

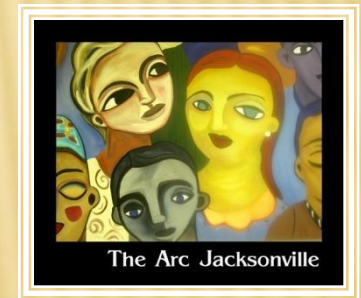
A HIGH SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE:

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING, PEER SUPPORTS, & COMMUNITY INCLUSION

**THE ARC JACKSONVILLE ACADEMY ON CAMPUS TRANSITION AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA (OCT)**

THE ARC JACKSONVILLE ON CAMPUS TRANSITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA (OCT) MISSION

Our mission is to provide an innovative college experience for young adults with intellectual disabilities, while providing transformational learning experiences to university students, college educators, and community leaders.



**No one like you.
No place like this.**

Inspiring Independence

WHAT IS THE ON CAMPUS TRANSITION AT UNF?

- ✘ The OCT is a transition program for young adults with intellectual disabilities that provides an authentic college experience on the university campus.
- ✘ McKay Scholarship private high school
- ✘ OCT provides students with “hands-on” experiential learning on how to become an independent, productive, and contributing member of society and to become a responsible and well-adjusted adult, while providing full exposure to college life.
- ✘ It focuses on creating authentic friendships with same-age peers from diverse backgrounds, campus and community integration, employment and work skills, and independent residential living.



OUR PHILOSOPHY

- ✘ OCT students are adults and are respected as such
- ✘ They are viewed as college students and afforded every opportunity to have full integration
- ✘ They have the freedom and the ability to make their own choices
- ✘ We enhance their decision-making skills; however, students must deal with natural consequences of the choices they make
- ✘ We do not provide 24/7 supervision to students
- ✘ We ensure their well-being and safety on campus
- ✘ We provide every opportunity to ensure that students reach their full potentials
- ✘ We believe that each student is capable of becoming independent in the community with minimal supports!



THIS PROGRAM IS FOR.....

- ✘ Young adults with an intellectual disability (at least 18 years of age)
- ✘ Who have completed four years of high school course work and has NOT received a standard high school diploma
- ✘ Young adults that are able to travel independently (must have transportation to and from UNF)
- ✘ Has had two previous community work experiences, paid or unpaid
- ✘ Exhibits socially appropriate behaviors



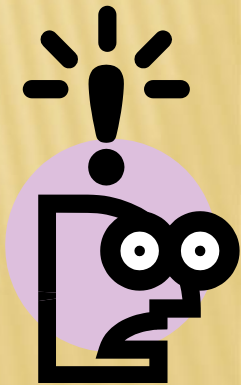
THIS PROGRAM IS FOR.....(CONT'D)

- ✘ Adults who have had satisfactory high school attendance
- ✘ Parents who are willing to volunteer his/her time with the program
- ✘ Adults who have a desire to receive transition services in a college setting
- ✘ Adults who have a need and desire for greater independence
- ✘ Adults who are eligible to receive SSI and/or SSDI
- ✘ Adults who are able to communicate with others



WHAT CAN THE OCT OFFER YOUR STUDENT?

- ✘ Individualized services
 - + Instead of traditional IEP, students self-direct a Program of Study
 - + Each student has a unique and customized schedule that changes according to their needs
- ✘ Ability to audit college courses
- ✘ Ability to engage in volunteer experiences, internships, and paid work experiences
- ✘ Opportunities to participate in UNF student clubs, organizations, and campus activities
- ✘ Opportunities to receive peer support, guidance, friendship and mentorship by matriculated UNF students
- ✘ The development of age appropriate leisure and recreation interests
- ✘ The development and usage of self advocacy skills.
- ✘ Opportunity to serve as expert speaker for UNF courses
- ✘ Ability to engage in advocacy activities



WHAT'S IN THEIR SCHEDULES?

