# Broward College Update

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FROM J. DAVID ARMSTRONG, JR., PRESIDENT

## Institute of Public Safety Police Academy Graduates 302nd Class



The Institute of Public Safety Police Academy graduated its 302nd class on July 25 at Baily Hall on Central Campus. In all, 29 cadets graduated. Dan Alexander, chief of the Boca Raton Police Department, gave the principal address. The proceedings included a badge ceremony and a presentation of awards based on physical, academic, firearm proficiency, leadership and overall performance.

Fellow cadets within the programs were on hand to welcome attendees and show support for their classmates. Requirements for graduation included the completion of 770 hours over the course of almost six months.

This particular crop of cadets were sponsored by local law enforcement organizations, including Boca Raton Police Services, Broward Sheriff's Office, Coconut Creek, Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Miami Shores, Miramar, Pembroke Pines, with one self-sponsored cadet rounding out the group.

### EVENTS

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September 22, 2016 Transforming Your Organization – Disney's Approach to Quality Service Omni Auditorium

> October 26, 2016 Florida Senate Debate hosted by Leadership Florida Bailey Hall

October 13, 2016 Dinner at the Square Topic: The New Politics – The Year of Hate

**November 15, 2016** Take Out Tuesday Topic: Religious Tolerance

## Broward College Respiratory Program Receives RRT Credentialing Success Award for Third Straight Year

The Broward College Respiratory Care Program was recently awarded the Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award by the Commission on Accreditation (CoARC) for Respiratory Care. The program was recognized for the 100 percent pass rate received by its 2015 graduates in the therapist multiple choice respiratory therapist and the clinical simulation examinations.

The national pass rate for new candidates taking the therapist multiple choice exam is 77 percent and 60 percent for the clinical simulation examination. Yvonne Simone, program manager, accepted the award on behalf of the College at the American Association for Respiratory Care Summer Forum in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.



*L* to R: Bradley Leidich, MSEd, RRT, CoARC President and Yvonne Simone, program manager.

## **Climbing for Freedom: Women Train at Broward College WHC Campus to Raise Awareness for Human Trafficking**

Nancy Botero, vice president for advancement at the Broward College Foundation, has joined 67 women from South Florida to raise funds for the Jackson Hole Wyoming Freedom Challenge 2016.

The money generated through the Freedom Climb will go to combating human trafficking.

For Nancy and many of the participants, the walk is symbolic of what the victims of human trafficking endure. As part of its preparation, the South Florida contingent met at the Willis Holcombe Center in downtown Fort Lauderdale for a training session. Participants used the 12-story staircase in building 31 for two hours of physical drills and stair climbing to build strength and endurance. They were also given safety tips and advice on how to prepare for the climb.



"When I found out about the climb I instantly felt compelled to participate and be a voice for those who can't speak up. I saw this as another way of supporting the American dream which isn't just a job for me but my life's work," said Nancy Botero as she spoke with representatives from Noticias 57 who had come to observe the training.

## Broward County Sheriff Candidates Participate in Student-Led Village Square



*L* to R: Willie Jones, Hector Correra, Abigail Taylor, Ashanti Messias-Smith, James Fondo, Dean Ed Key, Joshua Emerson, Rochelle Buchanan, Edison Jules.

Three candidates for Broward County Sheriff accepted an invitation by Broward College students to participate in a panel discussion on July 28 at the Willis Holcombe Center. The goal of the Student Village Square event was to provide students with an opportunity to engage in the democratic system and the issues shaping it. President J. David Armstrong, Jr. opened the proceedings by stressing the importance of voting and having a voice in the process.

The forum was organized through the Honors College by members of student government and the political science program. A panel of five students fielded questions to James Fondo, Willie Jones and Edison Jules on a wide range of topics. The event was streamed via Periscope on the Broward College Twitter page. Moderator Ed Key, dean of student affairs, also chose questions from the online audience.

## **Broward College Central Campus Welcomes YMCA Students**



Students from the Lauderhill YMCA visited Central Campus on Monday, July 18 to learn about what the institution has to offer. The visit included a guided tour and panel discussion with associate deans Catherine Johnson, nursing; Thomas Nguyen, Institute of Public Safety; and Annie Myers, information technology and computer science. Career advisor Moses Washington was also on hand to talk about achieving professional goals and guiding the students as they completed their own career assessments.

The trip was organized by the YMCA in collaboration with the College and has been an ongoing initiative for the last four years. The aim is to improve the general knowledge about the College and the academic pathways offered to vulnerable and underserved groups.

## Broward College Unveils Its Own Pokémon



If you've visited the Broward College social media platforms, you may have seen a Pokémon not found in the popular Pokémon Go mobile phone game.

The "Samhawk" is pictured here at the Willis Holcombe Center in downtown Fort Lauderdale (left) and on South Campus in Pembroke Pines.

Gotta Catch 'Em All!



## 2016 Hall of Distinction Recipients Selected



AMOS FORD

educational experiences.

