



IRCC members accept the plaque for Chapter of the Year from FACC President Jeff Allbritten (left).

58th Annual Convention: A Stellar End to a Striking Year for Community Colleges

In a year marked with change and growth for the Community College System—from budget cuts, to lawsuits to a new governor to a new Commissioner of Education—more than 450 FACC members from across the state gathered to attend the 58th annual FACC Convention, Nov. 14-16, at the Wyndham Orlando Resort to “Elevate the Great 28.”

Presided over by 2007 FACC President, Jeffrey Allbritten (EC), this year’s convention was a non-stop activity-packed event including commission and region meetings, educational sessions, social events, an exhibit hall, and of course, recognizing and honoring our stellar alumni and hard-working college personnel. Additionally, networking, sharing ideas and collaborating with colleagues from around the state was an invaluable asset.

This year marked the return of the LeRoy Collins Distinguished Alumni Awards at the Presidential Banquet and Gala on Thursday, Nov. 15, and FCCAA presented its annual Hall of Fame Awards at the Closing Luncheon on Nov. 16. Regions and Commissions also presented exemplary practices and awards (see listing on pages 3 and 5), and several FACC members were honored with Honorary Life and Distinguished Service recognitions.

Regions once again contributed to the success of the convention by staffing and planning many convention tasks. This convention would not be possible without the hard work of region directors and their committees—thank you. Thanks also are due to our sponsors and exhibitors (see listing to the right) whose contributions help make our Convention happen.

From the entire FACC staff, a big thank you to those who attended, presented, assisted and collaborated on the 58th Annual Convention. Stay tuned for news about next year’s event date and location!

Florida community college enrollments up dramatically

Florida community colleges, long ranked as a national leader in degrees produced, have experienced an increase of more than 50,000 new students this school year in what has been described as a boom of “historic proportions.” The dramatic rise in numbers is attributed to the reduction in statewide funding passed by Florida’s Legislature earlier this year, but also to

2007 Convention

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the stellar service provided by the colleges over time and the tremendous reputation they have developed.

As evidence, Community College Week reported that four Florida community colleges rank in the top five in the country in producing graduates with associate degrees. Of the top 100 in the U.S. on that list, 15 of Florida community colleges appear.

There is also evidence that community college enrollments increase when the economy becomes more difficult. During these times, students seek out these institutions, graduate, find jobs and then help the economy recover. Community colleges have long been a tremendous source of revenue for the government to provide governmental services. It can be said that a healthy Community College System is vital to Florida's success, both economically and for the vitality of the business sector.



(Above) Members glam it up at the 80's Night Opening Party.

(Below) Members of the Retirees Commission gathered for fun and fellowship at the Retirees' Luncheon at the Annual Convention.



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2007 Awards presented at the 58th Annual FACC Convention

STATE AWARDS:

Honorary Life Membership: Sandra Harrell, ChC; Dr. William Seeker, FKCC, Pat Harrell, FCCJ

Distinguished Service Awards: Bob Wilcosky, MDC; Charles Smith, FCCAA

James L. Wattenbarger Award: Lt. Gov. Toni Jennings

Outstanding Board Member: Evelyn Ward, ChC

Chapter of the Year: Indian River Community College

Region I Chapter of the Year: Chipola College

Region II Chapter of the Year: Lake City Community College

Region III Chapter of the Year: Lake-Sumter Community College

Region IV Chapter of the Year: St. Petersburg College

Region V Chapter of the Year: Indian River Community College

Commission of the Year: Student Development

Membership Awards:

Special Achievement – 100% of Employees

as Members: Chipola College

Greatest Percent of Employees as Members:

Chipola College

Greatest Numerical Increase of Members

over Previous Year: Miami Dade College

Greatest Percent Increase of Members

over Previous Year: North Florida Community College

Fifty Percent or More of Employees as Members:

Central Florida Community College

Chipola College

College Center for Library Automation (CCLA)

Florida Community College at Jacksonville

Florida Keys Community College

Gulf Coast Community College

Indian River Community College

Lake City Community College

Lake-Sumter Community College

North Florida Community College

Okaloosa-Walton College

Pasco-Hernando Community College

Polk Community College

St. Johns River Community College

Santa Fe Community College

Seminole Community College

South Florida Community College

Congratulations!

