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A Look Back In the First Semester



Ever since Franklin Delano Roosevelt's presidency, historians and politicians have analyzed the activity and accomplishments of presidents' "first 100 days" as an indication of their effectiveness. More recently, business leaders have written about how anyone should optimize their first 90-120 days in a new job. While the AFC Presidency is not a typical executive leadership position, I do think a review of the first portion of my term is appropriate – and since we work in higher education, I have decided the appropriate time frame would be the spring semester.

Being a numbers guy, I first thought of reviewing my spring semester by the numbers:

# Meetings/Conferences/Events:	12
# Days attending those Meetings/Conferences/Events:	30
# Nights in hotels:	17
Miles Traveled:	7,383
Miles driven:	2,333
Miles flown:	5,050
AFC Regions visited:	5
Colleges visited:	6

After a robust AFC Leadership Conference in January, we set our sights on legislative issues and a focus on advocacy culminating in the AFC Legislative Days event in April. Thanks to AFC Executive Director Michael Brawer and the AFC Legislative Committee, under the leadership of Matthew Holliday from Florida SouthWestern State College, for putting together a fabulous professional development experience for our members and introducing them to the advocacy process from an inside view. The 65 AFC members who attended this event had a unique opportunity to meet with legislators and to tell their story of how lives are changed by our system. I appreciate the positive comments and feedback attendees shared with me, and I am excited to see how this event will develop in the future.

The spring semester also featured Region conferences, and I thank Palm Beach State College, Florida SouthWestern State College, St. Johns River State College, and Chipola College for hosting these. I wish I could have been at the Chipola conference, the date conflict with Region II forced me to miss it (though I understand you were well-served by President-elect Juanita Scott!) A quick look at the agendas for the four completed Region conferences provided a look into the future, as the linkage between regions and commissions began to take shape. Several Commissions, led by Career and Professional Employees, Facilities, and Student Development, sent members to Region conferences to present concurrent sessions in their area of interest. Long-term, our goal is to have every Commission present educational sessions at each Region conference. This year marked a good beginning to that initiative, jointly led by the Vice Presidents for Commissions (Robert Flores) and the Vice President

for Regions and Chapters (LaFran Reddin), and we hope these partnerships gain traction in future years. I look forward to a short drive to Ocala for the Region III conference in June.

As we move into the summer, our focus turns to the great professional development opportunities found in the Commissions conferences (Joint and Student Development) and the Membership Development conference. In most years, we put our advocacy focus on the backburner at this time, but our legislators have determined this will not be a usual year! With the legislative deadlock over the budget, we are in a special legislative session that began on June 1. AFC will keep our advocacy hats on, Find our Voice, and make sure it is heard through the Capitol!

On a final note as I reflect on what I learned and experienced during my first four months as

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your AFC President, it's been quite a ride so far. The leadership challenge has a set of rewards far beyond what can be seen or felt. The intangible benefits of working with an elite group of educators are simply unmatched and I wish to issue a challenge to AFC members statewide: Now is the time! Now is the time to step up and step out. Get your name out there and run for office! Whether for a Commission, Region, or State, it's time to get involved and lead. Your organization needs you, and the experience of leading is well worth the time and effort, even when it comes with spending 17 nights in hotels.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the process or qualifications: via Email at dan.rodkin@sfcollege.edu, on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DanAFCPresident) or on Twitter (@danrodkin). I look forward to working with two for two more semesters!

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Not Your Ordinary Legislative Session



Normally, this would be the AFC Post-Legislative Session Issue of the *Current*. However, unless you have been Rip Van Winkle and asleep for the last three months, you know that there was nothing normal about this year's legislative session.

It started out with a bang. A huge K-12 bill (HB 7069) passed very early and was sent to the Governor who signed it practically before the ink dried on his copy. This portended to indicate other big issues would be resolved with little acrimony. Proposed appropriations from

both the House and the Senate came out toward the end of week two, almost a full week earlier than normal. With regard to our colleges' allocations, the bills were not that far apart. There was a bottom-line difference of a little under \$35 million, but a larger chasm between the two chambers' approach to performance funding. Still, both chambers were far from the \$100 million new funding request by the Council of Presidents targeting capacity, funding equity, and performance accountability.

In what seemed to be the annual attack on some programmatic aspect of our college system, we were set back a bit with the proposal from the Senate to cap our baccalaureate program enrollments and change college names. There was also some dreadful proviso language that would have prevented our colleges from spending any state money on bachelor degree programs. Moreover, there was a little "guns" bill being touted by Amendment 2 supporters to allow concealed

weapons carry on our campuses. It didn't take long for the AFC Legislative Committee, aka the college lobbyists, our contract lobbyists, and me to figure out we had our work cut out for us.

It became very apparent by week three that there was not going to be a budget agreement worked out between the House and Senate. In a way this was good because it freed us up a bit to focus on some of the other issues for which we were able to achieve some success.

We managed to negotiate an agreement with Senator Negron regarding our bachelor degree programs. We accepted a three-year cap model which will sunset in 2018. No college will have to change its name. We won't offer Bachelor of Arts degrees. And, we made some minor tweaks to the bachelor degree program approval process. We fully expect this agreement to hold up during special session and put to bed once and for all this issue.

