



Florida legislative session to begin March 4th

Budget revision bill boosts community colleges

The Florida Legislature will convene March 4th in what should be a very active and important year for issues relating to the state's community colleges.

After a year in which budget cuts dominated Florida's legislative docket, the State Legislature put together a package of budget revisions that gave community colleges some relief. Gov. Charlie Crist signed the bills on October 29, 2007 and wrote in an accompanying letter, "Though fully aware of the state's revenue projections and the need to reduce expenditures, I have specific concerns with some of the reductions. I want

all concerned parties to understand that piecemeal approaches to our higher education system are unacceptable to me."

The new law increases tuition at Florida community colleges by about \$29 for students taking 12 credit hours. Florida voters approved Amendment 1 on January 29, 2008, a bill that has wide-ranging implications for the education, including the prevention of tuition increases for community colleges in the state. Governor Crist has recommended \$33.5 billion in funding for education as a whole.

More 2007-08 budget cuts

On March 12, 2008, the Legislature is scheduled to take up additional cuts for the 2007-2008 budget years due to the continued decline of state revenues. Community colleges will suffer an additional \$15 million cut in operating funds bringing the total cut for the year to \$38.4 million (3.3 %). The cuts to all community college state appropriations, including Baccalaureate programs, matching, Succeed, etc. takes the total cuts to \$39.9 million or 3.2% of the appropriation passed by the Legislature last year. The 2007-2008 Revised Appropriation can be found on the FACC website at: www.facc.org/cuts.

Official Enrollment Estimates

On March 4, 2008, the Community College Enrollment Estimating Conference approved the 2007-08 FTE Estimate of 307,046. This represents an increase of 20,291 FTE or 7.1% over 2006-07. In terms of unduplicated headcount, Florida's community colleges will be serving 54,000 more students in 2007-08 than they did in 2006-07.

News from community colleges...

FCCJ adds bachelor degree offerings - the Florida State Board of Education has approved an application from the Florida Community College at Jacksonville (FCCJ) to offer bachelor degrees in business, computer networking and nursing. These new programs are scheduled to be introduced in the Fall of 2008. Each of three degree courses of study will consist of 120 credit hours and associate of science degree credits will articulate into the bachelors programs. These new degrees join FCCJ's first bachelors degree in fire science management.

Miami Dade College receives grant from State Farm - State Farm's Youth Advisory Board has granted Miami Dade College (MDC) nearly \$70,000 for service-learning projects, citing the school's long tradition of outstanding initiatives in this area. The insurance company announced that it will award more than \$4.8 million in 2008 and that MDC is one of only 68 organizations in the United States and Canada to receive a service-learning, youth-led grant. The college is the one of only seven organizations in Florida to be so honored. MDC's Future Educators of America student organization is part of the contingent that sought and successfully captured this important grant in an effort "to address the issues of access and achievement, and infusion of service-learning into the MDC School of Education and Miami Dade County Public Schools."

SFCC film competes in Cuban Film Institute festival - a film entitled, "Dance of My Heart," the story about the life and work of Alberto Alonso, premiered at the Festival of New Filmmakers organized by the Cuban Film Institute. The film was produced by Santa Fe Community College (SFCC). The premier took place in early March 2007 and documents choreographer Alonso's life's work. He was the co-founder of the Cuban National Ballet and a master artist-in-residence at SFCC until his death at age 90 on December 31, 2007.

Girls Get IT active and expanding

Girls Get IT (Information Technology) announced that it has successfully opened a new chapter in Miami. The organization is a joint project of the Florida Department of Education and the networking giant, Cisco Systems, Inc. IT's mission is "To create a network in Florida that offers girls and young women exciting opportunities to connect and explore the worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math that lead to rewarding careers and better their lives."

The inaugural Miami event was held at John A. Ferguson Senior High School. This all day program will be followed soon with similar gatherings at Central High, MAST and Felix Varela Senior High Schools. The intent is to provide a forum in which young ladies can further educate themselves about IT, science, engineering and math.

