daughter on my chest, discussing world events.

What person had the greatest impact on your life? My granpop. A silent genius who earned a degree in physics, he served in the military and was a physical therapist all while raising a family of 11.

I am most passionate about: UNF Osprey Athletics. I love athletic competition — college and professional. Go Ospreys!

What do you hope to accomplish that you have not done yet? Design and help build my own mansion on 30+ acres of land.


Good Question!

This column is a monthly feature designed to give the University community an opportunity to ask informational questions about some aspect of UNF and have them answered by various campus experts. Questions can be e-mailed to goodquestion@unf.edu. The deadline to submit questions is the 10th of each month. For more information, contact Julie Williams at jkwilla@unf.edu.

Q: From Stephanie Lee Weiss, Continuing Education: The parking lots at the University Center do not require a parking permit; however, employees who work in that building are still required purchase an annual pass. Why is that? Also, why can’t employees who work at the UC buy the discount pass instead of the nearly $140 general pass?
A: From Vince Smyth, Parking Services: The University Center operations purchase the parking in bulk for their guests and clients each year, which is why a permit is not required for these individuals to park.

Q: From Penny Genter, Environmental Health and Safety: I read in the Spinnaker (March issue) about the comparable UNF faculty study done comparing salaries to other state universities. Can we get the same study going on for USPS? We completed the Re-classification Redesign early last year with no results yet. Maybe with both data, our salaries will be increased too. We (Continued on page 11)
Kelly understands teamwork

BY TOM CAIN

Sometimes it’s easy to take for granted the work people like Myron Kelly do on campus. That would be a mistake because Kelly, a maintenance mechanic in Physical Facilities, is much more than a fixer, a builder and a maintainer — especially for the UNF students whose lives he has touched.

Kelly is proud of what he does. After he and coworker Walter Bolden recently installed an 11-by-12-foot team record board at the Aquatic Center for the swim team, Kelly thought maybe a photo of the board to go in the campus newsletter was in order. He wanted to make sure Bolden — and supervisor Ralph Glover — received their share of the credit for the work.

“It’s really a team effort and that’s what we’re all about,” said Kelly, who is based in the Arena and works closely with UNF athletes in every sport. “We all pitch in. That’s what makes it so special. We work as a team.”

The relationships Kelly has formed with students over his six years at the University are also special. During the four years he worked in the Library, Kelly saw one student nearly every day. They talked about how her schoolwork was going and life in general.

Kelly was working at a graduation after he started his job in the Arena when the student walked across the stage after receiving her diploma, saw him and said with a smile: “I remember you.”

Kelly admits to getting “chill bumps” at the time. “She remembered me,” Kelly said slowly, sounding like the chill bumps were back, along with a tear or two. “That’s really rewarding; that I had some kind of rapport with them. My youngest daughter is 22. If I can do anything to help them [students], I will.”

Beth Harrell, women’s swimming coach, is happy with Kelly and Bolden’s work on the record board. “They did a great job,” she said. “The board helps build a sense of tradition.” Speaking of Kelly, Harrell said: “He is very supportive and kind to everybody — staff and athletes.”

When the men’s basketball team needed a morale boost last season, Kelly brought a sign into the locker room of a stork trying to swallow a frog. The caption was “Never Give Up.”

“I’ve seen how hard they practiced and watched them play with pain,” Kelly said of his motivation for the sign. Basketball coach Matt Kilcullen once asked Kelly if he wanted to address the team. Kelly was honored, but declined.

At times Kelly has served as an unofficial academic adviser for athletes, encouraging them during tough times and always emphasizing the value of hard work.

Several basketball players have hugged and shook hands with Kelly after receiving their diplomas. “There’s nothing like it,” Kelly said. “It makes me feel great.”

need some help from somewhere to raise USPS salaries.

A: From Rachelle Gottlieb, Human Resources: The Classification Redesign Project is currently in progress. We are in the second phase, which involves performing a thorough review of each Position Description Questionnaire (PDQ) to determine the most appropriate job title. This project represents the foundational work for developing UNF’s own classification/compensation system for all positions, with the exception of faculty. A salary study will be conducted in the next phase of the project.

