

# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

from President Gregory Adam Haile, J.D.



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## COLLEGE NEWS

### Broward College and Broward County Launch New Program to Help Students Overcome Financial Barriers to Higher Education

Broward College and Broward County have created a partnership that will allow current and prospective students of the institution to receive additional financial support to pursue post-secondary studies. The Broward Bridge Scholarship Program received the Broward County Commission's vote of approval on Tuesday, October 6. Commissioner Mark Bogen, who started work on the Broward Bridge Scholarship Program when he served as Mayor of Broward County in 2019, and current Mayor Dale Holness have credited the approval as being important to the community. The county has committed an initial \$1 million in funding over the next two years to close the gap between federal and state aid and any remaining costs of tuition and fees for eligible current and prospective students. The program is essentially a last-dollar scholarship to cover the remaining tuition and fees after all other non-loan aid is applied. Funding will be distributed in the form of a grant, and the assistance is intended to follow the student through the two-year period as long as they maintain eligibility. The Broward Bridge Scholarship Program will begin in November, in time to support enrollment for the College's spring term. For details on the criteria [visit Broward College News](#).

### Rapid Credentials Offers Fast Track Toward Meaningful Employment



Broward College has launched [Rapid Credentials](#), a program designed to provide a **no cost** accelerated path to job opportunities by allowing students to complete in-demand technical certificates and industry certifications that range in duration from one term to one-and-a-half years. The program is ideal for individuals who are looking to re-enter the workforce after being laid off, upskill, or are interested in changing industry. Rapid Credentials are tuition free to students thanks to a partnership with the Florida Department of Education under the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Fund. Individuals can complete Rapid Credentials through continuing education courses and technical certificates in any of the eight career pathways offered at the College including Arts, Humanities, Communication and Design; Business; Education; Health Sciences; Industry, Manufacturing, Construction and Transportation; Public Safety; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math; and Social Behavioral Sciences and Human Services.

### More than One Hundred Participate in Virtual Dinner at the Square Event

The first Broward College Village Square Dinner at the Square event was held on Wednesday, October 14, and was free to the public. The in-depth discussion explored the topic "Mail In Voting: Is Our Election at Stake? Will Your Vote Be Counted?" Panelists included Peter Antonacci, supervisor of elections, Broward County; Wendy Sartory Link, supervisor of elections, Palm Beach County; Richard DeNapoli, J.D., state committeeman, Republican Party of Broward County; and Cynthia Busch, chair, Broward Democratic Executive Committee. The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Kevin Wagner, professor and political science department chair at Florida Atlantic University. The annual Broward College Village Square series provides the public with a safe, comfortable forum to debate diverse issues of local, state, and national importance. The next Dinner at the Square is scheduled for February 24 and explores the topic "Have We Done Enough? America's Long Overdue Awakening to Systemic Racism."



## Broward College Partners with HANDY to Distribute Essentials To 150 Broward County Families

On Saturday, October 3, Broward College teamed up with HANDY (Helping Abused Neglected Disadvantaged Youth) to host the Fresh Start Distribution event. Sponsored by Valley Forge Fabrics, 150 families from across the county participated in the drive-through event at the HANDY headquarters in Fort Lauderdale, where they received Luxury Beds in Bags, which included sheets, a duvet cover, and either a blanket or pillow, in addition to KN95 masks. The participating families also received Dutch Pot Restaurant gift cards courtesy of the Miami Dolphins; oximeters to measure heart rate and oxygen levels; fresh produce from FreshPoint; and personal hygiene products, including toothbrushes and toothpaste, and soap donated by Shiff Construction. Families also received Broward UP™ drawstring bags, pens, lanyards, and information about opportunities to upskill with Broward College for rapid re-entry into the job market.



Broward College employees join other volunteers from HANDY and the Miami Dolphins before the start of the event on October 3.



Volunteers display some of the Beds in Bags distributed at the event.

