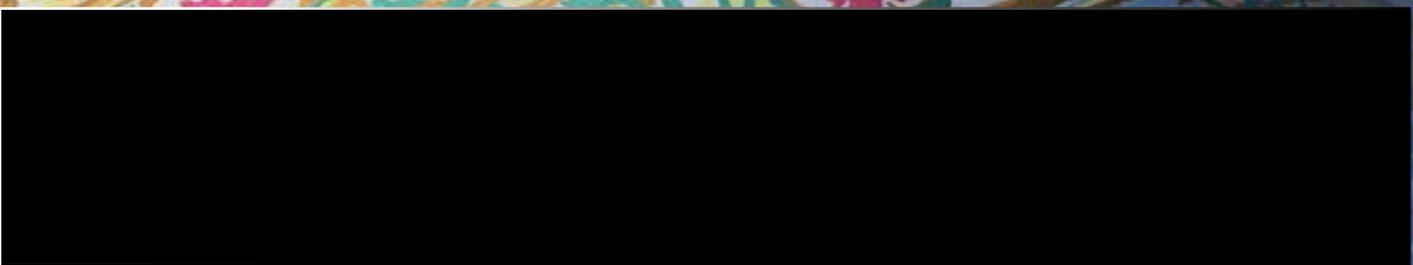


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May You Live In Interesting Times...



According to Wikipedia, this little proverb seems to be the English translation of an apocryphal Chinese curse. Really? These days it feels more like a Florida-specific experience when we look back at the waves of legislative proposals that aimed to hit the shores of higher education for three consecutive years!

Luckily, not all of them came to fruition and, thanks to a great effort by our legislative team, many problematic bills did not pass the final hurdles. As usual, our legislative newsletter Perception

kept its finger on the political pulse and our membership informed about the Tallahassee dynamics. You will find Mike Brawer's detailed review of the 2014 session in this issue of *Current*.

Since our Leadership Conference in January, we made great progress with regard to the many improvement recommendations and strategic initiatives that emerged from last fall's membership survey and the subsequent SWOT analyses at the January meeting.

In a nutshell:

- Past President Byron Todd's taskforce, in charge of improving the Convention design, proposed a set of changes that will also involve a few bylaw modifications to be discussed at our next AFC Board meeting in July. The overarching goal is to turn the Convention with a stepwise multi-year process into a more valuable and effective professional development experience for everyone!
- President Elect Dan Rodkin's taskforce in charge of proposing improvements to the overarching value proposition of the Association, with specific regard to collaboration and communications, has concluded its fact-finding mission and is in the final stages of prioritizing a list of recommendations also to be discussed at our next Board meeting.
- Our VPs and VP Elects Xiao Wang, Wanda Curtiss, LaFran Reddin, and Robert Flores have done an exceptional job of facilitating together with the regional, chapter, and commission leadership, a very rich and well attended Spring-time array of meetings and conferences. All meeting programs showed an amazing combination of both professional development and personal enrichment opportunities.
- On the professional development side we have been very engaged with UF's Institute for Higher Education Institute to expand the quality, depth, and

articulation opportunities involved with our Certified College Professional Program (CCP). We expect that over the next year it will not only lead to an improved curriculum, but bring the program much closer to achieve accreditation status.

- To support our enterprises, we have secured free licensing of the iPedago EVOLUTION platform for the CCP and the AFC's chapters, regions, commissions, and committees to bridge existing communication challenges with an easy, accessible, and powerful knowledge management and collaboration tool that will serve us in many ways even better than traditional Learning Management Systems.

In addition, we have assembled a new AFC entity, the Past Presidents Council (PPC). This group will be chaired by the immediate past president and Byron is currently engaging its members to participate in some of the proposed initiatives that individual members of this group will be championing. Together with our Awards Committee, we have also designed a new award to help improving cross-functional initiatives and reduce solo thinking.

That pretty much concludes my half-time report and I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Membership Conference in July.

Peter Usinger
AFC President

2014 AFC Awards Committee Nominations

AFC sponsors numerous awards and recognitions throughout the year. These honors represent one of the most valuable benefits of membership since it is only through an organization like AFC that deserving college professionals in Florida are rewarded for their excellence. Some are individual awards, many are professional achievement recognitions and still others recognize association groups and members for their accomplishments.

