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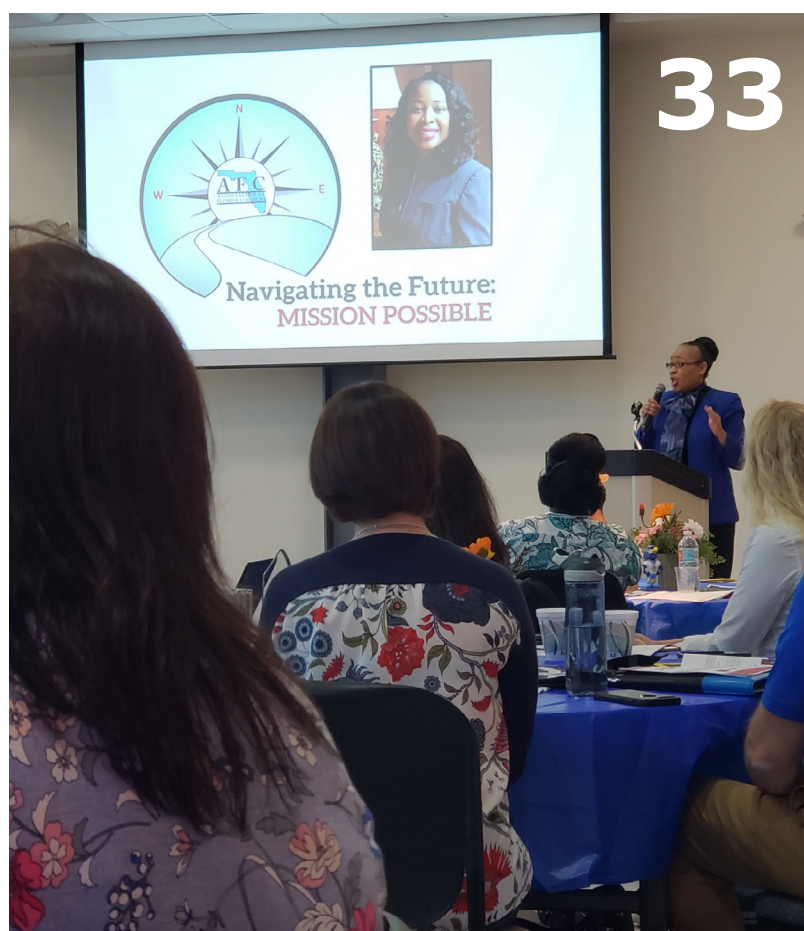
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## Ready, Set, Go — Reflections on a Super Spring!



**O**n your mark, get ready, set, go! AFC, we are on the move as we head to the midway point of this amazing year. As I reflect on the first half of this year, we have accomplished a lot in a short amount of time towards our

goals that we set in November.

**WE SAID that we were going to make our voices heard by advocating more.**

We have done that by having representatives from all levels of our organization participate in a myriad of events, meetings, strategies and workshops statewide to include Legislative Days, calls to action, budget conferences, advocacy alerts, legislative summary reports, meetings with elected officials and advocacy appointments just to name a few.

**WE SAID that we were going to increase our membership by 10%, or 700 members.**

We have the majority of our chapters participating in the membership incentive

campaign from the Great 28. Several of our colleges have increased their membership by large numbers raising the bar for all. We are well on our way to meeting this goal.

**WE SAID that we were going to expand high quality professional development offerings.**

We are off to an amazing start already. The Leadership Conference showcased new sessions which included a robust Executive Panel with College Presidents and Executive Directors participating, a session on the role of the college lobbyist, and a "journey to success" session to name a few. For the first time in the history of the AFC,

we launched a spring conference for faculty and administrators. The 1st Annual AFC International Conference on College Teaching and Learning was a great success with 140 attendees, and faculty, staff and administrators presenting over 40 sessions and workshops. The conference started strong with an opening plenary session from international speaker Jeffery Selingo, a signature Women In Leadership Presidential panel, and an awards luncheon celebrating the accomplishments of some of our best and brightest in academia. We

can also be proud that all five regions not only met the professional development challenge at their meetings across the state but, exceeded expectations by offering high quality workshops on hot topics to include on student success, performance funding, academic rigor, college readiness, safety and risk management, facilities management, budgeting and so much more. In this vein of offering quality professional development

opportunities, next month we are answering the call for more safety training for our college campuses by offering a certified B.I.T. Training through the AFC at the upcoming Campus Safety Symposium.

These are just a few of the highlights of our accomplishments together. AFC, we have only just begun. As we race to the finish line for the next half of this year, I challenge you to keep the momentum going. Our students are depending on us.

As I reflect on the first few months of this year, I say to you – AFC, our challenges may not be met easily, but through our strength together they will be met!

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!



**Navigating the Future:  
Racing to the Finish Line**

## On Amendment 7 - A Step In The Right Direction or Handcuffs on the FCS Governance



Constitutional Amendment 7 could present an opportunity for our 28 colleges, or it could lock us into a governance structure that would be more difficult to change moving forward.

After two years of effort by the Legislature to revise our governance structure by legislating a new state board of colleges, Amendment 7 portends to put the governance structure to bed, once and for all. On one hand it would provide relief from the Legislature's ability to annually impose governance policy changes that can change our model of local control.

On the other, some think it could lock us in for perpetuity and do little to advance the strength of our advocacy efforts.

The Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) is convened every 20 years to examine the Florida Constitution and propose changes for voter consideration. The CRC is comprised of 37 Commissioners. Fifteen are appointed by the Governor, nine by the President of the Florida Senate, nine by the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives and three by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. The Attorney General of Florida automatically serves and the Governor designates the Chair. The CRC meets for about a year identifying issues, performing research, and recommending changes to the Florida Constitution. The CRC held public hearings statewide to learn about issues that matter most to Floridians and considered proposed constitutional amendments submitted by the public. The result of this process is eight proposed amendments to the constitution from the CRC.

The part of Amendment 7 that impacts the FCS was initiated by

Commissioner Nicole Washington as Proposal 83. Proposal 83 covers three basic tenets, two of which were endorsed by the Council of Presidents at its November 2, 2017 meeting. First, it puts the FCS in the constitution alongside K-12 and the State University System (SUS); we are the only statewide education system not mentioned in the Florida Constitution. Second, it re-affirms the governance authority of our local District Boards of Trustees and that those members must be from the district served by the college. Third, it maintains our statewide oversight under the State Board of Education as established in 2002.

The proposal language covering the Florida College System (FCS) and its governance is bundled with two other issues. One is another higher education proposal which sets a super majority vote by a University board of trustees in order to increase a fee. The other will provide certain benefits to families of first responders and military personnel who are killed in the line of duty. Whether or not this grouping of issues is advantageous or a detriment to the amendment's passing is hard to say.

In all, if the amendment passes, it would end the governance discussion for at least the next 20 years. This could be a good thing or a bad thing. It would also assure the on-going strength of our system, local control, which is recognized nationally as an integral part of our colleges' collective success. It could be said that without governance as an overarching policy issue distracting our advocacy efforts each year, the passage of this amendment could allow us to focus strongly on assuring student success and adequate funding. Conversely, we must determine if it's best to lock ourselves into a state-level governance structure that cannot be changed outside of constitutional amendment.

The AFC and the Council of Presidents will be establishing our specific positions on the Amendment over the next 30-45 days. Learn more about the CRC and Amendment 7 at <https://www.flcrc.gov/>.



# AFC CAMPUS SAFETY SYMPOSIUM | JULY 12-13, 2018

PRE-CONFERENCE BIT TRAINING JULY 10-11, 2018

HOSTED BY DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE, DAYTONA BEACH, FL

The AFC has partnered with the Division of Florida Colleges to provide the 3rd Annual 2018 Campus Safety Symposium. The event brings together experts in a combination of plenary and educational sessions to address current safety challenges facing our campuses statewide. The symposium will focus on sharing best practices and resources to assure that every college in Florida has the necessary tools to implement effective and successful campus safety policies and practices. Topics and concurrent sessions will include presentations and panels covering law enforcement practices, threat assessment, mental health, incident recovery, behavioral intervention, facilities, Title IX, FERPA, and student services.



## FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Rebecca Bolante**

Dr. Rebecca Bolante is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and a Certified Threat Manager. After serving 15 years at Chemeketa Community College as the Director of the Threat and Disaster Resource Center, Bolante had the vision to start *Bolante.Net*, a network of experts providing training in the areas of threat assessment and disaster response.



**Sheriff Mike Chitwood**

Sheriff Chitwood was elected Sheriff of Volusia County in August 2016 and sworn in January 2017. Prior to his election, Chitwood served for ten years as the Daytona Beach Police Chief. He became Police Chief for Shawnee, Oklahoma (2005-2006) and a Lieutenant with the Philadelphia Police Department working in the patrol, tactical, narcotics and detective divisions.



PRE-CONFERENCE BIT TRAINING JULY 10-11, 2018

This two-day course is designed for schools that are in the early stages of behavioral intervention team development or that do not yet have a team.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE CAMPUS SAFETY SYMPOSIUM](#)





# 2018 Legislative Summary Report

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## Legislative Session Highlights

The 2018 Florida Legislature adjourned sine die on Sunday evening, March 11, 2018 following a querulous budget process that resulted in the extension of the legislative session by 2 days and the requisite 72-hour “cooling-off” period. In the end, the Legislature approved the General Appropriations Act (GAA), Ch. 2018-119, L.O.F., (HB 5001), appropriating an overall budget of \$88.7 billion which takes effect July 1, 2018. The Governor vetoed 88 items totaling \$64 million. A total of 3,250 bills were filed this session, with only 196 passing both Chambers, resulting in one of the lowest number of bills passed in nearly two decades and 49 less than during the 2017 session.

The Florida College System Program Fund will receive a slight increase of about **\$6.7 million**, restoring a little less than 25% of last year’s program reduction of \$30.2 million. Lottery funds will provide \$272,175,155 for the colleges and \$945,332,666 will come from General Revenue, including \$60 million for performance funding, half for state incentive and half for institutional investment. \$10 million has also been allocated for industry certifications.

