

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



from President Gregory Adam Haile

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COLLEGE NEWS

Bank of America Presents Broward UP™ with \$200,000 Grant



As part of its Neighborhood Builders® grant program, Bank of America's Charitable Foundation awarded Broward College \$200,000 in support of Broward UP, the community-centric approach developed by the College to raise education access and drive social mobility in county zip codes where unemployment is high and postsecondary education attainment levels are low. The check was formally presented on November 20 at the Broward Performing Arts Center.

Broward UP Volunteers Recognized

More than 100 Broward College employees, who volunteer on the ten Broward UP Commission teams, were honored at a special event at Bailey Hall, November 12. The kick-off event recognized the contributions of the various teams, which range from business development to community outreach, and provided attendees with updates on Broward UP.



Dr. Andrea Apa and Lori Morton (center), the leads for the Broward UP Community Outreach team, take a photo with Isabel Gonzalez (left), and Dr. Mildred Coyne (right) after receiving their recognition trophies.

Broward College Eligible for 2021 Aspen Prize



Broward College was named one of the institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among community colleges. Eligibility is granted to the top 150 community colleges in the United States based on strong and improving student outcomes. Broward College has finished among the top ten community colleges three times since the prize was established, including in 2019.

Broward UP Partners with City of Tamarac

Residents and employees in the City of Tamarac now have access to new ways of advancing their education and careers, thanks to a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Broward College. Tamarac is the fifth municipal partner to join Broward UP.

First Village Square Dinner Features Census Debate

More than 90 civic-minded people attended the first Broward College Village Square Dinner at the Square for 2019-2020 on October 23. The spirited debate, held at the Funky Buddha Brewery in Oakland Park, focused on “The Politics of Counting: Fear, Fairness and Partnerships Around the 2020 Census.” Panelists included Lauderdale Commissioner M. Margaret Bates, chair, City County Coordination Subcommittee, Broward County 2020 Census Complete Count; Jackie Colon, director, Southeast Regional, NALEO Educational Fund; and Driena Sixto, Gulf Regional Manager, Turning Point USA. The discussion was moderated by Robert E. Weissert, Esq., executive vice president and counsel to the President and CEO of Florida Tax Watch. The next Village Square Dinner at the Square is February 26, 2020. Find out more about future events and topics at <https://broward.villagesquare.us/>



Left to right: Village Square Co-Chair Jack Seiler, Driena Sixto, Jackie Colon, Commissioner M. Margaret Bates, Josie Bacallao, President Haile, and Robert E. Weissert, Esq.

J. David Armstrong Student Venture Fund Awards Four Entrepreneurs

The awards were presented at a networking event sponsored by the Broward College Entrepreneurship Experience (BCEx), November 18, at Quarterdeck, in Fort Lauderdale. Funding went to Tangy Frederick, Federico Fermin, PawsH20 and Geoff Gazda, JustLikeMee and Sherrell Brown, and Heather Rothman. Named after the former Broward College president, investments from the fund are available to graduates of the Broward College Startup NOW Accelerator Program, which trains about 20 students a year. The six-month, four-stage program challenges students to test business ideas for potential product-market fit. Students who complete the program can earn up to 12 college credits toward an entrepreneurship certificate with Broward College. CareerSource Broward is a partner in the accelerator program.



Left to right: J. David Armstrong, Jr.; Geoff Gazda, awardee; and President Haile.

\$120,000 in Grant Funding Provided for MLK Day of Service Projects

Grants were awarded to 29 organizations to support Broward College MLK Day of Service projects and volunteerism across the community. Funding for the MLK Day of Service projects is made possible through the Florida Legislature, in partnership with the MLK Day of Service Advisory Board. Each organization was eligible to receive up to \$5,000 for their proposed projects. Broward College MLK Day of Service projects last year hosted more than 3,700 volunteers who logged more than 18,000 hours of service. The public is invited to participate in one of the projects by registering on the Broward College MLK Day of Service website. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/2NYEcFc>



Volunteers at a 2019 MLK Day of Service Project at the Pinewood Elementary School in North Lauderdale.

Student Newspaper Coordinator Honored



Jennifer Shapiro Sacks, the coordinator of Student Publications and advisor for The Observer, the College's student newspaper, was inducted into the Florida College System Activities Association Hall of Fame at an awards banquet, November 15, at the Holiday Inn Tampa Airport Westshore Conference Center. Shapiro Sacks has worked at the College for 15 years and

is credited with creating an exceptional training program for young journalists. Her development programs include the Broward College Observer Workshop Series, which brings in local and state professionals in journalism and media to speak with students. She also started the Annual Journalism Boot Camp, which is now in its sixth year.