Today, several mechanisms are currently in place by which an employee’s salary can be increased. For example, merit pay is additional pay awarded to an employee based on the individual’s job performance as determined by management. Last year, in addition to the 3 percent increase to A&P and support staff salaries across-the-board, which was funded by the Legislature, President Delaney provided a 2 percent merit pool. An employee’s total compensation is represented by both pay and benefits. In addition to base salaries, employees receive a large state contribution towards medical and life insurance, as well as generous retirement benefits.

The Classification Redesign Project is an important initiative, and we’re certain it will benefit the entire University community.
The following UNF faculty members were recently selected to receive the 2006-07 Faculty Awards:

Dr. Louise Freshman Brown, COAS professor of Art & Design, received the Distinguished Professor Award, which is presented annually to a faculty member who has a balanced record of distinction at UNF in all three areas of teaching, scholarship and service. The award includes an honorarium of $5,000, a commemorative plaque, the listing of the recipient’s name on a permanent University plaque, and an invitation to deliver the Fall Academic Convocation address. Economics & Geography professor Dr. Jeffrey Steagall is the runner-up for this award.

The Outstanding Faculty Scholarship Award was presented to biology professor Dr. Anthony M. Rossi. This award recognizes faculty members who perform meritoriously in scholarship, and includes an honorarium of $2,000 and a commemorative plaque.

To recognize faculty members who perform meritoriously in service to the University, the community, and their profession, with a special emphasis on service to the University, two Outstanding Faculty Service Awards are awarded each year. The award includes an honorarium of $2,000 and a commemorative plaque. This year’s recipients are Dr. Jeffrey W. Steagall and Dr. Kristine Webb, COEHS professor of Exceptional Student & Deaf Education.

The inaugural Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award was presented to Dr. Elinor A. Scheirer, COEHS professor of Leadership, Counseling & Instructional Technology. This award, which recognizes excellence in graduate teaching during the previous two academic years, comes with a stipend of $2,000.

Nine Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards in the amount of $2,000 each were also presented to faculty who performed meritoriously in undergraduate teaching. Those recognized for this award include: Dr. Sharon Cobb (CCB, Economics & Geography); Dr. Daniel Dreibelbis (COAS, Mathematics & Statistics); Dr. Jennifer Kane (COEHS, Leadership, Counseling & Instructional Technology); Dr. Barbara Kruger (BCH, Nursing); Dominick Martorelli (COAS, Art & Design); Dr. Daniel Moon (COAS, Biology); Dr. Thomas M. Pekarek (COAS, Chemistry & Physics); Dr. Frederick Pragasam (CCB, Marketing & Logistics); and Dr. Russell Turney (COAS, English).

All awards are funded through unrestricted gifts to the UNF Foundation and Academic Affairs.

One wants to practice medicine in developing countries and the other aspires to be an occupational therapist for children with disabilities. Both UNF students were honored April 11 for their caring spirits.

Jacquelyn Simmons received the 2007 Albert D. Ernest Jr. Caring Award, which recognizes a student who demonstrates the spirit of caring, humanitarianism and volunteerism exemplified by Albert Ernest, former president and CEO of Barnett Banks Inc. She received a bronze sculpture and a cash award for a charity of her choice.

Nicole McKnight is the recipient of the 2007 Bill and Angie Halamandaris Caring Internship. She will intern for eight-to-10 weeks in Washington, D.C., at the Heart of America Foundation, a national humanitarian organization that celebrates, honors and empowers young adults who enrich the human race with the quality of their lives.

Simmons, a dual major in psychology and sociology, wants to practice medicine in developing countries and has accumulated more than 890 hours of community service since she entered UNF in the fall of 2003.

McKnight is a health science major and wants to be an occupational therapist for children with disabilities. She has been involved in numerous volunteer activities both on and off campus. Currently, she serves as president of the Presidential Envoys Student Alumni Association and planned Kidsfest, an event for underprivileged children in Jacksonville.

Jacquelyn Simmons (top) and Nicole McKnight