CLICK on an award below to see its criteria.

Outstanding Chapter of the Year

Commission End of the Year Report

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Advocacy and Association Membership: Attached at the Hip!



Advocacy and professional associations are historically and intrinsically linked. There are over 400 associations based in Tallahassee. Almost every one of them began organizationally for the same purpose, i.e., to advocate for a cause, a constituency, or a corporate interest. Whether it's the Beer Industry of Florida, the Florida Medical Association, or the AARP, the Association of Florida Colleges exists for the very same reasons. Here's a brief bit of history of our beginnings...

By the end of 1948, Florida's emerging community college system included four publicly-funded institutions - Palm Beach Junior College, St. Petersburg Junior College, Chipola Junior College, and Pensacola Junior College. These four became the focus for Florida's new approach to postsecondary education.

In late 1948, Dr. John I. Leonard, who served as both the superintendent

of public instruction in Palm Beach County as well as president of Palm Beach Junior College, met with Dr. Leon N. Henderson from the University of Florida's College of Education to plan a series of conferences for junior college administrators. The conferences were held in January, May, July, and October 1949 and included the presidents as well as faculty members from the state's four public junior colleges aforementioned. It was at the final conference that the participants formally organized as the Florida Association of Public Junior Colleges (FAPJC), the forerunner of the Florida Association of Community Colleges, and now the Association of Florida Colleges. (derived from "A Succinct History of the Florida Community College System" by Dr. James Wattenbarger and Dr. Harry Albertson)

Since then, the rest is history. We have grown to 28 institutional members and almost 8600 professional members from all levels of employment at our colleges. At first, we were primarily an institutional only organization, but eventually evolved into a membership organization. The primary goal of individual membership was and still is to support advocacy efforts and to connect with others for purposes of professional development and networking. I believe it is incumbent upon an employee in any industry to support and belong to its related professional organization. College employees who are

not AFC members will tell me they think the AFC is just a "lobbying outfit". My usual answer to that is, "Well, yea!" That's a big part of what associations do dating back to medieval guilds that represented trades to assure the

monarchs would properly subsidize the work blacksmiths, masons, and others performed. I belong to several that support my professional development as an association CEO as well as a lobbyist. Fostering the culture of membership is vital to any association's success, and very important to one's development in any profession and as a leader.

The AFC strategic values are, in priority order, 1) Professional Growth and Development; 2) Advocacy; 3) Leadership; 4) Community; 5) Innovation; and 6) Networking. We teach and learn to do our jobs better. We promote our advancement to lawmakers. We develop the next generation of college and community leaders. We devise best practices and share them with others doing like work to improve our systems and serve our students. When discussing membership with a non-believer, share these values. They guide our mission, our programs, and every decision we make for the organization.

Spread the word. Sixty-five years later, all those people can't be wrong.....

Fostering the culture of membership is vital to any association's success, and very important to one's development in any profession and as a leader.

AFC JOINT COMMISSION CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The Joint Commission Conference held May 21-22, 2014 at Daytona State College was a success. Commissions participating were the Administration, Adult and Continuing Education, Communications and Marketing, Equity, Faculty, Healthcare Education, Institutional Effectiveness, Planning and Professional Development, Occupational and Workforce Education and Technology. Here is a video that features the highlights.



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ANNUAL MEETING

The AFC/FCS Council of Presidents recognized two legislators last week at its Annual Meeting in Orlando on June 5. Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Adam Putnam and Senator Jack Latvala were honored for their unwavering support of college issues during the 2014 legislative session.

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AFC/NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS AWARD



Jaimie Pagels

Jaimie Pagels, wife to Alan and mother to Kyersten, Colin and Kaitlyn, entered the Florida College System as a work-study student. While attending classes to complete her Associates of Arts degree at Pasco-Hernando State College, she became a work-study student in the Financial Aid office. After some time, she was able to gain full-time employment working the front desk as a Senior Office Assistant. After completing her Associates degree and then receiving her Bachelors degree from Hodges University, she is now employed as a Financial Aid Advisor. Her AFC involvement began a few years back by helping out at events that PHSC's chapter had sponsored. The engagement increased and she since has held Executive Board positions such as Secretary, Campus Representative, and is currently the Publications Representative for her chapter. She takes advantage of as much of the leadership and professional development opportunities that her schedule allows. In 2013, she completed the Certified College Professional program. She enjoys the networking and stays connected through the AFC events and publications. Along the way, she continues to gain great friendships, irreplaceable skills and exceptional knowledge because of AFC's numerous opportunities.

