

# Broward College Update

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## Broward College Recognized as Top 10 Finalist for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence



The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named Broward College as a top 10 finalist for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. This is the nation's preeminent recognition of high achievement and performance in community colleges, and the second time Broward College has had the prestigious honor to be included among the top 1% of colleges in the nation.

Joshua Wyner, Executive Director of the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program in Washington, D.C. said, "[Broward College] has made incredible strides in achieving higher levels of college student success since they were last named a finalist for the 2013 Prize. Their new educational model, called pathways, matches courses with what students need when they leave Broward College for high-demand jobs or four-year transfer. As a result, the college has made significant advances in the number of students who complete their degrees, how long it takes them to do so, and reducing excess credits."

The Aspen Institute conducts a rigorous review process that includes examination of extensive data on performance and improvements in learning, graduation, workforce, and equitable outcomes for all students as well as multi-day site visits to each of the 10 finalist institutions. This latest honor is a testament of to the dedicated faculty, staff and students of Broward College.

## Broward College Awarded more than \$2 Million in Federal Grants

Broward College recently was a recipient of the U.S. Department of Education's TRIO Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Grant and Scholarship Targeting Recruitment of Individuals for Degrees in Environmental Science (STRIDES) from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Project ENROLL (Educational Network for Readiness and Opportunities for Lifelong Learning), will target communities near each of the three main campuses that have low enrollment of residents who have completed postsecondary education. The program has a goal of reaching 1,000 residents over the next five years thanks to the \$1.18 million in grant funding.

The NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) grant program awarded Broward College \$941,265 to fund the five-year STRIDES program at the College. The purpose is to research effective strategies to recruit, retain, and graduate students from the 2+2 Environmental Science program at the institution.

## BC Springs into Action in Wake of ITT Tech Closure

Broward College has been active in helping students displaced after the closing of ITT Technical Institute campuses. Since the closure of the South Florida locations, Broward College has been dedicated to supporting students eager to continue their education. The College launched an ITT Tech Student Transfer Assistance web page to collect information, and staff have provided students with information on transfer and financial aid options through information sessions, webinars, and in-person admissions and enrollment support.

# Welcome Back for Faculty Celebrates New Academic Year

The 2016-2017 academic year formally kicked off with the Faculty Welcome Back hosted at the Omni Auditorium on North Campus. Aside from catching up with colleagues, attendees were able to visit numerous tables to learn about the programs offered by Broward College.



During his address, keynote speaker Dr. Michael Baston encouraged faculty to take an active role in student success by serving as educational stewards, guiding young minds through their chosen pathway. Dr. Baston's remarks served as the formal initiation of Broward College faculty to the guided pathways model, and a panel discussion on pathways further

reinforced his message that career readiness is directly related to academic experiences.

"If I could pick one word to describe what I see, it would be proud," said Dr. Baston. "I am proud of the work the faculty is doing to better serve its students and I am humbled to be a small part of this exciting and growing movement to redefine what the college experience will be for future generations pursuing their dreams at Broward College."



## Get to Know the Office of Supplier Relations & Diversity



The Office of Supplier Relations and Diversity hosted a Get to Know the Broward College Team on August 10 at North Campus in Coconut Creek. The event was organized in response to feedback from a 2016 Small Business survey. 152 people were in attendance.

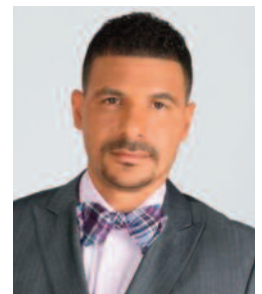
During the event's panel discussion Judy Schmelzer, Dr. George Stalliard, Sr., Deborah Czubkowski and Zaida Riollano represented Broward College and were joined by Timothy Anderson of JWR Construction Services, James Armstrong of Pirtle Construction Company, Juan Pinzon of Grace & Naem Uddin and Joseph Sanches of D. Stephenson Construction. Guests to the discussion were given a prime opportunity to get to know the team responsible for purchasing commodities for the College.

## Future Leaders Success Conference Tackles Tough Issues

Renowned educator, Dr. Steve Perry, served as keynote speaker for the Future Leaders Success Conference on September 17 inside the Omni Auditorium on North Campus.

The event examined ways to motivate, educate and empower minority male leaders in South Florida. Perry is a frequent contributor for CNN and NBC, and is an *Essence Magazine* columnist and best-selling author of "Push Has Come to Shove: Getting Our Kids the Education They Deserve Even if it Means Picking a Fight."

Teachers and non-profit representatives from across Broward County participated in various workshops and roundtable discussions to brainstorm ideas for providing better access and education to minority youth. Later, the event hosted a forum with college, high school and middle school educators on priorities and solutions for increasing student engagement and degree completion.





# Campus Safety Days Gives Students Insight into Protecting and Serving Community



The Broward College Department of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness organized a series of “Campus Safety Days” throughout September in recognition of National Campus Safety Awareness Month. For the second year in a row, the four-part festival brought together organizers, Student Life, and local partners to promote safety across the Broward College locations and the community.

Members of local law enforcement, fire rescue, special weapons and tactics (SWAT) and health and safety organizations participated. Students and other members of the community checked out the specialty vehicles, visited interactive displays and took part in eye-opening demonstrations.



## College Academy Students Score in the Top 2.5 percent



Congrats to the 17 College Academy students who scored in the top 2.5 percent for Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT test-takers in the region.

