Connected Classrooms Come to Broward College

On May 3, Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr. had the honor, together with Broward School Board Superintendent Robert Runcie, of cutting the ribbon on the Connected Classroom on Central Campus, Broward College’s new K-20 classroom environment incorporating the latest technology. The classrooms, one on each campus and at the Pines Center, have been redesigned and equipped to mirror the K-12 teaching and learning space, thus providing a laboratory environment for future teachers.

This laboratory experience will also include K-20 STEM training, as Broward College works to provide innovative and rigorous training in the STEM fields. Students in the Teacher Education Program (TEP) conducted demonstrations of the innovative technology. Dr. Aline Sarria, dean of the TEP program, should be commended for her extraordinary vision, and for the hard work of her and her team to make this program a success.

Broward College Names Endowed Teaching Chair Recipients

One member of the Class of 2012’s Broward College Endowed Teaching Chair (ETC) recipients was first a physician, another was an attorney and yet another was a banker. Still, this distinguished group knew from the start they were born to teach. What unites these outstanding educators is their devotion and creativity as professors at Broward College. On April 30, each was notified in their office or classroom of their selection as an ETC recipient.

“I’m so excited; I know why you’re here!” exclaimed Art Professor Jan Johnson, the day’s first recipient. “What a great way to start the day!” “I am so pleased and surprised,” said Philosophy Professor Pedro Oliveira, Ph.D. “I really didn’t expect this, but you brought the sun.”

The day’s events marked the 21st year of Broward College’s ETC program; in all, 161 outstanding professors, counselors and media specialists were named recipients of the award, which carries with it a $7,500 program stipend and a $2,500 professional development stipend.

Each of the recipients went through a rigorous selection process that required them to submit portfolios, be interviewed and teach a sample lesson.

All the members of Broward College’s Class of 2012 are first-time recipients.

Read their biographies on page 3.
Strategic Plan Update from Tom Olliff and Rigoberto Rincones-Gómez

This month, we’d like to provide you with an update to the question you’ve all been asking yourselves: O.K. we’ve adopted a new strategic plan – now what?

As the Broward College Board of Trustees adopted the final strategic plan, Trustee John Benz said, “You know, this is just the end of the beginning.” He was exactly right. The strategic plan is the establishment of the road map for Broward College’s next five years. However, without action, this will be yet another well intentioned plan that takes up shelf space. For our students, we need to be committed to the action steps that will be needed to bring this plan to life.

Those next steps are twofold:
1. To develop a strategic implementation plan (SIP)
2. To develop an Institutional Effectiveness plan (I.E. plan)

1. If the strategic plan outlines where Broward College wants to be in five years, the SIP will define the specific actions that will need to occur in the next twelve months. The SIP will align with the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013), so actions can be tied to the budget. Each action defined by the SIP will have a lead person designated to be responsible for that action, along with a budget and a completion schedule. The timetable for completing all actions will be tied to the academic calendar, more specifically the end of fall term, end of winter term and end of summer term. As an example, one of the plan’s initiatives related to Human Resources is to “decrease the average time from vacancy to final offer by 25%.” So to move this strategic goal forward in this next fiscal year, the SIP for fiscal year 12-13 might look like the chart below.

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At the end of each term, reports will be prepared to inform the management team, the president and the Board of Trustees of progress.

2. Through the I.E. plan, the college establishes the overall framework for assessing its institutional effectiveness in order to be accountable to the public, the state legislature, and the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-COC). SACS-COC requires that colleges have an on-going, institution-wide planning and evaluation process that results in continuous improvement and demonstrates that the college is effectively accomplishing its mission. In addition, SACS-COC also requires that “an institution identifies expected outcomes for its educational programs, and its administrative and educational support services; assesses whether it achieves these outcomes; and provides evidence of improvement based on analysis of those results,” (Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1).

