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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Will Benedicks, FACC President

## Travels with Michael

At the beginning of the year I was the new president and Michael Brawer was our new Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director. We were both new, we were both apprehensive and we were both feeling each other out. Over the ensuing 10 months Michael and I have traveled the length and breadth of our great



state visiting chapters and commissions; going to Leadership and Membership, regional conferences, and answering special requests. You name it, you ask us, and barring any

conflicting commitments one of us, or the other, but usually both of us, were there.

Coming back from our last road trip we calculated we had spent a conservative 5,000 miles this year traveling together on behalf of the FACC. We also concluded that we had learned much and even more in that we were privileged to get to know the FACC as a collection of individual members and faces. We were privileged in interacting with all of you. The simple pleasure of talking at a chapter ice cream social or a commission meeting was an opportunity to understand firsthand what makes the FACC so special – its members. What you do and how you do it is an inspiration to the state officers and the FACC home office in Tallahassee. So, while 5000 miles sounds tedious and overly much, to Michael and I, it was one of the positive benefits of what we do, a privilege.

As we traveled and spent those hours in the car we talked (and talked and even argued over whose turn it was to talk) and as we traveled and talked we came to know each other. Michael and I are way different in many ways. He is a musician

and I cannot play an instrument much less carry a tune. But, in many other ways, we are alike. We do share an offbeat sense of humor and love of family life. One way we are especially alike is in the ways we think about the FACC. We agree on where the FACC is now, what needs to be addressed to move it forward, and how and when that should be accomplished. Car travel allows uninterrupted focused discussions. We took advantage of these times to thrash about our ideas for the FACC. We, in many ways, had a proverbial meeting of the minds. It was during these trips that Michael developed his three-legged stool of advocacy, professional development and membership recognition for the FACC. It was on our trips that rearranging the annual convention to emphasize what the FACC does through a daylong presentation of our exemplary practices came into focus. On another trip we discussed membership growth and recognition. As a result of that discussion we raised the concept of a Spring Conference, with a focus on Deans and Directors and a FACC Leadership Academy to develop our own capable and talented members for leadership at all levels from chapters and commissions though regional and statewide elected officers.

To be sure, these ideas started in part from our traveling discussions but, all of them would not have meant anything without support from the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors. So, in essence, what I learned from my travels with Michael is that the FACC is in good hands. With Michael and the Tallahassee office, your elected officers and Board members, there is a new transparency of ideas, the FACC has found new common ground in listening to our members and working well within Florida's educational landscape. What I learned and now know is that, today, the FACC is a well positioned active participant in charting Florida's new and exciting educational future. 🌟

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### Mission Statement

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## Save the Date

2010 Community College Futures Assembly  
Graduate America  
January 23-26, 2010  
Hilton WDW  
Orlando, FL



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# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO

Michael Brawer,  
Executive Director/CEO

## Not Your Usual Fare...

One of the first things I noticed while attending my very first FACC Convention in November 2008 was the way in which the educational sessions, exemplary practices, and other “learning” parts of the convention were hidden within the Commission meeting time schedules. This in my mind was not a bad thing. The sessions were of high quality and for the most part were delivered by strong



and confident presenters. It simply presented to me an obvious marketing question. Why are we hiding these educational jewels in Commission

meetings and not providing opportunity to the attendees across the board to participate in them? The only consistent answer I received was, “Well, this is the way we have always done it.”

If you have heard my pitch recently as I have gone about the state touting the benefits of being a member of the FACC, you have probably heard me say that professional development and education need to be among the three primary roles of your association along with advocacy, and awards and recognition. In a 1995 Consortium for Policy Research in Education article on professional development in public schools, the following implications were cited as integral to a successful professional development program. I have adapted these guiding principles to college application.

- Focusing professional development on core problems of teaching

and learning, and college management. Instructors, career professionals, and administrators need more opportunities to become intellectually engaged with their subject-matter and to deepen their understandings of key concepts. They need opportunities to try new approaches in environments that are supportive.

- Balancing individual and organization interests in professional development, and restructuring incentives so that they are more closely aligned. Professional development arrangements should support college-wide improvement, stimulate individual growth and engagement in teaching, and support career advancement of all professionals.
- Embedding more professional development in the workplace so it is more closely related work experience. All college employees should have access to their colleagues and be encouraged to share, discuss, and reflect on their practice. Time must be provided for these collegial activities.
- Improving the productivity of professional development. We cannot afford the laissez-faire, inefficient approach that has been taken to professional development. We need systemic standards for maintaining levels of participation in professional development activities, and commitment to ensure that college funds are targeted and well-used.

Never one to embrace tradition unless it's carved in concrete, I set about suggesting changes to the FACC Convention model to begin tweaking it more toward an educational

“conference” model. My hunch was that a lot of attendees would want to be able to choose from concurrent sessions by topic. My other hunch was that during difficult financial times, having a convention program that markets educational sessions first, awards and recognitions second, and then meetings, would provide college decision makers a little more wiggle room in deciding who and how many people from each college could attend the convention. My theory is that a bona fide educational program at a convention should provide the attendee with tools and resources

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that can be used almost immediately upon returning to the classroom or other campus office. To that end, the FACC staff and I set out on changing the convention format.

This year, you will be able to experience as many as 38 concurrent educational sessions, most hosted by a Commission, but open to any attendee. On Thursday, November 19 during the convention we have scheduled four (4) time slots with concurrent sessions in each. Educational sessions will cover topics such as the baccalaureate approval process, college legal issues, using web conferencing, H1N1 response planning, adult and continuing education, student development, career pathways, and college funding to name a few. Each session will be one hour long. Moreover, Commissions will be able to conduct their respective business meetings that morning prior to the first educational session at 9:15 a.m. Sessions will be lead by FACC members from our various colleges and commissions, FACC staff, and the Division of Florida Colleges.

