

Broward College Update

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Soaring with Broward College on Fly Day



Broward College's Aviation Institute joined in the annual Challenge Air Fly Day — a nationwide charity event where pilots and organizations bring the gift of flight to disadvantaged and disabled children — last month at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. Shane Brown, president of Alpha Eta Rho, Broward College's student aviation fraternity, along with fraternity brothers Anil Ramcharitar, Eric Castro, and Ryaoneil Ross, volunteered to marshal aircraft and maintain safety. Broward College flight instructor Oscar Hernandez was on hand to answer questions and talk with guests. By day's end, some 250 people had enjoyed a flight, including 85 young co-pilots and their family members.

Students Headed to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as Interns in Malarial Research

For the fourth consecutive year, two Broward College students will be heading to a prestigious internship with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, Division of Parasitic Diseases and Malaria in Atlanta, Ga. **Carmen Maria Garcia** and **Michelle Thackeray** — who are pursuing their associate's degrees — will be working on projects including conducting CDC and WHO bioassays to determine resistance to and efficacy of vector control methods and evaluating and creating military uniform treatment protocols and determining modes of vector resistance using biochemical and genetic methodologies. The research improves global strategies for fighting malaria, a disease that still affects some 200 million people worldwide every year.

Dr. David Serrano, program manager for the College's associates and bachelor's degree program, coordinates and oversees the internship selection process and the Broward College Foundation funds the program.



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Halperin Chats Online, Elizabeth Smart to Speak in March



Political expert Mark Halperin (pictured, left with Speakers Series emcee Tom Hudson of WLRN) held the College's first online "fireside" chat — a chance for students to interact with the author and lecturer before his appearance as part of the 2015 Broward College Speaker Series that evening at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Elizabeth Smart will share her story of empowerment from child abduction victim to recovery to leading advocate for victims on March 25. The Speaker Series lectures take place monthly on Wednesday evenings through May 20. 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.BrowardCollegespeakerseries.com



Remaining lectures include:

■ **ELIZABETH SMART**

Advocate for Child Abduction Victims & Recovery Programs

March 25, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

■ **DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN**

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Historian & Biographer

April 15, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

■ **CHRIS BERMAN**

Longtime Host of ESPN's NFL coverage and SportsCenter Anchor

May 20, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Trending on Twitter



Village Square Explores Immigration Reform, Next Up: Ethics

Broward College sponsored a lively discussion exploring comprehensive immigration reform issues earlier this month. Individuals from the College as well as from Hispanic Unity of Florida, Catholic Legal Services at the Archdiocese of Miami and Sant La discussed the issues with attendees who shared on Twitter:

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@browardschools Leg Affairs & @BrowardESOL listening to an immigration panel at #villagesquare w/ @BrowardCollege



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The next Village Square event is slated for May 13 and will explore "Ethics in Broward: Have We Gone Too Far or Not Far Enough?". Registration is required to attend. Early pricing is \$35/\$40. Visit www.broward.edu/villagesquare.

Presidential Leaders Academy Hold Symposium

Members of all three classes of the Broward College Presidential Leadership Academy gathered for a half-day symposium and luncheon at the Will & Jo Holcombe Institute on Central Campus in February.



Speaker Bill Wilson, director of academic relations for Workday, addressed the group on the values of leadership, citing many examples from his experiences in the military.

Lunchtime speaker, Dr. Eileen Holden (pictured), former vice president for academic affairs at Broward College and current president of Polk State College, spoke on the importance of mentoring in leadership.

HALL OF DISTINCTION

EXCELLENCE WITHIN AND BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Call for Nominations for the 2015 Hall of Distinction Awards

Broward College is proud of its many alumni who are achieving success in their professional fields, impacting their communities and making a difference for students through their service to Broward College. Since 1983, Broward College has recognized distinguished alumni whose lives have been enriched by their educational experiences at their alma mater.

Each year, nominations are reviewed by a committee of past recipients and college representatives. Awards are presented in the categories of Alumni Merit, Alumni Service, Community Service and Emerging Leader.

The Broward College Foundation would like to know of Broward College graduates who are making a difference in their career or community. Nominate them for the 2015 Hall of Distinction Awards. Self-nominations are welcome. To nominate, visit www.browardcollegefoundation.org/HOD-Criteria.

