Broward College Update

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New Rankings Place Broward College at the Top



Broward College was recently recognized as a top college in the nation by *Community College Week*. During the 2014-15 academic year, Broward College received the following rankings in the publication's **Top 100 Associate Degree Producers** 2016 report:

- Sixth in the nation for conferring associate degrees
- Third in the nation on the list of Top 50 Associate Degrees for Liberal Arts & Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities
- Rose from ninth to second place for conferring one-year certificates
- Fourth in the nation for associate degrees conferred to all minorities

- Second in the nation for associate degrees conferred to African American students
- Seventh in the nation for associate degrees conferred to Hispanic students

Other recent rankings include:

- Ranked fourth overall in the OnlineColleges.com Top Colleges 2016 Rankings
- Ranked as the most affordable four-year online college in the state by OnlineColleges.com Top Colleges 2016 Rankings
- Ranked as one of the best four year vocational and trade schools in the nation by Community for Accredited Online Schools

Broward College Releases 2016-2017 Annual Security Report

The Department of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness released its 2016-2017 Annual Security Report & Safety information. The annual report, required by federal law, contains policy statements and crime statistics for the College. It provides procedures and programs, as well as three years' worth of statistics for certain types of crimes that were reported to have occurred on campus, in or on campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the College and on public property within or immediately adjacent to the campus.

To view the entire report, visit **broward.edu/safety**. The department encourages the College community to print a copy for their files. A limited number of copies are also available at the Campus Safety offices.



ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT

Innovation Takes Center Stage at 2016 Hackathon



For the second year, the Broward College Computer Science Department hosted the 2016 Hackathon competition between Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15. Over the course of 24 hours, young technology enthusiasts from universities and colleges across Broward County were challenged to develop new software programs.

More than 60 students from Broward College, Miami Dade College and Florida Atlantic University worked together in twelve teams to develop a range of applications and software during the 24-hour Hackathon. "Best Overall" was awarded to Team Use-Full for its mobile application, Waste Naught.





Broward College to Host the Florida Senate Debate

Candidates for the U.S. Florida Senate seat will participate in a one-hour debate at Bailey Hall on Central Campus in Davie on October 26. The event was organized by Leadership Florida and the Florida Press Association. Emmy award-

winner Todd Dermott, WPBF anchor, will moderate as candidates Marco Rubio and Patrick Murphy fight to earn the confidence of voters across the state. Students, faculty and staff will be among those in the audience to witness the historic event firsthand. Watch parties with eager students will be also hosted on each campus.

Well-Known Political Correspondent and Analyst Speaks at Broward College Ahead of 2016 Election

The Broward College Humanities and Political and Behavioral Science departments brought in Jamelle Bouie to speak on the 2016 election. The intimate discussion at the Performing and Cultural Arts Theatre (PCAT) on South Campus also included a Q&A and meet-and-greet with the chief political



correspondent at Slate and a political analyst for CBS News.

More than 200 listened as Bouie stressed the importance of getting involved in the democratic process. He also emphasized, despite the tension between both presidential candidates, there have been some positive results from the current campaign. This included raised awareness about inequality and the American society moving in a more tolerant direction.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12-15: Collegewide Open House

November 15, 2016: Take Out Tuesday Religious Tolerance November 17: Conscience under Fire by the Combat Hippies Performing & Cultural Arts Theatre South Campus

December 14: Commencement Ceremony Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center

Broward College Dinner at the Square Delves into Controversial Election Cycle

Broward College Village Square kicked off its series of non-partisan debates with Dinner at the Square at Hugh's Catering in Oakland Park. The discussion centered on "Post Traumatic Election Syndrome: Can the Political Parties Survive the Politics of Hate and the Anti-Establishment Movement?" WPLG Local-10 reporter Glenna Milberg moderated the panel, which included Mitchel Berger, Edward Pozzuoli, Justin Sayfie and Tim Canova. The Village Square events are in partnership with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and the Broward League of Cities.



