

## FACC Declares Legislative Success For 2006! See page 3 and 6

### 2006 Membership Workshop Set for July 6-7

Plan now to join us for the 2006 FACC Membership Development Workshop July 6-7, at the Florida Mall Hotel in Orlando. This fun, active workshop will prepare chapter membership chairs and chapter officers to conduct successful campus membership drives, recruit, and retain members. From the nuts and bolts of the paperwork to the wealth of ideas and activities for keeping members engaged and chapters vital, this workshop covers it all.

The **registration fee of \$105** includes all materials, activities, breaks, a continental breakfast, dinner, and the Membership Development Handbook. Registration forms and information were mailed to each Chapter president earlier this month, and are available online at [www.facc.org](http://www.facc.org). A **registration form** can also be found on page 13 of this issue. Each chapter should plan to send at least two representatives.

The deadline for hotel reservations is June 16, 2006, to receive our special room rate of \$99 per night/single or \$109 per night/double. Please identify yourself with FACC when making your reservations.

And don't forget to return the completed registration form(s) to Eileen Johnson at FACC by June 16. We must have the registration forms in advance so that we can tell the hotel how many people to plan for.

To save on travel expenses the FACC Board of Directors will meet immediately following the Membership Workshop from Noon-4 p.m. on Friday, July 7. (Board members will receive a Board packet by separate mailing). There is a separate fee for the Board meeting.

**Join the fun July 6-7 in Orlando!**



Governor Bush and Community College Trustee Chairs during their meeting on April 24, in Tallahassee.

## Welcome Marsha, COO!

After conducting a national search, the Florida Association of Community Colleges has named Marsha Kiner Chief Operating Officer (COO).

Kiner was previously employed by Santa Fe Community College as the recruitment and retention manager for Human Resources. She has been a member of FACC for over seven years, and she served in many capacities including chapter president, co-membership chair for three years, and the equity commission chair. For over eight years, Marsha has been affiliated with the Community College System. Prior to joining SFCC, she was employed at VCC. She is a graduate of the University of Florida, and is excited to join the staff of FACC.

"It is an honor to join the staff of FACC. I am a true believer in the Community College System and the work that we do. I look forward to working with all of our members to promote our association and its mission and goals throughout the state," Kiner said.

"I could not be more excited that Marsha has joined the FACC staff," said Michael Comins, CEO. "She has a reputation for being conscientious and effective, but her commitment to and love for community colleges make her perfect for the job. I know she will be missed by her friends and colleagues at Santa Fe and I realize just how fortunate we are to have her join the FACC team. I am looking forward to working with her."


Kiner joined the FACC staff in Tallahassee on April 10.



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- Bookmarked table of contents (the bookmarks to the left of the screen display give a quick overview and are linked to the articles throughout).
- Helpful hints and side notes. 

# From the President

*Sandra Harrell, Chipola College*

Hello everyone! Well... another legislative session is over and I realize now more than ever what dedicated, professional and caring people we have working for us in Tallahassee. The staff at FACC headquarters, our lobbyists from our institutions, and our presidents just spent a grueling six weeks standing up for us, representing our needs, and fighting to keep community colleges among the priorities of our legislators. We still have a voice!!! If you have not heard Mike's presentation on the outcome of the session, you have missed it! Those of us who have heard it just a few times (5 for me, but who is counting), recognize the hard work and long hours that go into a session that was so important to us. It takes Mike a while to report on the session but that is because it was quite a busy one with many issues that concern us. Please take the time to read about the session on the website and please call the FACC office and pass along a word of thanks to our staff that has put in another great year for us!



I believe that the 2006 Legislative session was successful as well as a learning experience for us. It also drives home to us again, the importance of our growth. Our membership workshop will be held July 6 and 7 in Orlando. Please send a large group to this meeting if at all possible. It will be a great time to brainstorm and network! There will be some great ideas as well as paraphernalia to bring back. You will have to come in order to find out what it is!!! Please come and help us grow.

Marsha Kiner has joined the staff in Tallahassee since our last news letter and I just wanted to put a plug in for you to give her a call. I think you are going to be very pleased with the contributions that Marsha will make to our organization. She loves FACC and believes in our mission. She will certainly help us grow.

Reminder, Mike has been going to as many workshops, conferences, and parties as possible in order to get the message out about the Future's Committee report. Our goal is to make sure everyone is aware of the changes the committee is proposing before convention as we will be voting on these changes at that time. If somehow you have not heard about them please look it up on our website or call any of us with questions.

Remember, promote FACC every chance you get! Looking forward to seeing you at Membership!