So, it's not business as usual but we hope this will usually be the way we conduct the "conference" from heretofore. You don't want to miss it. 🌐

## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

### 1. Name Change for Institutional Advancement Commission:

#### ARTICLE VIII: COMMISSIONS

SECTION 1 – Commissions: As part of the membership application, individual, retiree, life, honorary life, or associate members of FACC may choose to affiliate with one or more commissions. All FACC-sponsored or commission-sponsored activities are open to all members. The following commissions are established to carry out activities consistent with the purpose of FACC.

- (1) Administration
- (2) Adult and Continuing Education
- (3) Career and Professional Employees
- (4) Equity
- (5) Facilities
- (6) Faculty
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## Call for Submissions — *Visions*

The Journal of Applied Research for the Florida Community Colleges System  
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Visions is published annually for members of the Florida Association of Community Colleges and reports on issues that have implications for Florida's community colleges. As such, Visions provides a professional forum for the exploration of issues endemic to Florida's community colleges and provides a proactive voice for the community colleges of Florida.

At this time, the FACC is accepting articles for consideration in all areas of community college applied research. Material intended for publication and other inquiries may be addressed to:

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## Meet the Candidates:

### **FACC President-Elect Evelyn Ward**

**G**reetings FACC! My name is Evelyn Ward, and I am running for FACC President-Elect. I am a proud 1984 graduate of Chipola Junior College. In 1996, I returned to my alma mater as Publications Coordinator. I have been an active member of FACC for the past 13 years serving in various leadership positions at the chapter, region, and state levels including Vice President of Regions and Chapters, State Awards Committee Chair, Region I Chair, Chapter President, Treasurer, Secretary, Concessions Chair, Publicity Chair, and Luncheon Chair.

I was asked recently, "What's in it for you? What do you personally get out of all the work you do for FACC – especially at the region and state level?" It took me only a couple of minutes to realize what I have found during my FACC leadership – me! The positions that I have been fortunate to serve in have shown me the professional I could become. Even when our jobs might become stale after years of redundancy, FACC offers opportunities to step out of the box and serve and lead in ways we could only imagine. When I finished answering this question, my mind was made up. I want to serve as President of this association. I want to challenge myself one more time and at the same time offer my insight and experience to developing and strengthening this association.

I'm not about promises and platforms. I make one promise: I will work for FACC.

The community college system has taken some hits in the last couple of years – both internally and externally. We need to build relationships within our colleges, within our association and within our state college system.

It's all about building relationships within our chapters. That is what FACC is all about - members on your campus reaching out to potential members and asking them to join an organization that offers opportunities for staff-development, community service, and political awareness.

It's all about relationships within and among our regions and commissions. Communication is one key. Members need to know what is happening at the next level, but another key is participation. Just knowing is not enough. We must participate by attending region, commission and state meetings. We must learn about FACC, get involved, meet others, run for office, and lead others!

It's all about relationships within the state college system. FACC has worked diligently to strengthen our ties with the Council of Presidents for the advancement of our system. Not all of us agree right now about the issues facing our new state college system, but we all agree our mission is still there – to provide access to higher education for every student. If we focus on the students, we can build strong relationships throughout the state college system.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to work for this association and to help us build relationships for today and for the future of the best educational system in world.

I would appreciate your vote.





# Meet the Candidates:

## Vice President-Elect for Commissions **Juanita Scott**

*“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”*

~Anne Frank

Service to others has long been the motivating force behind Juanita Scott. Since moving to Florida more than 15 years ago, she has been very active on the local, state and national level in the areas of community development, political awareness and professional services.

Ms. Scott currently serves as Chair of the Institutional Effectiveness Planning and Professional Development Commission (IEPPD), a role she unconditionally and eagerly stepped into following the unexpected resignation of the previous chair. Prior to serving as chair, Ms. Scott served as Vice Chair for the IE Commission. Ms. Scott also serves as Coordinator for Professional Development at Pensacola Junior College, where she has provided in-service training resources and support for faculty and staff since April 2005.

Ms. Scott has more than 20 years experience in Human Resource Management Training and Administration. She credits much of her accomplishments to the strong educational and learning foundation she received in the community college as a high school upward bound student and later as a full time student enrolled in Catonsville Community College in Baltimore, Maryland.

Her decision to run for Vice President-Elect for Commissions is based on her passion for education, her personal experience as a community college student and her dedication to the mission of community and state colleges. She truly believes anyone at anytime can make a positive and very meaningful difference in the field of education. She often speaks about her time as a student in community college and the many subtle interactions with college faculty and staff that has significantly impacted her life.

Though relatively new to the collegiate field of education, she believes the most practical and effective way to increase knowledge and understanding of an organization and its mission, is to fully engage in administrative and leadership opportunities as well as other related events. Her goal is to build upon the efforts of her predecessors and to provide ongoing practical resources to Commissions in direct support of FACC goals and objectives.

Immediately upon joining FACC, she was instrumental in spearheading an effort to expand the mission of the Institutional Effectiveness Commission to include overall college-wide professional development. She points to the support she received from colleagues across the state as her inspiration to take a more active role in the Commission; first serving as Vice President of the IE Commission and subsequently Chair of the now Institutional Effectiveness Planning and Professional Development Commission. As Chair, she has laid the groundwork for establishing the first ever structured Speaker's Bureau, a resource that will be available to all member colleges and institutions. In addition, she understands that membership is the life-line of FACC. As such, she is persistent in her efforts

to encourage participation through planned outreach efforts such as the Commission's official newsletter "Connections" and social networking resources such as Face Book and Twitter. She has also taken steps to bring awareness to best practices in the overall area of college-wide professional development.

Ms. Scott holds an Associates of Science Degree in Computer Science Technology, a Bachelors Degree in Managing Human Resources and a Masters Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Administrative Leadership.

Ms. Scott also serves on the Planning & Development Committee.



## Meet the Candidates:

### FACC Vice President-Elect for Regions and Chapters **Mary DiTaranto**



**H**ello FACC! My name is Mary DiTaranto, and I am running for FACC Vice President Elect for Regions and Chapters. I have worked for the State College of Florida, formally known as Manatee Community College, for the past 12 years in academics and currently as the Adjunct Coordinator. In addition, I have been a member of FACC for 12 years and have served as Chapter President, Chapter Secretary and Region IV Director. I have a solid understanding of the needs of the state and the creativity, dependability, and forward thinking required to meet the goals of FACC. I have been a high-performing team member in both FACC and my local College for over a decade. I have been recognized by State College of Florida and have received the NISOD award for my work with academics.