2019 Broward College Innovation Award



Celise, a provider of sustainable, eco-friendly foodservice disposables

made from plant starches and pulps that replace and eliminate single-use plastic waste, was presented with the inaugural Broward College Innovation Award, in October. The \$10,000 prize is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student whose innovation improves economies, health, and the environment. Ocean Exchange hosts the annual event each fall at which student start-ups compete for awards under the theme of sustainability. Celise was founded by a student who attends American University in Washington, D.C.

STUDENT NEWS

2019 Fall Graduation Hosted at the Iconic Hard Rock Live



Broward College conferred more than 4,000 degrees and certificates at its 2019 fall commencement, December 11, at the Hard Rock Live. The 91st commencement exercise featured a keynote address from Carolina García Jayaram, executive director of the Elevate Prize Foundation. Among the degree recipients, the oldest is 81 years old; the youngest, 17; and there were 121 veterans.

Graduation Highlights



Maria Acosta earned an associate degree in Marketing despite the obstacles she faced following displacement from Hurricane Maria in her native Puerto Rico. Maria was offered in-state tuition, which led to a place on the women's volleyball team, a full scholarship, and the dean's list recognition.



Roberto Viana, 81-years-old, earned an associate degree in Supply Chain Management. He is already enrolled full-time for the spring semester and is expected to earn his bachelor's degree next year.



Larry and Carolyn Jones, a married couple, walked down the aisle a second time at graduation. Larry, who works at the College as a facilities manager, earned a Bachelor of Science in Supervision Management, and Carolyn, an eighth-grade science teacher earned an Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies.



Deyonn Daniels went from homeless for five years and sleeping in empty classrooms on campus to graduating with an associate degree in Information Technology, thanks to the College's Get REAL! Program, which awards scholarships to underserved students.

Veterans Medal Ceremony



Fall 2019 graduates of Broward College who served in the U.S. Armed Forces were honored at the Inaugural Veterans Medal Ceremony, November 26, at Bailey Hall on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. The event, which will be hosted before each commencement ceremony, is one of the new initiatives implemented by the College to recognize its student veterans. More than 150 people were in attendance, and 32 student veterans bestowed with medals. Watch video highlights at <https://youtu.be/sOjJ9deSOHw>.

Broward College Hosts Software Competition



The College hosted its annual Hackathon, October 25-26, at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. The 24-hour event challenged students from higher education institutions and selected high schools across the county to develop a new software program in a collaborative and fast-paced environment. As part of the competition, teams are required to pitch a software idea and build a prototype.

ARtivism won the overall competition, with a project that combined augmented reality, art, and activism; team members included Broward College's Isabella Mattua, Mariela Lopez, Jorge Ortiz, Karen Perez, and Christopher Josef-Cheronsky; and Ettore Mottola, of Florida International University (FIU). Other winners were Habinowski—Code for a Cause; Epic Dream—Most Innovative Idea; Tech's Most Wanted—Best Presentation; In Atomic—Mixed Reality; and inRecycle—Crowd Favorite. The Hackathon, which is in its fifth year, was sponsored by Magic Leap, which provided access to its M1L spatial computing devices. <https://csit.broward.edu/hackathon/>

President Haile Attends Dolphins Game with Veterans



As part of Veterans Day celebrations, the College hosted several events across its three main campuses. In addition to lunches, veterans had the opportunity to attend the Miami Dolphins Military Appreciation game, November 17, against the Buffalo Bills. They were joined by President Haile and members of the senior management team.

Broward College is a proud military-friendly school serving more than 800 student veterans annually. Veterans Day activities are one of the ways Broward College recognizes its student veterans. This year, the College added more services and events to support veterans, including redesigned IDs that offer them priority status when visiting administrative offices. Learn more about our Veteran Services: <https://bit.ly/2XnQMkl>.

Student Publications Receive State-wide Awards

The student newspaper, The Observer, and campus magazine, P'an Ku, earned multiple honors at the 60th Annual Florida College System Publications Association (FCSPA) conference and awards banquet, November 16, in Tampa.

The Observer award-winners included Elliot Tritto, second place sports column; Michael Gennaro, second place in-depth reporting and second place sports writing; Michelle Castano, third-place news story; Anabel Sanchez, second place arts review; and Thandle Brown,



Observer award winners (left to right): Thandle Brown, Michelle Castano, Jennifer Shapiro-Sacks, Anabel Sanchez, and Nathalie Velez.

honorable mention, on-site photo contest. Award recipients from P'an Ku included Melissa Torres, who was honored with the Debra Vazquez Memorial Award for Excellence in Poetry, as well as best poem. Michale Lozano took first place for best photograph; Natalie Laurent received two second-place awards for staff page design and two-page spread, and Oscar Jean won third place in the on-the-spot poetry contest. Third-place awards also went to Laurent for design; Nicole Forero, poetry; and Sabrina Taveras, nonfiction.



P'an Ku award-winners (left to right): Maria Isabel Cruz, Alexander Miller, Alexandra Woltin, Oscar Jean, and Madelyn Gibson.

