

Broward College Update

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Endowed Teaching Chairs Named for 2015



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Eight outstanding educators representing the subjects of mathematics, chemistry, English, physical education/wellness, and music were named recipients of Endowed Teaching Chairs on April 16. This marks the 24th year that the college has provided endowed teaching chairs to its outstanding educators. The program awards the recipients a stipend of \$10,000 over one year to provide for the professor's professional development and projects to improve classroom excellence and efficiency.

The 2015 recipients are:

Prof. Andrea Apa, recipient of the Jan R. Cummings Endowed Teaching Chair in Critical Thinking. Apa teaches English for Academic Purposes at South Campus.

Dr. Mitzi Fulwood, recipient of the Gene A. Whiddon Endowed Teaching Chair. Fulwood, a two-time recipient, teaches mathematics at North Campus.

Prof. Ana Gonzalez, recipient of the Motorola, Inc. Endowed Teaching Chair. Gonzalez is an assistant professor of physical education and wellness and is a wellness manager at Central Campus.

Dr. Laura Iossi, recipient of the Donald Goldsmith Faculty Development and Technology Endowed Teaching Chair, teaches mathematics on Central Campus.

Dr. Behnoush Memari, recipient of the A. Hugh Adams Endowed Teaching Chair, is a two-time recipient. She teaches chemistry at Central Campus.

Prof. Victoria Noorzai, recipient of the Second Generation Community Leaders Endowed Teaching Chair, teaches English for Academic Purposes at North Campus.

Dr. David Perdian, recipient of the first Dr. Barbara J. Bryan Endowed Teaching Chair, is a chemistry professor at the North Campus.

Dr. Jure Rozman, recipient of the Rotary Club's Endowed Teaching Chair, teaches music at Central Campus.

View images from the surprise visits on our [Flickr](#) album. Congratulations to all of the nearly 200 members of our esteemed faculty who have been named over the years.

Students Earn Top Spot at Hackathon



Broward College's Team Smart Class tied for first place in the South Florida Hackathon held during a 24-plus hour period on April 17-18. Sponsored by AT&T and Nova Southeastern University, the event is part of a nationwide series of competitions hosted by AT&T for professional and student mobile application developers. Teams from Miami-Dade College and Nova Southeastern University also competed to create and build mobile applications in 24 hours. Each team then had three minutes to present their projects which were judged on the originality of their ideas, their creativity, the challenge of implementing their innovations and the team members' ability to articulate and present the functionality of their applications.

Broward College Partnerships Grow in Far East



Broward College's Greene International Education Institute recently embraced several new partners from China.

Earlier this month, President Armstrong and Tang Xuheng, executive director and general manager of Beijing Hengda Investment Co., Ltd. signed a memorandum of understanding for Broward College to partner with the Beijing Institute of Technology and Harbin Engineering University on educational programs.

Women's Tennis Heading to Nationals, Again



A runner-up finish in the Florida State College Activities Association/NJCAA Region 8 championship at Sanlando Park in Altamonte Springs, qualified the women's tennis team for the NJCAA championships in Tucson, Arizona on May 2-8. This is the Seahawk's first trip to nationals since 2012 and second trip to nationals under the guidance of Coach Marlena Hall.

The No. 2 singles player Hayley Briggs, won the state singles championship at her position. No. 1 singles player Maeva Sanchez was runner-up at her position and was named the conference's state scholar-athlete with a 3.8 GPA.

Broward College has one of the most illustrious histories in women's tennis on the community college level, with multiple state championships and NJCAA Division I national championships in 1996, 2003, 2004 and 2006.

Honor Students Honored

Broward College's highest-achieving students reaped honors in 53 categories at the annual Honors Awards Celebration held at Bailey Hall on April 1. Students were honored for their work in a variety of academic areas on campus and in state, regional and national conferences or competitions.