Due to significant funding being allocated for school safety (\$400 million) and health care initiatives (\$300 million), funding for construction projects was minimal. The Florida College System will get \$27.2 million for the entire system with three colleges receiving some additional assistance. In comparison, the State University System will receive approximately \$82.5 million for construction projects at the University of Florida, Florida State University, and Florida Gulf Coast University, while public schools will reap \$120 million for charter school construction and \$50 million for school districts.

In the final days of session, two education bills directly tied to budget negotiations were passed. **CS/HB 7055**, a massive K-12 bill that promotes charter schools, and was championed by the House, narrowly passed the Senate.

**Senate Bill 4**, (CS/SB 4), dubbed “The Florida Excellence in Higher Education Act of 2018, successfully navigated both Chambers and was signed into law by the

Governor on March 11, 2018. This bill expands financial aid provisions and incentivizes postsecondary institutions to emphasize “on-time” graduation as well as funding state universities to recruit and retain exemplary faculty. Significantly, the bill allows Bright Futures awards to be used to cover technology fees and for awards to be used for summer terms. The Bright Futures Academic Scholars programs was returned to 100% of tuition and fees, plus \$300 for textbooks. The Medallion Scholars Program was returned to 75% of tuition and fees with no provisions for textbooks. The First Generation Matching Grant program was extended to the FCS, authorizing a \$2 match in state money for every \$1 raised privately. The final bill version also included language prohibiting a public institution of higher education from designating any area of campus as a “free-speech” zone or otherwise creating policies restricting expressive activities to a particular outdoor area of campus. The consolidation of University of South Florida branch campus with the main campus was also included in this bill.

**Senate Bill 7026** reflects the Legislature’s response to the tragic February 2018 shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The bill includes changes to background checks, prohibiting people under 21 from buying a firearm, outlawing bump-fire stocks and attempting to keep firearms from those with mental illness. The most controversial measure is the creation of a voluntary program, the “Aaron Feis Guardian Program,” that would allow some school personnel to carry firearms. Attempts to ban the sale of assault weapons, however, failed.

Significant opposition by the FCS college presidents, the Association for Florida Colleges, business and industry leaders, and the college lobbyists to **Senate Bill 540**, “The Community College Competitiveness Act,” resulted in its demise. The bill, which was never taken up by the House, would have made significant changes to system governance, performance standards, Direct Support Organization (DSO) personnel funding and baccalaureate degree approval and growth.

Please see the “Education Bills Passed” and “Education Bills Failed” sections of this report for additional details

## 2018-2019 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA) Statewide Funding (HB 5001)

### Florida College System 2017-18 and 2018-19 Funding

Issue	Funding 2017-18	Funding 2018-19
Florida College System Program Fund (FCSPF) - Lottery	\$231,751,579	\$272,175,155
Florida College System Program Fund (FCSPF) – GR	\$972,573,301 (includes \$60m performance) (\$7,280,154 was vetoed leaving a net appropriation of \$965,293,147) (HB 1A appropriated \$2,540,288 additional funds creating a new net total program appropriation of \$967,833,435)	\$945,332,666 (includes \$60m performance, \$30 m from state funds and \$30 m from the systems individual colleges base) (\$500,000 was vetoed leaving a net appropriation of \$944,832,666)
<b>TOTAL COMBINED</b>	<b>\$1,199,585,014</b> (Reflects \$30.2m developmental education reduction and Governor's veto of \$7.3m at 9 colleges and \$2.5m increase in HB 1A)	<b>\$1,217,007,821</b> (Reflects a \$4.7m pass through of FRS contribution funds, \$6.8m actual increase in the program fund, \$8.1m in special projects, and \$.5m reduction from the Governor's veto)
Above includes:		
• Performance Funding - GR	\$30m state / \$30m base	\$30m state / \$30m base
• Operating Cost New Facilities, Combined	0	0
• FRS Contribution Adjustment	\$4,942,768	\$4,761,000
• "Operational Support"	0 (No system-wide dollars were provided for operational support, however individual colleges did receive specific appropriations.)	0 (No system-wide dollars were provided for operational support, however individual colleges did receive specific appropriations.)
• Special Projects/Operational Support Funding	\$15,342,950 (\$7,270,154 was vetoed, leaving a net appropriation of \$8,072,796) (\$2,540,288 was added in HB 1A creating a new net total of \$10,613,084)	\$8,050,000 (\$500,000 was vetoed, leaving a net appropriation of \$7,550,000 in special projects)
• Distinguished Colleges	0	0



## 2018-2019 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA) Statewide Funding (HB 5001)

### Additional Funding

Issue	Funding 2017-18	Funding 2018-19
Performance Incentives/Industry Certifications	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
PECO, Sum-of-Digits (Maintenance)	\$38,066,518	\$35,448,853
Fixed Capital Outlay (PECO and GR and other sections of the bill)	\$83,512,835 (\$14,494,530 was vetoed leaving a net appropriation of \$69,018,305) (HB 1A in Special Session 2017A appropriated \$4,572,518 additional funds creating a new net total of \$73,590,823)	\$43,086,872 (\$12,150,000 was appropriated in section 99 contingent upon receipt of federal hurricane reimbursement funds and \$812,000 for fire equipment.
Displaced Homemakers	0	0
College Reach Out Program	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
First Generation Matching Florida College System Share	\$2,654,332	\$ 2,654,332
<b>NON FUNDED ITEMS</b>		
Adults with Disabilities	\$6,924,676	\$6,924,676
Student Tuition/Fees	0 % increase	0 % increase
Phillip Benjamin Matching	0	0
Facilities Matching	0	0

## Florida Financial Aid Summary 2017-18 and 2018-19 Funding

Issue	Funding 2017-18	Funding 2018-19
Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship Program (Lottery)	\$397,282,030	\$10,000,000\$397,282,030 (An additional \$91.6 million is provided in SB 4.)
Academic Scholars	Per Credit Hour	Per Credit Hour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-year Institutions</li> <li>2- Year Institutions</li> <li>Upper-division Programs at Florida Colleges</li> <li>Career-technical Centers</li> </ul>	Awards are to cover 100% of the cost of tuition and applicable fees plus \$300 for each fall and spring semester for textbooks and expenses. \$39.5 million was earmarked for summer 2018 awards	Awards are to cover 100% of the cost of tuition and applicable fees plus \$300 for each fall and spring semester for textbooks and expenses. \$39.5 million( an additional \$1.7 million in SB 4 is earmarked for summer 2019 awards.)
Medallion Scholars (Projected amount for 2018-19)		(\$28.4 million in SB 4 is earmarked for summer 2019 awards)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-year Institutions</li> <li>2- Year Institutions</li> <li>Upper-division Programs at Florida Colleges</li> <li>Career-technical Centers</li> </ul>	77 63 53 39	159 80 92 62
Gold Seal Vocational Scholars		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Career Certificate Program</li> <li>Applied Technology Diploma Program</li> <li>Technical Degree Education Program</li> </ul>	39 39 48	39 39 48
Additional Stipend for Top Scholars	44	44
Gold Seal CAPE Vocational Scholars		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor of Science Program with Statewide Articulation Agreement</li> <li>Florida College System Bachelor of Applied Science Program</li> </ul>	48 48	48 48
Florida Student Assistance Grants (Lottery)	59,401,461	59,401,461
(General Revenue)	218,979,271	218,979,271
(Trust Funds)	97,099	97,099
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida Student Assistance Grant – Public Full and Part-time</li> </ul>	(208,002,403)	(208,002,403)



## Florida Financial Aid Summary 2017-18 and 2018-19 Funding

Issue	Funding 2017-18	Funding 2018-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FSAG – Private</li> <li>FSAG – Postsecondary</li> <li>FSAG – Career Education</li> </ul>	(33,472,777) (23,381,592) (4,539,240)	(33,472,777) (23,381,592) (23,381,592)
Maximum Award for FSAG	(2,610)/award	(2,610)/award
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deceased/Disabled Veterans</li> <li>Florida Work Experience</li> <li>Rosewood Family Scholarships</li> <li>Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program</li> <li>Florida Farmworker Scholarship Program</li> </ul>	( 5,755,150) (1,569,922) (256,747) (1,000,000) (500,000)	(1,569,922) (256,747) (1,000,000) (1,000,000) \$500,000 (appropriated in SB 4)
First Generation in College Matching Grant Program	10,617,326	10,617,326
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(In 2017-18 the match was \$1 state dollar for \$1 private dollar)</li> <li>(In 2018-19 the match will be \$2 state dollars for each \$1 private dollar)</li> </ul>		
Amount Reserved for FCS in 2017-18	\$2,654,332	\$2,654,332
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ABLE Grants (Private for-profit college students)</li> </ul>	\$6,832,500 (est. \$2,500 /student)	\$6,338,500 (est. \$3,500 /student)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida Resident Access Grants (Private not-for-profit college students)</li> </ul>	\$125,449,500 (est. \$3,300/student)	\$136,815,000 (est. \$3,500/student)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida National Merit Scholars Incentive Program (renamed as Benacquisto Scholarship Program by Legislature in 2016)</li> </ul>	\$14,282,138	\$14,282,138 (An additional \$1.2 million is provided in SB 4)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepaid Tuition Scholarship</li> </ul>	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida ABLE, Incorporated</li> </ul>	\$2,166,000	\$2,166,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minority Teacher Scholarship Program</li> </ul>	\$917,798	\$917,798
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursing Student Loan Reimbursement/ Scholarships</li> </ul>	\$1,233,006	\$ 1,233,006
Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship		
(General Revenue)	\$160,500	\$160,500
(Trust Funds)	\$160,500	\$160,500

## Florida Financial Aid Summary 2017-18 and 2018-19 Funding

Issue	Funding 2017-18	Funding 2018-19
Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant (General Revenue) (Trust Funds)	\$50,000 \$74,000	\$50,000 \$74,000
<p>In 2017, the following proviso appeared in the GAA for the first time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Institutions that received state funds in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for student scholarships or grants administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance shall create the following two reports in a format prescribed by the Department of Education; both due by December 1, 2017. A report of the following information by institution, 1) federal loan information, including the total federal loan amounts disbursed and total number of students who received federal loans; and 2) student level data for all grants, scholarships, and awards to students who applied for and/or received state-funded tuition assistance and aid. This language was continued in the 2018-19 GAA.</li> </ul>		

### Appropriations Proviso and Implementing Bill Issues

The Legislature has three methods to reflect funding decisions made in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) process. "Proviso" is language in the General Appropriations Act attached to a specific appropriation which directs or authorizes how the funds can be expended. An implementing bill is a substantive bill which provides instructions to enact specific provisions for a GAA appropriation or proviso by changing the law (Florida Statutes) temporarily for one year. This is necessary because the courts have ruled the GAA cannot contradict current law; however, there may be a need to temporarily suspend some provision of law. A conforming bill is a substantive bill which may "travel" with the GAA. It differs from the implementing bill in that it makes permanent changes to Florida Statutes. Individual bills which become law permanently change the law. For 2018-19, there was no language affecting the FCS in the implementing bill. There was no general conforming bill as such but individual bills did impact appropriations.