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# From the CEO

Michael Comins

The 2006 Legislative Session was a prosperous one for the community college system. I am happy to report a \$116.5 million (9.7%) total budget increase for community colleges. This increase includes funding that is dedicated to specific projects or categories and equates to approximately 95% of the system's legislative budget request. The system was allocated approximately \$75 million (6%) in new operating funding. The percentage increases by College differ based on factors within the Funding Model.

In addition, the final budget included a 2.5% increase in tuition for community college students, compared to 3% for universities, \$20 million for Critical Jobs/SUCCEED grants, and an increase in funding for the Center for Library Automation and Electronic Databases.


On the last day of session, House Education Appropriations Chair, Joe Pickens was able to secure an additional \$5 million in a separate bill, which will allow community colleges to match donations for 'first generation in college' students. This special allocation will allow funds to be matched and used during the 2006-07 fiscal year, rather than having to wait for the traditional matching process, which can take up to 18 months to receive the State Match.

We are happy that [HB 5005](#) passed permitting Bright Futures Medallion

recipients to receive 100% of tuition and fees if attending a community college, [HB 1237](#) that included \$5 million for matching for First Generation Students, and [SB 428](#) that increases the travel reimbursement amounts for meals and an increase in mileage just in time for \$4 per gallon gasoline.

We are happy that several bills did not pass, including [SB 1016](#) Florida Independent Collegiate Assistance, [SB 246](#) Excess Hours, [HB 505](#) Community College Football.


We are disappointed that several bills did not pass including [HB 137](#) Baccalaureate Bill, [HB 119](#) Dream Act, [HB 771](#) Cosmetology and [SB 1884](#) FRS Benefit Increase.

One point of disappointment, funding was provided to a new grant program for private for-profit institutions. The Florida Independent Collegiate Assistance, (FICA) was allocated \$2.5 million. While pleased that [SB 1016](#) and [HB 387](#) did not pass, it is disturbing that the State would pay for credits that do not transfer to the state's own public colleges and universities. We remain hopeful that the Governor will veto the appropriation. Stay tuned. 

What doesn't pass frequently is more important (and takes more time) than what does pass. This was one of those years. The FACC team also assisted in the defeat of Excess Hours, use of the term "Technical

College" for school district technical centers, changes to the residency statutes, restrictions on salaries, restrictions on use of college funds for insurance for 'partners', and restrictions on use of financial aid relating to residency status.

I hope you will heap your praise and gratitude on Rep. Joe Pickens. He was an extraordinary champion for community colleges. Also, please thank the House and Senate Leadership for agreeing to the community college funding levels. I hope you will also express your appreciation to Dr. Mojock and Dr. Law for the hours that they spent advocating the community college position. Many contributions of the community college lobbyist team, led by Larry Bracken of Pensacola Junior College, resulted in the defeat of numerous bad bills and amendments and the successful passage of many good ones.

**Editor's note:** See page 6 for the Legislative Summary. 



## NATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD HONORS IRCC ADULT EDUCATION

*IRCC cited as "beacon of hope" for less-advantaged youth and adults*

Indian River Community College has been selected as a national winner of the prestigious MetLife Foundation Community College Excellence Award for making great strides in helping low income and minority youth and adults meet their educational and career goals. IRCC is one of only two community colleges in the nation to receive the coveted award which was presented at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)

Convention in Long Beach, California on April 23.

The IRCC Adult Education Division was selected for leadership, innovative programming, and success in meeting the learning needs of low income, first generation in college, immigrant and working students. Targeting those who do not traditionally have access to higher education, the IRCC Adult Education Division provides free GED Preparation, Adult High School, Adult Basic Education/

Literacy instruction and English as a Second Language education to over 9,000 students annually at 25 locations throughout the Treasure Coast. IRCC now has the second largest adult education program in the state.

Unique to the IRCC program is strong emphasis on helping Adult Education students transition into and graduate from career training and college degree programs. Last year, 26% of IRCC graduates started in an IRCC Adult Education program.



## Paint Your Heart Out

On February 25, Palm Beach Community College's FACC Chapter took part in Paint Your Heart Out....for the 7th year. This year PBCC painted two homes in Greenacres. Rhoda and Louise, two "older" widows, are neighbors. Louise applied to have her house painted by PYHO and urged Rhoda to do the same.....applications were approved and PBCC stepped up to the plate. Nearly 60 students, faculty and staff and participants of PBCC's TRIO programs gave up part of their Saturday Feb. 25 to paint the homes of the two widows in Greenacres.

Despite overcast skies and intermittent rain, the group arrived at 8 a.m. ready to work. It took them an hour and a half to paint the two homes.

