Care Advocate Winners

Teesha Monroe and Shannon Steele
Winners, July 2014

Congratulations to Teesha Monroe and Shannon Steele, our very own RWC Intramural Supervisors! They were nominated by Matthew Dunigan at the RWC. Matthew said that after a shift, Teesha and Shannon encountered a student who fainted while crossing Gemini Blvd. Teesha and Shannon helped her prior to her passing out by getting medical attention and water. They both helped her until she was in the right hands and recovered. The following day the student stopped by, attempting to figure out where she could find both of my students to thank them personally. She opted to write them a note, which is now posted in our student offices for the rest of our staff to see. Their actions effected the student positively because she may have fainted outside with no help from people that were around if Shannon and Teesha did not help. Their quick reactions and emergency protocol kicked in to ensure she was safe.

Past Winners

Diana Bateman
Winner, February 2014

Congratulations to Diana Bateman for her wholehearted support as a friend. She was nominated by Care Team student member, Shelby Olson. She writes, “As I was going through a very rough transition in my life this month, Diana took time out of her full-time class schedule, 25-hour work week, and other time commitments to spend time and talk with me and support me
through listening to my struggles so that I could properly cope. Diana not only supported me as a friend, but she also made a personal sacrifice with her time to make sure that I would be able to properly move on from my personal struggles.”

**William Butler**  
**Winner, February 2014**

Congratulations to William Butler! He is the current president of the Active Minds chapter here at UCF and has done a fantastic job in taking the organization to the next level. He leads the chapter in planning various events on campus that helps decrease the stigma around mental health issues. Their most current project was called PostSecretU. Active Minds PostSecretU is a campus-based community art project where students submitted anonymous secrets for display. William has organized weekly tabling events at the Union to continually increase awareness around mental health issues and making sure students are aware of the mental health resources on campus. Check out their Facebook page to see more of what the organization does as well as all the organizing and planning Mr. Butler has accomplished.

**LEAD Peer Mentors**  
**Winners, December 2013**

LEAD Scholars Peer Mentors: This is a group of students who are selected at the end of their first year at UCF to serve as mentors for our first year LEAD Scholar students. These 22 students work in and out of the classroom with a group of 15-25 students helping them to get adjusted to UCF. The Mentors plan social, tag-along and service events with the freshmen students outside of their classroom requirements.

For the past 2 weeks the peer mentors have set aside time in their busy schedule to meet one on
one with each first year student for at least an hour. In student development theory, we recognize that this is the most difficult time for students getting adjusted to college life, roommates, relationships, peer pressure and grades. The mentors have done a fantastic job of providing a positive outlet for students as well as campus resources to address concerns or issues. This time has also allowed the LEAD Scholars program staff to identify any student who might be at risk for academic or personal issues. The mentors are true advocate for their fellow Knights.