# Association of Florida Colleges Council of Presidents Friday February 9, 2018 Tallahassee, FL

## **Meeting Minutes**

#### 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order

At 8:50 a.m., on Friday, February 9, 2018, Dr. LoBasso called the meeting of the Council of Presidents to order.

The following members of the Council of Presidents were present: (proxy)

Mr. David Armstrong Dr. Eduardo Padron (Ms. Lenore Rodicio)

Dr. Sarah Clemmons Mr. John Grosskopf

Dr. Tom LoBasso Ms. Ava Parker (Dr. Nika Coleman Ferrell)

Dr. Jim Richey Dr. Tim Beard

Dr. Jeff Allbritten Dr. Ed Meadows (Ms. Sandy Ray)
Dr. Cynthia Bioteau (Dr. John Wall) Dr. Angela Garcia-Falconetti

Dr. John Holdnak Dr. Ann McGee (Dr. John Gyllin)

Dr. Ken Atwater (Mr. Eric Johnson)

Dr. Thomas Leitzel

Dr. Ed Massey

Dr. Carol Probstfeld

Dr. Stan Sidor

Dr. Jim Murdaugh

The following members of the Council of Presidents were present on the phone:

Dr. Jim Henningsen

Ms. Ava Parker

#### 2.0 Council of Presidents Minutes

## 2.1 Approval, Council of Presidents Minutes – January 12, 2018

**Action:** Upon a motion by Dr. Massey and a second by Dr. Beard, the minutes from the January 12, 2018 Council of Presidents meeting were approved unanimously.

#### 3.0 Report of the Chair

Dr. LoBasso asked Dr. Probstfeld to introduce the members of the State College of Florida Leadership Academy, who were in attendance at the meeting. He then asked Dr. Beard to introduce the members of the Pasco-Hernando State College Leadership Academy who were also in attendance at the meeting

#### 3.1 Support Association Updates

# 3.1.1 Association of Florida Colleges Member Development Incentive and Professional Development

Mr. Brawer presented a PowerPoint to the Council that gave an overview of the Association of Florida Colleges. The PowerPoint is available on the AFC website.

Mr. Brawer reported that the Association will be offering membership incentives to each AFC chapter, in an effort to support the 2018 goal of 700 new AFC members. An email detailing the incentive options will be sent to the college presidents.

#### 3.1.2 Florida College System Activities Association

Ms. Warren presented a PowerPoint to the Council about the Florida College System Activities Association. The presentation detailed all activities that are covered within the Association. The PowerPoint is available on the AFC website.

Dr. Holdnak asked if there was a decline in any college sports. Ms. Warren reported that the athletic departments at all colleges were strong. She shared that although Florida State College at Jacksonville had dropped tennis, they gained a cross country team. Also Florida Gateway College has just recently brought back their athletics department.

#### 4.0 Report of the Chancellor, The Division of Florida Colleges

Chancellor Pumariega thanked everyone who attended the Innovation and Excellence Conference. She recognized Judy Green for her work on the \$1 million grant for the Florida Student Success Center. The next convening of the center will be April 9-10, at St. Petersburg College.

She referred to the previously distributed data regarding Baccalaureate employment outcomes. A handout entitled <u>Florida College System Dashboard</u> was distributed. A dashboard for each of the individual colleges was also created, and can be obtained through email.

The Chancellor shared that the Division is working with the State College Projection Portal on the workforce demand and working with the Department of Economic Opportunity to develop a dashboard for state colleges. The dashboard would provide information on wages and demand as well as adding the top ten fastest growing occupations in the state. Currently the Division is reaching out to several college academic leaders to discuss a better process for starting and maintaining an AA or AAS program.

Chancellor Pumariega congratulated Pensacola State College on the award of their growth grant. Broward College and Florida Gateway College are looking to receive the grant as well. She also congratulated Broward College, Hillsborough Community College, Miami Dade College, and Valencia College on being in the top eight of the Siemens-Aspen Community College STEM Award.

The Chancellor referred to a letter that each member of the Council received from Cynthia O'Connell, executive director of the Florida Pre-Paid Foundation. The Foundation has made \$500,000 available to provide for matching grants for First Generation scholarships if you buy them from Florida Pre-Paid.

The Chancellor shared that all college business officers should have received a request on update reserves. Those numbers are being updated, as they are currently based on June 30, 2017 as opposed to December 30, 2017. She also referred to the Emergency Management Continuing of Operations Plan that each college has. The plans need to be returned to Division by March1.

According to enrollment data, enrollment numbers are increasing.

The Chancellor welcomed back Dr. Carrie Henderson as the Executive Vice Chancellor of the Florida College System.

#### 5.0 Report from the Division of Career and Technical Education

Chancellor Rod Duckworth provided an update to the Council. He shared a big priority is the restoration of performance funding for industry certifications and technical centers, which was not received last year. It is currently in the Governor's request for \$6 million and in the Senate request for \$4.5 million; ideally it will be

restored for at least \$5 million. He shared that the Division was in a position to prorate the dollars for industry certifications. The hope is that the House will restore the budget.

Currently the only apprenticeship bill that is moving is House Bill 0577, companion bill to Senate Bill 856. This bill provides for high school credit of pre-apprenticeship courses and programs. If the bill were to pass it would not be burden on the districts as the existing programs would meet this piece of legislation.

Chancellor Duckworth shared that at the next state board of education meeting the rule up for the benchmark and standards will go before the board. He thanked the state colleges for working on the framework updates.

Chancellor Duckworth shared that currently the Division is in the interview process for the position of College Liaison as well as for the position of Director for Adult Education. He also shared that Kathleen Taylor, who works in career and adult education, has been working with college deans on the articulation agreement process. He thanked the Council for allowing them to work with her.

# 6.0 Committee and Task Force Reports/Updates

#### **6.1 Articulation and Coordinating Committee**

Dr. Massey reported that the Committee has a meeting coming up and will provide an update at the next Council meeting.

#### **6.2 Distance Learning Committee**

Dr. Sidor referred to the recommended work plan that was provided in the meeting materials.

Chancellor Pumariega asked how the plan ties to the Southern University System Online Program and would it be of value to present jointly to the Higher Education Coordinating Council on how the two systems are approaching online education in Florida. Dr. Sidor agreed that a joint presentation would make sense on how the strategies align. The Chancellor asked what systems are currently being used by the colleges. Quality Matters was used by most all in the room except Chipola College. Chipola College has created their own system.

#### 6.2.1 Approval, 2018-19 Committee Work Plan

**Action:** Upon a motion by Dr. Massey and a second by Dr. Beard, the 2018-2019 Distance Learning Committee Work Plan was approved unanimously.

#### 6.3 Florida College System Risk Management Consortium

Dr. Henningsen referred to the FCSRMC packet that was distributed and available on the AFC website.