Edison College considering on-campus collegiate high school

The Charlotte Campus of Edison College is exploring the idea of creating an on-campus high school that would serve grades 9 through 12. The school would focus on education competencies, critical thinking and service learning and, if considered feasible, could open as early as Fall 2009. It would offer a rigorous curriculum that would give students the chance to earn an associate in arts degree by the time they finish high school.

The dual enrollment program would enable the students to design a customized course of study in collaboration with parents and an academic advisor. The curriculum will meet all Florida Statutory requirements and the A.A. would qualify for transfer to Florida colleges and universities.

If this concept moves forward, an inaugural class of 100 ninth graders would be planned for 2009 and an eventual capacity of 400 students would be accepted. All Charlotte County students will be eligible for admission.

Leadership Conference gets year started right!

More than 70 FACC leaders from around the state converged on Cocoa Beach for the annual Leadership Conference on January 31 and February 1. Chapter, commission, and region leaders were challenged to set early goals and priorities for the year. FACC President Carol Quinn encouraged attendees to remain committed to the organization and the role it has in the state on behalf of its members and member institutions. Ever mindful of the challenges ahead and the budget shortfalls, FACC now more than ever before is vitally important to the system.

FACC CEO Mike Comins also expressed the importance of statewide leaders understanding the important advocacy role of the Association. Comins provided an overview of the linkages between the colleges, the Division of Community Colleges, the Council of Presidents, Trustees, and the FACC Board of Directors. With one focus and one voice, the Association has been able to tell the system's stories and garner support like never before in the history of the organization. The strength of the Association is its unified voice and its membership.

Sessions were facilitated by VP of Regions and Chapters Evelyn Ward and VP and VP-Elect of Commissions Dixie Yeager and Bianca Rodriguez highlighting best practices statewide for chapters and commissions. Early planning, brainstorming ideas, and involvement and engagement in chapter goals will help to set the stage for a successful year. Viable commissions have bylaws and annual goals. Yearly review of commission goals and priorities will lead to commission success and growth. Attendees discussed statewide best practices on membership and leadership recruitment, fundraisers, socials, community service activities, and political activities. Tips on negotiating hotel contracts, securing sponsors for conferences and garnering support from administrators for chapter activities were also shared.

Membership is the cornerstone of the Association. All chapters were challenged to meet set chapter goals established by state leaders to increase the Association's membership. Viable chapters and commissions motivate, inspire, and attract members. With one focus and one voice promoting and supporting the community colleges and their employees, FACC will continue to be the key advocate for members and system institutions statewide. The conference ended with chapter, region, and commission leaders accepting the challenge to make membership a priority this year.



On Cocoa Beach during the Leadership Conference. From left are Marian Smith from Seminole Community College, Mike Pelitera from Indian River Community College, Bianca Rodriguez from Indian River Community College, and Edith Ramlow from Central Florida Community College.



Region I attends the evening reception during the Leadership Conference.



On Cocoa Beach during the Leadership Conference

MEMBERSHIP GOAL 10,000 – We Need You!

As a New Year begins and we take time to reflect on the past, our focus sharpens and we establish new goals for the New Year. Goals are key ingredients in developing a plan for increasing chapter membership. The Association set a goal of 10,000 members for 2008, and each chapter and every member has a role to play in meeting that goal. During the Leadership Conference in early February, state leadership challenged each chapter to meet specific numerical goals this year. If each chapter meets its goal, the Association will surpass its goal of 10,000 members!

What can you do? Remember that the number one reason given for not being a FACC member is “I haven’t been asked.” Are you an advocate for FACC? If you weren’t last year, we need you! Have you invited non members to chapter activities or meetings? Do you forward FACC news to non members? Do you communicate the value of FACC on your campus? Are you engaged and involved in chapter, commission, and region activities? If not, we need you!

We need every member to recruit one additional member. Your chapter leaders pledged to meet the membership challenge, but they can not do it without you. We all have a role to play in membership development. Join us and help us reach - Goal 10,000!

