

Broward College Update

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FROM J. DAVID ARMSTRONG, JR., PRESIDENT

Governor Scott Appoints Dr. Rajendra Gupta and Mike Rump to the Broward College District Board of Trustees

Governor Rick Scott recently announced the appointments of **Dr. Rajendra Gupta** and **Mike Rump** to the Broward College District Board of Trustees.

“It is my honor to welcome Rajendra and Mike to the Board of Trustees,” said John Benz, chair of the Broward College District Board of Trustees. “We look forward to working closely with them to ensure student success and assist the College in its higher education mission.”

Dr. Gupta, 68, of Fort Lauderdale, is a physician at R.P. Gupta and Associates. He previously served as a member on the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees. Gupta received his bachelor’s degree from Rajrishi College and his medical doctorate degree from Sawai Man Singh Medical College. He succeeds Sean Guerin and is appointed for a term beginning September 25, 2015, and ending May 31, 2019.

Rump, 55, of Coral Springs, is the president of Continental Public Adjusters, Inc. He currently serves as president of the Florida Association of Public Insurance Adjusters Board of Directors. Rump received his bachelor’s degree from Stephen F. Austin State University. He succeeds Pamela Stephany and is appointed for a term beginning September 25, 2015, and ending May 31, 2019.



DR. RAJENDRA GUPTA



MIKE RUMP

The Broward College District Board of Trustees is a five-member group of community leaders with diverse backgrounds who provide dedicated leadership to the College and its activities. As the governing board of the College, they are the stewards of Broward College’s commitment to excellence, while they guide the College and implement the goals enumerated in their mission. As a team, this group is fully engaged in providing a future that offers increased higher education opportunities for Broward County residents.

Minority Business Group Taps Broward College As Local Business of the Year



*Judy Schmelzer (left) and
Dr. Avis Proctor.*

Broward College’s innovative outreach to minority businesses earned the college the Southern Florida Minority Supplier Development Council’s “Local Business of the Year” award.

“Shark Tank for Business,” “Chopped” (a competition to select the new caterer for Broward College), and “How to Build a Multi-Million Dollar Company,” were some of the activities hosted by the college to help minority and small businesses grow and prosper.

The awards were presented at the council’s 40th annual awards gala, held at Jungle Island in Miami on September 25.

Dicky Sykes, Broward College’s district director for supplier relations and diversity, was also named the recipient of the council’s Crystal to an individual or organization that provides exemplary contributions, and demonstrates commitment to minority business development.

Broward College Hosted First 24-hour Student Hackathon

Broward College hosted its first 24-hour Hackathon this past weekend to provide the opportunity for students, regardless of their area of study or prior computer programming experience, to collaborate, plan, create and then pitch their coding projects to a panel of local technology leaders. More than 70 students from Broward College, Palm Beach State College and McFatter Technical High School participated, working together in small teams that had a variety of different skillsets, including developers, designers and non-technical students. As a result, there were



Students Gokhan Gunes and Edward Ortiz working on a project at the Broward College Hackathon.

many innovative and creative projects, ranging from educational websites, payment and tracking applications, handmade robots to 3D printing creations. “Technology is an essential component of virtually all industries. As Florida’s tech industry continues to grow and technological devices

play an ever-more vital role in our everyday lives, the skills to understand, develop, program and support technology become increasingly important,” said Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr. “I believe this event helped address the technology talent gap issue that today’s workforce is currently facing, while also developing the student talent pool and ultimately supporting the thriving tech sector in Broward County.”

Tim Hasse, co-founder of General Provision; Chris Caputo, CEO of Metro Media Works; and Maria de Pena, president of Code Explorers, served as judges during the final presentations. They selected six outstanding projects for awards in the following categories:

- Best Overall (Judge’s Pick): Nerd Up, a code sharing instant messaging app, which better allows programmers to connect and work collaboratively on projects together. Student creators include (left to right) Carla Heywood, Henry Mauricio Baquero, Jacob Christensen and Samantha Johnson.