Mr. Chauncey Fagler reviewed the packet with the Council. He referred to page 2, 2018-2019 Calculations of Institution Assessments. He shared that \$6.8 million in reserves had to be used to cover Hurricane Irma. The total cost of the hurricane was \$16.6 million; \$10 million will be in insurance recovery. He said that with the retention issue and flat renewal, they worked with the Operations Committee to have another year to retrieve the funds from the legislature and to know what would be coming back from FEMA. Some issues in working with FEMA will be obtain and maintain. Chancellor asked where the FEMA policy decision came from and would there be an opportunity to put a policy brief together as to how that policy decision is affecting the Florida College System. Mr. Fagler replied he would be happy to work on that, he also added the FCS will have to adhere by Fema Federal Purchasing Guidelines. He shared there will be a day meeting, in May, to go over the FEMA guidelines.

Mr. Fagler reported a flat renewal for 2018; 1.2 million was saved out of Property Insurance and eliminated some of the programs that were previously in the budget.

Mr. Fagler shared, when the physical year is through in February, the projected budget of surplus funds will be \$14.4 million. If another storm like Irma comes through in the next year, allocations will be requested to fully fund the surplus. The colleges would be asked for \$6.8 million. Dr. Henningsen reported that along with Operations Committee, working on a summary document, between now and the next legislative session, to show the need for the Legislature to refund the reserve. Dr. Garcia-Falconetti asked why the disaster management coverage went to \$0. Mr. Fagler replied it was eliminated.

#### 6.3.1 Approval, 2018-2019 Property/Casualty/Admin Budget

**Action:** Upon a motion by Dr. Holdnak and a second by Dr. Probstfeld the 2018-2019 Property/Casualty/Admin Budget was approved unanimously.

# 6.3.2 Approval, Hurrican Irma, Belfor Mitigation for FKCC and MDC – Post-Facto

**Action:** Upon a motion by Dr. Leitzel and a second by Dr. Allbritten the Hurricane Irma Mitigation for FKCC and MDC was

approved post-facto.

# 6.3.3 Approval, BlueMedicare 2018 Rate – Post-Facto

**Action:** Upon a motion by Dr. Holdnak and a second by Dr. Leitzel the BlueMedicare 2018 Rate was approved post-facto unanimously.

Mr. Falger reviewed the remainder of the information items in the FCSRMC packet. He shared that St. Petersburg College, Eastern Florida State College, and Northwest Florida State College had risk managers that participated in the United Educators RMPC. This is a two phase program with specific milestone implementations throughout the policy period. Through this program FCSRMC received an \$83,947savings on the 2018-2019 United Educators renewal plan. The program will be looking for new participants in the coming year.

Mr. Fagler shared that Dr. Henningsen and Dr. Holdnak's terms will be up in May 2018, the Council will need to address.

#### **6.4 Funding Formula Workgroup**

Dr. Probstfeld reported that COBA met to review some ideas. She shared that the workgroup does not plan to propose any changes this year.

#### 6.5 Media and Public Relations Committee

Ms. Karen Moore referred to the Communication and Advocacy Plan that was sent out last year. She encouraged the Council to continue moving forward with that plan. She reminded the Council that a "Social Media Toolkit" was sent to all college PIOs. She commended all the efforts of sending in op eds.

Ms. Moore reported that the Florida Trend magazine with the FCS ad was hand delivered to all members of the House and Senate leadership, by students from TCC and FSU. Moore Communications has been working with students to testify at the CRC, on how to tell their story.

Ms. Moore shared that a letter had been drafted on behalf of college faculty and staff, to thank the CRC and Commissioner Washington.

Ms. Moore reminded the Council about the interview videos that the Florida Chamber did with Tony Carvajal. The videos are working and video one, with Chancellor Pumariega had the highest views of any video in a year.

Ms. Moore reminded video stories for February are featuring Aero Space and

Aviation programs.

Mr. Brawer shared that the issues of the FCS are being heard, thanks to the work with Moore Communications. Efforts this year have had a phenomenal response.

#### 6.6 FCSAA

Ms. Kelly Warren introduced Jacobi Bedenfield, FCSSGA President. Mr. Bedenfield reported on the recent events and shared that this tis the 60<sup>th</sup> year of Student Government. The SGA Leadership Conference will be held February, at Florida State College at Jacksonville. The SGA election season has just kicked off, it will run through March 23.

Mr. Bedenfield shared that he has charged four of the Associations committees to evaluate performance and productivity. The committees are Conference Engagement Committee, Centralization and Records Committee, Accessibility and Resources Committee, and the Civic Awareness and Community Service Committee. Also work with the Credential Committee is in the works to establish proxy voting.

Mr. Bedenfield encouraged the Council to stay engaged with their colleges Student Government Association.

Ms. Warren referred to the FCSAA report that is available on the AFC website. The report highlights the happenings of the Association.

#### **6.7 Support Council Reports**

#### 6.7.1 CIA

Dr. Corragio reported that the Council had a leadership conference call on January 19 to discuss plans for the CIA/CSA upcoming meeting. The joint meeting will take place February 14-16 in Crystal River. The full Council report is available on the AFC website.

#### 6.7.2 CSA

Ms. Davis shared that she recently attended the Jobs of the Future Conference. She outlined the four area the meeting was organized around. The full Council report is available on the AFC website.

#### 6.7.3 COBA

Mr. Mazur reported on the recent COBA meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be May 16-18 at Palm Beach State

College. The full report of the Council is available on the AFC website.

#### 6.7.4 FCRD

Ms. Skryd reported to the Council on the Foundation Report on total funds raised for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and found that of the funds, 94% of FCS funds are restricted as opposed to 44% of the funds of the State Universities are restricted.

She shared that several grant departments are continuing to work on apprenticeship programs in Florida. The two primary barriers of the Florida apprenticeship programs are how to expand apprenticeships into 21<sup>st</sup> century apprenticeships that are identified as unapprinticeable and the funding restraint.

Ms. Skryd reported that the Council was able to award a \$1,800 check to Florida Keys Community College, with the help of a match campaign.

The full Council report is available on the AFC website.

# 7.0 AFC Report

Mr. Brawer reported that the Council's June meeting has been rescheduled for June 11-12, to be held in conjunction with the Florida Chamber's Learners to Earners Conference. The Renaissance Tampa International Plaza will have a block of rooms. All hotel and registration information will be available on the AFC website.

Mr. Brawer introduce Ty Diehl of Aviso Retention. Aviso sponsored the previous night's COP dinner. Aviso Retention information packets were available to those in attendance.

Mr. Brawer referred to an email that had been sent our prior regarding the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning and the awards that will be presented during the conference. Each college may nominate one individual for each award.

Dr. Coleman-Ferrell gave a report to the Council on the success of the recent Legislative Days and Leadership Conferences hosted by AFC. She thanked those who participated in conference panels for engaging the leaders of AFC.

#### 8.0 Other Business

Dr. LoBasso adjourned the meeting of the Council of Presidents at 11:00 a.m.

# Florida College System Activities Association Report to the Council of Presidents

# March 9, 2018

## **Academic Divisions**

**Brain Bowl:** FCSAA Regional Tournaments were held February 9-10, 2018. Following are the results of the regional tournaments:

Southern Champion	Broward College A Team
Southern Runner-Up	Broward College B Team
East Central Champion	Florida Gateway College
East Central Runner-Up	Santa Fe College
West Central Champion	Valencia College Red Team
West Central Runner-Up	State College of Florida
Panhandle Champion	Chipola College Blue Team
Panhandle Runner-Up	Chipola College Gold Team
Wild Card Qualifier	Gulf Coast State College
Wild Card Qualifier	Tallahassee Community College

The FCSAA State Tournament is March 16-17, 2018, at Chipola College. *Brain Bowl State Advisor is Christina Dwyer, State College of Florida*.

