

Broward College Update

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FROM J. DAVID ARMSTRONG, JR., PRESIDENT

Jack Kent Cooke Students Surprised with Scholarships

Broward College graduates **Sergey Sterlyadev** and **Ihsane Benkhadra** were awarded the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship to complete their bachelor's degrees. In celebration, Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr. and Honors College District Director Sheila Jones recently surprised each student with the news.

Each year, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation provides up to \$40,000 to top community college students with plans to continue their education. Criteria for recognition include exceptional academic ability and achievements, persistence, leadership, a desire to help others, and financial need. Each award is intended to cover a portion of each student's educational expenses – including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees – to achieve a bachelor's degree. Awards vary by individual, based on the cost of tuition as well as other grants or scholarships he or she may receive.

Including Sterlyadev and Benkhadra, Broward College has had 18 students awarded with this scholarship since it began in 2002, placing the College second in the nation.



L to R: Sheila Jones, District Director, Honors College; Ihsane Benkhadra, Sergey Sterlyadev, and President J. David Armstrong, Jr.

85th Commencement Celebrates Graduating Students



Broward College conferred more than 3,700 degrees and certificates on May 10, 2016 at its 85th commencement ceremony at the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center.



These students joined more than 130,000 students who have graduated from Broward College since it was established in 1959. The keynote address was delivered by **Madeline Pumariega**, chancellor of the Florida College System (FCS).

Endowed Teaching Chairs Announced



Mariah Reed

Dr. Vanessa Hormann

Kelly Walker

Dr. Vijay Parkash

Dr. Edward Cornejo

James Martin

Broward College recently surprised six outstanding educators with the 2016 Broward College Foundation Endowed Teaching Chair Awards. This program, now in its 25th year, grants recipients a stipend of \$10,000 for one year to provide for the professor's professional development and projects to improve classroom excellence and efficiency.

This year's grant recipients are:

- **MARIAH REED**, Gaddis Corporation Endowed Teaching Chair – A professor of fine and applied arts at Central Campus, Professor Reed began teaching with the College in 2002 and previously was the recipient of the Blockbuster Endowed Teaching Chair in 2008.
- **DR. VANESSA HORMANN**, Children's Opportunity Group Endowed Teaching Chair – Dr. Hormann is an assistant professor of biological science at North Campus. She also was the Central Campus Professor of the Year for 2013-2014.
- **KELLY WALKER**, Presidential Endowed Teaching Chair – An instructor at North Campus since 2010, Walker is a professor of exceptional student education.

- **DR. VIJAY PARKASH**, Waste Management Endowed Teaching Chair – An assistant professor in the biology/physical science department at South Campus, Dr. Parkash is a faculty mentor currently mentoring four adjuncts who teach anatomy and biology. She also shares best practices and resources on how to best integrate technologies in the classroom.
- **DR. EDWARD CORNEJO**, SunTrust Bank Endowed Teaching Chair – In addition to being an assistant professor of history, behavior, and political science at South Campus, Dr. Cornejo is the founding advisor of Club Clio, a student-led organization focused on public speaking and development of soft skills.
- **JAMES MARTIN**, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Endowed Teaching Chair – An assistant professor of English/journalism at South Campus, Professor Martin has contributed much of his time to the Seahawk Support program, a program which identifies struggling students and refers them to Student Success.

Village Square Wraps Up with Moving Debate on Transportation



On Wednesday, May 11, Broward College Village Square hosted a non-partisan debate on the “Mass Transportation in Broward: Dream vs. Reality” at the Funky Buddha Brewery in Oakland Park, Fla.

The debate was presented by the Village Square Advisory Board which is being chaired by Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca and City of Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler; it was moderated by Jonathan Schwartz, Associate Vice President, Planning Organization/Director of Real Estate at Broward College, and featured panelists Diana Alarcon, Director of Transportation and Mobility at City of Fort Lauderdale, Bob Poole, Searle Freedom Trust Transportation Fellow and Director of Transportation Policy at the Reason Foundation, and Mayor Daniel Stermer, City of Weston.