While the Governor may veto the entire appropriations act or exercise his veto by “line item,” he does not have “line item” veto in an implementing or conforming bill, but must act on the entire bill. If a specific appropriation or proviso language relating to a specific appropriation is vetoed, then language in an implementing bill pertaining to that item is void.

Bills which are passed by the Legislature are sent to the Governor. If the Legislature is not in Session, the Florida Constitution allows the Governor fifteen days after receiving a bill to veto, sign, or let a bill become law without his signature. If the Legislature is in Session, the Governor has seven days.

## FCS Performance Funding/Industry Certifications

An appropriation of \$10 million for industry certification performance included proviso language that identified the programs eligible for funding for 2018-19 to be: public safety, health sciences, automotive service technology, auto collision repair and refinishing, cyber security, cloud virtualization, network support services, computer programming, advanced manufacturing, electrician, welding, Federal Aviation Administration airframe mechanics, power plant mechanics, pharmacy technicians, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians. These are the same programs as in 2017-18.

## FCS Performance Funding

The General Appropriations Act included \$60 million in performance funding for the Florida College System, with \$30 million in state funds, and \$30 million deducted from the Colleges’ base funding. Base funding could potentially be redistributed among other colleges based on individual college performance. There are no changes to performance metrics for the FCS for 2018-19.

## EDUCATION-RELATED BILLS THAT PASSED

### SB 4 (CS/SB 4): “The Florida Excellence in Higher Education Act of 2018”

This bill expands financial aid provisions and incentivizes postsecondary institutions to emphasize “on-time” graduation as well as funding state universities to recruit and retain exemplary faculty (The State University Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program). It also requires universities to use a four-year rather than six-year graduation rate in its performance funding formula, but did not address time –to-degree specifically for FCS students). **Significantly, the bill allows Bright Futures awards to be used to cover technology fees and, for the first time, allows awards to be used for summer terms. The Bright Futures Academic Scholars programs was returned to 100% of tuition and fees, plus \$300 for textbooks. The Medallion Scholars Program was returned to 75% of tuition and fees with no provisions for textbooks. The First Generation Matching Grant program was extended to the FCS, authorizing a \$2 match in state money for every \$1 raised privately.** The bill additionally establishes a scholarship program for students from farmworker families. **The final bill version also included language prohibiting a public institution of higher education from designating any area of campus as a “free-speech” zone or otherwise creating policies restricting expressive activities to a particular outdoor area of campus. The bill also states that violations can be fined. Colleges will need to review current campus policies and student rights’ manuals.** The consolidation of University of South Florida branch campus with the main campus was also included in this bill.

**Approved by Governor March 11, 2018, effective date March 11, 2018 except as otherwise provided.**

## HB 7055 (CS/HB 7055): (Omnibus Education Bill)

The sum of \$13,750,000 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and the sum of \$100,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the DOE to implement 7055. \$9,700,000 of recurring funds shall be used to fund reading scholarship accounts, \$300,000 shall be used as an administrative fee, \$2,000,000 shall be used to implement the provisions of 1002.40(8)(establishing the Hope Scholarship Fund), \$950,000 shall be used to implement additional oversight requirements of 1002.421 (Accountability of private schools participating in state school choice scholarship programs), \$250,000 for competitive grant awards 1002.395(9) (Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program), \$550,000 used for instructional materials pursuant to 1007.271(13) (Dual Enrollment Programs), \$150,000 from 2017-18 is appropriated to the DOR to implement 212.099.

- Creates the Hope Scholarship Program for students who have been bullied to transfer to another public school or receive a scholarship to attend an eligible private school.
- The Hope Scholarship Program will be funded by taxpayers who make a contribution limited to \$105 when a vehicle or registration is purchased. The contributor will receive a 100% credit of the contribution against the sales tax.
- Allows the Commissioner of Education to coordinate through the most appropriate means of communication with school districts, colleges, and satellite offices to assess the need for resources and assistance to enable each institution to reopen as soon as possible after considering the safety of students and others (from SB 436).
- For dual enrollment articulation agreements, college board of trustees may not arbitrarily limit the number of dual enrollment courses in which a student may enroll based solely upon enrollment by the student at an independent postsecondary institution.
- Home education dual enrolled students are no longer responsible for his or her own instructional materials.
  - The home education articulation agreement must include:
    - \*\* Delineation of courses and programs, any course or program limitations may not exceed the limitations for other dually enrolled students**
    - \*\* A high school grade point average may not be required for home education students who meet the minimum score on a common placement test adopted by the State Board of Education which indicates**

**that the student is ready for college-level coursework**

**\*\* Home education students' eligibility requirements for continued enrollment in dual enrollment courses must include the maintenance of the minimum postsecondary grade point average established by the postsecondary institution.**

- In amending s. 1007.271, F.S., removes from the list of specific provisions required to be included in an articulation agreement between a private school and postsecondary institution, a provision stating whether the private school will compensate the postsecondary institution for the standard tuition rate per credit hour for each dual enrollment course taken by its students. Although it now is no longer a required component, nothing in the amended law prohibits the continued inclusion of a provision stating whether the private school will compensate the postsecondary institution for the standard tuition rate per credit hour for each dual enrollment course taken by its students. In addition, the law as amended does not specify that the public postsecondary institution may not charge tuition and fees to the private school for the dual enrollment of its students.
- If a teacher's union at a school cannot get more than 50% of the school's employees to join, the union will not be able to bargain. They must petition the Public Employees Relations Commission for recertification within one month after the date on which the organization applies for renewal of registration. Applies only to K12 System.
- School boards must adopt rules to require all schools to display, "In God We Trust" in a conspicuous place.
- School districts are encouraged to provide basic training in first aid including cardiopulmonary resuscitation and using an automated external defibrillator, beginning in grade 6 and every 2 years thereafter.
- **CAPE bonuses may not be awarded to a teacher who fails to maintain the security of any CAPE industry certification examination or who otherwise violates the security or administration protocol of any assessment instrument.**
- Students enrolled in Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School are exempt from taking statewide standardized assessments. Seniors are exempt from minimum hours of instruction requirement to earn a diploma.

**Approved by Governor, March 11, 2018. effective date 7/1/18.**

## HB 29 (CS/HB 29): "The Don Hahnfeldt Veteran and Military Family Opportunity Act"

**Revises licensure eligibility requirements; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain fees; authorizing the licensing authority to recognize certain military-issued credentials for purposes of licensure;** designating March 25 of each year as "Medal of Honor Day"; requiring the State Board of Education to issue a temporary certificate in educational leadership to certain persons, etc.

- The bill eases professional licensing fees and requirements for certain military members, veterans, and their spouses, including:
- For the Department of Health (DOH) professional licensees, granting current DOH fee waivers for dentists, and providing an affirmative defense in certain unlicensed activity actions;
- For the Department of Business and Professional Regulation professional licensees, expanding license renewal fee waivers;
- For the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services professional licensees, expanding current initial licensing fee waivers and creating renewal fee waivers;
- For the Office of Financial Regulation mortgage loan originators and associated persons licensees, creating an initial licensing and renewal fee waivers;
- For the Department of Financial Services professional licensees, relief from pre-licensure insurance coursework requirements, and expanding initial licensure fee waivers; and
- **For the Department of Education (DOE) licensees, creating certain initial fee waivers, granting a temporary certificate in education, and establishing a pathway for veteran officers for certification as a school principal.**
- **Requires DOE to coordinate efforts to educate veterans about apprenticeship and career opportunities;**
- Allows Junior Reserve Officer Training instructors to participate in the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program;
- **Designates March 25 every year as "Medal of Honor Day"** and allows classroom instruction related to the values of the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor to meet certain instructional requirements on character development and the contributions of veterans to our country;
  - \* gives students who are children of an active duty member who is not stationed in this state, but whose home of record or state of legal residence is Florida, priority for attendance in the Florida Virtual School; and

- **Expands and clarifies the processes for obtaining veteran training grants and instituting veteran entrepreneurship programs through Veterans Florida in the Department of Veterans' Affairs.**
- The bill has an indeterminate fiscal impact on state government and no fiscal impact on local governments.

**Approved by Governor March 14, 2018, effective date 7/1/18.**

## HB 75: Postsecondary Fee Waivers

**Authorizes FCS institutions to waive a portion of certain postsecondary fees for active duty members of U.S. Armed Forces using military tuition assistance; requires FCS institutions to report to SBE number & value of such fee waivers granted annually.** Mostly impacts FCS institutions with high numbers of active duty service members (e.g. FSCJ, NWFS).

**Approved by Governor March 13, 2018, effective date 7/1/18.**

## SB 394: Fire Safety

This legislation requires the Division of the State Fire Marshal to establish courses that provide training related to cancer and mental health. Specifically, this training must include cancer and mental health awareness, prevention, mitigation, and treatment as well as lifestyle, environmental, inherited, and occupational risks and must emphasize appropriate behavior, attitude, and cultural changes within the fire service. Such training must be a requirement for obtaining a Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, a Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, or a Special Certificate of Compliance. The bill also requires certified firefighters to have such training available to them.

**Approved by Governor March 19, 2018, effective date 7/1/18.**

## CS/HB 565: Excess Credit Hour Surcharges

Requires state university to return specified amount of assessed excess credit hour surcharges to first-time-in-college students who meet certain requirements.

**Approved by Governor 3/30/18, effective date 7/1/18.**



## HB 577: High School Graduation Requirements

This legislation authorizes students to use credit earned upon completion of apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship program to satisfy specified high school graduation requirements; requires SBE to approve & identify registered apprenticeship HB 577.