**Forensics:** FCSAA State Tournament was held February 1-3, 2018, at Tallahassee Community College. The following colleges participated: Broward College, College of Central Florida, Florida State College at Jacksonville, Miami Dade College, Northwest Florida State College, Polk State College, Seminole State College, and Tallahassee Community College. Congratulations to Tallahassee Community College as the 2018 State Forensics Champions. Coach of the Year: Cecil Scalf, Northwest Florida State College. *Forensics State Advisor is John Schultz, Tallahassee Community College*.

**Model United Nations:** The Florida Model UN conference was October 20-21, 2017, at Santa Fe College. Sixty FCS students from four colleges attended: Broward College, College of Central Florida, Santa Fe College, and Tallahassee Community College. TCC (Canada and Luxemborg) and Broward (Iran and Israel) were named Outstanding Delegations. At this conference, the advisors approved their by-laws to earn full FCSAA division status. *Model UN State Advisor is Dr. Rick Murgo, Tallahassee Community College.* 

**Music:** Winter Music Symposium was held January 25-27, 2018, at Jacksonville University. There were 348 attendees from 18 colleges. The 2019 and 2020 Symposiums will be held at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. *Music State Advisor is Michael MacMullen, Palm Beach State College. Symposium Coordinator is Michael Manzi, Polk State College.* 

**Publications:** Florida College System Press Association Annual conference was October 12-14, 2017, in Orlando. There were 95 attendees from nine colleges; 11 colleges participated in the annual contest. *Publications State Advisor is Lizabeth Martin, Palm Beach State College.* 

**Student Government:** The Student Government Leadership Conference, Celebrating 60 Years, was held February 16-17 at Florida State College at Jacksonville's Kent Campus. 265 students and advisors representing 18 colleges participated in a series of leadership development workshops, many presented by FSCJ staff and

faculty. Student Government's April conference will be held April 13-14 at Indian River State College and will include elections for the 2018-2019 Executive Board. *Student Government State Advisor is Rochelle Popp-Finch, Indian River State College.* 

**Theatre:** Respondent program continues. For Fall 2017, nine colleges participated in the Theatre Response Program with two productions receiving Superior rankings (the highest ranking). They were Eastern Florida State College for their production of *The Dining Room* and Gulf Coast State College for their production of *One Man, Two Guvnors*. Also notable is that Indian River State College's production of *Angel Street* and Broward College's production of *The Story* received Risk Awards, and Lake Sumter State College's production of *Robin Hood* (a play for young audiences) received the Community Service Award. Other colleges participating in the respondent program Fall 2017 included Chipola College, Florida Gateway College, Pensacola State College and Tallahassee Community College. *Theatre State Advisor is Jeanine Henry, Eastern Florida State College*.

# **Athletic Division**

#### 2017-2018 FCSAA State Tournaments:

Women's Cross Country: October 28, 2017, Tallahassee's Apalachee Regional Park. State Champion, Pasco Hernando State College; Runner-up, South Florida State College. Also participating were FSCJ, Chipola and TCC. Runner of the Year, Meagan Giddons, TCC. All State/All Region: Meagan Giddons, TCC; Quincy Mayer, PHSC; Michaela Scruti, FSCJ; Kylyn Burbine, PHSC; and Lauren Hale, PHSC. Cross Country State Chair: Steve Winterling, PHSC.

**Women's Soccer:** October 27 and 29, 2017, Daytona State College. State Champion, Eastern Florida State College; Runner-up, Daytona State College. Eastern Florida advanced to the NJCAA Division I National Tournament, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation. The full list of Women's Soccer awards is attached. *Women's Soccer State Chair: Steve Linamen, Polk State College.* 

**Men's Soccer Note:** Eastern Florida State College defeated Daytona State College in overtime to take the Region 8 championship and advance to the NJCAA Southeast District Tournament, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

**Women's Volleyball:** November 3-5, 2017, Bradenton Area Convention Center. State Champion/NJCAA District G Champion: Miami Dade College; State Runner-Up/NJCAA District H Champion, Polk State College; and NJCAA District P Champion, St. Petersburg. All three traveled to the NJCAA Division I National Championship. For the second consecutive year, congratulations to Miami Dade College, the NJCAA Division I National Champion. Polk State College 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation. In NJCAA Division II, Pasco-Hernando won their district and traveled to the Division II National Championship, finishing 7<sup>th</sup>. The full list of Volleyball awards is attached. *Volleyball State Chair: Matt Ennis, State College of Florida* 

# **Upcoming FCSAA State Tournaments:**

Women's Basketball: March 8-10, 2018, College of Central Florida Men's Basketball: March 7, 9-10, 2018, College of Central Florida Women's Tennis: April 13-15, 2018, Sanlando Park, Altamonte Springs Women's Softball: May 2-6, 2018, Soldier's Creek Park, Longwood Men's Baseball: May 10-15, Joker Marchant Stadium, Lakeland

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Warren, FCSAA Executive Director

The following report contains a summary of recent activities of the Council of Instructional Affairs (CIA).

- The last CIA/CSA meeting was held February 15-16, in Crystal River. The focus of this meeting was on SACS-COC Accreditation, Students with Disabilities and Transition Programs, and Using Financial Aid as a Tool for Retention. The Division also provided Florida College System Updates. Time was provided for the five strategic theme subcommittees to meet and work on their assigned areas of programs, articulation, retention/completion, affordability, and innovation. This resulted in robust discussion between academics and student services in these five strategic areas.
- Our next CIA/CSA meeting is scheduled for June 7-8 in Hutchison Island. We are currently working on a proposed agenda. Current discussion topics include strategic course scheduling and math pathways. The next monthly CIA Leadership Call is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM and will entail planning for the upcoming meeting.
- CIA is working with the Chancellor's office and the Florida Student Success Center on the Statewide Math Pathways Convening for April 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a one day meeting that will be held at St. Petersburg College. This meeting will be for math faculty to discuss the "right math at the right time" for students as well as best practices in preparing students to be successful in math. Dr. Uri Treisman's and staff from the Charles A. Dana center at University of Texas at Austin will be participating as well. At last count 15 of the 28 state colleges had already committed to bringing team and we are anticipating more.

Report Submitted by Council of Instructional Affairs Chair Jesse Coraggio, Ph.D. on March 9, 2018.

