

# Broward College Update

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## Broward College Celebrates Black History Month



A myriad of events were hosted in celebration of Black History Month across Broward College campuses. Highlights included a Festival of Icons, musical workshops, guest speakers, panel discussions, a film series, and more.

More than 150 students attended the opening of “I and I: The Politics of Self-Love” at the South Campus Art Gallery. The exhibit, part of the Broward College South Campus Office of Cultural Affairs (BSOCA) programming, features the work of student self-portraits and professional artwork from Miami muralist Serge Toussaint. The exhibit is on display through March 16.

In addition to student-focused events, Bailey Hall was home to “Common Humanity...The Colors of History,” the 13th annual Black History Month art exhibit. Curated by Jean-Jacques Stephen Alexis, the collection featured more than 70 pieces created by local African-American artists. Paintings, sculptures and ceramics were among the type of media on display. An opening reception kicked off the exhibit’s run with tropical music, modern African dancers, spoken word and original modern Afro-Caribbean Art.



## BC Team Participates in Miami Dolphins Cancer Challenge VI

Don Cook, Nathan Sade, George Garcia, Brian Findley, Robert Diaz and Mabel Garcia represented Broward College in the Miami Dolphins Cancer Challenge VI cycling event on February 11.

The group proudly sported their Broward College colors as they rode 25 miles from Fort Lauderdale to Hard Rock Stadium. The signature event for the Miami Dolphins Foundation, 100 percent of raised funds support the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. More than \$16.5 million has been generated from these events.



*Twain Russell (second from right), Miami Dolphins director of youth and community programs, meets up with Team Broward College during the Miami Dolphins Cancer Challenge.*

# Dinner at the Square Delves Into Prison Reform and the Overcriminalization of Juvenile Offenders



The Village Square, a non-partisan public educational forum, held its second Dinner at the Square exploring the topic, “No Second Chance: Does Florida Over-Criminalize Juvenile Offenders” at Hugh’s Catering in Oakland Park.

Judge Elijah Williams, Juvenile Delinquency Division for the 17th Circuit Court, moderated the spirited discussion regarding juveniles who face criminal charges as adults. Panelists included

Major David Holmes of the Broward Sheriff’s Office, and Maria Schneider, assistant state attorney of the 17th Judicial Court of Florida.

The next Broward College Village Square event will be Take Out Tuesday on March 21 at the Broward College Downtown Center in Building 33 on the 11th floor. The event will focus on the topic, “Does Florida Need Public Hospitals?”

## Ted Koppel Participates in Student Fireside Chat and Broward College Speaker Series

Before taking the stage for the Broward College Speaker Series at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Ted Koppel participated in an afternoon fireside chat hosted at Central Campus. Students came prepared with questions for the award-winning journalist, former anchor and managing editor of ABC’s “Nightline.” Koppel brought his more than 50 years of experience and provided insight on “Breaking News: A Look Around the Globe” during his Speaker Series discussion.

Tickets are now available for the next event featuring Angela Duckworth on April 5. For more information, visit: [www.browardcollegespeakerseries.com](http://www.browardcollegespeakerseries.com).



## Upcoming Events

### MARCH 21: TAKE-OUT TUESDAY

*Topic: Systematic Poverty – How the War on Poverty Failed*

Broward College Downtown Center, 11th floor

[broward.edu/villagesquare](http://broward.edu/villagesquare)

### MARCH 30: GOLF CLASSIC

Fort Lauderdale Country Club

### APRIL 5: SPEAKER SERIES - ANGELA DUCKWORTH

*Topic: True Grit – The Science of Success. Who succeeds in life?*

Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
[BrowardCollegeSpeakerSeries.com](http://BrowardCollegeSpeakerSeries.com)

### APRIL 18: TAKE-OUT TUESDAY

*Topic: Sun Sentinel's Editorial Board Live*

Broward College Downtown Center, 11th floor

[broward.edu/villagesquare](http://broward.edu/villagesquare)