Broward College Announces New Campus Presidents; VP Academic Affairs

After a nationwide search and in-depth selection process, Broward College is pleased to announce it has selected Marielena DeSanctis, Ph.D. to lead its A. Hugh Adams Central Campus as campus president.

Rolando Garcia, Ed.D. was selected to serve as campus president of the Judson A. Samuels South Campus, and Avis Proctor, Ed.D. has assumed the role of vice president of academic affairs in addition to her current role as president of North Campus. Dr. DeSanctis, Dr. Garcia and Dr. Proctor will begin their new roles in June 2016.

As campus president of A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, Marielena DeSanctis, Ph.D. will be responsible for working with faculty and staff to increase student success. Dr. DeSanctis will continue to serve as vice president of student affairs. Previous to Broward College, she served as executive director for curriculum, instruction and interventions for Broward County Public Schools, and as principal of Fort Lauderdale High School.

As DeSanctis transitions to her new position at A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, Avis Proctor, Ed.D. will assume the role of vice president of academic affairs in addition to her current role



Marielena DeSanctis

Rolando Garcia

Avis Proctor

as president of North Campus. During her 16-year tenure with Broward College, Dr. Proctor has served as a mathematics faculty member, associate dean, associate vice president, and her current role as North Campus president, where she has served for three years.

Also joining the Broward College leadership team, Rolando Garcia, Ed.D. will serve as president for the College's Judson A. Samuels South Campus. Dr. Garcia most recently served as interim South Campus president, and joined Broward College as dean of academic resources and assessment in 2014.

Award Announcements

President Armstrong Accepts the 2-1-1 Milestone Award

President J. David Armstrong, Jr. was awarded as the Milestone Honoree in recognition of all the support that he and Broward College have provided to 2-1-1 Broward, and for the tremendous support in helping the non-profit organization fulfill its mission and meet its goals. The ceremony was recently held during the Kip Hunter Marketing "Making REAL Connections" Breakfast hosted by Signature Grand and presented by Baptist Health South Florida.

Jonathan Schwartz Recognized as an Up & Comer

Every year South Florida Wealth and Business magazine recognizes the up and comers in South Florida. This prestigious award honors young professionals who have achieved excellence in their careers, shown a commitment to their community and demonstrated leadership. Broward College is proud to announce that Jonathan Schwartz, associate vice president of facilities planning, has been recognized as one of this year's recipients in the field of Education. The finalists and winners in each category will be featured in the July issue of South Florida Business and Wealth and during an awards ceremony on Thursday, June 16.

Dr. Marielena DeSanctis Recognized as a Hispanic Woman of Distinction

Broward College's Marielena DeSanctis will be honored as one of 13 Hispanic Women of Distinction at a charity luncheon on August 12 at the Signature Grand in Davie. Presented by Bank of America, in partnership with Latina Style Magazine, and co-sponsored by Latin Business Today and the Sylvester Cancer Center, this celebration brings to the forefront the contributions of Hispanic women from South Florida. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Light of the World Clinic.

Nine Seahawk Baseball Players Selected to All-Southern Conference; Coach Ben Bizier Named Coach of the Year

Andres Lopez, J.C. Millan, Orlando Rodriguez and Yordany Salva were named first team All-Southern Conference. Ray Catena, Stephen Chamblee, Dijendrick Croes, Gabriel Garcia and Rayden Ogando were selected second team all-conference. Salva, a catcher, was named Defensive Player of the Year and reliever Jose Padron was selected Fireman of the Year. Ben Bizier was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year after directing Broward College to a first place finish with a record of 17-11.

Broward College Celebrated as the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Economic Partner of the Year



L to R: Bob Swindell, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, J. David Armstrong, Jr., Broward College President, and Penny Shaffer, Florida Blue.

Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance on initiatives including aligning its curriculum with skills needed by targeted industry companies such as aviation and technology. Previous winners include the City of Miramar in 2015, and CareerSource Broward in 2014.

Click [here](#) to watch the Broward College Economic Development Partner of the Year video.

Broward College was named the Economic Development Partner of the Year by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance at its 2016 Mid-Year Luncheon on Thursday, May 19 at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Economic Development Partner of the Year award honors organizations that have demonstrated a major commitment to economic development in Broward County. Broward College was honored for its collaboration with the

Fringe Festival Features Funkiness and Fun



South Florida's first and only uncensored, unjuried, live theater event was recently held on Las Olas Blvd. for the second year in a row. Created by Broward College, this two-day event took place at the Willis Holcombe Downtown Center in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

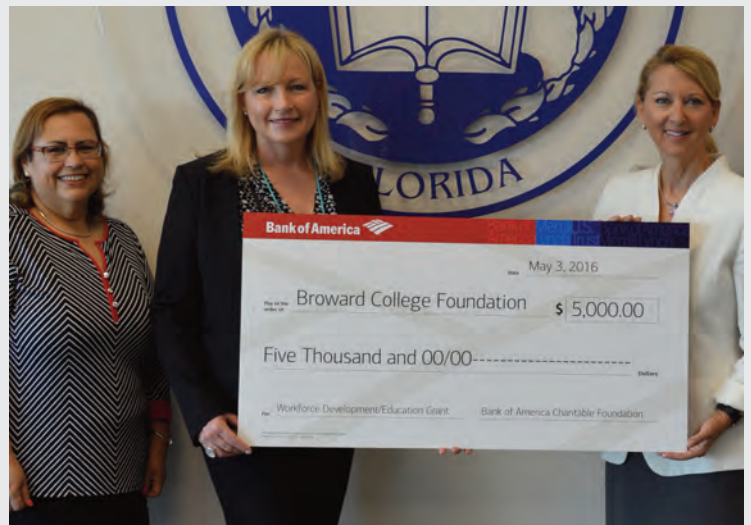
With over 500 tickets sold, 23 separate shows took place over the course of the two-day festival, ranging in rating from all ages to adult-only, along with children's activities and family-friendly workshops and included original, cutting-edge performances by artists from around the world. In addition to the live performances, the street fair featured local vendors, food trucks, and family-friendly activities.

Bank of America Awards \$5,000 Workforce Development and Education Grant

Bank of America awarded the Broward College Foundation a \$5,000 Workforce Development and Education Grant to help fund the Fostering Independence through Resources, Support and Training (FIRST) initiative.

FIRST will assist area residents who have experienced a series of events resulting in unemployment or underemployment by capitalizing on existing support services and offering employment training through the college's workforce partners. Participants will be required to enroll in technical and soft job skills training and complete work-based learning experiences with area businesses. Efforts will focus on high-demand industries offering above-median wages, including Information Technology, Health Care Informatics and Manufacturing / Construction.

Many in Broward County are in crisis and cannot move from their current situations without help. Because of the FIRST program, these individuals will have the opportunity to begin earning credentials that will ultimately change their lives.



L to R: Lilia Ciciolla, Bank of America's Fort Lauderdale Project Manager; Lori Chevy, Bank of America's Market President for Broward County; and Nancy R. Botero, Broward College's Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the Broward College Foundation

Florida State Senator Christopher Smith Recognized at Meeting



During the May Board of Trustees meeting, Florida State Senator Christopher Smith was publicly recognized by President J. David Armstrong, Jr. and the trustees for his work championing higher education. During his tenure, Senator Smith has defended funding for facility improvements and technology and the right for students to pursue an affordable education, among others.

When given the opportunity to address the trustees and guests, Senator Smith remarked “I had to do it. I had to support Broward College. You’ve been gracious hosts and have opened your doors to a myriad of students. You are the gateway to a better life for traditional and non-traditional students.”

