

# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



*Together we serve.*

from President Gregory Adam Haile, Esq.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Meet South Florida's 2019 Power Leaders



President Haile, along with Matt Caldwell, president and CEO of the Florida Panthers and Sunrise Sports & Entertainment and a member of the Broward College Board of Trustees, are listed



among "South Florida's 2019 Power Leaders 250," by the *South Florida Business Journal*. The list represents an annual compilation of local industry leaders and a "who's who" among business elite across South Florida.

### Broward College Wins Award for International Partnerships

Broward College is the recipient of an IIE Andrew Heiskell Award for Innovation in International Education, which honors outstanding initiatives among the 1,300 college and university members within the Institute of International Education network.



Alan Goodman (left), president of the Institute for International Education presents the IIE Andrew Heiskell Award for Innovation to Dr. David Moore, executive director, International Education, Broward College, and President Haile.

The achievement was in recognition of the College's "Third Way" program, which allows students to earn associate degrees at Broward College – while they remain in their home countries – before transferring to four-year universities in the United States to complete a bachelor's degree. Since 1979, more than 8,600 students in Third Way have transferred credits earned at Broward College to another institution.

Broward College has international centers in Bolivia, Brazil, China, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Peru, Spain, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam as well as academic affiliations in Singapore.

"International students studying alongside Americans are a tremendous asset to the United States," said Marie Royce, assistant secretary of state for Educational and Cultural Affairs within the U.S. state department. "We need to develop leaders in all fields who can take on our toughest challenges. We need people who can find solutions that keep us secure and make us more prosperous. We want to send a message that international education makes us stronger as a country."

### Broward College to House Florida Children's Theatre Operations

In a move designed to increase engagement and performance opportunities for students, Florida Children's Theatre (FLCT) will operate out of a new, state-of-the-art center to be located on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus in Davie. The renovated facility will offer additional classroom, rehearsal and performance spaces, beginning January 1, 2020. Internships, as well as joint programming in arts education, will benefit students of both Broward College and FLCT, as well as the greater community.

### Former *Miami Herald* Publisher Welcomed to Campus

David Lawrence, Jr., the former publisher of the *Miami Herald* and a tireless advocate for early childhood education, was a guest speaker at A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. Lawrence, whose presentation was organized by the Education Pathway, shared the story of his childhood, growing up on a farm where his family sold chickens and he drove a tractor. He presented these life lessons and reflections on his legendary career to the Broward College community, where he signed copies of his recently published memoir, "A Dedicated Life: Journalism, Justice and a Chance for Every Child."



Author David Lawrence with students during his book signing.

Lawrence served as publisher of the *Miami Herald* from 1989-1999. As founder and the driving force behind the Children's Movement of Florida and the Children's Trust, Lawrence raised millions of dollars as well as awareness and political support for early education and health services locally and across the state. Lawrence also played a key role in a statewide constitutional amendment calling for pre-K for all four-year-olds.

## Minority Male Initiative Offers Professional Development Workshop



Strategies and interventions for rebuilding cognitive resources for students were discussed at a recent professional development workshop for the Broward College community, which included deans, AVPs, students, faculty and staff. The event was held on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus and made possible through a partnership among the Minority Male Initiative (MMI), the College of Teacher Education and Leadership, and Workforce Education & Economic Development. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Cia Verschelden, executive director of Institutional Assessment at the University of Central Oklahoma. The sessions were based on her book, “Bandwidth Recovery: Helping Students Reclaim Cognitive Resources Lost to Poverty, Racism and Social Marginalization.”

## TEDx Talk Coming to South Campus



The Broward College community is invited to “share their ideas worth sharing” about art, culture, technology, science, and society during its second TEDx talk on Friday, March 15, 2019, at the Performing and Cultural Arts Theater, on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus. Sponsored by a

nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to spreading ideas, TEDx talks have become popular avenues that allow just about anyone to become a speaker, provided their topic has the potential to connect an audience to subject matter that is likely to be unfamiliar to them. The free event, entitled “Ignite and Inspire,” begins 4:15 p.m., and features two sessions. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tedx-broward-college-tickets-56072131254>

## North Campus Leader Named President of Harper College



Congratulations to Dr. Avis Proctor, president of the Broward College North Campus in Coconut Creek, who was selected as the next president of William Rainey Harper College in Palatine, Ill. Dr. Proctor will officially assume her new role on July 1, 2019, when she becomes Harper College’s first female and African-American president.