**Approved by Governor 4/6/18, effective date 7/1/18.**

## CS/SB 7026: The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act

This bill provides law enforcement, the courts, and schools with the tools to enhance public safety by temporarily restricting firearm possession by a person who is undergoing a mental health crisis and when there is evidence of a threat of violence. The bill also promotes school safety and enhanced coordination between education and law enforcement entities at the state and local level. Some key issues addressed in the bill as related to K-12 school safety include:

- Prohibits a person who has been adjudicated mentally defective or who has been committed to a mental institution from owning or possessing a firearm until a court orders otherwise.
- Requires a three-day waiting period for all firearms, not just handguns or until the background check is complete, whichever is later.
- Prohibits a person under 21 years of age from purchasing a firearm.
- Prohibits a licensed firearm dealer, importer, or manufacturer, from making or facilitating the sale or transfer of a firearm to a person under the age of 21. This prohibition does not apply to the purchase of a rifle or shotgun by a law enforcement officer or a correctional officer or to a member of the military.
- Prohibits a bump-fire stock from being imported, transferred, distributed, transported, sold, keeping for sale, offering or exposing for sale, or given away within the state.
- Creates a process for a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency to petition a court for a risk protection order to temporarily prevent persons who are at high risk of harming themselves or others from accessing firearms when a person poses a significant danger to himself or herself or others, including significant danger as a result of a mental health crisis or violent behavior.
- Provides a court can issue a risk protection order, ex parte in certain circumstances, and requires the surrender of all firearms and ammunition under said order.

- Establishes the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to investigate system failures in the Parkland school shooting and prior mass violence incidents, and develop recommendations for system improvements.
- Codifies the Office of Safe Schools (office) within the Florida Department of Education (DOE) and specifies the purpose of the office is to serve as the state education agency's primary coordinating division for promoting and supporting safe-learning environments.
- Creates the Feis Guardian Program within the DOE as a voluntary program to assist school districts and public schools in enhancing the safety and security of students, faculty, staff, and visitors to Florida's public schools and campuses.
- Codifies the Multiagency Service Network for Students with Severe Emotional Disturbance (SEDNET) as a function of the DOE in partnership with other state, regional, and local entities to facilitate collaboration and communication between the specified entities.
- Establishes the Public School Emergency Response Learning System Program to assist school personnel in preparing for and responding to active emergency situations and to implement local notification systems for all Florida public schools.
- Establishes the "FortifyFL" program and requires the FDLE to procure a mobile suspicious activity reporting tool that allows students and the community to report information anonymously about specified activities or the threat of such activities to appropriate public safety agencies and school officials.
- Requires each district school board and school district superintendent to cooperate with law enforcement agencies to assign one or more safe-school officers at each school facility,
- Requires each district school board to designate a district school safety specialist to serve as the district's primary point of public contact for public school safety functions.
- Requires each school district to designate a threat assessment team at each school, and requires the team to operate under the district school safety specialist.
- Creates the mental health assistance allocation to provide supplemental funding to assist school districts and charter schools in establishing or expanding comprehensive mental health programs and to connect students and families with appropriate services.

**Approved by the Governor 3/9/2018, effective date 3/9/18.**

## HB 1013: Daylight Saving Time

- Provides legislative approval for the State of Florida and its political subdivisions to observe daylight saving time year-round under certain conditions.
- Directs the Legislature to submit a request to the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation to re-designate portions of the state in the Central Time Zone into the Eastern Time Zone.

**Approved by Governor 3/23/18, effective date TBD.**

## HB 67: Slavery Memorial

Creates the first Florida Slavery Memorial at the Capitol complex in Tallahassee.

**Approved by Governor 3/19/18, effective date 7/1/18.**

## HB 139/SB 472: Mary McLeod Bethune

Replaces one of Florida's two statues in the U.S. Capitol. A statue of civil rights leader Mary McLeod Bethune will replace the likeness of Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith.

**Approved by Governor 3/19/18, effective date 7/1/18.**

## CS/HB 333: Minimum Officer Qualifications

- The bill exempts individuals who served in the special operations forces of the U.S. military from completing the basic recruit training program for law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officers. To qualify for the exemption, an applicant must have served in the special operations forces for a minimum of five years and must apply for the exemption within four years of separating from the special operations forces.
- The bill defines "special operations forces" to include service members of the Army Special Forces and Army 75th Ranger Regiment; the Navy SEALs and Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewmen; the Air Force Combat Control, Pararescue, and Tactical Air Control Party specialists; the Marine Corps Critical Skills Operators; and any other component of the U.S. Special Operations

Command approved by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (Commission).

- An applicant who served in the special operations forces and is exempt from completing a basic recruit training program must also meet the minimum officer qualifications prescribed in s. 943.13, F.S., such as passing a physical examination and having good moral character. Additionally, an exempt applicant must demonstrate proficiency in high-liability areas and pass the officer certification examination within 1 year of receiving the exemption, and complete any additional training required by the Commission, based on the applicant's prior training and experience.
- The bill directs the Commission to adopt rules that establish the criteria and procedures to determine if an applicant is exempt from completing a basic recruit training program.

**Approved by Governor 3/21/18, effective date 7/1/18.**

## CS/HB 495: K-12 Public Education

The bill revises time limits for certain public employees who qualify to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP); modifies educator certification requirements and district school board duties relating to school safety, and prohibits misconduct by authority figures against students; promotes opportunities for public middle and high school students to learn computer science taught by qualified teachers; and modifies end-of-course statewide assessment requirements for certain students. Specifically:

### Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)

The bill provides that effective July 1, 2018, instructional personnel who are authorized to extend Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) participation beyond the 60-month period must have a termination date that is the last day of the last calendar month of the school year within the DROP extension granted by the employee. Administrative personnel in grades K-12 who have a DROP termination date on or after July 1, 2018, may be authorized to extend DROP participation beyond the initial 60 calendar month period if the administrative personnel's termination date is before the end of the school year.

### Educator Certification and Student Safety

The bill modifies Florida law regarding educator certification requirements

and district school board duties relating to school safety, and prohibits misconduct by authority figures against students. Specifically, the bill:

- Expands the applicability of certain employment disqualification criteria to include all positions that require direct contact with students.
- Grants the Department of Education (DOE) and the Education Practices Commission additional authority to enforce the educator certification requirements and impose penalties against persons who do not comply with certification requirements.
- Requires an educator who has been placed on probation to immediately notify the investigative office in the DOE upon separation from employment in any public or private position requiring a Florida educator's certificate.
- Prohibits an authority figure from soliciting or engaging in sexual conduct, a relationship of a romantic nature, or lewd conduct with a student and deems such offenses against students by authority figures as a second-degree felony.
- Adds a school bus to the definition of "school," to apply to the provisions in law regarding trespass on school grounds or facilities.
- Revises standards of ethical conduct for instructional personnel and school administrators to require the training on alleged misconduct by instructional personnel and school administrators which affects student safety to include specified misconduct that would result in disqualification from educator certification or employment.
- Requires a (K12) school district to: File in writing with the DOE any legally sufficient complaint against an employee of the school district within a specified timeframe, regardless of the status of the complaint and regardless of whether the subject of the complaint is still a district employee. Immediately notify the DOE if the subject of a legally sufficient complaint of misconduct affecting the health, safety, or welfare of a student resigns or is terminated before the conclusion of the district's investigation. Requires the DOE, upon receipt of notification by the school district, to place an alert on a person's certification file indicating that he or she resigned or was (CS/HB 495 cont.)

### **Computer Science Instruction**

The bill modifies Florida law regarding educator certification requirements and district school board duties relating to school safety, and prohibits

- Defines "computer science" and expands access to computer science courses:

- Requires middle schools, high schools, and combination schools to offer computer science courses.
- Requires computer science courses to be identified in the Course Code Directory (CCD) and published on the DOE's website by July 1, 2018. Additional computer science courses may be subsequently identified and posted on the DOE's website.
- Requires the Florida Virtual School (FLVS) to offer computer science courses identified in the CCD. The bill requires a school district that does not offer a computer science course to provide students access to such course through the FVS or through other means.
- Creates opportunities for teachers to be certified and trained to teach computer science courses, and requires the DOE to award funding, subject to legislative appropriation, to a school district or a consortium of school districts to deliver or facilitate training for classroom teachers to:

### **Statewide Assessments**

The bill specifies that a student enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) course who takes the respective AP, IB, or AICE assessments and earns the minimum score necessary to earn college credit does not have to take the required end-of-course assessment for the corresponding course.

**Approved by Governor 4/6/18. Effective date: The provisions in the bill related to computer science instruction take effect upon becoming law; the provisions related to offenses against students by an authority figure and trespass on school grounds or facilities take effect October 1, 2018; and the remaining provisions take effect July 1, 2018.**

### **SB 1940: Public Records and Public Meetings/School Safety**

This bill creates three new public records exemptions. Each of these exemptions is related to legislation on school safety. The School Safety legislation provides for, among other things, enhancement of the School Safety Awareness Program (FortifyFL) through implementation of a new mobile suspicious activity reporting tool, the designation of school guardians and other safe-school officers, and the creation of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission.



First, the bill makes confidential and exempt from disclosure the identity of a reporting party received through the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool which is held by the Department of Law Enforcement, law enforcement agencies, or school officials. Without the exemption, a person may be fearful of reporting suspicious activity which could otherwise be used by law enforcement as a lead in preventing an incident of mass violence.

Another public records exemption is created to make exempt from disclosure information held by a law enforcement agency, school district, or charter school which would identify whether a particular individual has been appointed as a safe-school officer. The exemption is needed to maximize the effectiveness of safe-school officers, including adequately responding to an active assailant situation.

Finally, the bill makes exempt from disclosure a portion of a meeting of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission (commission) at which exempt or confidential and exempt information is discussed. In investigating failures in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting and other mass violence incidents in the state, the commission will have for its review sensitive information that may already be protected from public records disclosure. Without the exemption provided in this bill, existing public records exemptions would be negated.

Each of these public records exemptions is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review and stands repealed October 2, 2023, unless the Legislature reviews the exemptions and saves them from repeal before that date.

