



UGA STUDENT AFFAIRS  
2013 - 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



The Division of Student Affairs' mission is to enhance the learning environment for students at the University of Georgia. We accomplish this by stimulating the learning process, integrating the in-class and out-of-class experiences, promoting an environment conducive to growth and discovery, and facilitating intellectual, spiritual, social, occupational, physical, cultural and emotional development.



On The Cover:  
*The School of Athens, Georgia*  
Michael Ross (MFA 2016)



Welcome to the 2013-2014 Student Affairs Annual Report!

This document represents the accomplishments of the UGA Student Affairs division during the 2013-2014 academic year.

In reviewing the highlights of the 19 departments in Student Affairs, I hope you will appreciate the depth and diversity of the division's programs and services for UGA students and community members. We are deeply committed to providing an outstanding student experience for all UGA students and fostering a connected, inclusive learning community.

As I reflect on my first year as vice president, I strongly believe that the division's work throughout this year has indeed fostered a stronger, more vibrant learning community and enhanced UGA greatly. From new academic and campus partnerships to enhanced facilities and programs to record fundraising, it has been an amazing year for Student Affairs. I am grateful for the incredibly talented and resourceful Student Affairs staff, whose efforts are represented in this report.

We value your contribution and partnership on behalf of our very deserving students. I look forward to continuing our commitment to enhance the learning environment for students at UGA.

Best wishes for a wonderful upcoming year.

Be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Victor K. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Victor K. Wilson**  
*Vice President for Student Affairs*

# UGA Student Affairs 2013 - 2014

MORE THAN 650  
REGISTERED  
STUDENT  
ORGANIZATIONS



12,683 STUDENTS  
VOLUNTEERED  
228,477 HOURS OF  
COMMUNITY SERVICE



\$1.96 MILLION  
IN PLEDGED  
GIFTS

MORE THAN  
1,300 STUDENT  
EMPLOYEES



# By the Numbers



**STUDENTS**  
**RAISED \$1.54**  
**MILLION FOR**  
**PHILANTHROPY**



**25** CITIES  
VISITED  
BY **STUDENTS**  
DURING **IMPACT**  
SERVICE **TRIPS**



**22** RESIDENCE  
HALLS OFFER 7618  
BEDS FOR **UGA**  
**STUDENTS**



**19** DEPARTMENTS  
IN **UGA**  
**STUDENT**  
**AFFAIRS**

Create a better student experience  
for **generations** to come.

Let's enhance UGA together!



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UGA Student Affairs

# Academic Partnerships and Initiatives

Student Affairs Academic Advisory Board



*“The World Café was a great opportunity to exchange ideas and to be heard by faculty and administrators. Sometimes students can feel like they are being ‘talked down to.’ UGA Student Affairs’ staff listen to us with respect.”*

— Ben Reynolds, Class of 2014

Academic Partnerships and Initiatives organizes and supports collaboration among administrators, faculty, staff and students from across campus in order to share learning designs, create campus-wide solutions and support student success.

## 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Facilitated the “World Café,” an effort to seek student, faculty and staff input into Student Affairs programs and services
- Established the Student Affairs Academic Advisory Board, a campus-wide collaboration to enhance the total academic experience for students
- Launched initiatives to welcome, listen to and support transfer, first-generation and introverted students

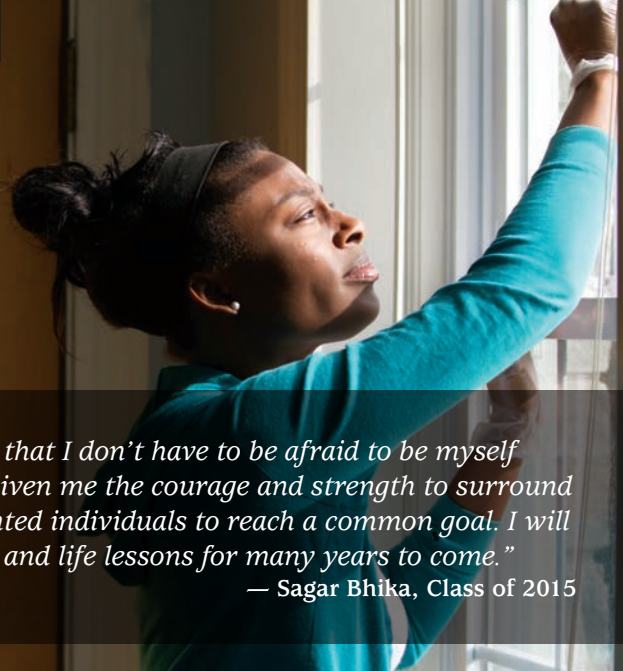


# 84

The number  
of academic  
partnerships and  
initiatives reported in  
2013 - 2014.

