

BROWARD COLLEGE UPDATE

FROM PRESIDENT J. DAVID ARMSTRONG, JR.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Emergency Relief Fund Launched to Help Students Affected by Hurricane Irma

HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF EFFORT HELPING STUDENTS IN NEED

> DONATE TODAY

To help students severely affected by Hurricane Irma, the College has established an Emergency Relief Fund. Donations will go towards tuition and books for students who are in desperate financial need as a result of the storm and are at risk of being unable to continue their academic studies. To donate, go to giving.broward.edu/donate and click the “GIVE NOW” button. On the drop-down menu select Broward College Emergency Relief Fund.

Village Square Schedule Announced

The Village Square, an open forum debate series sponsored by Broward College, is scheduled to begin on October 18 and run through May 2018. The series features three “Dinner at the Square” and three “Take Out Tuesday” events which feature guest speakers on topics ranging from affordable housing to euthanasia. Dinner at the Square is a paid event. Tickets range from \$35-\$45 and is hosted at Funky Buddha Brewery in Oakland Park. Take-Out Tuesday is held at the Willis Holcombe Center in Fort Lauderdale and is free and open to the public. Visit broward.edu/villagesquare.

Broward College Recognized for Serving Hispanics and Minorities

The Department of Education has listed Broward College as one of the leading institutions for Hispanics in the United States. The College was ranked 16th in the ‘Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Total Enrollment – Most Hispanic’ in the August issue of *Hispanic Outlook* (HO) magazine. The publication releases a Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics issue each year, and highlights several lists from the Department of Education.



For the second consecutive year, a special report in *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* ranked Broward College third among public, for-profit and non-profit institutions nationwide in conferring associate degrees to minority students. Within that total, the College was second in the nation for the number of associate degrees conferred to African Americans and fifth for the number of associate degrees conferred to Hispanic students.

President Armstrong Attends Global Partnership Week at Shanghai Polytechnic University in China

For the fourth consecutive year, the College has been invited to participate in the Global Partnership Week hosted by its partner institution Shanghai Polytechnic University in China. President Armstrong gave a presentation on “Fostering Relationships between Education and the Economy,” a strategy for which Broward College is well-known in the United States. More than 80 colleges and universities from 31 countries participated in the event.

While in China, President Armstrong visited other partner institutions in the region and met with new organizations and agencies working there. Among them, is the Chinese Aviation Flight University of China (CAFUC) in Chengdu, which recently sent its first class of students to study at the College’s Aviation Institute. The President was accompanied by Rosey Yang-Krivak, district director for Global Education and Commerce.

Broward College Science Project Selected by NASA

A research project developed by Broward College science faculty has been selected for a mission aboard NASA’s Blue Origins New Shepherd sRLV (suborbital reusable launch vehicle). The project, “Measurement of the Atmospheric Background in the Mesosphere as a Pre-cursor to Astronomical Observations” sets off during the first half of 2018 and marks the 20th anniversary of the first Broward College project to launch in space. It will study the abundance of hydroxide in the mesosphere. The effects of the gas on the planet and the atmosphere are not yet fully understood. Each year, NASA distributes a request for project proposals to accompany launches. Submissions are competitively reviewed for scientific relevance. For the Blue Origins New Shepherd sRLV launch Broward College partnered with Silicon Valley Space Center.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Congresswoman Wilson Meets with Academic Team

U.S. Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, District #24, met with representatives of the College’s academic team on July 31 to introduce the “5000 Role Models of Excellence Program” which offers mentoring and educational guidance to minority male students. Founded by Wilson in 1993, the program focuses on middle and high school boys and offers them the opportunity to attend college. Three counties are already participating in the program – Miami Dade, Duval and Pinellas. There are plans for a partnership with the College in the future.



Florida College System Foundation Provides Additional Scholarship Funds

The Florida College System (FCS) Foundation contributed \$85,294 to support scholarships for the 2017-18 academic year. The money was handed over to the Broward College Foundation by Madeline Pumariega, chancellor of the Division of Florida Colleges, and George Platt, member of the Florida College System Foundation's board of directors and a distinguished alumnus of Broward College at a special reception on August 17. The scholarships will assist students who are pursuing their degrees in nursing and allied health and those who are the first in their family to attend college.

