The Office of the Dean of Students is comprised of the following units:

- Campus Involvement
- Dean of Students
- Greek Life and Student Leadership Development
- Judicial Affairs and Community Standards
- Multicultural Student Development
- Student Government
- Student Newspaper-Eagle News
- Student Support Services and Outreach

Creating a Campus of Civility and Care

Staff in the Dean of Students’ Office are highly involved in the FGCU community and dedicated to our life’s chosen work of developing college students. With the daily challenges and joys this brings, we are energized by a vivid memory of a special faculty member, staff member or family member who encouraged us to pursue our dreams, learn from mistakes and reach our potential. We strive to make that same impact on our students.

The Dean of Students’ Office plays an important role in enriching the quality of student life on campus. We support the academic mission by promoting the learning outcomes of Florida Gulf Coast University through intentional opportunities and programs—both large and small—that enhance the University classroom experience.

Problem Solving and Support in Times of Crisis

The Dean of Students’ Office works directly with students to help solve problems and to assist in individual and group crisis management. Naturally, student issues vary in severity and impact. Depending on the scope of the incident, additional members of the campus community are called upon to join in providing support and referral services for students and parents in the FGCU family. Nearly 200 incidents were reported to the Dean of Students’ Office last year including: illness (physical and emotional), death in the immediate family, and injuries. There were at least 20 students who reported major illnesses which caused them to miss a week or more of class or to withdraw from FGCU. This year, there were four student deaths, three of which resulted from injuries sustained in car accidents. When necessary the Behavioral Consultation and Assessment team (BCAT) is convened by the Dean of Students to review difficult student situations and develop a plan to support the student in need.

Number of Student Conduct Cases

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<td>Percent Increase for the past five years for total number of cases</td>
<td>21%</td>
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Did you know in 2007-2008?

- 47% of the 1269 judicial cases involved first-time-in-college-students
- 12% of the conduct cases resulted from behavior occurring off campus
- Sanctions for students included:
  - 31% educational or community restorative activity
  - 14% were referred to counseling (on or off campus)
  - 1.54% suspension
  - 26% expulsion
- The newly revised Student Code of Conduct including the process for handling academic integrity issues is located here: http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/judicialaffairs/mission.html

A Message From:

Dr. J. Michael Rollo, Vice President of Student Affairs

The role of the Office of the Dean of Students is as a nexus of support and referral for students at Florida Gulf Coast University. This position is poised to work with counselors, residence hall staff, first year advising programs, and all student-focused services across the divisions of Florida Gulf Coast University. When you are in doubt about where to go for assistance, the Dean of Students Office serves as a place to consult with you about the best approach to take in working with student concerns on campus. This Connections newsletter highlights some of the services and programs that the Dean of Students Office presents as a contact point for students to assist you in better understanding the breadth of service they offer.

Carlotta Walls LaNier poses with FGCU students at the multicultural student reception in fall 2007. LaNier, at age 14, was the youngest of nine courageous Black students to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957.

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Community Awareness and Involvement

All offices offer programming and advice organizations for students, but a significant function of the Offices of Campus Involvement, Multicultural Student Development and Greek Life/Leadership are to provide activities and events which promote involvement and learning. There are over 100 student organizations, including 11 Greek organizations, at FGCU which range from multicultural, civic engagement, fraternities and sororities, media, student governance, performance, and academic interest. Last year, students and staff offered over 500 programs for the campus community which were attended by over 12,000 students.

Development of student leaders is one of the most important functions of student affairs professionals. In each of our units, we have designed intentional leadership development opportunities which provide students opportunities to learn, develop and refine leadership skills through practical experiences and assuming important responsibilities. Several Dean of Students staff members serve as official advisors to important student organizations such as the Student Support Services mentoring program, Student Government, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, Student Conduct Board, Golden Key Honor Society and the Black Student Alliance.

We rely heavily on student leaders to steward the University mission by implementing programs which advance FGCU’s strategic plan.

Services mentoring program, Student Government, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, Student Conduct Board, Golden Key Honor Society and the Black Student Alliance.

The Office of Student Support and Outreach Programs houses three distinct programs: Student Support Services (a federally-funded grant program from the U.S. Department of Education), the College Reach Out Program (a state grant funded by the Department of Education) and the Public Schools Enrichment Program. Each program serves distinct populations of underrepresented students in our region.

FGCU College Reach Out Program students visit the office of Senator Bullard while in Tallahassee for the 25th Year Celebration of CROP.

Diversity of Students Served in FGCU's Student Support Services, PSEP/Scholars & College Reach Out Programs 2007-2008

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Test Your Knowledge!
(Match the best answers from the two columns)

1. Most frequently violated in Student Code of Conduct
   - a. Honor Society for fraternity and Sorority members
   - b. Board of Trustee member
2. Organizations at FGCU
   - c. Nearly 1800 students in SW Florida
3. Order of Omega
4. Student Government President
5. McTarnaghan Hall 2nd Floor
6. Underrepresented students served by TRIO, CROP and PSEP
   - d. Multicultural Student Development Center
   - e. Alcohol policy
   - f. Over 100

Answers to Test Your Knowledge: 1. e, 2. f, 3. a, 4. b, 5. d, 6. c