# Center for Leadership and Service

## IMPACT Service Trip



*“IMPACT helped me realize that I don’t have to be afraid to be myself around others, and it has given me the courage and strength to surround myself with a team of talented individuals to reach a common goal. I will cherish these relationships and life lessons for many years to come.”*

— Sagar Bhika, Class of 2015

**50**  
thousand

The number of  
service hours that  
approximately 4,500  
students completed  
through  
CLS programs.

The Center for Leadership and Service empowers students to engage in leadership education and experiential service learning. Through programs and services, the CLS aims to develop the qualities that make UGA students stronger active citizens.


### 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Service Ambassadors organized volunteer opportunities for more than 300 students who completed 1,200 service hours in Athens
- Conducted an IMPACT service trip with the Student Veterans Resource Center to Washington, D.C. focused on advocacy for veterans
- Organized Dawg Day of Service, in which nearly 500 students volunteered at 19 local service sites



# Disability Resource Center

Assistive Technology Lab



*"The DRC takes away extra stress that might impact disabilities further. I don't have to worry about anything diabetes-related when it comes to classes because the DRC is here."*

— Mindy Bartleson, Class of 2015

The Disability Resource Center coordinates and provides a variety of academic accommodations and support services such as alternative media, assistive technology, captioning, sign language interpreter and testing accommodations to promote equal educational opportunities and a welcoming academic, physical and social environment for UGA students with disabilities.

## 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Developed personalized accommodation plans for more than 1,500 students with disabilities
- Secured over \$350,000 in gifts and pledges to support leadership programs and expand existing scholarships
- Facilitated more than 7,600 exams for nearly 700 students with disabilities

more than

2

thousand

The number of hours interpreters signed for students in classes, meetings and oral exams.

# Greek Life

UGA Miracle — Dance Marathon



*“Greek Life organizations have an undying commitment to service. Along with our high scholastic expectations, it is our duty to give back to our community.”*

— Peyton C. Fraser, Class of 2015

61

The number of UGA national Greek-letter men’s and women’s groups, comprising 26% of the undergraduate student population.

The Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Panhellenic Council are self-governing and self-supporting organizations. These councils coordinate events, provide educational programs and establish community-wide policies for their member organizations.

#### 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Set GPA record with Spring 2014 grades: fraternities averaged a 3.21 and sororities averaged a 3.46
- UGA Miracle, the official philanthropy of UGA Greek Life, raised \$507,205 for Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
- Students in Greek letter organizations raised over \$1 million for philanthropic initiatives

# International Student Life



International Coffee Hour

*“Not only has ISL allowed me to experience other cultures, but it has also made it possible for me to learn more about and appreciate my own Filipino culture.”*

— Desiree Garcia, Class of 2014

International Student Life enhances international awareness for both U.S. and international students through innovative programs and nearly 30 student organizations, as well as offers services to international students including orientation, non-resident tax assistance and cultural programming.

## 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Facilitated a comprehensive orientation program for 330 incoming international students
- Coordinated International Street Festival in downtown Athens, which attracted around 5,000 community members
- Provided tax assistance to approximately 500 international students required to file tax forms in the United States

42  
years

International Coffee Hour has been held each Friday during the academic year for 42 consecutive years.

# LGBT Resource Center

Lavender Graduation



*"I've learned about the responsibilities of leadership, the impact a small group of people can have and the role of community in creating positive change."*

— Steven Edwards, Class of 2015

# 135

135 people trained for Safe Space from 52 departments, offices, schools, and colleges within UGA.

The LGBT Resource Center provides meaningful programming and engagement to meet the needs of the LGBT and ally communities by creating an environment of advocacy, education and support.

