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★ A NEW ERA IN CARE ... Welcome our new Director!



Florida State University has appointed Tadarrayl M. Starke as the new director of the Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE). The university's divisions of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs jointly operate the center, which helps first-generation and economically disadvantaged students make the adjustment to college life.

Each year, CARE's Summer Bridge Program admits roughly 350 students who are beginning their academic careers at the university. At any given time, there are 1,000 to 1,200 Florida State students affiliated with CARE. The program serves both minority and non-minority students.

"The Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement is a vital part of Florida State University, and I am extremely excited for the opportunity to serve its first-generation students," Starke said. "I look forward to expanding upon the rich legacy of leadership CARE has benefitted from over the years, as well as connecting our students to the vast

resources FSU has to offer for their academic, professional and personal success."

Starke succeeds CARE's founding director, Angela Richardson, who retired at the conclusion of the fall 2011 semester.

"Tadarrayl Starke is very well-prepared personally and professionally to continue the legacy that Angela Richardson developed through the CARE program," said Mary Coburn, vice president for Student Affairs. "He is an excellent role model for students and staff alike. Through his high standards and commitment to excellence, he will work tirelessly to ensure student success."

Starke, who has been the associate director of CARE since June, is working on a doctorate in higher education from Florida State. Previously, he earned a bachelor's in psychology and a master's in higher education, both from FSU.

Karen Laughlin, dean of Undergraduate Studies, praised Starke's commitment to fostering academic success and student engagement as a force that will inspire and motivate the students who are served by CARE.

"I am delighted to welcome Tadarrayl Starke as the new director of the CARE program," Laughlin said. "He brings tremendous energy, leadership and a clear vision for moving this nationally recognized program to the next level. His abilities as a team player will further strengthen the network of connections across the campus, which are so essential to the success of this program."

By Jeffery Seay
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2012 CARE Counselor's

Each year C.A.R.E. selects Summer Bridge Program Counselors to work directly with groups of first generation freshmen to help guide, counsel, and assist them during the summer semester. They lead community service and cultural activities, provide students with insights into the culture at FSU, and encourage a network of contacts in order for the C.A.R.E. students to feel connected to the campus.

Counselors are chosen based on a variety of factors including a good academic record, leadership experience and knowledge of Florida State University.

We are excited to introduce our 2012 C.A.R.E. Counselors:

- Willie Clay
- Joseph Daniels
- Saisha Delevoe
- Toni Gadsden
- Colvin Georges Jr.
- Louis Giordano
- Crystal Harrison
- Jasmyn Hendricks
- Aisha Henry
- Chloe Ince-Ingram
- Marckenley Isaac
- Martha Jaimés
- Eric Johnson

- Jasmine Johnson
- Ebony Lovett
- Aurelie Mathieu
- Ky'Eisha Penn
- Jelessa Robinson
- Aaron Ross
- Emmanuel Sanchez
- Javier Sanchez
- Breonna Sawyer
- William Sequeiros
- Carl Sharpe
- Lavelle Simmons
- Jerrod Stewart

Qua' Aisa Blackmon
Graduate Assistant



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Counselors



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Financial Aid



Financial Aid

As the spring semester comes to an end, I encourage all students who are recipients of Bright Futures or the First Generation Grant to ensure that they meet the academic requirements needed to keep their scholarships for the rest of their enrollment. Information on scholarship eligibility

Due to recent budget cuts, Expected Family Contributions (EFC) for the 2012-2013 FAFSE must be \$4,800 or less. As previously mentioned the EFC is a measure of your family's financial strength and is calculated

according to a formula established by law. This number is used by FSU Office of Financial Aid to calculate the amount of federal student aid you are eligible to receive. As a result of the EFC requirement being lowered, less grant money will be available for students beginning in the fall semester.

In an effort to avoid having to take out student loans, you are encouraged to look into various scholarships available. Scholarship information can be found at FSU's financial aid website located at <http://financialaid.fsu.edu/>.