## Florida Chamber Foundation Recognizes President Haile for Support of their Prosperity Initiative

During the 2020 Florida Chamber Annual Meeting and Future of Florida Forum, hosted from October 20 to 22, President Haile was recognized with the Charlie Caulkin Award. The award presented by Board Chair Charley Caulkins for outstanding dedication, leadership, and commitment to helping the Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Prosperity initiative combat the inequality of opportunity. President Haile also served as one of the panelists for the forum's session, "Tapping into Florida's Hidden Talent: Building an Inclusive Workforce."

## STUDENT NEWS

### Series of Events Hosted to Recognize National Coming Out Week

In recognition of National Coming Out Day, celebrated on October 11 each year, Broward College hosted National Coming Out Week from October 6 to 15, offering a series of events to improve awareness and support members of the LGBTQ+ community. The series was presented by BC Pride, the Teacher Education Program, the Gay-Straight Alliance, Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward County, and Broward College Libraries in partnership with the Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning (CTEL). The week featured the following topics: Teen Dating Interactive Workshop; Black Trans Lives Matter: A Conversation with Activist Brielle Roundtree; Gender Diversity and Inclusion in 2020 with Gina Duncan, director of Transgender Equality - Equality Florida; Creating Equity and Social Justice through Art with Vicky Rosenthal, Alex Grindle, and Paulino Mejia; and Supporting LGBTQ+ Students 101 with Kezia Gilyard, coordinator, Broward Schools LGBTQ+. There were a total of 152 participants.

### Law Firm Offers Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Support Broward College Students

Thanks to Lauderdale Commissioner Denise Grant, the Yeboah Law Firm has committed to providing 150 face masks to the College each week until January 2021 to assist students with PPE. The masks are distributed as part of the weekly Food and Essentials Distribution/Seahawk Marketplace, a drive-through service that helps students in need. The donation reflects the exemplary partnership between Broward College and various organizations across Broward County. The city of Lauderdale is one of nine municipal partners of Broward UP. Broward UP, the UP meaning "unlimited potential," reflects the College's expanded service model and is increasing education access and attainment and driving economic mobility across Broward County.

## Food and Hygiene Drive Through Distribution Serves More than 500 Students

The Broward College weekly Food and Essentials Distribution/Seahawk Marketplace, managed through Seahawk Outreach Services, has since its launch on September 25 hosted four drive-through events, and served 540 students. The drive-through event is offered on a rotating basis, and to date, there has been one event on each of the College's main campuses and two on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. In the most recent distribution event, 135 students received supplies. Students must apply to participate by completing a short application on the Seahawk Outreach Services (SOS) webpage. Students are selected on a first-come, first-served basis and while supplies last.



Volunteers place food items in the trunk of a student's car at the drive-through event on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus on Friday, October 16.

### Broward College Partnership with Atlanta Federal Bank Featured in Bloomberg Article

The article published on October 15 explores the Atlanta Federal Banks Benefits Cliffs dashboard and how different industries, including higher education institutions like Broward College, plan to use the prototype to enhance their work. | [Read the article](#)

### Broward College General Counsel, Lacey Hofmeyer, Featured in Daily Business Review

The article published in October highlights Lacey Hofmeyer's community service and particularly her work as attorney ad litem since 2008. | [Read the article](#)

### Upcoming Events

- The 2020 Ospreys – Employee Recognition Ceremony, November 13, 1–3 p.m.
- Fall Virtual Commencement Ceremony, December 19, 2020 at 1–3 p.m.