*Photo left (L to R): Tommy Guzman, Galo Garces, Felipe Bendsdown.*



*L to R: John-Robert Rodriguez, Maya Galvan, Valentino Rivera, Pedro Garcia, Rebeca Rodriguez, Nathaniel Petin, Noemi Bolivar, Nicole Mora, Andres Holguin, Taylor Atkins, David Lopez.*

*Not pictured: Chelsea Abraham, Matthew Petela, Daniel Ballesteros.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 13: Dinner at the Square**  
*Post Traumatic Election Syndrome:  
 Can the Political Parties Survive the Politics of Hate and  
 the Anti-Establishment Movement?*  
 Hugh's Catering, 4351 NE 12th Terrace, Oakland Park, FL

**October 20: Loud Voices**  
 Broward College Poetry Showcase  
 Performing and Cultural Arts Theatre (PCAT)  
 South Campus, Pembroke Pines

**October 26: Florida Senate Debate**  
*hosted by Leadership Florida*  
 Bailey Hall, Central Campus, Davie

**November 15, 2016: Take Out Tuesday**  
*Religious Tolerance*  
 Downtown Center, 111 E. Las Olas Blvd, 11th floor,  
 Fort Lauderdale, FL



# Broward College Foundation Helps Student Fulfill Academic Aspirations with American Dream Scholarship

Jean-Mark Leloir is on track to graduate in December with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management, and the **American Dream Scholarship** helped make it a reality.

The Broward College Foundation created the scholarship to help students bridge the gap between federal and state assistance and the true costs of tuition, fees and textbooks.

Leloir's original plan was to attend another institution after high school graduation. When his mother fell ill, he decided to stay home and help his family. His choice gave him precious time with his mother before her passing, and he now continues his education in massage therapy in honor of her memory.



## Now Accepting Applications for MLK Day of Service Projects



Through funding from the Florida Legislature, Broward College, in partnership with the MLK Day of Service Advisory Board, has received \$112,500 that it will allocate to a variety of community organizations to develop and complete service projects between January 9 - January 16, 2017.

Interested organizations are encouraged to submit applications to the Broward College website, detailing how their proposed projects will enhance or impact the Broward County community. The selected organizations will be eligible to receive awards up to

\$3,500 in funding to directly support their proposed service projects. Applications are due by 12 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25.

Eligible applicants include: non-profits, volunteer groups, K-12 schools, colleges/universities, government organizations, Greek/civic/service organizations, churches, neighborhood organizations, professional associations and for-profit businesses. All participating organizations and service projects must be located in Broward County.



## Disney Institute Seminar brings the Magic to Broward College



A sold-out audience of professionals attended the “How to Transform Your Organization through Disney’s Approach to Quality Service” on Thursday, September 22 at the Omni Auditorium on North Campus. The day-long customer service program was hosted by the Disney Institute representatives, who provided business insight and time-tested examples from Disney parks and resorts worldwide. In all, 320 attended, with tickets sold out six weeks in advance. The Florida Small Business Development Center (FSBDC) was the title sponsor for the event.

Rafael Cruz, regional director of the FSBDC, accepted a plaque at the Board of Trustees meeting for his involvement in this inaugural event. Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr. accepted an award from Disney to celebrate the partnership and success.



L to R: Matt Rocco, Rafael Cruz, Mildred Coyne, and President Armstrong.



### American Dream Scholarship Donor Recognized

May Jean Wolff was recognized at the Board of Trustees meeting for her and her husband Lou’s longstanding commitment to providing match gifts to the American Dream Scholarship. May Jean had the opportunity to meet Luz Rojas, a biology major and recipient of the scholarship.



*“Thank you for your generosity and for contributing to my personal and academic life. Because of this scholarship I am able to finish with better grades and GPA and pursue my dreams without being a burden to my family.”*

— Luz Rojas



### Broward College Receives Carl D. Perkins Annual Award

Mildred Coyne, executive director for workforce education and economic development, announced during the Board of Trustees meeting that Broward College received nearly \$3 million through the Carl D. Perkins annual award. The institution received the highest amount of any other institution in Florida. The funding has been crucial to the Career and Technical Education programs.

### Study Abroad Program to Include Cuba in 2017

The 2017 faculty-led study abroad programs were approved during the Board of Trustees meeting. Included was an eight-day itinerary to Cuba and Trinidad next May, with the trip focusing on Spanish and photography curriculum. Local architect Mario Cartaya, former Broward College trustee and professor of architecture, will join as guest lecturer.

### Broward College Delivers Disney Balloons to Patients at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital



Representatives from student life joined Matthew Rocco, Coordinator for the Institute of Economic Development; Elice Martinez, District Director, Advancement, Foundation and Campaign Initiatives; and Summer Dowler, Director of Community Development for the Memorial Foundation to deliver Mickey and Minnie balloons to patients at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood.

### Faculty Member Logs 299 Hours in Community Service



During the 2015-2016 fiscal year 190 employees attended 1,109 volunteer opportunities and logged 4,518 hours in service to the community. At the top of the list was Yasmin Teja, supervisor of testing at North Campus and reading adjunct faculty, who donated 299 hours. President Armstrong recognized her dedication to service during the September Board of Trustees

meeting. Teja, who's from Kenya, sees service as way of paying it forward. Teja dedicated the recognition to the late Dr. A. Hugh Adams, a former Broward College president.