REGION AWARDS:

Region I Awards - Chapter UnSung Hero Awards

Chipola College – Christen Bennett

Gulf Coast Community College – Brenda Washington

Okaloosa-Walton College – Kristen Last

Pensacola Junior College – Kimberly Calloway-Schledt

Tallahassee Community College – Evelyn Wasdin

Region UnSung Hero:

Dottie Terryn, Gulf Coast Community College

Lifesaver Awards

Chipola College – Bud Riviere

Gulf Coast Community College – Bobby Hughes

Okaloosa-Walton College – Mike Van Dyke

Pensacola Junior College – Brandi Lynn Opager

Tallahassee Community College – David Proctor

Special Recognition Award: Evelyn Ward, ChC

Region II Awards - Chapter UnSung Heroes:

Florida Community College at Jacksonville – Jacqueline Davis

Lake City Community College – Sandra Root & Judith Ann Wilson

North Florida Community College – Wendy Webb

Santa Fe Community College – Dwight Hulse

St. Johns River Community College – Dr. Michelle Wilcox

Region III Awards - Chapter UnSung Heroes:

Central Florida Community College – Cara Bennett

Daytona Beach Community College – Alison Ryan

Seminole Community College – Lee Patrizzi

Valencia Community College – Shelby Ballenger

Lake-Sumter Community College – Joan Knost

Brevard Community College – Stephanie Lubno

Region V Awards - Chapter UnSung Heroes:

Broward Community College – Sharon Stern

Palm Beach Community College – Susan Goehring

Get your chapter in the news!
The next issue of *Current* will
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January 15th! Be sure to email
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COMMISSION AWARDS

Administration Commission Awards

President's Award: Dr. Sarah H. Pappas, MCC

Professional Excellence - Academic Affairs: Dr. Bruce Brunson, FCCJ

Professional Excellence - Student Affairs: Dr. Helton "Hep" Aldridge, BrevCC

Professional Excellence - Business Affairs: Dr. Edward L. Cisek, Vice Chancellor for Financial Policy, Florida Community College System

Adult and Continuing Education Commission

Exemplary Practice Award: Janice Weaver, BrevCC: "Kids Mini-Med Career Camps 2007-Vital Signs"

Career and Professional Employees Awards

Innovators Exemplary Practice: LaDonna Morris, FCCJ

Employee of the Year: Dottie Terry, GCCC

Pat Barriteau Unsung Hero Award: Judy Wilson, LCCC

Curriculum Commission Awards

Exemplary Practice Awards

First Place: Karen Pain, PBCC & Gail Burkett, PBCC: Combined Courses

Honorable Mention: Traci Reed, SJRCC: Blending Old Technology & New to Impact Student Achievement

Honorable Mention: Carla San Giacomo, CFCC & Jimmy Yawn, SFCC: Career Portfolios: A Collaboration Between Academic and Student Affairs

Faculty Commission Awards

2007 Professor of the Year: Annmarie Masi, Education, MDC: "Characteristics of an Effective Teacher"

2007 Distinguished Professors of the Year:

Gail Burkett, Mathematics, PBCC: "Exponents"

Bonnie Holloway, Accounting, LSCC: "Understanding Debits and Credits"

Global Initiatives Commission Awards

Exemplary Practice Award:

Francine Arrington, BrevCC: "Infusing Global Learning Across the Curriculum"

Dr. Paul Forage, IRCC: "Summer Institute in International Disaster Relief"

Student Development Commission Awards

Debra J. Hay Award: Victor Collazo, VCC

Exemplary Practice Award: David Sullivan, IRCC

Student Leader Connection Award: Cynthia Arroyo, SCC



Annmarie Masi (MDC) accepts the Professor of the Year Award from FACC President, Jeff Allbritten.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Below 5,000 FTE:

Annual Report

Bang for the Buck

Brochure II

Print catalog

Direct mail piece

Magazine campus-wide

Poster

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Best Redesign

1st place, 2nd place

Central Florida, Polk

Lake Sumter, Chipola

Daytona Beach, Okaloosa Walton

Okaloosa Walton, St. John Rivers

Okaloosa Walton, South Florida

Central Florida

(1st and 2nd place for two submissions)

St. Johns Rivers, North Florida

Gulf Coast (dental) & (culinary)

Daytona Beach, North Florida

Daytona Beach, Gulf Coast —tie

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Poster
Video/electronic promo
Viewbook/recruitment piece
Best Redesign

1st place, 2nd place

CFCC, PCC
LSCC, ChC
DBCC, OWC
OWC, SJRCC
OWC, SFICC
CFCC (1st and 2nd place for two submissions)
SJRCC, NFCC
GCCC(dental) & (culinary)
DBCC, NFCC
DBCC, GCCC —tie

Above 5,000 FTE:

1st place, 2nd place

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PJC, BrowCC

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TV ad

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Annual report

PBCC, MCC

Brochure II

MDC, PBCC

Catalog print

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Direct mail piece

MCC, MDC

Magazine campus-wide

PBCC, MDC

Newsletter print

MDC, SCC

Newsletter electronic

PJC, PBCC

Poster

PHCC, PBCC

Video/electronic promo

MCC, PBCC

Viewbook/recruitment piece

PBCC, MCC

Web site

PBCC, SFeCC

Best redesign

MCC, MDC

Single sheet flyer

PHCC, MCC

Feature article

PHCC, PBCC

Combined (FTE) competition:

Foundation category

SJRCC, SCC

Press release/story pitch

MCC, PJC

Promotion item

SFeCC, MCC

Exemplary practice

BrowCC, MCC

(overall campaign)

Best of Show for under and above 5,000 FTE (these were determined by overall score of all winning submissions (both 1st and 2nd place scores were used))

Under 5,000 FTE: OWC (205 total score)

Above 5,000 FTE: PBCC (768 total score)

Institutional Effectiveness Commission

Exemplary Practice Award: Gail Burkett and Karen Pain, PBCC

Learning Resources Commission Awards

Exemplary Practice Award: Pat Profeta and Team IRCC: "Information Literacy Program Learning Outcomes and Assessment"

Student Development Commission Awards

Exemplary Practice Award: John Sullivan

Technology Commission Awards:

Innovative Technology Awards

First Place: Susie Henderson, FDLC: "The Orange Grove Digital Repository"

Second Place: Eileen Robinson, PBCC: "Podcasting PBCC South Campus News"

Trustees Commission Awards:

Trustee of the Year: Emily B. Smith, FCCJ

Congratulations to the New 2008 State Officers:

2008 President – Carol Quinn
 Vice President-Elect – Will Benedicks
 VP Regions & Chapters – Evelyn Ward
 VP- Elect Regions & Chapters – Dennis Storck
 VP Commissions – Dixie Yeager
 VP-Elect Commissions - Bianca Rodriguez
 Immediate Past President –
 Jeff Allbritten

2008 Region Directors:
 Region I Director – Sylvia Campbell, PJC
 Region II Director – Jackie Davis, FCCJ
 Region III Director – Shelby Ballenger, VCC
 Region IV Director – Pat Layton, PHCC
 Region V Director – Alice Serey, IRCC

Student Development Commission active at Convention

The winner of the Student Development Commission's Exemplary Practice Award, Dr. David Sullivan of Indian River Community College, presented his award-winning program to Convention on Thursday, November 15th. He also received a check for \$500.00.

The Commission also held its statewide meeting on November 15 with approximately 80 in attendance. At that meeting, the new slate of officers was presented for a vote, information on the 2008 Spring Conference scheduled for Miami-Dade College was distributed, the Exemplary Practice Award (EPA) Finalists were announced, and the EPA judges were awarded certificates of appreciation. Members then experienced a professional development presentation/workshop led by Dr. Joyce Romano. Dr. Romano is not a stranger to the Student Development Commission and has participated with the commission as recently as the 2007 Spring Conference in St. Augustine. Dr. Romano addressed Current Trends in Student Affairs- Advising, Learning and Service Agendas.

Dr. Joyce C. Romano is Vice President for Student Affairs at Valencia Community College. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from State University of New York- College at Cortland, a Master of Science Degree from Central Washington University, and an Educational Doctorate Degree from the University of Kansas.



FACC's newly elected officers (left to right), Will Benedicks (TCC), President-Elect; Bianca Rodriguez (IRCC), VP-Elect for Commissions, and Dennis Storck (GCCC), VP-Elect for Regions and Chapters.

2008 Commission Chairs:

- Administration* – Charles (Casey) Lunceford, IRCC
- Adult & Continuing Education* – Frank Mercer, DBCC
- Career & Professional Employees* – Bobby Hughes, GCC
- Equity* – Adriene Jefferson-Dover, IRCC
- Facilities* – Traci Steen, SPC
- Faculty* – Beverly Grundset, SPC
- Global Initiatives* – Ed Bonahue, SfeCC
- Institutional Advancement* – Patricia Hinton, NFCC
- Institutional Effectiveness* – Carol Weideman, SPC
- Instructional Innovation* – Jeannine Burgess, PBCC
- Learning Resources* – Edith Ramlow, CFCC
- Occupational & Workforce Education* – Donna Kosloski, VCC
- Retirees* – Nancy Buhl, PBCC
- Student Development* – Susan Thomas, MDC
- Technology* – Matthew White, Chipola
- Trustees* – Nancy Watkins, HCC
- Rural Campuses Commission* –
- Provisional* – Beverly Robinson, PBCC

Membership Corner

The beginning of a new year is always exciting. It allows for reflections on things past, and it enables us to turn our focus toward the future. As we usher in 2008, we should renew our focus on membership. Congratulations to the 2007 Chapter of the Year at Indian River Community College. IRCC is to be commended for its hard work and commitment to its members and to FACC.

