

BROWARD COLLEGE UPDATE

FROM PRESIDENT J. DAVID ARMSTRONG, JR.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Broward College Celebrates Spring Commencement



More than 2,800 degrees and certificates were conferred at the 86th Commencement Ceremony held at the BB&T Center. During the event, President Armstrong conferred 2,007 associate degrees, 164 bachelor's degrees and 687 technical certificates to students who represented nearly 100 countries. The youngest graduate was 16 and the oldest graduate was 72.

The keynote address was delivered by Keith Koenig, president of City Furniture. Koenig offered an energizing address filled with practical wisdom, including six post-graduation tips: work hard, keep a good attitude, keep learning, volunteer, save your money and find balance in your life. Relive the moments from the big day — visit the [Graduation Recap](#) page.

Faculty and Staff Honored During Employee Recognition Day

The outstanding faculty and staff at the College were recognized during the 2017 Employee Recognition Ceremony at Bailey Hall. Since 1987, the event has been a way to honor deserving individuals who are committed to doing everything possible to help students succeed.

During the ceremony, the Professors and Adjuncts of the Year and the 2017 Endowed Teaching Chairs were acknowledged, as well as the Professional Technical Staff (PTS) Outstanding Achievement Award recipients. The Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) Unsung Hero Award was presented to Claudia Forero from North Campus for her efforts, which include an annual flower sale. Ed Key presented the Years of Service Ceremony to recognize longtime employees for their longevity and dedication. Among them was President Armstrong, who recently marked 10 years at the College.



President Armstrong honors Professor Patricia Joyce for her 45 years of service at the institution.

Women's Tennis Team Serves Up Fourth at NJAA Division 1 Championship



Front Row (L-R): Isidora Petkovic, Mariela Deplet, Lina Restrepo (assistant coach)

Standing: Marlana Hall, (head coach), Yasesky Abreu, Kiah Turner, Anastasiia Goncharova, Konomi Shida, Kaeli Smashey, Bianca Vitale, Angelique Pacheco (assistant coach).

The women's tennis team finished fourth in the NJAA (National Junior Athletic Association) Division 1 Championship tournament with 31 points in Tucson, Ariz. This is their third appearance in the national tournament. The Seahawks finished fifth in 2012 and fourth in 2015. Other highlights included Bianca Vitale winning the flight

four singles championship match over Oceane Garival of Tyler Junior College. The flight three doubles team of Isidora Petkovic and Anastasiia Goncharova made it to the finals. Congratulations to the team on a successful Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) state championship winning season.

Men's Baseball Players Named All-Southern Conference



CHRIS
CABRERA

ALEX
CARBALLO

AUSTIN
GENAO

ABDEL
GUADALUPE

DANIEL
REYES

Five men's baseball players were recently named All-Southern Conference. Cabrera, Guadalupe and Reyes were first team selections; Carballo and Genao garnered second team honors. Cabrera, Guadalupe and Reyes were also named FCSAA All-State. Cabrera and Guadalupe were first team selections and Reyes received second team honors.

Adriana Fazzano Ficano Named Among 2017 Hispanic Women of Distinction



Adriana Fazzano Ficano was named one of the 2017 Hispanic Women of Distinction within Broward and Palm Beach counties. Ficano will be recognized along with the 11 other honorees during the 16th Annual Charity Awards Luncheon on

August 25 at the Signature Grand. Last year, Marielena DeSanctis was a 2016 Hispanic Women of Distinction.

Broward College Continuing Education Program Receives Award

The Continuing Education Program at Broward College received the 2017 Education Partner Notable Newcomer Award from the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) at the 23rd Annual Education Partner's Conference in New Orleans, La. The award is presented to schools that demonstrate overall success during their initial first year of the certification course.



Diane Peart, Continuing Education director and Mindy Flood, regional partnership manager for Holmes Corporation.

SHRM is the world's largest human resource professional society offering globally recognized industry-based certifications and training, including the SHRM Certified Professional (CP) and SHRM Senior Certified Professional (SCP). Broward College began offering the SHRM CP/SCP course

in Fall 2016 with an inaugural cohort of 13 students completing the intensive program. One hundred percent passed the SHRM SCP certification exam.

