Broward College Student
Wins State’s Excellence
in Service Award

Jodian Dunann, a South Campus student majoring in biology, has been named the recipient of the Florida Campus Compact’s 2011 Excellence in Service Award in the Community College/State College division.

Dunann will receive her award later in February at a three-day Scholar’s Institute in Tallahassee. Three students were named winners of the award statewide.

A native of St. Catherine’s Parish, Jamaica, Dunann is a graduate of Stranahan High School and now lives in Miramar. She did much of her community service work with the Alpha Delta Rho chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Dunann's activities have included working with the chapter’s veterans project at Children’s Harbor (a residential program for foster children in Pembroke Pines) and the Broward Outreach Center. Other service projects have included working with the homeless and on environmental activities, such as beach cleanups.

The variety in her volunteer work is what keeps her so motivated. “It would be hard to limit my activities to just one area, but if I had to do that, I think I’d work with the homeless,” she said. “They’re most easily overlooked.”

Dunann plans to graduate in May 2013 and go on to the University of Florida or University of Miami. She plans a career in medicine as an anesthesiologist.

News from Tom Olliff
Senior Vice President for Administration

Hello, if I have not had the pleasure of meeting you yet, I am Tom Olliff, the new Senior Vice President for Administration. I have now officially been at Broward College for just over two months. The President has offered an opportunity for Dr. Howdyshell and me to submit an update each month as part of his monthly newsletter. I thought I’d take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself and to share some of my philosophies. In the future, we will share information on the programs and initiatives that we will be undertaking to better serve you.

I am a 42 year resident of Florida, having lived 30 years on the West coast in Naples and the balance of my time here in South Florida. I have a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Palm Beach Atlantic University and an MBA, with a concentration in management, from the University of South Florida. I worked 20 years for local government in a number of roles, ultimately serving as the County Administrator for Collier County. Most recently, I was acting as the Assistant Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the South Florida Water Management District. In both cases, I had the privilege of managing progressive, cutting edge organizations of roughly 1,700 employees and budgets of about $1 billion.

These experiences have prepared me well for Broward College, and I look forward to working with the administration management team to make noticeable improvements in our business processes. I firmly believe that better business means better students, and that synchs perfectly with President Armstrong and our Board of Trustee’s passion for student success. Administration is here to provide support, and the better, faster, cheaper and smarter we can provide that support, the better our educational product is for the student.

You will hear a lot in the near future about strategic planning, annual work plans and personal performance plans. We are committed to developing plans that provide us with clear direction at the policy, operational and individual employee level. Once these plans are in place and resourced, we will need to have systems for measuring and reporting our progress. With this kind of coordinated system, we will begin to see meaningful progress toward our student success imperative and will have many opportunities to celebrate as Broward College moves from “Good to Great.” I am excited to be here and a part of your team. I look forward to meeting each one of you and working alongside you to make Broward College the “Best in Class.”

Look for future news from Tom Olliff and Dr. Linda Howdyshell in upcoming issues.
North Campus Hosts Project Graduation

For those students who are nearing the finish line in attaining their degrees and certificates, a special initiative was designed to help them complete the goal. For the second term in a row Broward College’s North Campus in Coconut Creek hosted Project Graduation, an event for all students who are approaching the 75 - 100 percent benchmarks for a degree or certificate by the end of this term.

The event offered resources to help students finish all of the requirements for graduation and transfer to a university or transition to a career. It was held in conjunction with the University Visitors event that brought representatives from more than 17 colleges and universities to North Campus on Feb. 20 and to all of Broward College’s main campuses and to the Pines Center by Feb. 21. Professionals at North were also available to assist career and technical education students in writing resumes, searching for jobs, and more. Advisors were standing by to meet with students “and make sure they’re on track to graduate,” said Associate Dean of Student Affairs Frank Gonzalez. Broward College’s bachelor’s degree programs were also represented at the University Marketplace in the Breezeway, allowing students to compare them with what the universities had to offer, and what was required for admission.

Faculty Spotlight: Oyinka Coakley

Oyinka Coakley got her distinctive first name from her grandmother. “My grandmom was a teacher and had a student named Oyinka,” she said. “That’s where the name came from. We learned later that it’s Nigerian and means ‘surrounded by sweetness.’” Coakley’s grandmother apparently recognized something early. Coakley, an assistant professor of business administration, brings the benefits of her experiences as a certified public accountant to her students in her accounting classes on North Campus. She teaches classes to students studying in the associate and baccalaureate level.

“I love being able to influence my students, sharing stories of day-to-day life in the business world with them,” she says. In 2009, Professor Coakley received the campus president’s Learner-Centered Initiative Award for a project on “Collaborative Learning with Quickbooks.”

She also serves as adviser to the International Society of Baccalaureate Scholars, assists with writing curriculum and mentors new faculty members.