- ✘ Students can take a maximum of 2 courses
 - + Courses available to students: music, art and design, nutrition, education, physical education, communications, history, criminal justice, computer technology, English, psychology, sociology, and cultural studies
- ✘ Students participate in healthy living through fitness and the Nutrition Club
- ✘ Students have weekly meetings with social and academic mentors, as well as tutors
- ✘ Career Development, internships, and/or employment
- ✘ Extracurricular campus activities (changes weekly)
- ✘ Student selected workshops facilitated by UNF faculty and/or mentors: budgeting, time management, social skills, group therapy, etiquette, etc.
- ✘ Planning Sessions
- ✘ OCT Students follow UNF's academic calendar with small modifications to allow extra time for student orientation
- ✘ Personal appointments (changes weekly)

SAMPLE SCHEDULES

Kelsey	#####	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	4:00 PM
Monday				Arrive on Campus	Lunch		Social mentor with Jessica		fitness training with Mike				Social Psychology 3-4:15 9/1421		
Tuesday	Arrive on Campus	Word processing with Jay/Reid (Building 15 Computer Lab-2nd Floor)			Lunch	Intern at the Child Development Center				Social/Academic mentoring with Katherine			Water Exercise 3-3:50 26/1010		
Wednesday		Arrive on Campus	Social mentoring with Courtney S.		Lunch	Intern at the Child Development Center				fitness			Social Psychology 3-4:15 9/1421		
Thursday	Arrive on Campus	Word processing with Jay/Reid (Building 15 Computer Lab-2nd Floor)			Lunch	Social mentoring with Sam McCre		Social counseling with Sarah		fitness			Water Exercise 3-3:50 26/1010		
Friday		Arrive on Campus	Budgeting class with Katie		Workshop with Dr. Baker 11-12:00 (2/26; 3/26; 4/16; 4/23)		Fun with Food Friday Party (April 9th) Fitness Assessment (April 2nd)			fitness training with Mike		Planning with Trey			

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Ashley E.	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	1:15 PM	1:45 PM
Monday	Internship at President's office		Study with Heather	Social Psychology 10-10:50 9/1421		Academic mentoring with Amber		The Learning Process 12-1:15 57/2010		Time Management with Velma	
Tuesday	Internship at President's office	Escort Courtney 9:25 class (45/1200)	fitness			Academic mentoring with Sam		Planning with Trey	Lunch	Planning for Hip Hop club	
Wednesday	Internship at President's office		Study with Heather	Social Psychology 10-10:50 9/1421		Academic mentoring with Amber		The Learning Process 12-1:15 57/2010		Academic mentoring with Brooke	
Thursday	Internship at President's office	Escort Courtney 9:25 class (45/1200)	fitness			Social Counseling with Sarah		Lunch		Planning for Hip Hop club	
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UNF STUDENT MENTORS AND TUTORS