When I became a member of FACC I had no idea what FACC was and what I could gain out of membership. I have been able to see first-hand how important it is to have a voice in Tallahassee. The Florida Association of Community Colleges plays many roles to include advocate, support system, and leader in professional development.

I truly believe in the mission of FACC. The positive that is done through FACC has a ripple effect that not only affects those holding office, or the employees, but the future generations in the community college system. If I had to describe FACC in one word, I would say Community. Merriam-Webster dictionary describes this as being a group of people having a common interest or a unified body of people. Sound familiar? It should, because this describes members of FACC. If I am elected to the position of Vice President Elect for Regions and Chapters, I vow to keep our communities interests in the forefront.

### FCCAA Hall of Fame Inductees

The Florida Community College Activities Association will induct the seventeenth (17th) class into its Hall of Fame at the FACC Convention. The Hall of Fame is to honor Faculty and Staff, former student participants and community supporters. This year we will be honoring Dr. Katherine "Kitty" Amos, a former Division of Community Colleges staff and former Executive Secretary for FCCAA; Mr. Orlando Palmeiro, former Miami Dade and Major League baseball player; Ms. Laurel Sue Smith, a former coach and current Assistant Women's Commissioner from Polk State College; Mr. Bobby Bowman, Athletic Director and head basketball Coach at Pasco-Hernando Community College; Mr. Jeff Yawn, former player and current assistant coach in Brain Bowl from Gulf Coast Community College and Mr. Bing Tyus, former head baseball coach and current Athletic Director from Polk State College.

These individuals have represented their respective colleges well and have been voted into the Hall of Fame by their peers. FCCAA is proud to be associated with FACC not only with our offices located in the FACC building but with so many FACC members assisting the students in their learning through co-curricular events we sponsor. We would encourage you to keep up with us through our website, [www.flccaa.org](http://www.flccaa.org)







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## 60 Years of FACC Making a Difference: THE DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

FACC will celebrate its 60th Anniversary during this year's Convention at the Doubletree Orlando (formerly the International Plaza) November 18 – 20th. Attendees can anticipate a new and exciting format on Wednesday for the Opening General Session (where Dr. Jill Biden has been invited to speak) and a newly enhanced Exhibitor's Reception. Afterward, everyone is invited to join FACC at the Denim & Diamonds Welcome Party at BB Kings at Point Orlando.

A full day of Professional Development unfolds on Thursday, November 19th with more than 32 Concurrent Educational Sessions beginning at 9:15 am and running until 4 pm. The Anniversary Celebration kicks into overdrive during the Pre-Gala Reception where attendees will bid on items at the FACC Foundations' Silent Auction. Following the Reception, the Presidential Gala will feature the Professor of the Year Award Winner and a special tribute for the Association's 60 Years of accomplishments will be made to the Past Presidents & Past Executive Directors.

Also during the Presidential Gala, the LeRoy Collins Alumni Awards return with the Lifetime Achievement Award, Rising Star Award, and the Against the Odds Award winners. The evening will culminate with the announcement of the Silent Auction winners and the Street Talk Orchestra and a Champagne Toast.

With something for everyone, the 60th Anniversary Convention promises to offer an impressive array of activities from region and chapter officers' meetings to concurrent workshop sessions sponsored by FACC Commissions. Also look for great door prizes, cash prizes for visiting exhibitors, and networking opportunities. You will also be able to take a walk down memory lane in the FACC Memorabilia Room as you look back at the Association's history. Many thanks are owed to the men and women who laid the foundation for today's Association.

For more information on the 60th Anniversary Convention, please visit the FACC website at [www.facc.org](http://www.facc.org). Join us in as we celebrate 60 Years of FACC Making a Difference!

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# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE (Subject to Change)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

12:00pm – 1:00pm	Executive Committee Lunch (off-site)	
10:00am – 6:00pm	Awards Committee	<i>Coral B</i>
11:00am – 11:59pm	Internet Room Setup	<i>Mediterranean A</i>
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting	<i>Room #205</i>
3:00pm – 6:00pm	Registration Desk Open	<i>Caribbean A/B</i>
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Region Director's/Convention Planning Reception	<i>Room #21723</i>
6:30pm – 9:00pm	FACC Board of Directors Dinner Meeting	<i>Florida Bay</i>

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

8:00am – 5:00pm	Registration Desk Open	<i>Caribbean A/B</i>
8:00am – 9:00am	Museum, Community Service, Door Prizes	<i>Mediterranean A</i>
8:00am – 3:00pm	Chapter/Region/Commission Displays and Auctions	<i>Florida/Tampa Pre-Function</i>
8:00am – 10:00pm	COP Funding Committee	<i>Tampa Bay 1</i>
9:00am – 10:00pm	COP Steering Committee	<i>Room #205</i>
9:00am – 12:00pm	Awards Committee	<i>Coral B</i>
9:00am – 10:00am	Bylaws Committee	<i>Coral A</i>
10:00am – 12:00pm	COP Business Meeting	<i>Florida Bay Ballroom</i>
10:00am – 12:00pm	Student Development Commission Board	<i>Coral A</i>
11:00am – 3:00pm	Exhibits Open	<i>Indian/Pacific</i>
11:00am – 7:00pm	Internet Room Open	<i>Mediterranean B</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	COP Luncheon	<i>Biscayne Bay</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Retiree Members Luncheon	<i>Mediterranean C</i>
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Chapters Officers Meeting	<i>Pensacola Bay</i>
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Retirees Commission Meeting	<i>Coral A</i>
1:30pm – 3:00pm	COP Media Committee	<i>Tampa Bay 3</i>
1:30pm – 3:00pm	COP PECO Committee	<i>Tampa Bay 1</i>
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Faculty Commission Board	<i>Coral B</i>
2:00pm – 3:00pm	First Timers Orientation	<i>Tampa Bay 2</i>
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Region I	<i>Florida Bay 1</i>
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Region II	<i>Florida Bay 2</i>
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Region III	<i>Florida Bay 3</i>
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Region IV	<i>Biscayne Bay</i>
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Region V	<i>Pensacola Bay</i>
4:45pm – 6:30pm	Opening General Session	<i>Arctic/Atlantic</i>
6:30pm – 7:30pm	Welcome Reception with Exhibitors/Sponsors	<i>Indian/Pacific</i>
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Past FACC Presidents Reception	<i>17th Floor Lounge (Tower)</i>
7:00pm – 9:00am	COP Chair Dinner (invitation only)	<i>Mediterranean C</i>
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Dinner Break (on your own)	
9:00pm – 12:00am	Welcome Party	<i>B.B. Kings Blues Club (Point Orlando)</i>