So, how do you increase your chapter membership? Begin by setting a few goals as a chapter. Determining goals and strategies for your chapter is essential to increasing your chapter membership. Meet, establish the specific goals, plan a recruitment drive, and utilize all of your resources. Is there a member in the human resources department who can assist you in locating nonmembers? Designate a member in each department/building to be the membership liaison responsible for making contact with nonmembers and encouraging them to join. Make it a competition and have fun! The membership liaison that brings in the most members wins a gift certificate, receives recognition on the chapter's website, receives recognition on Professional Development Day, and/or receives a congratulatory call from the College President! Be creative!

Meet with your college lobbyists or legislative liaison and invite him/her to a chapter event to discuss the key issues for the 2008 Legislative Session. Invite your FACC State President and

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The following is "What I know for certain"

- FACC is the **ONLY** Professional Organization that represents **ALL** classifications of employees.
- I believe FACC members provide the **BEST Exemplary Practices and Services for Student Success.**
- I believe FACC member institutions have made significant changes in the lives of students who might not otherwise have attended college.

By Patricia Harrell, FCCJ

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Message from the President

I am writing this message with mixed emotions. I'm happy because we have had a successful year and overcome some very difficult challenges along the way. What makes me sad is that my year as FACC president is coming to an end. Time really does fly, doesn't it?



Dr. Jeff Allbritten
FACC President

The year was capped off with what I think was one of the best Annual Conventions we've ever had. The attendance was high, the energy seemed to be at all-time levels and we conducted a great deal of important business. You'll see reports about the event throughout this issue of *Current*, and it certainly is a good reminder for those who have never attended this gathering—do everything you can to attend next year! You will reap great personal and professional rewards from your participation and I highly recommend you make the effort.

I mentioned the challenges we have faced during my year as president, and they were many. They started early in my term as the State Legislature put in place some deep budget cuts. I was proud of the way that FACC responded and the strategies our colleges put in place to adapt to the changing environment. As you'll read in our lead story, Florida's community colleges were met with increased enrollments because we were strong and forthright.

I also have been fortunate to serve the Association during a time when we were upgrading and updating the technology infrastructure at our headquarters in Tallahassee. We now have the finest association management software available and a state-of-the-art website that will enable us to better communicate with our membership in the years to come.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank Mike Comins and the FACC staff (Eileen Johnson, Marsha Kiner, H.A. Scott and Tina Ingramm) for their hard work and support this year. Obviously, I could not have done my job effectively without their help, and I have truly enjoyed and appreciated working with them during my term as president.

"I'm happy because we have had a successful year...met some difficult challenges."

Moving forward, I urge everyone to give incoming president Carol Quinn and the rest of the new leadership the same support you have given me. My term as president was something I will never forget. I wish each of you the very best in the future and hope you have the happiest of holidays.

President

FACC 2007 President, Jeff Allbritten (right) accepts the Presidential appreciation plaque from FACC CEO, Mike Comins.



Message from the CEO

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I'm happy to declare the 58th Annual FACC Convention a wonderful success. We navigated our way through an exciting election of new state officers and changes to the bylaws. We made new friends and had much fun in spending time with old friends. I am so grateful for the support that you show for our Association as represented by the convention attendance. Even in tough economic times like these, you never let us down.

Those in the convention and meeting business marvel at how we are able to accomplish putting on our convention with such limited financial resources. Further they are just amazed by our *people* resources. FACC Conventions could not be done without an army of volunteers and the tireless efforts of Tina, Eileen, Marsha and H.A. Whether you helped with taking tickets, providing AV support, working registration, set up the internet room, arranged the reserve seating for the meal events, or contributed in another way, I thank you all profusely for your efforts.

I sincerely appreciate the outstanding leadership provided by outgoing president Jeff Allbritten and the personal sacrifices that he made to commit time to the Association. I'm also looking forward to the guidance that will be provided by newly-elected 2008 President Carol Quinn and our new Board.

There will be more hurdles to face next year. The economic downturn is expected to continue through 2008. We've been here before and we know that a bad economy means more students. The forecast for the legislative session is after they take care of the "must pay" items like Medicaid, prison beds, and class size, the legislature will already be in the hole. That means that all of the other agencies and institutions that depend on the state for funding will be fiercely competing for money.

I am confident that, as we have done in previous tough times, we will draw together. FACC is *your* professional association and committed to represent the interests of public community colleges and their employees. If you believe in the community college mission and want to improve your ability to serve our students, then I urge you to turn to your friends and co-workers and asked them to join us. There is strength in our numbers and we are going to need all the help we can muster to succeed in this legislative session. Make it your New Year's resolution! Our approach to advocacy has been extremely effective and is becoming a model of success for associations in the state. Despite the challenges of the new year, you can count on us to support more activities among our commissions, regions and chapters and to find ways to get more members involved in FACC activities and leadership opportunities.

I wish each of you the very happiest of holiday seasons and I look forward to seeing you often in the coming year.



Mike Comins
FACC CEO



(Left) FACC CEO Mike Comins, welcomes attendees to the 58th Annual Convention.