# The Role of an Advisor in the Florida College System

Current Advising Role	Future <b>Advisor</b> Role
Walk-In Advising Advising appointments to verify completion of Career Assessment and Questionnaire (exempt/non- exempt), verify meta-major and alignment with course registration. Collect signatures on forms regarding exempt/non-exempt status.	Integrated advising in New Student Orientation based on student learning outcomes Expanded first-time-in-college (FTIC) advising (required). Counseling/Student Development Approach
Customer services representatives	Empowered to guide students (in their best interest) to degree completion
Meetings with students around registration periods	On-going interactions with students (orientation, 24 credits, 45 credits, Transfer, Career, Exit)
<ul> <li>Eurrent expectations:         <ul> <li>FTIC advising appointments to verify completion of Career Assessment and Questionnaire (exempt/non-exempt), verify meta-major and alignment with course registration. Collect signatures on forms regarding exempt/non-exempt status.</li> <li>Advise on course requirements/academic programs</li> <li>Transfer advising</li> <li>Reactive interactions with students (based on the student setting up an appointment)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>On-going expectations:         <ul> <li>FTIC advising appointments per the request of students</li> <li>Advise on course requirements/academic programs</li> <li>Transfer advising</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Caseload assignment (accountability)</li> <li>Proactive interactions with students (calling, emailing students)</li> <li>Aligning advising appointment with student learning outcomes</li> <li>Academic goals to degree completion (including alternate planning for student pursuing limited access programs)</li> <li>Career Development</li> <li>TypeFocus Assessment interpretation</li> <li>Professional advisors (advising as teaching)</li> <li>On-going professional development</li> <li>Orientation presentations</li> <li>Proactive identification of at-risk students based on pre-enrollment student success indicators</li> </ul>

# COBA Report for the 3/9/2018 COP Business Meeting

- COBA planning a conference call to review final appropriations bill.
- COBA's next scheduled meeting is 5/16 5/18/2018 and will be hosted by Palm Beach State College.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Joe Mazur III, MS-CIS, CPA College of Central Florida Vice President of Administration and Finance 2017-2018 COBA Chair

#### Florida Council for Resource Development Sub Council Report for the Council of Presidents March 9, 2018

This report contains a summary of activities of the Florida Council for Resource Development (FCRD).

#### Goal 1: Communicating the Collective Impact of our System

- 1) Enclosed is a copy of the quarterly FCRD Newsletter, highlighting fundraising and grant making efforts across the Florida College System over the past several months. The newsletter format has been revised to align with the COP Legislative Budget Request priorities and CIA/CSA themes. Doing so will showcase efforts that support strategic priorities of the system
- 2) We are currently working on the next edition of the FCRD Spotlight under the theme "Math Innovations." We are gathering success stories and program information surrounding what FCS colleges are doing to support student achievement in math, such as the use of adaptive learning technology, contextualizing math courses, or dedicated math tutoring for target student populations. This edition will be shared at the FCS Florida Student Success Center 'Math Convening' in April and at the next COP meeting.

#### **Goal 2: World Class Professional Development**

<u>Spring Conference 2018</u>: The FCRD Spring 2018 Conference will be hosted by Miami Dade College on April 11-13, 2018 at the Miami Dade College-Wolfson Campus in downtown Miami, Florida.

We encourage all foundation and grant staff to attend these conferences, held twice each year in the fall and spring.

#### **FCRD Board Membership**

- At the last FCRD board meeting held on February 16<sup>th</sup>, the board elected three
   new board members to replace individuals who have either moved on from their
   institution or have reached their term limit. FCRD By-Laws require equal
   distribution of board members between grant and foundation roles.
   Please welcome our newest board members:
  - Matt Matthews, Director of Resource Development & Accreditation College of Central Florida (Grants)
  - Heather Mitchell, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Tallahassee Community College (Foundation)
  - Christopher Knife, Foundation Executive Director College of Central Florida

Report Submitted By: Jackie Skryd, Executive Director of Grants Development at St. Petersburg College and Chair, Florida Council for Resource Development on 2/28/18.

\*See enclosed FCRD Newsletter from February



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

#### **OFFICERS**

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SECRETARY: Monica Rodriguez, Grant Writer, Miami Dade College

TREASURER: Judy Green, President, The Florida College System Foundation

CONFERENCE TREASURER: Cindy Bruin, Director Grants Development, Indian River State College

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Cleve Warren, Executive Director of the Foundation, Florida State College at Jacksonville

# GRANT AND FOUNDATION NEWS AND NOTES

**MARCH 2018** 

#### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear FCRD Members,

The past quarter has been an active one for the FCRD Board! On behalf of our membership, we have been 'communicating the impact of our system' by sharing information on statistics and success stories from our foundations and grants that are arming our Council of Presidents as they advocate for supportive policies and funding for our institutions over the next year. Your help in gathering this information is greatly valued and recognized by our Presidents and we thank you!! We hope you find the series of communication updates on this front to be helpful in knowing what we are accomplishing as a Council and System.

I am pleased to announce that FCRD members raised \$1,800 through the Florida Keys Community College Match Campaign as unrestricted funds that will support the institution, its students and communities as they continue to recover from Hurricane Irma. The check was presented last month to President Guaverra. Thank you to ALL who made a contribution!

Finally, we are looking forward to 'world class professional development' at our upcoming Spring Conference in Miami! We encourage all foundation and grant staff to attend these conferences, held twice each year in the fall and spring. Beyond professional and partnership development, the conferences often lead to resource development. For the spring conference, FCRD has secured special presentations by the U.S. Department of Labor, including a dedicated session on apprenticeships. We hope you see you there!

Best Wishes,

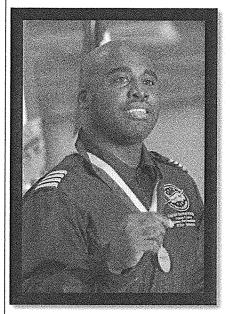
Jackie Skryd, FCRD Chair & Executive Director of Grants Development at SPC



# **EVENTS OF INTEREST: PROGRAMS**

#### **Broward College**

During a November 14<sup>th</sup> ceremony at the Judson A. Samuels South Campus in Pembroke Pines, the Broward College



Foundation commemorated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Emil Buehler Aviation Institute at Broward College, announced a JP Morgan grant for expansion of the aviation maintenance program, and inducted Captain Barrington Irving (pictured left) into the Broward College Alumni Hall of Distinction. Speakers were Dr. Rolando Garcia, President of the South Campus; Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr.; Robert Ceravolo, CEO of Tropic Ocean Airways; Teresa Boyd of JP Morgan Chase; Nancy R. Botero, Broward College's Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the Broward College Foundation; Distinguished Alumnus and Trustee David R. Maymon; and Captain Irving. George Weaver, trustee of the Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust, was recognized for his advocacy and support of Broward College's aviation programs.

Representatives of the aviation industry, aviation faculty and students, Foundation board members, distinguished alumni, and major donors to the College attended the event and gave Captain Irving a standing ovation when his name was announced. Irving was visibly moved by the honor of being named a distinguished alumnus. His story of having risen from a young man whose only dress shoes had three holes in the soles to someone who was able to give back to a new generation of students with the establishment of a named *American Dream Scholarship* was truly inspiring.

#### St. Petersburg College



President Williams (L) joins students on SPC's MLK Day Parade float.



SPC student cleans up debris at SPC's Bay Pines STEM Center.



SPC students volunteer at the St. Petersburg Free Clinic Food Bank.

