

Board Approves New Membership Software Package Will dramatically improve service to membership

FACC took a giant step forward when the Board of Directors unanimously approved funding for an integrated membership management software system. The leadership initiated an evaluation of the Association's current computer capabilities early in 2006 and determined that an overhaul was necessary since many staff chores were redundant or still being done manually.

After an extensive process to prepare a comprehensive "Request for Proposal" (RFP), twenty-six vendors were contacted and asked to submit bids outlining features, solutions and budget parameters. The six-month process concluded in early November 2006 with the FACC Board's approval of the package submitted by ESX, Inc.

from Houston, Texas.

A key feature of the ESX solution will be the web-based integration of membership, accounting and website systems. Over the next few months, FACC staff and leadership will be working on converting data and implementing enhancements that will produce dozens of new membership benefits. Among them will be the ability for members to access and edit their member profile information, to register for meetings and events online, pay by credit card via the FACC website and even apply for membership with a click of a mouse. The new website is scheduled to go online by the end of March 2007 and, in addition to a fabulous "new look," it will be user-friendly with easy-to-use navigational

buttons and links. One such feature, for example, will be an online calendar with a complete schedule of meetings and events along with a link where members can download and print handouts for the sessions of their choice.

FACC chapters also will benefit from the ESX system since each local group will have its own webpage that can be updated and modified by its officers. Chapter news and the group's calendar of events will be locally-managed and updated with a simple "MS Word-like" online update form. Members also will be able to update their FACC profile (last name, telephone, email, etc.) by simply logging in from their own computer!

Your FACC staff is excited by a feature that will automate the posting of payroll deducted dues. The current system requires that information to be manually data entered including every member's dues paid through payroll deduction for every pay period. The new system will make determining membership totals much more accurate.

A concerted effort will be made over the coming months to capture the email address of every member in order to facilitate more responsive and effective communications. Once the system is in place, every member will be invited to assist the Association by entering their email address online!

Watch for enhanced member benefits this Spring as FACC gets a facelift!



Making A Difference!

PJC Chapter members Angie Jones (secretary, FACC Administration Commission), Brenda Pou, and Carol Quinn (FACC state president-elect) prepare Boss' Day gift bags.

New Officers Elected

Dr. Jeffrey Allbritten, Edison College (EC), was officially installed as President of the Association for 2007. Joining him on the 2007 Executive Committee will be: President-Elect, Carol Quinn, PJC; Vice President for Regions and Chapters, Terry Thomas, SFeCC; Vice President-Elect for Regions and Chapters, Evelyn Ward, ChC;

Vice President for Commissions; Dr. Will Benedicks, TCC; and Vice President-Elect for Commissions, Dixie Yeager, SJRCC. Sandra Harrell, ChC, remains on the Executive Committee as Immediate Past-president. Quinn will automatically take the helm as Association president in 2008.

What's Inside

From the President	2
From the CEO	3
Awards	4
Scenes from Convention	6-7
Meet the New President	8



From the President

Sandra Harrell, Chipola College

I want to share a story with you... As many of you know I love to sing. Music is very much a part of my life. I grew up singing at church but the first time I sang a solo was when I was in Junior Glee Club! A Seventh grader, we won't discuss the year! My music teacher, Mrs. Francis Stone, told me I should sing in the Spring Concert because I could sing pretty good! I agreed after talking to my mother about it and I will never forget the title! "Let me be there" by Olivia Newton John. It was my favorite song in the whole world and I could sing it at the top of my lungs! I was so excited and had been working on the song for months. During this same time, my mother had surgery to remove a kidney that just would not work the way it was supposed to. She had some complications and was in and out of the hospital for several weeks leading up to the concert. She came home from the hospital, the last time, the day before the big event! I was so glad because I sure did not want her to miss my debut! Well, when it was time to leave for the concert, my sister sat me down and told me that mama was not going to be able to make it to the concert. I was crushed but did not say a word. I went into the bedroom, kissed my mom goodbye, she wished me good luck and my sister and I took off with the understanding that my Dad would be there a little later.

The concert started and the chorus had several big selections that we sang before my song. Now at my school

the auditorium and the gym were one in the same! It still stands today! There is a big stage with lights and a curtain on one side of the basketball court and bleachers on the other side! The night of the concert the bleachers were packed and there were chairs all over the court. They were full as well! My palms were sweating and my mouth was soooo dry! I was right in the middle on the second riser singing away when I saw my dad walk through the back door, and he was toting our rocking chair!! I was totally confused and then, I saw my mother trailing behind him, in her robe and house shoes. I experienced several emotions from the time I saw them until they reached the front of the crowd and my mom sat down in the rocking chair and looked up and smiled at me. First, I was a little embarrassed! After all, she was in her nightgown! Then I was elated that she was there to hear me as she still is my biggest fan! And then, my lips started quivering uncontrollably and I thought, I will never get through the song because I'm going to cry! Thank goodness there was one more number that we sang as a group and that gave me time to compose myself and I sang my heart out that night!

