First Summer of “SOAR” a Smashing Success  By Jason Modlin, Vice President for Student Life

The College’s 225th year has been marked by our first-ever Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) events! This two-day, overnight event for students and parents is designed to give students a head start on their success at Louisburg College. The SOAR program helps students become engaged in the educational process early so that they already have a connection to faculty, staff, and classmates when they arrive for the fall semester, helping to make their transition much smoother.

During SOAR, students had the opportunity to meet some of their Class of 2014 classmates, select roommates for the fall, select fall course schedules, meet with their Financial Planning Counselor, attend campus life orientation sessions, and experience living in the residence halls. Parents had the opportunity to also experience life in the residence halls, meet other parents, and attend parent orientation sessions where they learned about parent issues such as breaking away, financial literacy/student financial aid, and academic requirements for their students.

A highlight for both parents and students was the Transitions exercise, presented by Professor Will Hinton. Professor Hinton explained to them that, while today’s student likes to be entertained yet comes to college to get an education, the difference between entertainment and education is participation. If students are to be educated, they must participate!

Over the summer we held six SOAR events, which were attended by over 350 students and their parents. In evaluating the program, our students shared comments such as, “It was a very helpful experience that better prepared me for my fall semester,” and “I can’t wait to attend Louisburg College!” Comments from parents included, “I feel much more informed and happy about our decision to come to Louisburg College,” and “As a parent, Louisburg hit a home run!”

The entire campus played an integral role in the success of our SOAR program. However, the positive experience for our incoming students was due in large part to the efforts of our Hurricane Advisors.

Congressional Honors for 225th Anniversary Continue

During the faculty reception held in the President’s home recently, Representative Glen Bradley (Franklin, Halifax, and Nash Counties) paid a visit to present Dr. La Branche with the official resolution passed by the North Carolina House of Representatives commemorating Louisburg’s 225th Anniversary. He also brought with him congratulatory certificates from both himself and Rep. Angela Bryant (Halifax and Nash Counties).

Also, earlier this month, U.S. Representative for North Carolina Renee Elmers made a statement on Capitol Hill in our honor:

“Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Louisburg College on their 225th anniversary as an institution of higher learning. Throughout its tenure, Louisburg College has continued to prosper and educate students during its 225 years, attracting students from 42 states and 15 countries. In four different centuries, students from Louisburg College have excelled in many areas of our economy, including business, government, politics, education, sports, and the military. Today Louisburg College has over 700 students and nearly 14,000 alumni.

I thank those who have played a role in the success of Louisburg College and join the administration, faculty, students, alumni, Town of Louisburg, and the County of Franklin in celebrating the 225th anniversary of Louisburg College. May God continue to bless Louisburg College, the students, teachers, and families that make it a great place to learn.”

Celebrating 225 Years of Building Strong Foundations for Great Futures
New Faces on Campus This Summer

Scott Benrube, Business Instructor
Before serving as an educator (his vocation of the past 14 years), Scott garnered 27 years of experience as a businessman and entrepreneur. His business career has spanned the ownership of a national women’s apparel brand (“If your mother wore acid washed jeans in the 80’s, it may have been made by my company”) and a Miami beach restaurant, and he also worked as a store manager for a regional department store chain. Scott earned his bachelor’s degree in marketing from the University of South Florida, and holds a master’s degree in Business and Marketing Education from NC State.

Ryan Birdsell, Residence Community Coordinator/Assistant Soccer Coach
Ryan joins us from the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Leadership Studies. While at University of Wisconsin, Ryan served as a Resident Assistant for two years and was an Experiential Leadership Intern. Additionally, he was involved in many groups and organizations on campus. Ryan also played soccer for University of Wisconsin, Green Bay. Ryan will reside in Kenan Hall.

