

Broward College Update

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Broward College Expands 10K Baccalaureate Degree Programs

Broward College is expanding its current \$10,000 (\$10K) baccalaureate degree offerings to include six additional options, totaling 11 qualifying bachelor's degree programs. As a part of the \$10K initiative, eligible students pay the first \$10,000 of tuition and fees, and the College pays the remainder of the student's tuition and fees during the last year of study.

"Broward College strives to be a leader in providing access to affordable higher education, and the decision to position nearly all of our bachelor degree programs at a cost of \$10,000 is a true reflection of that continued commitment," said Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr. "This initiative provides students with the opportunity to obtain one of the most affordable bachelor's degrees in the nation, while allowing Broward College to contribute to the economic growth of our community."

The \$10K bachelor of science degrees include: Exceptional Student Education; Middle Grades General Science – Grades 5-9; Secondary Biology Education – Grades 6-12; Middle Grades Mathematics Education – Grades 5-9; Secondary Mathematics Education – Grades 6-12; Environmental Science: Physical Science and Environmental Science: Biosecurity.

The bachelor of applied science \$10K degrees include: Supervision and Management; Technology Management; Information Technology and Supply Chain Management.



Interested individuals must meet the following requirements: 3.0 cumulative GPA each term; committed to continuous enrollment (summer term optional); full-time status and successful completion of at least 30 credits per academic year; no more than 15 accelerated or transfer credits upon program enrollment; and Florida residency. Before completion of 75 credit hours, students must apply for a \$10K award and be formally accepted by the College.

Broward College Rates High in National Polls



Broward College was recently recognized as a top college for the high number of associate degrees it awards in an academic year. During 2013-14, Broward College conferred 5,780 associate degrees, ranking the college fifth in the nation, according to the Top 100 Associate Degree Producers for 2015 report, which is issued by *Community College Week*. Broward College had significant increases in several areas measured.

Broward College ranks third for conferring degrees to minority students; second for degrees conferred to African-American students and fifth for degrees conferred to Hispanic students.

Broward College also ranks third in the nation for the number of associate degrees awarded in the Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Students, and Humanities discipline; ninth in the nation in

Nursing: Registered, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing and 17th in the nation for Health Professions and Related Programs.

Recently, Broward College was rated one of the Best Community Colleges in the Nation, according to WalletHub.com. Schools.com also ranked Broward College as one of the Best Community Colleges in Florida.

School Year Starts with New Students, Programs and Smoke-Free



Broward College recently welcomed students to the start of the 2015-2016 academic year. More than 3,000 new students registered for classes, an increase of 43 percent compared to enrollment at the same time last year. The college has a diverse student community that has 639 international students (the largest number on record), who represent 149 countries.

To support its thriving and vibrant student body, Broward College provides access to quality, affordable education that directly leads to career opportunities in high-demand workforce areas. This fall, Broward College unveiled 14 new associate degree and certification programs, including business analytics, aviation administration, and medical lab technology. Two new, online associate degree programs in computer and network security – cybersecurity and technology project management – are offered by Broward College Online, the college's virtual campus.

The new, accelerated Supply Chain Management Express program began this fall and is offered on weekends. It is specifically designed for working adults who are interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in supply chain management. Classes are scheduled year-round on Friday nights, as well as Saturday mornings and afternoons. Students participating in the program will first earn an Associate of Science in Supply Chain Management Operations in December 2016, followed by a Bachelor of Applied Science in Supply Chain Management in December 2017.

Starting with the fall semester, Broward College became a tobacco-free and smoke-free campus. To ease the transition, onsite tobacco cessation programs are offered through a partnership with Nova Southeastern University's Area Health Education Centers program, which trains and uses Broward College's RN-BSN nursing students as smoking cessation facilitators.

Broward to Share in \$5 Million Department of Labor Grant

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced Broward College will receive a \$1.15 million grant as a part of the American Apprenticeship Grant Program. This is the fourth grant Broward College has received from the U.S. Department of Labor since 2012, totaling more than \$17 million dollars in funding. Through these grants, Broward College has formed successful partnerships with businesses in the community and successfully connected students with employers.

Broward College will receive its funds over five years. The grant total of \$5 million is shared in partnership with Florida State College at Jacksonville and St. Petersburg College. This three-college consortium has pledged to work with local businesses to close the workforce skills gap in the information technology, manufacturing, healthcare, and construction and trades industries across Florida, by promoting the growth and expansion of quality and innovative apprenticeship programs. In total, 1,000 participants will be served through the grant's program.