Distinction are:

for the Homeless.

MICHAEL S. LONG TA

Since 1983, Broward College has recognized alumni who have

and philanthropic arenas. Hall of Distinction members have

demonstrated how their lives have been enriched by their

This year's inductees into the Broward College Hall of

Amos earned his Associate of Science in Computer

Programming and his Bachelor of Applied Science in

Information Technology from Broward College. He is CEO

Michael earned his Associate of Arts at Broward College. He is chief development officer with the Broward Partnership

and founder of Brandage, LLC, and product manager for Tofani.

Amos Ford, Service to Broward College

Michael S. Long, Community Service

made outstanding contributions in the professional, civic, public

TAREN RUGGIERO

Taren Ruggiero, Professional Merit

Taren earned her Associate of Science in Nursing at Broward College. She is vice president and chief nursing officer at Holy Cross Hospital.

KINGMAN D. SCHULDT CHERYL-DENE SPRING

#### Scott Russell, Professional Merit

SCOTT RUSSELL

Scott trained at the Police Academy at Broward College Institute of Public Safety. He leads the Broward Sheriff's Office Homeless Outreach Initiative.

### Kingman D. Schuldt, Professional Merit

Kingman earned his Associate in Science in Fire Science Technology at Broward College. He is the fire chief and district administrator for the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District.

### Cheryl-Dene Spring, Professional Merit

Cheryl-Dene earned her Associate in Science in Legal Assisting at Broward College. She is managing partner of Solaris Law Group, P.A.

Broward College's newest distinguished alumni will be celebrated along with this year's Endowed Teaching Chair award recipients during an awards breakfast at the Signature Grand on Friday, September 23. For more information, visit www.bc-hod.com.

## **Unsung Hero Awards**

Unsung Heroes are Broward College employees who go above and beyond their job description and performance.

These heroes were recently recognized at the College's management and academic team meetings.



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### News from the August Board Meeting

## **Office of Advancement Presented with Proclamation**



Members of the Office of Advancement were surprised during the August Board of Trustees meeting with a proclamation recognizing them for their fundraising efforts. The department generated more than \$6,773,578 in donations for scholarships and College initiatives, exceeding their goal by 224 percent.

## **Broward College Dental Clinic Receives Support**

Dr. Nick DeTure, president of the Broward Dental Research Clinic (BDRC), and Dr. Steven Rosenberg, prior president, were on hand to present Broward College with a \$126,391 gift which will go to helping staff the Broward College Dental Clinic and provide a scholarship for students in the dental assisting program.



*L* to R: Dr. Steven Rosenberg, Nora Powell, Nancy Botero, and Dr. Nick DeTure.

## **Board of Trustees Vote** on Chair and Vice-Chair

The election of the chair and vice-chair for the Broward College District Board of Trustees is held annually, this year during the August meeting. John Benz and Gloria Fernandez were unanimously voted by their peers to continue serving in these respective positions for the coming year.

## **Broward College President Ranks High**

J. David Armstrong, Jr., received high marks for his performance as Broward College president in the past year by the Board of Trustees. Even after high praise, the president noted there was still work to be done to support student success, and challenged all present to recommit to the College's mission along with him.

## News from the August Board Meeting

## President Armstrong Named Southern Region Award-Winner by the ACCT

During the August Board of Trustees meeting, board chair John A. Benz announced that the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) named J. David Armstrong, Jr. as CEO/President of the Year for the Southern Region. Recipients are recognized for their tremendous leadership and success in meeting the needs of their respective communities. During Armstrong's almost 10 years at the institution, he has been a visionary for change, from the introduction of four-year affordable degrees to the recent implementation of the Pathways Model.

President Armstrong will be among those honored during the Annual ACCT Awards Gala on Friday, October 7 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, in conjunction with the 47th Annual ACCT Leadership Congress.

## Dental Hygiene Program at Broward College to be named after Dr. Floyd F. Koch

The Board of Trustees approved the hygiene program at Broward College be renamed the Dr. Floyd F. Koch Hygiene Program in honor of his philanthropic contributions. Since 2005, the retired dentist has gifted more than \$1 million in endowed and non-endowed gifts to provide annual scholarships for students in the dental hygiene program.



Dr. Koch recently has allocated more than \$1 million in future gifts for the Dr. Floyd F. Koch Dental Hygiene Award Program. This will include a scholar award given annually to the dental hygiene student graduating with the highest GPA and an achievement award given annually at graduation to each dental hygiene student.



## Retirement

Lydia Jabs, senior library assistant, retired in August after 28 years with Broward College.

In 1988, Jabs was hired to work the circulation desk and later transferred to technical services. Jabs will miss the job but is looking forward to gardening and visiting her mother in the Philippines, having returned to her homeland only twice since relocating in 1977.

*Rich Ackerman, University/College Library (left), President Armstrong and Marie DeSanctis present Lydia her retirement plaque.*