What I Know For Sure

- I know that FACC is working with our legislature to improve conditions for students and staff in our community college system.
- I know that FACC gives me the opportunity to grow in leadership roles.
- I know that FACC provides me with networking opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable - a chance to meet with other community college personnel and learn new and better ways to do my job.
- I know that the members of FACC, both locally and at the state level, inspire me and motivate me to improve myself, and work to improve the situations of others.

Cara Bennett, Central Florida CC

- FACC encourages professional and leadership development - check the available educational discounts.
- FACC provides the opportunity to network with other colleagues via the chapter, commission, region and yearly convention.
- FACC supports and practices delivering higher education in the most efficient manner.
- FACC actively seeks to increase discounts available to members.
- FACC needs the involvement of **all** community college personnel.

Dolores Teter, St. Petersburg College

- I can attest that FACC is a great organization; it has helped me professionally and personally. I have had an opportunity to meet members from other colleges who are in the same job as I am and have gained a wealth of information from them plus I have had the opportunity to make new, long distance friends.
- I also know that FACC members are some of the greatest people I know-we are always giving of our time to do community service projects or special fundraisers for the ones who are not as fortunate as we are and that speaks a lot for our organization.
- I believe FACC helps the community colleges more than we realize by the work that is done in Tallahassee.
- And of course, there is always the fun aspect of FACC-we do enjoy our socials and our other functions which we have here on our campus.

Frances Ash, Lake City Community College



FACC hires Membership Database Coordinator

Adrienne Bryant is the newest member of the FACC staff in Tallahassee. Recently hired as Membership Database Coordinator, Bryant will be in charge of FACC's new membership and Association management software implementation and continuance. Adrienne will assist chapters in utilizing the software system to keep membership records up to date.

Adrienne describes herself as a former "Air Force brat" with a passion for teaching and learning. Adrienne's original plan, upon graduating from FSU with a degree in English Literature was to be a teacher just like her heroine, Laura Ingalls Wilder. She soon found out that her passion required much more stamina and patience to work with the middle school crowd and turned to the hospitality field instead. As a 15 year veteran of the hospitality industry, Adrienne has a variety of experience working with Associations, their staff and members.



Adrienne has found her niche in the world of project management and loves to implement new programs, teach others and help her co-workers, staff and anyone with a desire to learn and achieve higher levels of competence no matter what the subject or project. "I still love to teach, I just do it in a different way for a different crowd," says Adrienne.

Adrienne recently moved back to the Tallahassee area after a sixteen year absence and still finds the area to be very beautiful and intriguing. Adrienne is also pursuing her passion for broadcasting and co-hosts an Internet radio talk show.

Miami Dade president elected to leadership role in AAC&U

Dr. Eduardo J. Padron, president of Miami Dade College, has been elected vice chair and chair-elect of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). He will eventually become the first Hispanic and community college president to lead this association.

AAC&U represents more than 1,100 accredited colleges and universities, large and small, public and private that collectively educate more than five million students each year.

Pensacola native to head Central Florida Chamber

Dixie Newton Sansom, a Distinguished Alumni of Pensacola Junior College has been selected as the 2008 chairman of the nearly 2,000 member Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce in the Space Coast region of Central Florida. She also serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, and as a Trustee at Brevard Community College.

BCC names Cocoa, Titusville provosts

Amy Hendricks, provost of Brevard Community College's Cocoa campus, recently resigned after informing school officials she'd be moving to Texas to marry her high school sweetheart. Her resignation sparked several moves throughout the college.

"I've made some wonderful friendships here and had a great run," said Hendricks, who started in 1995 as an adjunct professor of political science and eventually made her way up the ranks to department chair and then provost. "I'm leaving things in a really good stage. The changes (President James) Drake has implemented are really helping the college." Hendricks' last day was Feb 15.

Other appointments at BCC:

Ethel Newman, current provost of the Titusville campus, will become Cocoa provost. Newman started at BCC in 2005 as academic dean for health sciences. In May 2007 she was appointed Titusville provost.

Linda Miedema, BCC's current vice provost of health sciences, will become the Titusville provost. Miedema was a nursing administrative staff member at Parrish Medical Center before she joined BCC's faculty. She began her career with BCC in 2001 as an assistant professor of nursing and was also dean of health sciences.