Men's Basketball Ends Season Strong, Just Misses State Tourney



The Broward College men's basketball team wrapped up a strong season this month — a season in which the team was ranked for 13 straight weeks in the Florida College System Activities Association Coaches' Poll and at one point won 11 straight games. In the midst of the winning streak, the Seahawks were ranked 3rd in the state for four weeks. The team ended with a 22-7 record (7-4 in conference), narrowly missing the state tournament, losing to rival Miami-Dade College, 93-87, in the second to last game of the season with the tournament bid on the line. Men's basketball coach Robert Starkman was presented his induction plaque to the Broward College Athletic Hall of Fame prior to the game.

Accolades

Procurement Earns Certificate

Broward College recently received a certificate from NIGP: the Institute for Public Procurement, recognizing the 30th anniversary of the college's membership in the organization. Based in Herndon, Va., NIGP develops, supports and promotes the public procurement globally.

Nursing Lab Coordinator Lands Companion Study on Substance Abuse

Rose Cirilo, the RN-BSN special projects and lab coordinator, received a National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Drug Abuse Diversity supplement to Dr. John Love's parent study "Intertribal Talking Circle for the Prevention of Drug Abuse in Native Youth." Her study's title will be "Cultural Identity and Substance Use and Interventions Among Native American Populations." Cirilo is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Florida Atlantic University.



Supplier Diversity Program Receives Plaudits, Accolades for 'Shark Tank'



Dicky Sykes (pictured, center, at commission meeting), the director of the Supplier Relations and Supply Diversity program, recently offered a presentation on the college's Supplier Diversity Program to the Broward County

Commission at the request of Commissioner Dale Holness, who heard about the program and its commitment to outreach to the community. Cisco Corporation's Champions of Diversity newsletter recently featured a lengthy profile of the Supplier Diversity Program's Shark Tank competition held last year at a business symposium on Central Campus. The program was lauded for engaging all stakeholders, including corporate America, for using innovation, creativity and technology to make supplier diversity fun and finally, to create value propositions for all parties.

Deutschman Interviewed by 'A Kind Voice on Sports'

Broward College men's basketball coach Robert "Bob" Starkman has been selected for induction into the Florida Community College Activities Association Hall of Fame. Starkman has been coaching at Broward for 18 years, 14 of them as the men's team coach, where he has compiled a record of 262-145. He is currently the fourth-winningest coach in Florida's state colleges. Seven of his players have been named to all-America teams and several have gone on to play professional basketball internationally. His 2014-15 team is currently 17-3, ranked 22nd nationally and third in the state.

Miramar West Center Hosts February Board Meeting



The February 2015 Broward College District Board of Trustees Meeting was held at the College's Miramar West Center in Miramar. The center opened last fall and is an 89,000-square-foot, LEED-certified facility, featuring classrooms, science labs, meeting spaces and student commons. The building is shared with Florida International University. South Campus President S. Sean Madison offered greetings and an overview of the past year at South Campus and its partnership centers, which include Miramar West.

The Board of Trustees holds one meeting annually at each of the college's campuses — North, Central and South — or one of the centers affiliated with a campus. All other BOT meetings are held at the College's Downtown Center in Fort Lauderdale.

The meeting also offered an opportunity for students at the South Campus and its centers to discuss any issues and concerns with the Board. Student leaders also report on their activities. Among the concerns discussed was better access to the new center from S.W. 145th Avenue (a turn lane for northbound traffic is in process with the city traffic engineers).

Donnie Blalack Honored for Service



Retiree Donnie Blalack was honored at the February meeting for his 11 years at the college. Blalack, the associate dean for aviation maintenance management, came to Broward College in 2004 after a long career at United Airlines. When he arrived, 86 students were enrolled in the aviation

maintenance management program. The program has grown to more than 200 students, a 144 percent increase, is currently at capacity enrollment and has a waiting list. More than 80 percent of students who enroll in aviation maintenance certificate and degree programs graduate.

LATE BREAKING: Six Broward College Students Make All-Florida Academic Team

The Florida College System has named six Broward College students to the 2015 All-Florida Academic Team — recognizing their academic achievement, leadership and service to their communities. These honorees are Shereece Barnett, Malak Benkhadra, Phabian Clarke, Sharon Leach, Valeria Siegrist and Jarredd Valentine Simpson — and are eligible for the All-USA Academic Team competition sponsored by USA Today and the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. They will be recognized at a statewide ceremony in April.

FROM THE SOCIALS...

Broward College students helped celebrate Valentine's Day at #BCSweety