I can't tell you how often that night has made a difference in my life. The love and support and her recognition of how important that night was to me has sustained me through many bumps in the road. She is one of my heroes.

You give that type of support to our students on a daily basis. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for sustaining our students, for making us the greatest community college system in the country and for allowing me the distinct honor to represent you this year as FACC president.



FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

113 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
(850) 222-FACC (3222)
(850) 222-2327 (FAX)
On the Internet:
<http://www.facc.org>

2006 Board of Directors

Officers

SANDRA HARRELL, President
JEFF ALLBRITTEN, President-Elect
CAROL QUINN, Vice President for Regions and Chapters
TERRY THOMAS, Vice President-Elect for Regions and Chapters
BEV GRUNDSET, Vice President for Commissions
WILL BENEDICKS, Vice President-Elect for Commissions
JEFF PETERS, Immediate Past President

Commission Chairs

MARTHA WILLIAMS, Administration
FRANK MERCER, Adult & Continuing Ed.
PAT LAYTON, Career & Professional Employees
SANDI LANDIS, Curriculum
GAEL FRAZIER, Equity
BYRON TODD, Faculty
EDWARD BONAHEUE, Global Initiatives
LINDA HARRINGTON, Institutional Advancement
PAT GORDIN, Institutional Effectiveness
DIXIE YEAGER, Learning Resources
ANNA HUBBARD, Occupational & Workforce Education
GERI SINGLETON, Retirees
CHARLENE LATIMER, Student Development
GARY MCCLAIN, Technology
CAROL PLATT, Trustees

Regional Directors

RANDEY BURNETTE, Region I
TERRY THOMAS, Region II
GARY SLIGH, Region III
ED SLOAN, Region IV
DIANA CAMACHO, Region V

Standing Committees

CATHY HAKES, Bylaws
GINGER GIBSON, Finance and Human Resources
LARRY BRACKEN, Legislative
RUSSELL ESFAHANI, Member Services
DOLORES TETER, Member Services
DIXIE YEAGER, Membership Development
PSALMS MACK, Membership Development
DIANNE KOSTELNY, Planning and Development

Ex officio

ANDRE HAWKINS, Foundation Board Chair

FACC Staff

MICHAEL COMINS, Chief Executive Officer
EILEEN JOHNSON, Office Manager
H. A. SCOTT, Chief Media and Communications Officer
MARSHA KINER, Chief Operating Officer
TINA INGRAMM, Administrative Assistant

CURRENT is published by the Florida Association of Community Colleges. Advertising, news releases, and other communications should be sent to Ms. H. A. Scott, Editor, CURRENT, 113 E. College Ave., Tallahassee FL 32301 or via e-mail at hscott@facc.org. ADVERTISING RATES: Full page \$750; half page \$375. Circulation 9,750. Camera-ready, black ink, only. Contact: H.A. Scott at 850-222-3222.

The views and opinions expressed in CURRENT are not necessarily those of the Florida Association of Community Colleges, its members, directors, or officers.



From the CEO

Michael Comins

Convention

The 2006 FACC Convention lived up to its theme of Showin' Up and Showin' Out! Though not the largest attendance in FACC history, a large group of FACCers Showed Up and we appreciate your support. The Opening Night party was a good example of how attendees were Showin' Out!

Marsha and I attended the ACCT Conference in October and we amazed by the number of staff members that ACCT had on site. Actually, we were amazed by the number of volunteers who make our Convention possible. There are so many people to thank that I know I run the risk of overlooking someone. However, the efforts of the following people must be publicly recognized: Russell Esfahani of SFLCC for coordinating the presentation equipment and awards presentations; Dr. Gwen Stephenson and Dr. Bruce Judd from HCC for providing computers and networking equipment for the internet room and the FACC Convention Office and for Marc Costanza for making it all work and assisting us throughout the convention; Mr. Robert Winslow and the HCC Stage Band for an exceptional performance during the President's Dinner and Gala; Maggie Wiggins and Abe Jauregui from Miami Dade for all of the signs; Col. Dennis Storck from GCCC for organizing and managing the reserved seating for all of our meal events; Dr. Jessica Webb from NFCC and Terry Thomas from Santa Fe CC for over 200 small door prizes; Sylvia Campbell from PJC for coordinating the Major Door Prizes, Dr. Gary Sligh from LSCC for coordinating the photography (and Glenda Libby from LSCC for taking the photos) and the meal coupon exchange; Ed Sloan

from HCC and Cathy Rowe from PHCC for coordinating AV and computer needs for the week; Diana Comacho and all of the "yellow shirt people" from IRCC for decorations, registration and bearing with us on the hotel room glitch; Karen Pickles from NFCC for managing all of the awards and her indefatigable willingness to serve; Sharon Delgado from DBCC for years of help with the elections; and Joyce Traynom of Chipola and Bobbi Moran from CFCC for helping us with credentials and for getting us through our first convention without Mary Dallis. When you see these folks, please give them a well deserved pat on the back. I would also ask you to do the same for Terri Crockett, H.A. Scott, Eileen Johnson, Tina Ingramm, and Marsha Kiner. Your FACC staff works long hours, makes personal sacrifices, and endures tremendous stress in an effort to make each convention better than the last.

