

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

from the Office of the President



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

August marked a “back to school” month for many in our Broward College family, and as students returned to campus for the Summer term, our faculty and staff were eager to welcome them. And while the start of each academic year is its own sort of celebration, there was still plenty to celebrate from the summer months – from milestone faculty achievements to generous donations to major awards. We salute Dean of Student Services Dr. David Kenton, for example, for being named to South Florida Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 List, a testament to his dedication to uplifting our community. Hats off also to the 126 nursing graduates who participated in this summer’s Candle Lighting Ceremony, carrying on a time-honored Broward College tradition. We also extend our congratulations to the College’s Psi Beta Society on being named winner of the 2023 Chapter Excellence Award. And of course, we celebrate our collective achievements in being named a 2023 Best-in-State Employer by Forbes Magazine. This award confirms what many of us know and feel: that Broward College holds the well-being and happiness of its employees in as high regard as it does the success of its students. Thank you all for continuing to set the standard for what an institution of higher learning can be!

COLLEGE NEWS

Faculty Members Look to the Future at 2023 Faculty Welcome Back

More than 400 faculty and staff gathered Wednesday, August 16, at Broward College North Campus for the annual Faculty and Staff Welcome Back meeting, where Provost and Senior Vice President Dr. Jeffrey Nasse introduced new faculty and recognized newly endowed faculty members. Under the theme “The Future is Now: Innovating Today for Tomorrow’s Education,” President Haile praised all in attendance for creating a “culture of excellence” at Broward College. He emphasized the mission to increase access for all students, empower student development, and create impactful career connections in accordance with the College’s Social Enterprise Plan. Also at the event, the president recognized Associate Professor of English Dr. Billy Jones for the recent honor of being named a Top Black Educator of 2023 by Legacy Miami Magazine, as well as Associate Professor of English Laura McDermott Matheric for the distinction of being named Poet Laureate of Coconut Creek. Noting several collective achievements, President Haile also praised the faculty for its role in the College being ranked number one in Least Debt Acquired by Students among colleges in the Southeastern United States, as well as several recognitions by the American Association of Community Colleges for excellence in the categories of Artificial Intelligence, economic mobility, and job training.



Caption: Faculty and staff gather for a morning of presentations, workshops, and networking as part of the 2023 Faculty and Staff Welcome Back meeting, which was held August 16 on North Campus.



Caption: The Faculty and Staff Welcome back meeting began with a resource marketplace, where attendees could network with peers to learn about services, programs, and resources offered to faculty and staff at Broward College.

Dean of Student Services Dr. David Kenton Named to 40 Under 40 List by South Florida Business Journal

In their July issue, South Florida Business Journal named Broward College Dean of Student Services Dr. David Kenton to its 40 Under 40 List. This award recognizes 40 individuals under the age of 40 who have made an impact in their field of expertise, in their community, and at their companies in the South Florida area. Dr. Kenton was nominated for his service as Dean of Student Services at Broward College and for his leadership as a Board Chair of the Children's Services Council of Broward County. A virtual award ceremony honoring Dr. Kenton and his fellow nominees was held on Monday, August 14.



Caption: Dr. David Kenton, dean, Student Services, was named to the South Florida Business Journal 40 Under 40 list.

Emil Buehler Aviation Institute at Broward College Receives Donation of General Electric Turbofan Jet Engines

Broward College's Emil Buehler Aviation Institute was the recipient of two General Electric CF34 turbofan jet engines. The engines were delivered on Tuesday, August 1. Typically found on large regional jets and business jets, these engines have an estimated value of \$12.7M and will serve as an instructive addition to Broward College's aviation program. Staff and faculty members were on hand to organize the arrival. Broward College industry partners GA Telesis and MD Turbines donated the transportation services and forklift rental required to transport the jet engines.



Broward College aviation students pose for a photo in front of the program's newly acquired General Electric turbofan jet engines.