Additional private scholarships may be available through major corporations, local businesses and various community groups. If you have any questions regarding financial aid, please feel free to contact me.

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Taniesha Wright
Academic Advisor



Staff IMPACT

The CARE office is filled with tons of supportive staff that are always available to help you throughout your college experience. One of the offices more familiar faces is Ms. Taniesha Wright. Ms. Wright currently serves as CARE's in house Academic Advisor. Born and raised in Miami, Florida, Ms. Wright made her way to the Florida State University in the summer of 2000. Unbeknownst to many, she was a part of the inaugural CARE Summer Bridge program which started in 2000. While at FSU, Ms. Wright studied business management, served as a Resident Assistant and later joined Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity. Outside of her student involvement, Ms. Wright

remained invested in her studies and her love for helping people.

After graduating in 2004, Ms. Wright entered the Master's program for Higher Education at FSU in 2006. While in the program, Ms. Wright's true passion for helping students and wanting to work on a college campus were solidified. During this time, Ms. Wright worked in Advising First and in the office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Upon completion of her Master's degree, she was hired to work in CARE in 2008.

"I enjoy hearing CARE student's success stories and being a part of an office where students come first. It is evident in the atmosphere and our attitude. We simply CARE," she

expressed. Outside of work, Ms. Wright enjoys traveling and learning about academic policy. She is currently involved in NACADA, serves as a hearing officer with FSU's Student Rights and Responsibility's office and has previously served as the advisor to Delta Sigma Pi.

Ms. Wright's passion and love for working with students is evidently shown through the time and energy that she spends working with students daily. "I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to the office that helped me persist and graduate."

★ Alumni LEGACY

Qua'Aisa Blackmon has truly left her mark on the CARE office as one of the most notable CARE Alum's to graduate from FSU. Much like many of you, Q as you may know her, entered into FSU in the summer of 2006 as a CARE student. Born and raised in Pensacola, FL, Q's desire to attend FSU was unmatched. Her excitement would fuel her desire to get involved and make an impact on campus, more specifically in the CARE office.

In the summer of '07, Q worked in the CARE Lab as a tutor and eventually worked in the office from '08-'10. She would later be selected as a CARE Counselor for the '08 and '09 Summer Bridge Program (SBP). Outside

of these responsibilities, Q found time to be a mentor in Students Supporting Students Mentoring Organization (SSMO) and served as a participant in Student Support Services activities. Prior to graduating, she would serve as the '09-'10 Summer Bridge Intern.

After graduating with a Bachelors in Family & Child Sciences, Q entered into the Master's program for Higher Education at FSU. During her two years in the Master's program, Q remain connected to the CARE office in her role as Graduate Assistant. As a graduate assistant, Q has facilitated small groups, served as an advisor to CARE Ambassadors and assisted in the planning and facilitation of several SBP's.

As Q's last semester comes to a memorable, but saddening end one can only reflect on the commitment that she has had to the office. Often times as students, we assume that our ability to impact our community is extremely limited after graduation. Where you all may not share the same interest as Q in regards to having a desire to work in education, as CARE students you do share a love and appreciation for CARE, a center that supported you throughout your collegiate career. Much like many of our CARE Alumni, I encourage you to find a special way to give back and show us how much you CARE!



Qua' Aisa Blackmon
C.A.R.E. 2006
Student



Upward Bound Program

The great city of Atlanta, GA served as the site for the annual Upward Bound Spring College Excursion. Upward Bound participants and staff were escorted by a luxurious Annett Coach. Our first stop was Kennesaw State University. Kennesaw State University is the third largest university in Georgia behind Georgia State and University of Georgia. An interesting fact from our tour is that the College of Business is named after Great American Cookie Founder Michael Coles.

Kennesaw State was a great suburban campus and the dining hall could definitely give Suwanee a run for its money! After Kennesaw we headed to tour Spelman College (females) and Morehouse College (males). The two

campuses are very close in proximity as they are a part of the Atlanta University Center with Clark Atlanta University. Morehouse and Spelman both were rich with history and tradition. The sticking point for the Morehouse tour was their philosophy of the five wells a Morehouse Man should be: Well-Read, Well-Spoken, Well-Traveled, Well-Dressed and Well-Balanced. For Spelman College, the female students were highly impressed with the rich alumni base and emphasis on a rigorous academic program.