One of the many highlights of convention is the opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievements and exemplary practices of our colleges. Congratulations are due to the 2006 Professor of the Year – Maria Seidel from Indian River Community College, the 2006 Student Development Exemplary Practice Winners – Dr. Epp Miller, Dr. Jeff Hollway, and Luis Guzman from Manatee; the 2006 Chapter of the Year – North Florida Community College; the 2006 Region of the Year – Region V; and the 2006 Commission of the Year – Career and Professional Employees Commission (again!)

Convention is also a time of transition. It's been great working with Sandra. She is always positive, to the point, and maintains a great sense of humor. Sandra's dedication

to the Association has been extraordinary. Through her personal sacrifices she was able to balance the demands of her job and family with her responsibilities to FACC and she always did so with a big smile on her face. I know her family, friends and co-workers at Chipola will be glad that they will be able to spend more time with her.

I will certainly miss working with Sandra, yet I am looking forward to working with Jeff Allbritten from Edison. Jeff will bring his own brand of leadership as your 2007 FACC President. He has many ideas and ways to "Elevate the Great 28." I know you will appreciate what is in store.

Each of the people mentioned above care deeply about FACC and they are yet another example of how and why Florida's community colleges are making a difference!

A quorum! A quorum! My Kingdom for a quorum!

The Friday morning business meeting during convention is where the official attendance is announced, the CEO reports on the financial condition of the Association, and the delegates vote on changes to the bylaws. As you can imagine the business meeting is notoriously dull. That is until this year. There were two seemingly simple changes to the bylaws in which the names of two commissions would be changed. Both changes had been approved by the FACC board and noticed in the *Current* without any controversy. Then at the bylaws review meeting on Thursday, things started heating up. The Curriculum Commission sought to broaden its appeal to members by changing its name to the Curriculum and Distance Learning Commission. Members of the Technology Commission then objected noting that distance learning was a major part of their purpose and they felt the name change would be detrimental to their commission. At that point, the proposed bylaw changes could not be amended nor withdrawn and the only permissible action was to present the changes to the delegates on Friday for their up or down vote. When the bylaw changes came up on the agenda on Friday, things were set to take the vote. Then the presence of a quorum was questioned. Uh oh.

Bobbi Moran had just reported that 420 delegates had registered for the convention. Fifty-one percent of the delegates would be 215. The challenge was then to determine if we had 215 delegates present. We asked the delegates to stand and count-off. The delegates thankfully obliged and the first time through we were short of the 215. Delegates were summoned from the hallway and throughout the hotel and we repeated the process. This time we accounted for 219. Now we can take the vote. Article XIV of the bylaws requires that amendments to the bylaws be approved by "a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting." Two-thirds of the 219 delegates present and voting would be 145. Those in favor of the two amendments to the bylaws were again asked to stand and count-off. Votes in favor of the changes numbered 150 exceeding two-thirds of the delegates present and voting by five. The bylaws changes were recorded in the minutes to have been approved.

As Paul Harvey would say – "Now, the rest of the story." I have since discovered that in Article IV Section 4 of the bylaws, "A quorum of the Assembly of Delegates shall be defined as *two-thirds* of the delegates present at the annual convention." Uh oh! Two-thirds. Not fifty-one percent as is the norm under Robert's Rules of Order. Two-thirds! Of the 420 delegates present at the convention, two-thirds would be 278, not the 219 (53%) that were accounted for during the business meeting. Unfortunately, we did NOT have a quorum present when the vote was taken for the bylaws changes. Therefore, per Robert's Rules of Order, "in the absence of a quorum, any business transacted is null and void."

I sincerely apologize to the Curriculum and the Institutional Advancement commissions for the confusion in how this matter was handled and promise that we will do a better job next year if the name changes are presented again. I also hope that this year's experience makes it clear to the chapters that **it is very important for those named as delegates to attend the Friday morning business meeting.**

Awards Presented at the 2006 Convention

STATE AWARDS:

Honorary Life Membership:

Jeff Peters, PBCC, Cathy Hakes, SPC, Norm Shepard, DBCC

Distinguished Service Awards:

Nonie Silcox, LCCC

James L. Wattenbarger Award:

Bob McSpadden, GCCC

Outstanding Board Member:

Dixie Yeager, SJRCC

Chapter of the Year:

North Florida Community College

Region I Chapter of the Year:
Chipola College

Region II Chapter of the Year:
North Florida Community College

Region III Chapter of the Year:
Central Florida Community College

Region IV Chapter of the Year:
St. Petersburg College

Region V Chapter of the Year:
Indian River Community College

Region of the Year: Region V

Commission of the Year:

Career and Professional Employees

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS:

Special Achievement 100%:

Florida Keys Community College;
Chipola College

Greatest Percent of Employees as Members:

Chipola College

Florida Keys College

Greatest Numerical Increase of Members over Previous Year

St. Petersburg College

Greatest Percent Increase of Members over Previous Year

St. Johns River Community College

Fifty Percent or More of Employees as Members:

Central Florida Community College

Chipola College

Florida Community College
at Jacksonville

Florida Keys Community College

Gulf Coast Community College

Indian River Community College

Lake City Community College

Lake-Sumter Community College

North Florida Community College

Okaloosa-Walton College

Pasco-Hernando
Community College

Polk Community College

Santa Fe Community College

St. Johns River Community College

Seminole Community College

South Florida Community College

Tallahassee Community College

COMMISSION AWARDS:

Administration

Commission Awards

President's Award:

Dr. Steve Wallace, FCCJ

Professional Excellence - Academic
Affairs: Dr. Ed Bonahue, SFeCC

Professional Excellence - Student
Affairs: Dr. Jim Watson, MDC

Professional Excellence - Business
Affairs: Jimmie Anne Haisley, IRCC

Adult and Continuing Education Commission

Exemplary Practice Award:

Cheryl Garayta, MDC

Career and Professional Employees Awards

Innovators Exemplary Practice:
Chris Ward, PBCC

Employee of the Year: Shirley Taylor,
GCCC

Pat Barribeau Unsung Hero Award:
Myrtle Kerce, LCCC

Region Rep Award: Gary Sligh,
LSCC

Book Scholarship: Edward
Robinson, FCCJ

Essay Writing Contest: Carol
Hashey, FCCJ

Curriculum Commission Awards:

Exemplary Practice: Jose Farinos,
IRCC

Equity Commission Awards

Exemplary Practice Award:

Faculty Commission Awards

2006 Professor of the Year: Prof.
Maria Seidel, IRCC

Finalists: Prof Lucia L. Dzikowski,
SCC; Prof Gary Sligh, LSCC

Vivian Dillenger Award: Dr. Beverly
Grundset, SPC

Global Initiatives

Commission Awards

Exemplary Practice Award: Francine
Arrington, BrevCC; Paul Forage,
IRCC; Luis Montalvo, FCCJ

Institutional Advancement Commission

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Exemplary Practice/Overall Campaign

– North Florida
Community College

Best in Show (-5,000 FTE)

– Central Florida Community
College

Best in Show (+5,000 FTE)

– Florida Community College
at Jacksonville

Advertising, Print (Combined FTE)

– Pensacola Junior College

Advertising, Radio (Combined FTE)

– Florida Community College
at Jacksonville

Advertising, TV (-5,000 FTE)

– St. John's River Community College

Advertising, TV (+5,000 FTE)

– Florida Community College
at Jacksonville

Advertising, Outdoor (-5,000 FTE)

– Polk Community College

Annual Report (-5,000 FTE)

– Central Florida Community
College

Annual Report (+5,000 FTE)

– Manatee Community College

Best Bang for the Buck

(Combined FTE) – North Florida
Community College

Brochure I (Combined FTE)

– St. Petersburg College

Brochure II (-5,000 FTE)

– Tie – St. John's River Community College
and North Florida Community
College

Brochure II (+5,000 FTE)

– Manatee Community College

Catalog (-5,000 FTE)

– North Florida Community College

Catalog (+5,000 FTE) – Florida
Community College at Jacksonville

Direct Mail Piece/Campaign

(-5,000 FTE) – South Florida
Community College

Direct Mail Piece/Campaign

(+5,000 FTE) – Florida
Community College at Jacksonville

Faculty-Advised Student

Publication (-5,000 FTE) –
Tie – Lake Sumter Community
College and St. John's River
Community College

Magazine Sports (Combined FTE)

– Chipola College

Magazine Campus (Combined FTE)

– Florida Community College
at Jacksonville

Newsletter (Electronic and Print, Combined FTE) – Tie – Okaloosa-
Walton Community College and
Seminole Community College

Poster (-5,000 FTE) – Tie – North
Florida Community College (two
separate posters)

Poster +5,000 FTE)

– St. Petersburg College

Video/Electronic Promotion

(+5,000 FTE) – Broward
Community College

Viewbook/Recruitment

Piece (Combined) – Manatee
Community College

Foundation, Fundraising Piece (Combined FTE) – St. John's River
Community College

Press Release/Story Pitch

Resulting in Publication (Combined FTE) – Pensacola
Junior College

Specialty Advertising/Promotion Item (Combined FTE) – Pensacola
Junior College

Institutional

Effectiveness Commission

Exemplary Practice Award: Jeff Hess,
Judy Holcomb, and Donna Martin,
FCCJ

Learning Resources

Commission Awards

Exemplary Practice Award: Myra
Sterrett, SFeCC

Continued on page 11

Maria Seidel Named Faculty Commission Professor Of The Year

Maria Seidel, Associate Professor of Nursing at Indian River Community College, received the Professor of the Year Award for Teaching Excellence by the Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC). Seidel was presented with the top award at the recent FACC Convention after competing against community college professors from around the state. The competition evaluates the ability to encourage student learning, address individual learning styles, support student success and use technology to enhance learning.