#### 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Coordinated a new weeklong program entitled Dawgs Making It Better to promote awareness among allies of the LGBT community
- Launched Queeries, a program on WUOG radio station which received the highest listening rate of all new WUOG programming this year
- Lambda Alliance won the S.O.A.R. Award for Outstanding Cultural Awareness Program for "Hidden Voices: Trans Experiences"

# Multicultural Services and Programs

Rite of Sankofa



*“MSP gives students an opportunity to grow, learn and pursue their passions in a welcoming and supportive environment.”*

— Melanie Wiggins, Class of 2014

Multicultural Services and Programs supports UGA’s commitment to “foster the understanding of and respect for cultural differences necessary for an enlightened and educated citizenry” through programs, organizations and outreach that develop students’ multicultural competencies.

## 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Honored 33 graduating seniors at the inaugural MSP Senior Reception
- Advised the LISTo student organization, which provides academic, social and emotional support to incoming Latino and Latina students
- Recognized a record 132 graduates at the Rite of Sankofa, an Afro-centric graduation celebration

40  
years

The Pamoja Dance  
Company celebrated  
its 40th anniversary.

# Recreational Sports

Ramsey Center fitness class



*“Rec Sports has helped me maintain a healthy mental and physical balance throughout my college career, and it has challenged me to grow by leading others and interacting with diverse students on a daily basis.”*  
— Ravi Patel, Class of 2014

46

46 unique club sports teams represent UGA in competition against other colleges and universities.

Recreational Sports leads and engages the university community in learning and adopting healthy lifetime behaviors by providing quality programs, facilities, equipment and services through participatory recreational experiences.

#### 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Hosted two new late-night programs for students, REDout Ramsey for Women in support of heart disease awareness and Totally R.A.D. (Ramsey After Dark), involving 1,430 student participants
- Hosted the 2014 SEC Swimming and Diving Championships and UGA Relay for Life
- Provided instruction and leadership to students on study abroad trips to Costa Rica and Tanzania

# Student Affairs Assessment and Staff Development

Professional Enrichment Conference



*“Assessment is an essential part of developing programs that support our ever-changing student population.”*  
— Elise Harvey, Assessment Team Training Program Graduate

Student Affairs Assessment and Staff Development strives to improve organizational effectiveness in Student Affairs by coordinating planning, assessment and research activities and providing staff development opportunities that facilitate learning and build community.

## 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Coordinated the Professional Enrichment Institute, a yearlong, selective professional development opportunity for exemplary staff in Student Affairs
- Hosted the Professional Enrichment Conference for more than 150 staff and colleagues
- Facilitated the Assessment Team Training Program, designed to provide staff with knowledge and skills to enhance student programs and services



700

UGA Student Affairs  
employs nearly 700  
staff and more than  
1,300 students.

# Student Affairs Communications and Marketing Initiatives

Student studying in the Tate Student Center



*“It’s neat to see our tweets get shared across campus and seen by thousands of students and alumni. People really care about Student Affairs and the work we do.”*

— Kelly Lange, Class of 2015

Student Affairs Communications and Marketing Initiatives represents and promotes the division by increasing its visibility, creating a consistent brand and leading the division’s marketing and public relations initiatives.

12

The average number of photos that the Communications and Marketing Initiatives staff takes per day.


#### 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Established the department with a director, web developer and student intern
- Created and grew pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to a total of 800 followers
- Implemented redesigned division logo with adoption across departments



# Student Affairs Development

## Student Affairs Advisory Board



*"I give back to UGA Student Affairs because they provided so much opportunity to me as a student. Without those experiences, I would not have developed the interpersonal, leadership and problem-solving skills that equipped me to achieve post-graduate success."*

— Bart Newman (AB '99, JD '03)

Student Affairs Development oversees the division's fundraising campaigns and giving opportunities in order to provide the essential private support that makes UGA student success possible.

### 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Raised approximately \$1,960,000 in gifts and pledges, marking a 144% increase in overall dollars raised from the previous year
- Raised nearly \$260,000 in annual gifts, marking a 48% increase from the previous year in dollars raised for the annual fund
- Established the Student Affairs Advisory Board comprised of individuals committed to enhancing the student experience through consistent private giving

more than  
**1.96**  
million

More than \$1.96 million in gifts were pledged to Student Affairs programs.

# Student Conduct

Students being inducted into University Judiciary



*“Everyone makes mistakes, and college is a learning experience. By helping students navigate the conduct process and learn from their mistakes, we enhance the learning experience for all students at the university.”*

— Andrew Roberts, Class of 2015

# 46

years

University Judiciary  
was established 46  
years ago.

