Broward College Receives Largest-Ever Jobs Grant

Through a partnership with the Urban League of Broward County, the College has been awarded $3,187,500 by the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund to create the Critical Occupation Response through Education (CORE) program. The joint initiative provides workforce training for advanced manufacturing, aviation and information technology. The program will also provide real-world workforce training for 1,500 individuals over three years and create more than 1,275 local jobs. The grant is the largest amount ever awarded for a single project.

Take 12/12/6 Campaign Launched

To improve completion rates, Broward College has launched the 12/12/6 campaign. The aim is to encourage students to take a full-time load of courses each semester. This means 12 credits in the fall, 12 in the spring and six during the summer of each academic year. The initiative touts the time and cost benefits of full-time enrollment. The campaign supports enrollment and retention strategies.

Thomas Friedman Explores ‘Big Trends’ at Broward College Speaker Series

On February 21, renowned New York Times columnist and author Thomas Friedman addressed issues facing the world as part of the 2018 Broward College Speaker Series. The topic was “The Big Trends Shaping the World Today: Economics, Technology, & Geopolitics.” Nearly 600 people gathered to listen to Friedman discuss current social, political and complex issues and answer questions at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. The evening was sponsored by SunTrust and moderated by Rosemary O’Hara of the Sun Sentinel.

Earlier in the day, Friedman spoke with students during a fireside chat at Broward College North Campus in Coconut Creek about his first-hand experience with the biggest news and events impacting the world. Friedman has written seven books on topics such as international finance and trade, the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the environment and the role of America today. He is a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner and has covered monumental stories from around the globe for the The New York Times since 1981.

RN Nursing Program Ranks 14th in the State

The Registered Nursing program at Broward College is among the top programs in Florida. The website registerednursing.org assessed nursing programs on several factors including NCLEX-RN pass rates and how well they support students with licensure and beyond.
North Campus Hosts Poems for Parkland

On March 13, the Broward College English Department, its student organizations, along with Orange Island Arts Foundation and the North Regional/Broward College Library organized Poems for Parkland: Poetry of Peace.

The event was free and open to the public and featured poems by students and community members impacted by the tragedy which took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) High School on February 14. There was a special address from Poet Laureate of Florida, Peter Meinke. Poems for Parkland was organized with the intention to emphasize the cathartic power of the written and spoken word, bringing solace, healing, and unifying peace to the community. Trauma and bereavement representatives including counselors with animal-assisted therapy were in attendance.

Broward College Student Wins First Place in National Aircraft Aero Skills Tournament

Aviation student David Burridge placed first in the Junior Structures category at the Aero Skills National Tournament, an aviation competition based on industry process and best practices.

Burridge took home a $5,000 prize. The tournament took place at the AIM Aviation Institute of Maintenance in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 27, 2018.

Winners at the competition (L to R): Josh Klugman, second place winner; Broward College Student David Burridge, first place winner, and Eric Gibson, third place winner.
Six Broward College Students Win ADDY Awards

The American Advertising Awards (ADDYs) is the advertising industry’s largest and most representative competition, attracting over 40,000 entries every year in local American Advertising Federation (AAF) Club competitions. The mission of competition is to recognize and reward the creative spirit of excellence in the art of advertising.

The six students who received a gold or silver ADDY Award in the student entries/higher education advertising category are:

Yecrem Verges, Gold ADDY Award
Category: Magazine Advertising - Single (Full page or less)
Project: Soaring Price of Global Obesity

Maria Davila, Gold ADDY Award
Category: App (Mobile or Web-based)
Project: GYM CREW Stronger Together

Kiana Ramirez (2 awards), Gold ADDY Award
Category: Product or Service Sales Promotion - Packaging
Project: Alia bottled milk

Gold ADDY Award
Category: Printed Annual Report or Brochure
Project: Charity Water 2017 Annual Report

Leslie Arias, Gold ADDY Award
Category: Integrated Brand Identity Campaign - Single
Project: badbabe - Lip Crayons

Shayla Hamilton, Silver ADDY Award
Category: Illustration - Single
Project: I’m Homeless Tonight...

