

# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



*Together we serve.*

from President Gregory Adam Haile, Esq.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Appointments to the Broward College District Board of Trustees Announced

The College has received one new appointee and one reappointment to its District Board of Trustees: Dr. Shobha Gupta, a physician at Southern Medical Service, and David Maymon, founder and chief executive officer of Sunshine Kids Pediatric Care, LLC, respectively.

Dr. Shobha Gupta received her bachelor's degree from Maharani College of Jaipur and her Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from SMS Medical College. She is the wife of the late Dr. Rajendra Gupta who served on the Broward College Board of Trustees. She has been appointed for a term beginning January 4, 2019, and ending



May 31, 2019.

Mr. Maymon, who received his Juris Doctorate from DePaul College, has served on the Broward College Board of Trustees since June 2015 and has been reappointed for a term beginning January 4, 2019, and ending May 31, 2022.



### Ben Stein Opens 2019 Speaker Series



Economist and well-known columnist for *The Wall Street Journal*, *Barrons*, and *The New York Times*, delighted the audience gathered in the Amaturio Theatre at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on January 16 with an insightful presentation titled, "Politics in America!" Sharing his experience and observations, Stein used humor to explore current political and social issues as well as the economy. Following Stein's presentation, there was a Q&A session with the audience, moderated by WLRN's Vice President of News and Special Correspondent, Tom Hudson. Earlier in the day, Stein hosted a fireside chat with Broward College students. The Broward College Speaker series will continue with Academy Award-winning actress and activist, Marlee Matlin on February 6 and sports analyst and broadcaster, Terry Bradshaw on March 11. Closing the Broward College Speaker Series on April 24 will be award-winning actor and bestselling author, Hill Harper.

### New Mobile Educational Unit to Increase Higher Education Opportunities

The mobile unit, which officially hit the road after a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus on Thursday, January 17, will improve access to higher education information for thousands of residents across Broward County. It is funded through a \$3.9 million TRIO Educational Opportunity Center grant awarded to the College in 2016. The grant assists low-income, first-generation adults with entering or continuing programs of postsecondary education. This investment is significant given that recent workforce projections estimate that nearly 65 percent of all jobs will require postsecondary education and training beyond high school. Since the 2016-2017 grant year, the project has served over 2,000 participants, with over 83 percent enrolling into postsecondary programs.



President Haile is joined by students, College leaders, and members of the TRIO team for the ribbon-cutting.

### Broward County Public School Advisors on Careers in the Marine Industry

The Industry, Manufacturing, Construction, and Transportation (IMCT) pathway recently hosted an expo for Broward County Public School BRACE advisors to expose them to the high-skilled/high-wage careers in the marine industry. The Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF), an employer who partners with the College, brought leaders to speak on career opportunities in South Florida. The group ended with a tour of the College's Marine Engineering Management Program. Feedback from the advisors was extremely positive with requests for school visits and follow-up meetings.

### More than 4,000 degrees and certificates awarded at 89th Commencement

Broward College hosted its fall commencement ceremony on Thursday, December 13, at the BB&T Center, conferring more than 4,000 degrees and certificates. These included close to 3,000 associate degrees and more than 300 bachelor's degrees in some of the region's fastest-growing industries—information technology, education, nursing, and supply chain management. Dr. Wael Barsoum, CEO and president of Cleveland Clinic Florida, delivered the ceremony's keynote address.

Meet some of our featured graduates:



Kari Castenada graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management. Only hours before, she surprised her father with the news, making the dream he's always had for his daughter finally come true. After taking years to complete her associate degree because she couldn't make up her mind, when she returned to the College for her bachelor's degree, Kari decided to keep it a secret, as her father had been disappointed each time she would enroll and then stop. [Click here to read more.](#)



Elonie Georges immigrated to the U.S. at a young age and is the first in her family to graduate from college. The young mother of three had almost given up hope that she would one day achieve her academic goals. She didn't have the financial means to attend college and didn't qualify for financial aid, grants or scholarships. Thanks to the Get REAL Scholarship offered at Broward College, Elonie's journey has a happy ending. [Click here to read more.](#)



Jose Perez, a single father of two girls, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. He is the owner of Flaco's Community Gym in Hollywood, where he partners with Fort Lauderdale Independence Training and Education (F.L.I.T.E) to sponsor older foster kids phasing out of foster care, offering them a physical outlet for their emotions and stress. He also hosts two large charity events each year, both named after his daughters. [Click here to read more.](#)



