COLLEGE NEWS

PBS’ ‘Your South Florida’ Highlights Broward UP™

South Floridians had another opportunity to learn more about President Haile, his leadership and how Broward UP is making higher education accessible and attainable across the county during a broadcast of PBS’ “Your South Florida,” a weekly public affairs program hosted by Pam Giganti. The program aired on May 31 and rebroadcast on June 2.

Watch the full interview here https://youtu.be/vZYOdDGP6PM

Senator Rick Scott Congratulates Broward College on Florida’s No. 1 Ranking

In a letter addressed to President Haile, U.S. Sen. Rick Scott (R-Fla) congratulated Broward College for the “hard work and dedication” that contributed to U.S. News and World Report ranking Florida for the third consecutive year as the top state in the nation for higher education. Scott thanked Broward College for providing “Florida students with a great education and the opportunity to get a great job and pursue their dreams.”

U.S. News and World Report state rankings are based on the number of citizens holding degrees, costs of attending college, student debt burden, and time it takes to complete a two- or four-year program. Graduation rates in Florida are up 9.5 percent across the last five years, and the cost of pursuing a bachelor’s degree has fallen to less than $10,000 after financial aid for the average student.

Provost Search Update

The search for a permanent Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Services continued on-schedule with the finalists making presentations at a college-wide forum on Monday, June 17.

The candidates are Dr. Timothy L. Taylor, former associate vice chancellor of Academic Affairs & Professional Programs, Oakland Community College; Dr. Marielena DeSanctis, interim provost and SVP of Academic Affairs & Student Services, Broward College; Dr. Scott E. Behrens, vice president for Teaching and Learning, Northwest Florida State College; and Dr. Beverly Moore-Garcia, immediate past president, Kendall and West Campuses, Miami Dade College. They shared with the Broward College community how they would address challenges and opportunities if selected.

Those who attended or watched the forum were allowed to provide feedback. A recording of the forum is available at http://www.broward.edu/jobs/Pages/Provost-Search-Timeline.aspx

$2.5 Million Grant to Meet Local Demand for STEM Teachers

The grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education will be disbursed over the next five years to establish the Teachers Preparation through Real-World Experience and Practice (T-PREP) program. In collaboration with Broward County Public Schools, the College’s Teacher Education program will address the critical need for certified STEM teachers in the school district, which is the sixth largest in the United States.

According to the school district, approximately 50 math, science, and computer science teachers are needed each year. T-PREP will target 25 undergraduates annually for new teaching positions in these areas, and train and support a cohort of 25 existing instructors in the school district who will serve as their mentors. Following this semester-long residency, the student teachers will transition into full-time roles.
Broward College Ranked First in Industry Certifications

The College ranked first in the state for the number of industry certifications earned by students during the 2018-2019 academic year. Students earned 1,535 certifications or licenses in healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, and transportation.

To develop a stronger connection between the skills needed in the job market and education programs, the Florida Legislature created a performance incentive for colleges to increase the number of certifications and licensures earned by students. Broward College will receive approximately $1.059 million in funding as a direct result of student success. This funding will continue to support student success in earning industry credentials.

Henry Mack Named to 2019 South Florida ‘40 Under 40.’

Henry Mack, associate vice president, Workforce Education, has been selected to South Florida Business Journal’s “40 Under 40,” which honors the best and brightest young professionals in South Florida who have made waves both in the business world and the community.

Esmeralda Sweeney Selected 2019 Hispanic Leadership Program Fellow

Esmeralda Sweeney, associate vice president, Student Success, was named one of 24 Hispanic Leadership Program Fellows by the National Community College Hispanic Council. The prestigious program, hosted at the School of Leadership and Education Sciences at the University of San Diego, develops highly qualified leaders who are focused on assuming increasingly responsible administrative roles, including community college president.

World Refugee Day Celebrations

As part of World Refugee Day celebrations, on Tuesday, June 18, the Broward College Project RENEW (Refugees Entering New Enterprises and Workforce) hosted a luncheon at the Omni Auditorium on North Campus to recognize outstanding students and volunteers. World Refugee Day is observed annually on June 20.

