

Broward College Update

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Broward College Opens Innovation Hub



L-R: Sammy Seahawk, Broward College mascot; Mason Jackson, CareerSource Broward; Bob Swindell, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance; Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler; Jesse Panuccio, Executive Director, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; Madison Stanford, co-managing partner for the Strikers; Ricardo Geromel, co-managing partner for the Strikers; J. David Armstrong, Jr., Broward College President; Hot Shot, Strikers mascot.

Broward College officially opened its new business incubator — the Innovation Hub at Broward College — earlier this month. As part of the event, the College celebrated a partnership with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, who will be collaborating with the incubator as they seek innovative solutions in sports business.

“The Innovation Hub will be a great opportunity to encourage the exchange of ideas, attract and retain talent for local start-up companies, and foster leadership and individual empowerment,” said President J. David Armstrong, Jr.

The 5,400 square-foot facility is a mixed-use business incubator, focused on serving as a one-stop resource for business owners,

innovators and committed individuals pursuing their entrepreneurial ambitions. Located in North Fort Lauderdale at the College’s Cypress Creek Administrative Center, it offers more than one dozen private individual offices, a shared co-working space for up to 16, two small mentoring rooms, as well as a fully equipped audio and video training or seminar rooms. Find out more at www.broward.edu/innovationhub.



Robles Visits Students, Speaker Series Continues Feb. 18



NCAA wrestling champion Anthony Robles shared his story of determination, overcoming obstacles and success with students at Broward College's South Campus earlier this month. Born with only one leg, Robles began wrestling as a teenager. After a winless first season of wrestling, Robles's drive and desire eventually led him to become a state champion and eventually the NCAA championship in 2011. **Check out the news clip from the talk.**

Robles's kicked off the 2015 Broward College Speaker Series — he spoke that evening at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. 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:

■ **MARK HALPERIN**
Managing Editor, Bloomberg Politics, Co-Host and Author
Feb. 18, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

■ **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.

Village Square to Explore Immigration Reform



Broward College continues its partnership with the Village Square, a non-partisan public educational forum, by hosting a second "Dinner at the Square" event, on Thursday, Feb. 19, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. The event, titled "**What is Holding Back Comprehensive Immigration Reform?**" is open to the public; however, registration is required to attend. Early pricing is \$35/\$40, on the day of the event the cost if \$50.

Speakers for the event include Josie Bacallao, president & CEO, Hispanic Unity of Florida; Juan Escalante, Broward College alumnus and immigration reform advocate; Randolph McGrorty, immigration attorney and CEO of Catholic Legal Services at the Archdiocese of Miami, Gepsie Metellus, Executive Director of Sant La and Sid Dinerstein, Chairman of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County.

Visit www.broward.edu/villagesquare.

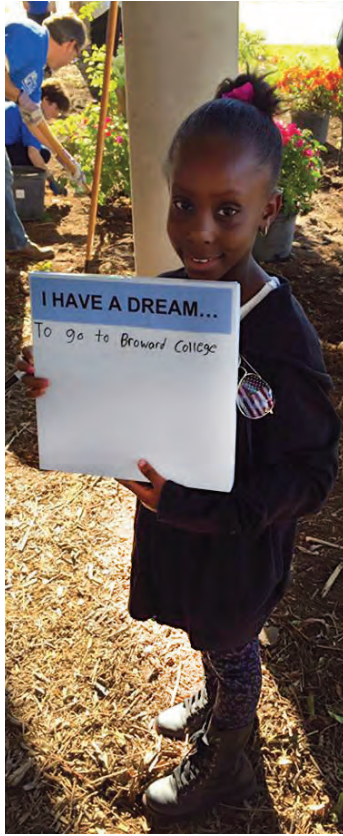
Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders



Broward College has partnered with the School Board of Broward County to support and advance the Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders initiative by creating a mentoring program for minority males attending Nova High School and Deerfield Beach High School.

This program combines peer and group mentoring, and provides current Broward College students — under the guidance of a faculty member — the opportunity to help high school students through the sometimes difficult transition to college or the workforce.

Broward College Gives Back on MLK Day of Service



With funding from the Florida Legislature, Broward College organized several volunteer opportunities on Monday, Jan. 19 for volunteerism in the local community and to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. Hundreds of Broward College employees and students participated in these and other events.

A total of 24 awards totaling \$96,406 in funding were issued to 20 organizations by the MLK Day of Service Advisory Board, comprised of Broward County citizens. The service projects address education, health, clean energy and environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, basic needs, disaster preparedness, veterans and military family, public safety or neighborhood issues.

'Space School' Premieres at Buehler Planetarium



Featuring rare and breathtaking view of astronauts preparing to explore other worlds and distant planets, Broward College's Buehler Planetarium hosted the world premiere of documentary filmmaker Jonathan Bird's "Space School" earlier this month. "We strive to bring educational and exciting events to the community, so it is an honor to be able to be the first in the world to show this premiere," said Susan Barnett, director of the Buehler Planetarium and Observatory. The film is among the first digitally filmed, live action dome-format films.

U.S. DOE Official Visits, Discusses Energy Workforce

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall visited Broward College's North Campus earlier this month, as part of a roundtable discussion with nearly 30 representatives from local businesses, organizations, communities and educational institutions about the outlook and needs of the current and future energy workforce development system.

Sherwood-Randall toured Broward College's advanced manufacturing lab and learned about the College's Project RENEW (Refugees Entering New Enterprises & Workforce), a program that provides a variety of job readiness trainings to refugees, those seeking asylum and victims of human trafficking residing in Broward County.