(Right) 2007 President Jeff Allbritten, EC (left in picture) administers the oath of office to 2008 President Carol Quinn, PJC.

CEO Message



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LCCC Chapter presents special awards

Judy Wilson, member of the Lake City Community College (LCCC) Chapter FACC was awarded the Career and Professional Employees Commission (CPEC), Pat Barriteau Unsung Hero Award and also the LCCC Unsung Hero Award from the local chapter. She worked tirelessly for months organizing and implementing the first Empty Bowls event at LCCC in October. The event raised nearly \$10,000 to feed the hungry in Columbia County. Wilson stated, "So many people's lives will be made better due to this hugely successful project and God's blessings on it."

Sandi Root, who almost single-handedly organized the FACC Chapter Book that was entered in competition at the FACC Convention and took first place for Region II. Root also received the LCCC chapter Unsung Hero Award. Congratulations to both Wilson and Root for their fine work and going that extra mile!

In other chapter news, Judy Wilson, member of the Lake City Community College (LCCC) Chapter FACC was awarded the Career and Professional Employees Commission (CPEC), Pat Barriteau Unsung Hero Award and also the LCCC Unsung Hero Award from the local chapter. She worked tirelessly for months organizing and implementing the first Empty Bowls event at LCCC in October. The event raised nearly \$10,000 to feed the hungry in Columbia County. Wilson stated, "So many people's lives will be made better due to this hugely successful project and God's blessings on it."

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FACC members and servers from Texas Roadhouse Restaurant of Lake City anxious to get the meals rolling to approximately 600 in attendance at the Ninth Annual Hog Roast.

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staff to your activities and events. Invite your College President to meet with members to discuss FACC and the Legislative Session (pre or post) or new college initiatives. Remember – your College President is an FACC member too!

Retention is just as important to the chapter as recruitment of new members. Mentor new members and encourage their participation in activities both in the chapter and in their chosen commissions. Personal relationships are central to FACC. Organize a new member orientation where you review FACC and its goals and mission. Link new and old members through committees and projects. Celebrate member accomplishments both at home and statewide! Post awards and recognitions on the chapter website, in college publications, and forward information to the Current for publication statewide. Plan chapter activities that are relevant to the campus community, partner with other groups on campus to meet collective goals, and remember to have fun with your members. Plan a few social activities where members can come together for food and fellowship.

The Association's goal of 10,000 members is attainable if each member commits to recruiting at least one new member. The New Year offers a fresh opportunity to encourage, invite, and inspire members old and new to Join Us and Help Make A Difference!

FKCC hosts greens seminar and clean up

On Saturday November 3rd, Florida Keys Community College (FKCC) hosted its second in a series of monthly Green Seminars at its main campus in Key West campus. Community members, college staff and students have been attending green living demonstrations on the bay side of campus at the Clark Maxwell Jr. Marine Environmental Center to assist in the renovation of the area damaged during Hurricane Wilma. The goal is to rebuild the area to allow it to be powered by Green energy.

High school students, Charles Swift and Daniel Delice, who participate in a cooperative program in environmental education, joined students from FKCC's Environmental Biology class Natacha Phillipi, Izabela Mandziuk and James Laney to assist in the cleanup. Corporate assistance for the day's activities was provided by US Harbor Services Inc., which provided vessels to serve as a safety during the shakedown cruise of the "Salad Sailor". Boston Brick of Key West provided their Hummer 3 replica as a live demonstration of electric cars.

Also in attendance was Dr. Jill Landesberg-Boyle President of FKCC, Vincent Boyle and their two children along with Douglas Gregory, Director of the University of Florida Extension Service and Bryan Foster of "Sea Air Land."



(Left) FKCC Professor Roland Fisch lectures on native plants of the Florida. (Right) Salad Sailor is taken for an inaugural cruise.



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IRCC Trustees vote to change college's name

The Indian River Community College District Board of Trustees has taken historic action, unanimously voting to change IRCC's name to Indian River College. The Board's action was inspired by strong student, business, and community response to the nine new bachelor's degree programs being launched by the College in January 2008. These high-demand baccalaureate degree programs focusing on teacher education, nursing, organizational management, public safety, and health care management were approved unanimously by the State Board of Education in February. In June, the College gained accreditation as a baccalaureate degree-granting institution by the prestigious Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The name change reflects IRCC's expanded program offerings at the baccalaureate level.

IRCC has a history of outstanding accreditation reviews from SACS, the nationally recognized regional accrediting body for higher education in the 11 Southern states. The accreditation of the College's bachelor's degree programs continues this tradition of excellence, confirming that IRCC has the appropriate faculty, curriculum, facilities, student support services, library resources, and technology to provide high-quality baccalaureate education.