Please stay tuned for more information on these topics in upcoming newsletters. We will provide further details as we move forward with our SIP and I.E. processes.
Endowed Teaching Chair Biographies

Mirella G. Baker Bemmel, associate professor of sociology on Broward College’s A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, is the recipient of the Children’s Opportunity Group Endowed Teaching Chair. Bemmel is an associate professor of sociology, a lead e-learning associate and the service learning faculty coordinator. Bemmel earned her baccalaureate and master’s degrees at Florida Atlantic University, and is completing work on her Doctor of Education degree at Nova Southeastern University.

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Jan P. Johnson is an assistant professor of visual art on the Central Campus and recipient of the Blockbuster Endowed Teaching Chair. Johnson, who specializes in printmaking, earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Delta State University and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Florida.

Dr. Sheila Jones, an assistant professor of history at Central Campus and recipient of the Knight Foundation Endowed Teaching Chair, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington & Jefferson College, and her master’s degree and doctorate in history from Bowling Green State University.

Gregory J. Lindeblom, an assistant professor of business administration at Broward College’s Judson A. Samuels South Campus, is the recipient of the Bank of America Endowed Teaching Chair. He was named Adjunct Professor of the Year in 2004-2005. Lindeblom earned his bachelor’s degree at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, and a Master of Arts degree at New School University in New York.

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Nursing Department Celebrates High Scores

Broward College recently received the first quarter results for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, which ranked it third among the Florida State College System schools who participated. Of 92 students sitting for the examination, 89 passed at a rate of 96.74 percent. In all, 489 students from 10 members of the Florida State College System sat for the exam and 434 passed. The state’s overall mean passing rate was 88.03.

Brunner and Hainsworth Selected for Florida Master Teacher Seminar

Dr. Linda Howdyshell, Broward College Provost/Sr. VP for Academics and Student Success, has announced that South Campus English Professor Tracey Brunner was selected as the second faculty member to attend the Florida Master Teacher Seminar at Pensacola Junior College. She will be joining Central Campus Visual and Performing Arts Department Professor Jason Hainsworth, along with more than 30 other Florida instructors from a variety of disciplines for an exchange of learning, teaching and philosophy. The focus of the discussion and activities will be best practices and instructional innovation in undergraduate education.

Congratulations to Professors Brunner and Hainsworth. We look forward to having them share their experiences with us in the next academic year.

Ed Key appointed to the Fort Lauderdale Independence Training and Education Center Board of Directors

Edward Key, associate dean of Student Affairs, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the FLITE Center (Fort Lauderdale Independence Training & Education Center). FLITE is a resource center for young adults between the ages of 18 and 23 that have exited the foster care system in Broward County and are transitioning into independent living. The FLITE Center partners with other community agencies to provide a broad range of services and support to help these young adults develop the skills needed to live successfully on their own.

In addition to his work serving students in a variety of roles at the college during the last 20 years, Key has served as a volunteer facilitator at HANDY (Helping, Abused, Neglected, Disadvantaged, Youth) for the past five years. He is a graduate of Leadership Broward’s Class of XXVIII and a great example of our college’s leadership and commitment to improving our community.

AFC Region 5 Spring Conference Held at Broward College

The Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) Region 5 Spring Conference was recently held on Broward College’s Central Campus. President Armstrong welcomed colleagues from Miami Dade, Palm Beach State and Indian River State colleges.

The outstanding conference was organized by Dr. Xiao Wang, who is the Region 5 director, Chapter President Anne Berman and other members. As Dr. Wang said, “We believe that together we can ensure student success.” AFC Executive Director/CEO Michael Brawer gave an informative update on the legislative session and the 65 “bills of substance” that had an impact on the state college system and its employees.

“We presented a pretty good case for the college system being the workhorse in the workforce,” said Brawer. Informative presentations were delivered in concurrent sessions throughout the day and a concluding event in the evening took place at the Tigertail Lake Recreational Center.

Left to right: Michael Brawer, J. David Armstrong, Jr., Dr. Xiao Wang and Anne Berman.
Students Featured in Congresswoman Wasserman-Schultz’s Press Conference

Three Broward College students, Cindy Hoskin, Jessica Marshall and Sahar Naqvi, shared their experiences at Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz’s press conference on April 30 on Central Campus in Davie.