L-R: General Counsel and Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs at Broward College Greg Haile; Broward College Provost and Senior Vice President for Academics and Student Success Linda Howdyshell; U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy Elizabeth Sherwood Randall; Broward College North Campus President Avis Proctor; and Broward College North Campus Academic Dean Awilda Delgado.

Goodrich Named Coach of Women's Soccer Team



Mike Goodrich, one of the most recognizable faces in soccer in Broward County, has been named the coach of the Seahawks' women's soccer team. Goodrich has extensive ties to Broward County's soccer community as a player and a coach. He is a graduate of Pompano Beach High School. He most

recently coached at Nova Southeastern, where he became the winningest coach in women's soccer program history, with 129 victories. Five of his players have been named all-Americans and 24 have received all-region honors.

TerraCycle Program Exceeds Goal, Awards Scholarships



Broward College's TerraCycle recycling program, the top-ranked recycling program among all U.S. colleges and universities since 2009, exceeded its 400,000 piece-goal by rescuing 433,497 items from the waste stream. Broward College has collected 1,342,320 pieces

of waste, a whopping 60 tons. In addition, the program awarded four \$500 Michelle Lawless Scholarships to the following students: Bridgette Banner (North), Raul Cornejo (Central), Whitney Pierre (South) and Joshua Koffman (WHC).

FCRD Provides Support for Resource Pros

The Florida Council for Resource Development's spring conference was held earlier this month at the Jupiter Beach Resort and featured storytelling expert Andy Henriquez and author Margaret May Damen as keynote speakers. Nancy Botero, Broward College's vice president for advancement and executive director of the Broward College Foundation is this year's FCRD Chair, representing the organization at the Florida College System's Council of Presidents and providing recommendations and support for to resource development issues. The conference offered dynamic professional development opportunities to its membership, which includes resource officers from the Florida College System's grants and foundations departments, allowing them to share best practices, network with peers and improve their profession.

Parliamentary Debate Team Wins

The Broward College Debate Team won the Bill Todd Debate Tournament in Miami last month. The parliamentary debate team of Jonathon Garza and Juan Igarzabal defeated a team from the University of Central Florida in the finals. Garza finished second overall in the event and Igarzabal finished ninth. Miami-Dade College and the University of Miami also participated.



Accolades

Innovation-Through-Collaboration Winners

Congratulations to Natalie Butto, assistant professor in the BAS Supervision and Management program, and Barbra Nightingale, senior professor of English, for receiving 2015 kynamatrix Research Network "Innovation through Collaboration" 2015 Grant Awards for Service Learning. Professor Butto's project is title "Innovation through Capstone and Community Collaboration" and Dr. Nightingale is for "Children's Harbor".

Broward College Employee Wellness Program Goes Platinum

Broward College's employee wellness program has been awarded the Platinum Fit-Friendly Worksite Award, presented by the American Heart Association. Broward's program had been named a recipient of the AHA's Gold Fit-Friendly Worksite Award every year since 2011, but got bumped up to the platinum level — the highest award that's given — for 2015 thanks to new incentives and program offerings created by the wellness program.

Broward Wins Scholarship for Marine Technical Students

Broward College was selected as one of three colleges to receive 2014 Marine Retailers Association of America Technical Scholarships. Broward, along with Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College and WyoTech Daytona, each received a

\$3,000 scholarship to help train students for technical careers in the recreational boating industry.



Starkman Named to FSCAA Hall of Fame

Broward College men's basketball coach Robert "Bob" Starkman has been selection 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.

UF, Broward share Knight Foundation grant

Broward College is part of this year's Knight Foundation Arts Winners as a partner with the University of Florida's School of Music. The Knight Foundation awarded UF and Broward a \$75,000 grant to support the Brazilian Music Institute, five-day camp that will bring outstanding artists to Broward College to extend the experience and expand the possibilities of learning and performing Brazilian music.

News From the January Board of Trustees Meeting

The January 2015 Board of Trustees meeting was held at Central Campus' Bailey Hall. Central Campus President Mercedes Quiroga offered a year-in-review detailing events and growth at Central including, program expansion in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) areas, the 2014 Gubernatorial Debate, the opening of the Simulation Center and a revamped Bailey Hall. The meeting also featured an annual

student forum that gave students a chance to share ideas and thoughts on College improvements with Board members. Improved food options at the Downtown Center (a number of food trucks are now available daily) and better wi-fi throughout the Central campus are areas addressed from last years' forum. This year's requests ranged from increasing dedicated study spaces to covered pathways to more efforts focusing on student health.



President Armstrong with some of the students who presented at the January Board meeting held at Bailey Hall.

Castillo and Schwartz Each Retire after Nearly-30-Year Careers



The College recognized two high-achieving and well-respected employees who are retiring: **Joe Castillo** and **Jerry Schwartz**. Joe Castillo (left) unlocked the secrets of math for students on South Campus for 29 years, along the way being named Professor of the Year for his campus three times and receiving three Endowed Teaching Chair awards. He was also involved in the College's recent math program redesign and creation of online math courses.

Jerry Schwartz (right) came to Broward as an adjunct instructor in finance and has served the college in many ways over his 29 years, including as a full-time faculty member and administrator. He taught the College's first blended course, gave green business workshops and was the driving force behind creation of the Coral Springs Academic Center, which he has directed since its opening in the Fall of 2012.