The final college we visited was Clark-Atlanta University (CAU). CAU was the best campus tour. Our tour began with a dynamic welcome from a Senior Admission Counselor followed by a walking tour of the "Most filmed College

Campus." The tour guides also scheduled an impromptu step show from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

During our visit we also experienced the World of Coca-Cola, CNN, Georgia Aquarium and the APEX History Museum. A major highlight also included lunch at Sweet Auburn Marketplace with a variety of local eateries and dinner at Gladys Knight's Signature Chicken and Waffles and Paschal's! This by far was one of the best college tours provided by Upward Bound. Next year will be hard to top!

Sharniece Telfair

UBP 11th Grade Student



**Atlanta University
Center
Library**

★ Faculty DEVOTION

The CARE office is excited to welcome a new edition to the CARE family. Ty Williams, the new Summer Bridge Coordinator, truly embodies the saying "BIG personality, trapped in a small body!" Born in Pensacola, Florida, Ms. Williams's passion and desire to make a difference comes from as she puts it, "is purposed by God to help others reach their full potential." This purpose will most certainly come in handy as Ms. Williams prepares to welcome 350 new CARE freshmen this summer. As she plans a summer full of enriching activities, one can only wonder how Ms. Williams has seemed to positively shape her life and pursue her dreams.

After graduating from high school, she attended the University of Central Florida on a Christian Athlete Scholarship. While at UCF, Ms. Williams was very involved on campus, where she served her college community in many ways. After graduating from UCF with her Bachelors, Ms. Williams found several ways to pursue her passion.

Her love for speaking and encouraging individuals would eventually turn into a public speaking career. As a public speaker, she has placed a great focus on working with young adults in hopes of exposing them to change that they can create within the world. Outside of being a public speaker, Ty serves as the Executive

Director of LILA Foundation, a non-profit that seeks to provide support to Haitian communities facing poverty.

Despite Ms. Williams busy life, she seems to have found her true passion. If you have not had the opportunity to speak to CARE's new Summer Bridge Coordinator, I truly encourage you to stop by the CARE office. Ms. Williams bubbly and welcoming personality is sure to interest you, but most importantly, I am certain that you will find another person in the CARE office that is excited about cheering you on!



Ty Williams
Summer Bridge
Coordinator

Academic Achievement

The CARE Office would like to recognize the over **200** CARE students graduating this Spring 2012 semester!