We pushed back on the guns bills, eventually seeing its demise in the Senate where it moved through only two committees and failed to reach a floor vote. We had counted 23-24 nays in the Senate. Although the House guns bill passed, the support in the Senate was just not there. I anticipate the Senate vote to hold up another year since all the same members are returning. But the guns rights lobby is very formidable and well-funded. They will be an on-going challenge for us all in higher education over the next several years. AFC partnered with several groups in this effort including the national Keep Guns Off Campus organization, and the Florida League of Women Voters. Moreover, our Council of Presidents, the University presidents, and the state-wide campus police organization all opposed the bill.

We also managed to pass a couple bills. The AFC sponsored a bill at the

request of the Council of Business Affairs (HB 565) that would allow colleges to reclassify senior management positions at regular intervals. No provision previously existed in law, and to do this required petitioning the FRS, who has been loathe historically to allow reclassifications. The bill passed now opens a window for six months once every five years and will benefit our colleges and all state agencies as well. This bill is awaiting the Governor's signature by June 16.

We also supported and helped pass another bill that will return about \$1.2 million to 26 of our colleges from recouped interest earnings due to bad investments by the State Board of Administration. The money was lost several years ago by hundreds of state-wide entities who invested through the SBA when it froze investments in Northern Ireland financial markets for various social reasons. The SBA spent years recovering the lost principle and interest. The bill will allow our colleges that no longer have an SBA Prime Fund account to have the money returned directly to them. The Governor has signed this bill.

As always, the good work advocating on behalf of the college system and our members is one of the most rewarding parts of my job as your CEO, and also the most frustrating! Your membership directly benefits from this effort, and is key to underwriting the costs related to it. Without you I could not do what I do, and neither could our team of college lobbyists, and the AFC Policy and Advocacy Committee. Thank you for your membership and support.

On the following pages is a brief summary of bills that passed. Special thanks to Erin McColskey at Palm Beach State College for providing this list.

HAZARDOUS WALKING CONDITIONS: CS/CS/CS/HB 41 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE, 4/29/15)

- Revises criteria that determine a hazardous walking condition for public school students.
- Authorizes a district school superintendent to initiate a formal request for correction of a hazardous walking condition.
- Requires state or local governmental entities with jurisdiction over a road with a hazardous walking condition to correct the condition within a reasonable period of time.
- Provides that a district school board may implement a safe driver toll-free telephone hotline to report improper driving or operation by a school bus driver for investigation and other action.
- Due to be signed by the Governor on June 10.

PUBLIC RECORDS/ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE-MEMBERS: CS/CS/CS HB 185 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE 4/23/15)

- Creates a public records exemption for current and former military service-members who served since September 11, 2001, and their spouses and dependents. Exempt information includes:
 - Home address, telephone numbers, birthdate of service-member.
 - Home address, telephone numbers, birthdate, and place of employment of spouse or dependent.
 - Name and location of school attended by spouse, or school/daycare attended by dependent.
- Signed into law on June 2.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE: CS/CS/CS SB 222 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE 4/22/15)

- Creates the "Computer Abuse and Data Recovery Act"
- Provides civil cause of action if injured by individual who, with intent to do harm

obtains information from a protected computer, causes transmission of program/code/command, or traffics in 'access barriers' (passwords).

- Injured party will be able to recover damages.
- Signed into law on May 14.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES: CS/CS/CS HB 435 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE 4/28/15)

- Makes changes to the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), related to state agency's rulemaking, and the agency's reliance on un-adopted or invalid rules.
- Due to be signed by the Governor on June 16.

COLLEGE TRUSTEES: SB 446 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE, 4/29/15)

- Specifies that St. John's River State College is to have seven members of their Board of Trustees, from their three-county service area.
- Signed into law on May 14.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS: HB 565 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE, 4/27/15)

- Provides a six month window for local agencies to reassess the designation of positions classified as Senior Management, with additional windows every five years.
- Due to be signed by the Governor on June 16.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES: CS/SB 642 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE, 4/24/15)

- Creates Florida Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) program, allowing those with disabilities to save money, using accounts like the 529-college savings plan accounts.
- Directs the Pre-Paid College Board to create a DSO for ABLE.
- Signed into law on May 21.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION PREFERENCES: CS/CS/SB 778 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE, 4/24/15)

- Amends state law relating to local government construction preferences.
- Prohibits local ordinances and regulations from restricting competition for the award of a contract for construction services based upon certain conditions, including:
 - if 50% or more of the cost of the project will be paid from state-appropriated funds (all funds appropriated in the general appropriations act, excluding federal funds) then a state college, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of the state may not use a local ordinance or regulation that provides a preference to a local contractor over other qualified contractors.
- Requires language to be included in competitive solicitation documents stating that local ordinances containing restrictions on bidder is not applicable to the specific project.
- Signed into law on May 21.

