

## Debbie Phillis

Employees of the College of Health and Public Affairs mourn the loss of their friend and colleague, Debbie Phillis. Debbie tragically passed away this past weekend after a bout with pneumonia. We are awaiting word on contact information for her funeral arrangements. Once we learn, we can share with those of you interested in passing along your condolences.

A twice graduate of UCF's College of Health and Public Affairs, Debbie received her Bachelor of Arts in 1984, while obtaining a Masters in 1991. She was a founding member of the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Alumni Chapter and former chair of the Space Coast Alumni Chapter. She was also founder of the Public Affairs Scholarship and a longtime supporter of the Golden Knights Club.



Debbie also served her alma mater professionally, as a long-time employee where she worked in criminal justice and legal studies and public administration. Debbie spent much of her time advising criminal justice and legal studies students, and helping public administration students obtain and complete their internships.

Debbie served on the Advisory Board of the Gamma of Florida Alumni Association of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society since 1989. She was a member of NACADA (National Academic Advising Association) since 1990.

In her spare time, she would also work at the UCF Arena on men's and women's basketball game days. Those of you, who knew Debbie, knew her passion for UCF, and her support for athletics was second-to-none. During her UCF career, she was recognized many times through the Alumni Association, of which she was a lifetime member, for her dedicated service, receiving the Jefferson Award in 2008.

Debbie's life revolved around the University of Central Florida, and she will be missed by her friends in COHPA, by her students, and by the many alumni whose lives she touched in many ways.