Final Village Square Dinner at the Square Sold Out

Immigration was the focus of the final debate of the Dinner at the Square series, hosted by Broward College Village Square, Wednesday, May 29, at the Funky Buddha Brewery, in Oakland Park. The discussion focused on “How Florida’s New Immigration Bill Could Help or Hurt Florida.”

Tim Padgett, an editor at WLRN, moderated the panel discussion, which included Senator Jose Javier Rodriguez, District 37, and Christian Ziegler, vice chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, who addressed local government’s use of “best efforts” to support federal immigration law, broadly drafted bills, and heightened cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Also discussed was the recently issued travel alert by the Florida chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union that warned of legislation that, if passed, could put immigrants’ rights at risk. For more information, visit http://broward.villagesquare.us/

Henry Mack

From left to right: Broward College Village Square Co-Chair, Jack Seiler; Barbara Burnette; Senator Jose Rodriguez; Editor of WLRN Tim Padgett; Christian Ziegler; and President Haile.

President Haile Hosts Summer Town Hall Meeting

President Haile, along with administrative and faculty leaders, hosted the first ever college-wide town hall meeting, June 18, at which the Broward College community openly discussed a wide range of strategic priorities including the budget. The meeting, which originated from the Willis Holcombe Center was streamed online and to North, Central, South, and Cypress locations. There will be additional town hall meetings throughout the year.

President Haile

Broward College Community Town Hall Summer 2019

From left to right: Broward College Village Square Co-Chair, Jack Seiler; Barbara Burnette; Senator Jose Rodriguez; Editor of WLRN Tim Padgett; Christian Ziegler; and President Haile.
BC Pride, an initiative created by the office of Student Achievement Initiatives and Student Services to provide support to the College’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA) took part in some of South Florida’s significant Pride events in recognition of Pride Month. Among them, the Wilton Manors Stonewall Pride Parade on June 15 and the Museum of Discovery and Science Pride Day on June 22. The Judson A. Samuels South Campus Student Life also presented a documentary film on the “Intersection of LGBTQ and Caribbean Identities,” along with a panel discussion, June 27.

Public Safety Students Tour Holocaust Education Center

Students in the Public Safety Pathway, under the direction of professor Benjamin Botero, toured the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, in Dania Beach recently. They had the opportunity to view an exhibit on “The Capture & Trial of Adolf Eichmann,” along with artifacts including a restored railcar used to transport innocent people from the Warsaw Ghetto in Poland to the Treblinka Nazi concentration camp and a World War II army tank similar to the ones that took part in the liberation of the Dachau.

Information Technology Department Hires Summer Interns

Working with the Information Technology department, Career Services placed another nine students in a summer internship in which, in addition to valuable work-based learning, they will earn three college credits. Since 2017, Career Services has placed 28 students in a Broward College IT internship.

The interns joined some members of the College’s senior leadership team for a ‘Meet and Greet’ on Tuesday, June 4.

Final Graduation Numbers for Spring Reported

For spring 2019, the College awarded a total of 6,493 credentials, which is 1,673 more than the same period for 2018. The credentials for 2019 include 2,219 associate degrees and 232 bachelor’s degrees.

The breakdown includes: Associate of Arts – 1,754; Associate of Applied Science – 9; Associate of Science – 456; Bachelor of Applied Science – 168; Bachelor of Science – 43; Bachelor of Science in Nursing – 21
President Haile Receives Champions of Children Award from HANDY

President Haile was among a group of community leaders recognized by HANDY at their 13th Annual Scholars Breakfast on May 31. He received the Champions of Children Award for his support for children in foster and relative/non-relative care.

New Americans Take Oath of Allegiance at North Campus Ceremony

More than 140 residents took the Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America, on World Refugee Day, at the Omni Auditorium at North Campus. The new citizens hail from 35 countries, including Belarus, Israel, Ukraine, and Venezuela.

A Well-Needed Break

It was a day of relaxation and bonding among the 300 employees who attended the annual PTS Retreat at CB Smith Park, Friday, May 31.

Upcoming Events

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During a meeting of the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors, May 23, Capt. Barrington A. Irving was re-appointed to a three-year term on the Board. Dr. Andrea Apa, president of the Faculty Senate, and Erika Noel, president of the Student Government Association for the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, will serve as board representatives during their term in office.