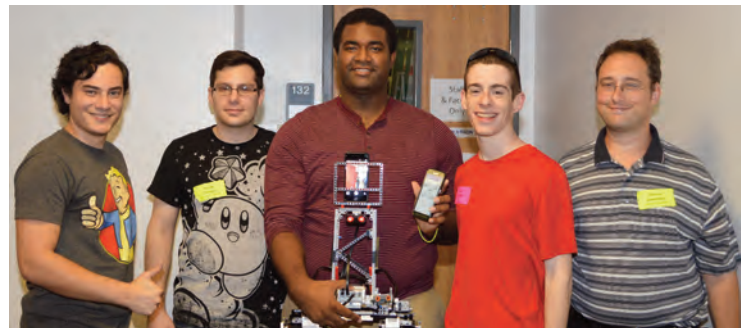
- Most Innovative Idea: Check Me Out, a payment app allowing users to avoid long lines at grocery stores or warehouse clubs by scanning, checking out and paying for products on their cell phones. Student creators include Christian Horton, Daniel McVay, Weing Leung, Hyejin Kang and Thiago Novaes.

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President Armstrong introduces the final student presentations.

- Best Presentation: Easy Scholar, an app allowing students to search for and save various scholarship opportunities available to them. Student creators include Patrick Caron, Patrice Dillard, Vanessa Osorio, Kevin Diniz and Giuseppe Bini.
- Crowd Favorite: BC Robotics, a prototype robot that uses smartphone technology. Student creators include (left to right) Stephen Gallagan, Robert Eassey, Andres De Jesus, Marc Goldbach and Steven Swedleson.



- Sponsor’s Favorite, presented by AAJ Technologies, which would best benefit the community and create revenue: InRhythm, a search engine for musicians to identify fellow musicians to collaborate with for future opportunities. Student creators include Yana Kerch, Kishon Diaz, Juan Membreno and Natalie Hinds.
- Code for a Cause, a project addressing a social or civic need related to sustainability, education, public health or transportation: Over Watch, a mobile GPS location-based tracking technology that allows users to ensure a loved one, such as a child or elderly family member, arrived safely at their destination, alerting users if they remained immobile for an extended period of time. Student creators include David Shvimer, Derrian Wilson, Dylan Stuart, Tsung Ng, Andrew Gallagan, Vagner Domingues and Ronald Baxter.

Sponsors for the Hackathon included AAJ Technologies, Vijilan, Cengage Learning, Sartosoft, Knowledge Convey and General Provision.

For more information, visit www.bchackathon.com.

First Dinner at the Square Focuses on Cuba



The first Village Square “Dinner at the Square” event for the 2015-2016 school year brought approximately 150 business leaders, philanthropists and community leaders to the Tower Club in Fort Lauderdale. The topic for the event was “South Florida on Cuba: We Can Cross the Strait, but Can We Bridge the Gap of Distrust?”



Left to right: Michael Putney, Marili Cancio, Archbishop Thomas Wenski, President J. David Armstrong, Jr.

The October 14 event’s speakers were Archbishop Thomas Wenski leader of the Archdiocese of Miami; WPLG-TV analyst Michael Putney; and attorney Marili Cancio, from the law firm Cancio Johnson Attorneys at Law.

Upcoming Dinner at the Square events at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts:

Feb. 10 — Topic: Institutional Racism

May 11 — Topic: Mass Transportation in Broward County

Join us for **TAKE-OUT TUESDAYS** — bring your favorite take-out dinner and learn about a local, state or national topic. Events are free and open to the public.

Location: Broward College Downtown Campus.

Nov. 17, 2015 — Topic: Minimum Wage

Jan. 26, 2016 — Topic: Penny Sales Tax in Broward

April 19, 2016 — Topic: TBA

For further information, visit <http://bit.ly/1IFkctx> or www.broward.edu/villagesquare.

Broward College to Award \$200K for MLK Day Projects



Broward College, in partnership with the 2016 MLK Day of Service Advisory Board, received \$200,000 from the Florida Legislature to fund community volunteer projects that aim to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy, and transform Monday, January 18 into a day of volunteerism in the community.

Broward College now is accepting applications from non-profits, volunteer groups, K-12 schools, colleges and universities, governments, civic and service organizations, churches and other community groups, and will award up to \$5,000 to support projects honoring the MLK Day of Service.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, October 30. To apply, visit www.broward.edu/MLKservice.

Exhibit Reflects on Veterans, Suicide

Twenty-two candles, 22 pairs of boots and shoes, and 22 plastic toy soldiers were among the sobering subject matter used in compositions created by adjunct art professor Richard White’s art appreciation students in an extra-credit project he recently gave them. After discussing the veterans who die by their own hands, students were challenged to find, or create, an image giving voice to the tragedy. Their efforts are on display on the fifth floor corridor of Building 33 at the Holcombe Center in a poignant, thoughtful exhibit.