**Approved by Governor 3/9/18, effective date 3/9/18.**

## EDUCATION-RELATED BILLS THAT FAILED

### HB 459: Public Records

- Sought to remove trade secret exemption from public records law. Bill could have persuaded bidders from submitting proposals thus narrowing procurement marketplace diminishing competition.
- Died in Governmental Oversight & Accountability, 3/10/18.

## SB 540/HB 831: Community College Competitiveness Act of 2018

This legislation would have provided for a complete overhaul of the Florida College System and done the following:

- Created a 13-member State Board of Colleges (SBC) as the governing body (with rule-making responsibilities) for the System and transferred all powers and duties of State Board of Education (SBOE) to the SBC on Oct. 1, 2018;
  - SBC to be appointed by the Governor;
  - Chancellor to be appointed by SBC by Nov. 1, 2018;
- Revised the general duties and powers of the Commissioner of Education in regard to the FCS;
- Required cooperation between SBC and Board of Governors (BOG) on curriculum (including the state course numbering system) and transfer articulation matters, which was no substantive change;
- Defined primary mission of FCS, career centers and charter technical centers;
- Placed restrictions on Direct Support Organizations (DSO) in regard to use of state funds for personal services and DSO travel;
- Revised industry certification requirements for automotive service technology education programs;
- Prohibited FCS institutions from offering Bachelor of Arts degrees
- Detailed the circumstances under which a baccalaureate degree program may be required to be terminated;
- Set total upper-level undergraduate full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment caps at each FCS institution (20%) and a baccalaureate enrollment cap for the FCS system-wide (10%);
- Specified conditions for planned and purposeful growth of baccalaureate degree programs;
- Established the “2+2” targeted pathway program to provide students guaranteed access to baccalaureate degree programs at state universities;
- Established “Supporting Students for Academic Success” program to fund the efforts of colleges in assisting students enrolled in an associate in arts (AA) degree program to complete college-credit courses, graduate with an AA degree, and transfer to a baccalaureate degree program;
- Revised performance funding metrics from the current 150% (3-year) and 200% (4-year) completion rates to 100% (2-year) completion for first-time-in-college, full-time students;

- Held FCS institutions accountable for the students who graduate from the FCS institution with their AA degrees and then those students must complete their upper-level undergraduate degrees at a university in 2 years;
- Tied \$100 million in recurring performance and program funding for the FCS;
  - \$10 million in recurring funds for CAPE – Industry Certifications;
  - \$60 million in recurring funds for the Florida College Performance-Based Incentive (\$30 million state investment and \$30 million in institutional investment);
  - \$30 million in recurring funds for the Supporting Students for Academic Success Program, to be allocated to each college through the FCS Program Fund funding model.

Senate Bill 540 passed through each of its referenced committees but was never heard by the full Senate. House Bill 831 was never taken up for consideration and therefore, the policy died on calendar.

### **HB 619: Renaming of FCS institutions**

- Would have changed name of Florida Keys Community College to “The College of the Florida Keys;
- Would have changed name of North Florida Community College to “North Florida College.”
- Died in Senate Education, 3/10/18.

### **SB 702: Criminal History Records in Applications for Public Employment and Admission to Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions**

- Would have prohibited a public employer from inquiring into or considering an applicant’s criminal history on an initial employment application unless required to do so by law; would have also prohibited public postsecondary educational institutions from inquiring into or considering the criminal history of an applicant seeking admission.
- Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 3/10/18.

### **HB 711: Pre-apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Programs**

- Would have created Earn & Learn Grant Program within DOE and provided requirements for pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs receiving grant funds;

- Would have established Task Force on Apprenticeship expansion within DEO with required report to Governor and Legislature by specified date.
- Died in PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee, 3/10/18.

### **SB 722: Retirement**

- Would have specified the minimum amount of the factor used to calculate the cost-of-living adjustment of benefits for certain retirees and beneficiaries of the Florida Retirement System.
- Died in Appropriation Subcommittee, 3/10/18.

### **HB 779: Education Facilities as Emergency Shelters**

- Would have required education facilities that have received public education capital outlay funding be made available to county and state emergency management offices during state of emergency for specified purposes.
- Died in Education Committee, 3/10/18

### **HB 977: Retirement of Instructional Personnel and Administrative Personnel**

- Would have revised limitations on maximum length of participation in DROP for certain instructional personnel and administrative personnel;
- Would have required employer to notify Division of Retirement of DMS regarding any change in termination date and program participation for each affected member.
- Died in Messages, 3/10/18.

### **SB 1440: Mental Illness Training for Law Enforcement Officers**

- Would have required the Department of Law Enforcement to establish a continued employment training component relating to mental illness.
- Died in Senate Appropriations, 3/10/18.

### **HB 7003 and HB 7005: Local Government Ethics Reform & Trust Fund**

- Would have strengthened the financial disclosure requirements of local government officials;

- Would have expanded conflicting employment or contractual relationship obligations, ethics training obligations, voting conflicts ;
- Would have required Commission on Ethics to create Local Government Lobbyist Registration System and required lobbyists to register with commission before lobbying specified governmental entities.
- **HB 7005** would have further created Local Government Lobbyist Trust Fund within Commission on Ethics.
- Both died in Senate Ethics and Elections, 3/10/18.

### **HB 7009: Workers' Compensation**

- Would have required panel to annually adopt statewide workers' compensation schedules of maximum reimbursement allowances; extended timeframes in which employees received certain benefits and in which the carrier must notify treating doctor of certain requirements.
- Would have revised provisions relating to retainer agreements and award of attorney fees.
- Died in Senate Banking and Insurance, 3/10/18.

### **SB 1242: Carrying of Weapons and Firearms**

- Would have provided that specified provisions relating to the carrying of weapons and firearms do not apply to persons engaged in, traveling to, or returning from certain outdoor activities or traveling to or returning from certain motor vehicles, residences, shelters and other places.
- Died in Senate Judiciary, 3/10/18.

### **SB 1048: Firearms**

- Would have authorized a church, a synagogue or other religious institution to allow a concealed weapons or concealed firearm licensee to carry a concealed handgun in certain established physical places of worship under certain circumstances.
- Died 3/10/18)

### **SB 1006 : Disaster Response and Preparedness**

- Would have modified requirements for the state comprehensive emergency management plan and statewide public awareness programs administered by the Division of Emergency Management

- Would have required DMS to establish and maintain a registry with homeless shelters and services providers for specified purposes;
- Would have required that , upon the request of the director of a local emergency management agency, FCS institutions and state universities participate in emergency management activities through the provision of facilities and personnel, et.
- Died in Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development, 3/10/18.

### **HB 1249: Search of the Content, Information and Communications of Cell Phones, Portable Electronic Communication Devices and Microphone-Enabled Household Devices**

- Would have prohibited unlawful access to communications stored in specified devices and required law enforcement obtain a warrant to acquire certain location information; provided procedures for such warrants; provided limited exceptions in certain circumstances.
- Died on second reading, 3/10/18.

### **HB 7073: Government Integrity**

- Would have created Florida Accountability Office and provided duties & responsibilities of Florida Accountability Officer for ensuring accountability and reducing waste in state and local governments.
- Provided investigative duties to Chief Inspector General & agency inspectors general and required report to the CFO within specified timeframe;
- Provides liability; authorized CFO to commence investigation on complaint from state employee; required certain records be sent to Florida Accountability Officer; required agency inspectors general to make certain reports; authorized & provided requirements for whistle-blower awards; required specific documentation for certain legal claims;
- Provided requirements for certain contracts and prohibited certain employees from negotiating & awarding state contracts;
- Revised list of contractual services & commodities not subject to competitive-solicitation requirements;
- Prohibited certain funds be paid to state contractor or subcontractor; provided school board member shall receive certain documents upon request; required certain school districts employ internal auditor; provided



- duties of such auditor; authorized Office of the Auditor General to use carry-forward funds to fund Florida Accountability Office.
- Died in Senate Messages, 3/10/18.

## SB 88: High School Graduation

- Would have revised the requirements for the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to include financial literacy and revised the required credits for a standard high school diploma to include one-half credit of instruction in personal financial literacy and money management and seven and one-half, rather than eight credits in electives.
- Withdrawn from consideration by House and died in Messages, 3/10/18.

## GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

ACC	Articulation Coordinating Council
BOG	Board of Governors for the State University System
BOT	Board of Trustees
CAPE	Career and Professional Education
CIE	Council for Independent Education
CS	Committee Substitute
CPT	Common/College Placement Test
DBPR	Department of Business and Professional Regulation
DCF	Department of Children and Families
DMS	Department of Management Services
DOE	Department of Education
EOC	End of Course (exam)
FCCS	Florida Community College System
FCS	Florida College System

FCSPF	Florida College System Program Fund
FCO	Fixed Capital Outlay
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Assistance
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FS	Florida Statute
GAA	General Appropriates Act, also referred to as the budget
HB	House Bill
HECC	Higher Education Coordinating Council
ICUF	Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida
LOF	Laws of Florida
Line Item	The number attached to an appropriates or proviso in the GAA
MOOC	Massive Open Online Course
PECO	Public Education Capital Outlay
PECO Sum of Digits	Funds provided to the college for maintenance that is based upon square feet of facility space at the institution
Proviso	Language that directs specific instructions regarding an appropriation in the GAA
PERT	Postsecondary Education Readiness Test
SACS	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (accreditation body)
SB	Senate Bill
SBCC	State Board of Community Colleges
SBE	State Board of Education
VTC	Vocational Technical Center

# Share Your Story: Tracy Glidden

My membership and participation in the Association of Florida Colleges began as I was working in the Admissions Office at Eastern Florida State College. The campus VP at the time, Sharon Fletcher, asked me to serve as activity chair. I did not know what the AFC was, but I was definitely interested in getting more involved. I was involved in several chapter events throughout the year, and learned more about the AFC when I was given the chance to attend the Region III Conference. I met people from other colleges, experienced the professional development opportunities, and felt inspired by the community of professionals.