Seahawk Flying Team Tops Aviation Competition



The Seahawk Flying team show off their trophy. Left to right: Chris Face, Jonathon Strod, Juan Rojas, Julien Pinon, David Silva, and Benjamin Singley.

Broward College students posted five top-ten finishes at the 2019 National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region IX SAFECON, November 3-7, in Lakeland, Fla. The intercollegiate aviation competition attracted schools from Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, including Embry-Riddle, Auburn University, Florida Institute of Technology, Jacksonville University, and Polk State College. The Seahawk Flying Team, revived in January 2019 by students Julian Pinon (president) and Jonathan Strod (vice president), also received the SETP Foundation Challenge Trophy for best spirit, safety, and aspects of a holistic aviation program.

South Florida Aviation Maintenance Council Awards Scholarships to Broward College Students

The South Florida Aviation Maintenance Council (SFAMC) presented scholarships to five Broward College students, totaling \$15,000. The scholarships will be awarded through the Broward College Foundation. The check was handed over during a ceremony at The Floridian on November 22. The SFAMC is a part of the College's Aviation Advisory Board.



Davidson Nzekwe-Daniel, an aviation student at Broward College, receives the check on behalf of the recipients.

STUDENT NEWS

Brain Bowl Teams Shine at Quiz Bowl Tournament in Orlando

Broward College's Brain Bowl teams turned in strong performances at the annual Delta Burke Quiz Bowl, November 9, at Valencia College in Orlando. The A team, led by Tony Infantino, finished in third place. Alex Bluth captains the B team. Both A and B teams are gearing up for sectional and regional competitions in the spring semester.



Left to right: Coach Christopher Gage, Simone Rodriguez, Alan Sosa, Nathaniel Foo, Maria Villegas-Botero, Rachel Levi, Isabella Borges, Deandre Nelson, Alex Bluth, Francis Orozco, and Tony Infantino.

Students Visit Holocaust Exhibit



Students from the Institute for Public Safety Pathway joined Professor Benjamin Botero at the exhibit, "Israel: Then & Now," November 14, at the Dania Holocaust and Education Center. The exhibition explores the multicultural aspects of the people of Israel, their art, and literature, along with several examples of technological and scientific advancements.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Happy to Connect



The first Social With a Purpose event, a new series of 'Happy Hour' networking opportunities launched to connect employees with community groups and partners, was hosted on November 14 at the Omni Auditorium on North Campus and included participants from two Broward UP municipalities.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

And the Award Goes To...



40 year honoree Susan Dodd (center) taking a selfie with Jose Lopez and Stephanie Repaci.

It was a red-carpet affair at Bailey Hall on November 1, as the Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning hosted the First Annual Osprey Awards. The newly-rebranded event recognizes both faculty and staff for outstanding service and achievements. Among the celebrants was Susan Dodd, a faculty member who was honored for 40 years of service.

Serving Together



The North Broward County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, recognized President Haile and his wife, Chae, as a civic-minded “Power Couple,” at the 5th Biennial Denim and Diamonds Dancing Under the Stars fundraiser, November 5, at Signature Grand, in Davie.

Let’s Talk



President Haile continued his series of informal talks with the College community, hosting Real Talk sessions with students on the A. Hugh Adams Central and North Campuses. President Haile also hosted additional Conversation Cafés with faculty and PTS Roundtables with staff on three main campuses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 17 - JANUARY 1, 2020
Winter Break

JANUARY 4, 2020
Spring 2020 Classes Begin

JANUARY 20, 2020
MLK Day of Service

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

First Lady Casey DeSantis Holds Roundtable at Broward College



Community leaders, including President Haile, joined the First Lady for a roundtable on the issue of neonatal care for women addicted to opioids, "Hope for Healing Florida." First Lady DeSantis also announced the start of the "Babies Born Drug-Free" Community Initiative.

First Students Graduate from Broward College International Education Program in Brazil

President Haile attended and served as keynote speaker at the first graduation ceremony at the Broward College International Center—Broward International University Brazil, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, on December 2. Four students participated in the commencement and were conferred with their associate degrees.

They can now transfer to four-year institutions in the U.S. to complete their bachelor's degree. The following day, President Haile received the title of Honorary Citizen of the city of Belo Horizonte.



Celebrating the Holidays



President Haile, his wife Chae, and members of the senior leadership team joined more than 600 Broward College employees and their families at the Museum of Discovery and Science in Fort Lauderdale for the annual holiday party. Under the theme 'Masquerade at the Museum', the event celebrated the hard work of staff and faculty.