After joining the mathematics faculty at Broward College in 2000, Dr. Proctor served on North Campus as associate dean of the Mathematics department, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, vice president for Academic Affairs, and campus president.



## MSD Moment of Silence

In support of Broward County public schools and districts across Florida, the Broward College community honored those who tragically lost their lives a year ago at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School with a moment of silence on Thursday, February 14, at the main campus locations.



## Evinrude Makes Engine Donation to the Broward College Marine Program

Broward College has received a 200 hp HO (high output) 3.4 liter Evinrude ETEC G2 valued at just over \$20,000 from Evinrude, the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) and the National Marine Distributors Association (NMDA). The engine, delivered a few weeks ago, is part of a two-million-dollar donation from the ABYC Foundation supporting next-generation marine technician training. The donation, which is the largest of its kind in history, is meant to address the shortage of qualified marine technicians by supporting training in high schools and colleges across the U.S. and Canada.



Photo right: Instructor Rudy Jeffers shows students various features of the new engine, housed in Building 98 on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus.

## Model UN Team Shines in New York City



For the first time, Broward College's Model United Nations team participated in mock sessions at the World International Model United Nations Conference, in New York City. The team of—Karina Sarandrea, Fiona Lin, Fiona Barry, and Abigail Artwell—were assigned to represent the country of Chile, and were among 1,200 high school and college students from 70 countries. Barry and Sarandrea received diplomacy awards for their ability to pursue consensus, cooperation and negotiation.

## Campus Publications Bring Home Top Honors

The Florida College System Publications Association honored both *Panku*, Broward College's student literary and arts magazine, and *The Observer*, the student newspaper, with 2019 awards.

*Panku* was recognized for:

- Best Overall Poetry
- Best Cover Design
- Best Overall Photography
- Best Individual Photography
- General Excellence



The awards banquet and conference, in Tampa, also recognized Zoe "Vincent" Nouel who received the distinguished Debra Vazquez Memorial Award for Excellence in Poetry for "Snowfall on Las Olas," which was published in *Panku*, Vol. 54, Issue 2. Other recognitions were given to design editors Michael Nguyen and Simone Kelly; poets Dachielle Louis, Eli Schroder, Romina Palmero, and Lou Paige; and artists Girain Andrews, Colby Larrucea, and Aleksandra Sarmiento.



L to R: *Observer* staff – Thandie Brown, Anabel Sanchez, Jackie Michaud, Michelle Castano, and Jennifer Shapiro.



Awards to *The Observer* included first place for a news story, Sara Varela; second place for in-depth reporting, Sara Varela; third place for news photo, Sara Varela; second place for sports column, De'Ronzy Lawrence; and third place for both design and website. Varela, a recent Broward College graduate who now serves in the Public Affairs and Marketing department, also received the Inner Circle award, an exclusive honor given to those students who place in three or more categories.

### Brain Bowl Scholars Ranked Fifth Nationally

The premiere organizer of community college quiz competitions in North America has ranked a team of Broward College student scholars fifth nationally among all two year-schools. The ranking marks the highest recognition from National Academic Quiz Tournaments, LLC, since 2015, when Broward College students advanced to the international championships as the third-ranked community college in the nation. NAQT has invited both Broward College's "A-team" and "B-team" to compete in the 2019 National Championships, in Orlando, March 1-2.



*Top Row - Left to right: Lucas DaSilva (CA - North), Dimitri Medina (CA - North), Malia Fortney (A-team Captain, CA - North), Tony Infantino (Top Individual, CA - North), Mia Steller (B-team Captain, CA - North)*

*Bottom Row - Left to right: Fiona Barry (Captain; CA - Central), Hannah Pamplin (CA - Central), Fiona Lin (CA - Central), Neehal Hussain (CA - Central); Austin Philipson (BC - Central)*

### Students Named Semifinalists for Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

Seven Broward College students are among semifinalists for the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, which is awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation to support high-achieving community college students as they transfer to some of the top institutions in the country to complete their bachelor's degrees. To date, 20 Broward College students have been awarded this prestigious scholarship.