Vince Brown, Assistant Football Coach
A native of Detroit, Michigan, Vince begins his first season at Louisburg as our Head Strength and Condition and Defensive Line Coach. Prior to coming to Louisburg, he coached for Virginia Episcopal School as well as England’s Coventry Jets in the European Football League. Vince’s college years saw him excel in the football programs at the University of Memphis and Morgan State University, where he earned numerous accolades as a player; he graduated from MSU with B.A. in Communication. After college, Vince attended workouts and camps for the NFL, CFL and the AFL, and played one season with the Kansas City Brigade (of the Arena Football League) as well as one season in Europe.

Larry Burgess, Business Instructor
Detroit-born Cary resident Larry Burgess comes to us with over 20 years of financial, management, and cost accounting experience, having served as an analyst, regional controller, corporate controller, and CFO. His background includes a mix of private and public companies, including service to companies such as General Motors and Cooper Standard Automotive. Larry currently serves as a board member for Galco Industrial Electronics (in Madison Heights, MI) and for NutriNutz LLC. His personal interests include backpacking/hiking, golf, world travel, professional sports, and artisan foods.

Colleen Camaione-Edmonston, English Instructor
Colleen A. Camaione-Edmonston holds a BA in English from Davidson College and a MEd from the Curry School of Education at The University of Virginia. A Connecticut native, Colleen has taught in public and private institutions in Virginia and North Carolina. As a collegiate soccer coach and player, she understands the drive and demands of student-athletes. She has enjoyed a variety of roles in campus life at the University of Richmond, Randolph-Macon College, Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Connecticut, The University of Virginia, and Davidson College. She lives in Raleigh with her husband, Christopher, and three children.

Jeremiah Conley, Residence Community Coordinator/Assistant Football Coach
Jeremiah joins us from Edinboro University where he recently completed his Bachelor of Science with a concentration in History. Jeremiah completed his Bachelor of Science in History at Thiel College, where he also served as Resident Assistant for three years and was a member of the football team. Jeremiah has served as an Assistant Football Coach for Conneaut Valley High School and has also owned his own gym. Jeremiah will reside in Patten Hall.

Kelvin Fisher, Campus Safety Officer
Hailing from Youngsville, NC, Kelvin has served in the both the armed forces and the domestic security field for the past decade. After graduating from Vance Granville Community College in 2002, he served in the Marines for four years, and later completed Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) in 2011. Kelvin also brings experience as a trainer, manager, and customer service professional.

Adam Foss, Area Coordinator for Student Events
Adam joins us from Geneva College where he served as the Coordinator for Intramural Sports and received his Master of Arts in Higher Education with a concentration in Student Affairs; he also received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from Geneva College. Adam brings with him extensive experience in student activities and events, as well as experience developing Residence Life staff training programs. He is coming on board with an enthusiastic attitude toward working with students and a passion for building relationships. Adam and his wife will reside in Kenan Hall.

Travis Flewelling, Math Instructor
Travis, of Clayton, NC, brings over 25 years of experience in teaching, training, and motivating highly diversified groups and organizations, including more than seven years of post-secondary classroom and distance learning teaching experience, with extensive career experience in applied mathematics, statistics, and leadership.

Chaz Glenn, Residence Community Coordinator/Student Government Association Advisor
Chaz joins us from Mars Hill College where he served as an Area Coordinator in the Department of Residence Life; he also worked as a Career Services Assistant. Chaz received his Master of Education in College Student Personnel and his Bachelor of Science in Communication from Western Carolina University. While a graduate student at Western Carolina, he served as a graduate assistant in the Career Services and Cooperative Education Department. Chaz will reside in Hillman-Morris Hall.

Brett Hall, Assistant Baseball Coach
Brett joins the Hurricanes for the 2012 season after serving five years with UNC Charlotte baseball as a volunteer assistant coach. With Charlotte, Hall worked with the 49ers infielders and outfielders and coached third base. Hall is a graduate of the University of Tennessee-Martin, where he played four seasons as an infielder and pitcher with the Skyhawks.
Janai Hawkins, Area Coordinator for Residence Life Operations

Janai joins us from the University of Rochester where she served as a Community Advocate in the Center for Residence Life and completed her Master of Science in Educational Leadership. Janai also received her Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology from the University of Rochester. Janai has much experience working with college students and specifically has experience advising student-run programming boards. Janai will reside in Merritt Hall.

