

Broward College Update

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How Do You See the World?: Village Square Hosts Important Discussion on Unconscious Bias

Broward College's Village Square dinner series continued in February, and brought together several important community members to participate in a non-partisan discussion on the topic of implicit bias.

"Unconscious Bias: Racism You Can't See (But You Can Feel)" was moderated by Eugene Pettis, co-founder of Haliczzer Pettis & Schwamm and featured panelists Osamudia James, professor of law at the University of Miami School of Law and Henry Mack, associate dean of academic affairs at Broward College.



Left to right: Commissioner Chip LaMarca, Henry Mack, Osamudia James, Eugene Pettis and Mayor Jack Seiler.



Upcoming Dinner at the Square events:

May 11

Topic: *Mass Transportation in Broward County*

Upcoming Take-Out Tuesdays at Broward College's Downtown Campus:

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Topic: *Guns—Everyone, Everywhere.*

www.broward.edu/villagesquare



Speaker Series Continues with J.C. Watts

The 2016 Broward College Speaker Series continues Wednesday, March 23 with J.C. Watts. Drawing from his background as Congressman and chairman of the House Republican Conference, quarterback of the Oklahoma Sooners and an ordained minister, J.C. Watts will explore everyday leadership practices and tactical steps that anyone can use to achieve their goals and dreams. His talk will be followed by a Q&A session with questions submitted by audience members.



Watts is the third of four distinguished speakers who will share their exciting experiences, insights, points of view, and behind-the-scenes stories about some of the most current topics of the day as part of the Broward College Speaker Series.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, call the AutoNation Box Office at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts at 954-462-0222, or visit www.BrowardCollegeSpeakerSeries.com.

Upcoming speaker - James Carville



Wednesday, April 6, 2016

James Carville, renowned and provocative political strategist and CNN, NBC, and FOX News political commentator, will host *James Carville Looks at Politics and the 2016 Race for the White House*.

BROWARD COLLEGE MAKING HEADLINES

Broward College's online program is being recognized for offering an affordable education for students near and far. OnlineU, a website which studies affordability for online colleges, ranks Broward College as the tenth most affordable in the United States. It's the only one from Florida to make the list of 25 colleges.

The schools on the list had annual tuition ranging from \$3,450 to \$8,400; Broward College charges \$6,756. To be on the list, a college must offer at least 10 fully online degree programs across multiple subjects.

[Click here to read more.](#)



Second Annual Fort Lauderdale Fringe Festival

After a successful inaugural event last year, Broward College's Fort Lauderdale Fringe Festival will return. This diverse, cutting-edge, uncensored, and non-juried live theater event aims at fusing the arts scene with the local community by bringing the true nature of creation to the stage and street.



The 2016 Fort Lauderdale Fringe Festival will include original performances by artists from around the world. In addition to the live performances, the street fair will feature local vendors, food trucks, and family-friendly activities.

SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY, MAY 6 AND
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016**

**WILLIS HOLCOMBE DOWNTOWN CENTER
111 EAST LAS OLAS BLVD.
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL**

Bailey Hall Presents

Broward College's 2015-2016 Bailey Hall Presents recently hosted two-time Grammy nominee, Bettye LaVette. Don't miss the remaining three performances in the series, featuring an assortment of accomplished musical artists and theatre performances. To learn more about the Bailey Hall Presents series, visit www.baileyhall.org.

Koresh Dance Company

Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. | Cost: \$26-\$49

Ronen Koresh's *evolution* premiered in 2009, and received resounding praise from critics at its 2014 Philadelphia revival. Gritty and timeless, the piece explores dance as an eternal language that predates spoken language - as a visceral, universal form of physical expression.



