

# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



*Together we serve.*

from President Gregory Adam Haile, Esq.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Broward College Hosts Another Successful Gubernatorial Debate

The second and final Gubernatorial Debate between Ron DeSantis (R) and Andrew Gillum (D) was held at Bailey Hall on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus on October 24. The debate was part of "Decision 2018: Before You Vote" organized by Leadership Florida, the Florida Press Association and WPBF-25. More than 400 people including students attended the debate, and 95 local, national, and international journalists covered the event.



President Haile with students who acted as stand-ins for the debate production team.

### President Haile and Chief of Staff Isabel Gonzalez Visit Alma Mater Arizona State University (ASU)

Both President Haile and Ms. Gonzalez are alumni of ASU and visited the institution during its Homecoming Week celebrated between October 28 and November 3. In addition to participating in the activities, the trip included discussions on ways to connect Broward College and ASU, including future opportunities for transfer students.



Left to right: Arizona State University President, Michael Crow; Chief of Staff, Isabel Gonzalez; President Haile; and ASU Senior Vice President, Dr. Christine Wilkinson.

### Broward College Gives Back to the Community with \$200,000 in Grants to Support MLK Day of Service Events in January

Forty-seven MLK projects, including three from Broward College, were selected for funding. The MLK Day of Service encourages the public to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by participating in a day of volunteerism. Now in its fifth year, the program received 106 applications for project funding, a 47 percent increase over the previous year.



In addition to education and veteran's initiatives, the 2019 MLK Day of Service projects will focus on support for neighborhood improvement projects, the environment, health promotion, disaster preparedness, and public safety.

Find out more about the projects and how to volunteer at: [broward.edu/community/MLKDayofService](http://broward.edu/community/MLKDayofService)

## Changes Announced to Administrative Leadership Reporting Structure

The pending retirement of Tom Olliff has led to changes to the reporting structure for the Office of the Senior Vice President of Administration.

The following departments will now report to the Office of the President:

- Human Resources and Equity
- Marketing and Strategic Initiatives, as well as BCEduventures (the 501(c)3 designed to generate non-traditional revenue for Broward College)
- Office of Advancement, the Broward College Foundation, and Finance

The reporting structure of within several departments has also changed to streamline the operations of the College.

## College-wide Faculty Meeting Enhances Consultation

Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services, Dr. Marielena DeSanctis, hosted the first college-wide Faculty meeting for the academic year in November. Attendees received updates on academic matters including Pathways, enrollment, innovative teaching practices and hiring. They also had the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions.



The occasion was also a farewell to outgoing Faculty Senate President, Dr. Kevin Keating, who recently retired.

*Dr. Keating poses beside his farewell cake.*

## More than \$3 Million in Grants Received to Support Teachers and Refugees

The grants will strengthen the teacher preparation program, provide career pathways for refugees coming to the U.S., and promote health and fitness in Broward County. Details of the awards are as follows:

- The Teacher Quality Partnership: \$2.49 million over five years from the U.S. Department of Education to strengthen the teacher preparation program and build mentoring in partnership with Broward County Public Schools.
- The Refugee Career Pathway: \$750,000 over three years from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement, to support the College's refugee program — Project RECAP (Refugee Education through Career and Academic Pathways).
- Florida KidCare: \$15,000 from the Florida College System Foundation to increase awareness and access to oral health care services for low-income families.
- Broward College Tennis Club: \$5,000 from the U.S. Tennis Association – Florida Division to encourage new players to the sport and support health and fitness.

## First College-wide Broward UP Town Hall Meeting Held

The information session which was followed by a Q&A was hosted on North Campus and broadcast live across the three main campuses and the Willis Holcombe Center. Faculty and staff heard details about the strategy aimed at increasing higher education attainment levels in communities the College has identified for support.

For more details about Broward UP and to view the Town Hall video visit: [connect.broward.edu/BrowardUP](https://connect.broward.edu/BrowardUP)

## Ethos. Leadership. Training. (ELT) Launched

There was positive feedback from participants who attended the first redesigned College Leadership, meeting - Ethos. Leadership. Training. (ELT), formerly known as the All Deans meeting. More than 120 leaders and administrators from across the College attended the session held on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus. The two-hour interactive program was organized and hosted by the Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning (CTEL). As part of the engagement, teams developed a puzzle with their vision for the College. It will be displayed at future College events.