Ros Serrano graduated with an Associate of Science in Graphic Design, bringing him one step closer to achieving his dream of becoming an architect. While growing up on a small farm in Mexico, Ros fled his home due to domestic violence, forcing him to finish high school without a steady income or family support system. Ros also endured the traumatic experience of being robbed at gunpoint and lost all the money he had to his name. He continued to receive death threats until deciding to flee to the United States. [Click here to read more.](#)

### Broward College Law Enforcement Graduates Top 2018 State Officer Certification Exam



Graduates of the Institute of Public Safety (IPS) program received a 96 percent pass rate for the 2018 State Officer Certification Exam (SOCE), the highest pass rate in the state. Passage of the SOCE is required to become a police officer, sheriff's deputy or corrections officer. In addition to earning the highest pass rate, Broward College reported a total of 200 students who sat for the exam, the largest total of the institutions with the top five pass rates. Before sitting the SOCE, students are first required to complete a 770-hour law enforcement basic training academy through the College's Institute of Public Safety (IPS).

### Aviation Maintenance Dual Enrollment Student Wins Concorde IA Scholarship



Kiara Shannon received a \$1,000 scholarship from aviation company, Concorde. Kiara was selected for this scholarship due to her excellent leadership skills, positive attitude, and superior class performance. Kiara is a student in the first Miramar High School Cohort to dual enroll at Broward College in the Aviation Maintenance Management program.

## EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### Holiday Celebration



President Haile and members of the College's senior leadership team greet staff at the annual holiday party held at the Embassy Suites hotel in Fort Lauderdale on Friday, December 7, 2018.



These bright faces on the dance floor give a 'thumbs up' to the holiday party celebrations.

### Broward College starts MLK Service with Cuts and Books



On Saturday, January 12, Broward College staff, students, and friends joined their efforts for one of the three projects awarded to the College under the MLK Day of Service grants. Organized by the Teacher Education Program (TEP) the volunteers constructed bookshelves and organized books and supplies that were delivered to barbershops in some of the areas served by Broward UP!

#### Upcoming Events

**FEBRUARY 6 | 7:30 p.m.**

Speaker Series: Marlee Matlin, Broward Center for the Performing Arts

**FEBRUARY 19 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Steam Visiting Artist Series, Artist Ani Lui, North Campus, Bldg. 62, Room 154

**FEBRUARY 20 | 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

Village Square: A National Identity Crisis? The Open vs. Closed Border Debate, Location TBA

### Presidential Investiture External Committee Meets as Plans Move Ahead for the Event in March

On March 29 of this year, academic officials, elected representatives, and some of the most esteemed business leaders from the county and the state of Florida will assemble at Bailey Hall for the formal investiture of the College's new leader and seventh president, Gregory Adam Haile, Esq.

Dr. Marielena DeSanctis, provost & senior vice president for Academic Affairs and Student Services, invited several notable individuals from our community to become members of the Presidential Investiture Committee. The team met for the first time on Friday, January 4 to plan and implement the activities related to the ceremony. They have agreed to share their time and talents to organize this historic event, which will include supporting efforts to garner external funding to underwrite the associated costs, which will not be covered by College resources. Thanks to John Benz, Bob Birdsong, Gloria Fernandez, Frank Gernert, Bacardi Jackson, Dev Motwani, Pamela Stephany, and George Taylor for committing their service to this prestigious College project.



*L to R: Sandy and John Benz, President Haile, Marielena DeSanctis, Bob Birdsong, and Yvette Roulette.*

### Rosemary Duffy Larson Fund Contributes an Additional \$100,000 to the Broward College Foundation



In December of last year, the Broward College Foundation received \$100,000 from the estate of Rosemary Duffy Larson to fund additional enhancements to the Rosemary Duffy Larson Classical Music Series. The series was created in April of 2017 with an initial endowment of \$250,000. In May of 2018, the Trust gifted a \$50,000 contribution, and this most recent gift brings its support of the series to \$400,000.

Mrs. Larson, who died in August 2016, was an avid supporter of Broward College. Her gifts fund scholarships and programs in the health sciences and visual arts. In recognition of her support, the College named the Fine Arts gallery on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus in her honor and the auditorium in the Health Sciences Simulation Center after her friend, renowned cardiologist Dr. Michael A. Chizner. Her generosity continues through the Rosemary Duffy Larson Trust.

