



During Vintage Days, students enjoy fun activities such as this taquito eating contest.

Student Activities and Leadership Development

Being involved during your college life means you take an active role in shaping your learning experience. The staff of the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development recognizes the importance of positive experiences outside the classroom in shaping the well-rounded student. Staff members strongly support the academic experience at the university and promote active involvement in college activities to enhance intellectual growth.

The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development provides opportunities and encouragement for cultural, social, emotional, educational and physical development in a variety of ways. Developing leadership skills in students is one of the primary goals. The staff understands that student development is not a single program but rather an ethic

that flows through all of the activities and programs of the office. Seeking to know and understand student needs and helping students accomplish their goals are the common threads throughout the office.

A strong emphasis in hands-on learning means students create programs while learning leadership, personal development, and management skills. Program staff, other university group advisers, and faculty serve as resources and facilitators to maximize student success.

Programs and Function

The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development functions as the administrative home for many diverse student activities and programs. The office issues permits for use of the Free Speech Area; officially recognizes the more than 250 student organizations; assists students with planning activities and developing programs; and reserves campus facilities, grounds, and classrooms for use by student organizations.

Professional staff work closely with the Associated Students, Inc., Greek Affairs, and the Vintage Days Planning Committee (which plans a four-day spring celebration for students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding communities). Other major programs include the Intramural and Recreation Program, student leadership development, club sports teams, and University Commencement activities.

Special Programs

The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development is also involved with planning, developing, and advising many special events and programs. Some of these include the following: Homecoming activities, Parents' Weekend, Welcome Week, New Student Convocation, Greek Week, Multicultural Student Leadership Conference, Diversity Awareness Program, Student Health Insurance Plan, Cross-Cultural Student Leadership Retreat, and the Student Services Expo. ❖