INVOLUNTARY EXAMINATION OF MINORS CS/SB 954 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE 4/28/15)

- Requires immediate notification to a student's parent, guardian, or caregiver if the student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity and taken to a receiving facility for an involuntary examination. School health services are required to develop plans to include notification requirements when a student is so removed.
- Requires a receiving facility to give notice of the whereabouts of a minor who is being involuntarily held for examination to the minor's parent, guardian, caregiver, or guardian advocate, in person or by telephone or other form of electronic communication, immediately after the minor's arrival at the facility. Repeat attempts to notify must be documented. Notification may be delayed if the facility has knowledge or suspicion of abuse, abandonment, or neglect and if the facility deems a delay to be in the minor's best interest.
- Requires Charter School Principal or the Principal's designee to immediately notify the parent of a student who is removed from school, school transportation, or a school sponsored activity and taken to a receiving facility for an involuntary examination pursuant. Notification may be delayed if in the student's best interest and if a report has been submitted to the central abuse hotline, based upon knowledge or suspicion of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Each charter school governing board shall develop a policy and procedures for notification under this paragraph.
- Signed into law on May 21.

FLORIDA CIVIL RIGHTS ACT: SB 982 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE: 4/24/15)

- Amends the Florida Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of pregnancy in education, employment, housing and public accommodations.
- Signed into law on May 21.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING REQUIREMENTS: SB 984 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE: 4/28/15)

- Clarifies that use of a public facility for a public purpose is not an expenditure for purposes of the "legislative expenditure ban."
- Signed into law May 14.

STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SLAPP): CS/SB 1312 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE, 4/24/15)

- Expands the application of anti-SLAPP statutes to prohibit retaliatory lawsuits related to protected free speech, in connection with public issues, to include:
 - Speech made before a governmental entity in connection with an issue under review by that entity, and
 - Speech in connection with a play, movie, TV program, radio broadcast, audiovisual work, book, magazine article, musical work, news report or other similar work.
- Signed into law May 21.

INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: HB 7001 (PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE, 4/24/15)

- Allows a child under 18 to intercept and record oral communications if the child is a party to the communications and has reasonable grounds to believe the recording will capture a statement by another party that indicates the intent to commit an unlawful sexual act or unlawful physical force or violence against the child.
- Signed into law on May 22.

WORKFORCE SERVICES: CS/HB 7019 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE, 4/14/15)

- Renames Workforce Florida, Inc. as CareerSource Florida, Inc. All regional workforce boards have changed as well.
- Creates task force to implement the 2014 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The task force includes the following education representatives:
 - The Commissioner of Education
 - The Chancellor of the Florida College System
 - The Chancellor of the State University System
 - The Chancellor of the Career and Adult Education Division
 - The president of the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges
 - The president of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, Inc.
- The Task Force will develop recommendations on the following:
 - Review of current service delivery programs
 - Regional planning design
 - One-stop service delivery design
 - Integration of economic development, workforce development, and education, and
 - Development of sector strategies and career pathways.
- Signed into law on June 2.

STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION: SB 7024 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE, 4/22/15)

- Removes restrictions on the State Board of Administration (SBA) related to investments, and directs the SBA to distribute the residual balance of a Trust Fund to participants (which may include Colleges) who were members in November of 2007.
- Signed into law on May 22.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS: SB 7028 (PASSED BY LEGISLATURE, 4/24/15)

- Expands the existing out-of-state fee waivers for veterans, to anyone using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs education benefits (G.I. Bill benefits.)

Executive Director/CEO's Message

- Repeals the 110 percent restriction on use of the out-of-state fee waiver.
- Complies with federal law which requires colleges to provide in-state tuition rates for G.I. benefit use.
- Signed into law on May 22.

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY, CS/HB 7069 (APPROVED BY GOVERNOR, CHAPTER 2015-6)

- Allows school districts to amend start dates, as early as August 10. This change will allow students to finish terms before the December holidays, and therefore will eliminate problems with dual enrollment.
- Eliminates duplicative assessments by repealing the statewide, standardized ELA assessments, and repealing the administration of PERT to high school students.
- Prohibits final exams in addition to EOC assessments.
- Signed into law on April 14.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Since 1869, there have been 111 Special Legislative Sessions. This year makes the

112th in **146 years** of Florida government.



Travis Hutson filed HB 821 this year as a House member. He left the House mid-session to be elected to a Senate seat in a special election. He was then able to vote as a Senator on SB 396, which was the same bill he filed while in the House.

The number of M&M's donated by Publix and devoured by hungry Capitol-goers:



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1754 bills were filed in 2015, and **231 (13.2%)** passed. *This is the fewest number of bills passed since the new millennium began.*

Of the 231 bills passed in 2015, **154** were House bills and **77** were Senate bills.



The House was in Session (on the floor) a total of

66 hours and
11 minutes in
21 days



The Senate was in Session (on the floor) a total of

46 hours and
10 minutes in
12 days

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AFC JOINT COMMISSIONS SUPER CONFERENCE

It was all about professional development at the AFC Joint Commissions Super Conference held at Hillsborough Community College last week. With eleven commissions participating and over 100 attendees, the Conference was a huge success.

Each Commission facilitated professional development sessions and exemplary practice competitions. Concurrent sessions allowed the attendees to not only participate with their Commission, but also join in other Commission's sessions.

A special thank you to the following Commissions for their participation: Administration, Adult and Continuing Education, Communications and Marketing, Equity, Facilities, Faculty, Healthcare Education, Institutional Effectiveness, Planning and Professional Development, Learning Resources, Occupational and Workforce Education, and Technology.