"I am still numb by what I saw here Saturday - students, faculty, people from all walks of life showing compassion for another human being by freely giving of their time and talents to paint my home," Louise Lutz (left in photo), one of the homeowners, wrote in a letter to Marie Reddy (center).

Reddy has coordinated the event for the PBCC Chapter of the Florida Association of Community Colleges for seven years.

Paint Your Heart Out is a national nonprofit organization that is part of "National Make a Difference Day," generally held in October, when volunteers paint homes of low-income, disabled or elderly residents. The PBCC Chapter of FACC decided in 1999 to work with the Paint Your Heart Out of Palm Beach County and make this event one of its community projects.

However, FACC moved its event to February because of last year's hurricanes. In addition, the federally-funded TRIO programs - Upward Bound, educational Talent Search, Educational Opportunity Center and Student Support Services - cosponsored the event. The Solid Waste Authority provided the paint, some of the ladders and most of the paint brushes. The student volunteers included members of Phi Theta Kappa, the Black Student Union and the PBCC Players.



The lighting of the torch kicks off the annual Community College Week at South Florida Community College's Highlands Campus in Avon Park. Charla Minson, student services advisor, ignites the flame for the College mascot, Pete the Panther, who carried the torch to the Building B pavilion in Olympic style. The annual spirit-building week gives teams of SFCC students and staff opportunities to intermingle while competing in fun but challenging activities.



The Volleyball Team digs in its heels as it tries to win the tug-of-war competition during Community College Week at South Florida Community College.



In a twist on bobbing for apples, Calvin Brutus chows down on a string of doughnuts held by his partner, Chad Colestock. The two were competing for the Big Gunz team, composed of SFCC Panther baseball players, in this Community College Week activity at South Florida Community College.



PBCC FACC Members at Paint Your Heart Out event.

## In Memoriam: Wanda P. Daymon

Wanda P. Daymon, Director of Community Relations and Marketing for South Florida Community College, died Friday, April 14, at her home following a courageous battle with cancer.

As an FACC member for the past 20 years, she brought her talent, her tremendous sense of humor and powerful work ethic to every project and position she undertook, including the IAC chairmanship, the convention planning, membership and award committees, numerous board assignments, and the creation of the LeRoy Collins awards. She also led the IAC in the first-ever fundraising event to support the FACC Foundation Building Fund. Ultimately these events

helped to get the building built, and retire the mortgage on the FACC building in record time.

Her dedication to FACC has been recognized by the organization with an Honorary Life membership and the Jim Mulcahy award.

A Memorial Service to celebrate her life was held at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 21 at the Chateau Elan (Sheraton) Hotel at the Sebring Raceway/Airport. Speakers included Dr. Stephen Korcheck, Dr. Norman Stephens, Dr. Catherine Cornelius, William Shaffer, Jim Marsh, and Micheal Comins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wanda Daymon Scholarship Fund c/o South Florida Community College Foundation, 13 E. Main Street, Avon Park, FL 33825.



## PCC Loses Valued Colleague, Friend

Dr. Carolyn S. Rome, 59, passed away Saturday, April 8, 2006. A native of New Kensington, PA., she moved to the Tampa Bay area in 1997. A loving wife, mother, and friend, she was also a highly regarded Professor in the Department of Nursing at Polk Community College. In Carolyn's memory, her husband of 38 years, Rich Rome, along with their children Jeremy Rome of Jacksonville and Alyson Rome-Stepina of Tallahassee, have established a scholarship at Polk Community College.

Memorial contributions may be made to: The Dr. Carolyn Rome Nursing Scholarship C/O Polk County Community College, 999 Avenue H NE, Winter Haven, FL 33881-4229



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# Legislative Summary for Session 2006

## Legislative Issues

There were many controversial issues that had surprising conclusions. Two joint resolutions that would have placed constitutional amendments on the November ballot, passed in the House but failed in the Senate despite their strong backing by the Governor. The first one re-addressed the implementation of class size and would have required districts to spend 65% of their funds in the classroom; it failed in the Senate on a 20 to 20 tie vote. This caused the majority leader to be fired by the Senate President, as he did not support the amendment. The constitutional amendment on vouchers also failed as it did not achieve the required three-fifths vote of 24 yeas; it failed with a vote of 23 to 16 in the Senate. If passed on the November ballot, it would have authorized the state to spend tax dollars for non-public institutions kindergarten through college. This in turn would have negated the Florida Supreme Court ruling that the state cannot expend funds on religious and other private institutions on the grounds that the constitution currently prohibits such expenditures directly or indirectly. This measure was intended to protect funding that is currently going to certain private institutions.

