

# BROWARD COLLEGE UPDATE

FROM PRESIDENT J. DAVID ARMSTRONG, JR.

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## COLLEGE NEWS



### Broward College Named to Aspen Top Ten for the Third Time

The Aspen Institute has named the College as a Top Ten Finalist for the 2019 Aspen Prize, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance in America's community colleges. This is the third time Broward College has made the Top Ten List, previously nominated in 2013 and 2017. Awarded every two years, the \$1 million Aspen Prize identifies institutions for their outstanding outcomes in four areas: student learning; certificate and degree completion; employment and earnings; and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students.

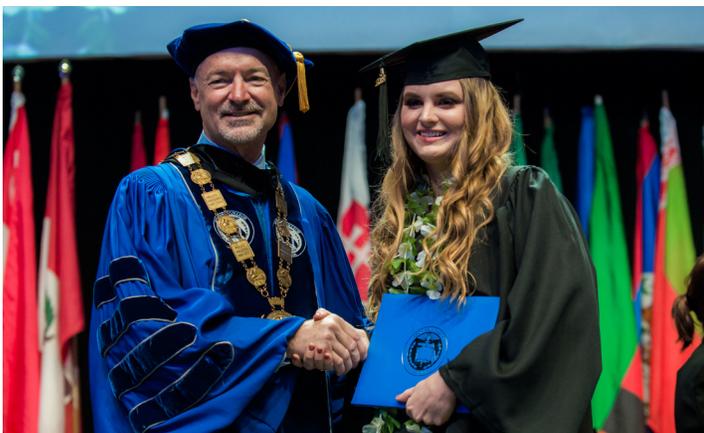
### Board of Trustees Names Greg Haile as Next President

The Board of Trustees has named Gregory Adam Haile, Esq. to become the seventh president of Broward College. Haile is expected to assume office in July 2018.

The Trustees voted unanimously for the appointment, citing his knowledge of the community, successful work with the College and passion for education as convincing factors. Since 2011, Haile has been at the forefront of Broward College as its general counsel and vice president for Public Policy and Government Affairs.



### Record Number of Associate Degrees Awarded for Spring



Spring 2018 commencement marked one of the largest graduating classes in the history of Broward College with 2,916 associate degrees awarded to students who met their

academic requirements. The 88th graduation ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 8, at the BB&T Center in Sunrise. The College conferred more than 5,000 bachelor's and associate degrees, and technical certificates. Graduates ranged in age from 16 to 79 years old, representing almost 100 countries. Participants in the Broward College World Conference, consisting of representatives from current and future international centers and affiliates as well as United States university counterparts, were present. The keynote address was delivered by Mike Jackson, CEO of AutoNation, Inc. Jackson is recognized as one of the most influential and effective leaders in the automotive industry.

## Broward College Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Avis Proctor Named an Aspen Institute Presidential Fellow



Dr. Proctor is among a distinguished group of 40 Aspen Presidential Fellows selected from more than 1,000 institutions across the United States who will embark on a 10-month fellowship beginning in July 2018.

The Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence is a leadership program aimed at preparing the next generation of community college presidents to transform institutions to achieve high and equitable levels of student success both in college and in the labor market. Delivered in collaboration with the Stanford Educational Leadership Initiative, the fellows will work with mentors as well as current and former community college presidents who have achieved exceptional outcomes for students throughout their careers.

## Broward College Hosts World Conference



From May 8 to 11, the College hosted the BC World Conference 2018 in Fort

Lauderdale, Florida. More than 70 representatives from international partnership centers and affiliates, potential partners and U.S. university counterparts were in attendance. Under the theme “Building Bridges to American Higher Education,” sessions included networking opportunities, presentations on Workforce Education and Economic Development, Institutional Effectiveness, Effective College Teaching, Active Learning Strategies, and Adopting Standards for Improved Online Classes. Presenters included President Armstrong, members of the College’s executive team and administrators from local universities.

## Dinner at the Square Explores “A Free Market for Education”



*L to R: President J. David Armstrong; Joy Frank, general counsel and legislative liaison of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents; Kerry-Ann Royes, CEO of YWCA; William Mattox, director of the J. Stanley Marshall Center for Educational Options at The James Madison Institute; and Robert Runcie, superintendent, Broward County School Board.*

The event, held at Funky Buddha Brewery in Oakland Park on Wednesday, May 2 took a dive into the economics of education. Moderated by Broward County School Board Superintendent Robert Runcie, the debate focused on charter, public, and private schools and provided guests the opportunity to deliberate on who does it best and most cost-effectively.