This AFC and NSU Scholars Program award is extremely appreciated. This allows her to move forward and get the Master's Degree she never thought she could earn. Being a "late-bloomer" and when first returning to school as a mature student, a Bachelor's Degree was not something she had in her sights, let alone anything more. She has since completed her BS and now knows...she IS capable!! Now, thankfully, this award helps that incredible dream obtainable.

AFC/NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS AWARD



Antranette Forbes

Antranette Forbes is the Grants Development Specialist for Edison State College, soon to be Florida SouthWestern State College in Fort Myers, Florida. Prior to joining Edison, she served as Executive Director for the Greater Miami Gardens Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Director for the City of Miami Gardens for more than five years. Antranette's professional experience in public administration and local municipalities include the cities of Miami, Miami Lakes and Miami Gardens spanning over 13 years.

Antranette earned an Associates Degree in Business from Miami Dade College in 1997; a Bachelors in Business Management at Florida International University in 2001; and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Nova Southeastern University in 2005. She is also a graduate of the Educational Leadership Enrichment Program and Treasurer of the Edison AFC Chapter.

"My involvement in AFC has changed the course of my career development by offering outstanding networking opportunities and professional development. As part of my personal and professional development, I applied for the AFC/NSU scholarship. It offers a great opportunity to dive wholeheartedly in the policy and reformations of higher education. Additionally, I have learned that education is the first step to career longevity in higher education. As my long-term goal is a senior administrative position in higher education, a doctorate in higher education with a concentration in leadership to culminate my previous public administration experience and education. I am overjoyed to receive the AFC/NSU Scholarship!"

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SESSION COMES TO A WHIRLWIND ENDING

The 2014 Legislative Session ended with little fanfare on May 2 at about 10:40pm. Of close to 2,000 bills filed by the House and the Senate, 254 bills passed during the 2014 Session.

FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM BUDGET SUMMARY

Program Fund = \$ 1,132,423,739 (+2.8%)

Performance Incentives = \$ 5,000,000 (new)

Standard Tuition = \$ 840,685,423

Florida Virtual Campus = \$ 9,006,230 (-27%)

reduced by amount of reserve

Commission on Community Service = \$ 683,182

FRS CHANGES FAIL IN THE SENATE, AGAIN....

The latest attempt to overhaul the FRS collapsed on the Senate floor last Wednesday, ending House Speaker Will Weatherford's drive to achieve one of his top priorities.

A procedural move scuttled attempts to bring the House version of the bill ([HB 7181](#)) before the Senate. The measure didn't come up in an afternoon session, and the sponsor said afterward that the bill is dead. The apparent death of the legislation deprives Weatherford of something he has sought his entire term as speaker. Weatherford has pushed various versions of the pension overhaul over the last two years, outraging public-employee unions and sparking intra-party fights in the Senate GOP caucus. In 2013, many of the same Republicans who voted against the bill Wednesday

opposed a proposal that would have closed the traditional pension plan to new workers and forced them into a 401(k)-style investment plan.

When the Senate tried to take up the House version of the bill --- which blends the Florida Retirement System changes with a relatively non-controversial revamp of local police and firefighter pensions --- Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater, made a motion that would have required a two-thirds vote to hear the House legislation. The motion failed when the 21-15 margin did not provide the 2/3 majority required.

FLORIDA SENATE PASSES LEGISLATION TO REDUCE THE COST OF THE FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE PROGRAM

The Florida Senate today approved [SB 732](#),

the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program, sponsored by Senator Bill Galvano (R-Bradenton), Chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Education Appropriations. SB 732, Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program, aims to provide the Florida Prepaid College Board better predictability of future tuition and fee payments to universities, thus reducing the cost of prepaid contracts. The maximum assessment and payment for state university registration fees, tuition differential fees, local fees, and dormitory fees is capped at no more than the actual cost charged by the state universities for such fees.

