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A Special Message from President Armstrong:

The foundation of Broward College is rooted in diversity - our students, faculty, suppliers and staff demonstrate that we are a microcosm of people representing different genders, races, nationalities, religions, cultures and overall walks of life. More than 100 countries are represented at our graduation ceremonies, and although their backgrounds are different, they are unified by aspirations to achieve.

This ideology extends to the community as a whole, especially when it comes to our Supplier Relations and Diversity program. A top priority has been helping small businesses thrive in our own backyard. In the last two years, the College's first and second tier diversity spend has been close to \$27 million for services provided by minority, women-owned and small businesses, and companies who participated in the Small Disadvantaged Business program. These vendors support our College with everything from construction, architectural, and engineering services, to information technology and catering services, medical and office supplies. A total of 153 small businesses, 134 women-owned and 393 minority certified business are in the College's database, but the institution reaches many more.

We pride ourselves on providing equal opportunity to all, and creating an environment that breeds success. Each year, we host numerous events, collaborating with an ever-expanding roster of partnering organizations. We are dedicated to providing any small business the chance to work with our College, no matter the gender or nationality. I applaud the cooperative effort put forth by the departments as they continue to expand the College's diversity brand of inclusion and the entrepreneurial spirit of our diverse population.

To inquire about registering as a vendor with Broward College, or to find out more about our diversity initiatives, please email us at SDC@broward.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. David Armstrong, Jr.".

J. David Armstrong, Jr.

President