At that year's annual conference, I attended the Career & Professional Employees Commission business meeting and was awarded \$100 for an essay I had written. In that same meeting, I was asked to run as chair-elect for the commission. I still did not know exactly what the position required of me, but I was excited to try it. The outgoing CPEC Chair, Cara Bennett, encouraged and supported me as I learned my way. With supervisor approval, I dove in – soaking up every opportunity to learn more and to share the excitement with everyone else.

As CPEC Chair, I learned there were many others like me who did not really understand all the benefits that were available. Not just through membership, but through getting involved in leadership. This position allowed me to expand my speaking skills, as I presented at region and commission conferences, each time expanding my network of peers throughout the college system. I collaborated with colleagues from other colleges to share perspectives on leadership (with Ray Coulter), to co-plan a region conference and create

fundraising ideas (with Jean Scheppers).

The benefits just kept growing, as I was asked to serve as Membership Development Chair for two years, working alongside Marsha Kiner to inspire new ways to grow membership. Involvement in the AFC leadership also opened doors for me at my own college. I met many others at my college through the EFSC AFC Chapter events, including my current supervisor. She learned about my involvement and commitment in the AFC, and understood how the experience was expanding my skillset. Our Student Recruitment department was being restructured under her leadership, with a position available for an on-campus coordinator. The coordination and communication skills I had been developing in the AFC were essential functions of my new job.

Now, as VP-Elect for Commissions, I have the pleasure of working with our wonderful Executive Committee to continue spreading the passion I have gained for this association – to hopefully inspire others as I have been inspired. I count myself blessed to call the members of this great association *my friends*, people who continue to encourage and inspire me to do the same for others. To be more than just a “worker bee” doing a “job,” but to influence others in a positive way, creating a work atmosphere that is so much more than routine and a statewide network that continues to grow.





# AFC's Inaugural International Conference on Teaching and Learning

After 27 years of administration by the Florida State College at Jacksonville, in 2018 the Association of Florida Colleges took over FSCJ's International Conference on Teaching and Learning. This first-time effort by AFC proved to be a success and is now in the planning stages for a repeat in 2019. Stay tuned for details on location and date for AFC's 2019 Teaching and Learning Conference.



Professor Deborah Becker, College of Central Florida, recipient of the Ernest L. Boyer International Award for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology, and Professor Kimberly Molinaro, St. Petersburg College, recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award.



Keynote Jeff Selingo with AFC President Nika Coleman-Ferrell and AFC CEO/Executive Director Michael Brawer



AFC President Nika Coleman-Ferrell with John Gardner and Betsy Barefoot of the Gardner Institute



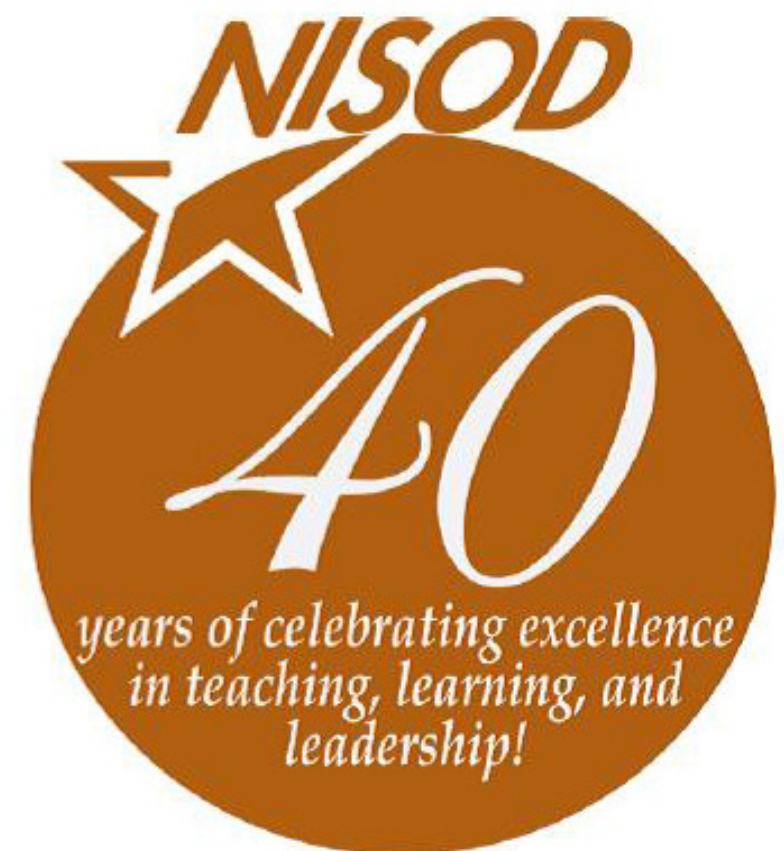
Dr. E. Ann McGee, Pres., Seminole State College; Dr. Katherine Johnson, Pres. Emerita, Pasco-Hernando State College; Dr. Angela Falconetti, Pres., Polk State College; AFC Pres. Nika Coleman-Ferrell







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# Welcome and Farewell: Incoming and Outgoing College Presidents

## Broward College



### *Welcome: Gregory A. Haile, J.D.*

The Broward College Board of Trustees has named Gregory Adam Haile, Esq. to become the seventh president of Broward College effective July of 2018. The Trustees voted unanimously for the appointment citing Haile's knowledge of the community, successful work with the College and passion for education as convincing factors. Since 2011, Haile has been at the forefront of Broward College as its general counsel and vice president for public policy and government affairs and in that capacity has represented Broward College on the AFC Legislative Committee.

Chair of the Broward College Board of Trustees John Benz said, "While the Board has always had great confidence in Mr. Haile, this vigorous public process confirmed that on an open competitive field against some of the best college leaders in the country, Mr. Haile was both the best qualified and the best fit for Broward College. It was clear from the diverse opinions that we received from the community, business leaders, faculty, administrators and staff that Mr. Haile is the right person to ensure a continuation of the positive student focused trajectory established by President Armstrong, and to assure the continuation and growth of our strong partnerships here at home, statewide and globally."

A first-generation college graduate, Mr. Haile received his undergraduate degree from Arizona State University and his Juris Doctor from Columbia University School of Law. He has since taught at Harvard, Miami Dade College and Broward College.



### *Farewell: J. David Armstrong*

President David Armstrong has led Broward College for over eleven years. During his tenure, the College has consistently been ranked among the top community colleges in the nation. In 2017, Broward College was recognized as one of the top three community and state colleges in the nation by the prestigious Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C. Recently, the college was named as one of the Top Ten Finalists for the 2019 Aspen Prize. Through President Armstrong's pioneering approach to higher education, Broward College has developed strong partnerships with the business community to ensure the College's programs align with desired employer skill sets and produce the most qualified, sought-after graduates in the region.

In addition to new technologies and leading-edge facilities, President Armstrong has helped pioneer a revolutionary change to the way students approach and interact with higher education. This includes spearheading programs that focus on the entire student experience beginning as a prospect through to post-graduation.

Prior to leading Broward College, President Armstrong was Chancellor of the Florida Community College System. He is a graduate of the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government from the Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, as well as an alumnus of the Leadership Florida Class of 1999-2000. He received his master's degree in Management from Troy State University and his bachelor's degree in Social Science from the University of Montevallo in his home state of Alabama.



# Welcome and Farewell: Incoming and Outgoing College Presidents

## Florida State College at Jacksonville



### *Welcome: Kevin E. Hyde, J.D.*

FSCJ welcomed Interim President Kevin E. Hyde on April 16, 2018. A partner and employment lawyer with Foley & Lardner LLP, Mr. Hyde represents employers in a variety of human resources matters, and is managing partner of the firm's Jacksonville office.

Mr. Hyde has been active in Jacksonville community affairs through many different roles. He is a former President of the Jacksonville City Council, served as the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Jacksonville, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville Public Education Fund, WJCT Public Broadcasting, Jacksonville Community Council, Inc., University of North Florida and The Jacksonville Public Library Foundation.

He is a graduate of the University of Florida College of Law (J.D., with honors, 1988), and the University of South Florida (B.A., magna cum laude, 1984).



### *Farewell: Dr. Cynthia A. Bioteau*

Dr. Cynthia A. Bioteau joined FSCJ as the fifth president and first female CEO on January 14, 2014. Over the course of her four years with the College, she led the reconciliation of Federal Financial Aid issues and ushered the College through the U.S. Department of Education's mandated probationary period. Additionally, she guided FSCJ through the successful 10-year reaccreditation from the Southeastern Association of Colleges and Universities.

Under her leadership, FSCJ received national recognition by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program as one of the top 150 community colleges in excellence for student success in 2016 and 2017. The College also received \$38.8 million in federal and state grant funds and legislative support that allowed the construction of medical simulation and virtual reality teaching labs.

The first-of-its-kind program for the state of Florida, FSCJ Promise was launched as a commitment to fund the first two years of higher education for Duval and Nassau county students who wish to begin their academic journey at FSCJ.

To provide students a more inclusive and comprehensive learning experience, Dr. Bioteau initiated FSCJ's Downtown Immersion effort which led to the relocation of the Culinary Arts and Hospitality program and inspired the newly opened 20West Cafe. The student- and staff-operated restaurant is situated in downtown Jacksonville on the ground-floor of the building that houses FSCJ's soon-to-open student housing units.

Prior to coming to FSCJ, Dr. Bioteau served as the President and CEO of Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City, Utah from 2005-14. Before becoming president of SLCC, she served as vice president of Academic Affairs at Forsyth Community College in North Carolina, Dean of Developmental Learning at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston; and regional director/associate professor at New Hampshire Community Technical College.



# Welcome and Farewell: Incoming and Outgoing College Presidents

## Seminole State College



### *Welcome: Dr. Georgia Lorenz*

Seminole State College of Florida's Board of Trustees announced Dr. Georgia Lorenz as president-elect on April 11, 2018. She will become Seminole State's third president on Aug. 1, 2018.

With more than 20 years of experience in higher education, Dr. Lorenz currently serves as vice president of Academic Affairs at Santa Monica College in California. In this role, she has direct responsibility for providing leadership and administrative oversight to the college's instructional programs, including curriculum, 21 academic departments, satellite campuses, learning resources, distance education, continuing education and health sciences.

"Dr. Lorenz's experience, leadership and authenticity are quite impressive," said Wendy Brandon, chair of Seminole State's Board of Trustees and CEO of Central Florida Regional Hospital. "She is passionate about students, faculty and staff, and her innovative ideas will further the mission of the College. We look forward to welcoming her as the third president to lead Seminole State."