“Maria Seidel is committed to helping students become outstanding nurses and her enthusiasm for teaching, good-natured concern for students and dedication to health care education are evident in her classroom every day. She is very deserving of this state-



wide recognition,” said Jane Cebelak, IRCC Assistant Dean of Health Sciences.

The lesson presented by Seidel for the Professor of the Year competition used hands-on techniques, audio-visual resources and humor to instruct students how to safely administer an injection into muscle.

An Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, Seidel has served as an IRCC faculty member for 12 years and lives in Port St. Lucie.



Retirees Commission Report

During the Convention, FACC retired members socialized at a luncheon at the Hyatt in Tampa, after which Bill and Kathie Schellhaas, representing Seniors vs. Crime, a Special Project of the Florida Attorney General's Office, explained the many aspects of crimes targeted on seniors, particularly scams in roofing and other house repairs and identity theft, and how to avoid becoming a victim of them.

Chair Gerri Singleton presided at the Commission's business meeting. Members elected include Nancy Buhl, retired from Palm Beach Community College, as Chair-Elect for 2007, and Monika Bedard, DROP enrollee from Tallahassee Community College, as Secretary/Treasurer for 2007. Joan Young, retired from Palm Beach Community College, will serve as Chair 2007.



In Memory of Dr. Thomas E. Gamble

It is with deep sorrow that we must inform you of the death of Dr. Thomas E. Gamble, Brevard Community College President. On Tuesday, Nov 7, Dr. Gamble passed away at his residence. Gamble, who would have turned 65 on Nov. 14, had been diagnosed earlier this year with malignant melanoma. He had previously announced plans to retire in 2007, but his illness required him to take medical leave in Oct. We are all saddened by the loss of this great leader whose light shined throughout the community college system.

Dr. Thomas E. Gamble took the helm at Brevard Community College in 1999 and set forth to make a difference--for others. The hallmark of his leadership was partnership, collaboration, inclusiveness, diversity, encouraging creativity, and stewardship. His accomplishments at BCC and for the entire community college system will live on through generations to come.

Visitation for Dr. Gamble was held on Sunday, November 12, at Beach Funeral Home East Chapel, Indian Harbour Beach. The funeral will be held in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, on December 14, with full military honors. Contributions honoring his legacy can be made to: The Dr. Thomas E. Gamble Performing Arts Scholarship, Brevard Community College Foundation, 1519 Clearlake Rd., Cocoa, FL 32922.

Scenes from the 2006 Convention





Photos by Glenda Libby, LSCC





2007 President, Dr. Jeffrey Allbritten's Official Acceptance Speech

(Editors Note: Following is the text of the speech presented at the official swearing-in ceremony, Nov. 3, 2006 at the 57th Annual FACC Convention.)

Madam President, members of the executive board, members of FACC, and honored guests. I can tell you that standing here taking the oath of office to serve as your next President to lead this great association for the next year is truly one of the proudest moments in my career. I am humbled by the honor that you have bestowed upon me by electing me to this office. I am also mindful of the trust that you have placed in me, I hope that I will prove worthy of it.

I want to thank my chapter at Edison College and my friends from across the state for all of your efforts during the hard fought campaign last year, my President Dr. Ken Walker for supporting me, and my wife Liz who through it all has encouraged me and is my rock.

Standing here today I can't help but wonder how many of the former incoming Presidents of this great association felt as they stood before you awed at the task that lay ahead of them. I have had the privilege to work with and come to call many of them my friends. Several of them are here with us today. I plan to call on each of you for your advice and counsel as we move through many challenges this year.

Serving as the president-elect this year I had the good fortune to work with this outstanding team you see up here. From your VP's of commissions to the VP's of regions and chapters, they're all top notch in my book. Will, Bev, Terri, Carol, thank you for all you do for our association. Then there is our president, Sandra Harrell. What can I say about Sandra that hasn't already been said? She's a wonderful role model for a president...Sandra is patient, kind and tireless...Sandra I thank you for your guidance, your patience and most of all your friendship. Working with her this year has been a true pleasure and having her close by as challenges arise in the coming year will be a true comfort! I think we all owe you a big round of applause for your leadership and dedication to FACC.