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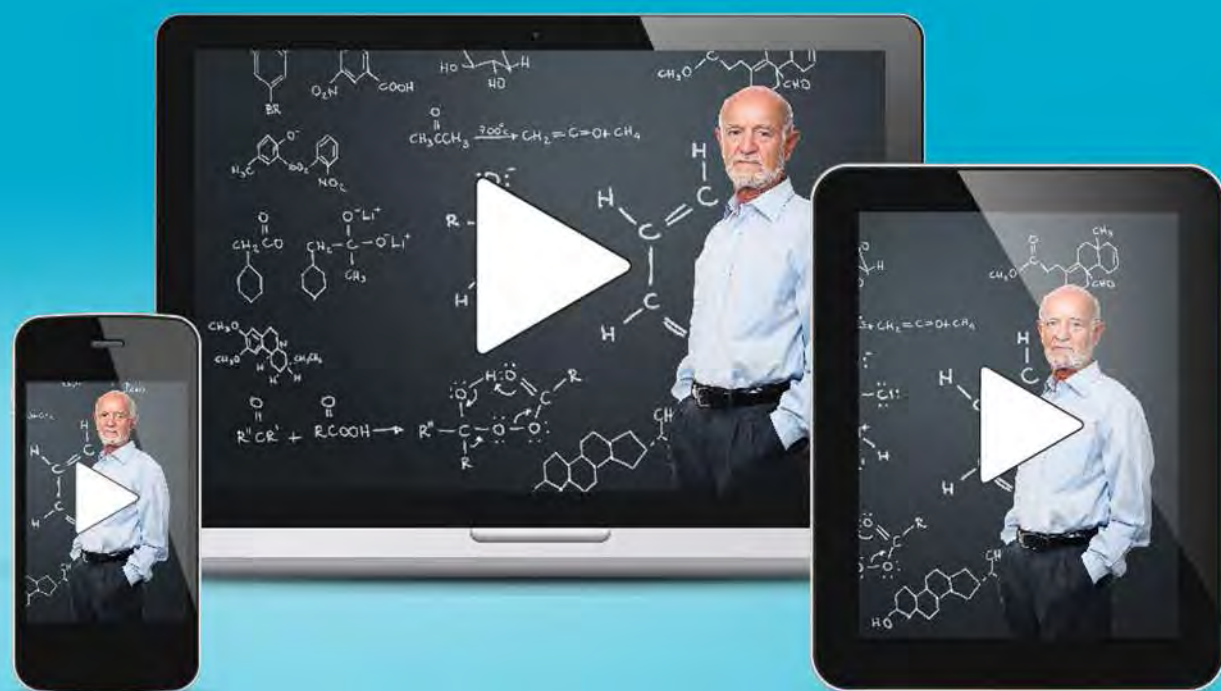
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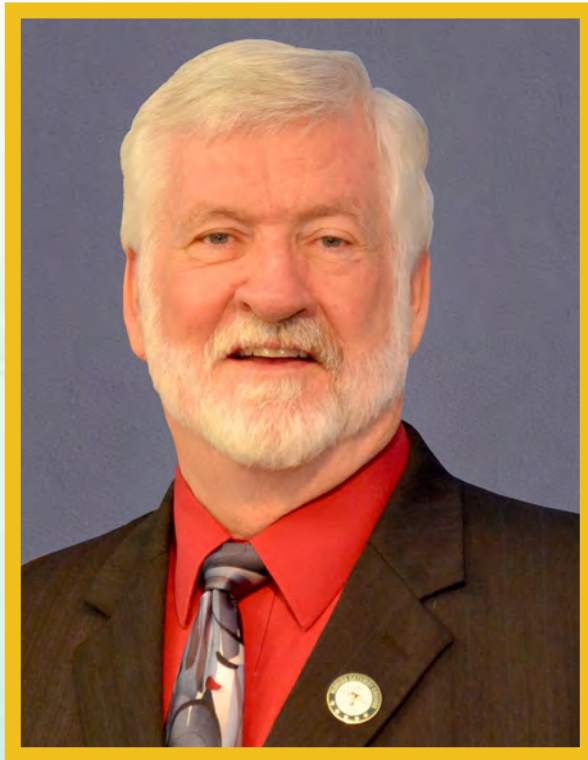
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After serving 18 years as president of Florida Gateway College, Dr. Charles Hall is set to retire at the end of this month, leaving behind a legacy that will affect generations to come.

Hall began his career at Central Arizona College in 1972 as the director of the Forensics Department before working his way up to the vice president for Instructional Services in 1983. Hall was selected as the president of Mohave Community College in 1984 and served in that capacity until 1997, when he became president of Lake City Community College, now Florida Gateway College.

During his 18 years at FGC, Hall's leadership and vision led to many improvements at the college, including facility renovations, new construction, new site development, and new program development. In recent years, FGC has launched its first three baccalaureate programs and has plans to add more in the coming years. Additionally, FGC has garnered numerous awards under his guidance, including Military and STEM friendly designations, and, in 2015, a Best Value School award, given to only 25 schools nationwide.