The name change will be submitted for legislative approval in Spring 2008, and will become official pending the Governor's approval. The College anticipates that it will begin phasing in the new name during the summer of 2008.

Bachelor's Degree Information Sessions will be held October 9, 10 and 11 at the College's five Treasure Coast Campuses to provide complete information on all aspects of the programs, including application procedures and program requirements. Apply now through the IRCC Website at www.ircc.edu or call the IRCC Information Call Center at 1-866-866-4722 for more information.



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LSCC sponsors employee health fair

Lake-Sumter Community College FACC Chapter sponsored its 2nd Annual Employee Health Fair on October 10th at our Leesburg Campus. Free health screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood glucose provided by our Wellness Team from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The Team also helped raise awareness about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and share information on nutrition, diet and fitness.

Congratulations to Andrea Zito-Moore - Grand Prize Winner of the mountain bike and helmet!!!

Community Celebrations Are Highlights of MCC Golden Anniversary

Manatee Community College (MCC) became the first public institution of higher education in the Manatee/Sarasota area when it was chartered in 1957 by the Florida Legislature. The college now serves more than 9,000 credit students and 22,000 residents taking noncredit classes. More than 31,000 people have graduated from MCC and gone on to pursue bachelor's and advanced degrees, begin new careers and start businesses. MCC alumni include teachers, doctors, publishers, attorneys, reporters, actors and professionals succeeding in a wide variety of careers and satisfying the workforce needs of local businesses and enterprises in far-flung locales.

The college's history is rich with evidence of the ongoing support of the surrounding communities. Three well-attended and free 50th anniversary community celebrations were highlights of Manatee Community College's tribute to the college's Golden Anniversary.

In other news, Manatee Community College (MCC) President Dr. Sarah H. Pappas received a President's Award for Professional Excellence Nov. 16 at the FACC statewide convention in Orlando.

The prestigious annual award was established to recognize a Florida community college president who has demonstrated professional administrative excellence; been an advocate of community colleges in Florida's higher education system; and has achieved a level of success in their respective college that has prompted attention from or emulation by other institutions.

Pappas was nominated by Dr. Mike Mears, MCC dean of instruction of the division of mathematics, science, technology and business. Mears and Pappas were joined at the awards breakfast by a dozen MCC employees from various college departments and Starloe Galletta, an MCC graduate who provided a letter of support for Pappas' award.

Pappas, MCC's fourth president, will retire June 30, 2008. She was recently inducted into the Community Video Archives Hall of Fame and also was named among the 100 Most Powerful People in Sarasota Today in the 2007 Sarasota Magazine. An active public servant, she is chair of the Sarasota Economic Development and currently serves on Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, Florida High Tech Corridor Council, Manatee County Chamber of Commerce and other state and local boards.



MCC Dean Dr. Michael Mears, Dr. Sarah Pappas and MCC Dean Darlene Wedler-Johnson at FACC Awards Ceremony.



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**It was great to see everyone at the
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NFCC is well-represented at FACC Annual Convention

President Morris G. Steen, Jr. led a contingent of North Florida Community College delegates to the FACC Annual Convention in Orlando, November 13-16.

NFCC won membership awards for having the greatest percentage Increase of members in FACC and having more than 50 percent employee membership in FACC.

The Office of College Advancement won two awards of excellence; second place certificates for best college recruitment piece and best poster.

Student activities specialist Wendy Webb won the NFCC/FACC Chapter Unsung Hero Award.

NFCC employees holding statewide positions for the upcoming year are Trish Hinton, chair of the Institutional Advancement Commission, Tom Moffses, Jr., chair-elect of the Instructional Innovation Commission and Karen Pickles, chair of the Awards Committee.

Others attending were Denise Bell, Dr. Jessica Webb and Gerri Bucher. Webb just completed a term as Director of FACC Region II.

NFCC also participated in a "Brain Bowl" and performed very well. Dr. Tony DeLia, sponsor of the NFCC collegiate Brain Bowl team, has plenty of reason to brag about his team's showing at the Delta Burke Invitational Brain Bowl Tournament at Valencia Community College in Orlando November 30 – December 1, 2007. The NFCC team was among the top four of 36 teams representing Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida colleges. It was the biggest tournament the NFCC team has entered in recent years with over 180 individuals competing. DeLia figured, "Winning even a few rounds here would be impressive." However, the NFCC team did much more than that.

In the last round, it was Okaloosa-Walton College that put an end to NFCC's record. The score was very close, the victory determined by one question. NFCC came down on the wrong side of a reader error that went uncorrected.

On Saturday morning NFCC continued to demolish the competition. When the dust settled at high noon, NFCC was in third place and achieved its first ever entry into the tournament's final four match-ups!