Several students received multiple awards, among them: Yanelle Cruz Bonilla, recipient of the first Provost's Award, who also won the sociology award for Central Campus; Phabian Clarke, recipient of the Bocchino Family Scholarship, also was named recipient of the Coordinator Service Award, Interdisciplinary Studies Leadership Award and the South Campus President's Award; and Claudia Baez received the South Campus Literature Award, the online Dean's Award and the Interdisciplinary Honors Studies Award.



All Florida Academic Team USA (front left to right): Malak Benkhandra, Jarredd Simpson, Valeria Siegrist, Sharon Leach, Phabian Clarke, Shereece Barnett

Fringe Festival at Downtown Center

Broward College's inaugural Fort Lauderdale Fringe Festival will be held **Saturday, May 2**, from 12-10 p.m. with a kick-off event at

11 a.m. It is the first and only uncensored, unjuried performance art festival in South Florida.

Featuring original performances throughout the day, there will also be a Street Fair featuring food trucks and local vendors as well as family-friendly events. Tickets range from \$5 to \$10.

Visit FortLauderdaleFringe.com for information & tickets.



Professors of the Year Named

Broward College annually honors its outstanding full-time and adjunct professors and professors during spring commencement ceremonies. Here are this year's honorees:

PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

South Campus: **Dr. Robert Chalwell**, history and political science; Central Campus: **Annette Chionilos**, mathematics; **Michelle Levine**, computer science and engineering; North Campus: **Dr. David Perdian**, chemistry; and Online: **Jillian Wojcik**, behavioral science.



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ADJUNCT PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

South Campus: **Rhonda Bobb**, EAP/reading/SLS; Central Campus: **Michael O'Neill**, social science and **Laura Rambarose**, behavioral science; North Campus: **Yady Rodriguez**, mathematics and **Shivanie Saith**, biology.



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Golf Classic — Much Better than Par

Nearly 200 golfers teed it up at Broward College's 28th Annual Golf Classic earlier this month at Fort Lauderdale Country Club.



This year's golf classic, under the leadership of chair Lloyd F. Rhodes, raised nearly \$85,000 to benefit student scholarships and the educational environment at Broward College. Broward College students were on-hand to share stories about scholarship success.

Winning foursomes included Cigna's team of Stu Rosenthal, Manny Buigas, Mike Nole and Valeria Ochoa; and Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Romney Rogers, Dwight Rogers, Cam Rogers and Beau Beckett. In addition to playing 18 holes of golf, participants enjoyed lunch, a cocktail reception, dinner and silent — and live — auctions. Cigna was the event's presenting sponsor. Other major sponsors included Crestron Electronics, Fastrack MCI, OK Generators, Pirtle Construction, Sharp Business Systems and Sunshine Cleaning Systems.

Accolades

Buehler Planetarium wins reader's choice award

The College's Buehler Planetarium has been named one of the "2015 Favorite Place to Get Smart" by Broward Family Life Magazine. Readers nominated their favorite sites in Broward online in 45 categories for businesses and services that do an outstanding catering to families and children.



Nightingale Named Adviser Emeritus

Dr. Barbra Nightingale, senior professor of English on South Campus, was recently selected as one of the 2015 Advisors Emeritus by the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation in Jackson, Mississippi. PTK, the international scholastic honorary for community and technical college students, began the Advisor Emeritus program in 2014. Its purpose is to recognize a select group of retired or retiring advisors who have a meritorious history of service to their institutions and the principles on which PTK is built. Honorees are invited to continue their interest and expertise in PTK's programs.