CS/SB 850 by Legg regarding Dual Enrollment & Early College Collegiate High School

Collegiate High School Program – Dual Enrollment Provisions:

- Requires each FCS institution to work with school districts to establish one or more collegiate high school programs in the service area.
- At a minimum this must include an option for grades 11 or 12 for at least 1 full school year, to earn CAPE industry certifications and complete 30 credit hours through dual enrollment toward the first year of college for an associate or baccalaureate degree.
- Requires a contract with school district for one or more agreed upon locations. Beginning with 2015-16 school year, if the college does not establish a program in its service area, another FCS institution may do so. Contracts must be executed by January 1 of each school year for implementation of the program during the next school year. Contract must include the following:
 - Identify grade levels to be offered.
 - Describe offerings of courses and industry certifications, online availability, high school and college credits earned for each postsecondary course and industry certifications earned, student eligibility criteria and the enrollment process.

- Methods to inform parents and return on investment associated with participation.
- Performance outcomes and other reporting requirements.
- Requires a contract with the parent, student and school officials.
- Allows school board to execute a contract with a state university or a nonprofit independent college or university that is SACS accredited (ICUF schools).
- Funding is identified in 1007.271 (see conforming 5101 below) and is also available to ICUF schools.
- DOE is authorized to withhold transfer of funds to school districts and colleges for noncompliance.

Career and Professional Education (CAPE) Provisions:

- Requires the Commissioner to recommend the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, and include the career pathways list approved for the FL Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award
- Limits to no more than 15 CAPE Digital Tool certificates to word processing and others that do not articulate for college credit.
- Requires the Articulation Coordinating Committee to review and make recommendations to the State Board of Education for approval.
- Specifies K-12 funding for CAPE certificates including additional funding for CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications that articulate for 15-29 college credit hours and 1.0 FTE for those that articulate for 30 or more college credit hours.
 - Expands Corporate Tax Scholarships Programs

HB 5101 - Conforming Bill

- **PECO:** Creates method to save funds necessary to cover payments for PECO

trust fund payments. Required the legislature to set aside funds. Will not impact amount of PECO funds

- **BACCALAUREATE DEGREES:** Restricts the State Board of Education, and St. Petersburg College, from approving any new baccalaureate degrees before May 31, 2015. No special exceptions allowed.
- **SUS:** Created Master's degree at New College. Created Florida Center for Cybersecurity at USF.
- **FLVC/FCLA:** Under UWF, creates Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative, Complete Florida Plus, Statewide catalog of distance learning courses, statewide online student Advising Services and Support (FLVC) .
- **K-12:** Includes digital classrooms, computer science and technology instruction
- **DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE):** Allows for DE agreement with any postsecondary institution. School District is required to pay public postsecondary institutions tuition for courses at the institution in fall or spring term. District required to only pay cost of salary and benefits, not 'other actual costs', when courses offered at high school by postsecondary instructor. District no longer required to pay if course offered at high school by high school faculty. States that summer tuition is subject to an annual appropriation.
- **SCHOLARSHIP:** Creates the National Merit Scholar Incentive Program. Any National Merit Scholar or Achievement Scholar who is a resident, and who enrolls in baccalaureate program at a regionally accredited public or private postsecondary institution is eligible.

[HB 851](#) by Nunez regarding Residency and Tuition

On Thursday, the Senate passed **HB 851**, followed by the House on

Friday. Among other provisions, the bill will allow children of undocumented immigrants who attend a Florida high school for three years and graduated the chance to receive in-state tuition. The Senate version of the bill was sent back to the House for final approval Friday morning. After some debate and a few amendments, which failed, the bill passed overwhelmingly. Shortly after the Senate vote on Thursday, **Gov. Rick Scott** gathered with reporters on the fourth floor Rotunda with a promise that he would sign the bill into law. Below is a brief summary of the bill.

- **FLORIDA PREPAID:** Amends law so that tuition differential tuition impact on prepaid is negated.
- **TUITION:**
 - ❖ For adult education, eliminates reference to non-residents, resulting in a single block tuition of \$45 per year or \$30 per term for all students.
 - ❖ For all public postsecondary education:
 - Corrects the current level of tuition stated in the Statute. Tuition is established in the Appropriations Act, and did not increase.
 - Eliminates the option to raise tuition equal to the rate of inflation, if tuition was not addressed in the Appropriations Act.
 - ❖ For universities, limits differential tuition to preeminent universities. Also limits to 6%, and that 6% is tied to performance standards
- **OUT OF STATE FEE WAIVERS:**
 - ❖ Requires all public higher education to waive out-of-state fees for students who are undocumented for federal immigration purposes and who:
 - Attended a secondary school in Florida for 3 consecutive years immediately prior to graduation from Florida high school
 - Apply for enrollment within 24 months of high school graduation
 - Submit official Florida transcript.