The subject was the national issue of student loans and the pending legislation to raise the interest rates on them, which Wasserman-Schultz opposes. “Student loan debt is greater than credit-card debt; that’s amazing,” said Wasserman-Schultz. The public will be hearing much more about this issue as the debate continues among educators as well as in government.

wRites of Spring’s Big Gamble Pays Off Handsomely

For most of the wRites of Spring literary festival’s 23-year history, a single top-echelon literary figure served as centerpiece for the North Campus series of events.

For 2012, though, the event committee invited three literary figures, including novelist Edwidge Danticat, nonfiction writer R. Dwayne Betts and former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins. “In my conversations with my colleagues at the College, it is my sense that the overall consensus was that this year’s wRites was, perhaps, the most successful of any previous year,” said Jeff Nasse.

First Students in Vietnamese Program Earn their Degrees

Broward College enjoyed its largest commencement ceremony in college history on May 4, but an April ceremony for 44 students halfway around the world was meaningful also. The 44 students in the first graduating class of Broward College enrolled in the Institute of American Education division of the Vietnamese-American Training College in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, received their Associate of Science degrees in business administration, hospitality management and computer programming analysis.

Dr. David Moore, associate vice president for international education at Broward College, delivered the commencement address. He told the graduates that day was the “culmination of our hopes and a major milestone for both of our institutions.”

Broward College has also created international centers in Singapore, Ecuador, Sri Lanka and Peru, where students can enroll in similar programs allowing them to complete their studies while living in their home countries, yet graduating from Broward College.

North Campus Respiratory Care Program Receives Award

The Respiratory Care program on North Campus, led by program manager Yvonne Simone and taught by Simone and Lisa Farach, has learned it will be awarded the Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist Credentialing Success Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).

The excellent results achieved by the program’s graduates earned the recognition. Broward College’s graduates passed the Registered Respiratory Therapist Examination at 100 percent in 2009, 2010 and 2011. On the entry-level Certified Respiratory Therapist Examination, Broward’s students passed at 100 percent in 2009 and 2010, and at 91 percent in 2011.
Women’s Tennis Team Finishes Fifth at Nationals

Broward College’s women’s tennis team made an impressive return to the National Junior College Athletic Association’s Women’s Division I Tennis Championships, held at Tyler Junior College. The Seahawks finished fifth overall among 29 teams from colleges in 12 states. Previously, Broward College had won the NJCAA Division I women’s title in 1996, 2003, 2004 and 2006.

At the 2012 tournament, Broward College’s team members enjoyed a strong start and pulled off some impressive upsets along the way. The No. 2 doubles team of Stephanie Cardullo and Ali Underhill advanced the furthest, making it to the finals. Both Broward College student athletes were named all-Americans.

The women’s tennis team loses stalwarts Justyna Wojcik, Underhill and Cardullo, but returns a strong foundation with tournament-tested freshmen Ana Llera, Paula Garcia, Amanda Angulo and Viviana Hostios.

Softball Players Receive Postseason Honors

Seahawks softball players Alexia Moreno and Mercedes Leon were named second team All-Southern Conference. Moreno, graduated from McArthur High School. Leon, is a graduate of Charles W. Flanagan High School.

Five Hawks Baseball Players Receive All-Conference Honors

Five members of Broward College’s 2011-2012 baseball team recently received all-Southern Conference honors. Named to the first team were infielder Orlando Olivera and pitcher Andrew Archer, who also received the Fireman of the Year award as the outstanding relief pitcher.

Second-team honors went to infielder Nick Worrall, outfielder William Rudolph and catcher Yandy Viera.
News from the May Board of Trustees meeting

Annual Evaluation of the College President is Stellar

The Board of Trustees conducted the annual evaluation of Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr., and signed a new contract with him through 2017. Chairman Guerin lauded the president for receiving an “above excellent score of 9.5 out of 10” and noted some of the accomplishments of the past year. These include the completion of the leadership team, the fiscal leadership which allowed for $20 million in critical construction through budget tightening, the successful UFF (United Faculty of Florida) contract, implementing the BC Alert system and working with a host of organizations in the community.