Though he plans to retire, Hall's fingerprints are all over the college – the newly developed Charles W. Hall Student Center is named after him, and he and his wife, Robin, sponsor the H&H Café in the Wilson S. Rivers Library and Media Center. The Halls have also endowed four scholarships to The Foundation for Florida Gateway College.

During his 45 years in the community college system, Hall's leadership has been acknowledged with various awards and recognitions. He has received the Florida Association of Community Colleges President's Award for Professional Excellence and served as the Florida Council of Presidents liaison to Florida College System Activities Association, among many others. Most recently, he was honored with the Honorary Life Membership award from AFC and the Bob Graham Distinguished Service Award.

Additionally, Hall's legacy extends beyond the college campus and educational realm. He has been heavily involved in community activities since his arrival in Lake City in 1997. His civic involvement includes serving as past president of the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Lake City Rotary Club, board chairman of the Lake City Medical Center, board chairman of the Boy Scouts of America Suwannee River District, and member of the Columbia County Rudder Committee, among others.

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DR. DENNIS P. GALLON, PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

Palm Beach State College's Commencement services on May 11 were momentous for the new graduates and also for the president. They were the final ceremonies led by Dr. Dennis Gallon before his June 30 retirement, capping a career of 50+ years as an educator and leader.

Dr. Gallon has served as PBSC president since 1997, following previous leadership and faculty roles at Florida State College at Jacksonville and as a secondary school teacher in North Florida. In recognition of his achievements and service, the Florida House of Representatives passed a resolution honoring him from the House floor in April.

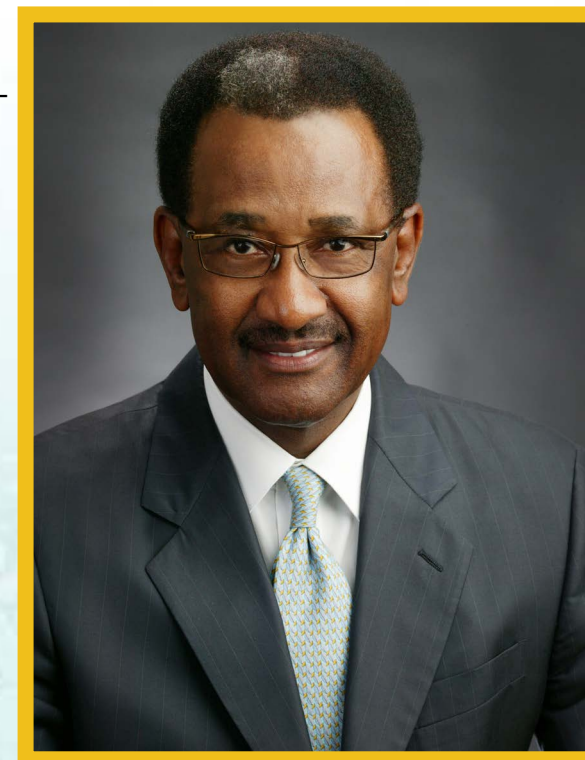
In nearly 18 years leading Palm Beach State, Dr. Gallon has spearheaded major growth and accomplishments. Honors achieved under his watch include the national Bellwether Award for Instructional Programs and Services; being named one of the most affordable colleges in the U.S.; ranking as the nation's 8th largest producer of associate degrees, and being selected twice as one of the top community colleges in the nation and a contender for the prestigious Aspen Award.

During Dr. Gallon's presidency:

- PBSC enrollment has nearly doubled.
- Student completion rates increased from 29 percent to 43 percent.
- The Dr. Floyd F. Koch Honors College was established.
- A fifth campus is under construction.
- The College's operating budget has increased 160 percent.
- College Foundation assets have increased from \$8.5 million to nearly \$32 million.
- Three bachelor's degree programs were added, and the institution was renamed Palm Beach State College.
- High-demand programs in health sciences, public safety, early learning, business, computer technology and biotechnology have been added.
- Online learning has increased exponentially, giving students greater access and increased flexibility to achieve educational goals.

A native of Monticello, Fla., Dr. Gallon earned his Ph.D. from the University of Florida, master's degree from Indiana University and bachelor's degree from Edward Waters College.

Ava L. Parker, J.D., succeeds Dr. Gallon as the fifth president of PBSC July 1, after serving as chief operating officer of Florida Polytechnic University since 2012. She will be Palm Beach State College's first female president.



AFC SALUTES RETIRING PRESIDENTS

DR. KATHERINE JOHNSON, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE



Dr. Katherine Johnson became Pasco-Hernando State College's third president in January 2005. The College has prospered under Dr. Johnson's leadership and has experienced tremendous growth. Her many accomplishments include the establishment of the Spring Hill Campus and Porter Campus at Wiregrass Ranch—expanding the College's reach to five full-service campuses to serve our two-county district. Most recently, the College transitioned from a community to a state college now offering bachelor degrees and is among the fastest growing institutions in the Florida College System. PHSC has been designated a "Great Place to Work," one of the top most affordable 100 colleges in the US, and a contender for the prestigious Aspen Award that recognizes outstanding higher education institutions nationwide. During Dr. Johnson's tenure, PHSC's enrollment grew by 37.5 percent and graduation rates rose by 43 percent—clearly a reflection of the president's focus on student success. Faculty and staff grew by 56 percent, and the operating budget expanded by 102 percent. An independent study in 2013 concluded PHSC's economic impact on the region is approximately \$240 million annually.