When thinking about a theme for this coming year I focused on what is at the core of our mission as an association. Then it came to me...we are all working daily through our chapters, our regions, our committees and our commissions to one single purpose, to "ELEVATE THE GREAT 28!" There it was, simple, yet profound! In every decision that I make as your president, and every new initiative that your board of directors considers, we must use this principle as our moral compass. Many of you have heard the adage, "...a rising tide lifts all boats." Well, we are that

tide!...FACC is the force that when focused and unleashed can achieve remarkable outcomes not only for our colleges and their employees, but for all citizens throughout Florida.

Last year when I stood before the convention and gave my campaign speech I promised to you that if you elected me as your next President that, "YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD!!!" I will keep that promise that I made to you by exploring new avenues to engage the membership in dialog about the issues that matter to all of us. You have heard us briefly mention a powerful new tool that FACC will be launching in the early spring to integrate our member services database with a robust new website. This new platform creates many new possibilities to greatly enhance our interaction with every member, and I pledge to utilize this new tool to find ways to maximize the potential of every member.

2006 was one of the best years our system has experienced legislatively in recent memory. The budget increase that our system received was long overdue. The numerous positive outcomes of this session came about by the Herculean efforts of our lobbyists, the Policy and Advocacy Committee, our staff and by our membership around the state. However, this is not the time to become complacent as an association! Let me assure you, we still face numerous challenges from forces external to our system that are not pleased to see the strides we have made as a system. There is a growing threat to our state budget as we move closer to the full implementation date for the class size amendment. The political climate that is swirling around our institutions that are either offering or considering offering baccalaureate programs is ominous and poses a threat to not only those institutions, but to our entire system and to FACC itself! The FICA bill that we were successful in having the governor veto this year will undoubtedly find new life and sponsorship as the for-profit schools are very well funded and represented in Tallahassee. This is the time for us to strengthen our resolve and our commitment. As a strong, united organization we can fend off these attacks and create more opportunities for the citizens of Florida. This is our mission, this is our duty and I promise you we will carry it out with a sense of urgency and dedication unrivaled anywhere!!!

To that end I want to encourage and challenge each of you before you leave here today, to seriously consider greater involvement with this great association! Look around you, we have something extremely special here, and we need energetic, dedicated people to serve and to lead us into the next decade and beyond. I can tell you personally that I have enjoyed every role that I have held within FACC. The sense of accomplishment that I have received and the relationships that I have forged will sustain me throughout my personal and professional life. I know there are many of you with the interest and the dedication to this association that only need a nudge to stand up and wish to serve in leadership roles. Talk to me, talk to us, let us know of your interest and help you find a place where you can contribute your talents.

And so our work for the upcoming year begins. The planning is done, the elections are over, and the team is in place. I look forward to this year with a renewed sense of optimism and a focused resolve to carry out the work that lies ahead. I ask for your unwavering support as together we strive to "Elevate the Great 28!" Thank you!

PBCC Stands Out at FACC Convention

When the convention for the Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC) opened November 1st, President Sandra Harrell commented on the “sea of blue”—18 faculty and staff members from Palm Beach Community College in identical blue denim shirts who were chosen to contribute their leadership skills to a variety of commissions.

When PBCC's Region V met, Susan Goehring was honored for her significant contributions to PBCC's FACC chapter with the Unsung Hero Award.

Marie Reddy was chosen to be the Innovator's Award Chair on the executive board of the Career and Professional Employees Commission (CPEC). She will be responsible for the commission's 2007 Innovators Exemplary Practice Award. Jeannine Burgess will be the commission's webmaster.

Jeannine Burgess will be chair elect for the Curriculum Commission, and Nancy Denholm will be the treasurer of the Administration Commission. John Wasukanis was chosen to become chair for Region V's new Facilities Commission, and Toni Wolf was chosen for vice chair of the Institutional Advancement and Communications Commission. Joan Young will be the chair of the Retiree Commission for 2007, and Nancy Buhl the chair elect.

PBCC staffers also were recognized for their good works at the convention. Chris Ward, supervisor of grounds and landscape, won an exemplary practice award from the

CPEC for his role in restoring the pond apple slough habitat at the northeast corner of PBCC's Lake Worth campus. Ward plans to share the \$700 award with Don Gottlob, gardener/spray technician, and Roy Tonge, lead groundskeeper, who were instrumental to the restoration project. PBCC's presentation video developed by Media Services is a beautiful must-see; go to http://media1.pbcc.edu/wmroot/pond_apple_restoration.aspx

Two years ago Beverley Mas, academic advisor, pioneered the “Dream It, Do It” Club, a support program for nontraditional

students. Her groundbreaking initiative was recognized as one of four finalists to vie for the Exemplary Performance Award, which will be presented at the FACC Conference in St. Augustine this spring. Mas was thrilled by the recognition.