### Workforce Education Programs Mentioned in The New York Times Op-Ed

A September 17 article in The New York Times, “Community Colleges Can be Engines of Economic Recovery” mentions the industry certifications and how the College has built this into its curriculum. | [Read the article](#)

### Supporting Students Through Faculty Professional Development: A Conversation with Dr. Marielena DeSanctis

In September, College Provost, Dr. Marielena DeSanctis participated in ACUE discussion on supporting students through faculty professional development. | [Listen here](#)

## FOUNDATION NEWS

### Alumni and Friends Network Continues to Offer Connections Through Webinars

The Broward College Alumni and Friends Network has extended its remarkable series of informative and interactive webinars to connect alumni with faculty, staff, and currently enrolled students. So far, the webinar series topics have included The Power of Positivity, The Challenge of Change, Rewarding Relationships: Three Keys to Success, An Evening of Comedy and Trivia, Mindfulness and Motivation, and The Supreme Value of Culture with Dr. Stephen Dunnivant, president A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. The next Alumni and Friends Network webinar, Leadership Lessons, will be held on Wednesday, November 18 at 5 p.m., with Doreika Carter, Ingrid Jones and Dr. Tom Nguyen.



Live WEBINAR SERIES  
BROWARD COLLEGE ALUMNI & FRIENDS  
Starts at 5 P.M.  
NOVEMBER 18  
Join us for an hour of fun and interactive  
**Leadership Lessons**  
Doreika Carter, Tom Nguyen, JD, PhD, Ingrid Jones, LMHC  
Certified Leadership Trainer Coach, Dean of Academic Affairs South Campus, Adjunct Professor Broward College, Licensed Psychotherapist, Adjunct Professor Broward College  
The John Maxwell Company, Adjunct Professor Broward College

### Ethical Decision Making Training Program Offered to Automotive Students

On October 14 and 20, students in the automotive program had the opportunity to participate in the Michael J. Grimmé Ethical Decision Making Training Program. The program offered as a two part workshop every semester is part of the curriculum for Broward College students in the automotive program and was founded and funded by Michael and Pam Grimmé to honor their son, who died in a car accident due to the unethical practices of an automotive technician. As part of the training, Mike and Pam addressed automotive technician classes on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus, sharing their story and how it changed their lives forever when their 17-year-old son lost control of his car on I-95. Students expressed gratitude for the training. “I think having an Ethics program is a top priority and is amazing that we have it offered to us,” said automotive student Jaelyn Reyes. “Thank you for allowing us to get a good view of what Ethics is and how we should apply it in the work field.”

The Grimmés intend to recruit other philanthropic partners to expand ethical training across other programs at Broward College.



Clockwise from top left: Prof. Joshua Kimber, General Education Task Force Chair, Philosophy Professor Pedro Oliveira, and Mike Grimmé discuss the program.

### Board Authorizes Agreements with Cigna

The Board of Trustees has authorized the renewal of the College's self-funded insurance plan with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company. During the October meeting, the Board also approved an agreement between the College and Cigna to provide dental coverage for employees over the next three years.



### Broward College Moves into Action Plan II for 2021 Spring Classes

Deborah Czubkowski, associate vice president, Facilities Design and Construction and lead of the College's cross-functional team on COVID-19; Caleb Cornelius, vice president, Finance; and Dr. Jeff Nasse, vice provost, Academic Affairs, shared details on the College's operations for the 2021 spring term with the Board. The College will remain mostly remote/online with an increase in some on campus class options for students who face challenges with remote learning and faculty who prefer to teach on campus. To facilitate the increase in on campus classes, the College has accounted for the technology and facilities necessary to maintain social distancing protocols, in accordance with guidelines to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As such, 70 classrooms will have the capability to allow a class to be broadcast in two different classrooms.



The plan, which has been reviewed and approved by medical experts, includes expanding accommodation and access to students and continuing practices already in place, such as maintaining the process for reporting COVID-19 positive cases and daily cleaning of facilities with enhanced cleaning of frequently touched areas.

Student Trustee, Erica Noel, commended the plan as the best way to give students additional options while keeping them safe. Providing feedback from her peers, she thanked the College for continuous communication with students and seeking their input on its decision. The updates were shared with employees and students by email after the Board meeting.

Read more details at [broward.edu/coronavirus](https://broward.edu/coronavirus).