The classroom is a workplace Coakley didn’t immediately see herself in. A Fort Lauderdale native, she found her professional direction in a favorite teacher’s class at Dillard High School. “I always thought I’d grow up and become a pharmacist,” she said. But a popular accounting course, taught by an inspirational teacher, shaped her decision to try accounting and teaching. She earned her baccalaureate degree at Florida A&M University and her master’s degree at Florida Atlantic University. Coakley became a Broward College adjunct professor in 2007, became full-time in 2008 and was recently granted tenure.

Coakley, is as busy outside the classroom as within. In 2010, she began a foundation, My Future My Choice, created to connect inner-city girls ages 13-17 with mentors. “It’s to help them find answers for some of the issues they’re facing with dating, pregnancy and things like that,” she said. “Some of them just don’t know that there’s a better way.” Her many activities make for a busy lifestyle, but Coakley says she wouldn’t want it any other way. “I’m trying,” she said. “I can’t sit still. If you have the ability to help…why not?”

PB&J Sandwiches Help South Campus Students Jump into Service Learning

On January 18, approximately 70 Broward College students gathered at South Campus’ cafeteria for a presentation on service learning. Elena Schultz, director of service learning on the South Campus, had set up a small-scale activity to kick off the year’s activities.

The plan was to work with volunteers from HandsOn Broward in making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to be delivered to area homeless shelters. Schultz said she was hoping the students could crank out 250 or so sandwiches in 60 minutes, but she says she was amazed by the response. 500 were made in that hour.
Sahar Naqvi, a Central Campus student, has a very busy schedule, taking a full load of classes in preparation to graduate in May. She is an Honors student, a Phi Theta Kappa member, a member of the Competitive Edge Leadership Program, Student Ambassador and more, but she also wanted to take the leap into community activism.

While working at the SIM Center groundbreaking, Naqvi, a Davie resident for 11 years, met Mayor Judy Paul and Commissioner Susan Starkey, who were attending the event. Naqvi introduced herself, told them of her interest in environmental issues and demonstrated her focus and seriousness. Several weeks later, she was informed she had been named a member of the Green Energy and Environmental Committee.

“We just had our first meeting since I was named to the committee,” Naqvi said. “It was fabulous, and we covered so much material.”

Craig Barnes, an adjunct English professor on the North Campus who covered sports for 37 years for the Sun-Sentinel, wrote a feature story “Strong Footing,” for the 2012 Super Bowl’s official game program.

The article, starting on page 249, discusses how the success of Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts has altered the Indiana sports landscape. Barnes still continues to write about sports as a freelancer, in addition to his work in the classroom at Broward College, where he teaches ENC0015 students. To view the article, click on the link below.

http://www.hozinc.com/sb46/

The Broward College General Education Outcomes and Assessments Team organized a seminar for professionals from Brevard College and Indian River State College on Feb. 10 in the University/College Library on Central Campus in Davie. Lead Faculty Dr. Joyce Walsh-Portillo said, “The vice presidents of institutional effectiveness and research of these colleges had approached me about sharing what we have learned during the past three years.” The agenda included presentations by members of the team about the process, what has worked, and the best practices that have emerged, with ample opportunity for questions to be asked and detailed responses to be given. Participating team members included President of the Faculty Senate Teresa Hodge, Behnoush Memari, Deborah Hefferin, Tai Houser, David Hennessy, Lisa Tunks, Sheila Jones, Alan Lebovitz, Juliet Carl, and Joanne Kampiziones.
The Recording Academy of America’s Grammy U Career Workshop, an educational symposium for Broward College students, faculty and staff members wishing to work in the music industry, was presented by the Recording Academy Florida Chapter on Feb. 16 at the Performing Cultural Arts Theatre on South Campus in Pembroke Pines. It was hosted by the South Campus Communications Department, in conjunction with the Visual & Performing Arts Department.

There was a panel discussion with top industry experts including Angie Martinez, VP of Business Affairs for EMI Music; Jessica Roffe, Director of Latin Writers/Publishers, EMI Music; GRAMMY-winning producer Andrés Saavedra; GRAMMY-nominated singer Elsten Torres and GRAMMY-winning writer Betty Wright. Students were also invited to bring demos of their work for a review/critique session.

Prof. Kisha King to Facilitate Program for Broward Main Library’s Civil War Exhibit

“Lincoln The constitution and The Civil War” is an important exhibit coming to the Broward County Main Library in downtown Fort Lauderdale from March 27 to May 1.

Broward College’s Kisha King, assistant professor of history and political science, will facilitate a discussion on Feb. 28 in the first program in a series connected with the exhibit. The program, titled The Role of African-Americans in the Civil War, will include viewing portions of the film Glory. According to the flyer distributed by the library, “This is the story of the brave men of the Massachusetts 54th regiment and the two enemies they faced – prejudice within the ranks of the Union Army and the Confederacy.”