“I will have the opportunity to present the program before representatives from all 28 Florida community colleges next May and plant the seeds for the establishment throughout Florida of more support clubs for nontraditional students,” she said.



PBCC's FACC President Jeannine Burgess worked the raffle table for PBCC. The raffle earned the chapter \$279.

IRCC Shines at FACC Convention

Indian River Community College was recognized for Excellence in Technology, Exemplary Business and Industry Partnership and for Exemplary Practice in Curriculum and Instruction.

Suzanne Ensmann, IRCC Director of Adult Education, received the 2006 Excellence in Technology Award for spearheading the expansion of IRCC adult education beyond classroom walls by delivering GED Preparation, Adult High School, and English as a Second Language instruction via the Internet. The program began with 61 students served online in 2004-2005 and has grown to over 300 students this year.

A Port St. Lucie resident, Ensmann directs IRCC's free Adult Education programs.

Palm City resident Jose Farinos, IRCC Dean of Advanced Technology, and his Graphic Design team received the 2006 Curriculum and Instruction Exemplary Practice Award. The award recognized the IRCC Digital Media Institute as an instructional model to prepare students for careers in the graphic design industry. The Digital Media Institute provides students with multi-disciplinary job skills in Desktop Publishing, Drafting, Web Publishing, 2D and 3D Animation and Digital Video Production.

Sherri Coleman, who served as IRCC's Academic Coordinator for the Culinary

Institute of the Treasure Coast, was presented with the 2006 Exemplary Business and Industry Partnership Award. The Award recognizes the College's Culinary Institute for its responsiveness to the needs of the restaurant and culinary industry and the strong involvement of community leaders, chefs, business owners and in the program. Coleman, of Vero Beach, was recently appointed Business Solutions Consultant for the College's Corporate and Community Training Institute.

Indian River Community College also was awarded the Region V Chapter of the Year Award and recognized for having more than 50% of IRCC employees as registered members of the Florida Association of Community Colleges.

CPEC Announces 2006 Employee of the Year

There were Six Nominonees for Career and Professional Employee of the Year for 2006! All together these six employees served 131 years and have been members of FACC for 99 years. Several have been either the Chair of CPEC, the chair of their respective Regions, Chapter Presidents (some several times) and have held many of the other offices and programs at all levels of FACC.

The 2006 Winner is **Shirley Taylor, GCCC**; she has been an employee and FACC member for over 14 years at Gulf Coast and Manatee Community Colleges. She has held many offices within the chapter and the commission. She has been a valuable employee of the Human

Resources dept. at GCCC. Shirley has a proven track record of her professional excellence and dedication to FACC.

And the rest of the cream of the crop are: **Diana Camacho, IRCC**; Diana has demonstrated her commitment by showing a strong presence in all levels of FACC; she continually looks for ways to enhance her job to help nursing students be successful; **Linda Cowels, SCC**; she has held many offices within the chapter and state levels. Linda epitomizes excellence in service everyday and she does so in a patient, graceful and caring manner; **Patricia Harrell, FCCJ**; she has held every elected office and many standing committees within CPEC, she has run for



CPEC Officers congratulate Employee of the Year (L-R)- Debi Jakubcin, CPEC Incoming-Chair, Shirley Taylor, Winner Employee of the Year, De Loiselle, Award Chair and Dottie Terryn, GCCC

a state-wide office and has held many chapter offices over the years; **Renee Maples, TCC**; she has held many offices within the chapter, commission and region. During her year as Chair of CPEC this award The Employee of the Year was established. She walks the talk of the mission of

FACC; **Rina Medina, DBCC**; she is a dedicated employee who has a reputation for perfection in customer service. All of the nominees have shown their commitment and dedication to their respective colleges and FACC.

PJC Excels at Convention

Pensacola Junior College hit the mark again and again at the Florida Association of Community Colleges 57th Annual Convention at the Tampa Hyatt Nov. 1-3. It was a prodigious event for PJC, with a contingent of 25 college personnel and trustees in attendance.

Carol Quinn returned home as FACC state president-elect and received the Region I Lifesaver Award.

Vicki Carson and **Ken McAferty** were inducted into the Florida Community College Activities Association Hall of Fame during the FCCAA 14th Annual Inductions Ceremonies.

Alice Crann Good received the PJC Chapter Unsung Hero Award.

The PJC Office of College Marketing & Information won several Institutional Advancement Commission Awards of

Excellence:

First place – Advertising Print, **Elizabeth Hewey, Allison McCrory** and **Dianne Dusevitch**; Press Release/Story Pitch resulting in publication, Crann Good.

Second place – Foundation/Fund-raising Piece (Compendium), **Robin Mertins, Linda Bauer** and McCrory; Brochure II (Lyceum), Mertins and Crann Good; Newsletter/Electronic (Green & White), Crann Good and **Carmen Allen**.