### APRIL 21-23: FRINGE FESTIVAL

Downtown Fort Lauderdale

## Eight Broward College Students Named to the 2017 All-Florida Academic Team



L to R: Mario Petrov, Giveth Rocha, Michele Khadir, Jose Lopez, and Maldonado Robert Sekuloski



Sana Amin (left) and Quratulain Amin

The Florida College System recently announced the 2017 All-Florida Academic Team, sponsored by *USA Today* and the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Giveth Rocha, Robert Sekuloski, Michele Khadir, Mario Petrov, Quratulain Amin, Sana Amin, Chiara Cava and Jose Lopez were awarded for academic achievement, leadership and service to their communities. The honorees will be presented with medallions and recognized at an awards ceremony in Tallahassee on April 7.

## BC Model United States Congress Team Excels in Washington D.C.

The Broward College Model United States Congress shined for its highest level of competition in the history of the program. The team of 14 not only won Distinguished Delegation, but picked up 12 individual awards and had two sponsored bills signed into law. Other highlights included Hector Correa being elected president of the 2018 National Model U.S. Congress.



## Coach Bob Starkman Secures 300th Career Win

On February 4, the Seahawks rallied from behind to defeat the ASA College Silver Storm in a 62-59 score. This marked the 300th career win for Bob Starkman, who serves as head coach for the men's basketball team. After the successful game, players congratulated their coach and presented him the game ball.

## Student Life Beach Clean-Up a Success



More than 70 Broward College volunteers participated in a clean-up effort at Von D. Mizell and Eula Johnson State Park in Dania Beach. The day also included an educational component with attendees learning about the marine life and vegetation around them. The endeavor was organized by Central Campus Student Life as a way to help the environment and promote community building.

## Broward College to Host 30th Annual Golf Classic

The Broward College 30th Annual Golf Classic tees up on Thursday, March 30 at the Fort Lauderdale Country Club, located at 415 Country Club Circle in Plantation. The event has raised more than \$2 million to support the educational environment at the institution, ensuring students ultimately succeed in life. Proceeds from this year's tournament will benefit the American Dream First Generation in College Scholarship.

Activities and contests on the courses include longest drive, closest to the pin, and a hole-in-one competition which will offer winners a new car from Alpine Jaguar. Other activities include a cocktail reception, dinner, award ceremony, and silent and live auctions. The Classic is presented by Cigna and chaired by Broward College Foundation Board Member, Lloyd F. Rhodes.



*President J. David Armstrong, Jr. with American Dream Scholarship recipient*

Individual players may register online for only \$350 per person. Sponsorship opportunities also are available.

## Broward College Facilities Management Launches Facebook Page



Those interested in staying up-to-date on the recent developments taking place on Broward College campuses can do so through the new Facilities Management Facebook page. Followers and friends will find photos and information on completed campus projects or those in process. From building to parking renovations, there is much to see. Check out the [Facebook page](#) for yourself.

# BC Celebrates 25 Years of Endowed Teaching Chair Awards



Broward College marked the 25th year for its Endowed Teaching Chair awards with a celebration at the Rosemary Duffy Larson Gallery on Central Campus. The reception was hosted by President J. David Armstrong, Jr., and Ann S. Porterfield, Broward College Foundation board member.

Past nominees attended the event along with donors and other members of the College and community at the celebration, which was held in conjunction with the opening of the Winter

Faculty Exhibition. Broward College was the first community college in the nation to establish an Endowed Teaching Chair program to recognize outstanding teaching and commitment to academic excellence, and has honored more than 180 faculty since its inception. On March 2 and 3, a committee of Foundation donors and community members will review faculty presentations and select the recipients for the 26th year.

## Volunteer Groups from MLK Day of Service Recognized During Awards Ceremony



Broward College recognized the volunteer efforts from the MLK Day of Service during an awards ceremony. The institution partnered with the 2017 MLK Day of Service Advisory Board to support 36 projects honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. In all, more than 3,100 participated across eight municipalities, logging more than 16,000 hours. Among the volunteers were students, faculty and staff of the College, as well as others in the community.

