

Broward College Update

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Success, Scholarship and Shoes Celebrated at Spring 2014 Commencement

Broward College conferred more than 3,300 degrees earlier this month at the Spring 2014 Commencement Ceremony, pushing the total number of graduates from the college since 1959 over the 120,000 mark. The 2014 class represented 95 countries. The oldest graduate was 65 and the youngest was 16. There were more than 110 graduates over the age of 50.

Fort Lauderdale lawyer Eugene K. Pettis offered this year's keynote. Pettis is the co-founder of Haliczer Pettis & Schwamm and the current president of the Florida Bar, the first African-American president in the Bar's history.

To celebrate the lighthearted and fun side of commencement, Broward College hosted #GradSHOEation — a social media event — for the third time, highlighting the sky-high stilettos, fancy flats and classic Chuck Taylors graduates and attendees wear. A shoe drive for In Jacob's Shoes, a local organization that collects new and gently used shoes for children and adults, was also held.



...Also, Broward College is Happy

The ceremony marked the unveiling of a look at the "Happy" students, faculty and staff at at Broward College.



[Watch the archived webcast of graduation](#)

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Mock Teacher Interviews Turn into Real Jobs

Three years ago, when Dr. Aline Sarria conceived the idea of offering mock employment interviews for her Teacher Education Program graduates, her plan was to help the newly minted educators learn to prepare, focus and gain confidence as they interviewed for their first teaching position. Three years later, the mock interviews continue with some 50 principals taking part — and this year, ten TEP graduates were offered teaching contracts on the spot as a result of the interviews.

“They all accepted,” Sarria said. “Two principals were even fighting over one of the teachers.” The five areas in which TEP produces educators are: Exceptional Student Education, Middle Grades General Science, Secondary Biology, Middle Grades Mathematics and Secondary Mathematics.



Newly hired TEP Math & Science teachers.

Professors of the Year Recognized at Commencement

Ten outstanding educators were recognized as Professors and Adjunct Professors of the Year at Commencement ceremonies this month. These outstanding educators come from different backgrounds and teach in different areas but share a commitment to student success.



Dr. Richard Bernstein, a full-time faculty member in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences on South Campus. Earlier this year, he also was named recipient of the Donald and Reba Schaffer Endowed Teaching Chair.

Dr. Deoraj Bharath, an assistant professor of mathematics on North Campus. He came to the college originally to work in the Office of Research and Planning, then moved to the classroom to teach statistics. He was named Adjunct Professor of the Year in 2005 and 2008.



Dr. Vanessa Hörmann is an associate professor of biology on Central Campus and teaches biology classes for non-biology majors. She is a native of Suriname, South America, and started working for Broward College as an adjunct in 2006.

Joshua Kimber teaches courses in social and behavioral sciences on Central Campus. He also serves as a QEP mentor with the Critical Thinking Learning Society.



Dyanne K. Martin is a professor of English on Central Campus. She began her teaching career in 1999 and spent 13 years in the high school system in Dade and Broward counties before coming to Broward in 2005.

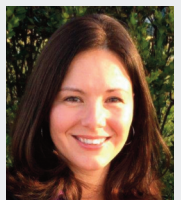
The Adjunct Professors of the Year Award recognizes outstanding educators who teach part-time at the college. They are:

Pauline P. Anderson-Pearce is an adjunct professor of English teaching composition and African American literature on North Campus. She also is a recipient of the Editor's Choice Award from the National Society of Poets.



Abel Cornejo teaches in the Communication/Fine Arts Department on North Campus. He has written, directed and performed in numerous productions giving students the opportunity to be engaged in theatre outside of the classroom.

Bonnie Flory currently teaches sociology at Central Campus and is working on her Ph.D. in comparative studies at Florida Atlantic University.



Dr. Martin Green is a chiropractic physician who has been teaching at South Campus since 2008 and has been named in the Guide to America's Top Chiropractors in 2007, 2008 and 2009 by the Consumers Research Council of America.