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009

7:30am – 9:00am	Commission Board Meetings (by request)	
8:00am – 12:00pm	Registration Desk Open	<i>Caribbean A/B</i>

8:00am – 6:00pm	Internet Room Open	<i>Mediterranean B</i>
8:00am – 1:00pm	Exhibits Open (Morning Coffee, Noon Snack)	<i>Indian/Pacific/Atlantic</i>
8:00am – 4:00pm	Chapter/Region/Commission Displays and Auctions	<i>Florida/Tampa Pre-Function</i>
9:30am – 3:00pm	Trustees Commission Annual Meeting	<i>Superior</i>
9:15am – 10:15am	Baccalaureate Approval Process Revisions	<i>Tampa Bay 1</i>
9:15am – 10:15am	Instructional Innovation Commission: Use of Web Conferencing Tools to Enhance Online Learning	<i>Biscayne Bay</i>
9:15am – 10:15am	Healthcare Educators Commission: H1N1 Update	<i>Coral B</i>
9:15am – 10:15am	Adult & Continuing Education Commission: Center for Service Excellence	<i>Pensacola Bay</i>
9:15am – 10:15am	Community College Legal Issues Presents: FERPA Update: What You Need to Know... This Year	<i>Florida Bay 2</i>
9:15am – 10:15am	Technology Commission Presents: “Shift Happens”, Academic Success for Criminal Justice Officers” and “Shifting from Chalkboards to Collaborative Web Pages”	<i>Tampa Bay 3</i>
9:15am – 10:15am	Bisk Education University Alliance Presents: A World Class Online Solution Coming to Your Community College	<i>Florida Bay 3</i>
9:15am – 10:15am	Facilities Commission Presents: Facilities Exemplary Practice	<i>Florida Bay 1</i>
9:15am – 10:15am	Creating an Environment Where Everyone Gives Their Best	<i>Coral A</i>
9:15am – 10:15am	Podcasting: Pearls and pitfalls	<i>Tampa Bay 2</i>
10:15am – 10:45am	Exhibit Hall Break with Coffee and Sodas	<i>Indian/Pacific</i>
10:45am – 11:45am	Faculty Commission Presents: 2009 Professor of the Year Award for Teaching Excellence Competition	<i>Florida Bay 1</i>
10:45am – 11:45am	Student Development Commission Presents: Welcome & Engagement Team PHCC	<i>Tampa Bay 1</i>
10:45am – 11:45am	Institutional Advancement Commission Presents: Exemplary Practice Awards	<i>Coral B</i>
10:45am – 11:45am	How We Got Smart: Implementing the Key QEP Ingredient—Employee Enthusiasm	<i>Biscayne Bay</i>
10:45am – 11:45am	A Vision of Leadership	<i>Tampa Bay 2</i>
10:45am – 11:45am	Emergency! Do you KNOW what to do?	<i>Florida Bay 3</i>
10:45am – 11:45am	Helping Florida’s Students with Research Proven, 24/7 Online Tutoring	<i>Tampa Bay 3</i>
10:45am – 11:45am	Streamlining Digital Video Service for campus-wide deployment,	<i>Pensacola Bay</i>
11:00am – 12:00pm	FACC Foundation Board	<i>Okeechobee 1</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch (Kiosk Lunch in Exhibit Hall-Tentative)	
12:00pm – 1:15pm	Trustees Commission Luncheon and Business Meeting	<i>Superior</i>
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Trustees Commission Florida Workforce Panel Discussion	<i>Michigan</i>
1:30pm – 2:30 pm	Today’s College Student 2.0	<i>Biscayne Bay</i>
1:30pm – 2:30 pm	Benefits of Online Learning for Colleges with Automotive Programs & No Budget	<i>Tampa Bay 2</i>
1:30pm – 2:30 pm	Institutional Effectiveness, Planning, and Professional Development Commission Presents: One College, One Faculty: Bridging the Gap through Adjunct Support	<i>Pensacola Bay</i>

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## Schedule At A Glance *(Continued from page 13.)*

