

# Broward College Update

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FROM J. DAVID ARMSTRONG, JR., PRESIDENT



Students, faculty, and staff watched with bated breath at viewing parties across the Broward College campuses as the Aspen Institute simulcasted its awards ceremony from the Newseum in Washington, D.C.



**BROWARD COLLEGE  
NAMED AMONG  
TOP 3  
IN THE NATION**

When the announcement was made, Broward College was named **Finalist with Distinction** for which it received a \$100,000 award. The institution is now ranked within the top three of more than 1,000 community colleges across the nation.

The Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, awarded every two years since 2011, recognizes excellence in learning, degree completion, graduates' employment and earnings, and success for minority and low-income students.

The rigorous process assessed finalists on a variety of levels and included visits to colleges by Aspen Institute representatives for interviews and to get a sense of the educational environment firsthand. President Armstrong braved blizzard conditions in D.C. to accept the honor in person. During the ceremony, Rachel James, staff member and College alumna, and Todd Westerfeld, academic advisor, were also on hand to participate in a university transfer panel.



*L to R: Todd Westerfeld, Rachel James, Adriana Ficano and President J. David Armstrong, Jr.*



*Faculty and staff celebrating at the Aspen Institute webcast watch party at Willis Holcombe Center in Downtown Fort Lauderdale.*

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## President Armstrong Accepts Junior Achievement Volunteer Award



President Armstrong was in New York City to receive the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award on March 7 by Junior Achievement USA. The College was honored with a Silver level award for providing at least 10,000 volunteer hours to local Junior Achievement offices during the 2015-2016 school year. The institution was one of 64 organizations recognized during the JA Volunteer Summit.

## Broward College Supporting Participation and Readiness of Kids in STEM (SPARKS)

A \$14,150 grant from the Bosch Community Fund has helped the College boost its STEM (SPARKS) program. It uses informal learning activities to increase interest in STEM training and careers among low-income and minority elementary school students. Thanks to the grant, the institution purchased a geodesic dome for interactive learning of math and science concepts. A geodesic dome is a hemispherical thin-shell structure creating a classroom-like environment outdoors.

The dome was built by students and faculty with assistance from facilities. North Campus saw 60 students from the College in math and science classes participate in activities, including planting seeds and building the dome. Two dozen fifth graders from Broward Estates Elementary enrolled in the Science for Kids program spent time in and around the dome working on hands-on exercises. In April, another two dozen eighth graders will visit from Crystal Lake Middle. Faculty from varying expertises are also invited to speak to the children and lend their knowledge. Since 2013, organizations in the Fort Lauderdale community have received more than \$200,000 in Bosch Community Fund grants.

## Broward College Now Licensed to Produce Its First TEDx Event



Broward College recently secured a license from TED Talk to produce its first TEDx event titled, "Evolution." Students, faculty, and community speakers will be invited to present compelling, interdisciplinary talks related to the evolution of ideas within art, culture, technology, science, and society.

The inaugural series is scheduled for Thursday, October 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. TEDxBrowardCollege will consist of three sessions at South Campus, highlighting three speakers and close with an audience discussion. The talks are designed to be multifaceted, and serve as a means of uniting students, faculty, and staff from across the College in conversation.

Organizers for TEDxBrowardCollege series of events are Henry Mack, associate dean of Academic Affairs' Betty Eugene-King, associate professor of Speech Communication, and adjunct professors Stephen Muniz and Glen Bear.



*Students work to assemble Geodesic dome as part of the SPARKS program.*



# President Armstrong Co-Marshall in St. Patrick's Day Parade

Students, faculty, staff, and other members of the community wore green t-shirts representing the College at the St. Patrick's Day Parade hosted in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Our own President Armstrong served as co-marshall of the parade alongside Dr. George L. Hanbury II, president/CEO of Nova Southeastern University; and Dr. John Kelly, president of Florida Atlantic University. The three were chosen based on their outstanding contributions to the progress and advancement of higher education.



# Men's Basketball Team Wins Southern Conference Tournament Championship



The Seahawks men's basketball team defeated Indian River State College and Palm Beach State College to win the Southern Conference Tournament Championship. Oswald Parker scored 19 points to help Broward College to a 97-85 win against Indian River State College. Jaron Cornish scored a career-high 37 points in the Seahawks 99-87 victory over Palm Beach State College during the tournament finals in Lake Worth.