Student Conduct educates students and student organizations about their rights, responsibilities and expectations as members of the UGA community while providing a fair and educational process through which alleged violations of the UGA Code of Conduct are resolved.

#### 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Collaborated with the University Health Center to establish a mentor program for students involved in the conduct process
- For the first time, offered academic credit for completion of the 40-plus hour University Judiciary training course
- Raised more than \$100,000 in pledges and gifts as part of a campaign to support training and development for student members of University Judiciary

# Student Support Services

Student studying on north campus

*“Despite significant health problems, the straightforward and non-judgmental assistance of Student Support Services helped me achieve the proud accomplishment of graduating as a Bulldog.”*

— Robbie Ottley, Class of 2013

Student Support Services provides individualized assistance to students experiencing hardship circumstances, support to faculty and staff working with students in distress and guidance to parents seeking help and information on behalf of their students.

## 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Took on advising responsibilities for the National Student Exchange Program, the Golden Key International Honour Society and the Campus Ministry Association
- Partnered with the UGA Alumni Association to include students on the class Senior Signature plaque who passed away
- Presented memorial service honoring students, faculty and staff who passed away

over

2

thousand

Student Support Services responded to more than 2,100 phone calls to assist students, families, faculty and staff.

# Student Veterans Resource Center

Student Veterans Resource Center lounge



*“Many faculty, staff and community leaders are now more aware of the issues that student veterans face. This is leading to a richer understanding of, and a better experience for, our student vets.”*

— James Davis, Class of 2015

# 200

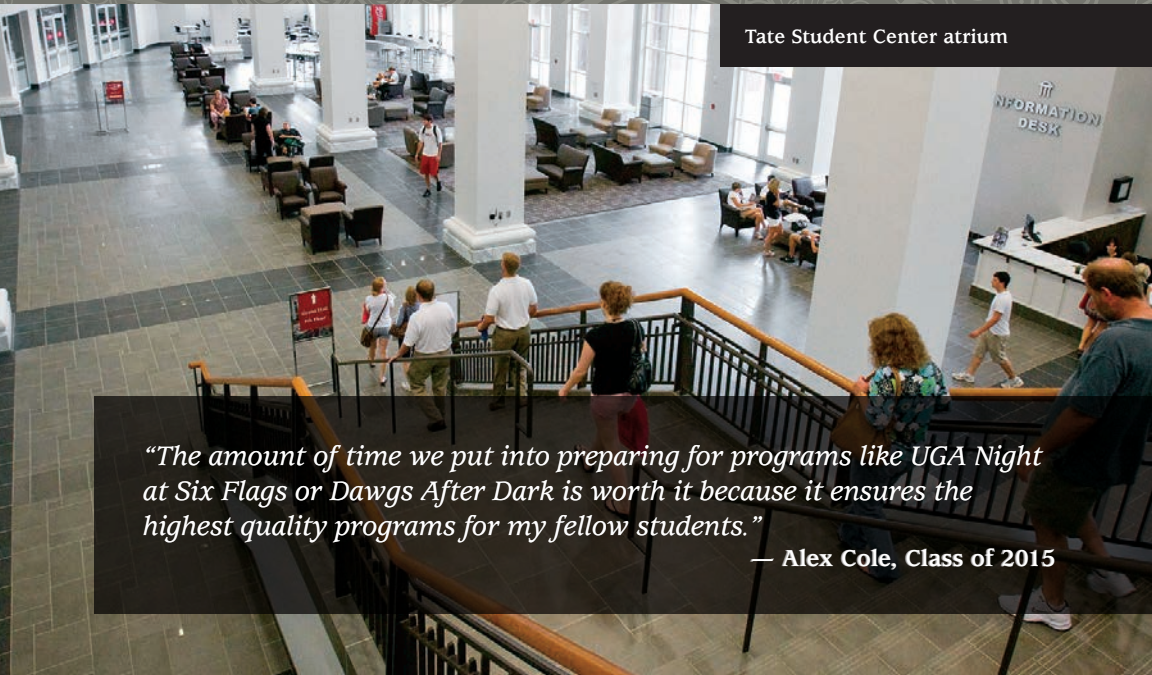
Nearly 200 student veterans attend UGA.

The Student Veterans Resource Center serves as the primary location for way-finding and entry into a wide array of UGA services and programs for student veterans. The SVRC offers support, advocacy and a convenient lounge for student veterans to gather.

