

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

from the Office of the President



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am excited to share this first issue of President's Update for 2022. This new year offers the opportunity to strengthen and expand the work we have started. As we continue to highlight how Broward College is transforming students' lives and uplifting our community, our recap comprises our celebration of Black History Month; how staff and faculty honored MLK Day by volunteering time to support LifeNet4Families; and the opportunities we had to share some of our institutional best practices with other higher education leaders. Notably, we hosted a delegation visit from Seminole State College for them to learn about Broward UP™ and presented on student success strategies to the Aspen New Presidents Fellows. Our achievements would be impossible without our students' commitment and hard work. This month we recognize our fall 2021 Emergency Medical Technician graduates, welcome two International Presidential Scholars, and celebrate three student awardees. I invite you to share these accomplishments with colleagues and friends as a testament to our work.

COLLEGE NEWS

President Haile Appointed as Class C Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta has appointed President Haile as a Class C director on its Board of Directors. Last year, President Haile was appointed as a Class B director and was selected by the Reserve Board of Directors as a Class C director before his term concluded. His new term began on January 1 and will run through December 21, 2023. As a Class C director, he serves on the executive committee, alongside the chair and vice chair, to perform essential functions of the Bank, including reviewing and approving its budget and strategic plan and assessing its performance. President Haile is the only higher education leader from Florida ever to serve as a Class C director for the Atlanta Fed.



Gregory Adam Haile, J.D.

Representative Christine Hunschofsky Tours North Campus

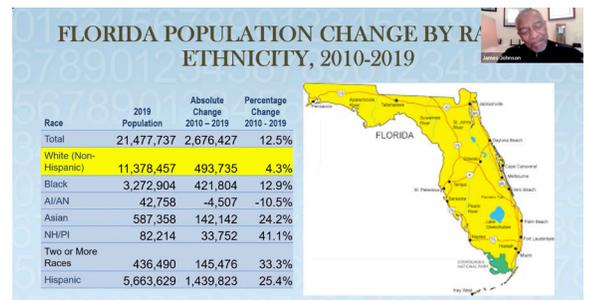
Christine Hunschofsky, the representative for District 96, who was elected to the Florida Legislature in 2020, visited North Campus on December 6, 2021, to tour the facilities and meet with College leaders. She was accompanied by President Haile; Dr. Jamonica Rolle, interim vice provost, Academic Affairs; Dr. Todd Bernhardt, associate dean, Academic Affairs; and Lacey Hofmeyer, general counsel and vice president, Public Policy and Government Affairs. Representative Hunschofsky saw firsthand Health Sciences programs on the campus—Emergency Medical Technician, Vision Care and Radiation Therapy. She also visited Buildings 56 and 57, which the College is seeking funding from the Florida Legislature for renovation and expansion.



President Haile and Rep. Christine Hunschofsky

35th Employee Town Hall Focuses on Demographic Trends and Forecasts

The town hall on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, featured special guest presenters from the University of North Carolina (UNC): Dr. James Johnson, distinguished professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship at the Kenan-Flagler Business School and director of The Urban Investment Strategy Center; and Jeannie Milliken Bonds, professor of the Practice, Impact and Sustainable Finance, Kenan-Flagler Business School. They shared their work through a presentation titled "Education Alert! Demographic Wind Gust Ahead," highlighting population trends across the country, state and Broward County. There was also a question and answer session with employees about how this information can be used to deliver service and support that reflects the changing trends, among other issues.



Anthea Pennant Receives Congressional Recognition

On Thursday, December 16, Anthea Pennant, district director, Supplier Diversity, received a certificate of special recognition in honor of being a founding member of the Broward Black Chamber of Commerce and her enthusiastic commitment and service to the community.



Anthea Pennant

IT Leader Selected President of Regional Chief Information Group

Tony Casciotta, the College's chief information officer (CIO) and vice president of Information Technology has been selected as president of the CIO Council of South Florida. The Council, comprised of IT executives from across the region, seeks to inspire senior technology executives through networking and thought leadership events while providing scholarships and educational outreach for the next generation of IT professionals. VP Casciotta has more than 40 years of technology experience providing transformative leadership.



