Broward College Earns Top Rankings in Degrees Awarded, Affordability

Broward College is one of the nation’s “Top 100” colleges producing associate’s degrees for 2012, according to a June 24, report published in Community College Week, a biweekly national publication specializing in issues related to community colleges.

According to the publication, Broward College is ranked 5th in the country for all schools in awarding associate’s degrees in the 2011-12 academic year with 6,218 graduates — a 27 percent increase over the 2010-11 academic year when 4,881 degrees were conferred.

“This recognition indicates that our students are successfully completing their degrees. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments and honored to be recognized among the top community colleges in the nation,” said President J. David Armstrong, Jr.

In addition, Broward College is ranked third in the nation in the number of degrees awarded to African-American students, moving up from fourth place last year, and sixth in the nation for the number of degrees awarded to Hispanic students. Broward College also ranked third in the nation for the number of associate degrees awarded in the liberal arts and sciences, general students and humanities discipline, seventh in the nation in nursing; registered nursing, nursing administration, nursing research and clinical nursing discipline, and in the top 20 for the health professions and related clinical sciences discipline.

Named One of Nation’s Most Affordable

The U.S. Department of Education’s (USDE) College of Affordability and Transparency Center ranked Broward College as one of the top 15 most affordable four-year higher education institutions in the nation for the 2011-12 academic year. Broward College tuition and fees ($2,446) were nearly 66 percent below the national average of $7,135 for public four-year or above institutions. Broward College ranked third in affordability among public, 4-year or above institutions in Florida.

The ranking follows the decision by the Broward College Board of Trustees to freeze tuition for the second year in a row. The USDE releases the report using data from more than 4,000 institutions annually to help track college costs while providing tools and data to help students and families make informed decisions about their higher education options.
The first-ever Broward College World Summit, a week-long event for higher education institutions from around the world, was held in early June. “Bringing the World Together through American Education” brought representatives of current international affiliates and centers offering Broward College programs to South Florida to discuss mutual programming issues and strategies. The event featured updates on Broward College international education initiatives as well as panel discussions about many topics, including successful marketing strategies, international coordinators responsibilities, cooperative strategies and university articulation.

“For many years, Broward College has been the leader in international education in Florida and throughout the nation for its innovative, entrepreneurial and profitable international programming.” said David Moore, Vice President for International Education, “This summit was an exciting opportunity to extend our knowledge and gain valuable insight on how higher education institutions can work together to create pathways for international students.”

Leaders representing more than ten higher education institutions in Sri Lanka, Peru, Vietnam, Ecuador, Singapore, Guyana, India, Bolivia, China as well as invitees from institutions in Brazil and Chile attended the summit to learn more about Broward College’s international programs and global opportunities. Currently, Broward College has well-established international programs in South America, Asia and Europe where students can enroll for college credit toward a degree or earn a full degree in their home countries.

Broward College students actively searching for internships to add to their skills set when graduating can now benefit from the recently launched Internship Edge program. The program provides unique opportunities for students to gain hands-on work experience, while helping businesses recruit talented employees.

Broward County businesses are being encouraged to participate in the new program by signing up for the free service www.collegecentral.com/browardcollege, the College’s online job board, and uploading a detailed job description to the database. Taking advantage of this partnership allows businesses to build a relationship with the College, identify potential hires and aid in the professional development of South Florida’s future employees. Since the program’s soft launch in March companies such as Holy Cross Hospital, BECON-TV and Creative Interactive Advertising have participated in the program. BC student Natalie Von Cieminiski recently completed internships with Inside South Florida and WSFL-TV/CW. Natalie believes an internship is extremely beneficial for students. “Doing internships is definitely one of the best decisions I’ve ever made regarding my education,” she said.

Students who have completed 24 college credits and maintain a 2.0 GPA are eligible to participate in the program.
More than 230 youths in the 11 Boys & Girls Clubs programs throughout Broward County visited South Campus on June 26 for Broward College’s third annual Career Launch.

Each participant received a Broward College-branded backpack filled with goodies: cereal bar, pen, pencil, lanyard, hand sanitizer and a folder for literature about Broward College. After a talk by Karriem Edwards, director of the Levine-Slaughter Unit of Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County, attendees went to locations throughout South Campus and the Maroone Center in Miramar, getting a feel for hands-on instruction in today’s hottest careers.

Career Launch is a national initiative of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America that started at Broward College in 2011 at North Campus. The event moved to Central Campus in 2012 and will return to North Campus in 2014. Danielle Flowers, Broward College’s career and technical outreach coordinator, served as co-chair of the event’s planning committee.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County participants receive backpack goodie bags as they enter the PCAT.