The students were selected from a pool of 1,500 applicants attending 369 schools in 45 states and the District of Columbia based on their exceptional academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, service to others and leadership.

The Broward College semifinalists are:

- Maria Quinto Aguero
- Kima Antoine
- Lucas Araujo Ferreira
- Jimmy Pierre Louis
- Louren McIntosh
- Britney Morris
- Andreina Sojo

## EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### Marlee Speaks



Academy Award-winning actress and activist, Marlee Matlin, accompanied by her longtime interpreter, Jack Jason, appeared in front of a crowd of approximately 400 people at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, February 6 as part of the Broward College Speaker Series.

Photo (L to R): CBS Entertainment Reporter, Lisa Petrillo, who moderated the event, with Marlee Matlin and Broward College President Gregory Adam Haile, Esq.

### Early Exposure



President Haile and his daughter, Hadley, join Kilene Jean Baptiste and her son, Jessen; and Masi James and his son, Malachi, during Take Your Child to Work Day on Friday, February 1.

### Celebrating Black History Month



Bailey Hall hosted its Annual Black History Month Art Exhibit with an opening reception for the 2019 exhibition titled, "Moods and Expressions in the African Diaspora," on February 8. The group exhibit features Scott Jeffries, Collective Images of the Tropics, Garry Mabour, Mark Cameron, and JanJak II, and will run until March 4, 2019.

### You Can Soar!



President Haile shared his experience as a lawyer and the importance of paralegal professionals with members of the Broward College Paralegal Eagles Club on Saturday, January 26.

## Upcoming Events

**MARCH 11 | 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

Speaker Series: Terry Bradshaw, Broward Center for the Performing Arts

**MARCH 27 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Presidential Investiture Student, Faculty & Staff BBQ, North Campus – Outside of 46/152

**MARCH 29 | 3 - 5 p.m.**

Presidential Investiture Ceremony

**APRIL 27 | 8 - 11 A.M.**

Tillman Run, Judson A. Samuels South Campus

## Robert and Cachet Daley Scholarship Donor Meets Beneficiary

Cachet Daley, an alumna of Broward College, established the Robert and Cachet Daley Scholarship in the spring of 2017, to benefit student scholars such as Nancy Austin, whose parents are either incarcerated or formerly incarcerated by the Florida Department of Corrections or a federal corrections facility in Florida.

“Meeting the scholarship recipient confirmed that every bit of courage and effort to establish this unique scholarship was impacting and necessary in bridging the gap for disenfranchised persons that were inadvertently affected by things outside of their control,” said Daley. “The recipient and I were able to collectively share and connect by common and painful experience with the goal to be better than the previous generation. Nancy inspires me to continue reaching to establish positive social change.”



Cachet Daley and Nancy Austin.

## Former Miami Dolphin Standout Establishes BC Scholarship



Nancy O'Donnell-Wilson, vice president for advancement and executive director of the Broward College Foundation, and Johnny Williams, executive director of the Gridiron Grill-Off, LLC.

The Gridiron Grill-Off, a subsidiary of the Offerdahl Hands-Off Foundation, raised \$25,000 to establish the Offerdahl Scholarship, which will assist students who are from families in the Home Team Advantage Restorative Housing Program and seeking two or four year degrees or certifications. John Offerdahl, a former Miami Dolphins linebacker, and his wife, Lynne, established their foundation to help families get back on their feet financially and become self-efficient by providing housing and educational support to be used toward the pursuit of college degrees or certifications. An additional \$25,000 gift is anticipated in June.