## Upcoming Events

**MARCH 30: GOLF CLASSIC**  
Fort Lauderdale Country Club

**APRIL 4: TAKE-OUT TUESDAY**  
*Topic: Economic Development of Florida*  
Broward College Downtown Center  
11th floor  
[broward.edu/villagesquare](http://broward.edu/villagesquare)

**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 21-23: FRINGE FESTIVAL**  
Downtown Center

**APRIL 24-27: OPEN HOUSE**  
*Multiple campuses and centers.*  
Take a campus tour, learn about Scholarships and Financial Aid and Student Life.



## Members of the Heritage Society Visit Health Sciences Simulation Center

Members of the Heritage Society assembled for a private tour of the Health Sciences Simulation Center and a luncheon. The society was created for individuals who have indicated they intend to leave a gift to Broward College as part of their estate plan. For more information about the Heritage Society and planned giving, contact Jim DeChant at 954-201-7079.



Back Row L-R: Nancy R. Botero, Mary Van Phul, Alex Wells, Art Lambertus, Pam Stephany, Danielle Sylvester, John Pryor Front Row L-R: Franklin Schmidt, Mary Wells, Art Lambertus, Christy Lambertus, Floyd Koch, Joyce Warden, May Jean Wolff.

## Broward College Foundation Names 2017 Officers



L-R: Lixia Chen, New Board Chair Pam Stephany, Valeria Delahoz, Selena Rodgers, Jonathan Welin, Past Board Chair Gregory Tait, Adisa Soumaila, and Gustavo Medosky

The Broward College Foundation Board of Directors named its 2017 officers with Pamela Stephany serving as board chair. Stephany has served on the board since 2015 and stepped into the role of treasurer last year. Other positions named include: Kyle Boos, first vice chair; Bacardi Jackson, second vice chair; Roy Krause, treasurer; Shane Strum, secretary; and Gregory Tait, past chair.

The Foundation directors also reappointed Richard Suss, CFP, to a three-year term. John Bochak was appointed to a one-year term on the board. Also serving on the Foundation's board of directors are: Tai Houser (faculty representative), Harlan Porterfield, Lloyd F. Rhodes, Derrick S. Roberts, Joseph Rolo (student representative), Jean B. Seaver and Shane Strum.

President J. David Armstrong, Jr. and Vice President for Advancement Nancy R. Botero serve as ex officio members of the board.

At the recent meeting George Weaver, trustee with the Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust, was presented with the Chairman's Award for the second time for his advocacy of the College. Weaver has been instrumental in securing significant gifts for Broward College's aviation program and Buehler Planetarium and Observatory. A second award recognized board member Roy Krause as Most Valuable Player. Krause was honored for going above and beyond in offering his time and talent to the Broward College Foundation board, having led its strategic planning effort.



## Village Square Hosts Take-Out Tuesday

The latest Take Out Tuesday, part of the Village Square series at the Downtown Campus drew a standing room audience. The non-partisan debate featured guest speakers discussing their view on the topic: "Do We Need Public Hospitals?" and was moderated by Rosemary O'Hara, editorial page editor at the Sun-Sentinel. Panelists included Carlos Migoya, president and CEO of Jackson Health System; Sheela VanHoose, director of Government Affairs and Public Policy at Charter Schools USA and former Broward Health commissioner; and William R. Scherer, founder and managing partner of Conrad and Scherer and former general counsel of Broward Health. For more information, visit [broward.edu/villagesquare](http://broward.edu/villagesquare).



L-R: Stan Eichelbaum (Village Square Advisory Board Member), John Benz (Broward College Board of Trustee Chair), Anne Schrer, William Shrerer (Panelist), Rosemary O'Hara (Moderator), Matthew Pinzur (Panelist).

## P'an Ku Editors Attend Conference in Washington D.C.

In February, P'an Ku editors attended the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference (AWP) in Washington, D.C. This was the literary magazine's first time at the event, and its editors were among 30,000 participants who had the opportunity to meet with writers, editors, agents, and press who were impressed by the quality of work produced by the College. The Fall 2016 issue of P'an Ku is currently under editorial review for a prize in next year's AWP Conference. For more information, visit [broward.edu/panku](http://broward.edu/panku).