Questions were directed towards panelists Joy Frank, general counsel and legislative liaison of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents; William Mattox, director of the J. Stanley Marshall Center for Educational Options at The James Madison Institute; and Kerry-Ann Royes, CEO of YWCA, education blogger and parent.

The next Broward College Village Square Dinner at the Square will be held on June 6 on the topic, “Does your voice count?”

## Featured Graduates

### Mardwina Lasseur



Mardwina was one of only six awardees selected from across the United States to participate in the DREAM 2018 conference in Nashville, Tennessee. This conference brought together more than 2,300 higher education leaders, policy-makers, thought leaders, and exceptional students. She was also named as a Jack Kent Cooke semi-finalist. As an Honors Scholarship recipient, Mardwina says she probably wouldn't have been able to attend Broward College without the financial assistance. Throughout her time in college, she worked part-time in the Student Affairs department while attending classes and volunteering at Memorial Regional Hospital.

### Jadd Ahmad



Jadd is a 22-year-old Palestinian-American Muslim who has done exceptionally well in his academic studies. He boasts a 3.91 GPA and was named a 2018 Jack Kent Cooke semifinalist. However, what is most impressive is his dedication to service and the community. His involvement includes a feeding program for the homeless in downtown Fort Lauderdale, as well as the Minority Male Initiative, a program aimed at helping young men of color achieve their academic dream and the Muslim Student Association.

### Patricia Davis and Kenneth McCray



Patricia Davis and her son Kenneth McCray have overcome adversity their whole lives. In 1999 when Kenneth was six, his father died from an undetected aneurysm. Six years later Patricia was diagnosed with a rare form of lymphoma. Young Kenneth, barely a teenager, focused on taking care of his mother. He put everything else in his life on hold. It appeared the worst was behind them when Patricia was able to start working again. Then a few years later the office where she was employed closed and within a year, mother and son were homeless. This experience didn't deter them from achieving their goals. On May 8, 51-year-old Patricia earned her A.S. in Criminal Justice and 25-year-old Kenneth graduated with an A.A. in Computer Science. Earning their diplomas together couldn't be more rewarding for the two.

## Five Seahawks Named All-Southern Conference Players

Izzy Morales, Raquel Galvez, Grasy Gomez, Sami Kelley, and Jessica McCallister were named to the Women's Softball All-Southern Conference. Morales was a first-team selection. Galvez, Gomez, Kelley, and McCallister received second-team honors.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Dinner at the Square: Does Your Voice Count?**  
June 6, 6:45–8:30 p.m.  
Funky Buddha Brewery, Oakland Park
- **Continuous Improvement Conference**  
July 29 – 31, Judson A. Samuel South Campus

## Broward College Joins in Honoring Pat Tillman



For the third year, Broward College South Campus hosted the Arizona State University (ASU) Alumni Club Florida Chapter's annual Pat Tillman Honor Run. Led by Greg Haile, general counsel and vice president for Public Policy and Government Affairs, the run honors Pat Tillman who attended Arizona State University, and went on to play professional football

with the Arizona Cardinals. He later left the league to serve in the U.S. Army and died in combat. Haile attended ASU at the same time with Tillman. The Broward College run is one of over 30 held nationwide and is the only one in Florida. Proceeds will benefit the Tillman Scholar Program, which awards scholarships to veterans and their spouses.

**BAILEY HALL**  
at Broward College

### Bailey Hall Launches 2018-19 Season

Bailey Hall has announced its new Mainstage Series featuring award-winning vocalist Lee Ann Womack (Sept. 22), ground-breaking performance ensemble Urban Bush Women (Sept. 29), the world-class musicianship and cinematic storytelling of the Guy Mendilow Ensemble (Nov. 16), legendary flamenco dancer Farruquito (Feb. 1), the all-improvised comedy of Broadway's Next Hit Musical (Feb. 23) and the live multimedia event Bella Gaia delivering the breathtaking wonder of space (April 26). Tickets are available at [www.baileyhall.org](http://www.baileyhall.org).

## “We are Honored”



Outstanding members of the Broward College Robert “Bob” Elmore Honors College were recognized on Thursday, April 12, for their academic achievements during the annual Awards Ceremony held at the PCAT on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus.

## Recognizing Visionaries



At the North Campus Library, a pinning ceremony was held on April 26 to honor ten students who completed the Vision Care Technology/Opticianry program. The pinning ceremony has been held annually for the past six years.

## ...Because We’re Happy People!



Broward College staff couldn’t help being a part of the Happiest 5K on the planet. The team of 20, led by President Armstrong, joined the color run as part of the BC Plays initiative.