Drake said the college will search for a new dean of health sciences who will strengthen the nursing program. "Nursing is a critical-need area and just as important is our commitment we have made to three major health care systems who underwrite a significant portion of the cost of our nursing program," Drake said.

FACC/NOVA Scholars Program Awards Scholarships

Three FACC members will receive scholarships from Nova Southeastern University this spring. Cynthia Brennan of Indian River Community College, Jean Scheppers of Central Florida Community College, and Rivka Spiro of Broward Community College are the first recipients of the FACC/NOVA Scholars Program.

The Scholars Program provides an opportunity for FACC members pursuing graduate studies at NOVA Southeastern University's Fischler School of Education and Human Services in Education and nine doctoral areas of specialization to attend their program of study tuition free. NOVA began offering FACC members a 15% tuition discount on graduate programs last spring. The Scholars Program got off to a late start in the fall, but it has surpassed its initial goals.

"We are committed to being partners with our higher education colleagues in the community colleges. We are proud to support your organization and your colleges by providing the FACC/NSU Fischler School of Education and Human Services Scholars Program," said Dr. Karen Browser, Associate Dean of Doctoral Studies. "Congratulations to our first recipients and we look forward to continually supporting the Florida Association of Community Colleges."

For additional information, on the FACC/NOVA Scholars Program, please visit:

http://www.facc.org/facc/benefit_information.asp?SNID=1525935835

Become a dolphin trainer with FKCC and the Dolphin Research Center

Ever wondered how to start a career training dolphins, like the people who work at Theater of the Sea, Sea World or Atlantis? Now you can find out – and earn college credit doing so – at Florida Keys Community College, through a new partnership with the Dolphin Research Center in Marathon.



In this course, FKCC students will work directly with bottlenose dolphins (some of which are descendents of television's "Flipper"), sea turtles and manatees at the research center. The program allows students to learn more about Marine Environmental Sciences and leads to careers in the marine field, from science and research to marine conservation to the trainers who work with dolphins at public venues.

All of Dolphin Research Center's Adult DolphinLab courses are fully college accredited through Florida Keys Community College. Students in All About Dolphins, Marine Mammal Cognitive and Behavioral Research, [Marine Mammal Care and Basic Training](#), and Advanced Marine Mammal Training and Enrichment can earn three college credits for each course, provided they complete the course requirements

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Message from the President

It is with great pride and a sense of humility that I begin my year as president of the Florida Association of Community Colleges. I have always enjoyed the leadership roles I have held in this wonderful organization, and I am thrilled to serve in this important capacity. I am looking forward to tackling the many challenges we have ahead of us and I eagerly anticipate meeting as many of you as possible during the course of the year.



Carol Quinn
FACC President

When I accepted this position last Fall in Orlando, I set out what I believe are the key issues facing FACC this year. First among them is the overwhelming need to increase our membership ranks. We have been stuck at or around 8,000 members for several years despite the Herculean efforts of our staff, leadership and many of you in cities around Florida. If we are truly to realize the great potential of this association, we must represent as many community college professionals as possible, at all levels. There are estimates that the pool of potential members is as great as 30,000! We can and we will do much better than we're doing! I am committed to it and so is your board.

Why is membership growth important and why should you care? First, to be effective in our advocacy efforts, we need to speak with a unified voice. Doing so means that we take all positions into account and we go to Tallahassee bolstered by the numbers and the ideas supported by everyone in the profession.

Second, activities like advocacy efforts, conventions, publications, research, public relations work and community outreach cost money. Adding to our membership base will increase our revenues so we can afford to do everything we do with quality, and so we can expand our services to each of you.

Third, from a selfish point of view, the more members we have, the greater the opportunities we will have to network, learn from others, share experiences and get insights into how others tackle issues that we deal with everyday. It was once said that "you can't build a network when you need one." You have to invest in yourself and your career by getting involved, helping to increase the membership and adding to your network of friends and colleagues so that when you do need help, an idea or some advice, you'll have the resources you need.