The FACC lobbying team marked the success of this session by what did not pass. Every amendment that was filed was read and onerous ones were defeated by the team.



Education Appropriations Committee Chairman Rep. Joe Pickens, R-Palatka, was champion for funding for Florida's community colleges during the 2006 Session. (House photo by Mark Foley)

[Appropriations Update \(click here\)](#)  

## LEGISLATION THAT PASSED

### SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT PASSED:

#### PERSONNEL ISSUES

**Senate Bill 428 (Lawson)** increases per diem to \$80, and provides \$6, \$11, and \$19 for meals. Mileage rates increased to 44.5 cents per mile. Unfortunately, the provision for annual increases or increases tied to the federal rates did not pass. Therefore, legislation will need to be filed to increase the rates in the future.

**SB 2434 (Haridopolos)** will prohibit use of any state Community College Program Fund (the basic state funding for the colleges) resources to pay for **travel to a terrorist country**.

#### CAREER and HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

**HB 7087** (the A++ bill) requires career planning and career education in the middle and high school levels, including the requirement that **high school students have majors and minors**, the 'ready to work' certification, and a prohibition against discrimination towards dual enrollment courses over AP.

#### STUDENT ISSUES

**HB 795 (Flores)**, the **First Generation Matching Fund** creates a matching grant program for universities. Funds will be used to provide scholarships to students whose parents do not have a baccalaureate degree. As mentioned above, community colleges were not included in this bill, but language related to the same issue was passed in **SB 1237**.

**SB 122 (Fasano)** will provide **recipients of the Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence a waiver of undergraduate tuition** if the student is or was a resident of Florida at the time of the military action that resulted in the award and submits documentation of the award.

#### OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING ISSUES

**HB 7145 (Domestic Security committee)** creates a **Seaport Security training** initiative.

## LEGISLATION THAT DID NOT PASS

### THE FOLLOWING BILLS DID NOT PASS:

**HB 771 (Carroll) / SB 1630 (King)** would have amended the **Cosmetology** statutes, restructuring programs into realistic occupational completion points.

**SB 1884 (Jones) / HB 1149 (Justice)** would have increased **retirement** benefits payable to Regular Class members of the system by increasing the multiplier for years of service from 1.6 to 2.0.

**HB 137 (Mayfield) / Senate Bill 1658 (Lynn)** would have provide that community colleges that grant **baccalaureate degrees** remain under authority of State Board of Education; requires these colleges to maintain their primary mission and prohibits termination of associate degree programs; provides guidelines & restrictions for setting tuition & out-of-state fees for upper-division courses, restricts funding of facilities etc. to Community College Budget.

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## TAXWATCH Report Says Florida CC's Giving Best Bang for The Buck in Education

According to a recent report issued by Florida TAXWATCH, Florida's 28 community colleges are playing an increasingly vital role in preparing young people to enter the workforce and in retraining adults to qualify for the fastest growing jobs in Florida, most of which require community college degrees, not university degrees. That's the finding of Florida TaxWatch in a new research report released this morning at a news conference at the capitol that details benefits to the students and the state's economy from a community college education.

The research, prepared by the Florida TaxWatch Center for Educational Performance and Accountability, also notes additional advantages to the state through avoided costs of crime, welfare, and unemployment benefits. The report utilized sophisticated forecasting and simulation models to examine the direct, indirect, and induced impacts of a community college education on Florida's economy in terms of output, wages, and employment.

### Among the key findings:

- 8 of the top 10 fastest growing jobs in Florida will require an associate degree or postsecondary vocational certificate.
- Community college graduates are paid more than high school graduates, with additional annual earnings of \$112 per credit hour taken or \$3,926 for each full-time student.
- Community college graduates with an Associate in Arts Degree earn \$220,000 more in their lifetime and those with an Associate in Science earn \$480,000 more than a high school graduate.
- Through their resulting increased spending power, those graduates will create 2.6 new jobs for Florida's economy.
- Public funding of community colleges more than repays itself in economic growth by a 13.3 to 1 ratio.
- Florida's community college students enjoy a good return on investment as well, outperforming on average their national counterparts and enjoying a 34% return on investment, compared to the national average of 25%.

Florida's community college system, created to respond to community needs for post secondary academic and technical degree education, had an enrollment of 800,000 students last year, most of them part-time with an average age of 27 years old.

Tuition increases at universities and tightening financial aid, have driven more students toward community colleges after high school. The Florida TaxWatch report notes that 60% of high school graduates who go on to college do so at community colleges. Fulltime enrollment rose 25% from 1999 to 2004, and is expected to surpass 320,000 students by 2007.