Broward Symphonic Band Gains National Attention



The Broward Symphonic Band (BSB) took the stage May 6 to perform at the 39th Annual National Convention. Organized by the Association of Concert Bands at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, the BSB were among nine community bands from across the country selected for the prestigious five-day event. With more than 100 performers overall, the band is made up of teenagers, students, working professionals, and retirees.

In order to be selected, the BSB submitted audio recordings and background materials to a selection committee. Earlier in the week, the BSB had a pre-convention performance at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in a joint concert with fellow convention performers Gold Coast Community Band from Boynton Beach.

American Dream Summit Exceeds Expectations

The Broward College inaugural American Dream Summit at the Signature Grand was a resounding success. The day began with a breakfast presentation featuring keynote speaker Captain Barrington Irving, Jr., a Broward College alumnus who set two Guinness World Records at only 23 years of age – becoming both the youngest and the first black pilot to fly solo around the world. Irving was followed by storytelling expert Andy Henriquez, author of “Show Up for Your Life.”

Students were able to attend a job fair, have professional headshots taken, and participate in workshops on “Financial Responsibility” and “Interview and Office Etiquette,” sponsored by Wells Fargo and Geico respectively. Broward College Foundation board member Richard Suss of UBS Financial Services chaired the event, which featured fellow Foundation board members, College leadership, donors, distinguished alumni, and community and business leaders who volunteered their time and served students as one-on-one advice “coaches.”



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L to R: Rajeev Brown, project manager for Experience Aviation and Broward College alumnus Captain Barrington Irving, Jr.



Director of Annual Giving Named

Judith Conmy has joined the Office of Advancement as the new director of Annual Giving. The Broward County native brings seven years of fundraising experience.

Conmy has a bachelor’s degree with a concentration in Public Administration and a master’s degree in Non-Profit Management from the University of Central Florida. She previously works for Florida Atlantic University where she also served as the director of Annual Giving.

Upcoming Events @ Broward College

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 6 p.m. — Bold Beauty Project Exhibit Opening Reception, North Regional Library, North Campus, Coconut Creek

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 8 a.m. — Refugees Keeping the American Dream Alive Symposium, Central Campus, Bldg. 1008, Room 104

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 10:30 a.m. — Naturalization Ceremony, Omni Auditorium, North Campus, Coconut Creek

Dinner at the Square Panel Discussed Government's Role in Fighting Poverty



Jack Seiler (left), Chip LaMarca (second from left), and President Armstrong pose with panelists Jeremie Greer, Maria Hernandez, and Sue Gallagher at the final Dinner at the Square event. The topic, "What is the Government's Role in Fighting Poverty?" had the panelists discussing situational poverty, generational poverty, and the current measures that could be expanded or eliminated to move people above the poverty line.

Associate Dean of Nursing Recognized



Dr. Linda Washington (third from left) was recently named among the Most Powerful and Influential Black Leaders in Business and Industry for 2017 by Legacy South Florida magazine. She is pictured standing alongside fellow honorees at the Health Care Heroes Award ceremony, organized by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, where she also was recognized as a finalist.

Faculty Member Participates in Opening of Nation's First Educational Honeybee Micro Apiary



Angel Rodriguez shared his bee expertise at the grand opening of the first educational micro apiary at Tradewinds Park, hosted by Broward County Parks & Recreation and the South Florida Bee Association. He has been working with the Urban Farming Institute to develop the curriculum that is used to teach students.

May Candle Lighting Ceremony



The Health Science Pathway honored its 99 Associate of Science in Nursing graduates with a candle lighting ceremony at Bailey Hall. Broward College alumnus and Cleveland Clinic nurse manager Emma Lopez delivered the keynote speech.

Students Recognized at Awards Ceremony



Members of the Model United Nations received a special recognition during the Honors Awards Celebration 2017 at South Campus. The Robert “Bob” Elmore Honors College also presented plaques and certificates to scholarship winners, students dedicated to community service and other categories.