#### 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Launched Career Readiness Series in partnership with Terry College of Business
- Hosted six new veteran-specific orientation classes for incoming student veterans
- Designed Got Your Six awareness program and presented to hundreds of faculty, staff and community partners

# Tate Business Services



Tate Student Center atrium

*“The amount of time we put into preparing for programs like UGA Night at Six Flags or Dawgs After Dark is worth it because it ensures the highest quality programs for my fellow students.”*

— Alex Cole, Class of 2015

Tate Business Services includes the Tate Student Center Business Office, UGACard Office, Print & Copy Services and the Tate Information Technology Office. This department oversees the financial management of all accounts supported by the Student Activity Fee.

## 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

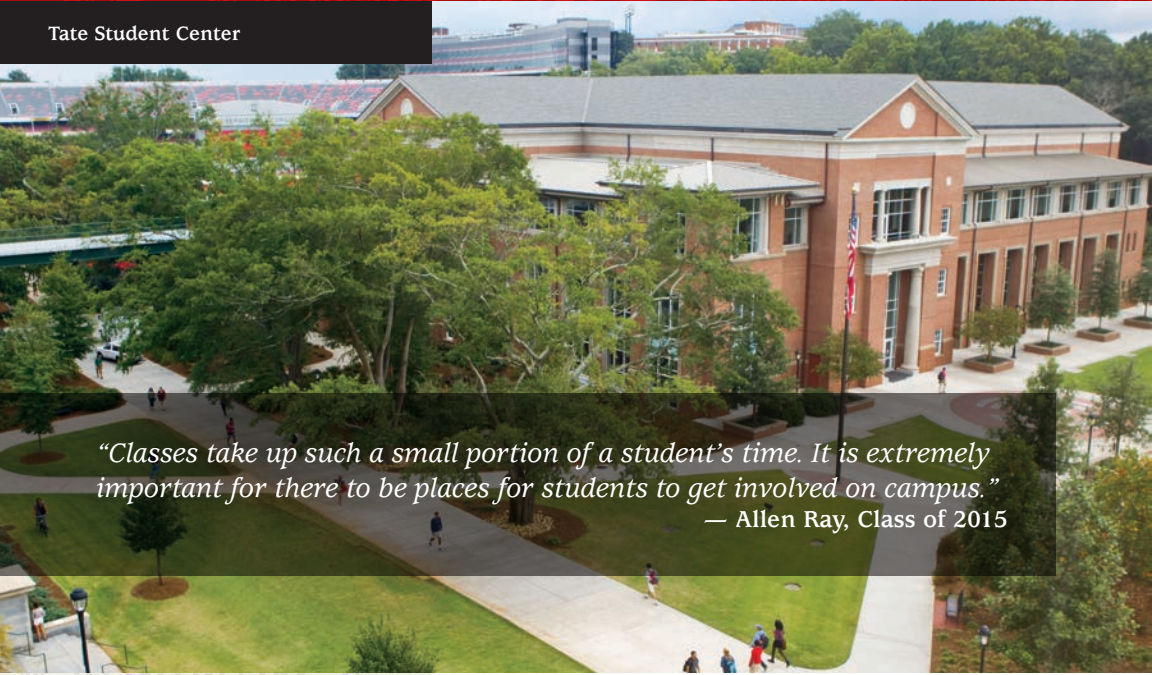
- Worked with Tate Student Center to launch UGA Involvement Network, a new database tool for student organizations
- Partnered with Performing Arts Center to offer event tickets at the Tate Center’s cashier window
- Expanded initiative to promote the Student Government Association’s small clubs funding process to more student organizations

over  
**2**  
million

More than \$2 million supports student programming in schools, colleges and student organizations across campus.

# Tate Student Center

Tate Student Center



*“Classes take up such a small portion of a student’s time. It is extremely important for there to be places for students to get involved on campus.”*  
— Allen Ray, Class of 2015



more than  
**2**  
million

There were more than  
2 million visits to the  
Tate Student Center.

The Tate Student Center is the “living room” of campus, providing a safe and welcoming space for students, entertaining and educational programs, efficient and courteous customer service and opportunities for students to learn and develop. Tate is also home to several programs and services offered through the Office of the Dean of Students.