Unfortunately, the next loss was in the first playoff game. Chipola Blue, by a score of 275 to 75, eliminated NFCC's short-lived dream to become overall champions of what was possibly is the largest and most competitive fielding of brain bowl teams in the southeast U.S.

Team members attending the tournament were Jessica Collins, Nafees Khan, Chris Nelsen of Perry; Tony Fluriach of Mayo; and Nicole Frey, Rachel Frey, Erin Smith, Matthew Smith of Monticello. Sierra Gray of Perry is also on the team.



(L-R) Nafees Khan (Perry), Rachel Frey (Monticello), Jessica Collins (Perry), Chris Nelsen (Perry), Tony Fluriach (Mayo), Nicole Frey (Monticello), Matthew Smith (Monticello), Erin Smith (Monticello), Dr. Tony DeLia (Madison).

Book scholarships help two PHCC Chapter members

The PHCC Chapter awards book scholarships during the fall and spring terms to chapter members taking classes. The number of scholarships awarded is based on the amount of money received by the PHCC Chapter through special fundraising designated for the book scholarship. This fall, the chapter was able to award two book scholarships. From the nine applicants, Kathy Carufal, who works in the Bookstore on PHCC's North Campus, and Niesha Gear, a new member from the Student Development Office, were selected as the scholarship winners. Carufel and Gear each received a \$100 book scholarship to help pay for some of the costs not covered by tuition reimbursement.

During the fall membership drive, the chapter distributed a flyer to every employee who was not currently a member of FACC. The chapter was pleased to welcome 15 new members during this fall membership drive. The chapter currently has 221 members.



Left) Assistant Dean of Student Development Jim Greig (left) and North Campus Provost Stanley Giannet (right) presenting Kathy Carufel with book scholarship check.



(Right) North Campus Provost Stanley Giannet presenting Niesha Gear with book scholarship check.

FCCJ Hosts Region II Conference

A day of fun, fellowship, education, and food was shared by approximately 50 attendees of the Region II Conference in Jacksonville on September 28, 2007. The day began with a continental breakfast and a time to network. Mr. Stephen Bowers, VP of Administrative Services for FCCJ, gave a legislative and budget update. Each school represented had an opportunity to share activities from their campuses and the morning was capped off with an excellent educational session on "Developing the Mentor/Mentee Relationship" taught by two FCCJ professors, Dr. Kimberly Hardy and Dr. Julie Giuliani.

When it was time for lunch, everyone drove to the other side of the river and boarded the riverboat Annabelle Lee for a lunch cruise on the beautiful St. Johns River. There was good food, many door prizes, and a narration by the captain who shared some of the history of the St. Johns River and the history of Jacksonville to end the conference and a great day.



Sailors receive “care packages” sent by LCCC employees

The Lake City Community College (LCCC) Chapter has once again stepped forward and spearheaded two fundraising drives to make life a bit easier to endure onboard a ship while protecting our freedom.

Over the past several months college students, faculty, and staff have collected items ranging from candy and chap stick to soap and razors, in addition to cash to purchase an array of items for the sailors onboard the USS Enterprise. The American Legion Auxiliary was also a big help in funding these Christmas items for sailors. Thanks to the generosity of all involved, a total of over \$1,000 was collected to purchase the items and pay for shipping.

The situation has improved, and Johns has been recognized for his efforts to help. He has been named USS Enterprise “Sailor of the Year.” This is quite an honor because the Enterprise has almost 6,000 crew members on board. Johns is the son of Leonard and BJ Federico and Kirby and Diane Johns all of Lake City.

Lake City Community College also announced that it will receive \$766,929 in SUCCEED Florida grants. The funds will be used to continue and expand current programs in the Academy of Allied Health programs and the Educator Preparation Institute (EPI), a specific program within the Academy of Teacher Preparation. As well, the allied health academy was awarded a grant for one new program. The SUCCEED Florida program was established to help educational programs meet the state of Florida’s workforce needs.

LCCC allied health programs were awarded the following monies: Patient Care Technician (PCT, new), \$150,000; Practical Nursing (PN) Expansion, \$192,250 and the associate degree in nursing (continuation), \$150,000.



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Santa Fe Community College

Graduate Wins Highest FACC Honor

Santa Fe Community College graduate C.E. “Ed” Barber received the LeRoy Collins 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award at the FACC Annual Convention in Orlando, November 15.

This is the statewide organization’s top award, to honor outstanding graduates of Florida community colleges who have made substantial contributions to their college, community, state or nation.

Barber spent more than four decades as editor, publisher or president of The Independent Florida Alligator. Some of the students he mentored at the paper have become Pulitzer Prize winners, best selling novelists, judges, congressmen, publishers and educators. He is also president emeritus of Campus Communications and publisher of The High Springs Herald.

Barber earned an associate of arts—his terminal degree—at Santa Fe in 1972. He had attended the University of Florida but due to work and family responsibilities had been unable to continue to fit the necessary classes into his busy lifestyle.