The event was designed to introduce students aged 13-18 to Broward College and help them begin the career-planning process. Brian T. Quail, CEO and president of Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County used a close-to-home example of what members can aspire to: South Campus President S. Sean Madison, who was a member of the Boys & Girls club in West Palm Beach, where he grew up. “So you ask yourself: can I do that? Can I become a college president? I’m here to tell you that you can,” Quail said.

Czarneck, a native of Long Island, New York, served as a Hallandale Beach police officer before joining the IPS staff.

Czarneck Named to State Commission

Janine Czarneck, associate dean for criminal justice training at the Institute for Public Safety, has been selected to sit on the Florida Department of Education’s, Law, Public Safety & Security/Government and Public Administration Advisory Committee. The committee is composed of other criminal justice and education professionals and is tasked with developing programmatic and industry-driven benchmarks for career, adult and community education programs which must be updated every three years.

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Faculty Spotlight: Sheila English, Instructor, Air Traffic Control

Teaching How to Maintain Control

Things have started to come full circle for Sheila English. English was raised in Hollywood and first fell in love with aviation there. After graduating from Madonna Academy (now Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory), she attended Broward College to become an air traffic controller and eventually earned a degree in Industrial Technology—Aviation at Florida International University. She first worked at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, where she became acquainted with a German-born aviator and inventor named Emil Buehler.

After a few years at the executive airport, English moved on to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. In early 2009, she joined Broward College to prepare future air traffic controllers, one of 35 government-approved academies nationwide. She uses the knowledge she gained in the field to prepare her students for their work.

“I can pass this on to others — that’s the gift,” she says. “It’s not just about educating people, but getting them on to careers. I saw a study recently that said 52 percent of the population work at jobs they don’t like. How about getting them on to careers they love?”

A greater gift is getting her students to a high level of competence and confidence in a stressful, demanding career. “For air traffic controllers, there is no room for error. You have to get things right 100 percent of the time,” she says. She drills her students relentlessly, often singing the checklists they need to remember.

“Air traffic control is like taking a puzzle, making it three-dimensional and moving it around,” she says. But from the start, English’s students have earned kudos for their preparedness and professionalism.

English has a picture of her first class of graduates and proudly ticks off their names and the airports where they now work: West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Meyers and beyond. “Every student who’s in that picture got a job in the field,” she says.

English, too, likes to be an example of professionalism and preparedness. She was selected to the first class of the President’s Leadership Academy. She was extended the honor of introducing Broward College at the most recent Fort Lauderdale Air & Sea Show, and also played a visible role in North Perry Airport’s 55th anniversary.

English says she couldn’t be happier teaching her students at the Emil Buehler Air Traffic Control Simulation Laboratory, named to honor the man she’d met so many years before at Executive Airport. Buehler was one of the college’s first supporters and donated planes and hangar space so the college could start an aviation program that is now the most comprehensive and highly regarded in the state.

World Refuge Day Features Citizenship Ceremony

Broward College honored those forced to flee their homes under threat of persecution, conflict and violence by hosting events for World Refugee Day in June.

Broward College student Aime Kalanhwa, a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, spoke about his experience. The event also featured a naturalization ceremony for nearly 50 local residents gaining U.S. citizenship, a live remote from Almavision Radio 87.7 FM, and family-friendly arts and crafts booths, face painting, music, raffles and games.
Workday Executive Team Visits Broward College

As Broward College prepares to go live with its new administrative processes system, Workday, a team from the company recently attended a day-long information and collaboration session with college administrators.

Co-founder of Workday, Dave Duffield, spoke about his commitment to his customers and his excitement about Broward College’s transition from CID to Workday for its human capital and payroll processes. Since November, the college has been through the design and discovery phases and is now in the testing phase of this project. The project is set to go live in October.

Workday is a leading provider of enterprise cloud applications for human resources and finance. Founded in 2005, Workday delivers human capital management, financial management and analytics applications designed for the world’s largest organizations.

Broward College Currently Tops in TerraCycle

Jarrod Hersch, Broward College TerraCycle coordinator, wondered where our college stacked up among the organization’s 1,000 participating colleges and universities. So he contacted the group’s Trenton, N.J. headquarters and found out the college is currently the group’s No. 1 contributor.

TerraCycle collects difficult-to-recycle packaging and products and repurposes the material into affordable, innovative products. TerraCycle is widely considered the world’s leader in the collection and reuse of non-recyclable, post-consumer waste.