## Rosemary Duffy Larson Trusts Provides Additional \$50,000 to Expand Classical Music Series

The Broward College Foundation will use the gift to expand the Rosemary Duffy Larson Classical Music Series which was created in 2017. Through an initial endowment of \$250,000, the series was designed to raise awareness of classical music and the value of music education. It engages Broward



*Mrs. Larson with President Armstrong at the opening of the Rosemary Duffy Larson Art Gallery in December of 2012.*

College students in high-quality solo and chamber music, affording them the opportunity to work with guest artists in a master class setting while giving world-class soloists and ensembles the opportunity to perform at Bailey Hall. Dr. Jure Rozman, assistant professor of Music and recipient of the Rotary Club’s Endowed Teaching Chair, serves as artistic director for the series. The increased funding will provide the community access to additional shows during the 2018-19 academic year at two other performing arts venues at the College – the Performing Cultural Arts Theatre on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus in Pembroke Pines and OMNI Auditorium on the North Campus in Coconut Creek.

Mrs. Larson, who died in August 2016, was an avid supporter of Broward College. Her gifts fund scholarships and programs.

## BOARD MEETING NEWS

### Foundation Recognizes CEO of American National Bank – Ginger Martin

Executive Director of the Broward College Foundation and Vice President of Advancement, Nancy Botero used the opportunity to thank Martin for her support to the institution and its students. Martin, who is CEO of American National Bank, was instrumental in getting the bank to be the title sponsor of the upcoming American Dream Summit in November. She will serve as the keynote speaker at the event which will be followed by a job fair and 30-minute personal development workshops for all Broward College scholarship students. Martin is one of the most respected CEOs in the field of banking, is a member of Operation Mobilization whose mission is to raise awareness of and funds to fight human trafficking is an avid mountain climber and Ted Talk presenter.



*L to R: Nancy Botero, executive director of the Broward College Foundation and vice president of Advancement, Ginger Martin, COE of American National Bank and President Armstrong.*

## Greg Haile Signs Employment Contract

In May, the Board of Trustees officially signed its employment contract with Greg Haile. The agreement includes the terms and conditions of his employment when he assumes the post as the seventh president of Broward College on July 1. In addition to a base salary, the contract provides a modest motor vehicle allowance, salary adjustments tied to performance as in the case of all non-bargaining unit employees, and approval for Haile to use his vacation time to teach at institutions like Harvard as he has for the last several years. The agreement is for a three-year term and requires an annual evaluation.



*(Seated) Greg Haile, president elect, Broward College and John Benz, chairman, Broward College Board of Trustees get ready to sign the contract. Witnessing the signing (l-r) Trustees Mike Rump, Gloria Fernandez, David Maymon, Rajesh Gupta; and President Armstrong.*

## Outstanding Phi Beta Kappa Students Honored

Students at three Broward College locations have been awarded Golden Opportunity Scholarships from Phi Theta Kappa, the world's largest and most prestigious honor society for two-year colleges.



*Julia Philyaw, associate vice president of academic affairs (left), and Quakish Liner, district director of the Robert "Bob" Elmore Honors College (right) share the moment with honorees Mardwina Lasseur, Isaac Hibbert and Micah Hibbert.*

The scholarship reduces the cost of PTK membership and allows students access to transfer scholarships.

The recipients are:

Broward College (Broward County) – *Mardwina Lasseur, Isaac Hibbert, Micah Hibbert, Maria del Pino, Brittney Bailey.*

ACHE (Sri Lanka) – *Heshan Herath, Thavishka Gamage, Indeewara Angunawela.*

Broward College (Ecuador) – *Ivanna Sarmiento, Jorge Wohlgemuth, Jose Perez, Freddy Moreno, Santiago Saa, Isabella Perez, Jose Mendez.*

The Omega Phi Chapter of PTK also received an amazing designation at this year's annual convention. It was one of only 123 to receive national recognition from among 1,300 chapters.

## Emerging Leaders Honor President Armstrong



The group which includes administrators and staff at the College recognized President Armstrong at the May Board meeting for launching the Broward College Emerging Leaders in 2014 and his dedication to growing the talent pool of community leaders. In addition to a plaque, the Emerging Leaders presented President Armstrong with a check for \$1,000 towards the recently launched J. David Armstrong Student Venture Fund.

## Retirement



*L to R: Rolando Garcia, president of the Judson A. Samuels South Campus; Sherill Pelatti; and President Armstrong.*

**Sherill Pelatti** has been with Broward College for nearly 20 years, with the last 14 years in the Student Life department. She has been described by her colleagues as dedicated, hardworking, and is known for putting student's needs first. Pelatti became an official alumnus of Broward College in 2007 when she earned her Associate of Arts degree in Art History.

As she ends this chapter with Broward College, she looks forward to starting a new one as a full-time grandmother.