Broward College Recognized as One of America's Best-In-State Employers by Forbes and Statista

Forbes and Statista have ranked Broward College as one of the Best-In-State Employers in America for 2023. The rankings, which are compiled yearly, will be released on Forbes.com on August 22, 2023. America's Best-In-State Employers 2023 have been identified based on an independent survey of U.S. employees working for companies from all industry sectors employing more than 500 employees in the United States. The calculation of the direct and indirect score is based on over 2.1 million employer recommendations. The evaluation was made on a state-by-state basis and is based on three distinct criteria: in-state employer recommendations, national in-industry recommendations, direct recommendations based on Broward College employee feedback. The title of America's Best-In-State Employers 2023 serves to reinforce the College's reputation as a company that is performing exceedingly well on a national level. Broward College previously won this award in 2021.



Provost Dr. Jeffrey Nasse Provides Welcoming Remarks at Broward County Commission ‘Doing Business with Canada’ Workshop

Dr. Jeffrey Nasse, provost and senior vice president, Academic Affairs, welcomed participants to the “Doing Business with Canada” workshop of the Broward County Commission at the Willis-Holcombe Center in Downtown Fort Lauderdale on Wednesday, July 26. In a 15-minute speech, he provided a brief overview of Broward College and its role as an economic incubator in the region. The workshop, which was open the public, served as an opportunity for local business and civic leaders to discuss export and investment opportunities in Canada. The event was attended by roughly 100 participants. It was followed by a meet-and-greet with members of the Consulate General to the United State and the Broward County Chamber of Commerce.



Dr. Jeffrey Nasse

Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick Hosts CHIPS & Science Act Town Hall at Broward College North Campus

On Monday, August 7, congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D-FL) hosted the U.S. Department of Commerce for a town hall event celebrating the one-year anniversary of the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act. The event took place at Broward College North Campus and included remarks from representatives from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Broward College, Florida Atlantic University, and the National Science Foundation. Following remarks, the town hall event featured a resource fair, where attendees received additional information about local careers in STEM and innovation. Congresswoman Cherfilus-McCormick also announced roughly \$3 million in grant funding for Broward College as part of the Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program. This funding is part of the Biden-Harris Administration’s Internet for All initiative that aims to connect Americans with affordable, reliable high-speed internet service. Broward College received



U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick presents on the one-year anniversary of the CHIPS & Science Act at a town hall meeting at Broward College North Campus

funding for its “Connecting Broward-UP Communities (CBC)” project, which seeks to promote broadband adoption, access, and capacity at the College and ensure all residents in targeted communities have access to broadband service.

Broward College Receives \$454,038 NSF Grant to Launch Drones to Aviation Pathway Project

Broward College has been awarded a prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) grant for the Drones to Aviation Pathway (DAP) Project. The grant, totaling \$454,038, is designed to support



A grant from the National Science Foundation will help support Broward College’s Drones to Aviation Pathway.

the development of a groundbreaking program focused on increasing access to avionics careers for low-income students, students of color, and women. The project also aims to address the increasing demand for skilled avionics technicians in the rapidly growing drone industry. Students of Broward County will have the opportunity to explore the world of aviation and learn valuable skills for successful careers in the aviation industry. Spearheaded by Broward College faculty experts, the DAP Project will also collaborate with Miramar High School, Florida Memorial University, University of Florida, and various community organizations and business representatives to ensure the program’s long-term success and broad impact. These partners bring their expertise, resources, and perspectives to enrich the project’s outcomes and ensure its alignment with industry needs and student success.

Smart Energy Decisions Names Broward College Facilities Sustainability Team a Winner in Inaugural DEI Impact Awards

Smart Energy Decisions, the first web-based information resource dedicated to addressing the information needs of large power customers, announced on Wednesday, August 2, that Broward College was among the winners of its inaugural DEI Impact Awards. These awards honor efforts in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in clean energy. The award was presented to Broward College’s Facilities Sustainability Team in the One to Watch category, designating outstanding potential for equity in clean energy. Nominations were accepted for DEI projects and industry influencers from commercial, industrial, institutional, and government organizations across seven categories. Winners were selected by a panel of judges representing energy customer peers and industry experts. Award winners will be celebrated at SED’s Net Zero Fall Forum on Wednesday, September 20, at the Hilton Phoenix Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix, Arizona.



