

Welcome to the seventeenth communicate “From the Dean’s Desk”. This is the platform utilized to share new initiatives, ideas and news of note with you on a bi-weekly basis. In 2019, we’re looking at our unique programs, our people, and what makes them exceptional. This communicate focuses on the **Student Success** at Rosen College.

As we wrap up the spring 2019 semester and prepare for commencement, it is a great time to look back at some of the stellar achievements of our students, the “Future Leaders of the Hospitality Industry”.



At Rosen College, we are extremely proud of the fact that we are leading the university in multiple success metrics, including first year retention rate, four-year graduation rate, and placement rate upon graduation. This is a result of the solid and comprehensive curriculum we developed over the years, the strong support of student leadership and engagement programs such as: the Rosen College Leadership Council (RCLC) which is the Dean’s Student Ambassador Program; POMP, the Peer Outreach Mentoring Program; the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality (NSMH); Study Abroad programs; Rosen Life, the Rosen campus arm of student engagement; and, the robust internship program that was highlighted in the last communicate. Many of Rosen College’s students belong to more than one of the aforementioned organizations, demonstrating they are fully committed to their success and to the success of the college.

Sophomore students with a 3.5 UCF GPA and higher and junior and senior students with a 3.0 UCF GPA or higher each term are invited to apply to (RCLC). This group of high achieving students are the student ambassadors who represent the Rosen College student body at various internal and external functions, acting as hosts, giving one-on-one tours, demonstrating the wonderful ability to be of service that hospitality embodies. These RCLC students also put on a variety of events to benefit the student body as a whole, including: Faculty Meet and Greets, Areas of Expertise Panels with alumni and industry experts sharing their experiences with students, Knight of Networking, Transfer Talk aimed at laying the brickwork for success for transfer students, and more. There are 20 RCLC students this year.

POMP can account for student success with several members receiving CFHLA scholarships, Rosen College scholarships as well as other scholarships from our industry partners. Overall, Rosen College students, not just POMP students, received more than \$300 thousand in scholarships in 2018-19 to further their education. Not all that was accomplished was within the walls of the campus. Students also volunteered with local non-profits for those with cancer and mental disabilities, and danced at Knight-thon to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. POMPers, as they are affectionately called, are taking summer internships in Alaska and on cruise lines. One student who is in POMP and RCLC is also a Founders Day scholar who has been accepted into UCF's Education Leadership MA program in the fall and will be attending tuition-free.

In NSMH and other organizations, our students are heading to internships all over the globe. One is headed to Japan for an internship at Kafuu Fuchaku Hotels in Okinawa, another is going to Las Vegas to intern at Aria Resort, another is staying in Central Florida to intern with Disney Meeting and Event Services. One student went to Hawaii for a week after receiving a scholarship from SKAL to attend their annual conference. Graduating NSMH members will be starting careers with White Lodging in Texas, PSAV in Orlando and the Ritz-Carlton in Lake Tahoe. The students led the charge on the recent Women's Hospitality Leadership Forum, where more than 80 attendees spent the day learning and networking with industry peers.

Rosen Life has been bringing our students together to blow off steam and have a little fun. This year they added two new events a Fall Festival and a Spring Festival engaging more students in the campus life that is decidedly hospitality.

On the study abroad front there is also success. With 16 study abroad partners there is a lot to choose from. Two Rosen College students are recipients of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for Study Abroad, an impressive accomplishment as it's open to thousands of students nationwide. The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship is a grant program that enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, thereby gaining skills critical to our national security and economic competitiveness. The Gilman Scholarship Program is open to U.S. citizen undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study and intern abroad programs worldwide.

Rosen College students are members of Eta Sigma Delta (ESD), an international honor society for hospitality and tourism students. This year ESD inducted 35 new members during a ceremony, recognizing them for their outstanding academic achievement, meritorious service and demonstrated professionalism. Our students are also listed on the Presidential Honor Roll, needing a 4.0 GPA to receive this accomplishment.

We are extremely proud of all the students successes here at Rosen College. As the dean it gives me a warm feeling to know that the students who are working towards their degrees on our beautiful campus are some of the best and brightest, the future leaders of the hospitality industry. I applaud their accomplishments.

Charge On!

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