The Pedrito Martinez Group

Saturday, April 2, 7:30 p.m. | Cost: \$20-\$39



The Pedrito Martinez Group is a joyful adventure of fresh Afro-Cuban spirit led by virtuoso conga player Martinez, who is joined by keyboardist Edgar Pantoja-Aleman, electric bass artist

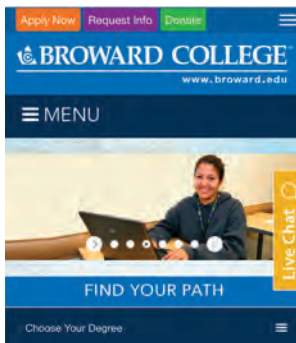
Alvaro Benavides, and percussion artist Jhair Sala. When Martinez channels the beautiful Yoruba chants — still used by Cubans to address African gods — the group's virtuosity is complete.

Hiromi

Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. | Cost: \$26-\$49



Since the 2003 release of her debut album, Hiromi has electrified audiences and critics east and west with a creative energy that encompasses and eclipses the boundaries of jazz, classical and pop parameters, taking improvisation and composition to new heights of complexity and sophistication.



Broward.edu Goes Mobile: Broward College Launches Re-Designed Site

Through the years, students have asked for a website that could be accessed on any platform — including a smart phone, tablet, or desktop browser.

Broward College’s website recently was redesigned and mobile optimized — with every creative element and feature extensively researched, and implemented with usability in mind.

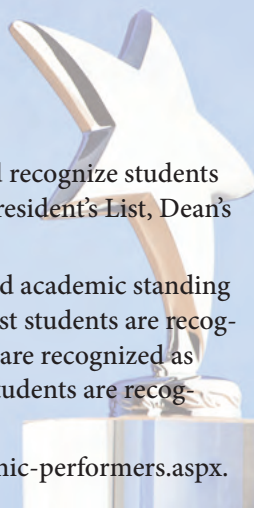
The College plans to continue pushing forward with enhancements providing easy access to information students need most from any location, and on any device.

Broward College Celebrates Academic All-Stars

Broward College is excited to showcase its academic all-stars, and recognize students who have attained a high level of success, achieving the level of President’s List, Dean’s List, and Honor Roll.

To be eligible for these academic awards, students must be in good academic standing and carry 12 or more college credit semester hours. President’s List students are recognized as obtaining a 4.0 grade point average; Dean’s List students are recognized as obtaining a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99; and Honor Roll students are recognized as obtaining a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.49.

View the full list at www.broward.edu/discover/Pages/top-academic-performers.aspx.



Debate Team State Champs



Broward College’s Speech and Debate Team recently finished first in debate sweepstakes and third overall at the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA)’s 2016 State Tournament, which was held February 4-6 at the Florida State College at Jacksonville. Juan Igarzabal and Adarris May finished first in Parliamentary Debate and also closed out Lincoln-Douglas debate by finishing first and second.

Connecting Students to Careers

New college students often find it difficult to navigate the various career options available. To ease this transition, and connect students to future careers, Broward College recently held a Career Summit for nearly 600 local area high school students.

Last fall, Broward College administered a Career Coach exercise to several area schools, which included a career assessment. Career Coach is a tool that Broward College acquired to assist students identify a potential career. It provides current local wage data, employment opportunities, job postings, and associated education and training. Using this information, the College invited participating students to the Career Summit to explore the pathways that the career assessment determined to be relevant to their interests. During the interactive sessions, students had the opportunity to work with faculty and industry professionals to better understand the various in-demand careers available.

Broward College is a leader in deploying the career pathways model. All degree programs at the College are now structured in one of eight career pathways that contain related fields.

CELEBRITY SIGHTING

Recently, “The Rock” Dwayne Johnson filmed his HBO television show “Ballers” at the Health Sciences Simulation Center on Central Campus.



William E. Greene Scholarship Recipients

The Broward College Greene International Education Institute recently announced the 36th and 37th recipients of the William E. Greene Scholarship for the Spring 2016 term: **Shanise Wallace** (left) and **Andres Saa** (right).



