



WEEKLY UPDATE

UCF NEWS

UCF Receives Award for Community Engagement

The University of Central Florida is the recipient of the **Florida Campus Compact's Engaged Campus Award for 2007-2008**, and has been recognized as "*First in Class & Overall Statewide Winner*" for commitment to and successful engagement practices. In addition, Dr. Hitt received special recognition in the form of a commemorative piece for his dedication to **service-learning** from President Bush.

The Department of Public Administration helped to gather data for the submission documenting our many courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels that utilize service learning. Also, we provided a detailed report on the 150 organizations that were served through the Capacity Building Institute, now part of the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Turkish Officials Graduate- Public Service and Leadership Program

On November 13, 2008 the Turkish officials who recently participated in our Public Service and Leadership program, run by the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM) gathered to celebrate their successful completion of the program's requirements. It was the third group from Turkey to finish the program. "This group consisted of nine participants who hold high-status positions, as senior chief inspectors, in public service in the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Turkey," said Associate Professor **Naim Kapucu**, who oversees the program. A focus of their studies was the U.S. government system. "Each participant had a specific topic of interest to research," Kapucu explained. "They gathered information from their visits, workshops and literature to write a final report and will provide a copy to the department and the Ministry of Interior of Turkey."

The full article can be found at <http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/Default.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 3, 2008 – Departmental Holiday Meeting -
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in HPA II Room 247**

Strategic Planning will be the main agenda item at the meeting.

**December 4, 2008 – CPNM = Research Colloquium
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM in HPA II Room 247**

This program will be on Emergency Management Networks in Response to Terrorist Events: Comparative Perspectives. Bahadir Sahin, Ph.D. Candidate will analyze four countries responses to extreme terrorist events using complex adaptive systems theory, The full information can be found below to RSVP contact Fatih Demiroz demiroz@mail.ucf.edu

<http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/documents/BahadirsahinflyerDecember4.pdf>