Abushieba Ibrahim is an adjunct professor of mathematics on Central Campus. He was born in Sudan and moved to the U.S. in 2004. He currently is pursuing his Ph.D. in applied mathematics at Sudan University.



Board Match Highlights Service Program



As part of an effort to encourage Broward College faculty, administrators and staff to take a greater role in assuring the community's well-being through service, the College held a board-matching event last month. The idea for the program occurred to Gregory Haile, the college's general counsel and vice president for government affairs, as he pondered the College's strategic plan.

"It was basically borne out of one of our strategic planning goals," Haile said. "We wanted to increase the number of Broward personnel on boards."

In response, a Presidential Leadership Academy team built a comprehensive program to attract, inform and train potential board members. More than 20 non-profit organizations representing the arts, cultural, educational, health and social service agencies shared their mission, vision and philosophies of service with about 70 college employees with a potential interest in board service.

Astronomy Day Celebrated



Photo credit: Tara Chadwick

About 400 excited youngsters and their parents attended the college's third Astronomy Day on May 10 at Central Campus. The Buehler Planetarium and Observatory hosted two sold-out shows of "Cosmic Colors: An Adventure along the Spectrum," and there also were plenty of discovery zones for youngsters.

Special guests included Jim Stryder, a NASA Solar System ambassador, and also a member of the South Florida Amateur Astronomers Association. The planetarium and observatory's next special day on the calendar is Moonfest, slated for Saturday, July 19.

Reed Named to NerdScholar's Top 40

North Campus adjunct wellness professor Jenna' Latrisse Reed has been named to the "40 Under 40" list by NerdScholar, a subsidiary site of the financial literacy website NerdWallet.com.



Recipients were nominated based on their ability to captivate and engage students in the classroom, desire to interact with students outside of class and collaborate on research projects. Reed earned her B.S. from FSU and an M.S. from FAU and was named a Broward College Adjunct Professor of the Year in 2013.

Broward College Joins Team to Instruct Seniors



Thanks to programs offered in a unique partnership between the American Association of Retired Persons, the Broward County Library and Broward College, seniors are learning to master their smartphones.

AARP conceived the idea and went to Broward College's corporate training program within the Institute for Economic Development to provide the programming and instruction.

Student Wins Regions Bank Scholarship



Broward College Student Jessica Rae Pulver-Adell is one of 32 recipients of Regions Bank's 2014 Riding Forward Scholarship, earning a \$2,500 scholarship by writing an essay about an African-American who inspired them. Her essay was dedicated to the memory of her father, Edwin Jerome Adell, and concluded with these words: "It is through his struggles that I garner the inspiration to make him proud."

Broward College Speakers Series Wraps Up With Jean-Michel Cousteau



Jean-Michel Cousteau, explorer, environmentalist, educator, film producer, and author of *My Father, The Captain: My Life with Jacques Cousteau*, visited North Campus earlier this month to talk with students before his evening lecture, part of the Broward College Fort Lauderdale Speakers Series. His advice to students is to “go for it. Never give up.” He also talked about helping the producers of *Finding Nemo* and *SpongeBob SquarePants* with questions or concerns about depicting the ocean. “Every day we can make a difference,” Cousteau said. “Picking up one piece of garbage will help keep pollution out of the ocean.”

Join Alumni & Friends

Earlier this month, Broward College awarded more than 3,300 associate’s and bachelor’s degrees. The Alumni & Friends Network welcomes these new graduates with open arms. At the commencement ceremony on May 7, while students lined up for the processional, volunteers snapped commemorative photographs.

The Alumni & Friends Network provides opportunities to remain in touch with old friends from the college and to meet new friends from other classes. It is a gateway to discounts on an expanding range of products and events, and it hosts networking and social activities.

Recently, the network launched a **\$15 for \$5 Alumni Challenge** to raise scholarship funds for currently enrolled students. Membership in the Alumni & Friends Network is free and open to everyone who has ever taken a class at Broward College at any time in its 54-year history. More information is online.