"We've been an efficient and productive system in providing opportunities for an increasingly diverse and growing number of Florida students while providing a crucial workforce to support the state's growing economy," said Chuck Mojock, President of Lake Sumter Community College in Leesburg, at news conference announcing the results.

Florida TaxWatch is a private, non-profit, non-partisan research institute that over its 26 year history has become widely recognized as the watchdog of citizens' hard-earned tax dollars. Our mission is to provide the citizens of Florida and public officials with high quality, independent research and education on government revenues, expenditures, taxation, public policies and programs and to increase the productivity and accountability of Florida Government. On the web at [www.floridatxwatch.org](http://www.floridatxwatch.org).

The Florida TaxWatch Center for Educational Performance and Accountability produces research and makes recommendations regarding issues pertaining to educational policies/practices and fiscal accountability toward improved financial and student performance in Florida's pre-K-12 schools.

To View the Full Report, Follow this Link: [Putting Minds To Work Pays Big Dividends](#)

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**HB 205 (Kravitz) / SB 458 (Wise)** would have restricted community colleges and universities from using state funds to provide financial aid for specified students.

**SB 1016 (Wise) / HB 387 (Patterson)** would have created the Florida Independent Collegiate Assistance (FICA) program, a grant program for students at for-profit institutions that offer associates degrees in targeted occupations.

**HB 801**, which would have created the 'ready to work' certification, but the language was included in HB 7087.

**SB 2326 (Baker) / HB 7097 (CCW Committee)** would have included PSAV students in the FSAG program, and authorized school districts to call their vocational centers "technical colleges, and encourage the development of articulation agreements for workforce programs.

**CS HB 513 (Bilrakis) / SB 1480 (Wise)** would have refined requirements related to creating High School Career Academies, but language was included in HB 7087.



NFCC members coordinated the Colin P. Kelly Freedom Run as a community service during the Madison County Four Freedoms Festival



NFCC FACC Members at the Freedom Run.

## NFCC Chapter Activities

**JANUARY 2006:** On Jan. 5, North Florida Community College's FACC chapter provided refreshments to community members during a public town hall meeting featuring U.S. Senator Bill Nelson. NFCC also provided refreshments for a legislative delegation at NFCC on Jan. 23. The NFCC Book Loan Scholarship program assisted 41 students at the beginning of Spring Term (January 2006) by loaning out a total of 72 core curriculum textbooks. Those books were returned and NFCC has thus far loaned a total of 20 books to students for Summer Term A.

**FEBRUARY 2006:** In February NFCC chose chemistry instructor Terry Zimmerman as its candidate for FACC Professor of the Year. Zimmerman represented NFCC well making it to the semi-finals of the competition.

**MARCH 2006:** NFCC sponsored a St. Patrick's Day Social on March 16 complete with green punch, cake and lots of fun.

**APRIL 2006:** On April 5-6 NFCC raised a little over \$500 during a Silent Auction event with proceeds benefiting the NFCC chapter and its book loan program. On April 19 NFCC mailed letters to Senators in support of legislative funding for library electronic databases. More than 80 FACC members signed the letter showing support for this database funding. Also in April NFCC members coordinated the Colin P. Kelly Freedom Run as a community service during the Madison County Four Freedoms Festival on April 22. Fifty-five runners participated in the race and NFCC arranged for nursing students to provide blood pressure checks during the event.

**MAY 2006:** FACC members have played a major role on NFCC's Relay for Life team to help raise money for cancer research. The NFCC chapter will run a "Central Perk Cafe" during the community wide Relay for Life event for Madison County May 5.



PJC FACC Chapter members tour the capitol: Brandi Opager, Debbie Douma, David Sutton, Brenda Pou, Carol Quinn.



## LCCC Chapter Sponsors Workshop

The Lake City Community College (LCCC) chapter of Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC) sponsored an "Identity Theft" workshop April 27 in the LCCC Board Room with over 25 in attendance.

Presenter Special Agent Craig Riley from the Live Oak Field Office of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) served two years with the Leon County Sheriffs Department and three years with FDLE in Miami, capturing identity thieves. Riley presented a thorough PowerPoint demonstration with many good suggestions on how to protect information and guard against identity theft with suggestions as simple as deposit your mail in postal box, shred or burn unwanted personal information, review your credit report once a year, and give only limited information over phone or via Internet.

For more information about identity theft or to receive a identity theft victim kit, e-mail your request to [www.myfloridalegal.com/identitytheft](http://www.myfloridalegal.com/identitytheft).