Tony Casciotta

Broward College Employees Support LifeNet4Families on MLK Day

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy, on Monday, January 17, a group of Broward College employees made MLK Day a day of service by volunteering their time at LifeNet4Families in Fort Lauderdale. The non-profit organization is dedicated to helping the hungry and homeless of Broward County. The initiative, organized by Dr. Amoy Reid, interim dean, Arts, Humanities, Communication and Design Pathway, saw President Haile and 14 other employees packing 360 food packages and organizing clothing donations. The food packages contained non-perishable items such as rice, beans, macaroni and cheese, and canned fruits and vegetables. LifeNet4Families donated 100 bags to the College to support employees in need. Those bags were distributed at another MLK Day service initiative, an employee food drive, on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus in Pembroke Pines on Saturday, January 22.



Volunteers at LifeNet4Families on Monday, January 17.

Sophia Galvin Recognized in South Florida Business and Wealth's 2022 Excellence in Human Resources Awards

Sophia Galvin, vice president of Talent and Culture, is one of 40 Human Resources (HR) professionals recognized in the SFBW 2022 Excellence in Human Resources Awards. Honorees are selected on both their professional and community achievements and how they have performed in their leadership roles. VP Galvin has over 20 years of experience in HR, having held positions in leadership within the retail, health care, and higher education industries. She has been with the College since May 2019 and is responsible for the overall planning, operation, and evaluation of the College's Talent functions. She was also instrumental in creating and implementing the College's Culture Transformation Plan. | [View the complete list of awardees](#)



Sophia Galvin

Seminole State College Visits Broward College to Learn About Broward UP

A nine-member delegation from Seminole State College in Central Florida, led by President Georgia Lorenz, participated in a two-day working visit to learn more about Broward UP.

From Thursday, January 27 to Friday, January 28, the delegation met with President Haile, other College leaders and students, and visited partner location, HANDY. In addition to an overview of Broward UP, they learned about how the College implemented the model covering topics such as memorandums of understanding, continuing education to degree programming, case management and employment solutions.

Also among the Seminole State College delegations were Johnny Craig, vice president, Student Affairs; Laura Ross, vice president, Academic Affairs; John Gyllin, vice president, Resource and Economic Development; Basim Khartabil, associate vice president, School of Construction, Design, Engineering and Information Technology; Joseph Huston, academic dean, Center for Adult and Workforce Education; Sam Luccisano, director, Program Initiatives and Development, School of Construction, Design, Engineering and Information Technology; Deborah Lynch, director, Counseling and Advising; and Catherine Leimer, coordinator, Career Completion.



Members of the Seminole State College team with representatives of Broward College and HANDY during a site visit.

Celebrating Black Health and Wellness During Black History Month

In recognition of Black History Month, the College is hosting more than a dozen events throughout February to celebrate the legacy, achievements, and contributions of the Black community to the United States. The events range from conferences, speaking engagements, and moderated discussions. Following this year's theme—Black Health and Wellness—topics focus on the legacy of Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine. To kickstart the month-long celebrations, Dr. Joseph West, CEO of the Florida Institute for Health Innovation, participated in a discussion on health and wellness on Wednesday, February 2. Other upcoming events in honor of Black History Month are:

- African American Health and Wellness, Monday, February 21
- African American Sheroes in Health, Tuesday, February 22
- Book Tasting: African American Literature, Tuesday, February 22

You can check out the complete list of happenings at broward.edu/bhm

Broward College in the News

12-Year-Old Broward College Graduate Featured in Multiple News Articles

The cover page of The Miami Herald on Thursday, December 16 and the Tuesday, January 4 edition of Good Morning America Online features the story of 12-year-old Sawsan Ahmed, the youngest Broward College graduate, when she received her associate degree on December 15, 2021. She was featured in more than 100 media articles or news stories between December and January.

[Read the Miami Herald article](#) and [watch the segment on Good Morning America](#)



INFORMING THE COMMUNITY

Executive Roundtable Discuss Economic Impact of Energy

President Haile joined other executive leaders from South Florida as part of the third annual Energy Influencers Executive Roundtable on Wednesday, January 12, to discuss the importance of reliable energy and how it serves as an engine for Florida's economic growth. Other panelists were Giselle Chemin, CEO and founder, GCI Worldwide Corporation; Pamela Rauch, vice president, External Affairs and Economic Development, Florida Power & Light; Barbara Quinones, director, City of Homestead Public Services; Camela Glean-Jones, CFO and COO, Miami-Dade Beacon Council; Scott Harding, vice president, Construction and Facilities Management, Baptist Health Foundation; Francis Suarez, mayor, the City of Miami; and Frank Walker, executive vice president, Governmental and Political Relations, Florida Chamber of Commerce. Following the discussion, The South Florida Business Journal printed an eight-page feature with highlights of the panel discussion.