1:30pm – 2:30 pm	Occupational and Workforce Education Commission Presents: Career Pathways 101:An Education and Economic Innovation Strategy	<i>Florida Bay 2</i>
1:30pm – 2:30 pm	College Funding 101	<i>Tampa Bay 1</i>
1:30pm – 2:30 pm	Career & Professional Employees Commission Presents: Exemplary Practices	<i>Florida Bay 1</i>
1:30pm – 2:30 pm	Administration Commission Presents:Personal Finance 101	<i>Tampa Bay 3</i>
1:30pm – 2:30 pm	Leadership that Sizzles:Recipes for Success	<i>Florida Bay 3</i>
1:30pm – 2:30 pm	The Next Generation of Community College Leaders	<i>Coral A</i>
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Exhibit Hall Break with Sodas and Snacks	<i>Indian/Pacific</i>
3:00pm – 4:00 pm	Institutional Effectiveness, Planning, and Professional Development Commission Presents:A Comprehensive Multi-Method Survey Model to Gather Information from Recent Alumni & Their Employees	<i>Mediterranean C</i>
3:00pm – 4:00 pm	Student Development Commission Presents:Addressing Critical Issues Confronting Student Development:A Time for Responsive Change Synopsis	<i>Florida Bay 1</i>
3:00pm – 4:00 pm	Equity Commissions Presents:Exemplary Practices	<i>Biscayne Bay</i>
3:00pm – 4:00 pm	Using Business Intelligence Systems	<i>Tampa Bay 2</i>
3:00pm – 4:00 pm	Ten Cool Tools:Ways to Accelerate your Classroom	<i>Florida Bay 2</i>
3:00pm – 4:00 pm	Universal Design:Blending Accessibility with Availability in Assistive Technology	<i>Coral A</i>
3:00pm – 4:00 pm	Social Media 101	<i>Florida Bay 3</i>
3:00pm – 4:00 pm	Learning Resources Commission Presents:Exemplary Practices	<i>Tampa Bay 1</i>
3:00pm – 4:00 pm	An A+ Effort at Miami Dade College to Enhance Student Success and Retention through Innovative Tutoring Methods and Technology	<i>Tampa Bay 3</i>
3:00pm – 4:00 pm	Honoring our Retirees	<i>Coral B</i>
4:30pm – 5:30pm	FACC Bylaws Review and Candidate Forum	<i>Arctic</i>
5:45pm – 6:30pm	Leroy Collins Award Reception (by invitation only)	<i>Okeechobee 1</i>
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Cash Bar Reception and Silent Auctions	<i>Great Lakes Pre-Function</i>
7:00pm – 9:00pm	60th Anniversary Gala Dinner	<i>Great Lakes Ballroom</i>
9:30pm – 12:00am	60th Anniversary Gala with Street Talk Orchestra, Coffee and Cake Champagne Toast	<i>Great Lakes Ballroom</i>

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009

7:30am - 9:30am	Voting for Officers	<i>Coral B</i>
8:00am – 11:00am	Internet Room Open	<i>Mediterranean B</i>
8:00am – 11:00am	Silent Auction Pick Up	<i>Caribbean A/B</i>
8:00am – 9:00am	Incoming FACC Commission Chairs	<i>Coral A</i>
8:00am – 9:00am	Incoming FACC Region Directors	<i>Mediterranean C</i>
8:30am – 9:30am	2010 Legislative Preview	<i>Indian/Pacific</i>
10:00am – 11:15am	2009 Assembly of Delegates Meeting	<i>Indian/Pacific</i>
11:30am – 1:00pm	Closing Luncheon	<i>Arctic/Atlantic</i>



# 2009 Convention Service Project is Announced

As we prepare to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of FACC, it is also time to begin preparations for the 2009 Convention Service Project. This year, acting upon a suggestion from our friends at Indian River State College, we are going to collect items to send to the men and women who are serving our nation overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We will collect items and package them at convention to mail overseas. Attached you will find a complete list of items that are suitable for the boxes. General categories include candy, correspondence, dental items, drinks, food, printed materials, toiletries, games, music, seasonal items, and many other suggestions. The only items that we need to be careful not to include are aerosol spray cans of any type.

We will distribute the boxes in two ways. First, we know that many of our members have family serving overseas. Chapters should collect the names and

addresses of those folks, and Tina Ingramm, our tireless FACC Executive Assistant in Tallahassee, will collect those names and compile a list for convention. Send those to Tina via e-mail at [tingramm@facc.org](mailto:tingramm@facc.org). Please have all names and addresses to Tina by November 9, 2009.

In the hopes that we will collect way more items than we can pack into those boxes, we have also been in touch with Operation Shoebox, a Florida-based organization that organizes items to send to the troops. Once

One anonymous donor has already agreed to cover postage costs for this year's project. We will still need some cash for other supplies and support, so keep in mind that cash donations are also great as we organize leading up to convention.

Once again this year, let's gather our resources and really make a difference as an organization! Every year when we stand back and look at all the items we have collected, it is clear to anyone who wants to know that FACC members are the best

**Every year when we stand back and look at all the items we have collected, it is clear to anyone who wants to know that FACC members are the best and most generous folks in all the state of Florida.**

we know how much we have to send, they will help us organize shipments to unit commanders or chaplains who can distribute the items where they are most needed.

and most generous folks in all the state of Florida. Get your chapters moving and join us for another successful Convention Service Project. 📦



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# FACC News & Events

## Chapter Headlines

### PHCC Chapter of FACC Challenges its Members to a Cook-Off

For the second year in a row, the PHCC Chapter of FACC hosted its FACC Fall Culinary Challenge on the New Port Richey and Dade City campuses. This year members were challenged to create, cook, and present a delicious dessert in one of two categories: Figure Friendly or Full of Fat. Contestants were FACC members, but any employee was encouraged to attend, taste, and vote on their favorite dessert.

Proving herself the winner of the New Port Richey Full of Fat category, Laura Kelly was awarded first prize with her recipe for Layered Chocolate Pound Cake, a delicious concoction of chocolate pudding, cake, and whipped cream. She won a \$30 gift card to Sioux City Steakhouse. The second place winner was Sharon Yuninger, with her recipe for Key Lime Tarts. She was excited to present such a delectable dessert and for her hard work, she won a cooking-themed gift basket. Maria Fiene was the winner of the Figure Friendly category with her recipe for Punkin' Puddin', a mouth-watering dessert without the guilt. She won a \$30 gift card to Longhorn Steakhouse. The second place



L to R: Culinary Challenge Winners Sharon Yuninger, staff assistant, health programs; Laura Kelly, academic advisor; Marcia Kielar, chapter president; Maria Fiene, advisor, financial aid; and Jessica White, coordinator of student activities.

winner was Jessica White with her recipe for Light Whipped Dream, a scrumptious play on ice cream, strawberries, and whipped cream. Jessica also received a cooking-themed gift basket.

Dade City campus employees only had submissions for the Full of Fat category. The winner was Kelli Hayes with her tantalizing Awesome Cheesecake, loaded with yummy raspberries and

cherries. She won a Publix gift card.