Projects included support for veterans, neighborhood improvement, health promotion, environmental initiatives, education, economic opportunity, and more. Since 2015, the Broward College MLK Day of Service has funded nearly 100 service projects.

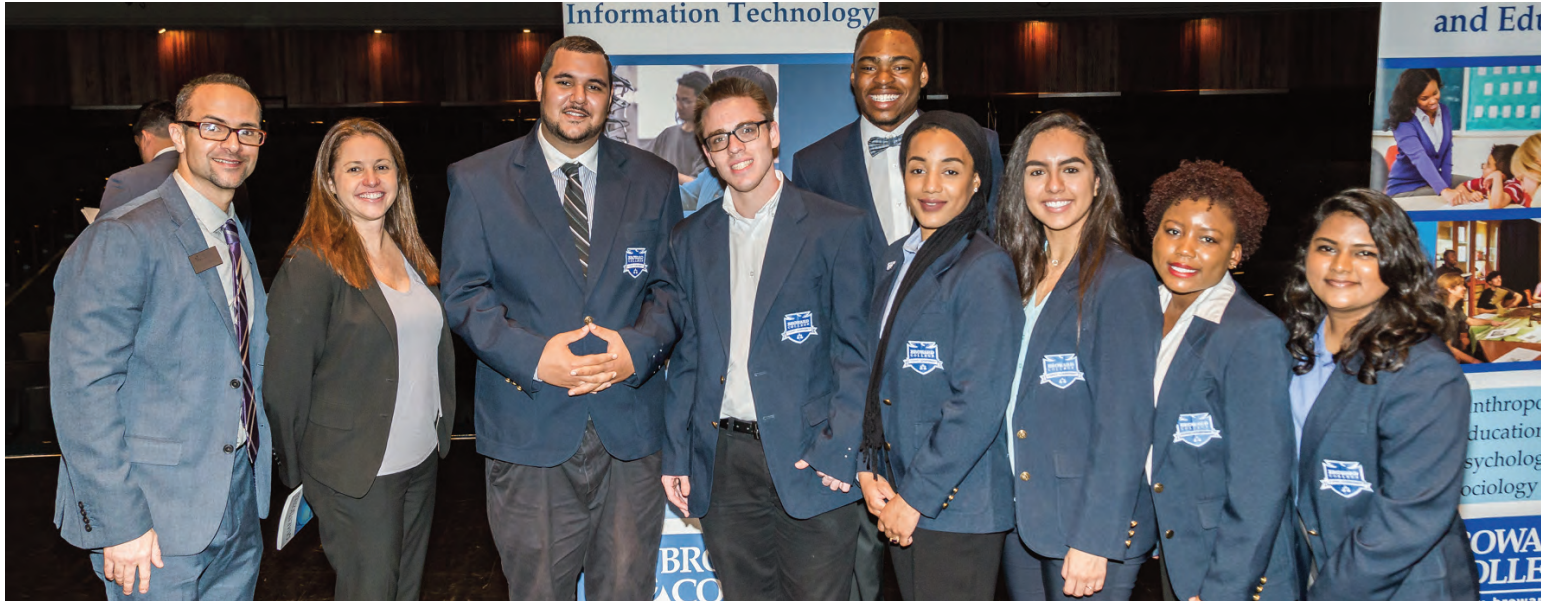
## Broward College Hosts 2017 Professional Development Day

The tradition continued as faculty and staff at Broward College participated in the 2017 Professional Development Day. The Leading Educational Achievement through Development (LEAD) initiative hosts workshops and lectures on a variety of topics important at the institution including an overview of Pathways 101, how to maximize student learning, and how to engage students in class and online. Each session was geared to enhance knowledge and increase student success. A total of 661 faculty and staff participated in this all-day learning conference.

## Benefits and Wellness Fair Hosted on Campuses

Benefits and Wellness Fair events were organized at numerous campuses at Broward College throughout February. Each welcomed staff and faculty to enjoy vendors, check their well-being with health screenings, and participate in a series of activities to get people moving. Attendees learned how making small changes in a diet or 30 minutes of daily exercise can have a positive impact.