This program runs from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the library’s auditorium at 100 S. Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. For information call 954-357-7443.
As the 2012 professional baseball spring camps open, two former Seahawks players will be there vying for a spot in their teams’ starting lineups. A few others may be there vying for sports on American and National League teams as well.

Right-handed starting pitcher Mat Latos was traded from the San Diego Padres to the Cincinnati Reds in the off-season and should help bolster the Reds’ pitching rotation, which suffered from injury and illness in 2011. Latos is penciled in as the Reds’ No. 2 starter.

After a season with the AAA Nashville Sounds, right-handed Mike Fiers was called up to the parent Milwaukee Brewers in September 2011.

Several other former Broward College players may get the call to training camp to compete for roster spots on major-league teams.

These players include:
- Fernando Hernandez
- Christian Marrero
- Rian Kiniry
- Brandon Cooney
- Chad Rose

Former Broward basketball players have also gone pro, including:
- Adrian Uter, who started his collegiate basketball career at Broward College, is now one of the biggest players in Israel’s professional Super League.
- Carla Williams Borrego reached the highest heights in netball. In 2003, Borrego was recruited for Jamaica’s national netball team and helped the national team – the Sunshine Girls – to a bronze medal in the world championship. In 2010, she decided to play basketball in Australia, where she joined the Forrestville Eagles of Basketball South Australia. She led them to the league’s women’s championship in 2011. Borrego now plays netball one season of the year and basketball the other season.

Join Our Team - Help us reach this lifesaving goal!

Broward College, recognized for being a Gold Fit friendly company by the American Heart Association, is proud to be participating in the Broward Heart Walk on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at Nova Southeastern University’s campus. The walk is the American Heart Association’s signature national event that is designed to raise both life-saving funds and to engage our employees in embracing physical fitness – and has asked for our help.

The American Heart Association is the oldest and largest national non-profit voluntary health organization in the world, dedicated to reducing disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke, our nation’s no. 1 and no. 3 killers and your employees’ greatest health risk.

We encourage all employees to participate either by walking, or sponsoring someone on one of our Broward College Teams. There will be a team captain from each campus.

To register or sponsor a walker, go to the following link and search for the Broward College team of your choice.

http://www.kintera.org/faf/teams/groupTeamList.asp?event=481425&lis=1&kntae481425=9B18A7F73C1A4A1A7ACEC8EFF8CBE8F&iteams=4892678
A new exhibit, “Broward College during the Civil Rights Era,” will be on display starting February 24, in honor of Black History Month. In a footnote to history that has never before been documented, this exhibit relates the struggle for the integration of the Junior College of Broward County, now Broward College, in the fateful years 1961-1968.

Faculty members are encouraged to bring their students to view the exhibit, and to see some of the original materials on which it is based. There are lessons in American history to be learned from what happened right here in Broward County. The exhibit includes inspiring tales of men and women who sacrificed so much to attain a higher education. This is also an opportunity to demonstrate to students the purpose and value of archives, and that not everything can be found online.

Exhibit on display through summer 2012

A. Hugh Adams Central Campus
3501 S.W. Davie Rd., Davie, FL 33314
University College Library (Building 17)
Archives & Special Collections - 4th floor Room 434

For more information call 954-201-6577, or email: emailarchives@broward.edu

The 1963 Silver Sands yearbook, printed by the Junior College of Broward County, was segregated, with photographs of faculty members, staff, and students at the “branch campus” in a separate section from the rest. There was also a separate catalog and brochure for the “branch.”
News from the February Board of Trustees meeting

Student Forum Held

North Campus Student Body
President Alexio Gomes thanked the Board of Trustees and President Armstrong for the opportunity to present a Student Forum preceding the board’s meeting on the Coconut Creek campus.

He explained how the survey was conducted which determined the issues about which students are concerned. The top three were financial aid, the cafeteria, and parking. Gomes and the other student leaders said that they had been reassured by college administrators that solutions to these challenges were in the works, as was a redesign of the website to make it more user-friendly. Other issues and proposed solutions brought up at the forum were the lack of public transportation from one campus to another, and a new bus route that could help, as well as a program to lend bicycles to students to get around on campus, and a uniform way to log community service hours and get credit for them.

Retirements Recognized

Representing a combined total of more than 70 years of service to Broward College, three outstanding professionals were recognized for their accomplishments and contributions on the occasion of their retirement. Casey Gilson, who came to the college in 1981 and went on to become an associate dean of English, and then a dean of academic resources and instructional technology, said, “I’ve worked with many, many wonderful colleagues, administrators and the students I’ve taught along the way.” He called North Campus President Bryan, “a mentor, a friend, and a person who really made a difference in my life.”

