**President Search Website Officially Launched**

The Board of Trustees has launched a website to ensure the transparency of the process in the search for the next president of the College. The website, [http://bcpresidentsearch.com](http://bcpresidentsearch.com), details the timeline, requirements for the position and allows for questions and discussions from faculty, staff, students, and the public.

**Broward College Graduate is First Female Fire Chief for Fort Lauderdale**

Rhoda Mae Kerr, an alumna of Broward College, will become the first female fire chief for the city of Fort Lauderdale. Her new post to lead the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department’s staff of 450 firefighters and administrative personnel begins July 1.

Kerr earned an associate degree from Broward Community College in 1986, a bachelor’s degree in physical education and health from William Paterson University and a master’s degree in public administration from Florida International University.

**Broward College Wins $50,000 Siemens-Aspen Community College STEM Award**

The Broward College Nursing program is one of eight exceptional community college programs to win the inaugural Siemens-Aspen Community College STEM Award from the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program (CEP) and the Siemens Foundation. Winners are recognized for providing outstanding preparation for students pursuing high-demand jobs in the fields of advanced manufacturing, energy, healthcare, and information technology. The award of $50,000 will be split in half for program development and scholarship to nursing students, referred to as Siemens Technical Scholars. The College will help select students in partnership with the Aspen Institute. Recipients will receive funding between $3,500 and $10,000 to continue their education or pay existing student loan debt.
New Security and Safety App Launched

Students and employees now have access to a free application that will help improve their safety while on campus. Rave Guardian is a new, mobile phone app that offers real-time interactive features allowing each user to connect with a network of friends, family, and safety personnel at all Broward College campuses. Other features include the ability to create a network of “Guardians,” friends and family that can track your location; a call 9-1-1 button; a Safety Timer that notifies friends if you haven’t arrived at your intended destination; Tip Texting; and the ability to send anonymous pictures with text. For more information about the app including download instructions, visit raveguardian.com

Ten Faculty Receive Continuing Contracts

Ten Broward College faculty members have received continuing contracts after demonstrating accomplishments as educators, commitment to the College, and achieving high degrees of excellence in their respective fields. The approvals were based on the new process of recommendations by campus presidents which were then forwarded to the Continuing Contract Review Committee for potential recommendation to the President’s office and ultimately approval by the Board of Trustees. Continuing contracts have been awarded to:

- Ricky Ascher, Business, Judson A. Samuels South Campus;
- Mark Bergau, Aviation, Judson A. Samuels South Campus;
- Dorothy Easley, Mathematics, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus;
- Steven Gross, Business, North Campus;
- Victor Liriano, Aviation, Judson A. Samuels South Campus;
- Patrick McDonald, Public Safety, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus;
- Alina Patriche, English, North Campus;
- James “Chad” Stewart, English, North Campus;
- Cecilia Torello, Aviation, Judson A. Samuels South Campus; and
- Daniela Wancier, Dance, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus.

Broward College Professor Selected to Present Innovative Dance Workshop at Harvard University

Assistant Professor of Dance in the Visual and Performing Arts Department, Daniela Wancier has been selected to present her innovative dance program at Harvard University’s School of Medicine’s 2018 world conference on movement and cognition from July 27-29, 2018. Professor Wancier will present posture-gesture mergers—integrated body actions that reveal a decision-making style—during the workshop portion of the conference. Her presentation is before an eminent group of international medical professionals interested in human movement and its relation to cognitive function.

Counseling and Support Offered to Students and Employees Following Mass Shooting

Grief counseling is being provided free to students, employees, and members of their family who need support following the mass shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Wednesday, February 14. Cognizant of the fact that these events can be traumatic to the community, the College has worked with its partners to allow anyone who feels the need to speak with a mental health professional access to the service. Students can contact Henderson Student Counseling Service at 954-424-6916 and employees can access similar services through the Employee Assistance Program at 888-371-1125.
North Campus DECA Students Set All-Time Record

Students of the Broward College North Campus DECA team set an all-time record at the recent state championship when every member of the team won major prizes in 11 of the 12 competitions in which they participated. They finished in the top ten of every event. Results are as follows:

Retail Management: Bernard Durandisse, First in State
Business Ethics: Nekita Burnett and Luigh Joseph (team), First in State
Advertising Campaign: Marsha Sainthilaire—Second in State
Entrepreneurship: Marsha Sainthilaire—Third in State
International Business: Karla Siberian and Karina Franco (team)—Third in State
Event Planning: Karla Siberian and Karina Franco (team)—Third in State
Travel & Tourism: Yazmin Avila—Third in State
Sports & Entertainment: Yazmin Avila & Bernard Durandisse (team)—Third in State
Hotel & Lodging: Victor Hoyos—Third in State
Restaurant & Food Service: Victor Hoyos—Fourth in State, and Andres Predoom—Eighth in State
Marketing Management: Andres Perdomo—Ninth in State

Florida College System Names Eight Broward College Students to its 2018 All-Florida Academic Team

Eight Broward College students have been named to the Florida College System (FCS) All-USA Academic Team competition sponsored by USA Today and the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. This year’s team of 132 students from across the state will be recognized for academic achievement, leadership and service to their communities at an awards ceremony in Tampa, Florida, April 6, 2018.