[Click to read the supplemental](#)

President Haile Participates in National Association of College and University Business Officers Panel

On Tuesday, January 11, President Haile served as a panelist for the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) annual conference exploring the topic, “Getting Better Together—Bridging Governance and Administration.” The opening session talked about how chief business officers serve boards and board committees to ensure they operate effectively and their role in helping board members understand revenue streams, expenses, deferred maintenance, and other financial responsibilities. Participants also explored strategies for deeper engagement and effective methods to balance board oversight and board responsibility. More than 150 higher education leaders, among them presidents, vice presidents, administration, chief financial officer, board members, and associate vice presidents, participated in the virtual live presentation.

Student Success Strategies Shared with Aspen New Presidents Fellow

President Haile was one of the presenters at a virtual session with the second cohort of the Aspen New Presidents Fellowship on Wednesday, January 26. The presentations centered on the definition of student success and how college presidents develop their presidential vision for student success. In 2020, President Haile was one of 25 college leaders selected for the inaugural Aspen New Presidents Fellowship which is designed to support community college presidents in the early years of their tenure. The inaugural class was chosen from over 100 applicants who have been college presidents for five years or less. They were selected based on their commitment to student success and equity, willingness to take risks to improve outcomes, understanding of the importance of community partnerships, and the ability to lead change.

Upcoming Events

“A Musical Journey Through Time” with Melton Mustafa

Date: Wednesday, February 16

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: North Campus Library (Building 62, Room 154); Zoom ID: 958 2454 3094

BCEx Presents: Meet the Founders

Date: Wednesday, February 23

Time: 6 to 7 p.m. **Location:** Zoom ID: 962 4663 1711

Dinner at the Square #2 | *Facts, Clickbait or Fake News? The War on American News*

Date: Wednesday, February 23

Time: 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Funky Buddha Brewery, Oakland Park

[Click here to register](#)

STUDENT NEWS

2021 Fall Commencement

On December 15, 2021, Broward College held its first in-person commencement ceremony since the start of the pandemic at Hard Rock Live in Hollywood, Florida. More than 2,600 students graduated, the youngest of them 12-year-old Sawsan Ahmed, who received her associate degree with a concentration in Biological Science. Peggy Johnson, CEO of Magic Leap, was the commencement speaker.



Nursing A.S. Graduates Celebrate with Family and Friends

On December 14, 2021, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus hosted the Associate of Science in Nursing Candlelighting Ceremony at Bailey Hall. This was the first in-person candlelighting ceremony since December 2019. All 128 graduates participated in the ceremony, which was attended by family and friends. After the traditional lighting of candles and recitation of the Nightingale pledge, the graduates were addressed by President Haile before joining their guests to celebrate their accomplishment.



President Haile addresses the graduates.

Students Excel in State Officer Certification Exam

Graduates of the College's Corrections Academy who took the State Officer Certification Exam (SOCE) in December 2021 scored a 100 percent pass rate. The 17 graduates will all be working for the Broward Sheriff's Office. The next cohort of cadets will take the SOCE in April.



Members of the fall 2021 class during their graduation in December. The cohort had a 100 percent pass rate on the SOCE.

EMT Program Holds Fall Graduating Ceremony

On December 14, there were 11 students in the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) program who participated in a graduation ceremony held at the Simulation Center on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. The graduates received a certificate of completion which qualifies them to take the National Registry of EMT (NREMT) exam. Upon completion of the program, some graduates moved on to working for local departments while the others continued their studies in the Paramedic program and Fire Academy.



President Haile and Dr. Nasse, provost and senior vice president, Academic Affairs, join the graduates for a photo following the ceremony.

Seahawks in Sri Lanka Giving the Gift of Life through Blood Donation

Due to the pandemic, many people in Sri Lanka have been reluctant to participate in blood donation initiatives. Seahawks in Sri Lanka, through their student council, responded to the plea by a local hospital in Kandy, organizing a blood donation drive with local officials, doctors and nurses on Thursday, November 24, 2021. More than 100 people donated their blood to increase the supply at the blood banks in Kandy, Sri Lanka.