Nursing Program Holds Summer Candle Lighting Ceremony

The Broward College Associate of Science in Nursing program hosted a Candle Lighting Ceremony for Summer term graduates on Wednesday, August 8, at Bailey Hall on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. The candle lighting ceremony is held in the spirit of the 19th century English nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, who would take her oil lamp late at night to care for the sick during the Crimean War. During the ceremony, 126 students from the College’s nursing program were recognized for their academic success. The program recently earned an 85.4 percent pass rate for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), surpassing the state and national averages.



Broward College nursing students celebrate the completion of their degree during the Summer Candle Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, August 8.

Broward College Announces Pledge2Success Scholarship

Broward College has unveiled the Pledge2Success Scholarship, a scholarship program designed to empower the community through guaranteed access to higher education. The scholarship provides a significant benefit for all graduating high school students and their families. The Pledge2Success Scholarship, which is designed as a “last dollar” scholarship, launches this fall and provides free tuition, after applying financial aid or other scholarships, for up to 75 credit hours towards an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degree for up to seven semesters for Broward County residents with an adjusted gross family income of \$82,000 or less. To be eligible for the Pledge2Success Scholarship, students must have graduated from any Broward County public, private, or charter high school or eligible Broward County homeschool in 2023.



- Apply to Broward College
- Complete a 2023-2024 Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with an annual adjusted gross income at or below \$82,000
- Maintain full-time status at Broward College (Earn 30 credits per academic year). *Academic advisors will assist students in planning their credit enrollment for each term
- Qualify for Florida in-state tuition
- Register for fall 2023 classes at Broward College

TechConnect Event Provides Gateway to Opportunity for Aspiring IT Students

Accomplished former Broward College IT interns had the opportunity to share their career journeys with aspiring IT students during the IT Pathway’s TechConnect event on North Campus on Thursday, July 20. More than 80 people participated in the event, which featured former IT students sharing essential career insights. The event also served to connect new IT students with internship opportunities and facilitates networking within the industry. TechConnect events offer a unique opportunity for students to connect directly with companies that are offering paid internship positions. Internships are invaluable experiences that allow students to apply their knowledge in real-world settings, gain practical skills, and build their professional network. By bringing together students and IT companies, TechConnect facilitates the establishment of strong connections within the industry. This networking aspect of the event can lead to potential job offers in the future or even turn internships into full-time employment opportunities after graduation.





Students and staff from Broward College attended the Florida Women in Energy Leadership Forum in Fort Lauderdale. The three-day event was attended by women leaders in the energy industry from across the state.

President Haile Participates in “Education to Energy” Panel at Florida’s Women in Energy Leadership Forum

President Haile was among the esteemed guests who served on a panel at the 2023 Florida’s Women in Energy Leadership Forum (FWELF), which ran from Monday, August 14, to Wednesday, August 16, at the Marriot Harbor Beach in Fort Lauderdale. The three-day event included C-suite level keynote speakers and panelists discussing the industry’s commitment to infrastructure investment, employees, and customers. President Haile’s panel was entitled “Education to Energy.” Fellow panelists include Ava Parker, president, Palm Beach College; Patty Keenan, chief talent officer, Miller Electric; and Juliet Murphy Roulhac, director of corporate philanthropy and community engagement, Florida Power & Light. It was moderated by Michael DeBock, vice president, Florida Power & Light. In addition, five students from Broward College – Shania Gedeon, Isabella Gillaranz, Stephanie Calzada, Samantha Arroyo, and Laurie Blanchard – participated the leadership summit. These students were able to engage

in an invaluable opportunity to learn, connect, and foster personal growth within the dynamic energy leadership landscape. FWELF was launched in 2015 to celebrate the success of women leaders in the energy industry who have demonstrated commitment to growing Florida’s economy and diversifying its workforce.

STUDENT NEWS

Ten Broward College Students Awarded Heidi Dennis Wonder Woman Scholarship

During an awards ceremony on Wednesday, August 8, 10 Broward College students were recognized as recipients of the Heidi Dennis Wonder Woman Scholarship, a need-based scholarship aimed at exceptional women who are dedicated to advancing their education or vocational studies for the betterment of themselves and their families. This one-time scholarship, valued at \$1,500, is intended to assist recipients in covering various education-related expenses, including tuition, books and supplies, as well as testing and graduation fees. Each of the recipients of the Heidi Dennis Wonder Woman Scholarship will receive the scholarship and be assigned a mentor for the year. Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis and President Haile were among those in attendance, and ABC Local 10 News’ Saira Anwer served as the emcee of the event.



Ten Broward College students were among the honorees at the Heidi Dennis Wonder Woman Scholarship awards ceremony in Fort Lauderdale on August 8.



Broward College’s Psi Beta Society was awarded a 2023 Chapter Excellence Award for their excellence in engaging members in service, research, and leadership.

Broward College Psi Beta Society Wins 2023 Chapter Excellence Award

Broward College’s chapter of the Psi Beta Society, a national community college honors society that recognizes academic achievement in the field of psychology at two-year colleges, was named a winner of the 2023 Chapter Excellence Award. The award recognizes Psi Beta chapters that meet or exceed a minimum number of activities that engage student members in service, research, leadership, and scholarship. Chapter advisor Nathalie Franco, associate professor, Psychology, was recognized in the award announcement for her steadfast commitment to mentoring aspiring Psychology students. Psi Beta is the national honor society in psychology for community colleges and is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS). Psi Beta is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Psychological Society (APS). Psi Beta’s mission is to professionally develop outstanding psychology students at two-year colleges through the promotion and recognition of excellence in scholarship, leadership, research, and community service.

Three Broward College Students Complete Internships with Local Tech Leaders

Broward College students Ben Cadet, Priscilla Renje, and Davida Bhola excelled during their internships with two major tech companies this summer. STEM pathway students Ben and Priscilla interned at United National Consumer Suppliers (UNCS) in Fort Lauderdale, with Ben serving as a tech analyst and Priscilla serving in the finance department. Additionally, Business Pathway student Davida served as a database designer and administrator for the investments and acquisitions firm BBX Capital. Her professional aspiration is to work in database administration and design. These opportunities were awarded to Broward College students through a search that was open nationwide. Their hiring brings recognition of the outstanding quality of Broward College students. These students all excelled in their roles, and both companies will seek interns next summer.



Broward College students Ben Cadet and Priscilla Renje recently completed internships at United National Consumer Suppliers, while student Davida Bhola served as a database designer for BBX Capital.

RETIREMENTS

MICHAEL HART | Senior Professor, Social Behavioral Sciences and Human Services | 53 Years of Service

DONNA SAMET | Assistant Professor, English | 33 Years of Service

LYNN ZIPOLI | Executive Assistant, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Education | 27 Years of Service

JACQUELINE GONZALEZ | CAD Operator, Central Campus | 23 Years of Service

FRED STURGEON | Small Equipment Operator, Central Campus | 22 Years of Service

LAWRENCE WUMMER | Associate Vice President, Budget | 15 Years of Service

SANDRA GANZ | Executive Assistant, Health Science Simulation Center | 14 Years of Service

CAMILLE LA ROCCA | Senior Executive Assistant, Academic Operations, Analytics, and Communications | 13 Years of Service

Broward College in the News

Broward College students awarded Heidi Dennis Wonder Woman Scholarship

ABC Local 10 News posted a video to their website on Wednesday, August 30, featuring the 10 Broward College students who were awarded the Heidi Dennis Wonder Woman Scholarship at an awards ceremony in Fort Lauderdale. | [Watch the video](#)

Pompano Partners with Broward College

In an article posted on their website on July 28, Point Publishing detailed an agreement between the Pompano Beach City Commission and Broward College that will promote educational opportunities for residents and city employees. The agreement, valid for a term of five years, requires Broward College to create new entrepreneurial curriculum, build a college-readiness campaign, develop strategies for accessibility for residents, provide on-site workshops, and deliver certification training. | [Read the article](#)

Upcoming Events

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Program Proposals Information Session for Faculty | Date: Wednesday, September 6 | 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. | Location: Virtual

Fall Faculty Exhibition Opening Reception | Date: Thursday, September 28 | 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. | Location: Rosemary Duffy Larson Gallery, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus

STEM Fair | Date: Wednesday, November 8 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Location: Building 19, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus

FOUNDATION NEWS

Broward College Participates in Women in Distress Dancing with the Local Stars

Broward College's Major Gifts Officer Jim DeChant was one of eight local celebrities who participated in Dancing with the Local Stars fundraising event hosted by Women in Distress on Saturday, July 8, at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center. Additional local celebrities included WPLG's Local 10 reporter Christian De La Rosa, CEO of The FLITE Center Christine Frederick, and CEO of Women in Distress Dr. Linda Parker. The evening's emcee was Jason Carter, co-executive producer of Inside South Florida. Jim was joined by family and friends, including colleagues from the Office of Advancement, and even some of the long-time donors of Broward College. Proceeds from the event will benefit Women in Distress of Broward County, an important partner of Broward College for decades.

Major Gifts Officer Jim DeChant participates in the Dancing with the Local Stars event at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center on July 8. The fundraising event was hosted by Women in Distress.



Broward College Foundation Raises More than \$14,000 in Support of Seahawk Marketplace

This year's Seahawk Marketplace appeal took place from June 21 through June 22. There were 70 Broward College faculty and staff, alumni, friends, and students who contributed more than \$14,000 in philanthropic support towards Seahawk Marketplace. The marketplace helps make a difference in the lives of Broward College students by alleviating food insecurities, providing students with healthy, balanced meals so that they can focus, and removing the stress and uncertainty of not having the resources needed to access food and hygiene items.

New Hospitality and Tourism Management Alumni Group Established

On Wednesday, June 21, the newly formed Broward College Hospitality and Tourism Management Alumni Committee held its first in-person meeting and social event hosted by Alumni Engagement Manager Anthony Stewart in collaboration with Professor Robert A. Donato, D.B.A. Some of the goals shared during the committee included providing mentorship, planning networking events, and sharing job opportunities on its newly created LinkedIn Group dedicated to hospitality and tourism industry alumni and professionals. During the social event, Broward College librarian and professor Andrew Dutka gave the group a personal tour of Broward College’s Archives and Special Collection room. Alumni members of the committee include Lena Bullock, Joseph Focht, Natalie Garcia, Jacqueline C. Grant, and Ryan Thomas.



Caption: Broward College’s Hospitality and Tourism Management Alumni Committee shared goals and ideas for networking events during its first in-person meeting on June 21.

The Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust Provides Philanthropic Investment of \$150K

The Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust provided a philanthropic investment of \$150,000 to fund classroom renovations and upgrades needed to accommodate four newly acquired, state-of-the-art Redbird flight simulators. The simulators will be a part of the Emil Buehler Flight Simulation Lab on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus. The addition of the new simulators will help build awareness and enthusiasm among the prospective local high school graduates and current Broward College students, laying the foundation for expanded enrollment and sustainability.



Caption: The MCX Redbird flight simulator



**BROWARD COLLEGE
FOUNDATION**

Giving/Foundation Recap for 2022-2023

The Broward College Foundation ended the 2022-2023 academic year on another high note. The Foundation raised \$9,013,680, making this one of the top five fundraising years to date for the Foundation. More than 780 donors made gifts. Through collaboration with colleagues in financial aid, the foundation will be able to utilize 96% (\$2.8M) of the available scholarship funding this academic year, with financial aid awarding 287 different scholarships and 3,058 individual awards. Once again, the foundation will recognize consistent donors at the upcoming Osprey Awards ceremony

Alumni & Friends Participates at the 14th Annual Pillars Conference

Anthony Stewart, alumni engagement manager, Broward College Foundation, represented Alumni & Friends at the 14th Annual Pillars Conference that took place from August 10 through August 13 at the Pillars Hotel & Club in Fort Lauderdale. This was also the first year that Megan R. Cottle, vice president, Advancement, attended the conference, which invests in leaders to strengthen their sense of global purpose, total well-being, and individual resilience.

Throughout the year, Anthony was responsible for conducting outreach to alumni to promote participation at the conference. During the conference, Anthony moderated a conversation with Mario E. Padrino, CEO of Padrino’s Cuban Restaurant, and Mario Padrino, Sr. This session explored the impact of risk in both business and personal life. Broward College graduate and Broward College Foundation Board Member Reginald Andre was also honored with the Alumni Pillar of the Community Award in recognition of his contributions to the community through his work, nonprofit, and philanthropic initiatives. Former Board of Trustee member Mario Cartaya was also honored at the conference with the Pillar of the Community Award. Mario Padrino received the Pillar of the Community Service Award.



Top: Attendees pose for a photo at the 14th annual Pillars Conference in Fort Lauderdale.

Bottom: President Haile, former Trustee Mario Cartaya

Florida Blue Tours Central Campus Seahawk Marketplace, Provides Ongoing Support to Broward College

Florida Blue Market Leader Cindy Mason recently toured the Seahawk Marketplace at A. Hugh Adams Central Campus after a meeting hosted by executive leaders, including President Haile; Dr. Mildred Coyne, Vice President Janice Stubbs, Vice President Karen Torres, and Chief Campaign Officer Nancy R. Botero. During the meeting, Broward College thanked Fiorella Symth, Florida Blue senior manager of corporate social responsibility, for her organization's support of Broward College food pantries. Cindy also shared Florida Blue's ongoing partnership with Broward College and looks forward to expanding its support with the future opening of a food pantry at North Campus.



Nancy R. Botero, chief campaign officer, Broward College (left); Fiorella Smyth, senior manager of corporate social responsibility, Florida Blue; Janice Stubbs, vice president, Student Services, Broward College; and Cindy Mason, market leader, Florida Blue.

AvMed Community Advisory Board Tours Broward College's SIM Center

On Wednesday, July 12, corporate leaders of AvMed were welcomed at Central Campus by Nancy R. Botero, chief campaign officer, who also chairs the AvMed Community Advisory Board. During their visit, Dr. Lilia Chavarria, senior director, Health Science Simulation Center, provided a tour of the SIM Center and shared the latest technology and curriculum for educating tomorrow's nursing and health care providers. AvMed Vice President Candy Sicle shared that her group was impressed with the state-of-the-art educational facility and were fascinated to see how the college provides hands-on practice in realistic simulations, allowing them to further develop their learnings and master their skills.



Dr. Nasse's presentation included metrics related to the College's Online Learning modality, including enrollment trends and learning outcomes.

Megan R. Cottle Tours Broward College South Campus

Megan R. Cottle, vice president, Advancement, continues to actively engage with Broward College deans to identify critical needs for each of the pathways that will aid in the development of cases for support, which will highlight opportunities for philanthropic investment to continue to uplift the College's programs, scholarship, faculty resources, and more. During her most recent visit to Judson A. Samuels South Campus, Megan toured the various programs, including the Emil Buehler Aviation Institute and the health sciences pathway, as well as the Seahawk Marketplace.



Megan R. Cottle, vice president, Advancement, recently participated in a tour of Judson A. Samuels South Campus.



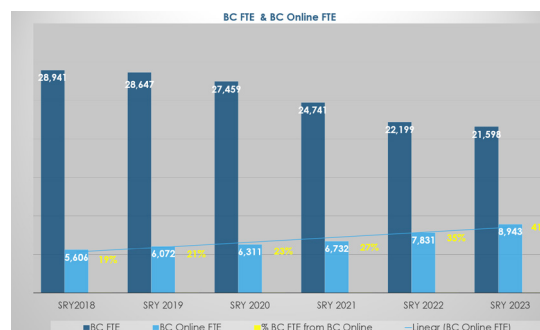
Judy Green, FCSF President (left); George Platt, board member of both the FCSF and BCF; Megan R. Cottle, Vice President for Advancement, Broward College and Executive Director, Broward College Foundation; Gregory Adam Haile, J.D., Broward College President; Randall Vitale, Vice President of BBX Capital and FCSF Board Chair; and Kathy Hebda, FCSF Chancellor.

Broward College Foundation receives a \$93,572 investment from The Florida College System Foundation

On Tuesday, August 22, the Florida College System Foundation (FCSF) presented a \$93,572 check to the Broward College Foundation (BCF) during the FCSF Board of Directors Meeting at BBX Capital. During the meeting, the Broward College Foundation presented a student video testimonial thanking donors for their contribution. The funders for this investment include Florida Blue, Helios Education Foundation, and Bank of America. The Florida Blue gift requires a 100% match by a private donor, so the College thanks Roy and Kathryn Krause and the Krause Family Foundation for matching the Florida Blue portion of the gift, as they have done in the past year. The scholarships will aid in relieving nursing and other healthcare professional shortages and helping first-generation in college students complete their education by providing student access to high-quality, affordable academic and career educational programs. Ultimately, a trained workforce will meet Florida industry needs, and the Broward College Foundation values the commitment of The Florida College System Foundation to ensure Floridians have an opportunity to pursue a degree that leads to impactful careers, leadership, research, and community service.

Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jeffrey Nasse Provides Overview of BC Online Learning Modality

During the monthly Broward College District Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, August 29, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jeffrey Nasse briefed members of the Board on the status and future of BC Online, Broward College’s fully online learning modality. He was joined by Dean of Online and E-Learning Priscilla Suarez. The presentation outlined the College’s offerings for asynchronous and synchronous (Online Live) learning experiences to students in need of flexibility as they pursue postsecondary education. Dr. Nasse’s presentation touched on a number of topics, ranging from enrollment trends and course selection to student engagement, course availability, student success, and learning outcomes. The presentation included several noteworthy key metrics, including a report that showed 67% of students were enrolled in at least one BC online course. An additional 31% of students were enrolled exclusively in BC online courses. In his report, Dr. Nasse also spoke to the 88% paid seat fill rate, which is well above industry standard. While the number of BC Online Full-Time Equivalent students varies across pathways and degrees, Dr. Nasse noted that several programs are achieving Full-Time Equivalent student rates of 70% or higher, including the A.S. in Supply Chain Management Operations (70%), A.S. in Supervision and Management (71%), A.S. In Medical Office Management (74%), A.S. in Office Management (88%), and BSN in Nursing (94%). Currently, Broward College offers 22 fully online degrees and 58 fully online certificates. Furthermore, most Broward College students (67%) enroll in at least one BC Online course, a trend that is projected to increase. Moving forward, the College will continue to develop opportunities to add more fully online programs and explore opportunities to move some programs exclusively online, while adding increased attention to quality standards and student success efforts for BC Online students.



Dr. Nasse’s presentation included metrics related to the College’s Online Learning modality, including enrollment trends and learning outcomes.

Broward College District Board of Trustees Elects New Chair and Vice Chair

During their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 29, on A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, the Broward College Board of Trustees elected Alexis Yarbrough as its new chair and Zachariah “Reggie” P. Zachariah as vice chair. The new officers were elected by their peers during a Board meeting this week when Trustee Reggie Zachariah’s term as chair ended and he was re-nominated as vice chair. Chair Yarbrough, who was appointed to the Board by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis in February 2023, assumed the chair from Zachariah, who held the position since August 2022. Chair Yarbrough, of Fort Lauderdale, also currently serves as vice chair of the Fourth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission. She is the former general counsel for the Florida Department of Transportation. She earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Miami and her juris doctor from Nova Southeastern University.



Alexis Yarbrough

Vice Chair Zachariah, also of Fort Lauderdale, was first appointed to the Broward College Board of Trustees in January 2020. He assumed the vice chair position from Trustee Akhil K. Agrawal, who served as vice chair since August 2022. Currently a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig, LLP, he was previously appointed to the Seventeenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission and is a current member of the American Bar Association. Zachariah earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania and his juris doctor from the University of Florida.



Zachariah “Reggie” P. Zachariah

Policy Changes

Recommendation that the Broward College Board of Trustees accept the revisions to Policy 6Hx2-2.03 Accreditation

This update revises the policy to reference accreditation in general rather than any specific accrediting body. The College’s continued accreditation ensures students may continue to access Federal financial aid resources. | [Read the policy](#)

Recommendation that the Broward College Board of Trustees adopt Policy 6Hx2-4.32 Writing Credit

This policy details the provisions of State Rule 6A-10.030 which requires that students graduating with an Associate of Arts degree meet college-level Communication and Computation skills. Communication skills will be demonstrated through the successful completion of English coursework and other writing credit designated courses throughout the curriculum. A list of writing credit courses will be provided to students through degree audits, the college catalog, academic program sheets, and other commonly used student advising documents. | [Read the policy](#)