

# Congratulations!

## Broward Community College honors Eleven Endowed Teaching Chairs

Two Broward Community College graduates, a retired dentist and an award-winning theater director are among the 11 BCC professors awarded 2001 Endowed Teaching Chairs.



The recipients were notified in the spring and received a visit from President Holcombe; BCC Foundation Chairman Jonathan Mariner; and BCC Vice President of Development Judy Bowen. Each was presented with a flower arrangement.

Each professor, in honor of his or her excellence in the classroom, will receive a \$22,500 award, which includes a \$15,000 professional stipend and \$7500 for professional development, over the next three years.

The Endowed Teaching Chairs Program, which began in 1992, is a public/private partnership to benefit the community by recognizing excellence in teaching at BCC. This year's recipients were chosen from a field of 15 finalists.

### Yanick Daniel

**Bank of America  
Endowed Teaching Chair**

**South Campus  
English/ESL/Journalism**

Yanick Daniel believes the best teachers are those who are passionate about what they teach.

"It's not sufficient that a teacher have command of the subject matter," says Daniel, a French and English as a Second Language professor. A teacher must know how to transmit that knowledge and the skills involved in using it, she adds.

Daniel joined the BCC faculty in 1986 and earned tenure in 1991. She developed the French and ESL programs at South Campus, where she currently teaches advanced ESL, communications and composition classes. From 1991 to 1996, she headed the communications department.

Before coming to BCC, Daniel taught French and Spanish at Florida Memorial College. She speaks four languages, holds a master's degree in TESL or Teaching English as a Second Language from Hunter College, and a bachelor's degree in French and secondary education from City College of the University of New York.

Daniel plans to use the professional development portion of the award to develop an online composition course and buy teaching materials.



#### Teaching Philosophy

"I see the teacher not only as one who must convey knowledge in a subject area, but one who acts as a stimulus to help the students develop an appetite for learning."

#### Student Comment

"Thank you for your patience, your support, your knowledge. I will never forget you."

## Endowed Teaching Chairs

Yanick Daniel

Jodie Fry

Theresa Hayes

Joseph Jones

Gary Kay

Gordon Maddison

Patricia Menhart

Glenn Musgrove

Peggy Nash

Greg Reeder

Deborah Sanchez

### Jodie Fry

**William D. Horvitz  
Endowed Teaching Chair**

**South Campus  
Mathematics**

Math professor Jodie Fry's goal is to take the fear out of studying algebra and calculus.

"I really enjoy this job . . . . I believe my students are happy when they are successful, and I try to give them every means to be," says Fry, who developed a homework hotline to help South Campus students with math questions.

She also initiated the campus' monthly math contest. A problem is posted on the lobby bulletin board, students attempt to solve it, and winners receive prizes donated by Student Life.

Fry has reviewed several math textbooks for authors seeking critiques of their work before publication. She serves on numerous BCC committees, including South Campus Spirit and the Honors Program Committee.

Fry joined the BCC faculty full time in 1996 and was awarded tenure in 1999. A former high school math teacher and BCC graduate, Fry holds a master's degree in mathematics from Nova University and a bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University.

She plans to spend the professional development portion of the award on advanced math training, calculators to lend to students who can't afford them and computer equipment.



#### Teaching Philosophy

"As an instructor of perhaps the most feared subject out there, I try my best to create a comfortable atmosphere. I teach to the average student, but still keep the group challenged."

#### Student Comment

"I would've never made it through algebra without her homework hotline. It was like having your own private tutor a phone call away."

### Theresa Hayes

**Causeway Lumber Co.  
Endowed Teaching Chair**

**South Campus  
Office Systems Tech.**

Computer and office technology professor Theresa Hayes has two approaches to teaching: follow the course outline and make sure each student takes something positive from the class.

"All it may take to start on the path of learning is a small spark," she says. "It is very rewarding to watch that spark begin to glow and take flame."

Hayes joined the BCC faculty in 1972 and was granted tenure in 1979. She's taught a wide range of courses, including word processing applications, business communications and machine shorthand for court reporting. She's written numerous articles on court reporting as a career and published more than 350 columns in Florida and Michigan newspapers.

A former BCC Professor of the Year, Hayes has a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Florida Atlantic University and is currently working on a doctorate in computing technology in education.

She plans to spend the professional development portion of the award on advanced training seminars and materials to help pursue her doctorate.



#### Teaching Philosophy

"I can't make someone learn. I can only guide a person and help them discover options to explore for their paths in life."

#### Student Comment

"I'd like to thank you so much for your courage and inspiration. You were truly a blessing to me."

## Joseph Jones

**R. Irene Craney Fischley  
Endowed Teaching Chair**

**Health Sciences - North  
Emergency Med. Services**



Enroll in one of Joe Jones' classes, and prepare to deal with life and death. Since 1989, Jones has taught paramedic or Emergency Medical Technician training classes at BCC.