The college’s Michelle Lawless scholarship, which is supported by funds earned from TerraCycle proceeds, is approaching $16,000, thanks to the more than 25,000 pounds of TerraCycle-eligible items collected. This past month alone, Broward College has won three TerraCycle collection contests.
Supporting Our Students

With budget battles continuing in Washington, funding is shrinking for many federal programs that help students pay for college. Among the cutbacks, the federal work-study program will be reduced by $51 million this year — dropping 33,000 students from the program. Cuts are also being made to Upward Bound, the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant program, and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants. Processing fees for students who take out Direct Subsidized, Direct Unsubsidized and Direct PLUS loans to help pay for college expenses — and the interest rate for Stafford loans — will double.

For many low-income students, reductions of a few hundred or a few thousand dollars in assistance can mean the difference between attending college and being shut out. So the need for scholarship support is especially critical right now.

With a college degree, a key element of the American dream, Broward College offers the “American Dream Scholarship” for many of our students that need assistance. On Nov. 7, the American Dream Luncheon will take place at noon at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale. During the event, Broward College students who receive scholarship support will share personal stories with our community’s civic and business leaders who, if inspired, will have the opportunity to contribute to the American Dream Scholarship. Funds raised during the luncheon will be matched dollar-for-dollar.

Broward College faculty and staff can support this fundraising effort by:
1) contributing to the “American Dream Scholarship,”
2) volunteering during the luncheon, or
3) identifying inspiring Broward College students willing to share their stories of achieving their dreams of higher education thanks to scholarship support.

For more information or to share a story, email events@broward.edu.

Former Broward College Cager Bristol Named MVP of Serbian Pro League

Former Broward College basketball player Kervin Bristol has been named the 2013 Liga Telemach UPC’s Most Valuable Player, Serbia’s top professional basketball league. The accomplishment is impressive, especially when one realizes Bristol never played organized basketball before he contacted Broward Coach Bob Starkman. After graduating from high school in Haiti, he moved to the U.S. with the hope of a career in basketball. He sent Starkman an e-mail that read: “I’m 6-9 and want to play ball.”

Starkman and his assistants designed a program to teach him the game and get him playing experience and Bristol worked hard and became a tough rebounder and shot blocker. After his two years at Broward, he went on to complete his college career at Fordham University where, in his final season of Atlantic 10 play, he finished third in shot blocking and fifth in rebounding. In the Serbian league, two foreign players are allowed on each team, so he was pleased with his play and the chance to develop leadership skills.

Student Wins National Radiation Science Scholarship

Ellen Alexander, of Tamarac, is one of only 71 radiation science professionals and students nationwide named as recipients of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists Foundation Scholarship Awards. Alexander is now pursuing a bachelor’s degree at Broward College.

She was awarded a $2,000 Parsons Degree Advancement Scholarship. The Foundation funds radiologic science students and professionals engaged in education and research to promote the highest quality patient care.
Some of our latest new hires shout out about being *Broward College Proud*.

**Nydia M. Lopez**  
Administrative Specialist  
Student Success, Central Campus

*I’m so proud to be a BC employee. My mission is to serve the students with excellence and encourage them to “Finish What They Start.”*

**Claudia Naidus**  
Senior Analyst, Business Services & Resource Management (Procurement), Cypress Creek Center

*I am proud to be a part of such a dedicated team of professional individuals who are always striving for its goal — Student Success!*

**Fortin Jean-Pierre**  
Job Developer/Placement Specialist,  
Career & Technical Education, North Campus

*I am proud to be part of Broward College because of the opportunity to contribute to the overall success of the student body.*

**Donald Schultz**  
Campus Technology Specialist,  
Coral Springs Academic Center

*Broward College is a very diversified place where I can continuously learn new things. The faculty, staff and students are great.*

**Tessa Lovell**  
Employee Relations Analyst, Human Resources  
Cypress Creek Center

*I am proud to say that Broward College provides a comfortable work environment and great work-life balance support for its employees. I am proud to be a Broward College employee.*

**Kandice Damestani**  
Administrative Specialist,  
English Department, Central Campus

*I am proud to be a Broward College employee because I work with amazing people who are genuine and share a desire to help students achieve their goals while allowing me the opportunity to grow.*
A sampling from last month’s discussions, postings and images from more than 14,000+ Facebook followers, 2,000+ Twitter followers, 1,500+ LinkedIn followers, Instagram pic posters and 1000s of YouTube viewers. Broward College’s social media outlets provide 24/7 engagement. Take a look . . .

Do you prefer total silence or a little #music to study? Coffee shop or library? What’s your studying style?

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Belfies Fernandez: I prefer to study in my room; I love to sit in the middle of my bed. My books and notes spread out on my bed, and Ciko, my cat, lying down next to me and my door shut from the world.