With the sixth year of funding from the Florida Legislature, SPC and the MLK Advisory Committee awarded funds to local organizations to host service projects in connection with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. SPC Titans could be found all over Pinellas County celebrating the life of Dr. King as students, faculty and staff participated in the national day of service by painting houses for Habitat for Humanity, cleaning up local parks, volunteering at food banks and representing the College in St. Petersburg's Annual MLK Day parade. SPC manages all of the Martin Luther King Day of Service grants and is the fiscal agent for the state, which funds projects at other institutions including Hillsborough Community College and Broward College.

#### **Northwest Florida State College**

On Tuesday, November 28, 2017, Northwest Florida State College announced campaign plans to build a 10,000 square-foot baseball and softball indoor practice facility. The project is estimated to cost \$467,571. Although \$322,600 has already been raised through gifts and pledges, a total of \$130,135 is still required before construction can begin. "NWF athletic facilities are second to none and an essential element in our recruiting efforts," NWF President Devin Stephenson said in a press release.

"However, many of our peer institutions and competitors nationwide have added indoor hitting facilities to their programs. This facility is a must if we are to stay competitive." Designs for the indoor facility boast five all-purpose tunnels with Burbank Sports Nets, artificial turf flooring and full climate control. The facility will be open to the community when not in use by Raider players and coaches.

#### **GRANT ACHIEVEMENTS: PROGRAMS**

COLLEGE	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT AWARDED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota	Florida Department of Education – Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education	\$ 382,469	Carl D. Perkins federal grant funds help SCF to strengthen the College's A.S. (career and technical education) programs, thereby bolstering the regional workforce. This funding provides support for educational materials, software & equipment to enhance services, learning environments and required courses in A.S. programs; support for personnel for recruiting, advising and academic resource centers; and professional development.
	Griffith Insurance Education Foundation	\$7,000	The Robert P. Ashlock Risk Management and Insurance Development Program at the Griffith Education Foundation is providing SCF with funds to develop marketing materials and video to promote its new Risk Management/Insurance Services Program.
	Mosaic Company Foundation	\$351,336	SCFF was awarded a grant to expand workforce development training within SCF's Engineering Technology Program. Funding will allow SCF to offer 10 new employer-requested manufacturing courses to degree-seeking and continuing education students. Courses in Quality and Advanced Manufacturing will provide certificates and specializations, expanding job opportunities for students and incumbent workers. It will maximize existing career pathways between high school, technical college and state college programs and strengthen economic development of the region.
Broward College	Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust	\$500,000	First of three \$500,000 installments to expand the aviation maintenance program in the Emil Buehler Aviation Institute at Broward College.
	JPMorgan Chase	\$175,000	First of two \$175,000 installments to support the expansion of the College's aviation maintenance program; this grant will create two new professorships, expand the program by 50 new students each year, upgrade avionics equipment, and support a recruitment program.
	Defense Intelligence Agency	\$145,000	In partnership with Florida Atlantic University, funding will establish a South Florida Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence Consortium to build academic and career pathways.

	U.S. Department of Education	\$136,000	In partnership with the School Board of Broward County, funding will support training and certification of teachers in Computer Science.
	Beuhler Aviation Research Foundation	\$46,962	Funding will provide Avionics Teaching Equipment.
	Cigna	\$24,737	Healthier Communities Grant to support a Broward College Dental Clinic initiative to provide preventative services to individuals in underserved populations.
Polk State College	The First Responder Field-based Training Project	\$4,485	The First Responder Field-based Training Program will train 1,300 current and future Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Emergency Medical Responders in disaster response using field-based training scenarios designed to give first-responders lifelike trauma care experiences in a broad array of circumstances under the guidance of highly trained instructors.
Indian River State College	FDOE	\$53,000	Funding to support the IELCE program in Martin County provides students the English language and literacy skills needed to thrive in the local workforce, achieve citizenship, actively participate in the community, and transition to postsecondary studies.
	NSF	\$20,000	Funding to support students enrolled in the Puerto Rico Photonics Institute at Universidad Metropolitana affected by Hurricane Maria. IRSC's LASER-TEC program offered stipends for students in need, allowing them to pursue an eight-week internship program, gain valuable hands-on experiences and finish the certificate program on time.
	NSF	\$25,000	Funding for IRSC to host a two-day workshop designed to bring together academic, technology, and government experts to discuss embedding automation enabling technologies in college STEM programs to address workforce needs.
	Volunteer FL	\$13,000	Funding to recruit and train an additional 50 volunteers to support Take Stock in Children in the rural counties of Indian River and Okeechobee.
	Maximus Foundation	\$5,000	Funding to support the IRSC Quest Summer Youth Program which is designed to provide an innovative career pathways exploration and an applied approach to learning career-oriented, transferrable skills related to a variety of fields.
Pensacola State College	Spanish Film Club	\$1,250	The College will host a film festival showing 5 enrichment cultural films to the students enrolled in the Humanities, and History and Education.
College of Central Florida	Marion County Hospital District	\$300,000	CF was awarded a grant of \$300,000 from the Marion County Hospital District to develop curriculum for a shift-friendly Paramedic to Associate Degree in Nursing Bridge program to keep up with ongoing demand for Registered Nurses. Funds will be used to renovate existing space to create a ten-bed simulation lab. This will enable us to educate an additional 20 students per year and address the current RN shortage facing local medical facilities and increase the quality of care area residents receive.

St. Petersburg College	Florida Department of Education: Collaboration for Effective Educator Development Accountability and Reform (CEEDAR)	\$17,600	Focused on improving the delivery of education to preK-12 students with disabilities, the Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability and Reform (CEEDAR) is working to enhance the skills and knowledge of pre-service and in-service teachers throughout Florida.
Daytona State College	Volusia County CEO Exchange	\$90,000	The DSC Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will implement "Volusia's Best", an initiative of the county's Division of Economic Development. The SBDC provides training to businesses in key areas strategic to business growth and success.
	Florida Department of Education: Collaboration for Effective Educator Development Accountability and Reform (CEEDAR)	\$14,066	In partnership with University of Central Florida, DSC Education faculty will modify the preparation of preservice and in-service teachers to meet the needs of students with disabilities in elementary education classrooms. Funding will enable education faculty partners to revise curriculum for undergraduate teacher candidates training to work with exceptional needs students in inclusive classrooms.

# **EVENTS OF INTEREST: ARTICULATION**

#### St. Petersburg College

The Tampa Bay Bridge to the Baccalaureate (TB-B2B), a partnership between St. Petersburg College (SPC), Hillsborough Community College (HCC) and State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF), has been awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation, under its Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program, to increase the number of minority students transferring into a STEM program at University of South Florida (USF).



BRIDGE TO BACCALAUREATE

The three colleges typically see more than 400 of their minority students transfer into STEM programs at a four-year university every year. The partnering institutions will aim to boost that number by 50 percent over the three-year grant period. The grant will leverage existing connections through USF's FUSE initiative, a guaranteed admissions program for students who complete their associate degree at a participating Florida College System institution.

"We are so honored to be a part of this partnership, which will give underrepresented, minority students opportunities to pursue baccalaureate degrees in STEM fields leading to high-wage jobs that can help end generational cycles of poverty," said Dr. Tonjua Williams, SPC President.