Health care personnel attend to donors during the blood drive.

International Presidential Scholars Welcomed to the Sunshine State

Anh Kim Dao and Sebastian Andres Giler, students from two of the College's international centers, are the latest recipients of the Presidential Scholarship. The Presidential Scholarship was established to serve as a springboard to eligible and qualified students from Broward College international centers to further their studies in Florida. Dao completed an Associate of Science in Business Administration at Broward Vietnam in Ho Chi Minh, while Giler graduated with an Associate of Arts from the Broward Center for American Education in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Both Dao and Giler will pursue Bachelor of Applied Science degrees. Dao will specialize in Supervision Management, while Giler will specialize in Supply Chain Management.



Anh Kim Dao



Sebastian Andres Giler

Broward College Student and Alumna Receive FLITE Center's Youth Hero Award

Student Dontari Brown and alumna Acoya Johnson were recognized during the Fourth Annual FLITE Center "Journey" Heroes Luncheon on December 10, 2021. The awards recognize unsung heroes in the community who encourage young people across Broward County.

Dontari Brown moved into a Transitional Independent Living (TIL) housing program partner property on his 18th birthday and eventually joined the FLITE Center as a youth intern for nine months. During that time, Dontari dedicated himself to studying for his GED through the FLITE Center's College Boost program. He enrolled at Broward College in the fall of 2021 and is now working to become an EMT/Paramedic and Firefighter. Acoya Johnson has also been a part of the FLITE family since she was 18 when Acoya moved into TIL housing. She completed an Associate of Arts at Broward College and is now pursuing a degree in social work at Florida Atlantic University.

Student Sequoah Lloyd is a Finalist for the 2022 National Center for Women and Information Technology Collegiate Award

Sequoah Lloyd, a Broward College student, is one of 80 post-secondary students from across the nation recognized by the 2022 National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) Collegiate Award for her outstanding computing accomplishments. Selected based on their technical contributions to projects that demonstrate a high level of innovation and potential impact in the preliminary round of applications, the finalists represent 59 academic institutions across the country. Lloyd was recognized for her contribution to the "Newborn Hearing Screen Program – Missed Baby Report." As a finalist, she will receive a certificate and a \$150 Visa gift card.

NCWIT is a non-profit community of nearly 1,500 universities, companies, and government organizations nationwide working to increase the influential and meaningful participation of girls and women—at the intersections of race, ethnicity, class, age, sexual orientation, disability status, and other historically marginalized identities—in the field of computing, particularly in terms of innovation and development.

Students and Professor Lead Broward College Big Band to Major Jazz Festival

The Broward College Community Big Band is one of the acts selected to perform among many talented musicians in the 25th Annual Melton Mustafa Jazz Festival weekend. Revived less than a year ago and led by Professor Waldron Dunkley, Jr., an alumnus of the College, the group, which also includes community members, is looking forward to taking their talents to the main stage. The Broward College Community Big Band will perform on Saturday, February 26. The performances will celebrate 25 years of live jazz in South Florida. | [Learn more](#)



Broward College Veterans Invited to Florida Panthers' Military Appreciation Game

On Thursday, January 27, faculty, staff, and student veterans were invited to participate in the Florida Panthers Military Appreciation Night held at FLA Live Arena. The celebration, which served as a salute to their service, was attended by President Haile and his family; Janice Stubbs, vice provost, Student Services; Grant Gundle, associate vice president, Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness; Imran Siddiqui, associate vice president, Workforce Education Employment Solutions; and Carlos Parra, district director, Student Engagement.

In addition to the game, veterans were invited to attend a pre-Chalk talk event with FLA Live General Manager Rob Stevenson, a Navy SEAL, who shared his insights and personal experiences as he transitioned from extreme combat to the civilian and professional world.



Participants in the pre-Chalk Talk event.

RETIREMENT



MARK TROMANS

Mark Tromans is retiring after 34 years of service at Broward College. During his time as associate professor of Behavior Sciences at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, he played an integral role in the success of thousands of students as they worked towards completing their educational goals. He also developed the summer abroad program in Mexico, which led students to an exciting cultural and memorable learning experience.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Broward College Foundation Hosts Board of Directors Meeting and Board Retreat

For the first time since the start of the pandemic, the Broward College Foundation held an in-person Board of Directors meeting and retreat on Thursday, December 9, 2021. At the end of the meeting, a special celebration of the Foundation's 50th Anniversary took place to commemorate the philanthropic support of those who have continued to transform students' lives through their generosity for generations.