President Armstrong with Professor Richard White.

Block Party Enlivens Downtown Center

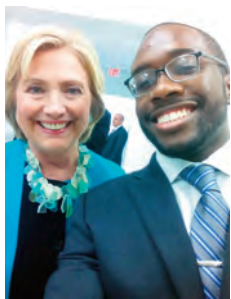
Broward College, Florida Atlantic University (FAU), and Nova Southeastern University (NSU) came together October 15 to showcase the facilities and offerings of their institutions at the third annual Block Party for Higher Education.

Broward College created the event three years ago, and FAU and NSU joined the event that brings potential students and others to the block-long festival running along Las Olas Boulevard.

In addition to the college and universities were the Broward Sheriff's Office; Take Stock in Children; the Broward County Library and other community organizations; cultural performances by the Senior Moments Band; spoken word artist Zoharian Williams; the Broward Sheriff's Office's DOD Jazz Band; and street entertainment by Broward College mascot, Sammy Seahawk and FAU mascot Owlsley. There also was a screening of the film "There Once Was an Island."



Broward College Student Introduces Clinton at Rally



When Hillary Clinton came to Broward County for a campaign rally at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus on October 2, she was introduced by Darnel Joseph, a student at Broward College.

Joseph said he looks back on the afternoon as "one of the most nerve-wracking experiences of my life." "I don't think anything truly prepared me for the experience of speaking in front of hundreds of screaming people," he said.

And a breath later, Joseph says he would not have missed the experience for anything. He even got a chance for a one-on-one chat with Sen. Clinton.

"While we were in the holding area, I got to talk to her," Joseph said. "She's a very nice person, and I really enjoyed talking with her. She asked me what I planned to study, and I said computer science. She said, 'Smart choice.' I was expecting her to talk to me about politics, but she didn't."

Joseph, who was dually enrolled at Broward College while a student at South Plantation High School, plans to complete his higher education at Stanford University; The University of California, Berkeley; or the University of Florida.

SACS Approves IUSC as Broward's Sixth International Center

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges, its regional accrediting body, recently approved Broward College's affiliate in Santa Cruz, Bolivia -- the International University of Santa Cruz, (IUSC) — to offer Broward College courses leading to the Associate in Arts degree at its location. With that approval, IUSC becomes Broward's sixth international center, joining other locations in Vietnam, India, Sri Lanka, Peru, and Ecuador.



Dr. David Moore and his staff at the Greene International Education Institute have been working with IUSC for more than three years to achieve the designation.

The International University of Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, now is an international center of Broward College. In an English-speaking environment, the university provides a high level of academic excellence that enables students to contribute in an increasingly global society. IUSC students will have an academic program that will enable them to transfer to a U.S., Canadian, or other international university to complete their undergraduate degrees.

Broward College Awarded \$2.2M Grant from DOE

Designated by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, Broward College received a \$2.2 million Title V grant to strengthen and expand educational opportunities for Hispanic and low-income students. The program provides grants to make college more attainable for Hispanic students, and allows institutions to enhance their academic offerings and program quality by providing opportunities for faculty and curriculum development, academic tutoring and mentoring, and other services.

This grant will be used to pilot, evaluate, and scale program activities within Broward College's Business Career pathway, with a specific focus on entry-level courses in accounting, marketing, and business administration. Funds also will be used to provide students, who may be struggling academically, with the specialized support they need to improve their performance and become more engaged with their studies.

Project planning currently is underway. Program goals include increasing achievement of credit milestones, decreasing time to attain degrees, and increasing completion of academic programs among Hispanic, minority, and low-income students. Special focus will be given to closing achievement gaps among Hispanic and low-income students, compared to the success rates of all students.

The College is among 96 Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) that will receive more than \$51 million in new awards.

Shoemaker Remains Top Professor



For the second year in a row, Melinda Shoemaker, an associate professor in behavioral science, ranked Number One on mtvU's RateMyProfessors.com's list of "Top 25 Professors at Junior and Community Colleges." This marks the fourth year that she ranked as a highest-rated professor by Rate-MyProfessors.com.

According to mtvU, the rankings are based entirely on students' input. Students rate professors on several dimensions, including clarity and helpfulness. RateMyProfessors.com is built for college students by college students, and is the highest-trafficked U.S. college professor rating site.

Kondelik Reflects on Life After the Final Curtain Call



Lorraine Hansberry's award-winning play, "A Raisin in the Sun," is the final theatrical production Professor Deborah Kondelik will undertake at Broward College before beginning retirement. Kondelik recently took time to reflect on her career at Broward College.