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Deon Medwinyter: Depends on what material I’m studying. If it’s mathematical equations, I require silence. If I’m debugging a program, I can listen to music while testing. If I’m reading, it has to be instrumental tracks only. If I’m designing a Web page, I can listen to rock n roll, hip hop, anything really 😊.

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STRAIGHT. As this semester: All my professors were amazing. I’m grateful they taught and gave me the opportunity to shine. @BrowardCollege

Thine Excellence: @LyricSaysWhat1

@BrowardCollege 4/6 classes are completed (working on the other 2); 3.5 GPA and I passed STATS!! 50% completed with my AA! Almost there!

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New approaches to accelerated developmental math. @browardcollege & @TCCollege look promising! @MDRC_News

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Andyjous: @Andyjous

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News From the July Board of Trustees Meeting

President's Evaluation 'Excellent'
The Board of Trustees completed President J. David Armstrong, Jr.'s annual evaluation and lauded him for his work. Trustee John Benz, who presented the president's evaluation, noted that during the year, the college had been named one of the nation's Top 10 community colleges by the Aspen Institute, had welcomed Michelle Obama and Condoleezza Rice to the college and had met 92 percent of the strategic goals set for the year.

"Thank you for a job well done and an excellent year," Benz told him. The president also was given a 1.5 percent salary increase and a 1.5 percent merit increase — the same adjustment that was approved for college staff.

Pay Raise Approved for Non-Represented Employees, Compensation Package to Be Presented to Faculty Union for Consideration
The Board of Trustees has approved a 1.5 percent, across-the-board salary increase for non-represented employees effective July 1, 2013. Additionally, a pay-for-performance initiative will be rolled out in the 2013-14 fiscal year with eligibility criteria available from Human Resources in the near future. A compensation package will be presented to the faculty's union representatives for consideration.

Also, in an effort to advance the initiatives within Strategic Plan Goal 4 (Enhance the college's strategic human capital and competitive advantage by recruiting, developing and retaining diverse and talented faculty, staff and administrative leaders whose primary focus will be to promote student success and support lifelong learning for all students), the college engaged in a competitive compensation study, inclusive to faculty, administrators and professional staff. Based on the study, Broward College is reviewing positions that showed large variances between current salary and market 50th percentile.

Board Leadership Continues
The Board of Trustees unanimously re-elected Sean Guerin (left) as Chair and Sean Alveshire (right) as Vice Chair for the 2013-14 term.

Broward College Online Officially Launched
Broward College Online – Florida's Global Campus, a major expansion of the college's online degree and certificate program offerings, officially unveiled a new look and launched the day of the board meeting. Expanded online degree programs will begin this fall, offering flexible and accelerated online programs for students within and outside the state of Florida. With an emphasis on innovation, convenience and quality, Broward College Online – Florida's Global Campus is designed to prepare students for today's competitive global marketplace. The fully online programs are taught by experienced faculty and will be delivered through Desire2Learn (D2L), a learning management system for online, blended and web-enhanced courses.

"With online education growing steadily and the number of online degree programs increasing, Broward College is committed to supporting and exceeding the changing needs of our students," said President J. David Armstrong, Jr. “The fully online degree programs provide even more flexibility in achieving a college education for our diverse community of learners.”

The fully online degree programs include a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, an Associate of Arts and six Associate of Science degrees, as well as many technical certificates. For more information, go to www.broward.edu/online.
Berkowitz, Stevenson Honored for Service
Broward College recognized the retirement of two long-time employees.

Professor Maurice Berkowitz, an attorney by training, began work at the college as an adjunct in the 1980s and became a full-time criminal justice faculty member in 1990. He taught classes in criminal justice, civil rights, constitutional law, criminal evidence and taught law to our police academy cadets. His former students often came back to visit after they had been in their careers for a few years, and many continued to seek him out for advice, said the Institute of Public Safety’s dean, Linda Wood. Professor Berkowitz says in the days ahead he plans to travel, catch up on his reading and spend more time with his wife and sons.

Dr. Ken Stevenson came to Broward College in November 2001 as director of enrollment planning in the Student Affairs department. The following year, he was invited to join the development team to work in major gifts. There, he was instrumental in raising Broward College’s profile among high net-worth individuals in the community. Through his efforts, the Robert “Bob” Elmore Honors Institute and the Rosemary Duffy Larson Gallery of Fine Arts were named, and a variety of other events were created, such as the American Dream Luncheons and Lyceum programs. He earned his doctorate in clinical psychology and completed Leadership Broward while a Broward College employee.

Fall Registration Now Open
Hundreds of classes available days/nights/weekends/online