Pictured l-r: Doris Godwin, FACC president and LCCC Accounts Payable Supervisor with special Agent Craig Riley, FDLE.

## CFCC Chapter News



CFCC's President, Dr. Charles Dassance along with vice presidents Dr. Jim Harvey, Dr. Cash Pealer, Dr. Sharon Cooper, and Dr. Torri Lilly serve breakfast at the annual FACC Career and Professional Employee Appreciation Breakfast.

CFCC's chapter of FACC had a very successful Spring Term. Our fund raisers included the Valentines Day "Chocolate Rose" Sale, Blue Jeans for Babies to support the March of Dimes, and a plant sale in conjunction with the Horticulture Department. FACC supported the Mr. and Ms. CFCC Scholarship Program by providing lunch for the judges, auditing scores, and by helping backstage. FACC was represented at our Citrus Campus Open House, and we also served water and other goodies at the "Spirit Station" during Ocala's annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica.

One of the highlights of the semester was our annual CPEC Employee Appreciation Breakfast. All of our administrators served breakfast as we honored our career and professional employees. Gail Agor, from Seminole Community College, did a wonderful presentation, "Shift Happens".

We are looking forward to our Ice Cream/Brownie Break in May to honor our Plant Operations personnel and our annual Independence Day Picnic this summer.



Attendees at the Region V Conference.

## Region V Conference

The Region V Spring Workshop was sponsored and held at the IRCC campus on March 31, 2006. The workshop themed "Growing Up and Blooming Out and You are the Director" was a huge success and was well attended. FA Davis and Course Technology/Delmar Learning sponsored breakfast and lunch. Mike Comins, FACC Chief Executive Officer, updated the group on legislative issues that are currently being negotiated during the legislative session and provided an update on the Futures Committee.

Those in attendance enjoyed the sophisticated technology at IRCC's Kight Center for Emerging Technologies. The afternoon session covered timely topics such as Pod Casting, digital photography and Florida Sexual Offender/Predator Laws. The workshop wrapped up with a silent auction, door prizes and everyone in attendance received an IRCC Cookbook.

## DBCC Chapter Activities



DBCC's Carole Luby at FACC table during annual employees benefits fair with gift basket and decorated fishes.

FACC's DBCC Chapter hosted the joint Student Development Commission (SDC) and Technology Commission mid-year conferences (May 17-19). Decorating committee co-chairs, Carole Luby and Sharon Ielfield, invited FACC members to get crafty and provide colorful fishes to don the walls of the J.M. Goddard Theater where part of the SDC conference was held.

During the April 21, annual employee benefits fair, the DBCC Chapter provided cut outs of fishes for FACC members and non-members to color – letting their imaginations run wild! Also during the benefits fair, FACC volunteers provided free pop-corn and sold raffle tickets to win an Administrative Professionals Day gift basket.

During February, the Chapter held its first general membership meeting and raised almost \$200 by selling raffle tickets to win a St. Patrick's Day Basket.



## IAC revamps marketing awards & considers name change

When the Institutional Advancement Commission (IAC) met March 30 at Indian River Community College's Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, members focused on making comprehensive changes to how the commission functions.

In response to members' requests, the IAC voted to reinstate the marketing awards structure into two categories: those above and below 5,000 FTE. The new structure will allow smaller colleges to compete with one another in most categories. The commission also decided to award a "Best of Show" monetary award chosen among the winners of the other categories and establish an exemplary practice award, "Overall Campaign." The exemplary practice winner will give a presentation at the fall conference.

IAC members also discussed changing criteria for the LeRoy Collins Award, which goes to an outstanding community college alumnus. Mike Comins, CEO of FACC, said the FACC board wants to make the LeRoy Collins Award more inspiration-

al with three types of entries: life achievement, a rising star with success on the horizon and a person who overcame obstacles to earn a degree and better his or her life. LeRoy Collins committee members will decide if the award will be given on a rotational basis in the three categories or if colleges can nominate someone in one or all three categories with the best of all three chosen. The new criteria will be put to a vote at the fall conference.

Because the majority of IAC members are public relations and marketing professionals, the commission discussed changing its name to "Institutional Advancement and Communications Commission." The name change, if approved at the fall conference, also will necessitate a bylaws change, which will be subject to a vote.

The IAC is grateful to Lisa Velasquez, IAC chair elect and marketing/public relations specialist at Indian River Community College, for hosting the spring conference in the beautiful and fascinating Kight Center for Emerging Technologies.



From left, Linda Harrington, chair of IAC; Mike Comins, CEO of FACC; Lisa Velasquez, chair-elect of IAC; Bev Grundset, Vice President of Commissions for FACC; Toni Wolf, secretary-treasurer of IAC.



## IRCC Chapter Funds Scholarships

By: Michael Pelitera, IRCC, FACC Communications Committee Chair

The FACC chapter at Indian River Community College has been very busy raising scholarship monies for students. Through our chapter's exceptional fundraising efforts, we were able to provide \$24,000, an impressive 71% increase over last year's efforts, in FACC scholarships this year with the assistance of the IRCC Foundation.

Students benefited from the addition of an outstanding scholarship awards committee, lead by the talents of Margot Barker and Deanna Samons. Through a partnership of the IRCC Foundation and Financial Aide Department, an online application process called STARS (Scholarship Tracking and Review System) was created to make the application easier for students and staff alike.

The successful fundraising

efforts include a wide variety of events targeted to please our vast potential audiences; including alumni, all college employees, and the communities we serve. Fundraising activities included "Dancin' In the Aisles," where guests were swinging, jazzing, and in general "get'n down" to favorites of calypso, hits of the 80's & 90's, and other genres of entertaining sounds. Thespians engaged our muse with *Bye Bye Birdie*, as the IRCC Fine Arts Department donated huge proceeds to benefit the student scholarship funds for FACC at IRCC.

Speaking of birdies, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual IRCC Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament was held at the Panther Woods Country Club, raising over \$7,000. This event has become a mainstay for scholarship fundraising, as golfers are again



invited to participate in this year's event being held June 2 at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie.

The high volume of student involvement in these events and so many others, including public service events such as the March of Dimes walk and various blood drives, have

contributed to the extraordinary support for our students throughout the year. The FACC Chapter at IRCC salutes everyone who has been "Showing up and Showing Out," making a difference through FACC on campus and in our community.

## FACC at PHCC

The FACC Chapter at Pasco-Hernando Community College has had an eventful year to date. The PHCC Chapter started the year off with a first time Valentine's Day Bouquet fundraiser, "Meet and Greet" sessions at each campus, a Change War fundraiser, and a departmental membership drive competition that generated a six percent increase in college wide FACC membership. Likewise, the Chapter's annual Carnation Sale for Employee Appreciation Day was a huge success.

In March, three FACC members were sponsored to go on a trip to Tallahassee hosted by PHCC Legislative Liaison and College Attorney, Stephen Schroeder. The group toured the capital, learned about the legislative process, met with representatives, and sat in on a Senate session.

In honor of administrative professionals' day, the PHCC chapter hosted luncheons



at each of its three campuses. Administrative assistants throughout the College were treated by their supervisors to an Italian themed lunch that included vegetable lasagna, chicken parmesan, salad, rolls, tea and cake. The featured speaker at the New Port Richey Campus event was PHCC President, Dr. Katherine M. Johnson. In keeping with the theme, "You're the pizza in our pie and the sparkle in our wine," Dr. Johnson addressed the honored guests.

More events are in the works at PHCC this year. Among them are a new member reception, FACC employee picnic, faculty welcome, bosses luncheon, sock hop dance, FACC hayride and bonfire, and a holiday luncheon.







(Left to Right) Gaetano Montante (donated \$500 for books for Panama), Professor Lori Crane, Professor Tom Steffen (PBCC instructor that went to Panama with donated material) and Marie Reddy.

## PBCC Book Sale funds Scholarships

On April 3rd and 4th the Palm Beach Community College Chapter of FACC held its annual FACC Book Sale. This sale is held each year in conjunction with National Library Week. Twenty five tables filled with books--withdrawn library books and new best-sellers, computer books, textbooks, dictionaries, etc. were available for sale at nominal prices ranging from 50 cents to \$2.

The sale raised \$1,910 in the two days. Students were thrilled--they walked away from the sale literally carrying boxes of books that they had purchased! Nursing textbooks that normally cost \$80 were sold for \$2....on a first come first served basis.

There were many positive comments from individuals attending the sale. All the books sold were donated to FACC from our generous PBCC family. The sale was also made possible by the following volunteers: Marie Reddy, the Book Sale founder, along with helpers Victoria Ionata Green, Jennifer Jamason, Susan Goehring, Patrina Young, John Wasukanis, Colleen Shaffer, Nancy Buhl, Joan Young, Sandra Barrett, Connie Smith, Maria Lopez, Monica Hamlin, Susan Aguila, Sandra Livingston, Natalie Dibisceglie, Betty Dente, Sonia Ortiz, Esther Williams, Mayetta Lee, Toni Wolf, Geegan Gabriel, Barbara Ricciardi, Ana De Armas, Jacqueline Rogers, Margaret Jones, Josie Gotwalt, Peggy Adams-King, Shelley Hill, Rebecca Baylor, Tabatha McDonald, Pat Myerscough, Nancy Zinser, Trish Froehlich and Glenroy Henry.

Special thanks to the police academy cadets with Robert Gleichauf for their assistance in moving the books out to the tables and helping set up. These individuals gave up part of their time to help set up and man the sale tables.

As always, monies earned at the Book Sale will go toward the newly re-named Nancy Buhl P.B.C.C./F.A.C.C. Scholarship Fund for PBCC staff and their families.

## Schoolboxes for Panama

On Thursday, April 6, the FACC Chapter of Palm Beach Community College presented "SCHOOLBOXES FOR PANAMA--UNWRAPPED!" This short program, in honor of National Library Week, gave PBCC staff an opportunity to see the results of their generous donations of school supplies and library books sent to the children of Santa Clara school in Panama.

Professor Lori Crane and Mr. Tom Steffen gave a short talk with a power point program on the process of delivery after the "wrapping party" done in the PBCC Library last year. A lot of obstacles were overcome and the schoolboxes were finally shipped and delivered to the children in December.

Tom was there for the "unwrapping" and gave his first hand account of the children and the schools (3) that benefited. He noted that the children were so happy to receive even a pencil because they are so treasured and when some of them opened boxes and found stuffed animals, their eyes lit up and they just picked up the stuffed animal and hugged it to their chests.

Since a number of boxes were individually decorated, individuals who sent some of those boxes could see their own box being opened!

The Mayor of the small town where the school is located presented Palm Beach Community College with a large photograph of a Panama beach scene signed by the Mayor with his thanks.

People attending this presentation took home thank you letters written by the children of Santa Clara. Some letters were addressed to specific individuals, some were generic. These letters were displayed on the wall of the gallery so that everyone could take home their copy. There was also a small display of photographs taken during the Unwrapping of the SchoolBoxes.



## PJC Chapter Spring Events

A hearty band of PJC FACC members traveled east on I-10 to visit the state capitol on April 6. After a tour of FACC headquarters conducted by CEO Mike Comins, PJC legislative liaison Larry Bracken led a tour of the State House and Senate offices. On April 7 we participated in the Region 1 spring conference.

Good food, fellowship, and fun were on the menu for the annual FACC Picnic held on April 21. The picnic was a great way to thank employees for all of their dedication and hard work throughout the year. It was coordinated by Sylvia Campbell with assistance from a team of FACC members, and along with a custom-ordered sunny day was enjoyed by all.

**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**  
July 6-7, 2006—Orlando

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate boxes:

- ☐ **I will attend the 2006 Membership Development Workshop JULY 6-7, 2006**  
☐ Enclosed is my registration fee in the amount of \$105.00  
☐ My \$105 registration fee will follow by mail, or I will bring my \$105.00 registration fee to the meeting  
☐ I plan to bring a guest to dinner ( we will contact you about meal costs)  
☐ I am a Retired member ( Retirees pay a reduced fee; we will contact you about costs)  
☐ I request a vegetarian meal ☐ Vegan

Please list any other dietary restrictions or food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Registration fee includes a break and dinner on Thursday, continental breakfast on Friday, a Membership Development Handbook, and other workshop materials. Membership Workshop will be 1-5 p.m. on Thurs., July 6, with dinner at 6:30. The Workshop continues 8 a.m.-11:45 a.m. on Fri., July 7 (with continental breakfast at 8 a.m.). PLEASE NOTE: Casual attire.

Hotel reservations must be made no later than June 16, 2006, by calling the Florida Mall Hotel at 800-588-4656 and mentioning

GROUP NAME: Florida Association of Community Colleges Workshop and Board Meeting to receive the special rate of \$99 single or \$109 double.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to hotel deadlines for meal counts, we must also have this form no later than June 16, 2006. Payment may be sent separately or you may bring it to the meeting. No refunds for cancellations after June 27, except for documented emergencies.

**Please return this form no later than June 15, 2006 to:**

**FACC, Attention: Eileen Johnson**

**113 E. College Ave.**

**Tallahassee, FL 32301**

**Or FAX to: 850-222-2327**

If you wish to purchase discount tickets to Universal Studios or Islands of Adventures with your FACC member discount please visit the following link <http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/27343> and use the password OLIVEOYL (all caps). You may purchase your tickets directly from this site, print them off at your printer and then take them to the gate.

If you need more information please contact Eileen Johnson at [eileen@facc.org](mailto:eileen@facc.org) or 850-222-3222.