Broward College Foundation Board of Directors during the special 50th Anniversary celebrations.

BOARD NEWS

A. Hugh Adams Student Forum Takes Center-Stage at Board of Trustees Meeting

The February Board of Trustees meeting featured the first Student Forum of the academic year at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. Student Government Association (SGA) representatives Anna Romanenko, vice president; Destine Harrison Williams, chief justice; Natasha Gonzalez, president; and Lauren Adamo, director of Student Life, provided an overview of current Student Life campus events and engagements, student concerns, and upcoming plans.

The senior leadership team also facilitated a question-and-answer session to address students' concerns submitted via video. Questions were related to bathrooms, water fountain locations, and outdoor tables. Students also expressed a desire for the return of recreational sports to campus, more covered walkways between buildings, and an activity center for Student Life.



L to R: Anna Romanenko, Destine Harrison Williams, and Natasha Gonzalez.

Broward College Implements Measures to Respond to Enrollment Shifts

In a presentation on Enrollment: Analysis and Actions, Janice Stubbs, vice president, Student Services; Dr. Mildred Coyne, senior vice president, Workforce Education and Innovation; and Dr. Jeffery Nasse, provost and senior vice president, Academic Affairs, reviewed national enrollment trends and measures which have been put in place by the College to respond to the shifts in enrollment. VP Stubbs examined the national, state and regional impact of the declining enrollment in colleges as well as what was being experienced at Broward College. Her overview highlighted the categories of students at the College showing the highest declines between State Reporting Years 2019-20 to 2020-21.

For her part, Dr. Coyne discussed enrollment declines in the top ten municipalities served by the College, traditional strategies being used in response to the enrollment shifts and new and enhanced approaches. Among them, Community Engagement, Partnership Impact Initiatives, Partnering with Justice Agencies, Continuing Education to Degree Pathways, the Broward College Ambassadors program, Soar to the Top (the high school college enrollment challenge) and working with the GUILD Learning Marketplace. Dr. Nasse provided specific details on the College's online expansion and the partnership with principals to launch Soar to the Top.

Board Receives Update on Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding

In his update to the Board, Caleb Cornelius, vice president, Finance, said the College has distributed 100 percent of the money allocated for students under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). HEERF is part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). The \$81.1 million was distributed through Student Emergency Aid. He also provided an update on the institutional portion of HEERF. He shared the status of the 37 projects and that of the \$117.3 million, \$99.17 million has already been spent on the four strategies—COVID-19 recovery, and COVID related expenses under Start, Succeed and Soar of the college's strategic plan. He also shared the top 10 strategic projects and their student impact.

General Counsel Provides Overview on Current Legislative Year

The College's General Counsel and Vice President Public Policy and Government, Lacey Hofmeyer, in her review of the current legislative session, provided a recap of the Council of President's legislative priorities—strengthening the Florida College System (FCS) program fund, a renewed investment in the maintenance and repair of FCS facilities in the amount of \$39.8 million, renewed investment of \$25 million in performance funding for the 2+2 Student Success Incentive Fund, and \$14 million for the Work Florida Fund for industry certification incentives. She also provided a budget overview of the Governor's, Senate and House budgets and what can be expected based on the categories of funding in each.

Policy Changes

At its February 2022 meeting, the Board approved the following policy changes:

Policy 6Hx2-7.13 Traffic and Parking Rules and Regulations on Campus and Center Sites: The changes will result in cost-savings by allowing the College to simplify the process using hang tags for faculty and staff only and reinforcing parking rules in areas designated for both groups. With these changes, students no longer require a parking sticker.

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Policy 6Hx2-5.34 Transfer of Credits from Postsecondary Institutions and Prior Learning Assessments: The policy was updated to expand the definition of cumulative grade point average to include both courses completed at Broward College and all courses completed at previous institutions that are regionally or nationally accredited, or colleges utilizing the state's course numbering system. It also clarifies the language related to transfers received from other countries.

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Policy 6Hx2-3.09 Personnel Contracts: The policy aligns the administrator contract renewal process with the presentation and adoption of the fiscal budget by the Board.

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