The Challenge proved to be an excellent social event for PHCC, ensuring the notion that college employees definitely have a sweet tooth. In addition to the competition, recipe books featuring all of the dessert recipes and the appetizer recipes from last year's challenge were sold for \$3 each. 📖



### Chipola FACC Marches For Babies

Chipola's FACC, in partnership with the Chipola clubs and organizations, recently raised over \$500 to help in the March of Dimes fight to end birth defects. 📖

Pictured are FACC members and future members (left to right), Matt White (holding Bella) and his brother David, Rachel West, Evelyn Ward, Paige Vanderwerf, Alice Pendergrass, Angie Tyler, Paige's son Gage, Melinda Sherrill, and Becky Davis.



## Chapter Headlines

### South Florida Community College Hosts "Inside/Outside" Artist Reception



Featured artists Cathy Futral (*above left*) and Richard Reddig (*above right*) spoke about their work during South Florida Community College's Museum of Florida Art and Culture's (MOFAC) "Inside/Outside" artist reception. SFCC's FACC chapter sponsored the exhibit to support Futral, a long-time FACC member. Futral and Reddig gave advice about how they prepare before embarking on a project, such as determining what times of day cast the best lighting and shadows, photographing the same locations over many years, and not being afraid to start over if something doesn't work. 📷



Cathy Futral discusses her use of watercolors in her painting, "Pinewood Recital"

## Region Roundup

### Scaring Up Some Answers at the Region II Conference

On Friday, September 25, 2009, nearly 50 attendees gathered at St. Johns River Community College's St. Augustine Campus for the 2009 Region II Conference. Florida State College Jacksonville, Lake City Community College, North Florida Community College, Santa Fe College, and St. Johns River Community College were all represented at the conference. In addition to members from all five Region II colleges, FACC Executive Director/CEO Michael Brawer, FACC President Dr. Will Benedicks, Vice-President for Regions and Chapters Dennis Stork, FACC Associate Executive Director for Membership Marsha Kiner, and FACC Membership Database Coordinator Adrienne Bryant joined chapter members for the day of professional development and networking.



The conference was entitled "Scaring Up Some Answers: Leaders in the Florida College System Tackle Today's Tough Questions" and in keeping with that had a Halloween theme. As attendees arrived at SJRCC's Criminal Justice Center, they were greeted by signage advising them to "Beware" and "Enter at Your Own Risk," and attendees enjoyed conference registration totes that double as Trick-or-Treat bags.

SJRCC St. Augustine Campus Provost Dr. Glen Moore and FACC President Dr. Will Benedicks got the meeting started with warm welcomes, and the ice breaker continued the spooky theme. FACC's Michael Brawer was on hand to provide the attendees with a most informative FACC and Legislative



Update, and his presentation was followed by SJRCC President Joe Pickens who spoke about the importance of FACC and the challenges for and changing role of community colleges in Florida today.

Wrapping up the morning session were FACC's Marsha Kiner and Adrienne Bryant who shared important information about the 2009 Convention, Membership

Recruitment, and running for FACC State Office. Additionally, each Region II chapter delivered an update on their chapter's activities.

Following the morning session, participants were shuttled by College bus and vans to historic downtown St. Augustine where the group lunched in a private dining room in the restaurant 95 Cordova located within the Casa Monica Hotel. Before returning to campus, conference attendees had time to briefly peruse the lobby of the historic hotel which is home to an art gallery and several shops.

After returning to campus, Dr. Michelle Wilcox, SJRCC's Dean of Business, Computer, and Construction Technology Education facilitated a professional development session entitled "Online Collaboration and Social Networking: Implications for Your FACC Chapter." All attendees left the session with a list of free online collaboration tools that can be used to facilitate planning and resource exchange. The conference wrapped up with seemingly endless door prizes and promises for Region II members to meet again at Convention in November. Numerous pictures are available online at <http://sjrcc.edu/FACC/pastevents.htm>. 📷

## Kudos

### Seminole State's Community Pathfinder Award Goes to Dede Schaffner

Seminole State College of Florida President Dr. E. Ann McGee presented this year's Community Pathfinder Award to Dede Schaffner, who served on the college's board of trustees for 10 years.

Schaffner, who is chairman of the Seminole County School Board, served as chairman of the college's board from 1999-2001 and is also on the board of directors for the SCC Foundation.

A respected advocate of public education, Schaffner is also a Seminole State alumna. In 1984 she and her late husband, Bill, started the first Dream Auction, the SCC Foundation's biggest fund-raiser. The auction, now known as the Dream Gala, has generated more than \$1.5 million to help students pay for their education.

"I'm a Seminole State graduate who sees how my time there opened the world for me," Schaffner says. "I have a passion for what the college is all about."

The Pathfinder Award, presented during the collegewide Convocation on Sept. 29, recognizes those who strive to make a difference at Seminole State.

Schaffner earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's in education administration and supervision from the University of Central Florida. She is a three-time Walt Disney Community Service Award winner and has received more than 10 regional and national citations for her community efforts.

Most recently, Schaffner was named the recipient of the 2009 Southern Regional Trustee Leadership Award by the Association of Community College Trustees. She will receive the award at



the annual meeting of the ACCT in San Francisco Oct. 8-10.

This year's Convocation, an annual gathering of faculty and staff, was the college's first as Seminole State College of Florida. The former Seminole Community College changed its name Sept. 21. 📺

### Broward College Graduate Susan Hassmiller Wins Lifetime Achievement Award

Susan B. Hassmiller, senior adviser for nursing for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and a graduate of Broward College, has been named recipient of the Florida Association of Community Colleges' Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the three LeRoy Collins Distinguished Community College Alumni Awards presented annually.



Susan B. Hassmiller

The other honorees are the Rising Star Award recipient, Ryan Blanco, from St. John's River Community College and Against the Odds Award winner, Melinda Thackrah, of St. Petersburg College.

A native of southern Broward County, Hassmiller began her life's journey in nursing at what was then Broward Community College. Graduating with an Associate of Science in Nursing degree in 1974, Hassmiller said she received the best education in basic nursing there, and credits the school with instilling in her the importance of giving back to her community. When

asked about her instructors at Broward, Hassmiller, said "they absolutely inspired me to go on."