Dr. Johnson has served the Florida College System in several statewide leadership positions, including Chair of the Florida College System Council of Presidents and as Policy and Advocacy Chair for that same group. She also served as a board member and president of the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities. She is a graduate of Leadership

Pasco, and Leadership Florida; the founding chair of the Hernando Pasco Nature Coast Consortium, and former Community Board Chair for the Nature Coast Division of the American Heart Association. Dr. Johnson has been recognized as one of Tampa Bay leaders in the Who's Who in Tampa Bay Business by the Tampa Bay Business Journal. Currently, she is a finalist, along with PHSC Board of Trustees Chair Len Johnson, for the national CEO-Board Chair Award for the American Association of Community Colleges. Prior to her role at PHSC, she was president of North Carolina's Nash Community College from 2000 to 2005 and for sixteen years served in several administrative positions at Indian River Community College in Ft. Pierce. She began her career teaching middle and high school students history and social studies.

After more than 30 years in education and more than a decade at PHSC, Dr. Johnson plans to retire on June 30, 2015. She leaves the College in an amazing state of growth. Her influence on the College, community and the lives of thousands of students and graduates will touch us, and inspire us, for many years to come.

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PUMARIEGA NAMED FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM CHANCELLOR



MADELINE PUMARIEGA

The Florida College System has a new chancellor: former Miami Dade College administrator Madeline Pumariega.

The Miami native is the first woman and the first person of Hispanic descent to hold the job.

"It's an amazing opportunity to serve," she said Wednesday. "I always say, the colleges are gateways of opportunities. They make things happen across our state."

Pumariega had most recently served as president of the statewide non-profit Take

Stock in Children. Prior to that, she spent nearly two decades at Miami Dade College. She was president of the Wolfson Campus from 2011 to 2013, and played a key role in growing the Miami Culinary Institute. She was also involved in the launch of the Idea Center, the college's new entrepreneurship hub.

As chancellor of the state college system, Pumariega will focus on access and affordability.

"We have to continue to maintain the highest quality of programs that

"It's about making sure that everyone in Florida that has a desire to make something great with their life has the chance to use those tools, and be ready for that workforce opportunity." — Madeline Pumariega

we can with the workforce needs, and make sure college is accessible and affordable for everyone in on Florida," she said. "It's about making sure that everyone in Florida that has a desire to make something great with their life has the chance to use those tools, and be ready for that workforce opportunity." State Education Commissioner Pam Stewart praised Pumariega's experience and passion.

"With Madeline's extensive background in higher education and commitment to helping Florida's students thrive, she is the right choice to ensure we continue in our positive direction," Stewart said in a statement.

Pumariega was born and raised in Hialeah. She is a graduate of Hialeah High, attended Miami Dade College and the University of Central Florida and holds a bachelors from St. Thomas University and a masters degree Florida Atlantic University. She is a doctoral candidate at Barry University in Miami Shores.

COLLEGES COLLABORATE WITH FSU INFORMATION INSTITUTE TO STUDY IT CAREER PATHWAYS

Chipola College and Tallahassee Community College (TCC), in collaboration with the Information Institute at Florida State University, are participating in exciting grant projects focused on information technology (IT) education and career pathways in North Florida. These projects explore the alignment between expectations and needs in IT career preparation, and will enrich the pool of new technology professionals entering the North Florida workforce.

Assessing Information Technology Educational Pathways that Promote Deployment and Use of Rural Broadband is an, \$847,000 National Science Foundation-Advanced Technology Education (NSF-ATE) funded grant. This project, an exploratory collaboration with Chipola College and TCC, is focused on strengthening the IT and broadband employee pool, learning more about the education to IT career pathway, improving education support in non-metropolitan northwest Florida, and understanding how to transfer this knowledge to similar markets.

The *Florida IT Career (FITC) Pathways Alliance* is a State University System of Florida Board of Governors funded project that represents an unprecedented

collaboration between educational institutions and community stakeholders to support recruitment, retention, and placement of technology professionals. The Information Institute leads the assessment and evaluation component of the project, identifying the computing educational and career pathways from high school and two- and four-year colleges to the technology workforce in the North Florida area. By engaging local high schools, community colleges, and four-year colleges and universities, the study aims to examine the technology curricula and offer recommendations for ways to better prepare students for IT careers. The assessment will include input from local employers and participant institutions like TCC and Florida State College in Jacksonville, and an analysis of regional technology job postings.

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FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE SELECTS DR. LAWRENCE BARRETT AS ITS NEW PRESIDENT



LAWRENCE BARRETT

Barrett previously served as president of Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor. He has 28 years of experience in professional leadership positions at an assortment of four-year, community, and technical colleges. During his five-year tenure at Eastern Maine Community College, the school's enrollment has grown by 32 percent and eight new programs have been added. Previously, Barrett served as the vice chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Purdue University North Central. Barrett received his doctorate in Higher Education Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Barrett will succeed Dr. Charles Hall, who will retire this June after 18 years of service at FGC.