Broward College awardees are Tamarsha Brown, Wicliff Fleurizard, Maria Jose Delgadillo, Kemari Loy, Migaheld Maxinau, Alirio Mijares Uribe, Medjyna Moreau and Kezia Moros-Achong. They were nominated based on recommendations from the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) advisors at the College. As part of the process, the students were required to complete an application, provide transcripts and a letter of recommendation. Their submissions were reviewed by College deans prior to an interview by campus presidents. On approval, the completed applications were forwarded to the All-USA Academic Team competition for consideration.
Broward College Achieves 93 Percent NCLEX Pass Rate

Graduates of the Broward College Associate of Science Nursing program have once again achieved outstanding passing rates for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCLEX) licensure examination. The average of 93 percent surpasses the 73.9 percent average in the state of Florida and the national average of 87.1 percent, among college and university nursing programs.

Graduates from the nursing program are immediately hired by some of the region’s outstanding hospitals and health care organizations with great careers and earnings, helping to improve the quality of life and health care.

Broward College Hosts First Ever Seahawk Festival

As part of efforts to enrich the student experience and increase outreach to the community, the College will on Thursday, March 29, host the inaugural Seahawk Festival, an all-day entertainment event including musical performances and engaging activities for current and prospective students and the general public. Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus in Davie, and will culminate in a concert headlined by Grammy Award-winning performing artist Wyclef Jean, plus special guests Walshy Fire who is a current member of Major Lazer, and Miami native Irie.

Tickets are $15 per person for Broward College students and $25 per person for the general public. VIP tickets are $50 per person and include an enclosed area, seating near the stage, two beverage vouchers (beer, wine, or soft drinks), and a meet-and-greet with a performing artist. Concert gates open at 6:45 p.m. and entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.seahawkfestival.com.
Recently, the Broward College Foundation hosted a luncheon for Collins and Jennifer Forman, where they had the opportunity to meet two American Dream Scholarship recipients, Yane Valdes Rodriguez and Christina Zamor. Collins Forman is president of the Hamilton M. and Blanche C. Forman Christian Foundation, which matches funds contributed to the American Dream Scholarship. The students shared how the scholarship has benefitted their studies.

Rodriguez is from Cuba and has earned two associate degrees at Broward College. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Applied Science in Supply Chain Management and expects to graduate this May. Zamor works part-time in a home for developmentally disabled adults and volunteers with Special Olympics of Broward County. Currently, she is working on an Associate of Arts degree and plans to apply to the Broward College nursing program in May.

Number of American Dream Scholarship Winners Continues to Grow

The Broward College Foundation American Dream Scholarship is working! Since the initiative began, 1,069 students have received the award and 488 have graduated. American Dream scholars have a median grade point average of 3.1.

To find out more about our American Dream Scholarship go to: https://www.browardcollegefoundation.org/why-give/american-dream/
Foundation Receives $25,000 Gift for First in Generation Scholarship

The Broward College Foundation has received a gift of $25,000 from the Howard Greenfield Charitable Foundation for the First Generation in College Scholarship. This is the first gift to the College from this foundation, and the funds will be matched by the state. Howard Greenfield, who died in 2009, was a long-time friend and mentor to Trustee Mike Rhodes and handpicked him to launch this foundation to continue Greenfield’s philanthropic legacy of supporting the arts, higher education, and social welfare in our community.

Captain Barrington Irving Appointed to the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors

Captain Barrington Irving has been appointed for a one-year term to the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors. The announcement was made during their annual meeting on Thursday, February 22.

Last November, Captain Irving was inducted into the Broward College Alumni Hall of Distinction during a ceremony commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Emil Buehler Aviation Institute. He was selected for this honor for a variety of reasons, including setting two Guinness World Records when he became both the youngest and the first black pilot to fly solo around the world.

Broward College 31st Annual Golf Classic March 29

Presented by Cigna and chaired by Lloyd Rhodes, the Broward College 31st Annual Golf Classic tees up on Thursday, March 29 at the Fort Lauderdale Country Club, which offers 36 holes of manicured championship golf in a beautiful sylvan setting located at 415 Country Club Circle in Plantation.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. After lunch, the Golf Classic kicks off with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Following golf, there will be a cocktail reception, dinner, awards ceremony, and silent and live auctions with some fantastic prizes. Individual players may register online for $350 per person ($186 gift value). Proceeds from this year’s tournament will benefit the First Generation in College Scholarship.
**Bret Baier Kicks Off 2018 Speaker Series**

On January 24, Broward College hosted Fox News Channel’s (FNC) Chief Political Anchor Bret Baier. The first of four distinguished guests participating in the 2018 Broward College Speaker Series, Baier captivated the audience with a discussion on “Politics and the Atmosphere in Washington, D.C.”