"Dr. Hassmiller has never forgotten where she gained her roots in the profession of nursing," wrote Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr., in Hassmiller's Collins Award nomination.

Hassmiller, a resident of Princeton Junction, N.J., went on to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing and master's degree in health education from Florida State University. She earned a second master's degree in community health nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and earned a Ph.D. in nursing administration and health

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## Kudos

### St. Johns River Community College's Paula Harris Recognized at Trustees' Meeting

St. Johns River Community College's FACC Publications Chair Paula Harris was recognized at a meeting of SJRCC's Board of Trustees for her dedication to FACC both within her Chapter and at the state-level.

Paula has served FACC tirelessly since she joined the College more than ten years ago, and she holds the current position of FACC SJRCC Chapter Publications Chair. She was integral in ensuring the success of September's Region II Conference which was hosted by SJRCC, and in keeping with the standard she set in previous years, she personally raised more money than any other FACC officer or member during the Chapter's Fall Fundraiser.

At the 2008 Convention, Paula volunteered as a major event photographer and personally captured many of the images which chronicle the 59th annual meeting of the Association. In a letter from FACC Tallahassee to SJRCC's President, Paula was described



SJRCC Trustees and President Joe Pickens applaud Paula Harris for her dedication and service to FACC.

as having gone "above and beyond by covering events and ensuring that (FACC) would have photographs to document each moment of each event.... Paula's willingness to serve without hesitation was noteworthy."

The Trustees and College President

thanked Paula for her service to FACC and SJRCC and applauded her for her representation of the College. Paula Harris works in the Publications Department at the Palatka Campus of St. Johns River Community College. 📷

### Hassmiller Award *(Continued from page 19.)*

policy from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

In her current position as senior adviser for nursing and director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Initiative on the Future of Nursing at the Institute of Medicine, she was drawn to the foundation's organizational advocacy for the less fortunate and underserved. At the foundation, she leads the initiative to identify solutions for nursing in the areas of recruitment, education, retention, new technologies and the delivery of nursing services in a variety of care settings.

A volunteer with the American Red Cross since college, Hassmiller has been involved in disaster relief efforts

in the United States and abroad. She was in the Midwest after tornadoes have struck, in South Florida following Hurricane Andrew, in New York after the September 11th Twin Towers tragedy, and in Indonesia following the 2004 tsunami. She serves as senior adviser to the American Red Cross on nursing and disaster programming, and is the chair of its National 9/11 Oversight Commission.

This summer, she was named recipient of the International Committees of the Red Cross' Florence Nightingale Medal, nursing's highest international honor. On October 3 she was presented the Broward College Foundation's 2009 Distinguished

Alumni award at the Second Annual Tripp Scott Lyceum Awards. The honor recognizes graduates of Broward College who have demonstrated significant contributions in the areas of professional, civic or public life.

Speaking of the importance and role of community colleges in nursing, Hassmiller said "Up to 70 percent of nurses in this country come from community colleges." She said colleagues often try to persuade her of the value of community college trained nurses and "I tell them I started out at Broward Community College; you don't need to convince me of the importance of community college trained nurses." 📷



## Kudos

### Excellence in Technology Award from FACC Technology Commission Announced

This past April 16-17, 2009 the FACC Technology Commission held their Spring Commission Conference. Several FACC members and college employees presented their submission of a "best practice" idea emphasizing the use of technology to increase effectiveness in learning and program development.

The winner of this "Excellence in Technology" award from the FACC Technology Commission is Mr. Adam Martin from South Florida Community College. He will receive the prize of \$500 at the FACC Convention in November when he presents his best practice idea for the entire state. Mr. Martin's best practice was titled: "Academic Success for Criminal Justice Officers". His presentation was engaging, showed an excellent use of technology to grow his program. This idea was one that could be replicated by other institutions around the state easily.

The second place winner in this same award event was Mr. Erik Christensen from South Florida Community College. Mr. Christensen shared his best practice titled: "Shifting from Chalkboards to Collaborative Web Pages". He will receive his award of \$325 at the FACC Convention in November when he presents his best

practice idea for the entire state. Mr. Christensen had a very innovative best practice idea detailing use of free software to increase collaboration at the program and departmental levels. He also had an excellent use of technology and a best practice that was very scalable.

The third place winner in this same award event was Mr. Mike Pelitera from Indian River State College. Mr. Pelitera shared his best practice titled: "Shift Happens". He will receive his award of \$175 at the FACC Convention in November when he presents his best practice idea for the entire state. Mr. Pelitera also had a very innovative best practice idea detailing incorporating basic computer and multimedia education as well as exposure to "higher education" with middle-school students through exploring a partnership between IRSC and a local middle school. Mr. Pelitera showed wonderful examples of student success in their classroom due to the partnership program.



Winner of this "Excellence in Technology" is Mr. Adam Martin from South Florida Community College.

We are very proud of these three FACC Technology Commission members and employees. They truly represent FACC's commitment to using innovative technology to increase academic success. Congratulations gentlemen!

If you'd like more information on the award, the other winner, or the FACC Technology Commission, please contact Melanie Morgan-Jackson at [jacksonm@southflorida.edu](mailto:jacksonm@southflorida.edu).

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## Save the Date...

**FACC Leadership Conference**  
**February 11-12, 2010**  
**Renaissance Marriott at**  
**St. Johns County Convention Center**

## Kudos

### SJRCC graduate Ryan Blanco wins Rising Star Award

*Ryan Blanco, R.Ph., owner of Island Family Pharmacy in St. Augustine, has been named the recipient of the Florida Association of Community Colleges "Rising Star Award." The award is one of the three LeRoy Collins Distinguished Alumni awards presented during the FACC annual convention in November. Blanco was nominated for this award by SJRCC's FACC Chapter.*

As the owner of a thriving business, Ryan Blanco, R.Ph., believes in the power of customer service. One may ask the 33-year-old pharmacist how the complex science of compounding and dispensing of medications is interrelated to communicating and relationships. Blanco says it is an essential counterbalance. Putting people first is a trait he says he learned to appreciate by attending a community college.