### Broward College Foundation Releases 2018 Annual Report



The Broward College Foundation's 2018 Annual Report to donors is now available online. You may access the report by clicking on the image of the cover, and when you reach the site, you may download a copy, "like" it and share it on social media. The Annual Report offers you the opportunity to learn about the work of the Foundation and how supporters of the College help more individuals become Empowered by Broward College.

### Institute of Public Safety (IPS) and Law Enforcement Partners Recognized



*L to R: Dr. Marielena DeSanctis, College provost; Mike Rump, trustee; Chief Paul O'Connell, Wilton Manors Police; Linda Wood, dean IPS; President Haile; Chief Constance Stanley, Lauderhill Police; and Wayne Boulter, associate dean, IPS.*

IPS was acknowledged for the exceptional performance of its 2018 graduates in the police academy basic training program. The Institute serves more than 2,500 students per year, many of whom are employed in law enforcement across the community. In addition to degrees and certificates, the institute offers a 160-hour public safety leadership academy which prepares first-line supervisors for leadership responsibilities in the police, corrections or fire disciplines. IPS also serves as a regional testing center for police and corrections applicants.

Law enforcement partners — the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association and the Broward County Sheriff's Office, were also recognized for their support in providing class supervisors and participating in a joint advisory committee that gives recommendations on curriculum and training needs. Partner representatives in attendance were Paul O'Connell, Wilton Manors Police Chief and chair of the Advisory Committee; and Constance Stanley, Lauderhill Police Chief and head of the Broward Chiefs of Police Association.

### College Provost Provides Update on Conversation Cafés

Dr. DeSanctis reported that there were a total of 22 meetings, including a United Faculty of Florida (UFF) leadership session and a faculty leadership meeting. There were a total of 212 attendees including 144 full-time faculty and 68 part-time faculty. The Conversation Cafés which took the format of breakfast, lunch or dinner, facilitated a relaxed atmosphere for transparent discussions among the Faculty, President, and Provost about how we can become the very best version of ourselves.

### Broward College Foundation Recognizes Dr. Monica McGrath for Support to Broward UP!™

Dr. McGrath is the first to make a private philanthropic gift to Broward UP!™ A member of the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors, Dr. McGrath shared what the community college experience meant for her and why she chose to support Broward UP!™ “I made a small donation, and I thank you for this opportunity to talk about it. It's small, it's just a start,” she said. “But, I think about what we can do together as we make it grow.” Dr. McGrath owns Resources for Leadership, a consulting practice she established in 1994 and is a member of the Academy of Management and the American Association of Psychology. An adult educator, she served as the vice dean for the Aresty Institute of Executive Education at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and in other administrative and teaching roles for 17 years.



*L to R: Dr. Mildred Coyne, executive director for Workforce Education and Economic Development; Mia Biggs, president, Central Campus Student Government Association; Mike Rump, trustee; President Haile; Dr. Monica McGrath; Gloria Fernandez, chair, Board of Trustees; Nancy O'Donnell-Wilson, vice president for Advancement and Executive Director of the Broward College Foundation; and Matt Caldwell, trustee.*

### Retirement – Dr. David Shulman



Dr. Shulman has had a diverse and extensive career that spans music, teaching in Arizona and the Miami Juvenile Correctional system, to working in website development and instructional technology with Miami Dade Public Schools. He joined Broward College in 2001 as a district director of Learning Technologies for the Instructional Technology department supporting faculty innovation and blended and online learning. In 2012, he became the associate vice president of instructional technology and in 2014, campus president of Broward College Online. During his tenure, online enrollment has grown ten percent annually and offers more than 70 credentials entirely online. The campus has also generated non-traditional revenue through E-Learning services and is a national leader in affordability through Open Education Resources as well as the use of adaptive Artificial Intelligence (AI) driven technologies.

### Board Approves Meeting Schedule for 2019

The meeting schedule includes a series of Student Forums and more on campus meetings. Dates are as follows: February 26 – Judson A. Samuels South Campus; March 26 – North Campus; and April 23 – A. Hugh Adams Central Campus.

Meeting schedule and agenda are available at <http://browardcollegefi.iqm2.com/Citizens/calendar.aspx?From=1/1/1900&To=12/31/9999>