I have made membership growth my priority this year and you'll hear much more about our efforts as the year goes on. In the interim, I ask every member to reflect on my message today and to commit themselves to bringing at least one new member to the association in 2008. Will you make that commitment with me?

"First among them [our goals] is the overwhelming need to increase our membership ranks."

President

Get your chapter in the news! The next issue of *Current* will be published on April 15th and the deadline will be April 1st! Be sure to email your articles and high resolution pictures to publications@facc.org!

Message from the CEO

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This is always a very busy time of the year for FACC. A new board and a new president, clean slate beginning to fill with 2008 priorities and goals, and the new legislative year getting set to start in a few weeks. It's all part of the cycle this association has participated in for many years, and this year is no different. But, in many ways, this year will be different.

First, as many of you have heard by now, I have announced that I will not seek to renew my contract as your executive director and CEO when it expires at the end of the 2008. I struggled for some time with that difficult but necessary decision. I will continue to work hard to move FACC forward and to build on the great work this association has done in the past. A strong foundation for the future is definitely in place with beautiful offices, a great staff, a very active and supportive board of directors, effective leadership groups and a state-of-the-art website and database management system installed over the last year.

Our first challenge this year will be to prepare for and have impact on the 2008 Florida Legislature's activities as they regard community colleges. Last year was a particularly difficult year for us because of the enormous budget cuts in the state's budget forced by low revenues and rising costs for services and goods. It will take a very focused and specific effort on our behalf to successfully represent the interests of Florida's community college system in 2008, but I can promise you that the community college team is ready to tackle this important challenge.

Another major goal, as President Quinn writes, is to increase our membership. The demands on the Association require additional resources. Those resources can best be provided through an increase in membership. Considering that there are over 44,000 employees in the system (18,000 F/T and 25,000 P/T), it isn't that hard to imagine FACC membership at 16,000. We must reach out to others and get everyone involved.

It is not only the responsibility of the "membership committees" at the local and state levels to secure new members. It is the job of every member to help the Association grow, because as Carol points out, it benefits each of us when a new member joins FACC.

We have many other new initiatives planned for 2008, including new commission websites, more commission and council events, a wider range of networking opportunities and a more extensive advocacy effort. You will be hearing about those efforts in the near future.

I am looking forward to the new year with great anticipation. I am confident that under the leadership of Carol Quinn and the efforts of every member, this can be the greatest year FACC has ever had. I look forward to seeing you over the course of 2008.



Mike Comins
FACC CEO

"Our first challenge this year will be to prepare for and have impact on the 2008 Florida Legislature's activities..."

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NFCC initiates search for president

Board accepting applications from six-county NFCC service area and names science building after retiring President Steen

The North Florida Community College Board of Trustees unanimously approved the procedures for a presidential search to fill the position being vacated by Morris G. Steen, Jr., who has led the rural community college since 2001. Steen plans to retire once a replacement is named.

Advertising for the position within the six-county district of the college began on Jan. 21, 2008 and NFCC accepted applications through Feb. 22, 2008. Salary range for the position is \$95,000 - \$125,000. A candidate's principal residence must be within the service area of the college, which includes Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor counties in north Florida. The board may expand the search field at any time during the process.

The full board of trustees will interview qualified internal candidates. A search committee composed of faculty, staff, administrators and community representatives will interview non-employee or external applicants and recommend three external candidates to the board of trustees for interview. The board may also elect to interview any additional candidates. Interviews will be conducted during March, possibly April 2008 and a final selection may be made as early as April or May. Election of the successful candidate will be by a majority vote of the board.

The community also rolled out a new strategic plan, including these seven goals:

1. Provide high-quality academic and occupational programs and services;
2. Increase enrollment and retention;
3. Facilitate an environment that supports staff and faculty development and embraces innovation;
4. Provide support, technology, and facilities to meet the educational needs of students, employees, and community;
5. Enhance the College's image, visibility, and distinction in the NFCC district, state and the nation;
6. Increase resources through public and private funding;
7. Facilitate a campus-wide commitment to assessment.