- ❖ Waivers limited to 110% of required credit hours
 - ❖ Reporting is required as to the number and value of the waivers.
 - ❖ State University System system-wide cap is to include students covered by waiver
 - ❖ Students who are granted the waiver are not eligible for state financial aid
 - ❖ Priority in non-resident student enrollment system-wide is to be given to veterans with waivers over students given waivers via this act.
- **RESIDENCY**
 - ❖ Amends definition of parent to allow for either or both parents, any guardian, or any person in a parental relationship (which is not defined.)
 - ❖ States that a dependent child cannot be denied classification as a resident for tuition purposes solely based on the immigration status of the parent. (Codifies the Ruiz ruling)
 - ❖ Reduces the amount of time a child must live with a relative from 5 years to 3 years in order to use the relative's documentation
 - ❖ Simplifies the statute related to residency status changes due to marriage.

BILLS THAT FAILED

- **Florida Retirement System** [HB 7173](#) and [SB 1114](#)
- **Textbooks Postsecondary** [CS/HB 355](#) and [CS/SB 530](#)
- **School District's Technical Colleges** [CS/CS HB 7057](#) and [CS/SB 1202](#)
- **Postsecondary Tuition FCS Baccalaureate Degrees** [CS/SB 1148](#) and [CS/SB 1710](#)
- **Preference in Awarding State Contracts** [CS/CS/SB 612](#) and [CS/HB 801](#)
- **School Safety (Guns on Campus)** [CS/HB 753](#) and [CS/SB 968](#)
- **Background Screening** [SB 1204](#) and [C/ HB 707](#)
- **Public Records** [CS/CS/HB 135](#) and [SB 728](#)
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Dr. Jason Hurst Selected as Chipola College President



Chipola College District Board of Trustees on Thursday selected **Dr. Jason Hurst** as Chipola's next president.

Dr. Hurst, who now serves as Executive Vice President, will take over as President April 1, 2014.

Outgoing president Dr. Gene Prough will retire on March 31.

Upon the announcement, Dr. Hurst said, "I feel so honored and blessed to have the opportunity to serve as the next president of Chipola College. In my two years here, I have learned how much Chipola means to this community. I look forward to working with the Board, Chipola's dedicated faculty and staff, and the community, to build on the strong traditions of excellence that have been established here."

Outgoing President Dr. Gene Prough said, "It's a happy and a sad time for me. Chipola has been an

important part of my life since I first came here as a student in 1967. I appreciate the community support that I have enjoyed over the years. I've been blessed with great employees and great friends." Prough, a 1968 graduate of Chipola, became the college's ninth president in October of 2002.

An Internal Search Committee recommended Dr. Hurst to the full board after reviewing applicants from within the college. Dr. Bryan Craven, Chipola's Public Relations Director, was the only other internal candidate.

Dr. Hurst came to Chipola in November 2011 as Vice-President of Baccalaureate and Workforce Development and was promoted to Executive Vice President in 2013. Prior to Chipola, Hurst served as Vice President for Workforce Education and Academic Support at Pensacola State College from July of 2010 to November 2011. He served Central Alabama Community College as the

director of Workforce Development and director of the Talladega Center. Prior to that he served as the Assistant Dean of Workforce Development at Gadsden State Community College.

Dr. Hurst earned a doctorate from Mississippi State University in 2008, a Master of Education from Auburn University in 1999 and a Bachelor of Education from Athens State University in 1997.

Dr. Hurst and his wife, Alisa, have three children—Hayden, Halle and Hunter—who are enrolled in the Jackson County School System. Alisa Hurst is the Visual Impairment Teacher for the Washington County School District. She has a BS from Auburn University in Elementary Education, and a Master's from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Exceptional Student Education with an emphasis in Visual Impairment. She is National Braille certified through the U.S. Library of Congress.