TIMOTHY BEARD SELECTED PRESIDENT OF PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE



TIMOTHY BEARD

The Pasco-Hernando State College Board of Trustees selected Timothy Beard, one of the college's vice presidents, to succeed retiring President Katherine Johnson.

"I'm extremely elated to be named the fourth president of an institution I'm very passionate about," Beard said. "I have put my heart and soul into making PHSC a premier institution."

Johnson remained neutral during the year-long search process but afterward said she is delighted with the selection. "With my retirement, it's wonderful to see an internal candidate have the opportunity to show the skill sets he's developed while he was here."

Beard, who has been at the college since 2007, has been the vice president of student development and enrollment management. During his tenure the college's enrollment has grown by 40 percent. He also has emphasized diversity on the campus by creating an office of Multicultural Student Affairs and by establishing the "Men of Excellence" program, which is designed to recruit, retain and graduate Hispanic and African-American male students.

Beard received his doctorate in higher education administration from Florida State University, where he also received his undergraduate and masters degree in career counseling. He has taught at Florida A&M University and the University of South Alabama.

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE TRUSTEES SELECT FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT



AVA L. PARKER

The Palm Beach State College District Board of Trustees culminated a six-month national search process Wednesday, unanimously choosing Ava L. Parker, J.D., to become the first female president of Palm Beach State College.

Parker, executive vice president and chief operating officer at Florida Polytechnic University, was one of four finalists, each making a case for being the best fit to lead the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County.

Parker said she was drawn to PBSC's strong foundation and history of excellence. "The quality of the programs and the commitment of the academic and administrative teams are apparent in the success of this institution," she stated. "The College is poised for innovative strategies that support economic development, it is located in a growing, diverse region, and it is expanding its footprint. We will do great things together."

Parker joined Florida Polytechnic University in 2012 to lead the development of the state's newest university, which focuses on research in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. As the school's first administrator, she was responsible for developing strategy, implementing the vision, building the team, and opening the new campus for its inaugural class last fall. She formerly served on the Board of Governors of the State University System for 10 years, including as chair, and she is a partner with the Jacksonville law firm of Lawrence & Parker.

A third-generation Floridian, she earned her Juris Doctor degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism, both from the University of Florida.

Parker is expected to start by July 1. She will succeed Dr. Dennis Gallon, who is retiring June 30 after 18 years as Palm Beach State's fourth president.



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College of Central Florida

Florida Gateway College

Santa Fe College

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St. Johns River State College

COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

January marks a new beginning with so many fresh starts. Citrus County Commissioner Joe C. Meek III spoke at the January AFC Chapter meeting. He discussed how the educational opportunities available at CF are providing a positive impact on the local community as they face ever-changing challenges. Sandy Belford, our Citrus County representative on CF's Board of Directors, encouraged everyone to continue to market all of CF's great opportunities.

February began with an evening social at the Appleton Museum of Art filled with music, dancing and laughter. Valentine's Day was a sweet time with candy-filled bags shared around campus which resulted in \$300 going to the March of Dimes. Dr. Henningsen, CF's President, expounded on challenges faced by colleges competing for state funding at the February AFC chapter meeting.

CF's Provost & Executive Director of the Levy Center, Marilyn Kern-Ladner, spoke at our March AFC Chapter meeting concerning the history and future of the Levy Center. After a land gift, successful community campaigns, large cash donations, staff support and Dr. Henningsen working diligently in Tallahassee, the state approved funding to expand the Levy Center.

April brought a time of recognition as AFC and CPEC recognized several individuals who had obtained educational mile stones during their joint annual Employee Appreciation Breakfast meeting. National Principal of the Year, Jayne Ellspermann, spoke on challenges faced in the educational system and how we can get involved to make a difference in students' lives. April ended on a sweet note as Krispy Kreme doughnuts were purchased to benefit a local teenager, Emilee Neveau, who has Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), totaling \$860.

CF invites everyone to come to an awesome event that will be held on the Ocala campus, Region III's CPEC Spring Conference, "A Great Adventure."



Excelling in their professions by earning degrees: (pictured L to R front row) Regina Summers, Cara Bennett, Mark Ross, (middle row) Wanda Burleigh, Renee Proctor, Madelyn Ballard, Stacey Melancon, LaShaunia Brooks, Marcelle Calloway and Shirley Sullivan. Recognizing these employees: (far right middle row) CF's AFC Chapter President Ron Kielty, (back row) CF's President Dr. Henningsen and CF's CPEC Chair Lana Lutz.



Delivering and receiving "Sweet Treats" (pictured L to R) Judy Menadier, Laterryio Curington and Christy Jergens.



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FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE

It's been an enriching spring for FGC. Our main focus this year has been professional development, and we've organized chapter activities around that goal. We held three different Lunch N Learn events. FGC Forensics presented their Reader's Theater at our Installation of Officers meeting in January. They went on to win 1st Place in the State Forensics Championship for Florida Colleges. On March 4th, we sponsored our second Lunch N Learn with Dr. Sean McMahon on the Great Hurricane of 1896. Our third Lunch N Learn showcased a presentation by Dr. Stefani Nugroho, a visiting Fulbright Scholar from Indonesia.