Dr. Lorenz was selected from a highly competitive field of over 50 candidates after an exhaustive national search. She received unanimous approval from the College's Board of Trustees as well as support from faculty, staff and the community during the search process.

Dr. Lorenz earned her Ph.D. in Educational Policy, Planning and Administration at University of Southern California, where she received the Delta Epsilon Dissertation Award of Merit. She also holds a Master of Science degree in Education and Social Policy from Northwestern University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Stanford University.



### *Farewell: Dr. E. Ann McGee*

Dr. E. Ann McGee has been a dynamic and visionary leader and a passionate proponent of progress in education, business and the Central Florida community for the past 22 years as only the second president in Seminole State's College's 52-year history. A tireless advocate, she has skillfully leveraged public and private resources to benefit the College and its growing student population.

Under Dr. McGee's leadership, Seminole State has grown from a single-campus community college into a dynamic state college with four campuses, almost 30,000 students annually and more than 200 degrees and programs, including seven bachelor's degrees. Noted as No. 16 in the nation of the 1,200 community colleges for associate degrees awarded, the College is the ninth largest of the 28 institutions in the Florida College System and the ninth largest employer in Seminole County. In 2017, the College also achieved Gold status in the State's Performance Funding based on student graduation, job placement rates and graduate starting salaries – a direct result of initiatives to increase student retention and student success.

Dr. McGee, who is herself a community college graduate from St. Petersburg College, has received numerous accolades during her 47-year career in higher education in Florida. In 2017, she was honored as a Business Leader of the Year by i4 Business magazine and

as Woman of the Decade by Orlando Business Journal. She also is the recipient of the 2018 Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award from Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the John Young History Maker Award for her historic impact on the Central Florida community.

Through her work at the College, and her relationships with community leaders, regional business and industry, students, faculty and staff, she has raised the College’s stature in the community, region, nation and around the world, making Seminole State the powerhouse it is today.

Prior to her storied career at Seminole State, Dr. McGee held academic, administrative and executive positions at Florida Keys Community College and Broward College.

# New Members

Congratulations to the following new members, from March to May

- BROWARD COLLEGE**  
Juliet Thompson  
Torri Kellough
- CHIPOLA COLLEGE**  
Nancy Chabot
- COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**  
Deborah Becker  
Kyoung-Tae Kim  
Wanda Lee  
Tina Banner  
Dorothy James  
Julie Russell  
Joanne Diaz  
Nicole Diaz  
Sherri Hinkle  
Gene Kirkland  
Patrick Hoffman  
Raphel Robinson  
Stewart Trautman  
Cherrie Johnson  
Maximo Montalvo  
Susana Islas  
Erina Gross  
Kevin Cummins  
Lory Ann Coffey Coffey  
Caridad Diaz  
William York  
Kaitlin Kirby  
Kathleen Figueroa  
Ted Badarail  
Susan Thomas  
Rachel Cote

- Glenvin Owen  
Ashley Peirano  
Lillian Reed  
Farzana Nisha  
Ana Keller  
Cindi Morrison
- DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE**  
Michelle Lee  
Richard Costanza  
Cheryl Kohen  
Judy Wilson  
Ida Hop
- EASTERN FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE**  
Misty Hodges  
Stephanie Stubbe  
Linda Burkett  
Karen Mellish  
Elena Hernandez
- FLORIDA KEYS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Michelle Walsh  
Jack Seubert
- FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE**  
Ashleigh Valero  
Andrew Hahn
- GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Michelle Sizemore

- HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Alex Brockew
- INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE**  
Mary Ann Searle  
Suzanne Seldes  
Raven Watkins  
Sekeia Williams  
Abby Goodwin  
John Warner  
James Patteson  
Buster Nelson  
Janet Macdonald  
Lynn McClary  
Holly Ryan  
Amanda Alexander  
Williams Plats
- LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE**  
Alicia Hall  
Victoria Paolisso  
Gregory Bridgeman
- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE**  
Alexis Alum Morales  
Kelly Kennedy-Everett  
Ana Corrales  
William Murphy  
Pedro Romanach  
Samson Lin

### **NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE**

Mary Beth Mizell  
Mark Horrell  
Kim-Anh Brechtel  
Anthony Chavez

### **PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE**

Inger Knowles  
Patrick Tierney  
Mellissa Carr  
Chasity O'Malley  
Michele Milano  
Gokarna Gharti-Chhetri  
Traci Klass  
William Paczkowski  
Carlton  
Aurelia Moore  
Maribel Lozano  
Glennette Brown  
Robbie Allen  
Ayleen Martinez  
Sandra Jakubow  
Yolanda Sneed  
Taquesta Adams  
Tamyris Dias  
Sarah MacNeil  
Sara Corvil  
Sandy Canevari  
Candace Walker  
Sabrina Smith  
Mara Abrams

Yolanda Jackson  
Jo Lana Cota  
Precious Pace  
Sothreaksa Denton  
Alphonso Baldwin

### **PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE**

Kathleen Lopez  
Ruth Gallagher  
Tony Rivas  
Denise Savolidis  
Stephanie Caddell  
Karin Glessner

### **PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE**

LaTorya Cothron  
Jennifer Hill Faron  
Steve Shippee  
Nichole Johns  
Eugenio Hernandez  
Darcey Cosper  
Leann Purdy  
MaKenzie Johnson  
Frederick Holt

### **POLK STATE COLLEGE**

Natalie Whitcomb  
Debra Neal  
Dominiki Martin  
Arielle Denmark-Ponder

Charity Garcia  
Joel Troche  
Vicki East  
Shavonda Harris  
Amanda Paige-Morris  
Dorine Obrero  
Onida Waldrup

### **SANTA FE COLLEGE**

Beth Groff  
David Everitte  
Cheetara Ritz  
Melisa Clark

### **SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE OF FLORIDA**

Allison Walker  
Camesha Manzueta  
Deborah Barr  
Maritza Mendez

### **SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE**

Kimberlyn Johnson  
Kendall Carson  
April Ricker  
Michael McCoy  
David Lewis  
Sandra Hayes  
Asha Brunings  
Sari Crews

### **ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE**

Michele Menadue

Joshua Williams  
Belinda McLeod

### **STATE COLLEGE OF FLORIDA, MANATEE~SARASOTA**

Theresa Rae

### **TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Donya Samara  
Teresa Paliwoda  
Kermit Harrison  
Robert Fleischmann  
Eva Nielsen-Parks  
Alex Lancaster  
Sila Lott  
Margelet Hamilton  
Olajibike Mustapha  
Charles Washington

### **VALENCIA COLLEGE**

Dung (Boris) Nguyen  
Marika Irizarry  
Paul Blankenship

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

Shawn Foster



# Spring Conferences

## 2018 AFC Region I, Career and Professional Employees Commission (CPEC) and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Commission

### OH THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!

The joint conference held on April 20 in Pensacola, Florida was hosted by Pensacola State College. The event brought in 67 attendees from nine different colleges and 11 sponsors. The conference participants were from the Association of Florida Colleges, the College of Central Florida, Chipola College, the Florida College System, Gulf Coast State College, Northwest Florida State College, Palm Beach State College, Pasco-Hernando State College, Pensacola State College,

Santa Fe College and Tallahassee Community College. The conference kicked off with a warm welcome by the Region I Director, Melonie Miner and Pensacola State College President, Dr. Ed Meadows.

The conference was packed full of professional development with breakout sessions on topics ranging from Effective Customer Service to Taking Control of Your Finances to AFC Membership Benefits. There was something of interest for everyone in attendance. The day wrapped up

with CPEC and EDI commission meetings and of course a whole bunch of door prizes were given out. Every conference attendee received an insulated grocery bag and a special "Clover" bowl. These unique bowls were all hand made by a Pensacola State College instructor, Mr. Bill Clover, who has been teaching at the College for over 50 years.





# Spring Conferences

## Region II

On Friday, April 13, 2018, Florida Gateway College hosted the Region II Spring Conference So Good It's Scary! with the theme of Service, Leadership, and Professional Development. There were 21 attendees at the conference, which included attendance from 4 out of the 5 colleges in the region as well as 3 Executive Board Members. The close knit conference was full of collaboration and networking. Conference sessions included subjects such as emotional intelligence, effective communication, and positive reframing, which all intentionally tied together really cohesively. Attendees were entertained and engaged with AFC trivia using the online trivia site, Kahoot It, during lunch. We also had a very informative legislative update from CEO Michael Brawer as well as a membership development session. The conference was well received and has only received positive feedback.

The service project for the conference benefited North Florida Animal Rescue. Approximately 120 pounds of donations were received, including over 70 pounds of food and treats. Employees of North Florida Animal Rescue were full of smiles and words of gratitude when they donations were received.

In other exciting new, Region II is getting social! Region II now has a Facebook page and an Instagram account. Follow us on Facebook: @AFCRegion2 and on Instagram: afcregion2. We're not done getting social there! Keep an eye out for an upcoming twitter page. AFC members everywhere will soon be able to keep up with everything fun and exciting happening in our region through a variety of social media outlets.





# Spring Conferences

## Region III, Campus Safety Commission and Technology Commission

### All Together Now!

Kicking off the spring conference season in style, Region III, the Campus Safety Commission, and the Technology Commission joined forces for a day of collaboration, best practices, storytelling, and professional development.

Built around the theme “All Together Now!” the Region III Joint Spring Conference highlighted interdepartmental initiatives at colleges across the state and celebrated creative, holistic approaches to achieving success for our students.

The day’s agenda included a storytelling panel of four Commission chairs, including Lorenzo Carswell from Institutional Effectiveness, Planning & Professional Development; Doug Prevatt from Campus Safety; John Barbieri from Facilities; and Ron Kielty from Technology. Panelists shared pivotal moments in their careers, on-the-job epiphanies, and recollections of mentors who helped them grow into the professionals they are today.

Through the discussion that followed, it became clear that there really is no such thing as “non-student-facing” staff, and that if we continue to imagine this distinction, we do a disservice to ourselves and to our students.