## Students Get Help with College Readiness at Youth Empowerment Summit (YES)

The Miami Field Office of the FBI organized the Youth Empowerment Summit (YES) at the Pembroke Pines City Center on October 27. YES is an all-day event for public high school students from Dade and Broward counties.



Working in partnership with Broward College, the City of Pembroke Pines, and the Miramar and Fort Lauderdale Police departments, the event featured breakout sessions such as "Bridging the Gap Between Youth and Law Enforcement," "Social Media Dos and Don'ts," "College Preparedness" (led by Broward College), and "Developing Your Interviewing Skills." Approximately 231 students attended.

## Health Science Faculty and Staff Presented at Annual South Florida Nursing Education Consortium Conference

Three groups from the College made presentations on the theme "Mindfulness: Creating the Space to Care," on November 16, to more than 300 attendees and exhibitors. The presentations were selected from scores of submissions from other regional educational and health care organizations.

1. Creating a Culture of Safety: in Multidisciplinary Simulated Clinical Scenarios: SBAR-a Mindfulness Communication Tool in Patient Hand-Offs – Deisy Mercado, Joseph Suarez, Thierry Montalbo, and Gayle-Robbins Filatro.
2. Effects of Mindfulness Education Intervention with Pre-Diabetics: Delaying or Preventing Type 2 Diabetes – Dr. Brenda Parks, Dr. Arman Davis, and Dr. Angela Russell.
3. Mindfulness Advisement Strategies that Promote Nursing Students' Academic Success – Dr. Rose Cirilo, Rehana Saleem, Dr. Linda Simunek, and Pierrele Gerdes.

## Broward College Marketing Team Wins Association of Florida Colleges Awards

The Marketing team placed in every category of the 2018 Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) annual competition. The team competed with entries from all 28 members of the Association. The winners were announced in November following the conference in Orlando.

- First Place – Best Bang for the Buck
- First Place – Website - Tigertail
- Second Place – Student Handbook – Enrollment Packet
- Second Place – Social Media (Unpaid) – Program Highlights
- Second Place – Advertising (Print) – Summer 2018 Assets
- Second Place – Website (The Arts) – Bailey Hall
- Second Place – Video/Digital Promotion – Tigertail/Aquaglide
- Third Place – Brochure – Presidential Search
- Third Place – Magazine – Workforce and Continuing Education Catalogs
- Third Place – Social Media (Paid)
- Third Place – Article/Pitch Resulting in Publication – "Mother and Son Graduate College"
- Third Place – Annual Report (College) – 2017-18 Edition
- Third Place – Advertising TV "Register for Spring 2018"

## Upcoming Events

Winter Break: December 19, 2018 – January 1, 2019, All Campuses  
Speaker Series: Ben Stein, January 16, 7:30 p.m., Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
MLK Day of Service: January 22, 2018

## Annual Hackathon Strengthens Information Technology Skills



Almost 100 students from Broward College, Florida International University, and Dillard High School competed in the annual Hackathon. The Hackathon offers valuable practice to students on the real-life work environment in the field of Information Technology. Participants received workshop training and help from mentors. Working in teams of four or more, they were required to develop new software from start to finish in 24 hours or less. They then presented their final product to the panel of judges. The winners were: Best Overall – Woof; Code for a Cause – FaceDetect; Most Innovative Idea – PTPC; Best Presentation – LOCOL; Crowd Favorite – Woof.

## Model UN Team Wins Five State Awards



The Broward College Model UN (MUN) team was awarded five distinctions at the annual Florida Model UN Completion in Gainesville in October. The competition included colleges from across the state. The Broward College MUN team comprised 12 students, including seven from the College Academy. All, except two, had never competed. The team which represented four countries received:

- Honorable Delegation Award – Chile
- Distinguished Delegation Award – Republic of Korea
- Distinguished Delegation Award – Denmark
- Outstanding Position Paper Award – Republic of Korea
- Outstanding Delegate Award – Holy See

## Basketball Team Celebrates Six-Game Winning Streak

The Men's Basketball team is celebrating a series of consecutive wins in the Southern Conference of the NJCAA Division following their defeat of Victory Rock Prep on November 28. The team now ranks third in the Southern Conference. Go Seahawks!



*Front Row (L-R): CJ Roberts, Dominick Garcia, Andre Anderson, Bobby Taylor, Eduardo Camacho, Luis Escobar, Aubrey Washington.*

*Back Row: Amin Abdur-Rahim, Micale Mee, Rodney Ray, D'Rell Roberts, DeAndre Pinckney, Jongkor Ajonga, Miche' Michel, Colin Hyssong, Bralyn James.*

### *P'anku* Wins Multiple Awards



The Broward College *P'anku* Literary & Arts magazine was awarded First Place for Best Overall Magazine in the Large Community Colleges, Southern Division of the U.S. from the Community College Humanities Association (CCHA). The Southern Division of CCHA has a membership of 40 community colleges.

The *P'anku* team also won:

- 1st Place, Best Poem: Southern Region, "Before I Check Out" by Daschielle Louis
- 3rd Place, Best Poem: Southern Region, "Snowfall on Las Olas" by Zoe Elektra Nouel
- 3rd Place, Best Photography: Southern Region, "Happier Than a Unicorn" by Nik Rye

### Broward College Students Top NCLEX Third Quarter Results

Nursing graduates of the College have once again achieved a top pass rate in the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). Between July and September 2018, 112 graduates sat the third quarter NCLEX and earned a 98.21 percent pass rate.

This number exceeds the annual national average of 86.87 percent and Florida's average pass rate of 70.35 percent. The Broward College pass rate ranked higher than Miami Dade College, Indian River State College, Palm Beach State College, Daytona State College, and Hillsborough Community College. In addition to the third-quarter pass rate, Broward College also reported a year-to-date 97.12 percent pass rate among the 243 students who took the exam in 2018.

## EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### Broward College Shows Cares to the Dorsey Riverbend Community



President Haile led more than 100 Broward College employees and their families to support cleanup activities in the Dorsey Riverbend Community in Fort Lauderdale. The group collected more than 700 pounds of garbage and together logged over 300 volunteer hours.

### Dr. Gupta Honored at the Health Sciences Simulation Center



Members of Dr. Rajesh Gupta's family joined Broward College, Florida Atlantic University and residents of the community on November 26 at the Simulation Center on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus for a celebration ceremony to honor the trustee who passed away in October.

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### Teen Summit with Trayvon Martin Foundation



The Minority Male Initiative (MMI) hosted the Trayvon Martin Foundation and MTL (Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders) at Bailey Hall for the first annual Teen Summit on November 1. More than 500 students from across the region engaged in dialogue on gun violence, bullying, conflict resolutions, and "Using Our Voice."

### Community Connections – Pembroke Park



In November, Broward College representatives led by President Haile met with Mayor of Pembroke Park Ashira Mohammed and her team to explore partnerships and economic opportunities for residents and employers.

### Let's Lighten the Mood



Broward College employees and their families turned out to enjoy the annual Evening of Lights at the Tigertail Recreational Center in Dania Beach last month.

### Freedom to Explore



Participants show off their certificates following the fall Honors Colloquium. The event featured presentations on student-led research from the different Pathways.

## Another Successful American Dream Summit

The annual event featured an appreciation luncheon for Broward College donors and an afternoon of professional development workshops for students. The Summit chaired by Broward College Foundation Board Member and Broward Health AVP for Learning and Development, Jean Seaver; had 300 participants. Guest speakers were Broward College Distinguished Alumnus, Captain Barrington Irving, and CEO of American National Bank, Ginger Martin. The Presenting Sponsor of the American Dream Summit was the American National Bank. Other sponsors were GEICO, Broward Health, Signature Grand and DW Consulting Solutions.



*Broward College Foundation Board of Directors member, John Benz; scholarship supporter, Jamie Finizio Bascombe; President Haile; and scholarship supporter, Marianne Finizio.*



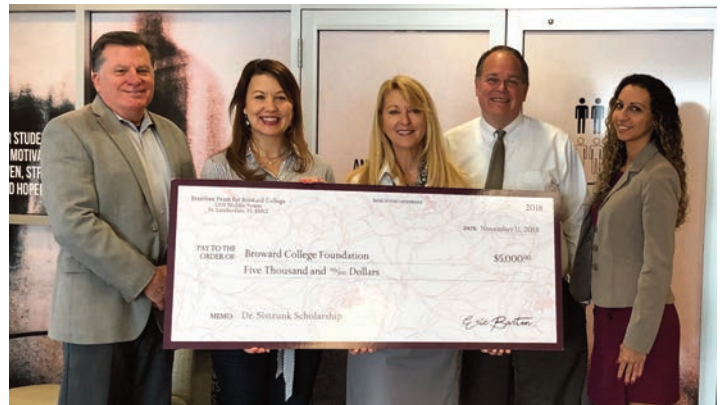
*Broward College Foundation Board Member and Broward Health AVP for Learning and Development, Jean Seaver; CEO of American National Bank, Ginger Martin; and EVP/Chief Lending Officer at American National Bank, Amy Engleberg.*

## Dr. James Sistrunk Scholarship Established

Jill and Eric Barton hosted a fundraiser at Regina's Farm for the Dr. James Sistrunk Scholarship, which they established in honor of the man who opened Broward County's first African American hospital in 1938 and dedicated his professional career to serving his community. The Bartons were inspired to create the fund after hearing President Haile's Broward UP presentation and his plans to help students in the Sistrunk neighborhood.



*President Haile (center) with Jill and Eric Barton at the fundraiser for the Dr. James Sistrunk Scholarship.*



*Major Gift Officer, Jim DeChant; Jill Barton; Broward College Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the Broward College Foundation, Nancy O'Donnell-Wilson; Associate Vice President for Development, Scott Rivinius; and Manager of Stewardship & Donor Relations, Jennifer Saint Louis.*

### President Haile Named to Transition Advisory Committee on Education and Workforce Development

President Haile is one of 44 advisors who will serve on Governor-elect Ron DeSantis' Transition Advisory Committee on Education and Workforce Development. The committee is made up of education experts and leaders from the K-12 public school system, education advocates, elected school board members, academics and current and former leaders of Florida's higher education system. In addition, Vice-Chair of the Broward College District Board of Trustees, David Maymon, was named to the Advisory Committee on Health and Wellness.

### Dr. Judy Schmelzer Honored for Minority Business Support

Dr. Schmelzer, who heads the Business Services and Resource Management department was presented with the award by Chair of the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Input Committee for the Florida State Minority Supplier Development Council, Jay Narang. She was recognized for her exemplary contributions to minority business growth and commitment to minority business development in the community.



*L to R: Jay Narang, Anthea Pennant, Dr. Judy Schmelzer, and President Haile.*

### New Faculty Members Join Board of Trustees Meetings

During the December meeting, the Board welcomed two new faculty representatives:

- Lori Albrizio – Faculty Senate President. President Albrizio is a faculty librarian at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus Library
- Teresa Hodge – President, United Faculty of Florida, Broward Chapter. President Hodge is a math professor on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus

### Broward College Foundation Receives \$370,000 Gift

The announcement was made by Broward College Foundation Board member John Benz. The first gift of \$186,000 will support the Nursing and Health Sciences programs, specifically the educational activities offered through the Sim Center. It will provide for equipment and related accessories, as well as the maintenance of existing resources. The donor, who has chosen to remain anonymous, made an additional gift of \$184,000 to the Nursing program.

### Board Receives Update on Broward UP



Dr. Mildred Coyne, who is leading the implementation of the program with Chief of Staff Isabel Gonzalez, provided details to the Board on the progress made to date, including partnerships with community organizations.

She explained that support from other local organizations is critical in allowing the College to expand its programs and services to the targeted communities without the need to add infrastructure. Among the partners are the Urban League, Boys and Girls Club of Broward County, Jack and Jill Children's Center, YMCA, and Broward County Public Libraries.

### Retirements



*Suzette Jean-Louis*



*Greg Lindeblom*



*Oren Wallace*

Suzette Jean-Louis has served 30 years in higher education, more than half of which have been at Broward College. She has served the College since November 2002 in the South Campus Student Services and was recruited as a Program Advisor for Health Sciences in the Workforce Education department.

Professor Lindeblom joined the College in 2003 as an adjunct instructor of Economics on the Judson A. Samuels South campus. He brought to the College over 20 years of banking and finance experience and became a full-time tenure track professor in 2008.

Oren Wallace is a trained pilot and aviation instructor who has worked in the industry since 1956. He served at Broward College for 24 years as the Chief Ground Instructor and most recently as the Flight Simulator Lab Coordinator. He is credited with using his passion for flying to help train thousands of students.

### Policy Changes

At the December 11, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board authorized revisions to the following policies.

[Policy 6Hx2-4.18 Class Attendance](#)

[Policy 6Hx2-4.19 Grades and Grade Appeals](#)

[Policy 6Hx2-5.30 Determination of Applicable Catalog & Recency of Credit for Graduation Purposes](#)

[Policy 6Hx2-5.36 Course Withdrawal](#)

[Policy 6Hx2-6.13 Student Fees and Fee Payment](#)

[Policy 6Hx2-6.45 Refund of Tuition and Fees](#)