Student Global Organization

A group of engaged students recently formed the Student Global Organization under the advisement of the Study Abroad department and the Broward College Honors College. The organization serves as the median mode of communication between Broward College centers to expand the knowledge and understanding of different cultures, practices and issues around the world.

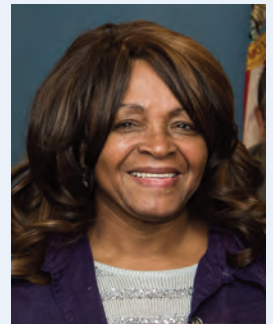
Recently, the Student Global Organization hosted a Spring Break study abroad in Brazil where they helped raise funds to purchase cheerleading uniforms for a local school. Students who participated in the trip remarked how the exposure to another culture combined with public service afforded a new perspective on the role of international relationships in global culture.

Retirements

Mildred Foster is retiring after 30 years with Broward College. The native Floridian served not only as an administrative assistant but also participated in the mentor program, proctored classes for college academic skills testing, arranged for the first mammography van to come to the College, and tutored in the Gear Up program. In her retirement, Mildred hopes to own a food truck and travel across South Florida sharing her great food.



Mae Johnson has been with the College 10 years. She served as an administrative assistant for the Reading/ESL/SLS programs, then transitioned to supporting the initiatives of Reading/ESL/SLS as well as Communications. In her retirement she plans to relax and enjoy the sun.



Broward College Leading in Industry Certifications

Mildred Coyne, Executive Director for Workforce Education and Economic Development, proudly announced Broward College is the leader in industry certifications. Currently, the College holds licensures for 1,278 industry certifications. Hillsborough Community College holds the second highest licensures with 735 industry certifications.

Currently the state has allocated \$10 million in performance funding for certifications in identified industry sectors including health, nursing, STEM, public safety, and industry/manufacturing/construction/transportation. The successes of Broward College to align its goals to the Florida Legislature ensures the allocation of funding to support these certifications.

In the coming years, Broward College anticipates growth in certification industries including STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), and projects nursing will continue to be a high-demand sector for certifications and advanced degrees.

The Venture Formula Launches to Fanfare



L to R: J. David Armstrong, Jr., Broward College President; Michael Clark, Broward County; Mayor Marty Kiar, Broward County; Mike Rump, Broward College Board of Trustees; and Don Cook, Executive Director, Broward College Public Affairs and Marketing.

South Florida is quickly emerging as a desired destination for start-ups and small businesses, with 139 companies on the *Inc. 5000* list. As the entrepreneur ecosystem continues to grow, the community must adapt to meet its needs. On May 23, Broward College announced the launch of its business accelerator, to be located at the downtown Fort Lauderdale campus on Las Olas Boulevard.

Business development programs from CareerSource Broward and others will partner with Broward College to create programming and provide mentorship and contacts to businesses across the South Florida corporate landscape through the accelerator. Curriculum will cover everything from coding and marketing to accounting and human resources, while the collaborative

environment will foster the exchange of best practices and ideas across ventures.

Located on the seventh floor, the new accelerator will continue building on the creative energy ignited by FAT Village and others with a split floorplan and characteristically cool features associated with the startup community. One side of the dedicated floor will cater to shared work and small meeting spaces surrounding a training and idea center with white boards, tables and décor to inspire creativity and collaboration. The other side of the space will be outfitted for networking events and business presentations with access to an expansive veranda overlooking bustling Las Olas Boulevard.

Broward County Sheriff's Advisory Council Donates \$100,000

The Broward College Foundation is proud to announce a new scholarship has been created by the Broward County Sheriff's Advisory Council.

During the May meeting, representatives from the advisory council ceremonially signed a \$100,000 check, launching the largest annual scholarship in the history of Broward College.

L-R: Veronika Thorne, George Weaver, Kathleen Windridge, Buddy Olen, Craig A. Tanner, Dr. Gerard Grau, Zachary Finn, Bob Pusins and David R. Maymon.