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| Rayvon | Joseph | Kiaira | McCoy | Linda | Tandoh | Channel | Davis |
| Joseph | Kiessig | Angelica | Gamez | Randolph | Pierre | Abraham | Prudent |
| Kadijo | Wade | Bathshua | Harris | Ryan | Luback | Katherine | Adams |
| Brittney | Bryant | Jose | Arrapalo | Kiona | Tyler | Stephanie | Williams |
| Valerie | Crisostomo | Vanessa | Duversonne | Jonathon | Duncan | Sandy | Noel |
| Sheena | Smith | Artillis | Carter | Diana | Perez | Marva | De Armas |
| Claras | Leandre | Patrick | Breslend | Zachary | Brandiff | Elisa | Huapilla |
| Cierra | Bravard | William | Lemmon | Yanique | Banton | Etzer | Baronvil |
| Joseph | Gaskins | Trent | Johnson | Christa | Hudson | Katerah | Dixon |
| Makandall | Saint Eloi | Mia | Young | Jonathan | Gillman | Katherine | Leiva |
| Talelia | Spence | A'Mod | Walter | Aldo | De La paz | Alexandra | Williams |
| Asia | Wheeler | Stephanie | Williams | Marceline | Innocent | Jeffrey | Jauregui |
| Ebony | Williams | Devyni | Hightower | Nelsa | Napoles | Zeidy | Pena |
| Gabrielle | Hicks | Sandra | Laguerre | Kimberly | Rowe | Tiera | Hanks |
| David | St Jean | Natasha | Cimino | Brandi | Seabrooks | Milca | Bellegarde |
| Toni | Gadsden | Ayasha | Doster | Dan | Brinson | Myron | Morgan |
| Sierra | Martinez | Bryanna | Campbell | Sonude | Marcelin | Estefania | Ospina |
| Michelle | Obando | Mirline | Omega | Stephanie | Nicolas | Jasmyn | Hendricks |
| Brianna | Avera | Sasha | Skolnick | Mureille | Etienne | Arias | Pitts |
| Qua'Aisa | Blackmon | Tekera | Mintz | Sara | Jones | Orleiquis | Guerra |
| Neville | Smith | Jamal | Burk | Diana | Jules | Aden | Kuc |
| Reneisha | Drayton | Brooke | Michaels | Julian | Sharpe | Marylou | Tatis |
| Alexis | Josephson | Courtnie | Louis | Javario | Bates | Darren | Deravil |
| Malcolm | Allen | Sierra | Schnitzer | Ivonne | Lacayo | Fiona | Thompson |
| Cashala | Stewart | Courtnee | Murphy | Janet | Simon | Eboni | Smith |
| Courtney | Bryant | Ryan | Sanabria | Isaiah | Floyd | Diamond | Leonard |
| Elvine | Sincere | Martin | Dejesus | Alencia | Williams | Francisco | Espina |
| Janeen | Larson | Destini | Foster | Chantell | Dillard | Natasha | Cancialosi |
| Yolanda | Lopez | Jimmie | Thompson | Angela | Silva | Hans | Fernandez |
| Alkeem | Savage | Daria | Jackson | Yveka | Pierre | Britney | Pace |
| George | Hamilton | Zachoria | Crockett | Doreen | Delva | Natalie | Suner |
| Andrew | Oliphant | Terralynn | Fortune | Melissa | Arias | Chantal | Herry |
| Amanda | Honeysucker | Shannon | Wilson | Fritz | Crevecoeur | Daphnee | Paul |
| Katrina | Howard | Margaretha | Platzer | Martika | Baker | Michael | Thomas |
| Marissa | Losada | John | Jones | Danielle | Williams | Shayeon | Hawkins |
| Gustave | Michaud | Eisder | Mosquera | Chelsi | McDonald | Ventoure | Watkins |
| Adaora | Ezeanya | Christiana | Carnot | Ashley | Villegas | Steven | Ramirez |
| Lydia | Hernandez | Alan | Delgado | Monica | Lafosse | Kristen | Reilly |
| Shenifa | Taite | Tiffany | Ewell | Ariane | Williams | Alexandra | Mizels |
| Billy | Badeau | Sereyvathana | Ty | Travisha | Vaughns | Jesula | Charles |
| Courtney | Curry | Bryan | Brown | Ashley | Annis | Kristin | Marcelle |
| Tiffany | Moye | Carissa | White | Sophia | Rosario-Lopez | Ramonda | Brunson |
| Alexis | Regalado | Jonte' | Bowden | Christopher | Forde | Danielle | Campbell |
| Jett | Baumann | Derrick | St Fort | Santia | St-Surain | Jaessa | Williams |
| Charlene | Golden | Kaila | Kowalski | Christiane | Larosa | Amber | Long |
| Trisha | Anderson | Shayne | Sanabria | Lizzette | Barnes-Royes | Jameka | Dorsey |
| Julio | Rodriguez | Chantell | Green | Tanetia | Blair | Alyssa | White |
| Sandra | Rodriguez | Marlon | Zepeda | Edra | Sorrentino | Airrelle | Gonzalez |
| Matthew | Dekle | Alicia | Smith | Stephanie | Angulo | Matthew | Silvestri |
| | | Jessica | Barry | | | Esther | Archange |
| | | | | | | Jaime | Blue |

Congratulations!