Phi Beta Lambda Students Win Big at Orlando

Members of Broward College's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda fared very well at the State Leadership Conference in Orlando recently. Winning first-place awards were **Brian Barcelo** (Public Speaking) and **Leon Saunders** (Sports Marketing). Winning second-place awards were the teams of **Reshma Thomas** and **Noah Sundook** (Local Chapter Annual Report), **Carla Marsten** and **Abner Molina** (Community Service Project) and **Cristina Durand** and **Jack Hu** (Financial Analysis and Decision-Making) and **Bailey White** and **Marc Frage** (Website Development). **Brian Barcelo** also won a silver medal, in the Macroeconomics category. **Austin Anderson** also earned a silver medal in Integrated Marketing Campaign. Third-place awards were won by **Carla Marsten**, **Victoria Auten**, the duos of **Lydia Birge** and **Victoria Auten**, **Christian Benavides** and **Josh Burrion**, **Fenzia Guerrier** and **Rochelle Davis** and **Carla Marsten** and **Shaina Zwiebel**. Also taking third-place awards were the teams of **Lawrence Whorrie**, **Stefan Dacosta** and **Marcos Lodato**, and **Abner Molina**, **Chris Parkinson** and **Leon Saunders**. Finishing in fourth place were **Jonathan Rafilovich**, **Stefan Dacosta**, **Noah Sundook** and the team of **Abigail Chavez**, **Andres Beltran** and **Jonathan Rafilovich**. **Cory Cody** and **Victoria Auten** also won a fifth-place award.

Human Books

The first edition of Broward College's "Human Library" met with enthusiastic responses at the University/College Library on Central Campus earlier this month. More than 25 faculty and staff members volunteered to serve as "human books" that could be checked out by students, who could question the books about their subject area. The concept paired students with content experts to give students the benefit of the books' areas of expertise. Several of the books were themselves published authors as well.



DeSanctis Named NCCCHC Fellow

Vice President for Student Affairs Marielena DeSanctis has been selected to the 2015 Class of the National Community College Hispanic Council Leadership Fellows Program. The program welcomes the most promising Hispanic administra-

tors and faculty for a year of seminars, workshops, outstanding speakers and the chance to network with higher education leaders from throughout the nation.

The leadership development program, which receives support from the Ford Foundation, has seen 20 of its original 72 fellows become college presidents, and many others have moved to positions of increased responsibility as upper-level administrators.

Pet De-Stress



Finals week is a stressful time for many college students. To provide a much needed break between studying and exams, Broward College and the Florida Humane Society teamed up once again to host "Pet De-stress." The event allowed students to spend time socializing with adoptable dogs

and puppies, while also learning about important issues related to pet adoption, and spaying and neutering in order to save the lives of unwanted pets.



Broward College added 4 new photos.

April 27 at 2:50pm · Edited · 🌐

It was a "Pawfect" day with the awesome volunteer dogs from the Florida Humane Society. Many thanks to Broward College Student Life Central Campus for helping students take a furry break from their end of term studies. Check out more images from today and help bring awareness to animals looking for forever homes: <http://bit.ly/1JvHFD6>



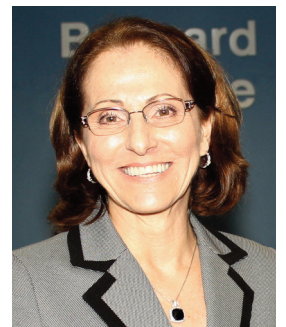
News From the Board of Trustees Meeting

Ion and Senior Retire

Two longtime employees were honored at the April Board meeting. **Rita Ion** came to Broward College as a work-study student in the early 1970s and began a full-time job in the Planetarium after graduating. She went on to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees at FAU, and moved in to counseling and faculty roles within the college. She worked for the College for more than 40 years.



Pat Senior, who started work at Broward in 1976 served the College in a variety of administrative roles, including editor of employee newsletter On Target, running the President's Leadership Academy, running the orientation program for new hires and much more. She earned her bachelor's degree at the State University of New York and her master's and specialist's degrees at FAU.



Goodwin Visits, Speaker Series Wraps with Berman May 20



Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and biographer Doris Kearns Goodwin met with students for a "fireside" chat last month — a chance for students to interact with the author and lecturer before her appearance as part of the 2015 Broward College Speaker Series that evening at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Chris Berman, longtime host of ESPN's NFL coverage and SportsCenter anchor, wraps up this year's series on May 20 at 7:30 p.m. Each lecture is followed by a Q&A session with questions submitted by audience members. Tickets are available by calling 954-462-0222 or visiting www.BrowardCollege.com/speakerseries.com

