



**Department of Housing  
and Residence Life**

Greetings SEAHO Conference Fee Waiver and Scholarship Committee,

The University of Central Florida is very lucky to have so many new young professionals anxious and excited about attending the SEAHO 2008 Conference in Savannah, Georgia.

Unfortunately, due to budget restraints, we are not able to financially support this endeavor. It is our hope that the committee will consider **Carolynn Nath**, a first year professional, for the scholarship fee waiver.

I would first like to share a story about Carolynn that may put her career goals in perspective. We first met Carolynn last year at SPE where she was interviewing for her first post-masters job. From the first minute we met her, it was obvious she was special. We saw her again at NASPA and again it was clear she stood out among the sea of eager professionals. Although our recruiters couldn't put their fingers on what it was, she was different than anyone they had met. When we brought her to campus, there was no doubt we had to have her on the UCF team! However, it was not that easy. Carolynn was methodical in her job search. In speaking with references and her on a regular basis, it was apparent she had a well-thought-out career plan and was finding the perfect path to get there. Thankfully, in the end, she decided that working at UCF was the best fit for her and us. She was right.

It was only a matter of days before we learned that Carolynn's goals in this field were evident. Although it seemed a bit odd to hear "I will be a Director of a small, private institution by the time I am 35" from a first year professional, as we got to know Carolynn we learned that she will make this happen. She is an extremely focused, goal oriented, deliberative, high

achieving young professional who handles the largest and one of the most challenging communities at UCF with ease.

In just one semester, Carolynn has applied to the doctoral program at UCF, serves as a judicial hearing officer at one of our off-campus facilities, has written a grant to develop a recycling initiative on campus, teaches a class, submitted a program proposal to several conferences, developed a staffing plan for game days at our new on-campus stadium, and has made some extremely notable changes and improvements to not only her area, but the department as a whole. Moreover, eager for more opportunity and knowing the budget is tight, she offered to do the job of two Area Coordinators (as one is leaving) next year. Two thousand residents and 52 staff may seem overwhelming to most, but it would be just the experience Carolynn has in her “master plan”.

I can say with extreme confidence that Carolynn will meet and exceed all of her goals. She will be a standout in this profession and an opportunity to attend SEAHO 2008 will only help her get there.

Sincerely,

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