While the president’s contract called for a 5 percent increase in salary in light of the stellar evaluation, he declined to accept it and requested that there be no salary increase. “You’re doing a stupendous job,” said Vice Chair Sean Alveshire, echoing the sentiments of the board.

Guerin Honored with HANDY’S Champion of Children Award

Broward College has long been a supporter of HANDY (Helping Abused Neglected Disadvantaged Youth). At the annual HANDY Scholars Breakfast earlier this month, the College’s Board of Trustees Chairman Sean Guerin was honored for his service on behalf of the organization and was presented with a Champion of Children Award.

Also receiving this award were Marti Huizenga, one of the original founding members of HANDY, and Cindy Arenberg-Seltzer, President & CEO of the Children Services Council.

Global Language Center Proposed for WHC

Director of Corporate & Continuing Education Renee Law presented a proposal for a global language center to be located at the downtown Fort Lauderdale Willis Holcombe Center.

The focus of the center would be to appeal to the international market, including those students who already come to the college for various training opportunities, such as aviation. An estimated 800 students could be enrolled in a range of modules geared toward providing intensive language instruction. The proposal was favorably received.

Retirement Recognized

After 19 years of teaching computer science at Broward College, Frederick A. Fiducia has retired. “I’m sorry to see him go,” said North Campus President Dr. Barbara J. Bryan.

President Armstrong presented him with a plaque in recognition for his service to the institution. “I’m happiest when a student teaches me something,” Fiducia commented.

Hurricane Season Lies Just Ahead

As you are aware, June 1 begins the 2012 hurricane season, which extends through November 30. The health, safety and welfare of our faculty, staff and students are of utmost importance, and I want to assure you that Broward College is prepared for the hurricane season.

Broward College has a multi-layered approach to emergency communications and should a storm threaten the South Florida area, the College’s status will be available through BC Alert, the College’s new multi-layered emergency communications system; the Broward College web site (www.broward.edu); the College’s intranet, Workplace and through the use of several hotlines, including 954-201-6600, 954-201-4900 and 954-779-2699.

Additionally, the College’s campus safety general help line, 954-201-HELP (4357), will be updated with appropriate information as necessary.
News from the May Board of Trustees meeting

Presidential Leadership Academy Graduates Class II

On May 10, the 35 members of Class II of the Presidential Leadership Academy presented final projects and graduated. The class completed seven leadership modules over nine months and worked in groups with mentors from the president’s leadership team to complete capstone projects targeting student success.

CAPSTONE PROJECTS:

- What Makes our Successful Students Completers? Two Engagement Initiatives to Increase Completion
- Enhancing Entrepreneurial Programs with a Student Success Focus
- Implementing a Collegewide Program/Initiative Around ‘Bridging Poverty’
- Motivation for Academic Progress Program
- Learner-centered Collaborative Programs/Environments that Lead to Student Success
- Unified Communications for Increased Engagement and Student Success
- Collegewide Student Success Ambassador Training Programs for Employees.

MENTORS FOR THE 2011-2012 CLASS WERE:

Patti Barney, Nancy Botero, Alex Denis, Linda Howdyshell, Jayson Iroff, Aileen Izquierdo, Mercedes Quiroga and Norm Seavers.

MEMBERS OF CLASS II WERE:

Lisa Barnes, Todd Bernhardt, Deoraj Bharath, Monique Blake, Jimmy Chu, Jennifer Constantine, Lisa Farach, Cheryl Fields, Bruna Gomez-Silva, Frank Gonzalez, Jeffrey Guild, Greg Haile, Greta Jackson, Natalie Justice, Thea Knight, Victor Lawrence, Ken Libutti, Kristyn Lindsey, Ted Manser, Sonya Miller, Jaclen Milo-Waite, Jennifer Moscoso, Elaine Muirhead, Diane Peart, Zaida Riollano, Angel Rodriguez, Mary Rousseau, Evelyn Ruiz, Nathan Sade, David Shulman, Mary Taboada-Gonzalez, Cindy Thuma, Juliet Turner, Bobby Varghese and Donica Young.