"In one year, we must produce competent, advanced level technicians capable of saving lives," says Jones, the former EMS coordinator of South Side Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Granted tenure at BCC in 1992, Jones has taken a leading role in revising, updating and restructuring the paramedic lecture and lab program.

One of his greatest achievements is writing *The Master Formula*, a program to help paramedics calculate correct drug dosages in the field. He's a charter member of the National Association of EMS Educators and a group member of Emergency Medical Educators of Florida.

The Fischley award is Jones' second endowed teaching honor at BCC. He received the Margaret and Cato Roach award in 1996. He plans to use a portion of the latest award money to attend national EMS conferences.

### Teaching Philosophy

"The most important aspect of teaching is to demonstrate enthusiasm in my profession and teaching. If I can show a genuine interest . . . my students will get caught up in my energy and work harder to achieve success."

### Student Comment

"Joe demands from his students what the public demands from the EMS service - the very best the student has to offer. I feel even if you fail Joe's class, you've learned something."

## Gary Kay

**Gene A. Whiddon  
Endowed Teaching Chair**

**South Campus  
Communications**



Gary Kay has devoted his professional career to teaching college and high school students how to read. Without the skill, they're lost, he says.

"I believe that reading provides students with the best chance to achieve success in their professional and personal lives," says Kay, who has taught reading and English at BCC since 1983.

The professor has published numerous articles, conducted workshops and lectured extensively on how students can improve reading comprehension skills. Respected for his innovative teaching methods, Kay is co-editor of two books, including *Ten Steps to Building College Reading Skills*.

Granted tenure at BCC in 1986, Kay received his doctorate from Florida Atlantic University in 1983. He holds master's and bachelor's degrees in English. He was a BCC Professor of the Year in 2000. Before joining the college, Kay taught high school and counseled disadvantaged minority students.

Kay plans to use some of the award money for research and to buy bookstore gift certificates for students who have overcome reading problems.

### Teaching Philosophy

"Unfortunately, many students enter college with negative attitudes about themselves and their reading ability . . . Professors must help students overcome these crippling attitudes."

### Student Comment

"A teacher you remember rarely comes about, and when he does it feels rewarding to have him instruct you."

## Gordon Maddison

**John and James Knight  
Endowed Teaching Chair**

**Central Campus  
English**



Gordon Maddison says his goal is to instill students with a passion for knowledge. "It's not only my dream; it is my duty," he says.

Hired at BCC in 1987 and granted tenure in 1990, Maddison teaches creative and technical writing, literature and photojournalism. He also teaches writing courses at Florida Atlantic University and Nova Southeastern University.

Maddison, an endowed teaching chair finalist in 1999, has published numerous historical and analytical articles. He's co-written a textbook on technical writing, and publication of his first novel, titled *Capitol Lies*, is underway. He's served on numerous BCC committees, including the Faculty Senate and grant writing teams.

A BCC graduate, Maddison received his bachelor's and master's degrees in English from FAU. He's done post graduate research at University of Durham in Durham, England.

Maddison plans to spend a portion of his award money on developing new methods to teach expository writing and setting up a scholarship program for English majors.

### Teaching Philosophy

"I enter every classroom door an optimist faced with an ever-widening variety of knowledge and skill levels. I address each student as equal, not only to each other, but to me as well . . ."

### Student Comment

"I used to get c's and d's in high school English because it was so boring. He's changed my outlook on English. I'm more interested now."

## Patricia Menhart

**SunTrust Bank  
Endowed Teaching Chair**

**Central Campus  
English**



Patricia Menhart says she's watched "fads and theories come and go" in education for decades. She believes in the basics.

"A good teacher will use that which is new and incorporate the good new ideas into what has already been proven," says Menhart. "In other words, cheer on technology, but do not forget that diagramming sentences also helps," she adds.

But Menhart's students do much more than diagram sentences. In her honors-level English or composition classes, they're introduced to great writing and literature. Colleagues call Menhart "the walking encyclopedia" because of her knowledge and extensive teaching experience.

Granted tenure in 1987, Menhart was hired by BCC in 1985. She's a former member of the BCC Foundation's Board of Directors and a current member of Collegiate Press' editorial board. She's served on numerous BCC and civic committees, including the U.S. Senate's Advisory Committee on Education. Menhart has both a master's and bachelor's degree in English.

She plans to spend some of her award money on computer-based programs for the Writing Lab

### Teaching Philosophy

"The challenge to the BCC teacher is to accommodate and cherish their (students') differences, to identify and facilitate their needs, and to help inspire them . . ."

### Student Comment

"I just wanted to send my sincerest thanks for your compassion, understanding, thoughtfulness. Teachers like you make the educational experience a warm and wonderful time."

## Glenn Musgrove

**Southeast Banking Corp.  
Endowed Teaching Chair**

**Central Campus  
Behavioral Science**



Psychology professor Glenn Musgrove starts most every class with a question. "Anything you want to learn about today?" he asks his students. "Sometimes they even answer!"

