



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS
	<p><b>MPA Program Accredited Until 2012</b>            The department has received formal notification that our program <i>“has been found to be conformity with NASPAA Standards. Your program will be accredited for a period of seven years and included on the Annual Roster of Accredited Programs.”</i> Jeffrey Raffel, Chairman Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation</p>
Monday	<p><b>Plaque Awarded for Capacity Building Program</b>            The Department of Public Administration received a plaque from the Orange County Health Department at the Capacity Building Banquet on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Sherin and Larry Williams from the Orange County Health Department presented the plaque to Drs. Kapucu and Van Wart. The plaque was presented <i>“In appreciation for your commitment and expertise in ensuring the success of the Capacity Building Technical Assistance Demonstration Project 2002-2005.”</i></p>
Tuesday	<p>Recognition was also given to the students, staff, and faculty who participated in making the project so successful bringing in over \$500,000 in grants to the small nonprofits in the program. Several executive directors commented on their experience, and one renamed UCF <i>“United Caring Faculty”</i> to express how she felt about the experience with our department.</p>
Wednesday	<p><b>Department of Public Administration Hail and Farewell Reception</b>            On the fine day of Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> the Public Administration Department bid a fond farewell to our departing chair Dr. Montgomery Van-Wart, and our departing administrative services coordinator Laura Pierce. The celebration was a rousing success with kind words from all for both Dr. Van Wart and Mrs. Pierce. In appreciation for all his hard work and dedication to the Public Administration Department at UCF Dr. Van-Wart was presented a fine clock and pen set during this ceremony. He said it would find a place of Honor in his new office as the Chair of the Public Administration Department at California State University at San Bernardino. The dawning of a new era also began this day with the passing of the torch to Dr. Mary Ann Feldheim, our new department chair. She was also presented a gift basket to ease her transition into the office of the chair. This gift basket included necessities such as Tums, aspirin, a crying towel and a supply of wine.</p>
Thursday	<p><b>MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF</b></p>
Friday	<p><b>Dr. Van Wart and Laura Pierce both officially left on July 21<sup>st</sup>.</b>            Dr. Feldheim is Acting Chair until contracts are signed in August, when she becomes the Interim Chair.</p>