Blanco began working toward his associate in arts degree at St. Johns River Community College as a dual enrollment student and found that his local community college not only satisfied his math and science prerequisites for a university transfer, but also provided him with the confidence and foundation to continue his education away from home. Blanco said his experience at St. Johns gave him an appreciation for the personal attention he now devotes to his customers and the community.

"I chose to stay close to home and attend a community college. The one-on-one time with my professors was a huge deal, especially with the type of classes I was taking in preparation for a degree in pharmacy," Blanco said. "With science and math classes, everything builds on what you learned the day before. To let one lesson go with one unanswered question could have snowballed into an unsuccessful semester. The professors were willing to work with me and were so personable."

Blanco said it was hard to appreciate that type of relationship until he transferred to the university level. "I was shuffled into classes with hundreds of students where in some cases I never even met the instructor," he said.

Blanco said the relationships he built at St. Johns River Community College helped to shape who he is today. "My experiences at St. Johns helped me realize I wanted my career to be connected to a community and not just a matter of

finance." As the manager and owner of Island Family Pharmacy in St. Augustine, Blanco said he is there for his customers and can relate to how personal attention can make a difference in someone's day and in someone's life. "That is much of the reason I decided to return home and open an independent pharmacy, to have a means of building patient and community relationships."

While Blanco has been voted the best local pharmacist for the last seven years, his dedication to community relationships extends through his support of organizations such as the Good Samaritan Clinic and the Epic Community Services.

Ryan Blanco is a young professional who, at the age of 28, had the foundation and determination to begin his own business based on a solid education and a sense of community. He is proof of how a few extra minutes of attention given during crucial moments can turn into a lifetime of paying it forward. 🌟

### 2009 Apollo Award Winner Receives State Award

St. Petersburg College alumnus Melinda Thackrah, is the winner of the LeRoy Collins Distinguished Community College Award in the category of Against All Odds.

Thackrah came to SPC after a motorcycle accident. She had been riding with a friend when she was hit by a car, leading to an 11-week stay in Bayfront Medical Center. That treatment was followed by a year of rehabilitation.

The accident also marked the end of her career as a welder and fabricator. Upon the recommendation of a counselor, Thackrah decided to explore the opportunities offered at SPC. After taking the college placement test, she was invited to enroll in the Honors Interdisciplinary Studies program.

"That brought me back to life," Thackrah said.

Once at the college, she became active in Phi Theta Kappa (and became a member of the Phi Theta Kappa All-Florida Academic Team) and was elected president of the Honors College Student Consortium, eventually receiving the 2008 SPC Honors College Scholar of the Year award.

On a whim, Thackrah decided to take a ceramics course. She wasn't sure if she could succeed in the class because she didn't have full use of her left hand, but she went forward anyway. Her instructors were impressed with her work.

"They said 'wow, just think what you could do with two good hands,'" Thackrah said.

After taking Ceramics II, her instructors suggested she apply to different summer arts programs. Although she was accepted into two arts programs, she only attended one – the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle, Maine. She now attends New College of Florida in Sarasota.

"I dropped out of school in the 11th grade and was accepted into one of the pre-eminent liberal arts colleges in the country," Thackrah said. "I wouldn't have been able to do that without St. Petersburg College and the open-door policy of community colleges."

"I have often said that my family and friends helped me survive the accident, but SPC gave me back my life." 🌟

## In Y our Words

*Current* is launching a new section that will allow members to share their own stories, thoughts and opinions giving readers the chance to interact with each other more. Begin thinking about which of the four categories you would like to submit to In Your Words.

**Favorite Thing** – What is your favorite thing about your institution, department or division, program, or even a favorite tradition.

**Tips** – Give us your tips for addressing common problems during registration, staffing issues, or other challenging situations that arise in higher education on your campus.

**Have you Heard This** – Share interesting information you have learned at a professional development seminar or session. You could also share an inspiring quote or some great highlight point you have heard recently.

**Letters** – Send us your questions or suggestions of topics you would like to see *Current* cover in the next edition or highlight on the FACC website.

*In Your Words* submissions should be 50 to 200 words (depending on the topic) and submitted to Tina Ingramm at [tingramm@facc.org](mailto:tingramm@facc.org).

## Seminole Community College is now Seminole State College of Florida

Seminole Community College is now Seminole State College of Florida.

The District Board of Trustees unanimously approved renaming the 44-year-old institution during its regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 21. The change takes effect immediately.

“The new name honors our past while setting forth our path to the future,” said College President Dr. E. Ann McGee.

McGee said the College’s core mission, to maintain an open-door admissions policy that responds to the community’s needs, will remain unchanged.

Seminole State will begin offering its first baccalaureate degree, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Interior Design, in January. Other baccalaureate programs also are being explored.

“I appreciate the fact that they kept Seminole in the name,” said Rachel Clarke, student government vice president for the Sanford/Lake Mary Campus. “I’m proud of the name because of its history and tradition in the state of Florida as well as in the county.”

On Aug. 3, McGee announced that the school would change its name. The College reached out to the community, taking submissions in a Web survey through Sept. 1. Of the 3,422 names submitted, 1,007 were unique. A

committee then narrowed the names to three.

The name change will not affect tuition, which will remain at Florida College System levels. No extensive additional costs will be associated with the new name, according to College estimates.

The new name takes effect as the College completes an \$85 million makeover of its Sanford/Lake Mary Campus. The state allocated \$700,000 for signage improvements, which were put on hold until the new name was determined to reduce costs.

Last year, the Florida Legislature created the Florida College System and empowered the state’s community colleges to change their names when adding four-year degrees.

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Seminole State is one of 13 state colleges approved to offer bachelor’s degrees. The other 12 colleges already have officially adopted a name change. The College changed its name once before, from Seminole Junior College in 1975. The new name will be submitted to state lawmakers this spring for formal approval. 📍



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