The primary purpose of the grant is to develop flexible and accelerated approaches to learning that focus on upskilling incumbent workers from low-skill or entry-level positions to mid-skill and more advanced positions that will also result in creating opportunities for apprentices to fill entry-level positions. The grant will assist in developing simulation experiences in coordination with hands-on experiences and reducing start-up costs for new employers by building platforms for training that multiple employers can employ.



President named Apogee Award recipient

President J. David Armstrong, Jr. is one of 24, upper-echelon business leaders in Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties named as a recipient of the 2015 Apogee Awards by South Florida Business & Wealth magazine.

The Apogee Awards recognize the successes of individuals employed as chairman, president, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief operating officer, chief information officer, chief marketing officer, and top human resources executive of organizations in the tri-county area.



Armstrong will receive the award in October, at the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale.

Broward College Foundation Names Three to Board



Harlan B. Hodes, CPA Ann Porterfield Derrick S. Roberts

At its meeting on September 17, the Broward College Foundation named three community leaders to its board of directors: **Harlan B. Hodes, CPA**, executive vice president of Templeton Global Equity Group; **Ann Porterfield**, Broward College supporter; and **Derrick S. Roberts**, general counsel at ChildNet.

The Broward College Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, and the official organization for making private, charitable contributions to Broward College. Its purpose is to change lives through education by providing community awareness, advocacy and funding.

Members of the foundation's volunteer board of directors closely work with the college's Office of Advancement to raise money to support scholarships, academic programs and learning facility enhancements. They believe every person who is determined to change his or her life through the pursuit of higher education should be afforded that opportunity.

Washington-Brown Receives Award from the Florida Commission on the Status of Women

Associate dean and professor at Broward College's RN-BSN program, Dr. Linda Washington-Brown, received the FCSW Florida Achievement Award by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women for her outstanding contributions and service to her community.



Dr. Washington-Brown is a weekly volunteer at a homeless shelter, providing physicals to individuals. In her role as a minister she visits the sick, and counsels those in need of guidance. She also gives her time and talent researching, reviewing and writing grants for organizations that need funding for the services they provide. Washington-Brown serves as a board member for the Miami Rescue Mission, and volunteers with Broward Outreach Mission and the Broward Health Department. She also is a student mentor at Barry University, and in 2012 she received the Life Changers Humanitarian Award from the Broward Outreach Center.

Dr. Washington-Brown earned a doctorate in nursing, and completed doctoral candidacy work in education psychology from the University of Miami. She also holds an executive juris doctorate from Concord Law School, and a Ph.D. in Christian counseling from Jacksonville Theological Seminary. She is nationally certified as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP), with more than 40 years in professional nursing practice and 28 years in academia at the associate, baccalaureate, master's, and doctorate levels.

Dr. Washington-Brown, a resident of Hialeah, received the award at a special awards luncheon on September 10, at The Alford Inn in Winter Park, Florida.

The Village Square

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015

Tower Club, 100 S.E. 3rd Ave., One Financial Plaza, Regions Bank Building, 28th Floor

Pre-dinner reception for members: 5:45–6:30 p.m.

Dinner at the Square: 6:30–8 p.m.

Topic: *South Florida on Cuba: We Can Cross the Strait but Can We Bridge the Gap of Distrust?*

Speakers: Rev. Thomas Wenski, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Miami, and Michael Putney, WPLG-TV reporter and analyst and Marili Cancio, Cancio Johnson, Attorneys at Law.

Pre-registered guests: \$35; Registered guests: \$45.

Register online at broward.edu/villagesquare



Police Academy Cadets Take Part in Shop With a Cop Program



Before school started, a group of police academy cadets under the leadership of Instructor Wayne Boulier, took part in the “Shop with a Cop” program in conjunction with the Davie Police department and the Lions Club. The cadets were matched up with children in the community who were in need of school supplies and shopped with them.

Campus Safety Days

In recognition of National Campus Safety Awareness Month



Students, faculty and staff learned more about staying safe through demonstrations, interactive displays, giveaways and more at Campus Safety Days on September 16 at North Campus.

Don't miss these upcoming Campus Safety Days events:

- Central Campus, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Bldg. 19, Patio area
- South Campus, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Bldg. 68, Breezeway area.

Unsung Heroes

Unsung Heroes are Broward College employees who go above and beyond their job description and performance.

These heroes are recognized at the College's monthly management and academic team meetings.



*Karen Hoban
North Campus*

*Heather Morris
South Campus*

*Marjorie Stanbury
Central Campus*

*Tiara Stringles
Downtown Center*

President Armstrong Addresses Soccer Teams

President Armstrong traveled to South Campus to meet and address the members of the men's and women's soccer teams, who are in the early stages of their playing season.