#### 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Registered and provided support to 650 student organizations
- Presented Campus Movie Fest with the Department of Theater and Film Studies, helping 200 students produce independent films
- Satisfied nearly 20,000 requests for space bookings for classes, exams and events on campus

# University Health Center



University Health Center

*"Being in good health is important to accomplish the things we aspire to do. The University Health Center keeps students healthy and provides them with the education for a healthier future."*

— Christina Nguyen, Class of 2015

The University Health Center's staff addresses each student's individual problems with expertise and compassion. Medical care, counseling and prevention services are all conveniently housed in one state-of-the-art facility. Due to the prestigious accreditation from the Joint Commission and the scope of services, UHC is recognized as one of the best student health centers in the country.

## 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Debuted the Collegiate Recovery Community, where students recovering from addiction can find peer support and other recovery services
- Served as a learning site for medical students enrolled in the GRU/UGA Medical Partnership
- Collaborated with the Athletic Association to produce Theatre Delta, consisting of interactive theater performances for students on sexual assault, alcohol and eating disorders

more than  
**127**  
thousand

The University Health Center had 127,051 patient/client encounters.

# University Housing

East Campus Village



*“Living on campus has enabled me to easily meet up with classmates, professors and advisors. UGA provides a true sense of community and support.”*

— Quynh-Vu Dinh, Class of 2014

more than

5

thousand

5,185 first-year  
students resided  
on campus.

University Housing provides comfortable, affordable and secure on-campus housing options in residential communities where the academic success and personal growth of residents are encouraged and supported.

#### 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Opened the new Rutherford Hall, which houses the Franklin Residential College
- Renovated Brown Hall to house students on the Health Sciences Campus
- Coordinated Dawgs Ditch the Dumpster, a move-out program that collected 15 tons of furniture and other goods for donation to Goodwill



# University Testing Services

Student taking a final exam

*"The Testing Services staff are warm and welcoming, which takes away all of the testing jitters. It is such a great place to be when taking exams!"*

— Taylor Fraser, Class of 2014

University Testing Services provides placement testing, internet-based testing, national and university standardized tests, professional certifications and test scoring services to students, faculty, staff and the community.

## 2013 - 2014 Highlights:

- Extended office hours to include evenings and weekends and increased availability for first-year students to take placement exams prior to orientation
- Increased test security and academic honesty enforcement by installing a new high technology camera monitoring system
- Collaborated with the Office of Online Learning to offer 701 online exams

more than

**19**

thousand

University Testing  
Services administered

19,934 tests to  
14,784 test-takers.

## About the Cover

*The School of Athens, Georgia*, by Michael Ross, was specifically designed for the waiting area for the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Rather than portraying a specific moment in time, it is an allegory about student life at the University of Georgia's campus in Athens. Vignettes inside the painting convey themes of scholastic ambition and personal challenge, friendship and partnership, exercise, recreation and the bountiful landscapes and handsome architecture of the university's campus. Art students and professors modeled for the various figures.

The scene is an amalgamation of views rather than an actual vantage point: the central staircase is inspired by the one that rises from Baldwin Street at Sanford Drive, while Park Hall was moved over to feature prominently at the summit. Through the magnolia we can see the Forestry Resources Building, and in the distance, the Boyd Graduate Studies Building, and faintly the Biological Sciences Building. The staircase and two professors at the top reference the Renaissance painter Raphael's great fresco *The School of Athens*, which depicts an imaginary reunion of prominent ancient Greek philosophers.

As in many classical figure paintings, the action is formed along the stable compositional structure of a pyramid. The foreground sidewalk forms the base, while key figures, the staircase and the finials of the brick wall lead diagonally upward towards the pyramid's apex at the pediment and tower of Park Hall.

Symbolically, the painting begins on the bottom right, where the tour guide in the red shirt shows two prospective students what life on campus might hold. They enter the scene on the right and look upward to the pinnacle of the institution and all the effort it will take to get there. Along that path, we see figures like the runner working hard to move upward. Near the top, two professors argue a point: They are direct quotations from Raphael's Plato and Aristotle in his *School of Athens*. Plato points upwards towards an ideal; Aristotle downwards towards earthly realms. They may never agree, but critical thinking, fruitful argumentation, and respect for multiple viewpoints are core values of a university. Along the staircase, two groups of students stop to read, play chess and enjoy each other's company. Another student looks up to take it all in while walking his unruly puppy, a guide dog in training.



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