#### State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota

SCF held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in August to officially open its new University of Florida Gator Engineering at SCF program, and to support it, SCFF has raised \$77,500 to date. This unique and critically vital program offers an innovative Bachelor of Science engineering degree that allows qualified local students to begin their coursework at SCF, be placed in internships, and, upon completion of their requirements, move on to the UF Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering in Gainesville where they will earn their bachelor's degree.

GRANT ACHIEVEMENTS: ARTICULATION			
COLLEGE	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT AWARDED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Pensacola State College	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	\$1,860,510	Led by PSC, the Greater Pensacola Career Pathways initiative is a partnership with the School District of Escambia County, CareerSource Escarosa, and FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance to increase attainment of industry-recognized credentials and degrees required to enter and advance in the workforce in targeted industries and occupations, including aviation maintenance, nursing, transportation, advanced manufacturing, welding, construction trades, and cybersecurity/IT.
State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota	National Science Foundation Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation	\$345,521 (over three years)	As part of the Tampa Bay Bridge to Baccalaureate Alliance Program led by St. Petersburg College, SCF has received a subaward under an NSF LSAMP grant that will 1) Increase the number of underrepresented minority (URM) students enrolling in STEM programs of study; 2) Increase URM student retention, persistence, and completion in STEM programs of study; 3) Increase URM student math literacy using evidence-based academic supports; and 4) Increase the number of URM students matriculating into STEM Baccalaureate degree programs.

# **EVENTS OF INTEREST: RETENTION/COMPLETION**

#### Pensacola State College

New Scholarship Donors Ron and Dale Hensley give \$15,000 to Support Students in Need of a Second Chance

Ron and Dale Hensley established a scholarship at PSC shortly after they moved from East Tennessee to Pensacola, FL to be closer to their family. "Of course, the beach is a great draw as well," said Ron. As previous scholarships donors at Roane State Community College and Tennessee Tech, they believe in the importance of higher education and the role of community colleges. "Just because someone attends college doesn't mean they're going to be successful," says Dale, "but it opens the door to opportunities they might not have otherwise."Through their scholarship they aim to assist anyone who has been incarcerated and needs a fresh start. "When someone has that criminal record, their options are limited. We want to make it a little easier for that person who is trying desperately to turn his or her life around. If someone wants to better themselves, we want to make that effort just a bit easier," said Ron.

#### **Indian River State College**

Indian River State College has established Completion Scholarships to assist students who are close to finishing their educational degree or certificate. Administered through the IRSC Foundation, these Completion Scholarships assist any student who is within 6 credits of finishing their degree or program and are facing a financial barrier. During the past year, Completion Scholarships in the amount of \$102,514 helped 208 students over the finish line to completion



#### **Broward College**

On the morning of Friday, October 20, the Broward College Foundation celebrated the opening of Eido's Café in the Barnes & Noble bookstore in building 41 on North Campus. Eido Cohen was a Broward College Nursing student who died from



complications from Scleroderma before he could complete his studies. His parents, Jack and Ofri, made a \$50,000 gift in his honor to fund the construction of the café for the benefit of future health sciences students. Mr. and Mrs. Cohen envisioned Eido's Café as a manifestation of their son's hopes and wishes during the time he studied nursing here. Prior to the establishment of Eido's Café, health sciences students faced hardships finding food and a place to relax and socialize between their classes. During the ceremony, Pam Stephany, Chair of the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors, announced the Cohens had made a legacy gift to the College which will fund the Eido Cohen Memorial Scholarship for Nursing Students in perpetuity.

Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr.; Ofri and Jack Cohen; Dr. Avis Proctor, Broward College's Vice President for Academic Affairs and President of the North Campus; and Pamela Stephany, Chair of the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors

#### **Daytona State College**



DSC student John Markham was selected as Florida State College System Student of the Month for January 2018. Markham is pursuing an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree. Markham is a leader in emergency preparedness programs, and has served on the FEMA Emergency Council. Markham earned the James M. Stewart Citizenship Award for exemplifying characteristics necessary to live the life of a good citizen. He has a 4.0 GPA at DSC and after earning his A.A. degree plans on transferring to the University of Central Florida to complete his pre-med program and medical school training. Markham plans to become a doctor serving the healthcare needs of Floridians. Demonstrating his commitment to help better the community, Markham has mentored other students with the development of their writing and math skills. Not only does he help through his mentoring services but also has shown to be a youth leader outside of the classroom. Markham has raised awareness for emergency preparedness in Lake County and developed a countywide emergency preparedness awareness program that involved delivering speeches to community leaders and developing a social media campaign. He has inspired and motivated other youth to also serve in the community.

GRANT ACHIEVEMENTS: RETENTION/COMPLETION				
COLLEGE FUNDING SOURCE AMOUNT AWARDED PROJECT DESCRIPTION				
State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota	Florida Department of Education College Reach Out Program (CROP)	\$50,618	Now entering its 20 <sup>th</sup> year at SCF, the CROP program helps to motivate students to pursue a college education, develop their basic learning skills, strengthen students' and parents' understanding of the benefits of postsecondary education and foster	

			academic, personal, and career development. In September the program was given a business and education partnership "Good Things Come in Small Packages" award by the Manatee Chamber of Commerce and the School District of Manatee County.
Santa Fe College	U.S. Dept. of Education	\$2,072,043	This project will expand the College's capacity to serve low-income students by improving academic quality and institutional resources. This project will implement the following strategies to increase student success: 1) Centralizing delivery of critical student services into one central Learning Commons; 2) Mindset interventions designed to enhance students' belief in their ability to experience academic growth; 3) Tutoring by College certified tutors; 4) Co-requisite instruction for at-risk students; and 5) Use of Digital Learning Plans.

# **EVENTS OF INTEREST: AFFORDABILITY**

#### **Broward College**

On Saturday, December 2, members of the Broward College Foundation's Board of Directors and scholarship donors celebrated the graduation of 124 American Dream Scholars during a reception in the lobby of the Ralph R. Bailey Concert Hall prior to a holiday concert featuring the Broward Choral Society & Select Choir.



"The American Dream Scholarship is the Foundation's signature fundraising initiative, designed to assist students who have completed 75 percent of their degree programs, maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average, and have financial need but qualify for little or no federal assistance," said Nancy R. Botero, Broward College's Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the Broward College Foundation. "These students are at risk because a single unforeseen financial incident a car repair, a rent increase or a medical emergency – could throw them off track, forcing them to reduce their course load, take a semester off or even drop out of college."

#### Pasco-Hernando State College

PHSC's District Board of Trustees Chair, S.K. Rao Musunuru, M.D., has made significant philanthropic contributions to PHSC in his more than 18 years on the District Board of Trustees, and before. Musunuru has established an endowed scholarship in his family's name, and gave a significant gift to establish naming rights of the PHSC Art Gallery. He also was the presenting sponsor of our Bash at the Ranch event for 4 years, committing \$10,000 each year.

In 2016, he surprised retiring administrator, Ken Burdzinski, by honoring him at commencement ceremonies with a \$10,000 donation to their scholarship. In 2017, Dr. Musunuru committed to continuing this tradition, honoring four individuals for their service to PHSC and the community. As a result of his \$40,000 in contributions, three new funds were established at PHSC, inspiring an additional \$15,000 in donations to these funds. The individuals honored in 2017 include Dr. Donald Vierling, a long-time PHSC Foundation Board member; Stephen Schroeder, retiring PHSC General Counsel; Florida Senator Wilton Simpson, PHSC alumnus and former trustee; and Patricia Mulieri, Ed.D., PHSC Professor Emerita. Funds will provide student scholarships and provide emergency funds for student veterans.

The Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) is one of the largest nonprofit utilities in the country. WREC's cooperative model allows it to return credits to members, as well as to contribute to the local community through the WREC Educational Foundation. In January, 2018, PHSC was the recipient of a \$25,000 contribution from the WREC Foundation. \$10,000 of the funds will be dedicated for pre-paid scholarships for Take Stock in Children in Hernando County. The remaining funds are unrestricted. "The WREC Foundation believes that higher education is the key that opens doors for all students," said Billy Brown, executive vice president/general manager of WREC, "and we are pleased to be able to support this important program." Created in 1941 as a nonprofit utility, WREC has been a consistent supporter of PHSC and education in Pasco, Hernando and Citrus Counties. In 1993, they established the WREC Faculty Chair fund to support the academic growth and development of PHSC faculty.

#### **Polk State College**

Polk State College employees exude their dedication to students and the College mission daily. They witness students every day who need a hand up to be able to achieve their dream of a college degree. They give that hand up, not only through their expertise, but also through their philanthropy. On numerous occasions when staff and faculty become aware of a need, they have made anonymous donations to help students transform their lives.



At the January 2018 District Board of Trustees meeting, the Polk State College Foundation Employee Giving Program was recognized for raising \$56,560 for student scholarships during the 2017 campaign. Members from all the employee groups were recognized for the generous gift, which is a portion of the more than \$400,000 raised by employees since 2008.

#### **Tallahassee Community College**

Tallahassee Community College Foundation Vice President Heather Mitchell recognized longtime local business Target Print & Mail during the January District Board of Trustees meeting; siting their ongoing contributions to TCC. Mitchell thanked president Tracey Cohen, and Jeremy Cohen, who leads business development services, for their establishment of a new scholarship.

The \$10,000 need-based scholarship will target returning adult students interested in pursuing a degree in a career or workforce program. The intent of the scholarship is to provide resources that can help break the cycle of poverty through education, said Tracey Cohen. "It is astounding the number of applications I receive for customer service positions where the candidates have worked at one or all of three places: a big box store, a fast food restaurant or a call center. It seems like these are the only jobs available to people without training in a trade or college. My goal is to help in some small way to give someone who wants to work more options," said Cohen.

#### Pensacola State College

On December 5, 2017, Pensacola State College welcomed over 100 visitors to the Pensacola Campus to expose them to the innovative and successful programs offered at the college. During the four-hour event, guests visited with student athletes

who accompanied guests on a tour of the arena and rehabilitative suites. Guests were also treated to a display of athletic skill by members of the volleyball team. After leaving the arena, guest took shuttles to the visual arts center where student and faculty docents shared photography, pottery, drawing and computer drafting programs. Touring the permanent art collection, docents shared their knowledge of the artists and mediums which will be on display in the newly constructed CW Lamar Studio and Gallery. The grand opening for these spaces is scheduled for February 20th and represents the recognition of over \$2 million in gifts given by the Switzer, Lamar and Reilly families. The evening concluded in a gourmet meal prepared and served by the college's culinary and hospitality students. A net \$20,000 in donations



raised through the event is designated to support student scholarships and college programming.



#### 2017 Clay Shoot

Despite the imminent arrival of severe weather associated with Tropical Storm Nate, Pensacola State College hosted the fifth annual Day of Clays at the Santa Rosa Shooting Center on October 7, 2017. 39 teams of 4 (144 supporters) participated during the 6-hour event that raised a net \$59,000. These funds will be used to support student scholarships and college programming. At the event, Dr. Ed Meadows and Committee Chair, Ron Jackson thanked participants for their support of students who will likely join the local workforce in the next five years.

#### **NEXGEN Scholarship Awarding Processes and Innovations**

The Foundation continues to take the lead on the scholarship awarding process. The relatively new online scholarship system was launched two years ago and enables students who attend Pensacola State College to apply through one system that automatically matches them to any scholarships for which they meet the criterion. With a focus on continuous improvement,

the Foundation's Director of Finance and Business Operations, participates with a cohort of college leaders and department heads to refine the systems and the training of scholarship committee members and chairs. Most recently, this team has added retention & completion initiatives in their scholarship awarding training. They are also identifying "need" for the need based donor scholarships by keeping this topic as a regular agenda item in the scholarship awarding meetings. This has led to dramatic increases in awards and in use of scholarship funds by a larger number of students.



Scheduled to graduate this Spring with her Associate's Degree, Samara is excited to continue education in Computer Engineering. She recounts her enjoyable experience at Pensacola State College saying, "The professors care for the students. They want us to succeed and are willing to help explain things when we are having difficulties. I've gotten involved and made friends here that I wouldn't have made other places." Samara is enthusiastically committed to her chosen field despite the opposition she encountered. "People told me I should do something else because 'engineering isn't a field for women'." Undeterred, Samara says, "This opposition pushed me even more. Not only am I seeking a Computer Engineering degree, but I've added Electrical Engineering." Perhaps the multiple scholarships have helped her succeed at PSC even though, "finances are a struggle. Scholarships helped lower the cost of tuition and books." We are happy that the Foundation was able to make things easier on Samara and her family.

#### St. Petersburg College



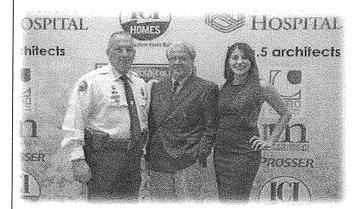
Dr. Gerald Whittaker is making an enormous impact with his recent gift of \$50,000 to establish the Dr. Gerald F. Whittaker Endowed Scholarship for Nursing at the SPC Foundation. Dr. Whittaker was inspired by his beloved sister Ruby who spent her career caring for others as a nurse.

SPC is preparing nursing students with experience, skills and credentials necessary to meet the growing demand for nurses. The College of Nursing offers Associate and Baccalaureate degree programs and programs for current licensed practical nurses and paramedics to transition to become Registered Nurses.

#### Northwest Florida State College

On Friday, October 27th, 2017, the Northwest Florida State College Foundation held their Annual Scholars and Donors Luncheon. This year, the NWF State College Foundation celebrated scholarship recipients, the donors who made their scholarships possible, and recognized the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards winners. Held every fall, the luncheon provides an opportunity for students to meet and thank their donors in person. Donors are seated with their scholars and are able to learn first-hand how their generosity impacts students.

#### **Daytona State College**



The Daytona State College Foundation held its Diamond and Silver Gala in November 2017 to mark 60 years since the founding of the College and 25 years of community generosity funding scholarships for students and institutional support. The event raised over \$150,000 for student support.

Pulitzer Prize winning photographer and DSC alumnus Stephen Crowley was a featured guest for the evening, along with fellow alumni Daytona Beach Police Chief Craig Capri and Melissa Diaz, recipient of the prestigious Jack Kent Cook Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship and member of the FCS 2015 All-Florida Academic Team.