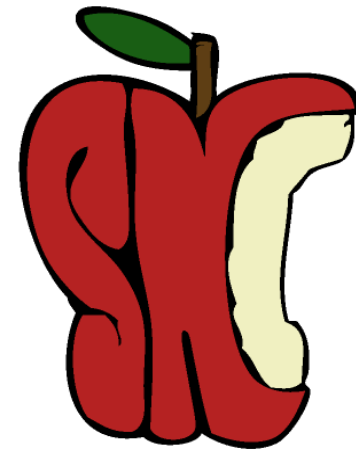
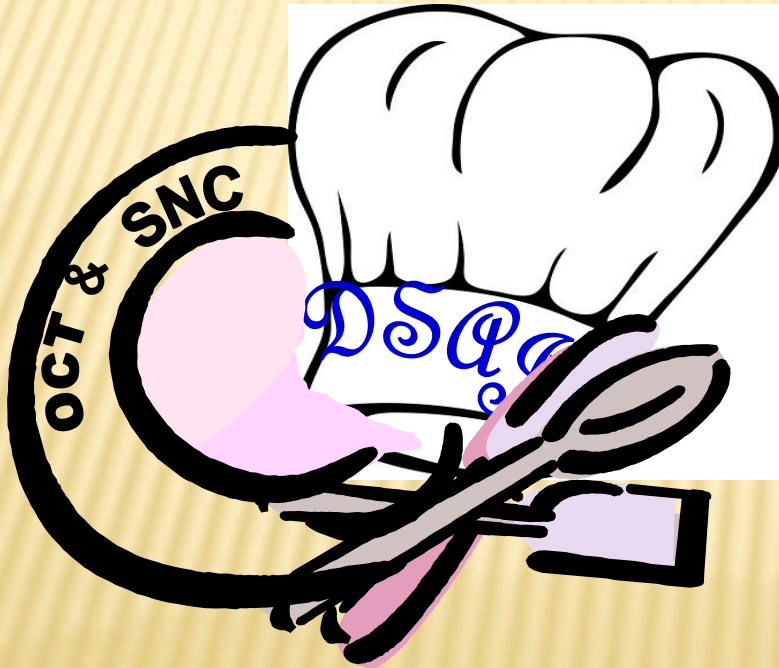
- 315 UNF Students have participated in the Mentoring Program (1 hour minimum for a semester)
 - Excludes mentors from Best Buddies and Nutrition Club
- Percentage Break Down
 - Social Mentors 147 (46%)
 - Academic 87 (28%)
 - Tutor 81 (26%)



From the UNF Vice President: “If there was to be one sole reason for keeping the OCT at UNF it would be because of the tremendous benefit it has to UNF students.”

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING...NO MORE WORKBOOKS TO LEARN ON HOW TO BE INDEPENDENT

- ✦ Healthy eating and cooking through the help of UNF nutrition majors (Fun with Food Fridays)—funded by the Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville



Student Nutrition
Club

THE UNF STUDENT NUTRITION CLUB





INTERNSHIPS

- ✘ 26 – Number of internship sites on the UNF campus where a student has interned for at least one semester.

Women's Center
DRC
Volunteer Center
Athletic Training
Women's and Men's Basketball Managers
Women's Softball
Eco-Adventure Center
Men's Baseball
Brooks College of Health
Academic Center for Excellence

Game Room
Library
Educ. IT help desk
Athletic Marketing (Mascot)
Osprey Fan Club
Humane Society
Student Government
Osprey Radio
LGBT

Physical facilities
Golf Plex
CDRC
Interfaith
Eco-Adventure
Intercultural Center of Peace Gallery
University President's Office



EMPLOYMENT – PAID (ON AND OFF CAMPUS)

UNF Campus Sites

Fine Arts Center

DRC

Game Room

Chartwells



Off Campus Sites:

YMCA

Sam's Club

Starbucks

McDonalds

Jones Tax Office

Jacksonville Suns

Winn Dixie

Melrose Student Suites

Hurricane Grill & Wings

S.A.F.E. Management

First Coast Service Options

Sam's Club

Jason's Deli

Baptist Hospital

CAMPUS INCLUSION

Examples of organizations and events in which students have volunteered in at least one occasion:

- Presidential campaign elections
- Student body campaigning
- Disability Awareness Day
- Various Department Events
- Student Government Events
- Women's Center Events
- Volunteer Center Events
- Health Promotion Events
- Athletic Events
- Game Room
- Homecoming Events
- UNF student and parent Orientations
- Club Alliance Events
- Nature Center
- Spinnaker
- African American Student Union
- Institutional Advancement
- Alumni Services
- Intercultural Center for PEACE
- Week of WOW



BEING A REAL COLLEGE STUDENT

- ✘ OCT students have created an official UNF student club: The Hip Hop Club
- ✘ Engage in community service
- ✘ Participate in college extracurricular activities
- ✘ Meet with college friends after program hours



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!!!!



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Dedicated to the OCT Class of 2010**

QUESTIONS???

COMMENTS...

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