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Gulf Coast State College Selects New President



Gulf Coast State College's board of trustees unanimously selected **Dr. John Holdnak** from a field

of five finalists to serve as the new president.

Holdnak is currently the executive vice chancellor of the Florida college system.

"He's number two in the state system and he knows all about all the colleges and he could bring all the knowledge to bare here at Gulf Coast," said Dr. Bob McSpadden, former Gulf Coast State College President.

This will be a homecoming for Holdnak, who served at Gulf Coast from 1982 to 2008 in different positions.

"He knows the college, he knows the community and anybody but John would have had to come in and take a few years just to get to know the environment," said McSpadden.

Trustees say he has the

"A leader who would work well with the culture of the college."

— Katie Patronis,
Gulf Coast State College
Board of Trustees

leadership qualities they desire in their next president.

"A leader who would work well with the culture of the college. Someone with experience, working with faculty and staff," said Katie Patronis, Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees.

Outgoing president Dr. Jim Kerley says Holdnak will have some immediate challenges.

"We need to give faculty and staff raises, but also address needs for new programs and technology."



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Pasco-Hernando State College President Announces Retirement Plans



At the regularly scheduled meeting of the PHSC District Board of Trustees held on June 17, **President Katherine M. Johnson, Ed. D.**, announced her intention

to retire, effective June 30, 2015. In a formal letter presented to the Board last night, Johnson wrote “This letter, although very bittersweet, is to officially inform the PHSC Board of Trustees of my decision to retire as president of PHSC. At that time I will have successfully completed 10½ years of service as president, fulfilling my promise to the board in 2004. It is my hope the timing of this announcement will allow the board ample opportunity to complete the search for and selection of a new president ensuring a smooth transition in leadership by July 1, 2015.”

District Board of Trustees Chair Len Johnson said, “Each year, the board is asked to evaluate the president’s service. In nine years, the trustees’ provided nearly perfect evaluations of Kathy Johnson, commenting on her strength as a leader, knowledge about education, superior communication skills and devotion to this institution.” “In short,” continued the chair, “Kathy’s leadership is inspiring, and she will be greatly missed.”

Dr. Johnson spearheaded the opening of two new campuses, the Spring Hill Campus in 2010 and the Porter Campus at Wiregrass Ranch in January 2014. The college also transitioned from Pasco-Hernando Community College to a state college in January 2014—acquiring a new name and an updated mission statement that includes offering baccalaureate degrees. PHSC is now accepting applications for two new bachelor’s degrees, beginning August 2014.

The college has an overall operating budget of nearly \$47 million dollars. The PHSC Foundation, with assets of more than \$41 million, provides approximately 700 scholarships and college program support valued at more than \$1 million annually.

The college was nominated for the prestigious Aspen Award in 2009, and as a finalist was named among the top 150 community colleges in the nation. Nominated again this year, the college is being considered for the 2015 \$1 million Aspen Prize. After a rigorous evaluation process the college was awarded reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and Schools (SACSCOCS) in 2010.

PHSC has consistently received nearly perfect financial and operational audits. In 2013, an independent study commissioned by the Association of Florida Colleges estimated that the college’s annual economic impact on the two-county district topped \$240 million annually.

During the president’s tenure, student engagement has grown substantially in college activities, events, clubs and organizations, sports and intramural activities. More than 50 clubs and organizations coordinate community-service projects, honor academic achievement, and participate in intercollegiate competitions, frequently winning local, state and national awards. In 2010, the women’s volleyball team won the national championship for Division II, and the men’s baseball team recently competed in the NJCAA College World Series.

“Many critical projects and initiatives are in progress. I am so proud of college administrators, faculty, staff, students and our many volunteers,” said Johnson. “I look forward to working with everyone to meet the college’s goals in my final year as president.”

The board is expected to discuss the search for a new president at its reorganizational meeting in July.



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AFC March Chapter Meeting attendees with guest speaker Sochi Olympics' Speed Skater Brittany Bowe.

FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE

The Florida Gateway College Chapter of AFC sprang into action this spring with a flurry of events! In February, AFC hosted a Valentine's Day social to thank Florida Gateway College employees for their hard work and participation over the past year. Faculty and staff were treated to fun, laughter and a delectable array of homemade treats and coffee courtesy of AFC. In March, Florida Gateway College was privileged to host the Region II Spring Conference. Chapters from Region II were invited to participate in team building and a wide array of professional development sessions courtesy of our Region II members. On April 21, Florida Gateway College Speech and Debate students shared their presentations from the FCSAA state Forensics Tournament. Students presented a myriad of hot topics concerning wearable technology, electric cars and developments taking place at our local state parks. AFC brought April to an exciting close by partnering with Curves of Lake City to raise funds for Relay for Life. With summer on the horizon, this is just the start. AFC-FGC has a myriad of events just right around the corner including our annual graduation rose sale, build-a-dog, and much, much, more.

Chapter Chat

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PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE

The Pensacola State College chapter sponsored and participated in several events to increase awareness of AFC, recruit members, and to serve the greater community.

Legislative Luncheon (Feb. 26)

Four Executive Board members attended the 2014 Legislative Luncheon at New World Landing in downtown Pensacola. The event was sponsored by local Chambers of Commerce, and brought hundreds of local and business community leaders together. Speakers from area organizations addressed their legislative priorities and informed attendees of current business programs and expansions. Among the featured speakers was AFC member, Dan Busse, Dean of Workforce Education and Vocational Support. Following these presentations, members of the State Legislative Delegation took to the stage to answer the audience’s questions.



AFC Executive Board Members and guest at the 2014 Legislative Luncheon (LtoR): Sheila Nichols, Legislative Rep; Dr. Edward Pate, Publications Rep; Yalonda Tibbs, President; Patrice Whitten, Executive Director of the PSC Alumni Association; and Frances Yeo, VP Membership Elect.

“All College Day” Membership Drive & Community Service Project (Feb. 28)



At the AFC Membership Drive (LtoR): Frances Yeo, VP Membership Elect; member Deb McClintock; new member Stephen White, EMT Program Director; Tammy Henderson, VP Membership; Yalonda Tibbs, President; new member Hank Shirah, Director of Public Safety; and member Shirlaura Bremer.

The Chapter was involved with “All College Day,” a half-day event of professional development, training, and activities for all employees. As PSC employees arrived for registration and the opening address by the college’s president, Dr. Ed Meadows, the chapter sponsored a food drive for the local Manna Food Pantries, a private, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to alleviating hunger in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Several hundred pounds of non-perishable food were collected. A delicious BBQ lunch was served to staff. Being Mardi Gras season, AFC members and officers used this theme in their membership drive, complete with Mardi Gras regalia and passing out beads. As a result, the PSC chapter gained 10 new members!

Region I Conference

PSC chapter members and officers attended the Region I Conference, themed “A Storm of Inspiration” at Northwest Florida State College on April 17.



(Back LtoR): Jack Herndon, Robb Gregg, Catherine (Josie) Lynn, (Front LtoR) Sandy Moore, Gleta Richardson, Tammy Henderson*, Frances Yeo*, Renay Pierre-Robinson*, Ruth McKinon*, Michelle Horton (* denotes chapter officer)

Ongoing Membership Drives (April & May)

During April, AFC sponsored member appreciation/membership drives at the outlying campuses Milton and Warrington, as well as South Santa Rosa and Century Centers.

Information about the benefits of AFC, commission participation, and the upcoming state convention was made available. Coffee and donuts were provided, and all who joined qualified for a free membership pin.

In May, AFC sponsored ice cream socials at different campuses in an effort to increase

faculty membership in AFC. In addition to the AFC information above, attendees at the socials were provided with details about the Professor of the Year Award. As a result, look for a PSC chapter member in next year's lineup for Professor the Year! As a result of membership drives since January, the PSC chapter welcomed 21 new members to AFC!



Tammy Henderson (seated), VP Membership, welcomes new AFC member Terri Parker at the Milton campus membership drive.

Community service projects

From May 15-26 the PSC chapter sponsored an eyeglasses drive to support the Lion's Club international Recycle for Sight program, the focus of which is "Changing Lives, One Pair at a Time." PSC chapter members will play an active part in the college-wide efforts in the months ahead to aid local area flood victims in recovering from storms that occurred at the end of April.

SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE

Seminole State College chapter held their AFC Breakfast Social on Thursday, May 29, 2014. Members were encouraged to attend and give their thoughts and ideas on how to contribute and build AFC.