This event was held on March 30 at the Sanford/Lake Mary campus of Seminole State College of Florida, and was followed by a *Party on the Patio*, hosted by Region III.



Region III members pose at the Region III Joint Spring Conference.



Dr. Tunjarnika Coleman-Ferrell shares her vision for the future of the Association.



James Miller, Region III Director, synthesizes comments from the panel discussion.



# Spring Conferences

## SDC & CMC Proud

***Student Development and Communications & Marketing Commission members enjoyed professional development, networking and camaraderie at the “Super Spring Conference”***

Panama City, FL – More than 80 professionals from all areas of Communications & Marketing and Student Development gathered at Gulf Coast State College for a three-day conference. Held May 15 – 17 in GCSC’s Advanced Technology Center, participants heard from keynote speakers about Florida’s exponential growth of STEM careers and entrepreneurship as well as how communication (both internal and external) can help you, your team and your college to succeed.

Breakout sessions included topics such as “Talent is Overrated,” “Strategic Thinking vs. Tactical Plans,” “Fundamentals of Public Speaking,” “Crisis Management: It’s a Process,” “Verbal Judo,” “An Uncut Look into the World of Supervision,” and more. In all, more than 25 sessions were offered and included the SDC Exemplary Practice Presentations, with Eastern Florida State College’s “Step Up Program” earning the award.

The professional development was punctuated with activities that centered on one of Florida’s most beautiful natural attractions: the white, sandy beaches and emerald waters of Panama City Beach. After-hours socials and dinners gave everyone a chance to meet new colleagues from other schools across the state.

***Save the Date: SDC Spring Conference, May 14 – 16, 2019, Ocala, Florida.***





# Chapters

## COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

On Wednesday April 18, 2018, the College of Central Florida hosted a RETIREE PANEL at their April monthly meeting. The panel included CF retirees Dr. Don and Delores Hunt, Linda Rager and Lyn Powell who had all been very active FACC/AFC members in their 100 plus combined years of employment at CF(CC). Some panel members retired via the DROP option and others chose the Investment plan. They presented the good, the not-so-good and the challenges that all employees need to think about now in preparation. Their tips included the message that it is never too early to start the plan. Approximately 60 CF employees attended the one-hour session and were very thankful for the AFC networking and professional development opportunity.



## SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE



Seminole State College Spring Chapter Meeting and Member Appreciation Luncheon

## INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

Since returning from winter break, the Indian River State College Chapter of AFC has been planning the Region V Spring Conference. In addition to the institutions within our region, we are excited to be partnering with the Administration; Facilities; Faculty; and Workforce, Adult and Continuing Education commissions. Along with conference planning, our chapter has hosted a number of successful fundraising events including our Valentine's Day Carnation Sale and our Swig of Color paint and sip event. Our social committee, chaired by Lynne O'Dell, has been working diligently to provide fun events each month! In March, it hosted a lunchtime hike AND annual AFC Trivia Night – which is always a BIG hit! Our monthly chapter meetings have welcomed some great professional development presentations including Dr. Kimberlie Massnick's *What is CrimeCon?*; Dr. Patricia Profeta's *Saving Dollars Using Cents-Off*; and Kendra Auberry's *Ready, Set, Walk!* We are gearing up for a fun summer with a number of socials, fundraisers, and community service events already scheduled!



Swig of Color



IRSC Chapter



IRSC Chapter



# Regions

## REGION III TO CCP

Congratulations! Cristen Causey of Eastern Florida State College and Kim Sellers of the College of Central Florida have been selected to receive this spring's Region III to Certified College Professional (CCP) scholarship!

Region III established this scholarship program in 2017 to encourage AFC members from the Central Florida chapters to take their careers to the next level and join the CCP program. Scholarship recipients will have their registration fees for the CCP program paid for by the Region.

Let's hear it again for these rising leaders in our Association!

For more information about the AFC's Certified College Professional Program click here: <http://www.myafchome.org/myafcccp>



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**Click Here** for information and registration



# SILENT AUCTION

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Last year's AFC Foundation, Inc. Silent Auction was a huge success and that could not have happened without you. Again, we need your help to "fill the tables" for the 2018 Silent Auction.

Items that sell well include artwork, gift baskets, hotel stays, vacation packages, cameras, sports memorabilia, jewelry, e-readers, ipads, ipods, computers, books, gift cards, event tickets, wine, services, decorative items, etc.. These are all examples of great ideas but I am sure that you can come up with many more great ideas. Big ticket items such as a cruise, computer, big screen television or vacation package would be great. We don't expect you to purchase the big ticket item but if you know of someone that can donate this, please let me know. Don't ever think your item is too small or too large to include. Items may be combined with other items to help create a gift basket or vacation package!!

Please e-mail a digital photo along with a description of your item(s) to Sharlee Whiddon at [SWhiddon@myafchome.org](mailto:SWhiddon@myafchome.org). You will need to bring your item(s) with you to the 2018 Annual Conference in Orlando.

### For More Information:

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# Kudos

## AFC FOUNDATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following recipients of the AFC Foundation Professional Development Scholarships:

Jamie Curtis  
Education Outreach Specialist  
Eastern Florida State

Rita Miller  
Administrative Assistant  
Public Safety/EMS and Paramedic  
Program  
Gulf Coast State College

Dawn Niehoff  
CRM Specialist  
Eastern Florida State College

Erin North  
Instructional Administrative Staff  
Assistant  
Lake-Sumter State College

The AFC Foundation Professional Development Scholarships are a direct result of a generous commitment from the AFC Foundation to support AFC members who want to advance their knowledge and skills as college professionals. This scholarship can be applied to assist with the registration and travel costs associated with the AFC professional development opportunities.

For more information and the application form click [HERE!](#)

## DEAN DEBBIE BOWE WINS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Dean Debbie Bowe, College of Central Florida Membership Chair and the Dean of Student Success was awarded the Patriot PRIDE Service Excellence Award on May 4th for meeting the maximum Service Excellence Standards for our staff and students at College of Central Florida. We congratulate and thank her for always being Professional, Responsive, Informative, Dependable, and Engaged. She has been an FACC/AFC member for 28 years and she is the CF E-Board member.



## MIKE PELITERA NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Mike Pelitera, Indian River State College Virtual Campus Instructional Technology Trainer and AFC Region V Director was named IRSC April Staff Employee of the Month. The Staff Employee of the Month Award recognizes a non-instructional employee. Nominations are evaluated by the Employee Recognition Committee, which is comprised of IRSC staff members, faculty and administrators.



IRSC President Massy (left) presenting the award to Pelitera (right).



## SANDRA SEIFERT AND AMY ENGLISH WIN NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Sandra Seifert, professor of mathematics at the Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Hendry/Glades Curtis Center, and AFC member, has received the NISOD Excellence Award for Teaching and Instruction.

AFC member Amy English, Academic Support Center specialist at the Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Hendry/Glades Curtis Center, is this year's recipient of the NISOD Staff Excellence Award.

NISOD's Excellence Awards recognize college faculty, staff and administrators each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues.



Dr. Jeff Stewart, FSW Provost and VP, Academic Affairs presents award to Sandra Seifert



Dr. Jeff Stewart, FSW Provost and VP, Academic Affairs presents award to Amy English

**CORRECTION: (Current Issue 49 Vol 5) Exemplary Practice Award Winner Dr. Patrice Williams-Shuford is with Northwest Florida State College, not Broward College.**

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	<p><b>RESERVED STADIUM SEAT &amp; \$10 IN DAYTONA DOLLARS (CONCESSION VOUCHERS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sections 314-327, 414-427 and Sections 377-389, 477-489</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$100</b> REGULAR PRICE: \$120</p>
	<p><b>UNOH FANZONE/PRE-RACE WRISTBAND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must accompany race admission</li> <li>Kids 12 &amp; under free*</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$30</b> REGULAR PRICE: \$65</p>
	<p><b>KIDS RESERVED STADIUM SEAT &amp; \$10 IN DAYTONA DOLLARS (CONCESSION VOUCHERS)</b></p>	<p><b>\$25</b> REGULAR PRICE: \$30</p>
<p>★ JULY 6, 2018 ★</p>	<p><b>GENERAL ADMISSION STADIUM SEAT &amp; \$10 IN DAYTONA DOLLARS (CONCESSION VOUCHERS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kids 12 &amp; under free*</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$35</b> REGULAR PRICE: \$50</p>
	<p><b>UNOH FANZONE/PRE-RACE WRISTBAND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must accompany race admission</li> <li>Kids 12 &amp; under free*</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$15</b> REGULAR PRICE: \$30</p>

**FOR QUESTIONS OR TO PURCHASE, PLEASE CALL 1-800-PITSHOP AND MENTION RACE REWARDS OFFER AND YOUR PARTICIPATING COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION.**

Visit the AFC member benefits page to get your password for savings

\*Free kids admission does not include concession dollars. Offers valid for Speedway approved Race Rewards participants only. Orders are subject to approval. Limit 10 tickets per household. Offer expires three days prior to the event or while supplies last. Limited availability kid's pricing. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. In the event of postponement of the race, ticket will be honored on the date the race is held. Offer may not be combined with other discounts or promotions. Not valid on previously purchased tickets.



# Calendar

## June

Council of Presidents Meeting, Tampa June 11, 2018

## July

BIT Training, Daytona State College, Daytona Beach July 10 - 11, 2018  
 Membership Development Workshop, Daytona State College, Daytona Beach July 11, 2018  
 AFC Executive Committee Meeting, Daytona State College, Daytona Beach July 11, 2018  
 AFC Board of Directors Meeting, Daytona State College, Daytona Beach July 11, 2018  
 AFC Campus Safety Symposium, Daytona State College, Daytona Beach July 12-13, 2018  
 AFC Legislative Committee Retreat, Longboat Key July 25 – 27, 2018

## August

Council of Presidents Meeting TBD

## September

Awards Committee Meeting, Orlando September 20, 2018  
 Executive Committee Meeting, Orlando September 20, 2018  
 AFC Board Meeting, Orlando September 21, 2018

## October

Council of Presidents Meeting TBD

## November

AFC Executive Committee Meeting November 6, 2018  
 AFC Board of Directors Meeting November 6, 2018  
 AFC 69th Annual Meeting and Conference, Orlando November 7-9, 2018

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