L-R: Mauricio Correa, editor in chief; Vicky Santiesteban, advisor and professor; Antonella Avogadro, associate editor; Cameron Walsh, managing editor; Michael Nguyen, layout and design editor.

## Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Shines at State Leadership Conference

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) collected 16 awards at the State Leadership Conference in Orlando. Nearly 350 students competed this year from colleges and universities throughout the state. The awards included first place in Community Service Project Team, Accounting for Professionals, Business Presentation Team and Emerging Business Issues Team. The Broward chapter of the PBL was honored with the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit, which recognizes outstanding local chapters.



# North Campus Spotlited at Board of Trustees Meeting



In March, North Campus served as host to the Board of Trustees meeting. In the Omni Auditorium, members of the Student Government Association (SGA) opened with a Student Forum to discuss this year's campus improvements including storm drainage in the parking lot, gym and recreation area upgrades, renovations to Building 47, and continued efforts to attain funding for Building 56 and 57. After surveying students, they found the top three concerns for the coming year were the need for charging stations, outdoor seating spaces and work to the Omni parking lot.

North Campus President Dr. Avis Proctor then led a presentation on the highlights of the campus, themed

## Students and Faculty Come Back from “Life-Changing” Spring Break Trip to Bolivia

During the March board meeting, students and faculty who participated in the alternative Spring Break program in Bolivia reflected on the personal impact of the service learning project. On their trip they worked with TECHO, a nonprofit that builds houses and mobilizes volunteers in the fight against extreme poverty in Latin America by giving families in need increased living spaces. As part of the trip, they met students from the International University of Santa Cruz, which is affiliated with the College, and visited an orphanage. Dr. Nilo Marin and Kisha King oversaw the curriculum, as students gained credit toward Introduction to Environmental Science and Honors Interdisciplinary Students in General Education courses for their efforts.

“Light is the Path to Success.” Points of pride ranged from engagement events such as the STEAM Visiting Art Series to appearances of renowned speakers like Dr. Steve Perry.

Dr. Lulrick Balzora, Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services dean, then discussed developments within his pathway. This included the addition of the Human Services Associate of Science, Geographical Information System certificate, as well as the Pathway Peer Academic Leader and Professional Enhancement programs. He also unveiled the first edition of *Quaestiones*, a new professional journal cultivated by professors, students and faculties on social and behavioral science topics.

## Inaugural American Dream Summit to be Held in April

Nancy Botero, executive director of the Broward College Foundation and vice president for the Office of Advancement, provided details on the inaugural American Dream Summit during the March board meeting. The event is scheduled to take place at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 21 at the Signature Grand. The goal of the Summit is to engage students with the internal and external community, and participants will take part in workshops about job etiquette, interview skills, and more. Capping off the day is a job fair with 50 vendors and keynote speakers Barrington Irving, who in 2007 set a Guinness World record by becoming the youngest person to fly solo around the world, and storytelling expert Andy Henriquez, author of “Show Up for Your Life.”



## Women's Basketball Player Receives Sandy Miller "Scholar-Athlete" Award



*Robert Deutschman and President J. David Armstrong, Jr. present Scarlett Rocha with FCSAA Sandy Miller "Scholar-Athlete" Award.*

Scarlett Rocha of the Seahawks women's basketball team excels not only on the court, but in the classroom. She received the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) Sandy Miller "Scholar-Athlete" Award. The honor is named after former Santa Fe College head women's basketball coach Sandy Miller, who served as chair of the Women's Basketball Committee and NJCAA Assistant region director. During her freshman year, Rocha was selected NJCAA Academic All-American and was named to the FCSAA and Southern Conference All-Academic teams. She also is a finalist for the Jack Kent Cooke scholarship.

## Retirements

### JULIE BOVIO

Julie began at the College in 1997 and is retiring after almost 20 years. She most recently served as district director of Payroll Services.

### DENNIS VILLATORO

Dennis began at the College in 2001 and is retiring after almost 16 years. He most recently served as an HVAC technician within Energy Management Systems department.