Jerry Taylor & Nancy Bryant Foundation Pledge Additional Funding for Avionics

The Jerry Taylor & Nancy Bryant Foundation pledged additional funding to support the soon-to-be-launched Associate of Science degree in Avionics, which will be offered in new classroom space in the hangar expansion under construction at the Emil Buehler Aviation Institute on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus.

DeLuca Foundation Supports Nursing Graduates at Candle Lighting Ceremony

Elisabeth DeLuca and Dr. Angelika Schlanger, of The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, attended the Candle Lighting Ceremony, May 8, for nursing graduates at the Omni Auditorium on North Campus. A gift from The DeLuca Foundation will go toward payment of the licensure examinations, an expense not covered by federal financial aid that can be a hardship for many nursing students.

President Emeritus J. David Armstrong, Jr., American Dream Scholarship Recipient Graduates

Johane Vilsaint, the most recent recipient of the scholarship, received her Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management, at the May commencement. She plans to pursue studies in nursing and combine that with her business degree to improve the nursing business infrastructure in Haiti.
Broward College Foundation Honors Donor and Alumna Cachet Daley

A first-generation college graduate, Daley earned her associate degree at Broward College as a single mother and later founded the Robert & Cachet Daley Scholarship in 2017. The scholarship honors her incarcerated father and the overwhelming number of children who are affected by parental confinement throughout Florida.

The Foundation lauded Daley, who serves as a child advocate manager for the Guardian ad Litem Program and a director of Leadership Programs for Silent Victims of Crime. Daley, who recently met her scholarship recipient, Nancy, told the Trustees and the audience that she was able to complete her studies debt-free and needed to find a way to give back.

MLK Day of Service and BC CARES Updates

The College’s employees were recognized for their volunteerism during a presentation on community outreach to the Board of Trustees. Kelly Alvarez Vitale, president of Strategic Philanthropy manages volunteer activities and some community partnerships on behalf of the College. She said 478 faculty/staff members participated in 708 volunteer activities in academic year 2018-19. This totaled 7,313 volunteer hours and had an economic impact of $176,415 on the community. She said MLK Day of Service and BC CARES events were also a success. MLK Day of Service, made possible by a state grant, awarded $200,000 to 47 organizations in January 2019. A total of 3,710 community volunteers contributed 18,592 hours across 27 municipalities and served 29,500 K-12 and college students and 5,044 veterans. More than 250 staff and their families supported three BC CARES community events.

Board Approves Budget for the 2019-20 Financial Year

During the June meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the 2019-20 proposed budget. Among the highlights is $189.5 million in recurring expenditure and non-recurring expenses of $2.9 million to support student success initiatives. The College’s Pay for Performance Plan for the financial year, and amendments to the 2018-19 budget were also approved.

President Emeritus J. David Armstrong, Jr., Makes Final Presentation to Board

In recapping his year to the Board as President Emeritus, Armstrong highlighted the achievements of BC Eduventures and the J. David Armstrong, Jr. Student Venture Fund. He said BC Eduventures generated a total of $2.6 million in revenue since its establishment in 2017, $1.9 million of which was transferred to the College. For the 2018-2019 financial year, the total revenue generated was $1.2 million, and $685,000 returned to the College. President Emeritus Armstrong also shared details on a new initiative under BC Eduventures, dubbed BCE Consulting, which offers contractual support, such as grant writing to external organizations and businesses. BCE Consulting has seven clients waiting to start services in July. He noted that the Student Venture Fund has raised some $500,000 and invested in four successful businesses launched by Broward College student entrepreneurs.

Retirements

MARY ROUSSEAU, associate dean for Supply Chain Management, Engineering Technology, and Construction Technology in the Industry, Manufacturing, Construction, and Transportation Pathway (IMCT), retired after 14 years of service to the College. She began her career with Broward College as a part-time faculty member on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus and distinguished herself with her passion and commitment. She was recognized for her contribution in developing the College’s Supply Chain Management program.

CHARLES MICHAEL BUSSELL currently serves as head of the Higher Education Technology Group (HETG) and its statewide maintenance of CID, retired after 35 years of service in higher education. Mike, as he is affectionately known, oversaw modernization of the College’s registration system and was instrumental in the transition from CID to Workday.