CFCC Chapter helps Salvation Army

In December, the FACC Chapter of Central Florida Community College participated in the Salvation Army "Red Kettle" Campaign. For one day, FACC members stood in front of Walmart and "rang the bell" for donations. The chapter collected \$750 for the Salvation Army, and was invited to a celebratory luncheon.



FKCC president meets with state officials to talk student housing

Florida Keys Community College President Dr. Jill Landesberg-Boyle met with the Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Tom Pelham, and State Representative Ron Saunders to discuss the college's need for student housing and the possibilities of building dorms on the College's main campus located on College Road in Key West.

The meeting was hosted by Dr. Ann Henderson of the Rodel Charitable Foundation, who also joined in on the discussion as an FKCC Board Member.

When asked by Dr. Boyle, what he thought of the Keys, Secretary Pelham responded "I am impressed with the Keys, and all the innovative things happening here between the school board and the municipalities working together to solve the workforce housing needs of the community."

In other news from FKCC, The Hemingway Look-Alike Society (HLAS) donated \$5,000 to the Florida Keys Educational Foundation to fund scholarships for journalism and nursing students at Florida Keys Community College. HLAS President, "Papa" Fred Johnson gladly presented the check to FKCC President, Dr. Jill Landesberg-Boyle. Johnson, who earned his "Papa" status by winning the 1986 Hemingway Look-Alike contest, reported that the funds were raised mostly from generous contributions from members of the Society, which consists largely of former contestants of the annual contest.



Technology Commission announces 2008 schedule!

The FACC Technology Commission is pleased to partner with seven sister commissions to host a Spring Conference this year at Indian River Community College in Ft. Pierce, FL on April 10-11, 2008. Additional forms and information may be found at our website:

<http://www.southflorida.edu/technology>

Important dates to remember are:

March 2008

12 Deadline for submission of the "Call for Proposal" for the Spring Conference

27 Deadline for hotel rooms for Spring Conference

24 Draft copy of Spring Conference agenda posted on the Website

31 Deadline for "early bird" Spring Conference registration

April 2008

Spring Conference at IRCC

Hope to see you there!

A sweet tooth for desserts

The Lake City Community College Conference Center was the place to be for all faculty and staff dessert lovers. To set the mood for the holiday break at Lake City Community College the LCCC chapter of Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC) hosted a “dessert bake-off contest” held among the employees.



The goodies were judged by four independent judges from the community and ribbons were awarded. In addition to the judged treats, the employees brought in their favorite dessert to be served at the service awards presentation for those who have been with the college for 10 years or more. Awards were also given to the “Employee of the Year from the Business Services Division” and “Employee of the Year from the Instructional Support Division.”

The independent judges from the community were l-r: Jeannie Norman, retiree(VA Hospital); Audre Washington, community relations coordinator, City of Lake City; Elizabeth Porter, county commissioner, and Stephen Witt, mayor of Lake City.

NFCC receives special recognition from Perry, Florida

North Florida Community College (NFCC) has received special recognition from Perry, Florida for its quality of instruction and high level of student satisfaction. The proclamation noted that NFCC earned sixth place in a recent national ranking of community colleges by *The Washington Monthly*. The publication placed great emphasis on graduation and retention rates.



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Meet Florida author at FKCC library

The public is invited to meet Sudy Cauthen author of “Southern Comforts: Rooted in a Florida Place” on March 5th at 6pm in Florida Keys Community College Library located on 5901 College Road in Stock Island, Key West.

Cauthen is the founder of the North Florida Center for Documentary Studies and directed Florida’s First Folk Arts-in-the-Schools program. You can find her work published in *Chattahoochee Review*, the *Florida Review*, *International Quarterly*, and *Kalliope*. She is a proud recipient of a state of Florida Individual Artist Fellowship in Literature Award.

The book, which chronicles Cauthen’s life after her divorce and her father’s death, opens the reader to her view as she returns to five generations of her life in Alachua, a small town north of Gainesville, Florida. Cauthen traces the history of the region back to the late 1540’s weaving family and oral histories together into a community fabric. The cautionary tale of progress and pain allows what was once, to live on in the pages of this captivating book. Cauthen talks about all that is lost as Florida’s landscapes and traditions are replaced by super highways, condos, malls, and the new way of life they represent.