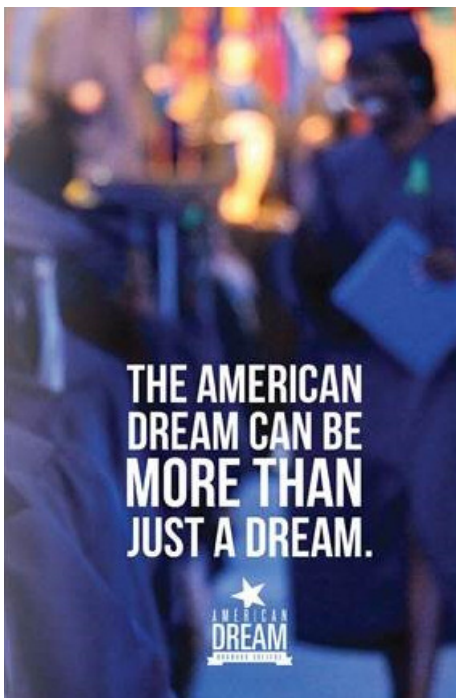


J. David Armstrong, Jr., president, Broward College; George Platt, board member, Florida College System Foundation and distinguished Broward College alumnus; Gloria M. Fernandez, vice chair, Broward College District Board of Trustees; Madeline Pumariega, chancellor, Florida College System; Nancy R. Botero, vice president of Advancement and executive director of the Broward College Foundation; John A. Benz, chair, Broward College District Board of Trustees; and David R. Maymon, member, Broward College District Board of Trustees .

Broward College Foundation Receives Silver Award for Communication Initiative

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education named Broward College a silver winner of its 2017 Circle of Excellence awards program. The College was recognized for its American Dream Scholarship initiative in the Communications Program Improvement category. The judges thought communications around the scholarship exceeded all the identified goals. More than 700 higher education institutions, independent schools and nonprofits worldwide submitted 3,364 entries for consideration in nearly 100 categories. There were 366 awards: 118 bronze, 125 silver, 107 gold and 16 grand gold.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education is one of the largest international associations of education institutions, serving 3,670 universities, colleges, schools and related organizations in more than 80 countries.



Faculty Welcome Back



More than 500 new and returning faculty turned out to the 2017 Faculty Welcome Back at the Omni on North Campus to mark the official start of the new academic year. Keynote speaker for the event was Madeline Pumariega, chancellor of the Division of Florida Colleges.

Connecting College to Industry



College representatives attended the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) conference in Orlando in August. The team met with industry partners across the state to assess the potential of creating a property management program. Left to right: Fortin Jean-Pierre, specialist, Career and Technical Education; Gloria Fernandez, vice chair, Broward College District Board of Trustees; and Paul Moore, dean, Business Pathway.

We Recovered from Hurricane Irma



There was extensive damage to the landscape, a few leaks and the power went out but thanks to the hard-working faculty and staff the College was able to resume classes on September 18.

Eclipse Excitement



Broward College was the focus of attention on August 21 when local media outlets broadcast the solar eclipse from the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus in Davie. Susan Barnett, director of the Buehler Planetarium and Rolando Branly, professor of physical science, provided live expert interviews. Activities also included a viewing party for students, employees and the public.

UPCOMING EVENTS @ BROWARD COLLEGE

Block Party for Higher Education

October 5, 5 – 8 p.m.

Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale

Sea Level Rise and Climate Change Fireside Chat

October 12, 11 a.m.

Judson A. Samuels South Campus, Pembroke Pines

Pay-for-Performance Increase Approved

The Board of Trustees approved raises for the 2017 fiscal year for full-time, non-represented employees and those represented by the Federation of Public Employees. The increase of 2.25 percent will be applied as of July 1 to base salaries and paid retroactively in the September 29 payroll. Employees eligible for the Pay-for-Performance increase are those employed as of September 15, 2017, have a performance evaluation completed for 2017 (per HR policy 3.21) and have completed all mandatory compliance training.

Board of Trustees Acknowledges the Work of Terry Stiles

The Broward College District Board of Trustees paid tribute to Terry Stiles during its September monthly meeting. The former chairman and CEO of Stiles Corporation died on September 11. Led by Board of Trustees Vice Chair Gloria Fernandez, Stiles was recognized for his contribution to the development of Fort Lauderdale and his work with Broward College, including the planned redevelopment of the downtown location.

College Policy Revisions

At the September 26, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board adopted revisions to College Policy 6Hx2-7.20 regarding Access Control and Video Surveillance.

Click [HERE](#) to review the approved revisions.

Retirements



Mary Diaz joined Broward College as a faculty member in 1990 and is retiring after almost 27 years. She taught English as a Second Language (ESL) in the Arts, Humanities, Communication, and Design (AHCD) Pathway. During her tenure, she served as faculty advisor and coordinator for a number of programs. Professor Diaz has been the recipient of two Endowed Teaching Chair awards: 1997 and 2010.



Susan Smith started at the College in 1980 as an adjunct professor of public speaking and communication. She received continuing contract status in 1996. Professor Smith is well known for incorporating community service projects within the classroom. She has received numerous awards including the Joanne Clarke Award for Excellence in Community College Instruction in 2000.