Nikki Wright, Silver ADDY Award
Category: Integrated Brand Identity Campaign - Single
Project: MAR Bath Salts Brand Campaign

L-R: Rick McCawley (professor of graphic design), Adriana Portal (professor of graphic design), Leslie Arias (student), Avis Proctor (North Campus president and vice president of academic affairs), Kiana Ramirez (student), Yecrem Verges (student), Nikki Wright (student), Maria Andrea Davila (student), Shayla Hamilton (student), Henry Mack, Ramone Hamilton (student Shayla Hamilton’s husband).
Broward College Student Named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar

Medjyna Moreau, a student at Broward College, has been named a 2018 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar and will receive a $1,250 scholarship. College administrators nominate students for the academic team. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars with nearly $200,000 in scholarships annually. Each scholar also receives a commemorative medallion. Moreau was also named to the All Florida Academic Team in February.

Men’s Baseball Team 11th in NJCAA Division Rankings

For the first time since 2007, the Broward College men’s baseball team appears in the NJCAA Division 1 Rankings. In March, the team had a rating of 11 and is also second in the NJCAA Region 8 Coaches Poll. In the recent game against Miami Dade College (MDC), the Seahawk men scored 10 to MDC’s 3, thanks to brilliant pitching by Brian Van Belle, who pitched eight innings allowing seven hits, three runs (two earned), one walk and struck out eight. He retired nine of the last 10 batters faced with three on strikeouts. Jouseph Renovales went 3 for 4 with a double, scored on a stolen base and collected three RBIs. Alex Carballo finished 2 for 3 with a double. Onix Vega drove in two runs with a single and Jeremiah Adams hit an RBI single.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Spring Dance Concert**, April 7, 8–10 p.m., Bailey Hall, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, Davie

**Take Out Tuesday: The Right to Die**, April 17, 6–7:30 p.m., Willis Holcombe Center, Fort Lauderdale

**Anat Cohen Quartet**, April 21, 8–10 p.m., Bailey Hall, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, Davie

**Dinner at the Square: A Free Market for Education**, May 2, 6:45–8:30 p.m., Funky Buddha Brewery, Oakland Park
Seven Finalists Selected to Receive Endowed Teaching Chairs

The Endowed Teaching Chair (ETC) Community Selection Committee, chaired by Broward College Foundation Board member Ann Porterfield, heard 13 presentations and selected seven finalists to receive ETC awards for the 2018-2019 academic year. Faculty members selected for an ETC award this academic year will receive $10,000, which may be used for professional development and enhancements to the learning environment. Awardees will be announced before the start of the new academic year.

Dream Makers Meet Scholarship Recipients

Recently, Broward College philanthropic supporters who contribute and match donations to the American Dream Scholarship met with one of the beneficiaries of their generosity. Alan J. Goldberg, president of the Leo Goodwin Foundation, and Elliot Borkson, vice president, met American Dream Scholarship recipient Caryn Warner, who is pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Supervision and Management.

Warner has a 4.0-grade point average and expects to graduate this May. The American Dream Scholarship is the Broward College Foundation’s signature fundraising initiative and assists students who maintain at least a 2.5-grade point average and are 75 percent toward completing their degree program.

Broward Foundation to Receive Major Donation

The Broward College Foundation will receive a gift of $125,000 from the Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust for renovations to the Buehler Planetarium. This funding is in addition to previous funding the Buehler Trust has contributed to the project. To date, financial support to Broward College made in Mr. Buehler’s name exceeds five million dollars.

George Weaver, trustee of the Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust and two-time recipient of the Broward College Foundation’s Chairman’s Award, with Nancy Botero, vice president for advancement and executive director of the Broward College Foundation, during last November’s celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Emil Buehler Aviation Institute at Broward College.
Take Out Tuesday

On March 20, Take Out Tuesday tackled the gap in job skills and the various ways to prepare Americans for the future. The panel included (L to R): Sean Smith, director of development, Marine Industries of South Florida; Janet Wincko, senior vice president of Human Resources, City Furniture; President Armstrong, moderator; Dr. Mildred Coyne, executive director of Career and Workforce Education and Economic Development, Broward College, and Mason C. Jackson, president & CEO, CareerSource Broward.