Retirements

Sheila Martinez joined the College in August 2014, initially serving as the senior executive assistant to the Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs. On July 1, 2018, she transitioned with President Haile at the start of his tenure to support him in the same role in the Office of the President. In a warm farewell, President Haile told the Board, “Sheila is a colleague extraordinaire. When I needed to get to eight different meetings in a day, she would find a way to get me there. She always seemed to make the impossible possible ... I could not possibly rehash how she has made this institution better, and how she has made me better.” Before joining Broward College, Martinez worked with the law firm Greenburg Traurig and Miami Dade County.



Sheila Martinez (center) receives a retirement plaque from President Haile and Board of Trustees Chair Gloria Fernandez.

Third Student Trustee Sits on the Board



Tyshawn Stubbs, president of the Student Government Association (SGA) for North Campus served as the student trustee during the November Board meeting.

Stubbs, who started Broward College in January, is pursuing studies in communications and aspires to be a public and motivational speaker. He is the third student to sit on the Board since the Student Trustee Initiative was approved in April 2019. The initiative enables a student government campus president to sit on the dais of its meetings and workshops.

Board Approves Centralized Call Center Operations

Through the centralized operations, the College will transition from having two call centers for student support and financial aid to a single, multifunctional contact center.

The consolidated call center will streamline customer service to current and prospective students. The services are expected to go live in May 2020 and will feature twenty-four-hour live agents, and virtual one-stop support.

2020 Board Schedule Approved

The meetings, which include three Student Forums on the College’s main campuses, will be held as follows:

January 28	June 30
February 25	August 11
March 31	September 29
April 28	October 27
May 26	December 8

Policy Revisions Approved

The Board approved recommendations for several policy revisions. The policies are listed below:

Policy 6Hx2-3.06

http://browardcollegefl.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?Frame=&MeetingID=1973&MediaPosition=&ID=6359&CssClass=a

Policy 6Hx2-3.20

http://browardcollegefl.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?Frame=&MeetingID=1973&MediaPosition=&ID=6358&CssClass=a

Policy 6Hx2-3.42

http://browardcollegefl.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?Frame=&MeetingID=1973&MediaPosition=&ID=6489&CssClass=a

Policy 6Hx2-3.52

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Policy 6Hx2-3.53

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Policy 6Hx2-3.55

http://browardcollegefl.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?Frame=&MeetingID=1973&MediaPosition=&ID=6360&CssClass=a

Gala Supports R. Motwani Family Academy of Hospitality and Tourism Management

Leaders from the hospitality industry including Ramola Motwani, and her sons, Nitin and Dev, hosted “Be Our Guest,” a fundraising gala, November 7, that generated \$300,000 to support programming and student scholarships for the R. Motwani Family Academy of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Broward College. The fundraiser attracted 300 guests to the Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach, where they celebrated the memory of Motwani family patriarch, Ramesh “Bob” Motwani, who passed away 25 years ago.

The “Be Our Guest” gala built on the Motwani family's already significant commitment to Broward College through the Broward College Foundation. Earlier this year, the Motwanis created an endowment in support of the College's hospitality and tourism management program, which was named the R. Motwani Family Academy of Hospitality and Tourism Management.



Dev Motwani, Ramola Motwani, President Haile, and Nitin Motwani.

Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation Honored

The Fort Lauderdale/Broward Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals named The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation this year's “Outstanding Foundation,” during a celebratory luncheon, November 14, at the Signature Grand. The DeLuca Foundation's transformative contributions ensure both Broward College and nonprofits in the community flourish. Broward College supported their nomination. Other supporting nominators who helped secure The DeLuca Foundation's selection included the Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Junior Achievement of South Florida, Urban League of Broward County, and YMCA of South Florida. The DeLuca Foundation awarded almost 100 grants and has impacted more than 300,000 lives in the past two years. Other awardees included Elaine P. Krupnick, a Broward College alumnus and endowed scholarship founder, was selected “Philanthropist of the Year” and Dr. Monica McGrath, Broward College Foundation Board of Director's vice chair, who was recognized as a table honoree.



Elisabeth DeLuca, president of The DeLuca Foundation; Dr. Angelika Schlanger, who serves as foundation secretary; and Jonathan DeLuca, the foundation's treasurer/secretary and Elisabeth's son.

Alumni & Friends Network Connects Broward College Graduates

The Broward College Alumni & Friends Network hosted several events during the fall semester as part of an ongoing initiative to engage alumni and build a donor pipeline. The network is seeking alumni to support Broward College's “Start, Succeed, and Soar” goals through mentorships, student recruitment, and internship placements. Among the major events this semester were: “How to Transform Your Classroom Through Grant Writing,” a dinner

and workshop for alumni of the Teacher Education Pathway, on October 15, sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank in partnership with Broward County Public Schools; an Alumni Connect Happy Hour, November 6, at Riverside Market, in Plantation. There was also an Alumni & Friends Leadership Luncheon, on November 20 which featured author and alumna Nerissa Street, who spoke on “Self-Care for Leaders.”