Broward College Participates in Block Party for Higher Education



Left to right: David Shulman, Broward College WHC/Online Campus President; Anthony Abbate, Associate Provost, FAU Broward Campuses; George Hanbury, II, Nova Southeastern University President/CEO; Sammy Seahawk; J. David Armstrong, Jr., Broward College President

Broward College Dental Hygiene Graduates Take First Place and People's Choice at FDHA Symposium

Ulysses Molina and Spencer Preece, 2016 dental hygiene graduates, represented Broward College in the Student Table Clinic Competition at the 90th Florida Dental Hygiene Association (FDHA) Symposium in Lake Buena Vista. Out of ten teams, the two took First Place and People's Choice for their presentation on "Cold Atmospheric Plasma in Dentistry." They were awarded a cash prize and certificate from event sponsor, Colgate.

More than 100 hygienists were in attendance for the event, which was judged by Betty Kabel, president of the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA); Ann Battrell, chief executive officer of ADHA, and Shelley Berghoics, president of FDHA. Broward College joined Florida Atlantic University, Nova Southeastern University, Broward Technical Colleges, Broward County Magnet/Innovative Programs Schools and other partners for the 4th Annual Block Party for Higher Education. This year's theme was "Pathways for Success" where the layout of the party represented each of the eight pathways. Festivities for the event included art exhibits, family activities, a full lineup of entertainment by student performers, tours, a public art showcase, prize giveaways, and food.

Faculty Member Named a Top Black Educator for 2016



Kyla Williams, Ph.D., was recently named one of South Florida's Top Black Educators for 2016 in Miami Herald's *Legacy* magazine. The mathematics professor

was recognized alongside 52 faculty from across South Florida who "…encourage us to keep education as a central tool for growth and success."

Broward College Receives Funding from Florida College System Foundation for Scholarships

George Platt, a Broward College alumnus who serves on the Florida College System Foundation board of directors, presented a check for \$68,955 to the Broward College Foundation.

The funds will be used to create scholarships for students in nursing and allied health programs, and for first-generation students.

Each year, the Florida College System Foundation supports the more than 800,000 students for its 28 colleges by funding scholarships with earnings from endowed gifts from the Helios Education Foundation, Florida Blue and Bank of America.



Left to right: Distinguished Alumnus George Platt, Broward College's Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the Broward College Foundation Nancy R. Botero, Broward College Foundation Board of Directors Member Roy Krause

Broward College Bids Farewell to Dr. Linda Howdyshell



Last week, Broward College bid farewell to Dr. Linda Howdyshell as she retired after serving six years as provost and senior vice president for academics and student success.

In 2010, Dr. Howdyshell arrived with more than 25 years of experience in higher education, and quickly made her mark on the College. In President Armstrong's email announcing Howdyshell's departure, he reflected on the positive impact she made during her tenure, including working to rectify weaknesses with the College accrediting body in student learning outcomes and institutional effectiveness, improving the student success agenda and developing new leaders in academic and student support service areas.

Her efforts and contributions played a significant role in the College's recent recognition as an Aspen Top 10 finalist. Howdyshell now moves into the next phase of her life and plans to spend more time with her family.



News from the October Board Meeting and More...

Broward College Model U.N. Team Excelled at State Competition



The Broward College Model United Nations team had a successful showing at the Florida Model United Nations Competition at Santa Fe College in Gainesville.

In the General Assembly, Frances Brignol took home Best Position Paper representing Colombia, and Claudia Tio won for Outstanding Position Paper representing China. In addition, the delegation representing China, Maite Elizalde, Camille Pierre-Louis and Claudia Tio, won the Distinguish Delegate in the General Assembly, World Food Program and World Health Organization. It's the first time Broward College has won any award in this competition. The Broward College Model United Nations team included alumni Yanelle Bonilla, as Secretary General of the United Nations, Katherine Malave as Vice Secretary General of the United Nations, and team members Hector Correa, Pam Arosta, Frances Brignoi, Brandon Saridjo, Michael Bugay, Maite Elizalde, Odea Bood and Yitzchak Rosenberg. The representatives were among more than 100 students and 17 colleges and universities from Georgia and Florida to participate in the two-day event.