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REGION I



REGION III



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EDISON STATE'S DR. MIREILLE LAUTURE INVITED ON HUMANITARIAN MISSION BY JETBLUE AIRWAYS

In April, Edison State College Professor Dr. Mireille Lauture was invited to join JetBlue Airways on its "Inspiring Humanity" mission to deliver medications, personal items, clothing, laptops and books to areas that are still recovering from the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

Dr. Lauture, a children's book author, was invited on the mission after the airline learned from that Dr. Lauture had written five books of Haitian folklore, verbally passed down to her during her childhood, in both English and Creole.

During the trip, the group visited a school and two orphanages where Dr. Lauture read and distributed her books to the children.

"Most of these children have never owned their own books before," she said. "They were so excited to be given a book of their own that they would not put them down. They would smell the pages and hold them in their hands with such amazement. In the United States, we can't really comprehend it because books and education are such easy access for us. That is my reason for doing all of this, to inspire the children of Haiti, to support education and literacy, and to encourage these children to read and stay in school."

"I am extraordinarily grateful to JetBlue Airways and the people who have purchased my books in helping me continue my mission," she said.

Dr. Lauture serves as co-chair for the Edison State College Diversity Alliance, the Lee Campus representative for the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) and on the Edison State College International Education Committee.

Her books are available at Authorhouse.com, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble. The proceeds go directly to the non-profit organization Mancy's Haitian Folktale Collection, Inc., which provides access to learning and reading to underprivileged children in Haiti.



MIAMI DADE COLLEGE WINS NATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Miami Dade College (MDC) has once again garnered a prestigious award: the Student Success Award of Excellence, conferred upon the college by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). MDC was selected from among 1,200 colleges across the nation. This distinction complements the inaugural AACC Award of Excellence in Advancing Diversity that that the College received last year.

The AACC Student Success Award of Excellence recognizes a community college that has demonstrated, through evidence, a sustained commitment to and proactively advanced the cause of student success. The AACC praised MDC for our nationally-recognized Learning Outcomes and Student Achievement Initiatives that have led the way to transformative change. The award recognizes the integrated set of practices, policies and procedures that the College has developed to positively impact student success and that serve as a model for college completion at other institutions.

“Student success is at the heart of the College’s mission to change lives through the opportunity of education,” said MDC President Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón. “This award would not have been possible without the hard-working faculty, staff and trustees of Miami Dade College who truly embrace the notion that student success is a shared responsibility.”

Awards were given in six categories: Emerging Leadership, Student Success, Faculty Innovation (new this year), Exemplary CEO/Board, Advancing Diversity and Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the American Association of Community Colleges is a national organization representing the nation’s close to 1,200 community, junior, and technical colleges and their more than 13 million students. Community colleges are the largest sector of higher education, enrolling almost half of all U.S. undergraduates. For more information about AACC and community colleges, visit www.aacc.nche.edu.

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AFC Introduces a new opportunity for professional development

Certified College Professional Program

The Certified College Professional (CCP) Program will provide AFC member with the opportunity to earn a designation related to their work as a college professional, and expose them to content and experience they may not be able to obtain elsewhere. The CCP program provides significant value-added benefits for membership in the AFC and enhances the AFC's role as the primary professional development provider for the Florida College System.

“I can think of nothing more important to a college than investing in the professional development of our people. I am excited about the opportunities this program will give participants from our college to learn from colleagues at other colleges.”

—Dr. Jim Murdaugh, President,
Tallahassee Community College



Calendar

July

Executive Committee Meeting	July 16, 2014
Board of Directors Meeting	July 16, 2014
Membership Development Conference	July 17-18, 2014

August

Council of Presidents Steering Committee Meeting	August 28, 2014
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September

Executive Committee Meeting	September 11, 2014
Board of Directors Meeting	September 12, 2014
Council of Presidents Dinner	September 24, 2014
Council of President's Business Meeting	September 25, 2014
Trustees Commission Annual Meeting	September 25-26, 2014

October

Executive Committee Meeting	October 28, 2014
Board of Directors Meeting	October 28, 2014
Council of Presidents Meeting	October 29, 2014
65th Annual Convention	October 29-31, 2014



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