Third place – Annual Report, Mertins and Bauer; Viewbook, Mertins, Bauer and **J.D. Hayward**; Press Release/Story Pitch resulting in publication, Crann Good.

PJC Foundation also received accolades. **Kat Davis** won two second place awards – one for Advertising/Radio and another for Overall Campaign – and third place for Advertis-



PJC Chapter President Carol Quinn and PJC President Tom Delaino celebrate Carol's recent election as FACC state president-elect

ing/Television. **Kenda Hilleke, Joe Fox** and **Jay Nubile** took third place for Video/Electronic Promotion.

Also elected at the convention: **Angie Jones**, secretary, Administration Commission; **Sylvia Campbell**, director-elect, Region I.

Even with all the preparation for the Convention, the chapter

was once again off and running with a creative fundraiser. Boss' Day was celebrated college-wide on October 16, as dedicated FACC PJC Chapter volunteers sold and delivered over 150 gift bags of chocolate covered pecans to honor bosses and colleagues.

SPC Making a Difference

FACC steps up to help Pinellas County school students

The SPC chapter of FACC has made a big difference in many Pinellas County public school classrooms. For several weeks, various SPC sites collected school supplies from staff and faculty for contribution to elementary and middle schools “adopted” by each site.

“The outpouring of generosity from SPC employees at all sites was enough to fill a hundred barrels of supplies for these students,” said Chapter President Paul Hatchett. “If it makes a difference in 10 children’s lives, then we have accomplished our goal in supporting future SPC students. It was just overwhelming. I thank all those who worked so hard to make it succeed.” He added: “It was such a small idea in its beginning, and to watch employees step up the way they did has encouraged us to initiate

another campaign to support our schools.”

The sites and their adopted schools: Allstate Center: Jamerson Elementary School, Caruth Health Education Center: Pinellas Central Elementary, EpiCenter, EpiServices, Annex

3: High Point Elementary, Seminole Campus: Seminole Elementary, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus: Tyrone Middle School, Tarpon Springs Campus: Tarpon Springs Elementary. Coordinating the efforts at the sites were Michele Leonard, Allstate;

Ginny White, HEC; Antoinette Caraway, Clearwater; Brenda Starr, EpiCenter; Earl Fratus, Seminole; LiLee Tunceren, SP/G; and Alex Stubos, Tarpon Springs.

LiLee Tunceren, left, Communications, SP/G, helps Tyrone Middle School secretary Joyce Darnell unload some supplies.



Convention Awards, continued from page 4

Student Development Commission Awards

Exemplary Practice Award:
Dr. Epp Miller, Dr. Jeff Hollway,
and Luis Guzman, MCC

Student Leader Connection Award:
Pamela Calero, CFCC

Faculty Connection Award: Jana
Bernhardt, CFCC

Outstanding Scholarship Program
Award: IRCC

Technology Commission Awards:

Innovative Technology Award:
Suzanne Ensmann, IRCC

Trustees Commission Awards:

Trustee of the Year: Nancy Watkins,
HCC

REGION AWARDS:

Region I Awards

UnSung Hero Awards

Chipola UnSung Hero,
Alice Pendergrass

TCC UnSung Hero, Dwayne Pugh

OWC UnSung Hero, Kristin Last

Gulf Coast UnSung Hero,
Dottie Terryn

PJC UnSung Hero, Alice Crann
Good

Lifesaver Awards

Lou Kind, ChC

Angelia Reynolds, GCCC

Donna Utley, OWC

Carol Quinn, PJC

Rita Dickey, TCC

Special Recognition Award:

Evelyn Ward, ChC

Region II Awards

Region II Unsung Heroes:

Florida Community College at
Jacksonville – Pat Harrell

Lake City Community College-
Frances Ash

North Florida Community College
– Denise Bell

North Florida Community College-
Jessica Webb

Santa Fe Community College-
Megan Swilley

Santa Fe Community College-
Marta Verzaal

Region IV Awards

Unsung Heroes:

HCC-Laurie Ragsdale

PHC-Terry Wood

PCC-Yulonda Bell

PCC-Brenda Edwards

SPC-Psalms Mack

SFCC-Deborah Fuschetti

MCC-Arlene Jurkscheit



THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONFERENCE ON LEGAL ISSUES



EDUCATION LAW FOR NON-LAWYERS

January 28-30, 2007

Buena Vista Palace in the
Walt Disney World® Resort
Lake Buena Vista, Florida

The Community College Conference on Legal Issues provides a unique professional development opportunity for front-line community college administrators, faculty, staff, and legal counsel to focus on key topics relevant to the distinctive legal challenges community colleges face. Plan to attend and learn how to minimize risks and make better decisions for your institution by examining case studies, policies, and best practices.

Cooperating
Organizations:



For more info call **407-582-3109** or visit
valenciacc.edu/communitycollegelaw

The logo for the National Association of Community College Administrators (NACUA). It features a stylized building icon followed by the text "NACUA".