Left to right: SFeCC President Jackson Sasser congratulates Ed Barber, SFeCC alumnus, upon receiving the LeRoy Collins Distinguished Community College Alumni Award, along with Jeff Allbritten, FACC President, and Lisa Valesquez, IAC Chair.

SPC Chapter wins two of five categories in new awards program

The college received two statewide awards and several staff members were elected to state offices during the 58th FACC Annual Convention.

SPC programs won two of the five Chancellor’s Exemplary Practice Awards presented at the convention for the first time. This award recognizes state community colleges’ innovative approaches in areas such as academic affairs, student affairs, workforce education and business partnerships.

“I applaud these institutions for their outstanding commitment to student achievement,” said Community Colleges Chancellor Will Holcombe. “These awards give much needed recognition to the exceptional work being done by Florida’s community colleges. We can all learn from these award-winning strategies and raise the level of performance for our whole system.

”SPC’s Managing the WEB: SPC’s Managing the WEB: Workforce, Education and Business program was honored with the award’s Workforce Education component.

“SPC programs won two of the five Chancellor's Exemplary Practice Awards presented at the convention for the first time.”

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Sandra Wise, provost, Caruth Health Education Center, said this program is a partnership between SPC, BayCare and WorkNet initiated about four years ago as a means of addressing the area's nursing shortage. The program is designed to recruit student nurses. Today, there are 85 students enrolled in various stages of the nursing program. The program will graduate about 40 students per year, and has 48 admissions per year.

The college also received the Academic Affairs component of the award, for HEC's New Initiative Program, which offers academic support for pre-health and health education students.

"SPC takes pride in the work of our local FACC chapter," said Chapter President Peg Connell, Special Populations coordinator, EpiCenter. "I am particularly proud of our Facilities staff who took the lead statewide in initiating the new Facilities Commission that was formally designated at the annual FACC members' meeting held during the convention."

TCC Chapter hosts bake sale

The TCC Chapter hosted a Halloween Bake Sale and Cake Giveaway. The event was a success and an opportunity to fellowship. We raised approximately \$201.91 from the sales and the giveaways.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Monte Finkelstein, Dean of the History and Social Sciences Division who won the beautiful homemade Carrot Cake baked by our very own *Randy Staley* in the Cashier's office.

Carolann Gegenheimer, Faculty member in Healthcare Professions who won the scrumptious Pumpkin Cheesecake with a delicious graham cracker pecan crust baked by *Carolyn Lytle*, faculty member also in Healthcare Professions.

Dale Meadows, Computer Specialist in IT Support, who won the \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar.

Thanks Again, Congratulations Winners and Thanks to You All!



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PRELIMINARY ORAL PRESENTATION:

Semifinalists, chosen from the written submissions, will be notified after March 7, 2008. Each semifinalist will be asked to make a fifteen (15) minute instructional presentation illustrating his/her expertise in the classroom at the Faculty Commission's Spring Conference. The Spring Conference date will be announced soon.

FINAL PRESENTATION:

Three finalists from the Spring Conference will make their fifteen (15) minute classroom presentations at the 2008 FACC Annual Convention in the Fall of 2008. The Professor of the Year will be announced during the Awards Ceremony at the 2008 Convention.

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Scenes from the 2007 Convention



PBCC members at the Presidential Banquet



Members peruse Chapter Scrapbooks



FACC Members donated over 900 books and puzzles to the Early Learning Coalition as part of a first-ever Service Project in conjunction with the FACC Convention. Gary Sligh (right) coordinated the activity.



Lt. Gov. Toni Jennings (third from left) received the Council of Community College Presidents' James L. Wattenbarger Award at the Presidential Banquet. Also pictured: Dr. Sanford Shugart, VCC President; Dr. E. Ann McGee, SCC President, and Jeff Allbritten, FACC President.



Members enjoy visiting with vendors in exhibit hall.



Boy George and Pee Wee Herman with glam girls at 80's Night Opening Party,

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2007 FACC President Jeff Allbritten calls to order the 58th Annual Convention.



FACC Executive Committee at the Presidential Banquet.



Charles Smith, FCCAA Executive Director (center) receives the FACC Distinguished Service Award at the Presidential Banquet from FACC President Jeff Allbritten (right) and FACC CEO, Mike Comins (left).



Bob Wilcosky, MDC (center) received the Distinguished Service Award for his many years of service to FACC.



FACC President, Jeff Allbritten congratulates Distinguished Professor of the Year finalists Gail Burkett, Mathematics, PBCC, and Bonnie Holloway, Accounting, LSCC.



Evelyn Ward, 2007 FACC VP-Elect for Regions and Chapters receives the Outstanding Board Member Award from FACC President, Jeff Allbritten.

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