He reminded them that they are ambassadors for the college, but also cautioned them that no matter how important playing soccer is to them, their main reason for being at Broward College is for academic reasons.



Fiers, Latos Trade Up

Two former Broward College players currently pitching in the major leagues were both part of recent blockbuster trades.



Mike Fiers, a right-hander who had a 5-9 record and 3.89 ERA on 21 starts for the Milwaukee Brewers this season, was part of a multiplayer trade to the Houston Astros. The move took Fiers from a club in the cellar of the National League's Central Division, to the top of the American League West. Shortly after his trade, Fiers pitched a no-hitter for the Astros against

the Los Angeles Dodgers, the new home of another Broward player, Mat Latos, who was traded from the Marlins.

Mat Latos, another righty, came home to a starting job with the Miami Marlins at the beginning of the 2015 season; however, after not finding a permanent home there, became part of a multiplayer deal. Latos, 27, was 4-7 with an ERA of 4.48 in 16 starts with the Marlins.



Former Seahawks Player, Coach joins Hurricanes



The University of Miami baseball team announced the hiring of Norberto Lopez as an assistant coach on September 4.

Lopez will coach catchers, and assist coach Gino DiMare with the team's hitting. Lopez played baseball at Monsignor Edward Pace High in Hialeah, and later played at Broward College and Nova

Southeastern University.

After spending three years in the Los Angeles Angels's minor league system, Lopez worked as the hitting and catching coach at Broward College for two seasons before taking a similar role at Florida Atlantic in 2007. Lopez spent the last seven seasons on the University of Texas-Pan American's coaching staff.

Seahawk Hoopsters Become Rattlers

Basketball players **Teylah Harris** and **Mariah Reynolds** signed to continue their basketball careers at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

Reynolds, a graduate of Dr. Michael Krop High School in Miami, finished the last season for the Seahawks third in offensive rebounds, total rebounds and blocks.

Harris, a product of the well-regarded girls basketball program at Fort Lauderdale High, was an all-around player for the Seahawks, effective on both ends of the court.



Teylah Harris



Mariah Reynolds

News From the September Board of Trustees Meeting



Dedication of the South Campus Academic and Laboratory Science Building

Broward College held dedication ceremonies on September 22 for the new Academic and Laboratory Science Building on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus. Florida Lieutenant Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera, Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank Ortis, Broward College Board of Trustees Chairman John Benz, Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr., and Broward College South Campus President Rolando Garcia spoke at the event. Students and faculty members led guests on a guided tour of the facility.

“There is a strong need to develop a well-trained workforce in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math,” said Armstrong. “This new facility will enhance our efforts to recruit students into STEM disciplines, and better prepare and educate our students with the latest technology and equipment to be competitive when entering these fields upon graduation.”



The two-story, 51,336-square-foot building, which was completed on time and on budget, includes 13 labs with prep areas and eight classrooms as well as administrative and faculty offices.

The building is equipped with the latest technology, models and instrumentation, such as nuclear magnetic resonance, infrared spectrometers, and gas

chromatography. The building also houses multimedia digital visualization capabilities, enhancing the study of complex topics such as anatomy for visual learners.

The Academic and Laboratory Science Building was designed by Leo Daly Architects and constructed by Pirtle Construction.

Workday College Presentation



A group of student interns @Workday College joined Mildred Coyne and Renee Law for their report to the Broward College District Board of Trustees. The student interns discussed their experiences, skills gained and future plans. They are L-R: Bill Wilson from Workday; Autumn Whitfield, Career Center coordinator; Patrick Coyne; Joshua Braganza; Rachel James; Mohammad Ali; Renee Law, district director CTE; Hubert Harris; Jean-Marc Laloir and President Armstrong.

Retirees Say They're Ready to Travel



BONNIE LADICH and **FRED WALLER** bid farewell to Broward College and announced they'll be strapping on their traveling shoes as they dive into retirement. They were recognized by the District Board of Trustees at the September meeting.

Ladich, a 15-year employee, served as the senior administrative assistant for the Central Campus president. Before joining Broward College, she worked in the pediatric nephrology unit at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine/ Jackson Memorial Hospital. In addition to her plans to travel, Ladich has joined the stage crew for a community theater troupe.

Waller, who began working at the college in 1997 after a distinguished career serving with the U.S. Air Force, has purchased a 40-foot motor home and said he looks forward to traveling the country looking for the perfect retirement home. Waller began his career at Broward College as a lab manager in the engineering department, held several positions before settling in Learning Resources.