Emily Heyne, English Instructor

Emily recently completed her doctoral studies in Literature at the University of Dallas, where she wrote a dissertation on the influence of Dionysian mythology on Melville’s Moby Dick and where she developed a research interest in the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins. Previously, she earned a MA in English from UD and a BA in English from Presbyterian College. She has taught composition courses at the University of Houston-Downtown and tutored in writing labs for several years. When Emily is not teaching young people about dangling modifiers or the value of poetry in their lives, she can be found officiating their volleyball and basketball games or instructing them in rock-climbing techniques. She lives in Durham with her husband, Nick.

Todd Holt, Assistant Baseball Coach

Todd makes a return to Louisburg College where he played two seasons before he was drafted and signed by the Chicago White Sox. After two seasons playing outfield in pro baseball, Todd made the transition to the coaching ranks where he spent time both in the dugout and on the football sidelines.

Wally Hurst, English Instructor

Wally holds a BA degree in English, Economics and Political Science from Duke University and a law degree (Juris Doctor) from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. He is currently finishing his MA in Shakespeare Authorship Studies at Brunel University in West London, with a concentration on the evaluation of external evidence of early modern authorship, and will begin work on a PhD shortly at Brunel, the only university in the world offering this degree. After careers in California (including a trial lawyer, fire service lobbyist, and Deputy State Fire Marshal), Wally was Managing Director and Artistic Director of the Lakeland Theatre Company from 1997 to 2012. He lives in his hometown of Warrenton, NC, where he is active in the community, including service as the Lay Leader at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

Erica Janak, Admissions Counselor

Erica grew up in Philadelphia, PA. She attended Mount St. Mary’s University where she participated in the Student Government Association and worked in various positions within the Admissions Office. She graduated with a bachelor’s in Business and Spanish, and is currently working towards her MBA. Erica moved to Wilson, North Carolina when her husband accepted a position at East Carolina University. She loves the warm weather and being so close to so many beautiful beaches!

Colby Mangum, Volleyball Coach

Hailing from Fuquay-Varina, NC, Colby comes to us with seven years of head coaching experience. She has worked at the high school and club level here in North Carolina, earning several accolades, including multiple playoff appearances and a 2005 Coach of the Year nod for her conference. Colby played volleyball for Mount Olive College, an NCAA Division II school. She graduated from Mount Olive with a bachelor’s degree in English, with an emphasis in Communications.

Kathryn Onorato, Residence Community Coordinator/Student Engagement Coordinator

Kathryn joins us from New Haven, CT, where she was a Case Manager at The Connection Inc. Kathryn graduated from the University of New Haven with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Juvenile and Family Justice. While at the University of New Haven, Kathryn served as a Resident Assistant for three years as well as an Orientation Leader. Kathryn will reside in Merritt Hall.

Erin Rutledge, Residence Community Coordinator/Assistant Softball Coach

Erin comes from Illinois College where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Education. Erin was a member of her alma mater’s softball team for four years, serving as Captain for two years. Erin also served as a Resident Assistant at Illinois College. Erin brings a passion for working with students and a passion for coaching softball. Erin will reside in Franklin Hall.

Noah Sady, Residence Community Coordinator/Assistant Football Coach

Noah joins us from the University of Albany where he served as a Residence Hall Director. Noah received his Master of Science in Sports Industries and a Bachelor of Science in Management of Sports Industries from the University of New Haven. Noah served as a Resident Director at the University of New Haven and as their Assistant Academic Coordinator for the football program for two years. Noah brings a passion for working with students and for coaching football. Noah and his wife will reside in Patten Hall.

Keith Shumate, Head Baseball Coach

Keith spent 15 seasons as the Head Baseball Coach at North Carolina A&T State University, where he left his post with over 300 wins. Under his direction, the Aggies made the conference championship game four out of his last seven years and picked up one regular season and one tournament title. Prior to his time at NC A&T, Keith spent three seasons coaching at Grimsley High School in Greensboro. He attended Western Carolina University, where he played baseball under the legendary coach Jack Leggett. While at WCU, Keith earned his Bachelor of Science in Education with an emphasis on Spanish.