Jeff Goodell Discusses Rising Sea Level

Author and journalist Jeff Goodell joined students and other guests at Bailey Hall on Friday, March 16 to discuss his book, The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World. The book was selected as a New York Times Critics’ Top Book of 2017. The event was organized by the Office of Student Life and the Environmental Science Program.

Professional Development Day

More than 800 faculty and staff participated in the 2018 Broward College Professional Development Day held on Friday, February 23. The Teaching, Learning and Technology Department and the Professional Development Planning Committee partnered to provide the College faculty and administrators with an extensive and interesting array of workshops aimed at professional development and personal growth.

Employee Recognition Ceremony

Professional Development Day culminated with a ceremony honoring Broward College employees who are committed to helping students succeed. Employee Recognition Day has been part of the Broward College culture for more than 30 years, recognizing years of service and employees who excel in the execution of their duties.
South Campus Takes Center Stage at Board of Trustees Meeting

Participants in the Broward College Minority Male Initiative (MMI) recently attended the Black Brown and College-Bound conference in Tampa, Florida.

The conference is hosted annually, and this year the College joined the list of distinguished sponsors. The conference addressed issues facing Black and Hispanic males in higher education. Students had the opportunity to meet Michael Strahan, an Emmy award winner and Super Bowl champion who currently co-hosts Good Morning America. They also had the pleasure of meeting the former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Julian Castro.

Front row (L to R): Myron Ross, student life director, South Campus; William Soto, dean, student services; Esther Canjura, SGA president, WHC; Natalie Garcia Contreras, SGA vice president, WHC.
Back row (L to R): Sebastian Serna, SGA vice president, South Campus; Tarah Leon, SGA president, South Campus; Rolando Garcia, president, South Campus.

During the Student Forum on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus, Student Government Association (SGA) representatives discussed expectations for the 2017-2018 academic year. The presentation led by Tarah Leon (president), highlighted student concerns on the campus as well as partnership centers. Among the issues students want addressed are green spaces affected by Hurricane Irma, improved online schedule for faculty, and higher level STEM tutors at the Academic Success Centers (ASC). Students who attend classes at the partnership centers have asked for better course options and more food alternatives. The administration has committed to addressing the issues. The students also commended the College on progress made on the concerns identified during the 2016-17 academic year.

Minority Male Initiative Students Attend Conference in Tampa

More Than 20 Candidates Shortlisted for Presidential Search

AGB Search, the firm assisting the College with the recruitment of its next president, has provided an initial shortlist of 22 candidates to the search committee. The committee will begin screening these applicants from which it will select 10-12 candidates for video interviews. Selected candidates will then be referred to the Board of Trustees for interviews and campus tours. For details of the timeline visit http://bcpresidentsearch.com/timeline/
Model UN Wins Outstanding Position Paper Award

The Broward College Model United Nations (MUN) team was recognized during the March Board of Trustees meeting for their accomplishments at the National Model UN Competition in New York City.

Broward College MUN placed 25 out of over 200 higher education teams to earn the distinction of Outstanding Delegation. In addition, the eight-member team coached by Professor Kari Herbert won two position paper awards. The national MUN staff commended the chairmanship of the team. The competition allows students to roleplay delegates to the United Nations and simulate UN committees.

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Broward College Announces Director of Financial Aid Compliance and Training

Travis Brown has joined the Financial Aid team as director of Financial Aid Compliance and Training. The position was created to improve efficiency and ensure the College meets all requirements in the management of federal grants and scholarships. Brown has over 20 years of Financial Aid management including policy development for 4-year public, private and non-profit higher education institutions.

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Members of the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) earned first and third place awards at the State Leadership Conference held in Orlando, Florida, from March 22 to March 25, 2018. Close to 300 students from colleges and universities competed at the event including Florida International University, University of Miami, Florida State University, University of Florida, and University of Central Florida. Students competed in open events, won prize money, and attended growth and leadership workshops.

Among the winners were Maite Elizalde, Kyle Keller, and Brianna Webster, who placed first in the Business Decision Making team. The Emerging Business Issues team of Isabella Mejia Ruiz, Monique Joyles, and Katie Chan, also won first place and Brianna Barcelo was awarded third place for Public Speaking. The next phase of the competition is the National Leadership Conference in June 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland.