

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

from President Gregory Adam Haile, J.D.



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COLLEGE NEWS

Broward College Provides Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Assist the Community

Responding to the critical need for more PPE to protect our front-line healthcare workers, Broward College transferred PPE supplies it has in stock to Memorial Healthcare System, Broward Health hospitals, and the local FBI field office.

The PPE sent to the hospitals included 141 boxes of sterile examination gloves, 1,127 boxes of non-sterile gloves, 187 boxes of gowns, 108 boxes of facial masks, and 104 boxes of miscellaneous items, including shoe covers, drapes, caps and infection control kits. As partners to the institution, both hospitals will reimburse the College for the supplies at a later date. Also, the College provided 500 face masks to local FBI agents; loaned 20 computer cameras for telemedicine, and eight ventilators to Memorial Healthcare System; and is using its 3D printers to print 1,000 face shields for that hospital system.



Recognizing Broward College Front-Line Employees

Broward College has transitioned to remote working and remote learning. Still, to ensure the continuity of services, more than 200 employees college-wide remained on the front lines to support students and staff. On-site support includes Campus Safety, Information Technology, Facilities, Material Services, Student Services staff, and a few faculty members. "These folks are making an additional sacrifice for this institution, for our students and our community," said President Haile as he recognized the essential employees during the college-wide town hall on Friday, April 17. "I want us all to be conscious of them because they are doing extraordinary work for us and helping us to do things like gathering Personal Protective Equipment to support those in our community."



Material Services employees load boxes into a truck for delivery to Memorial Healthcare System.

Saluting Broward College Nursing Graduates Serving as First Responders

Broward College salutes its graduates who are already making an impact in our community and sacrifice for our greater good.



Healthcare professionals are incredibly critical in the fight against the outbreak of COVID-19, and Broward College nursing graduates are among the front-line workers making a difference in our community. Based on the most recent Florida placement data, it is estimated that approximately 98 percent of the College's nursing graduates are in the workforce throughout the state. Broward College has graduated more than 900 nurses since fall 2017 from its Associate of Science and Bachelor of Science Nursing programs. In 2019, over 96 percent of Broward College nursing students passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). This pass rate is higher than all comparable colleges in the state of Florida. While many certification exams have been postponed due to the pandemic, nursing students continue to take the NCLEX. The College anticipates another 116 graduates will complete its Nursing program this May.

Broward UP Transitions Services to Assist the Community

In collaboration with Continuing Education and Health Sciences Continuing Education, Broward UP has redesigned courses for both instructor-led remote learning and self-paced online course delivery. Scholarships for qualified residents are available for courses leading to high-demand healthcare careers, including medical billing and coding, pharmacy technician, EKG technician, dialysis technician, and clinical medical assistant. This is in addition to several free online courses offered in Supply Chain Management, Excel, Six Sigma, and more. Broward UP continues to maintain close communication with municipal and agency partners to share resources and assess community needs. Broward UP case managers are guiding residents seeking new opportunities, providing support information associated with food insecurity, healthcare, and technology needs. The team is also sharing COVID-19 resource information in English, Spanish, and Creole to residents, as well as CDC updates and a DIY cloth face mask tutorial encouraging residents to help “stop the spread.”



Remote Learning Continues for Summer

Broward College will continue remote learning for summer courses. The decision was made in consideration of protecting the health and safety of students and employees while maintaining academic continuity. The college continues to monitor developments and remains open to the possibility of resuming some field experience courses in June. Sessions I and II of the summer term begin on May 11, while session III starts on June 25.



New Event Dates for Broward College Village Square and Speaker Series



The 2020 Village Square Dinner at the Square and Speaker Series events, which were impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19, have been rescheduled.

- Dinner at the Square event “Us vs. Them? The Tale of Two Floridas” is now scheduled for June 24, 2020, at the Funky Buddha Brewery in Oakland Park. For more information, visit broward.villagesquare.us/event/southfloridavsthestate
- The remaining two lectures of the 2020 Broward College Speaker Series events are now scheduled as follows:
 - Abby Wambach – Tuesday, September 8
 - José Andrés – Wednesday, October 21

Tickets are now on sale at www.broward.edu/speakerseries.

Broward College Seeks Private Partner for the Development of its A. Hugh Adams Central Campus

The invitation to negotiate (ITN) opened on April 17, 2020, with a due date of May 29, 2020. It focuses on bids to develop land at the southeast corner of its A. Hugh Adams Central Campus in Davie, Florida. Considered a prime development opportunity in a growing submarket of the greater Fort Lauderdale area, the campus has 30 buildings on over 150 acres of land. There are approximately 15.5 acres of land along Davie Road at the main entrance to the campus being considered as part of this opportunity. The current site footprint includes Seahawk Lake, two parking lots, and an overflow lot on the southeast corner of the campus. The selected developer must offer a creative approach to the planning, use, design, and development of the area. Once a partner is selected, and all the requisite approvals are complete, the development process is expected to commence in 2021. The College also envisions working in parallel with a development partner to finalize the stormwater master plan in coordination with this opportunity to ensure maximum value to the College and the private partner. For information on the ITN process, visit the College’s bid site at network.demandstar.com.

All College-Related Travel Canceled

The College has updated its travel-related restrictions issued on March 10 to include international and domestic air travel, as well as travel by motor vehicles such as car, van, and bus. The cancellation includes, but is not limited to, academic competitions, athletic events, conferences, seminars, and study abroad programs.

Dr. Rolando García Named Next President of North Hennepin College in Minnesota



Dr. Rolando Garcia, president of the Judson A. Samuels South Campus in Pembroke Pines, has been named the next president of North Hennepin College in Minnesota. Dr. Garcia was selected after a nationwide search and will assume his new role on July 1. During his tenure at Broward College, Dr. Garcia served as dean of Academic Resources and Assessment and led efforts to strengthen and promote services offered by the Academic Success Centers. He also served the College through several boards, including with the Miramar Pembroke Pines Regional Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA of South Florida, and Hispanic Unity of Florida. Dr. Garcia received his doctorate in higher education from Florida International University, his master's degree in Management Information Systems from Florida International University, and his bachelor's degree in Psychobiology from the University of Miami.

STUDENT NEWS

First College-Wide Student Town Hall



On Wednesday, April 22, College leadership hosted the first college-wide digital forum for students. Students heard directly from senior leadership on the institution's response to COVID-19, resources, and best practices on remote learning. Students were invited to submit questions before and during the town hall. Panelists included President Haile; College Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services, Dr. Marielena DeSanctis; Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, Dr. Jeffery Nasse; Vice Provost of Student Services, Janice Stubbs; Senior Associate Vice President, Student Financial Services, Caleb Cornelius; and Wellness Program Manager, Dr. Lisa Elsinger.

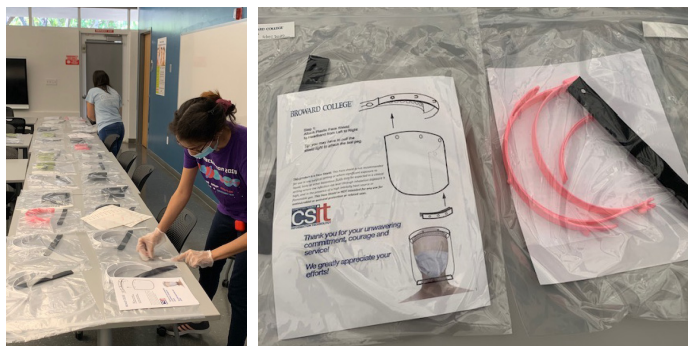
Laptop Loaner Program Helps Hundreds of Students

To help students who do not have access to a computer transition to remote learning, Broward College set up a laptop and webcam loan program. In the first three weeks, more than 600 laptops were issued. As an additional safety measure, devices are now being shipped directly to students while supplies last. Students who are currently taking classes can get access to a device by simply completing an online application. Additional student support services are also available through the College's Seahawk Outreach Services (SOS) office.



Information Technology Students Assist With the Production of Facial Masks

Broward College students and instructors in the Computer Science department are leading the efforts to use the College's 3D printers to manufacture face shields for Memorial Healthcare System to help meet PPE supply needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. It takes an average of 17 hours to print each mask. The volunteers have been working daily for the last two weeks, including weekends, to produce and assemble the 1,000 face shield kits for those on the front lines.



Model United Nations (MUN) Team Earns Recognition for Research Papers

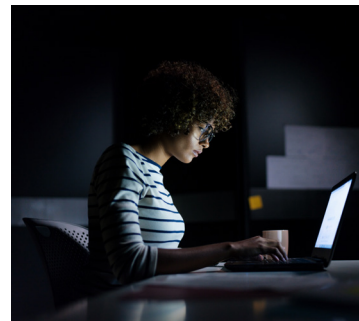
Ten students from the Broward College Model United Nations team were selected to participate in the Southern Regional Model United Nations conference from March 26 to 29, 2020, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The conference was postponed due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Although the team was unable to attend, they delivered excellence in the only area evaluated. Conference organizers remained committed to evaluating the position papers, and the Broward College MUN Team won outstanding position papers for both Thailand and the Maldives. One of the committee papers even earned a perfect score. This recognition is a true testament to the students' dedication and hard work.



Members of the Broward College Model United Nations Team

College Support Fund Helps Students

The College redirected the \$150,000 from its spring graduation budget to establish a Student Support Fund. Applications were processed on a first-come, first-served basis and assisted students experiencing hardships with housing, transportation, health, job loss, technology, academics, childcare, and essential bills. More than 5,400 applications were received, 385 applications reviewed, and 339 students awarded funding. While the Student Support Fund has been exhausted, the College is moving to offer assistance to students through aid from the federal CARES Act and is working on a process to distribute that allocation. Updates on the process will be shared at www.broward.edu/coronavirus.



Broward College in the News

College faculty and administrators have been sharing their expertise with the community through local media outlets.

On April 6, online expert Associate Dean Priscilla Suarez shared tips to succeed in adopting remote learning on a WPLG television segment.



Click above to view the segment



SOUTH FLORIDA SunSentinel

On March 26, Dr. Jamie Marcus, part-time instructor in the RN to BSN program shared in an Op-Ed in the Sun Sentinel her expertise on caring for the elderly during the current outbreak of COVID-19.

www.sun-sentinel.com/opinion/marcus-elderly-coronavirus

Broward College Biology Professors Featured in ACUE Blog for Creativity in the Classroom

The article highlights the creative response to providing lab instructions through remote learning. Since 2017, Broward College has established a five-year partnership with ACUE to license 500 faculty as part of efforts to improve classroom teaching and student success.



community.acue.org/blog/getting-creative-with-biology

FOUNDATION NEWS

Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club Supports American Dream Scholarship

The Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club presented a \$2,500 gift to the Broward College Foundation to support the Ivy Stranahan Memorial American Dream Scholarship, which will be awarded to students in good academic standing who are at least 75 percent through their degree program.



Ivy Julia Cromartie Stranahan was born in White Springs, Florida, on February 24, 1881. She moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1899 to become the town's first schoolteacher. She married Frank Stranahan in 1900 and lived at the Indian trading post founded by her husband. Stranahan taught school in Fort Lauderdale for 17 years. She also informally taught Seminole Indian children for over 15 years. Her most noted accomplishment was the foundation of the "Friends of the Seminoles" and her role in persuading some of the Seminoles to move to the newly created reservation at Dania. Stranahan died in Fort Lauderdale on August 30, 1971.

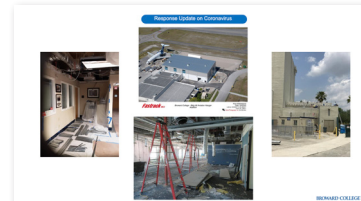
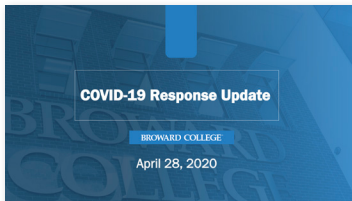
April Board Meeting Held Virtually

The meeting held on Tuesday, April 28, had more than 100 attendees. Led by Chair, Gloria Fernandez, participants included trustees Matthew Caldwell, Zachariah “Reggie” Zachariah, and Student Trustee, Gabriel Nieves, outgoing president of the Student Government Association of the Judson A. Samuels South Campus. The Board received updates on administrative and operational developments across the College. The Board meeting in March was canceled due to the outbreak of COVID-19.



Senior Leaders Provide Updates to the Board on the College’s Response to COVID-19

Members of the senior leadership team provided details of actions taken to protect students and employees, ensure academic and resource continuity and effective communication during the current pandemic. Following a timeline that started in February, the updates included the college-wide communication process, the transition to remote learning and work, support to students and faculty, workforce education training being offered in remote format to the community, facilities, and safety and security measures currently in place. The report also highlighted areas where there are still some challenges and how the College is working to resolve those issues, including test proctoring services, and clinicals and field experience courses that could not be offered remotely.



Board Approves Contract with Henderson Behavioral Health



The Board approved the recommendation for a three-year contract with Henderson Behavioral Health, Inc. to provide mental health counseling to students. The approval follows an invitation to negotiate (ITN), the College’s formal competitive solicitation process. Henderson Behavioral Health was selected based on its ability to provide a comprehensive range of services. This includes two dedicated full-time licensed mental health professionals; telephone triage; student counseling services assessment; individual, couples, family counseling, and group therapy; psychiatric evaluation; medication management; and in-person and remote 24/7 crisis counseling and intervention, among other outreach and support services. In addition to providing mental health services to students, the contract also provides critical support in assessing fitness to participate in educational activities, and training for students and staff on important mental health issues.

2020-21 Budget Process Outlined

Chief Operating Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer, John Dunnuck, explained to the Board that the 2020-21 budget would focus on priority-based funding. Providing an overview of the budget process over the years, Dunnuck said the College is currently assessing and vetting the best use of resources. He also said the College is moving away from the use of year-to-year funding to a results-driven, priority-based method that focuses on fiscal accountability and achieving desired institutional outcomes. He explained that given the trends in enrollment decline, the College was making every effort to determine the best return on investment. Dunnuck explained that the new process allows the institution to allocate funding to the areas that will have the highest impact on student success. The 2020-21 budget process started on April 27, and a final budget will be presented to the Board for approval at its meeting in June.

Policy Revisions

During the April Board meeting, the following policy revisions were approved:

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[6Hx2-5.03](#)

[6Hx2-5.23](#)

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