The Alumni & Friends Network hosted a “Spring Fling Social” at the Riverside Market Café, owned by Broward College alumni Lisa and Jason Siegel (Lisa is pictured, at left, with Danielle Sylvester, director of annual giving and alumni relations for Broward College, center).

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Interns Head to CDC



Floyd Lopez (left) and Sean Moore (right) have been selected as Centers of Disease Control 2014 Broward College summer interns. They will be working on



projects under the (U.S.) President’s Malaria Initiative at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Chagas disease lab at the Division of Parasitic Diseases and Malaria in Atlanta.

BC Cadet to Elite Airborne Program

Broward College student and Army ROTC Cadet **Alberto Rodriguez** was selected to attend the elite U.S. Army Airborne school this summer. Cadets from Army ROTC programs at FAU, FIU, Miami-Dade College, Palm Beach Atlantic University and Broward College competed for the opportunity.

Eight Win Lawless Scholarships

Eight Broward College students have been named recipients of Michelle Lawless Scholarships. The scholarships are funded from the proceeds of the TerraCycle recycling programs throughout the college during the winter term. The recipients are: **Bridgette Bonner, Ali Alaoui, Elke Blanco and Michail Olajide, Kimberly Nelson, Emunah Susson, Richard Zicarelli and Kimberly McCabe.**

Athletics

Rolle to Attend Elite Hoops Camp: **Mikhail Rolle**, a 6-foot-2 freshman on the Broward College basketball team, has been invited to the Top 120 All-America basketball camp in St. Louis. Rolle is a graduate of Champagnat Catholic School in Hialeah.

Six Named All-Southern Conference: Broward College had six players named to the all-Southern Conference baseball team with first-team honors for outfielders **Sly Edwards** and **Tyler Fichter** along with catcher **Chucky Vazquez**. Second-team selections included infielder Carlos Garmendia and pitchers **Jorge Marrero** and **Alex Seibold**.

Staffer Goes Statewide

Dicky Sykes, who hosted a Shark Tank business competition in February, has been sought out to conduct a training workshop on the concept and development of a Shark Tank Business Competition to the Florida Association of Minority Business Officials at their 2014 Spring Training Conference in West Palm Beach.

News From the May Board of Trustees Meeting

Dual Enrollment Success

Shermone Mitchell, director of academic affairs, highlighted the college's dual enrollment program that allows high-school students to take college-level classes and earn college credit while in high school. For the year, nearly 36,000 college credit hours were earned by 2,880 students from 52 high schools (34 public, 5 charter, 13 private) and home-schooling, representing an increase of 2 percent over last year. The program realized these gains by instituting a number of improvements including better integration with high school counselors and online registration. Find out more at www.broward.edu/dual.



Nursing Students Tops in State on NCLEX-RN Test

Broward College student nurses ranked at the top of state rankings for college nursing program graduates taking the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) in 2013 with a 94 percent pass rate – 18 points higher than the Florida average and 11 points higher than the national average,

according to a report from Dr. Debbie Papa, dean of health sciences. She also noted the graduation rates from the program over the last three years is at 97 percent.

Canton and Hedayatzadeh Retire



Tommye Canton, executive assistant for the dean of academic affairs on South Campus, was lauded by Dean Winston Thompson for the time, talent and temperament Canton devoted to her work. She came to Broward as a part-timer in 2000, became fulltime in 2007 and took on her assignment as executive assistant to the dean in 2010. "I've enjoyed my time at Broward College," Canton told the trustees. "I've made a big family working here."

Beverly Hedayatzadeh, senior curriculum specialist at Learning Resources on North campus, came to Broward more than 20 years ago as an ESL faculty member. Before long, she realized her calling was in the language lab, where in addition to serving students for all over the world, she also was an active grant writer. She earned her bachelor's degree from the State University of New York and her master's degree from the National University of Iran.



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