"I believe there are many endings and beginnings in our lives. With each there are mixed feelings," Kondelik said. "My students have given so very much to me. In my work they have been the endless fuel. I will miss them terribly. I stay in touch with the many alumni and will continue to do so. There will be an emptiness that nothing will truly fill."



Kondelik will retire, but promises she will stay active.

"I have already been cast in a professional production at the Arts Garage in Delray Beach," she said. "I have dreams of creating my own company and do devised theatre.

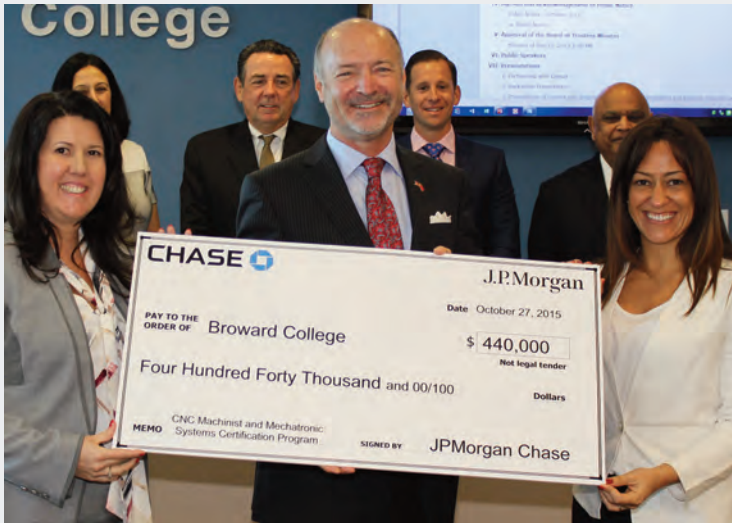
Devised theatre is a form of theatre that is highly collaborative, creative, and original. "

Kondelik leaves Broward College with plenty of trophies and accolades. "I was fortunate to be awarded three endowed teaching chairs, a professor of the year award on Central Campus, and several excellence in directing awards from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival," she said. "These were wonderful and much appreciated. However, if I were to speak about the high points of my career at Broward College, it wouldn't be an award or even a particular production that I directed. The high points of my career have been the growth and successes of my many student actors. To inspire them to be their best and then witness the pride, skill, and confidence they exude is by far the highest point of my career at Broward."

News From the October Board of Trustees Meeting

JP Morgan Chase Grant

JP Morgan Chase committed \$440,000 to help Broward College launch the new Advanced Manufacturing Certification Program, which combines mechanical and electronics skills training, preparing graduates to become computerized numerical control operators.



Senior Vice President, Market Manager Business Banking, JP Morgan Chase Teresa Boyd (left) and Vice President Relationship Manager, Global Philanthropy, JPMorgan Chase Maria Escorcía with Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr.

“We are constantly committed to supporting the immediate needs of our community and workforce, and funding for this new program allow us to continue that mission by offering a new certificate to our students that will prepare and train them to meet the critical demands of the manufacturing industry,” said Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr.

The Advanced Manufacturing Certification Program’s focus is to produce highly skilled, qualified workers that can be employed as CNC Machine Operators to support our local workforce. The Program is part of a larger strategy to create a mechatronics training hub supporting the area’s manufacturing industry.

Earlier in the day, Broward College hosted a Manufacturing Roundtable with several local manufacturing employers, including Nipro Diagnostics, Hoerbiger Corporation of America, South Florida Manufacturer’s Association (SFMA), MAPEI and Sonny’s. Mildred Coyne, Executive Director of Workforce Education and Economic Development, moderated. They discussed the evolution of the manufacturing industry, the persistent skills gap issue, due to an aging workforce and a shortage of trained workers to fill vacant positions, as well as how Broward College works to provide our students with the skills training and preparation they need to enter this in-demand field.

Guerin and Stephany Recognized for Their Service



During the preliminaries, former trustees Sean Guerin and Pamela Stephany were recognized for their years of outstanding service on the Broward College District Board of Trustees. Guerin, appointed to the Board in 2007, served as Chairman for five years and Stephany, appointed in 2011, was formerly the vice chair.

A Special Thank You



Representative George R. Moraitis, Jr., was recognized at the board meeting for his outstanding contribution and support of Broward College during the 2015 Legislative Session.