Nancy R. Botero (left) with Mrs. Rosemary Duffy Larson during the VIP Reception celebrating Broward College's new Fine Arts building in December 2012.

Memorial Announced for Rosemary Duffy Larson

Nancy Botero, executive director of the Broward Foundation and vice president for the Office of Advancement, announced a memorial will take place for Rosemary Duffy Larson on November 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Rosemary Duffy Larson Gallery on Central Campus. Duffy Larson, who passed in August, has been an exemplary donor to Broward College for almost a decade. The memorial is followed by the opening of the "Text" exhibit, which runs through January 18. The collection will feature the work of John Chang, Robert Ladislas Derr, Tatana Kellner and Bárbara Oettinger Searle.

CareerSource Broward Partnership Strengthens

The October board meeting provided an update of the re-engineered relationship between the College and CareerSource Broward in their efforts to help jobseekers find employers, and employers find job seekers. The continued growth includes individual training, increasing the number of student participants to 144, CareerSource Broward information provided in programs, outreach to student services and CareerSource Broward success coaches.

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President Armstrong Encourages Early Voting

In an effort to encourage students to take advantage of early voting, J. David Armstrong, Jr. joined a group of students at a local voting precinct to cast their ballots.

To view the video, click on the image.



BEVERLY CRANMER

Get REAL! Program Hosts Leadership Retreat

Olivia Sarson, program director for the Get REAL! (Ready for Education And Learning) program at Broward College, spoke at the Board of Trustees meeting in October about a recent leadership retreat hosted for scholarship recipients at Tigertail Lake Recreational Center. More than a dozen students participated, getting to know one another and going through the ropes course. The scholarship is designed to help youths 17-24 who are out of school due to economic, health and social reasons but desire higher education opportunities and job readiness training. Thanks to the program, 120 students are assisted.

Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton Hosts Rally on North Campus

Thousands turned out for a Hillary Clinton campaign rally on October 25 at the Omni Auditorium on North Campus. Broward College students were given the opportunity to witness the first female presidential candidate give her speech to the Broward county community. While the College remains politically neutral, it welcomed the opportunity for its students to listen, observe and participate in the democratic process.

Retirements



Beverly Cranmer, associate director of disability services at WHC, is retiring after 18 years on October 31. She transitioned from learning disability specialist, to program coordinator, to her current position. During her retirement, she plans to "do whatever I want to do, whenever I want to do." This will include sleeping past 6 a.m. and spending quality time

with her husband, son and three grandchildren.

DEBORAH KONDELIK

Deborah Kondelik, theater professor at Central Campus, is retiring from Broward College after 23 years of training and nurturing theater students in South Florida. Before she began teaching, she was a professional actor, working on stage, film and television. Kondelik is not leaving the business behind; she already has performed in a

professional production at the Arts Garage in Delray Beach and has dreams of creating her own company for devised theatre.



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Senate Debate Offers Front Row Seat to Decision 2016



On Wednesday evening, October 26, candidates Marco Rubio and Patrick Murphy participated in a spirited and engaging debate in the race for the senate seat. Students were given the opportunity to participate in the process as stand-ins during lighting and camera set-up, volunteers, spectators in the audience and as media representatives. Guests and students alike remarked that the event was "flawless" in its execution, and the atmosphere electrifying as civil discussions and rousing debates filled the air pre- and post-debate.



Michael and Segun enjoyed the debate festivities with President Armstrong and represented the Broward College student body in media interviews.



Debate volunteers included student ambassadors, student government representatives, and political science students.