College Receives Junior Achievement Award



President Armstrong accepts an award on behalf of the College at the Marti Huizinga Roll Up Your Sleeves Awards at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. The award is given to individuals and organizations which have gone above and beyond to volunteer with JA of South Florida. Pictured (L to R): President Armstrong; Pam Huizinga Alexander; Laurie Sallarulo, Junior Achievement of South Florida president and CEO; Monica McNeerney, vice president of operations for JA.

Nurses Club Volunteers at Health Fair



Members of the South Campus Student Nurses Association volunteered their time to provide health screenings at a health fair hosted by the Women’s Breast and Heart Initiative. The events took place at CVS stores in Deerfield Beach and Pompano Beach.

Will and Jo Holcombe American Dream Scholarship



L to R: Board of Trustees Chair John Benz, President Willis Holcombe and President Armstrong.

Dr. Willis Holcombe, former Broward College president, spoke about the Broward College President's American Dream Scholarship at the May board meeting.

Last fall, Dr. Joe Rushing, the very first president of Broward College, decided he wanted to show his strong belief in the American Dream Scholarship. He reached out to his friend Holcombe, another former president, to help. Together they established the Broward College Presidents' American Dream Initiative.

Rushing and Holcombe committed to supporting the scholarship with \$5,000 for their lifetimes. Rushing went one step further, funding the endowment portion of the initiative that will serve future students in perpetuity. President Armstrong has also committed to annually supporting the scholarship.

Board of Trustees Support Resolution of Florida Governor Veto

Members of the Board of Trustees passed a resolution in support of a Florida Governor Rick Scott veto on the proposed education appropriations bill at the May board meeting. Board members announced their commitment to stand alongside sister institutions in denouncing the Florida legislature proposed budget to decrease state funding to all 28 colleges by \$30.2 million. If passed, Broward College would experience a \$2.3 million cut in funding, impacting support programs such as remedial education and tutoring.

Annual Performance Report Shows Positive Trend



Dr. Deborah Posner presented the Annual Performance Report along with Dr. Avis Proctor and Dr. Mildred Coyne. The College is on target to meet its goals and strategies related to completion, retention and enrollment. The highlight of the presentation was the announcement that one hundred percent of students were identified to a pathway and assigned an academic advisor for the first time.

Coyne also shared that Broward College is number one in the state for industry certifications for the fourth time. Students received a total of 1,339 certifications, which will earn the institution \$1.1 million in estimated funding; half of which will be allocated to the departments that have helped to prepare students for certification. The pathways with the highest number of certifications include Health Sciences, Public Safety, STEM, and IMCT.

Aerospace Maintenance Competition Club Soars at National Event



L to R: President Armstrong, Sean Gallagan (associate dean), Tom Garrido (professor and team coach), Oscar Romo, Xu Chen, Ivan Zevallos, and Russell McCaffery (dean) pose for photo with the Board of Trustees to mark the success of the Aerospace Maintenance Club. Not pictured: Diego LaRotta and Josh Guadalupe.

Students from the Aerospace Maintenance Competition Club were recognized during the May board meeting for winning national awards at the MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) Americas Show in Orlando. The event is one of the premiere gatherings for aviation professionals. Members of the club won the electrical troubleshooting competition, beating out 50 other teams with a 6.38-minute finish. The students from the College also took the top spot in

Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Broadcast (ADS-B), which is aircraft to aircraft surveillance. The average time for this event was 13.51 minutes, but the Broward College students did it in 7.41 minutes. In addition, Ivan Zevallos, club president, received the Student Leadership Award from Student Life. Oscar Romo, club secretary, won the Academic Student Award.

Retirements



FRANK PERONEL (left) began at Broward College in 1997 and is retiring after 20 years. He most recently served as journeyman and HVAC technician.

CHARLES WINDLER began at the College in 1989 and is retiring after 28 years. He most recently served as history and political science professor.

SUSAN STEMBER began at the College in 2007 and is retiring after 10 years. She most recently served as senior executive assistant to Dr. Avis Proctor.

College Policy Changes Approved by BOT

At the May Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved revisions to College Policy 6Hx2-4.11 regarding Program Acceleration. **CLICK HERE** to review a redline of the approved revisions to the policy.