Association of Florida Colleges
Student Development Commission

The Network

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Creating the Canvas to Paint Florida's Future

The Student Development Commission held its 47th Annual SDC Conference at Tallahassee Community College, May 14-16, 2014. There were 88 attendees from 20 of the 28 state colleges! For the first time, the SDC held a pre-conference workshop. The workshop, "Creating the Canvas to Create Florida's Future: Governance and Student Success" was facilitated by Narcisa Polonio, Ed.D and Mia Simpson from the Governance Institute for Student Success. There were 21 attendees for this first-time event. The conference officially kicked off with keynote addresses from Dr. Sally Search, Dr. Dean Kohrs, and Jared Ferriera. During the keynote speeches, participants heard the administrative perspective through Dr. Search, the faculty perspective from Dr. Kohrs, and the student perspective from Ferriera. They encouraged the conference attendees to focus on how we can transform the future of the Florida College System by abandoning silos and working together.

SDC was excited to welcome 52 FIRST TIME attendees! Joy Raulerson of Pasco-Hernando State College and Lori Cannon of Gulf Coast State College coordinated an orientation session just for them.

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Doug Ryan Consulting organized the Legislative Track, which included student-led tours of the Capitol and a visit to the Florida House of Representatives, Michael Brawer provided the AFC Legislative Update, and a host of presenters offered 15 concurrent program sessions.

The conference sponsored two service projects. The first was a donation drive for the Eagle's-Nest Food Pantry at Tallahassee Community College organized by TCC's S.L.I.C.E. Office. Over 70 individual food items were collected. The second was an on-site service project, where 13 participants assembled incentive bags for the American Lung Association's Air Walk. The SDC "raffle tree" raised $188 to donate to the American Lung Association.

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Awards Summary

The **Cameron Hall Practitioner Award** recognizes and honors a Florida College System student affairs practitioner who has consistently demonstrated the highest levels of humanitarianism throughout his or her career. This year's recipient was Carolyn Fonville from Lake-Sumter State College.

The **Dr. Charles R. Dassance Student Development Award** honors individuals who have contributed outstanding service to the advancement of student development. This year the award went to Kelly Warren from Florida State College at Jacksonville.

The **Student Leader Connection Award** honors a student who has contributed to the work of student development activities on his or her campus. The recipient of this year's award was Jose Garita, as student from Florida SouthWestern State College.

The **Faculty Connection Award** honors a Florida College System faculty member who has contributed to the work of student development activities on his or her campus. Nicolle Panuthos from St. Petersburg College earned this year's award.

Thank you to our amazing sponsors!

We are so grateful for our sponsors. We appreciate their support of SDC and look forward to working with them next year.

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Exemplary Practice Presentations

We had an exemplary panel of presentations on Friday and you can see the highlights here. Keep those great ideas coming as we start the sharing process over again by selecting the best of the best at Fall AFC Convention. The 2015 Exemplary Practice presentations will be due Friday, October 10th, 2014. Look for more information on the AFC website soon.

Dreamkeepers and Student Assistance Program, College of Central Florida

Conversation Café, Edison State College

RiverLife, Indian River State College

Student Leadership Retreat Apprentice Challenge, Pasco-Hernando State College, presented by John Fey and Gary Cors

And the Winner is...Pasco-Hernando State College! - Presented by John Fey and Gary Cors

And last but not least, we thank the Conference Planning Committee at Tallahassee Community College

Thank you to the following committee members who helped to plan and execute the conference: Melissa Scalzi, Karinda Barrett, Alicia Casey, Ethan Caswell, Jessie Clayton, Dough Davey, Tavarius Eberhart, Jacqueline Edwards, Lauren Fletcher, Emily Fox, Carolyn Lytle, Christy Mantzanas, Li Pon, Robin Haggins, Ryan Rogers, Annie Todd, and Sharon Walker. All of their generous contributions truly made the conference a success!

Thanks to all and make sure to Save the Date for the 48th Annual Student Development Commission Conference May 19-21, 2015, at the College of Central Florida in Ocala!

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SDC SPONSORS THREAT ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

On June 16, the Student Development Commission partnered with the Santa Fe College Chapter of the AFC and Maxient to sponsor the inaugural Threat Assessment Workshop for Florida College System (FCS) professionals on at Santa Fe College in Gainesville. The workshop featured a number of roundtable discussions on team roles and staffing, case management/care teams, working with faculty, trespass policies, and tracking and sharing case information.

GET INVOLVED!

Are you an AFC Member?

Are you as involved in AFC as you would like to be? Need some suggestions? We are so glad you asked! In addition to your local chapter and your region, there are 16 divisions within the AFC that were established for professional development and to share ideas within special interest groups. Among those divisions of special interest groups, called Commissions, there is only ONE whose active participants represent all the following student service areas: Advisement, Admissions. Career Development, Counseling, Disabled Student Services, Financial Aid, Registration, Recruitment, Retention, Student Activities, Testing, and more. There is only ONE that encompasses administrators, faculty, and career service employees. That Commission is the **Student Development Commission**.

What do we do?

We promote student service programs throughout the state. We share ideas and discuss common problems and concerns. We offer professional development conferences and workshops. We recognize and award outstanding programs and professionals throughout the state and we disseminate information and ideas to each other. And, we provide a forum for exchange of ideas and information throughout the state through our newsletter, The Network, and within our meetings at the AFC Fall Convention and our own Student Development Spring Conference.

Get Signed-up!

Sound good? Just what you've been looking for? Here's how to get involved. First, join your local AFC chapter and designate the Student Development Commission as your special interest area. Your interest in the Student Development Commission will be noted at the state AFC office and that information will be passed on to the

Commission. You will then begin to receive information about local, regional, and state activities. You will also begin to receive correspondence from the Student Development Commission, including our newsletter, The Network, and notices of conventions and conferences. We encourage you to attend the annual conference, submit nomination for awards, and run for a position on the SDC Board!

Got News?

Do you have Student Development news you would like to share with the rest of the state? If so, send it to Lauren Fletcher at fletchel@tcc.fl.edu.

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