# Central Campus Students and Staff Shine at Board Meeting



Prior to the February meeting, the Central Campus Student Government Association (SGA) had the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees and share their suggestions for campus improvements. Led by president Joseph Rolo, SGA members discussed WiFi connection, alternative energy (solar power), spider extermination, printing services, healthier food options and an expanded Student Union. Students from the College Academy then came forward to highlight their successes and brought forth ideas such as a student think tank with faculty, and ways to help support engineering students.

Jose Lopez, campus student life director, then shared stories from the Rally in Tally where students toured Florida State University, the Governor's Mansion, visited the Capitol where they met with elected officials and exchanged ideas.

Quakish Liner, district director of the Honor's College, then brought attention to the Brain Bowl team to highlight their success. The College has been competing at Brain Bowl for more than 30 years, excelling locally and in state competition.

## Three Programs Spotlighted

### HEALTH SCIENCES

Deborah Papa, dean of nursing programs, and Nora Powell, interim dean for allied health programs, spoke about the highlights of the Health Sciences Pathway. This includes community involvement, partnership with the Memorial Healthcare System, and nearly 100 percent pass rates for many of its health science programs. The NCLEX pass rate, the licensing exam for nursing, was especially impressive at 94 percent compared to the State pass rate of 72 percent and the national pass rate of 85 percent.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Linda Wood, dean of Institute of Public Safety, spoke about the strides the Public Safety Pathway has made in its mission to build a bridge between law enforcement and the community. She discussed how the C.O.P.S. program, in collaboration with

behavioral and social sciences, hosts events to foster discussions among students and how Tip a Cop, where students volunteer as waiters to help raise money for charity, encourage cadets to be involved in the community. She spoke about upcoming certifications in criminal justice which will be 24 credits and a 9-credit homeland security certification.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS

Oscar Feliciano, associate director of military and veterans affairs, spoke about his efforts to engage the veterans on campus and the services the College provides for them. He spoke about the career fairs, including the successful Paychecks for Patriots, where veterans have a full hour to interact with eager employers prior to the event opening to the public. He also discussed how the College is planning to incorporate art as a way of therapy in 2018, which Trustee David Maymon supports.

# Broward College WHC Redevelopment Project

On Tuesday, February 28, the Broward College District Board of Trustees voted to enter into a pre-development agreement with the Stiles Corporation for the redevelopment of the Willis Holcombe Center.

Once completed, the project will provide an exciting new downtown focal point and long-term partner for Broward College and Florida Atlantic University (FAU) at their downtown campuses. The new facility will create spaces that would benefit students attending the downtown center and assist with some local community planning objectives, and the process will be conducted with no disruption to education and minimal change to daily downtown flow.

In February, 2016, the College received three proposals in response to the ITN. A staff committee reviewed each proposal during a thorough vetting process with assistance from professional consultants, including KPMG and Bryant Miller Olive. Following a multi-step and thorough review, the Broward College District Board of Trustees affirmed the continuation of negotiations with Stiles Corporation in December of 2016. Click [here](#) to read more.



# Aviation Institute to Be Renamed



Nancy Botero, executive director of the Broward College Foundation, spoke to the board with George Weaver, trustee from the Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust, to propose renaming the Aviation Institute in the honor of Emil Buehler.

The honor would recognized the immense contributions by the Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust. The total amount donated to date has exceeded \$5.2 million, including more than \$2.9 million to Aviation Institute and \$2.4 to the Buehler Planetarium. The Board of Trustees today approved the renaming of the Aviation Institute to the Emil Buehler Aviation Institute at Broward College.

## Retirement

### NICKOLA PICKETT

Nickola Pickett started at the Broward College in 1994 as an administrative assistant working on the Title III Grant. From there, she worked for the then-Honor's Institute before transitioning to the science department, where Pickett has been for 22 years.

Pickett is retiring as executive assistant to Valerio Bartolucci, associate dean for Physical Science. She will miss her "science family," but is looking forward to spending more time with her at-home family, which include three beagles, three cats, and two birds.