Allison Smith, Student Accounts Representative

Allison was born and raised in Kentucky, and moved to North Carolina after high school to attend Louisburg College. She is a 2002 graduate and proud alum of LC, and completed her education at East Carolina University in 2005 with a degree in psychology. She is married and has twin four-year-old girls. In her free time, Allison enjoys running and baking treats for her own cupcake business.

Tara Spear, Residence Community Coordinator/Student Event Promotions

Tara joins us from Kennesaw State University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance Studies. Tara served as a Resident Assistant for two years. Additionally, she served as an Advisor for the Alcohol and Other Drug Education and Prevention Coalition. Tara brings an enthusiasm for working with college students. She will reside in Merritt Hall.
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**Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations**

The Athletics department is currently accepting nominations for the third class of Louisburg College Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. Selections will take place during the fall of 2012, and the induction ceremony will be held in the spring of 2013.

The purpose of the Louisburg College Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those special individuals who, through their superior athletic achievements or by their outstanding service, have made long-lasting exemplary contributions to the Louisburg College athletic program. Persons to be recognized for the excellence of their achievements may include former athletes, coaches, administrators and other individuals who have brought recognition and honor to both themselves and the College.

To obtain official nomination forms, contact Sports Information Director Don Stopa at dstopa@louisburg.edu or 919-497-3301.

**Recent Promotions**

**Niki Capps, Learning Specialist**

Niki has experience working with students with Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome, coaching them both academically and socially, and has adapted these skills in her work as a learning specialist serving college students with Learning Disabilities and AD/HD. Nicole received both her BA in Sport Management and MEd in School Counseling from Liberty University. Prior to joining Learning Partners, she worked in the public school setting multiple special education programs.

**Brittany Hunt, Campus Guest Coordinator**

Brittany is a native of Louisburg and a 2010 graduate of Louisburg College. While at the College, she became a proud member of the Phi Beta Lambda fraternity, the Christian Life Council, and the Student Ambassadors. She also served as Vice President of the Commuter’s Club. From Louisburg, Brittany went on to North Carolina State University and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in English.

**Kelvin Spragley, Assistant Professor of History**

Kelvin’s background has seen him in a wide range of roles, from service member in the US Army, to public school teacher, to Associate Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of Educators. He holds degrees from Chowan College (AA), East Carolina University (BS), and North Carolina State University (MED and PhD). Kelvin and his wife Tracey have two children, Kelsey (17) and Kelvin, Jr. (9).

**Louisburg Welcomes Back Athletes**

2012-2013 is looking to be a notable year for the Hurricanes! Several of our incoming athletes have even been recognized by the media recently:

**FOOTBALL** – Incoming player Marcus “Bubba” McDowell, from North Carolina’s Lake Norman area, took home the 400-meter dash title at the 2A State Track and Field Championship this past spring. Read the news story: [www.denverncnews.com/?p=5192](http://www.denverncnews.com/?p=5192)

**BASEBALL** – This season we’re welcoming two transfers from UNC-Chapel Hill’s baseball program. Outfielder Bradley Morton is heading our way from Winston-Salem, and Zac LaNeve is a shortstop from western Pennsylvania. Read the news story: [www.louisburg.edu/news/Press%20Releases/diamond.html](http://www.louisburg.edu/news/Press%20Releases/diamond.html)

**SOCCER** – Wake County soccer star Adrian Gonzalez rose to notice quickly during his senior year, ranking as the county’s all-time leader in single-season goals. This summer Adrian played in the interstate Clash of the Carolinas all-star game as well as the N.C. Coaches Association boys’ soccer all-star game, winning MVP for the former. Read the news story: [www.newsobserver.com/2012/07/17/2204943/boys-east-west-all-star-soccer.html](http://www.newsobserver.com/2012/07/17/2204943/boys-east-west-all-star-soccer.html)
Serving Our Neighbors

July was Volunteer Month at the Franklin County Boys & Girls Club, and two of our own volunteered to bring the sound of music to the kids. Jamie Patrick (Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving) and Angela Adkins (Director of Choral Activities and Instructor of Music) engaged the six-to-nine-year-olds in a music lesson, bringing with them a world of percussive toys for the children to play.