This full scholarship is awarded to students during the fall and spring terms to study abroad at one of Broward College's international centers in Ecuador, Peru or Spain, and covers airfare, housing, tuition, program fees, visas, and student travel insurance. Both Wallace and Saa have chosen to study at the International College of Seville in Spain.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2016 Hall of Distinction Awards

Do you know a Broward College alumnus or alumna who is making a difference in his or her career or community?

Nominate them for the 2016 Hall of Distinction Awards. Award categories and online submission forms are available on our website, and self-nominations are welcomed.

Nominations will be accepted up to **April 15**.

Marketing Team Expands

Broward College is happy to announce our newly-formed Marketing and Strategic Communications team.



Don Cook

Daniela Circonciso

Lesli Cartaya Franco

Jennifer Silverio

Don Cook has joined as the executive director, and he will lead a dynamic team comprised of Daniela Circonciso, director of marketing; Lesli Cartaya Franco, director of communications; and Jennifer Silverio, director of creative and new media.

Together, the marketing and strategic communications team will be responsible for creating and disseminating the image and messages of the College to internal and external audiences. *Please help join us in offering a warm welcome!*

To read more about the team, visit browardcollegeblog.com

American Dream Benefit Weekend



We believe every person who is determined to change his or her life through the pursuit of higher education should be afforded that opportunity.

That's why we created the American Dream Scholarship, which is designed to help students who face great financial need and fall just outside eligibility guidelines for federal financial assistance.

These are hardworking students, maintaining a 2.5 grade point average and 75 percent of the way to a college degree that will prepare them to fill one of this region's high-demand jobs.

We invite you to join us, and be part of these wonderful transformations by attending the American Dream Scholarship Benefit. During and after the Pedrito Martinez Group performance at the Bailey Hall on Saturday, April 2, we will offer the opportunity to support the American Dream Scholarship.

If our students are determined to work hard, we are determined to help them succeed.

Tee Off at the Golf Classic and Support Scholarships

The 29th Annual Broward College Golf Classic is Thursday, March 31 at the Fort Lauderdale Country Club.

Proceeds from the golf classic support our First Generation Scholarship. First Generation students face unique challenges, and this scholarship helps alleviate their financial struggles. Since its inception, the golf classic has raised more than \$2 million, and helped students realize the American dream of a college education.

Support our students — [click here to register](#).



North Campus Shares Insights on Past Year

During the Board of Trustees meeting students, faculty and staff at Broward College North Campus presented an overview of the many accomplishments and points of pride from the past year.



A number of students from Student Government and social organizations shared fun updates about campus life following a video highlighting the year. In addition, campus president Dr. Avis Proctor presented *Insights*, an annual newsletter to the board and attendees.

After the presentation students had the opportunity to provide suggestions on campus improvements and ask the board for support on issues affecting campus life including parking lot flooding, additional lighting to make campus more secure for female students, and a longer rest period between classes for the discussion and processing of information. Students are proud of their campus and also would like to see the classrooms and facilities held to a higher standard of maintenance, which is an initiative Broward College currently is working on as it has revisited and revised its contracts with cleaning vendors at North Campus.

Broward College Recommends 11 Professors for Continuing Contracts

Consistent with annual recommendations, President J. David Armstrong, Jr. and Provost Dr. Linda Howdyshell advocated that continuing contracts remain a College-supported initiative for Broward College professors, and endorsed eleven full-time faculty for continuing contracts. This is the eighth consecutive year Broward College has recommended faculty members for continuing contracts.

Professors who demonstrate their commitment to providing students with academic excellence at a high level consistently are recommended and approved for continuing contracts.

George Masforroll Retires



George Masforroll was recognized at the February Board of Trustees meeting for his more than thirty years of service. Masforroll began working for the College in 1984 as the bookstore warehouse manager and eventually moved into overseeing printing and other areas as the associate vice president of auxiliary services, but he was best known for his famous mustache.