The author will read passages from her book and be available to answer questions about her career and her book. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about events at Florida Keys Community College, call 305-296-9081 or log onto www.fkcc.edu and discover Island Living, Island Learning.

State JUCO tourney games to air on Dish Network

Millions of basketball fans across the U.S. will be able to watch most of the games from the Florida Junior College Men’s and Women’s State Basketball Tournament, March 5-8 at Chipola College.

Through an agreement between Chipola College and Panhandle Area Educational Consortium, semi-final games on Friday, March 7, and Men’s and Women’s Championship games on Saturday, March 8, will be available to millions of DISH Network 61.5 subscribers on Channel #9418 and on PAEC’s Florida Education Channel on local cable systems. Visit www.dishnetwork.com or www.paec.org for more information.

Jackson County Comcast subscribers also will be able to view all evening session games—Wednesday through Saturday—on Chipola College Television.

Fans with Internet access, can watch a live video web-cast of all 14 tournament games on www.chipola.edu The men’s tournament begins Wednesday, March 5, with the women’s tournament set to tip off Thursday, March 6. Games times (CST) are 1, 3, 6 and 8, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The men’s championship is Saturday at 5 p.m., with the women’s championship at 7:30 p.m.

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It was great to see everyone last year at FACC events. We are excited about 2008 and look forward to serving you!



FACC members enjoyed the 2008 Leadership Conference!
(Left) TCC chapter leaders brainstorming on activities and events for the upcoming year.
(Right) Chapter leaders enjoy networking at the reception.

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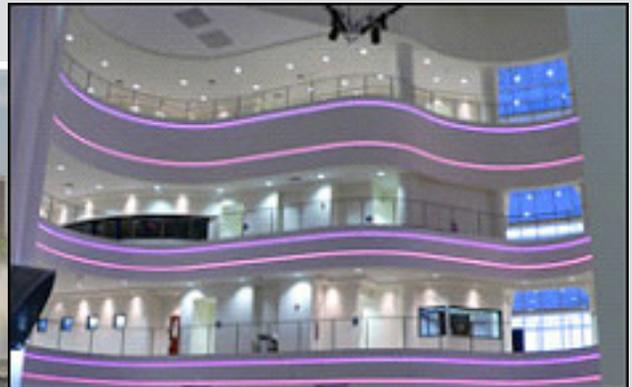
Details:

When: April 10 and 11, 2008

Where: IRCC, Fort Pierce, Kight Center

Who should attend: We encourage novice as well as experienced administrators, instructional faculty, librarians, learning resource specialists, learning lab specialists, media technicians, technical services, programmers, developers, network specialists, user application specialists, multimedia specialists, help desk specialists, budget officers, equity officers, CMS administrators and users, and any FACC member to attend.

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Region meeting

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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 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.

NOMINEES MUST BE:

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- Members in good standing of FACC.
- Able to attend both the Spring Conference and the annual FACC Convention

**NOMINATION PACKETS POSTMARKED AFTER MARCH 7, OR
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Important links...

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Award information and applications.asp?SnID=207024187](http://www.facc.org/facc/Award%20information%20and%20applications.asp?SnID=207024187)

IRCC raises money for scholarships

The Indian River Community College Chapter recently held an event that raised money for scholarships. This is the link that was used to promote our first annual Jeans and Jersey Day...http://faculty.ircc.edu/facc/Jeans_Jersey_08.htm.

IRCC is proud to announce that we raised almost \$1000.00 dollars for scholarships during our first annual Jeans and Jersey Day!



FKCC vice provost appointed to state position

The Florida Department of Education has selected Gary Martin, Vice Provost of Florida Keys Community College, as the State Coordinator for the Florida Higher Education Course Numbering System in the area of Marine Technical Education (MTE).

Martin will be a key advisor to the state system regarding any and all new or modified curricula submitted to the state for approval or addition. The appointment demonstrates the increasing impact the faculty and staff of the institution are having on community and higher education in Florida.



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