Paul Ricker started teaching business, marketing and economics courses at the college 35 years ago. For 34 years he was also the DECA advisor. DECA is an international organization for college students preparing for careers in business and marketing-related areas. He guided his students in competitive efforts and helped them bring home prizes and accolades. “Being an advisor to the DECA club kept me motivated,” Ricker said.

By the end of this year Broward College will have nine degrees and nine certificates available totally online, an achievement attributable to the work of Russ Adkins. He became the associate vice president for instructional technology in 1998, and led a team supporting online and blended course and degree development, and more. In 2009 he was appointed interim vice president of academic affairs. “It’s been a great ride, and I’m going to miss you all,” Adkins said. “But I think you’ll be hearing from me,” he added with a smile.

Four New Baccalaureate Degrees Proposed

Broward College is seeking to expand the offerings in the baccalaureate program by proposing to add four new degrees. The District Board of Trustees gave the green light to proceed with a plan to develop Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees in Computer Networking and Telecommunications, Environmental Science, and Clinical Laboratory and Biotechnology and a Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) program in Supply Chain Management.

Presentations about the programs were made to the board by Dr. David Serrano (Environmental Science), Dr. Steven Obenauf (Clinical Laboratory Science and Biotechnology), Associate Dean William Minervini, (Computer Networking and Telecommunications) and Dean Jorge Guerra (Supply Chain Management).

Each of these programs is designed to meet industry needs both nationally and locally, and to prepare students for well-paying careers in growing fields. Graduates would also be able to pursue a higher degree at a university. The College will now submit a letter of intent to the State of Florida’s Department of Education and ask for permission to proceed. The new programs could be set to begin as soon as January 2013.

Broward College, FAU Sign Pact for Business Program

Providing seamless articulation between Broward College and transfer institutions has long been a goal of the college, and this agreement continues that tradition.

In this agreement, Broward College and Florida Atlantic University enter into a memorandum of agreement linking Broward’s Bachelor of Applied Science programs in information technology and management and FAU’s College of Business masters programs in information technology and management.

As a result of the agreement, Broward College BAS students will benefit through expedited admission to FAU and will be awarded 12 graduate credit hours upon admission.
Broward Students Plan Unique Trip to Peru

Sixteen Broward College students, selected from throughout the college, along with Professor Maria Bernal-Dobek and Lisbeth Isaacs, of the College’s William E. Greene Institution, will accompany President Armstrong and travel to Cusco, Peru for a unique trip in March that combines a service learning opportunity along with a study-abroad trip and opportunities for leadership development.

The traveling party will stay in Cusco but will travel to the village of Huilcapata, about 20 miles outside town. There, they’ll rebuild the kitchen in a local public high school and conduct informal English classes with students at the schools, where the literacy level is less than 40 percent. The city of Cusco subsidizes Huilcapata with food and milk for local citizens, and the Broward students will provide labor with other workers as they help refurbish and restock the kitchen, known as “La Cocina de la Esperanza, (‘The Kitchen of Hope’).”

USDA Funds Broward’s Proposal for $281K

Broward College recently took part in a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) award program that requested Hispanic-serving institutions to submit proposals for projects that would promote and strengthen those institutions in an attempt to carry out higher education programs that attract, retain and graduate outstanding students capable of enhancing America’s food, agricultural and natural resource scientific and professional work force.

Broward College responded with a program to develop a Bachelor of Applied Science program in global trade and logistics that placed a special emphasis on food and agricultural products. The proposed program creates a global trade and logistics track within the existing Bachelor of Applied Science in supervision and management, and will address the real market and employment needs of the region.

Broward College’s program was accepted and the USDA funded it with $281,108. The project will target 20 to 30 percent of the nearly 7,000 students enrolled in the global trade and logistics and business administration programs. The project will allow Broward College to educate market-ready graduates to fill job vacancies being created in the dynamic, volatile transportation and logistics industry across the area, region, state and nation as well as internationally.

Seahawks Qualify for State Tournament

It took two games to qualify, but Broward College’s women’s basketball team will go to the FCSAA/NJCAA Region VIII championships in early March.

On February 20, Broward College hosted Brevard Community College and pulled out a 61-60 victory, led by Kianna Conner’s 31 points. Conner, a sophomore from Dillard, stepped up to shut off several of the Titans’ scoring spurts.

On February 21, Conner scored 23 points and teammate Sarah Labrador, a graduate of G. Holmes Braddock Senior High in Miami, added 14 points to lead the Seahawks to a 62-61 victory over Indian River State College. With the victory, the Seahawks finished third in the Southeastern Conference and qualified for the last spot in the tournament. The victories were the first postseason triumphs for the team under the leadership of Coach Kevin Johnson.