We have four members actively pursuing CCP credentials, and two new members in the application process. Three members attended the AFC Leadership Conference in January, and four members attended Legislative Days in April, so we are working hard to keep involvement up at the state level. In addition to all that good news, we welcomed ten new members to AFC this quarter! Eight members were able to attend the Region II conference at St. Johns River State College.

Our chapter co-sponsored a Campus Beautification project on Saturday, April 18th. We helped plant hundreds of flowers, and donated funds to help feed the crew. It was a lot of fun, and a lot of work!

We have a lot coming up, with roses for graduation, Relay for Life, and a summer social planned. We will also be sending two members to Regions and Commissions, so more professional development lies ahead!



More than 50 people attended FGC Beautification Day, where hundreds of flowers and herbs were planted around campus.



Eight FGC members attended the Region II conference in St. Augustine.
Front Row, (L to R): Gail Burdick, Becky van Hoek, Tiffany Givens, Swanzetta Battles.
Back Row (L to R): Patty Morris, Andrea Calloway, Tonia Lawson, Leila Ashleman

SANTA FE COLLEGE



From left to right: speaker of the FL House of Reps, Larry Cretul, Jessica Vander Biezen, Dr. Dan Rodkin, Tom Mason, Jason Frank, Cathy Hyde, Joan Moore, Nina Trombi, Carol Pugh, Dr. Jackson Sasser.

Not pictured: Chuck Clemons and Dr. David Price

AFC sent a delegation to Tallahassee on April 8-9. They were Dr. Jackson Sasser, Chuck Clemons, Dr. Dan Rodkin, Tom Mason, Jessica Vander Biezen, Dr. David Price, Nina Trombi, Carol Pugh, Joan Moore, Cathy Hyde, and Jason Frank.

On day one, we met with all our statewide colleagues at the Tallahassee Community College Capitol Center where we learned insights and Capitol protocol from several of AFC's contract lobbyists and other experts. We got some networking in at a reception held at the AFC building afterward. On Thursday morning, we were treated to a private tour of the House Floor by Speaker Larry Cretul. After that, we rallied with our Student Government Reps including Austin Browning. The delegation met with Rep's Clovis Watson, Elizabeth Porter and Keith Perry.

The trip was a huge success and everyone left with a better understanding of how things work in Tallahassee and we hope our Representatives now have a better understanding of Santa Fe College's needs and challenges.

SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE



School supplies collected at Seminole State College for the Region III Service Project to benefit Marion County Children's Alliance.



AFC member Kathy Ryan and a student on his way to Chili's.

Chili's gives back 10% of the days proceeds (from Seminole State orders) to AFC

ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE

It's been an active spring for the St. Johns River State College's AFC Chapter. As a service project the chapter sponsored the 18th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count on February 13 – 16. During this annual event, participants were asked to count the number and species of birds observed in their backyard in a 20-minute session on each of the four days the event is held. Although the weather could have been more cooperative, the staff, faculty, students, friends and family of SJR State logged over 580 minutes of observations and counted 517 birds documenting 33 species in St. Johns, Putnam and Clay Counties. The event is popular and we are already planning to repeat this service project in 2016.

Another event sponsored by the SJR State AFC Chapter was the annual "Jack Hall's Legislative Update". On April 17th and 20th, Jack met with faculty and staff on each of our three campuses to give us a snapshot of the most up-to-date news from the current legislative session in Tallahassee. The update focused on issues affecting the Florida College System, its colleges, employees and students. The sessions were well attended and are always a popular event.

The SJR State Chapter also sponsored participation in the March of Dimes March on April 11 to benefit the North Central Florida Division with their efforts to offer local parents NICU Family Support and other services. A total of \$592.37 was raised and donated by SJR State employees.

Our final spring event was to host the AFC Region II Conference on April 24th on the St. Augustine Campus. The theme of the conference was Earth Day and the service project was "Watch Them Grow!" Seeds, containers, supplies and \$60 in cash donations were collected at the conference and donated to second graders at Middleton-Burney Elementary School located in Putnam County to celebrate Earth Day and learn about the process of growing a plant



from a seed. The agenda for the meeting included chapter updates, an AFC and Legislative update presented by Michael Brawer, as well as eight different breakout sessions. Forty-seven Region II AFC members from Santa Fe College, Florida State College at Jacksonville, Florida Gateway College and St. Johns River State College evaluated the conference as "eye opening, excellent, very good and Great". It was an honor to host this conference and share the pride we have in St. Johns River State College.



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REGION IV

Nearly a hundred college system professionals attended the AFC Region IV Spring Conference at Florida SouthWestern State College on April 17, 2015. The conference was named "Mapping Our Future" with a variety of fascinating break out sessions ranging from mental health issues to public records requests.



See the rest of Region IV's pictures on their Facebook page. [CLICK HERE](#)

REGION V



Region V in collaboration with the Administration Commission, CPEC, and the Facilities Commission held a successful Regional Conference in beautiful Palm Beach Gardens, March 26-27, 2015.



The Region V Team of Scientists



VP of Regions and Chapters, Ms. Lafran Reddin



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September

Labor Day- State Office Closed	September 7, 2015
Executive Committee Meeting	September 17, 2015
Board of Directors Meeting	September 18, 2015
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November

Executive Committee Meeting	November 10, 2015
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AFC Annual Meeting and Conference	November 11-13, 2015
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