Also last month, Louisburg College President Dr. Mark La Branche was named president of the Louisburg Lion’s Club. The Lions Club, a service organization, has been active in our community for over 65 years.

Twins!

Many congratulations to Kyle (‘07) and Brittany Perkins, the proud new parents of twins Kendall and Kaylee! Kyle runs KP’s Lawncare & Landscaping, the company that keeps our grounds green and beautiful.

Build-A-Backpack Needs Our Help

There are just a few days left to contribute school supplies for local kids in need, and they could especially use more pencils. You can drop off new pencils at Benson Chapel by Friday, August 24th.

Last year through Build-A-Backpack, our local United Way distributed 408 filled backpacks to our neighbors who otherwise would not have been properly equipped to succeed at school. Please invest in Franklin County students and families for a bright new year!

Dining Hall Makes the Grade

We’re pleased to share that the Franklin County Health Department has awarded Duke Dining Hall a health inspection grade of 101!

Empty Toner Cartridges?

If you need to recycle used toner cartridges but don’t have a return label, a recycling box has been placed on the first floor of Main in Room 101 (i.e. the copier room, just to the left of the employee mail room). The recycling box is under the work table on the right.
The Classroom Meets the Stage

During the summer session, Emily Zank’s Intro to Literature class studied Urinetown, a musical comedy by Greg Kotis that satirizes the legal system, social irresponsibility, populism, corporate mismanagement, and municipal politics. The show also parodies musicals such as The Cradle Will Rock and Les Misérables, and the Broadway musical itself as a form. Students finished up the project with a trip to see the live production at UNC-Chapel Hill’s Playmakers Repertory Company. Here’s just a snippet of the reviews written by our students:

“I would definitely recommend this dynamic play. All in all, the musical was impressive and may provide insight into many pressing issues, such as love prevailing over the law.” -C.J. Phillips

“...The stage setup and how actors got the audience involved was astonishing. I was just expecting what I saw in high school and how the stage was set up in the gym...I really enjoyed seeing this play in person; it helped me understand the script and how it is supposed to be. I would like to go see it again!” -Jake Watson

“Going to see the play Urinetown was very exciting because I had never seen a professional play. The staging was wonderful. All of the lighting, music, and acting was incredible and awesome. The theme was that order is hard to keep and takes many sacrifices; crazy Caldwell’s over-controlling, crotchety behavior kept the pee off the streets!” -Sara Beth Christmas

“Persistence and courage are two themes of this play. The citizens didn’t stop until they were able to pee for free. Standing up to major authorities takes courage. The production helped me understand the story better, but reading the script beforehand gave me an advantage. The actors brought the script to life.” -Kiara Cruse

“When I read the script, I just thought the theme was about having to pay to pee, but watching it live made me understand that everything has an outcome.” -Chris Taylor

“I was really impressed by this show. The cast did an excellent job with their parts and made them their own...The music was performed beautifully by the live musicians, who didn’t miss a beat at all. The comedic sounds and unpredictable melodies made the audio experience just as good as the visual. My favorite song was when the poor sang about freedom because it emphasizes that they have been struggling with life in their society and that they dream of a better one. This gives purpose to their rebellion; the times are so tough that they risk everything for a new life.” -Troy Grogans

Wanted: Louisburg Love Stories

Did you meet your sweetie at LC? If the College played a matchmaking role in how you met your husband or wife, we want to know your story! Please contact Melinda McKee at mmckee@louisburg.edu or 919.497.3330.

We Want to Hear from YOU!

To submit your news for inclusion in the next Mid.Week.Message, please email your content by Monday at 5PM to: Melinda McKee, Director of Communications and Marketing, mmckee@louisburg.edu.

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