Photo: President Armstrong (left), Bret Baier, Sean Guerin, former Broward College Board of Trustees member.

**BC Celebrates Black History Month**

Several events were hosted across the College in recognition of Black History Month. During the period, campuses hosted exciting speakers, film screenings, exhibits and presentations spotlighting events, people, and contemporary issues important to African Americans.

Photo: Artist Nzingah Oniwesan, demonstrates a dance move to patrons at the Black History Month Art Exhibit: “An Evolution in Colors...The Roots of Our Diversity” at Bailey Hall on February 9.

**MLK Day of Service Awards Luncheon Honors Community Organizations**

On February 24, Broward College held an awards luncheon to celebrate organizations which participated in its MLK Day of Service. With funding from the Florida Legislature, the College working in partnership with the 2018 MLK Day of Service Advisory Board, awarded $185,000 to 42 community organizations to support volunteer projects which honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy. Projects focused on support for veterans, neighborhood improvement projects, health promotion, environmental initiatives, education, and more.

**Senator Bob Graham Engages Students in Fireside Chat**

Senator Bob Graham, former two-term Governor of Florida who served for 18 years in the United State Senate and 38 years in public service participated in a fireside chat with students on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus on Thursday, February 22. Hosted by the Political Science Club and the Broward College Center for Civic Engagement, students engaged Senator Graham in a conversational format on the importance of civic engagement and the virtues of public service.
The North Campus Student Government gave administrators a positive review for addressing concerns raised during the 2016-2017 academic year. Presenting during the Student Forum of the February Board of Trustees meeting, the North Campus SGA representatives highlighted that outdoor seating, the need for additional charging stations, and parking had all been improved. The students also commended the campus safety and security team led by Lieutenant John Labendera for reviewing concerns. For the 2017-2018 academic year, the North Campus SGA says its surveys show the major issues students want to see changed are Wi-Fi coverage, signage and extended hours for the Academic Success Centers. District and Campus administrators provided updates and assured students that improvements were underway.

The February Board of Trustees meeting commenced with 17 seconds of silence to honor the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy on February 14. There was a special recognition for Carmen Schentrup, who was a dual enrollment student at the College.

The board was updated on the actions taken by the administration to assist students enrolled at Broward College affected by the tragedy and the support offered to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Yasmin Teja worked at Broward College for 21 years. Teja attended the College as an international student from Kenya after receiving a scholarship to study in the United States. She returned 15 years later to pay it forward. In addition to being a supervisor at the North Campus Testing Center, Teja worked as an adjunct professor in reading and volunteered with several organizations including Junior Achievement. Over the years, Teja’s outstanding achievement earned her the Professional Technical Service (PTS) and Unsung Hero awards. She promises to support the College and its students as a volunteer during her retirement.
Board of Trustees Endorses J. David Armstrong, Jr. Student Venture Fund

The Board of Trustees has endorsed a new Student Venture Fund proposed and founded by President J. David Armstrong, Jr. The fund benefits students and graduates of Broward College will be coordinated through BCEduventures, Inc., in conjunction with the Innovation Hub. Through the oversight of an advisory board of successful entrepreneurs, BCEduventures, Inc. will provide seed funding and investment, in the form of a convertible note, to eligible student entrepreneurs who complete the “Startup Now Accelerator Program.” An estimated 20 students per year will benefit. The fund has already received over $250,000 in commitments from community leaders and organizations including $100,000 from President Armstrong. Other contributors include president and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Bob Swindell, entrepreneur and Broward College Trustee David Maymon, Florida Power and Light, the South Florida Business Journal, and National Jets. The fundraising goal is to secure commitments of $500,000 by May 31, 2018.

Broward College Foundation Recognizes New Sponsor to Annual Golf Classic

The Broward College Foundation officially recognized Lunacon Construction Group as a first-time supporter of the annual Golf Classic. The company, a Hispanic-woman-owned organization providing a broad range of construction management and general contracting services, has signed on as a Dinner Sponsor. The company will donate a $10,000 gift to host the event.

Patricia Bonilla, president of Lunacon Construction Group, said the sponsorship is part of the company’s core values to build not only buildings but people.

Policy Changes

At the February 27, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved revisions to the following College policies. Click the links below to review a redline of the approved revisions to the policies.

- Policy 6Hx2-5.27 Information Notification to BC on Students Convicted of Crimes
- Policy 6Hx2-5.29 Sustainability in Student Services
- Policy 6Hx2-5.38 Weapons on College Property and at College Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Purple Dreams – Can Arts Education Erase the Cycle of Poverty?
March 15, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Bailey Hall, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, Davie

Sea Level Rise Lecture: Jeff Goodell’s The Water Will Come
March 16, 5 – 8 p.m.
Bailey Hall, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, Davie