All shared meaningful insights on how the College made a positive impact on their lives by launching their educational pathway that allowed them to pursue their careers.

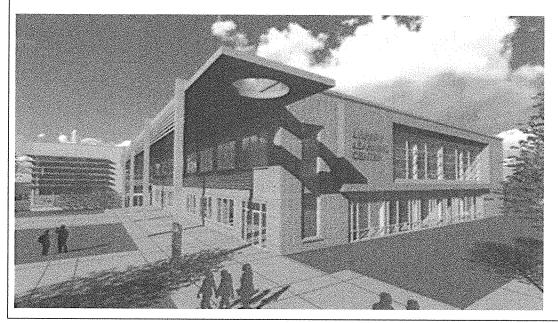
	GRANT ACHIEVEMENTS: AFFORDABILITY			
COLLEGE	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT AWARDED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
Daytona State College	IME Becas	\$5,000	DSC will provide financial assistance to low-income Mexican and Mexican-American students seeking education through the Adult Education program or in college level coursework. Together with the matching requirement, approximately \$13,000 will be made available in direct support through scholarships.	
Pensacola State College	International Paper	\$2,400.00	Purchase 300 books to children from low-income families, English to Speakers of Other Languages and to others who are at risk of growing up with low literacy skills.	
	Florida Theatrical Association	\$6,000.00	Provide 10 scholarships to 6 students in the theater department.	
Pasco-Hernando State College	Hernando Healthcare Foundation, Inc.	77,500	Since 2010, the Hernando Healthcare Foundation (HHF) has partnered with PHSC to help close gaps in local healthcare workforce needs. Through the 2016-17 academic year, this resulted in over \$590,000 in scholarship and equipment funds donated to the PHSC Foundation. In total, HHF has provided 357 scholarship awards to 235 Hernando County PHSC students. Their commitment continues this year, with an additional \$77,500 donated for health programs equipment and scholarships. In addition to their donation, the organization agreed to assist us in meeting both Florida College System Foundation and First Generation Matching Grant Programs, resulting in more than \$28,000 in additional scholarship funds	

Broward College	Doctor's Hospital Foundation	\$186,000	Doctor's Hospital Foundation Endowed Scholarship
	Lou & May Jean Wolff	\$100,000	Dream Makers' American Dream Scholarship Matching Funds
	Salah Foundation	\$75,000	Salah Foundation American Dream Scholarship for First Generation Scholars
	Dr. Floyd F. Koch	\$50,000	Dr. Floyd F. Koch Dental Hygiene Program
	John H. & Mary Wilkes Short Family Charitable Foundation	\$30,000	J & M Wilkes Short Scholarship
	Community Foundation of Broward	\$19,285	Lou & May Jean Wolff American Dream Scholarship and the Broward County Women's History Coalition Fund
	Howard Greenfield Charitable Foundation	\$25,000	First Generation in College Scholarship
	Judith Linnell Foundation	\$10,000	First Generation in College Scholarship
	William Watts Foundation	\$10,000	Dream Makers' American Dream Scholarship Matching Funds

# **EVENTS OF INTEREST: INNOVATION**

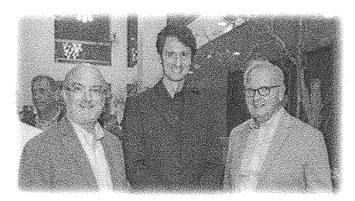
#### State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota

Thanks to a devoted philanthropic community and donors who believe in supporting local higher education, the State College of Florida Foundation (SCFF) has raised \$1 million to purchase advanced technological enhancements for State College of Florida's (SCF) new Library & Learning Center. The \$17.6 million Center is designed as a contemporary facility to provide access to state-of-the-art technology including Microsoft Surface Hubs, laptops, iPads, and other materials. Specialized educational spaces include a Cinema Production Studio, Makers' Space, and a 270-degree immersive Visualization Theatre Classroom. In February, the SCF Library & Learning Center officially opened its doors to students and members of the local community.



#### **Broward College**

On the evening of Friday, October 20, the Broward College Foundation celebrated the season opening of the Rosemary Duffy Larson Classical Music Series, which was designed to raise awareness of classical music and the value of music education by engaging Broward College students in high-quality solo and chamber music, affording students the opportunity to work with guest artists in a master class setting, and giving world-class soloists and ensembles the opportunity to perform in a worldclass setting: the Ralph R. Bailey Concert Hall. During her lifetime, Mrs. Larson was an avid supporter of Broward College. Her



gifts funded scholarships, the Health Sciences, and the visual arts. In recognition of her support, the College named the fine arts gallery on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus in her honor and the auditorium in the Health Sciences Simulation Center after her friend. renowned cardiologist Dr. Michael A. Chizner. Mrs. Larson's generosity continues today through the Rosemary Duffy Larson Trust, which created an endowment to fund this series, ensuring classical presentations will be available for generations yet to

George Kress; Dr. Jure Rozman, Director of the Rosemary Duffy Larson Classical Music Series; and Dr. Ken Stevenson, a trustee of the Rosemary Duffy Larson Trust

Broward College: Supporting Adult Learners in the New Workforce has been selected as one of the 10 Bellwether Finalist Winners in the WorkForce Development category. Broward College has been competitively selected to compete for the prestigious 2018 Bellwether Award at the upcoming Community College Futures Assembly; this is an award recognizing best practices. The College was recognized for its Career Centers and its impact on getting students ready for the workforce.

#### St. Petersburg College



(I-r) Tampa Bay Lightning Player Braydon Coburn, Terri Willingham and Lightning Owner Jeff Vinik

A recently named Tampa Bay Lightning Community Hero is planning to use the recognition to help St. Petersburg College's new Robotics Program.

Terri Willingham, who has helped Tampa Bay area schools and communities to organize student robotics teams that serve approximately 2,000 students, was honored by the Lightning at a November home game as the 12th Lightning Community Hero this season. Ms. Willingham receives a \$50,000 prize to donate to the non-profit(s) of her choice. She has designated a portion of the gift to support the new Robotics Program at SPC's Workforce Institute.

The robotics component of SPC's Mechatronics (Advanced Manufacturing) program is targeted for launch in April. Robot technicians perform a crucial function of robotics engineering including building, maintaining, and repairing robots in automated manufacturing plants and other settings.

GRANT ACHIEVEMENTS: INNOVATION				
College	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT AWARDED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
Broward College	National Science Foundation	\$100,000.00	In partnership with Jobs for Future to study the impact of work-based learning on community college STEM education and careers	
Santa Fe College	Economic Development Administration	\$499,914	This project will establish a Regional Commercialization Center. The Innovative Product Development Center (IPDC) combines the vision, known best practices, and expertise to create pathways to technology commercialization, entrepreneurship and business development to a recognized but underserved population of regional inventors and innovators. The IPDC will provide community-based innovators and inventors with an array of services and support ranging from proof-of-concept to commercialization. The IPDC will provide community-based innovators with a pathway to commercialization that includes education, intellectual property development, commercial feasibility assessments, patent licensing assistance, access to prototyping and viability testing, and business development leading to manufacturing.	