Musgrove says teachers have to make classes interesting and relevant to keep students coming back for more knowledge.

Musgrove joined the BCC faculty in 1989 and was granted tenure in 1992. Nominated for Professor of the Year every year since his arrival, Musgrove teaches introductory and advanced psychology courses. He's also taught psychology at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa and the University of Georgia.

A member of the American Psychological Society, Musgrove has presented numerous research papers at behavioral science conferences in the Southeast and Midwest. He received his doctorate and master's degree in experimental psychology from University of Georgia.

Musgrove plans to use a portion of the professional development money to attend professional conferences and buy computer equipment to assist in teaching.

### Teaching Philosophy

"Make 'em think. Data is real; the interpretation of data is the key. I want my students to be able to effectively think about science and pseudoscience and to tell the difference between the two."

### Student Comment

"I am facing the upcoming winter term with much trepidation as it will be my first term 'sans Musgrove . . . Who else will ask the stirring question 'anything ya wanna know?' "

## Peggy Nash

**Second Generation  
Community Leaders  
Endowed Teaching Chair**

**North Campus  
Social/Behavioral Science**



Twice-honored as BCC Professor of the Year, Peggy Nash has been teaching psychology at the college for two decades.

"I was hired to become part of a caring community. That was 23 years ago, and I've been home since the day I stepped on campus," says Nash, who was granted tenure in 1980.

This is her second endowed teaching chair. She received the Otto M. Burkhardt award in 1993. Nash has written numerous books, manuals and journal articles on the behavioral sciences. In 1999, she co-authored the *Essentials of Psychology*.

A licensed mental health counselor, she obtained a doctorate in community college instruction and a master's degree in psychology from Florida Atlantic University. Nash has also taught graduate-level courses at FAU and served as division chair of math, science, social science and health on BCC's South Campus. In 1995, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching named her Florida Professor of the Year.

She plans to use a portion of the award to attend professional conferences.

### Teaching Philosophy

"I believe every person has talent, worth and dignity, and each student is special. My responsibility is to convey this respect, to broaden minds . . . and to do so with rigorous standards. Teaching is my loving, joyous journey toward that goal."

### Student Comment

"I had the privilege of completing a semester of independent study under Dr. Nash's direction. From the onset, she made it clear that we were collaborating on a project to be presented to her peers in her field."

## Greg Reeder

**Emil Buehler  
Endowed Teaching Chair**

**Downtown Center  
Biological Science**



Retired dentist Greg Reeder began teaching biological science at BCC's Downtown Center eight years ago. Hooking students on anatomy and physiology has proved easier than pulling teeth, he says.

"Expect a lot, and students will meet your expectations," Reeder says.

A faculty senator and chairman of the BCC Academic Standards Committee, Reeder has created teaching tools, such as lecture notes on CD-ROM and crossword puzzles to help students understand material.

The DTC's first recipient of an endowed chair, Reeder was granted tenure in 1999. A Professor of the Year nominee and student mentor, he has served on numerous BCC search and recruitment committees.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and Morehead State University, Reeder has a master's degree in biology. He's co-author of the *Interactive Anatomy* CD-ROM series and was the first DTC representative to the Faculty Senate.

Reeder plans to use a portion of the award money to attend professional conferences and develop Web courses.

### Teaching Philosophy

"Teaching begins with high standards . . . I believe it is our charge to raise our students to the level that they 'clear the bar' and exceed the standards."

### Student Comment

"Teaching is an art, and Dr. Reeder can take the most difficult material and make it understandable."

## Deborah Sanchez

**Sheldon Schlesinger P.A.  
Endowed Teaching Chair**

**Central Campus  
Visual & Performing Arts**



When it comes to instilling confidence in students, performing arts instructor Deborah Sanchez needs no script.

"I know that if I believe in a student, he will eventually believe in himself. I've seen it happen," says Sanchez, who's taught acting and theater arts at BCC since 1993.

Granted tenure in 1999, Sanchez wrote and developed two courses for the college – Survey of Dramatic Literature and Movement for the Actor. She's directed or choreographed more than 30 plays and musicals in South Florida, including BCC productions of *The Fantastiks* and *The Wiz*, which received superior ratings from the Florida Community Colleges Activities Association. In 1998, she received a \$6000 grant from the BCC foundation to finance a children's musical production.

Sanchez, an actress, has appeared in dozens of South Florida plays, commercials and television shows, including *Miami Vice*. She received a master's degree in theater from Florida Atlantic University and a bachelor's degree from University of Florida.

Sanchez plans to spend a portion of the award on theater workshops, seminars and software programs.

### Teaching Philosophy

"I firmly believe that a student cannot build on what is not; he can only build on what is . . . I look for that spark of truth in a budding actor's performance rather than focusing on what is not yet in place."

### Student Comment

"When I decided to take your class, I had no idea just how enlightening and enriching an experience it would be."