## Annual Broward College Golf Classic Approaching



Chaired by Lloyd F. Rhodes, the 32nd Annual Broward College Golf Classic presented by Cigna will take place Thursday, March 28, 2019, at the Fort Lauderdale Country Club.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the First Generation in College Scholarship. Review sponsorship opportunities or register online at:

[https://www.browardcollege-foundation.org/event\\_posts/golf-classic/](https://www.browardcollege-foundation.org/event_posts/golf-classic/)

## Judson A. Samuels South Campus Kicks Off 2019 Student Forums



Members of the Student Government Association with President Haile (center) and Dr. Rolando Garcia (left), South Campus president.

A team of Student Government Association (SGA) leaders presented results of a student survey for the 2018-2019 academic year. Katelyn Johnston, president; Alysse Lambert, vice president; and Nina Robinson, student government senator for Partnership Centers, reported that student concerns at the Judson A. Samuels South campus included better food options, more student events, and additional outdoor lighting. Students at the Partnership Centers asked for more food choices and more Student Life activities.

The SGA leaders were satisfied that administrators addressed or plan to respond to the concerns. The board gathered student feedback during the SGA Welcome Back Breakfast, open campus forum, and a campus-wide survey.

A Q&A session followed the SGA presentations. Students asked questions in-person and by video recordings. Topics ranged from transportation and the need for upgraded technology, to increased aviation training space, and College marketing efforts.

## Broward College Foundation Recognizes Pam Stephany and the William R. Watts Foundation



Stephany served as chair of the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors for the past two years and will assume the role of immediate past chair for the next two years. Nancy O'Donnell Wilson, executive director of the Broward College Foundation, said Stephany

has a passion for education, and brought more than 30 years of experience implementing complex global financial and investment strategies to the Broward College Foundation.

After her recognition, Stephany led the acknowledgment for the William R. Watts Foundation, created in 1979 by Mr. Watts and substantially funded even after his death. Each year, the Watts Foundation distributes a portion of its income to charities with principal offices and activities in Miami-Dade or Broward County. In 2001 and 2002, the Watts Foundation provided Broward College with gifts of \$10,000 each for the WINGS program, and recently two additional gifts of \$10,000 each for the American Dream Scholarship. Wil Greaton, of the law firm Greaton and Greaton, represented the Watts Foundation.

## Anthea Pennant Appointed to Broward County Sales Tax Oversight Board



The Board of Trustees recognized Anthea Pennant, district director of Supplier Diversity, to the Broward County Sales Tax Oversight Board, which will manage an estimated \$360 million per year generated from the recently approved Penny

Tax. Pennant, who has more than 20 years' experience in executive leadership with non-profits, was selected based on her advocacy for 30 percent of the revenue from the tax to be set aside for minority-based businesses.

## Policy Changes

At the February 26, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board authorized revisions to the following policies. Click the links below to review a redline of the approved revisions to the policies.

[Policy 6Hx2-3.30 Reduction In Force](#)

[Policy 6Hx2-6.14 Laboratory Fees](#)

[Policy 6Hx2-6.36 Supplier Diversity Small Business Program](#)

### President Emeritus Armstrong Provides Updates on His Achievements to the Board

President Emeritus Armstrong announced that, as part of his \$25,000 gift to the Broward College Foundation, \$17,500 is committed to the First Generation in College scholarship. The gift, in honor of President Gregory Haile, was announced during Armstrong's presentation to the Board on his work in support of Broward College since starting his tenure as President Emeritus. Among his achievements is the Student Venture Fund, which received hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations with some commitments still outstanding. The President Emeritus also listed more than a dozen local and national boards on which he represents Broward College, and his support to the professional development of colleagues including President Haile, as well as his assistance with strengthening International Education Partnerships.

He explained that five outstanding Broward College students are being vetted for inclusion in the J. David Armstrong, Jr., Student Venture Fund. The Board of Trustees also heard from Johane Vilsaint, one of the recipients of the President Emeritus J. David Armstrong, Jr., American Dream Scholarship. The international student from Haiti, the first in her family to go to college, shared how the scholarship will help her accomplish her educational goals and fulfill her desire pay it forward when she returns to her country.



*L to R: President Emeritus J. David Armstrong, Jr.; Johane Vilsaint, scholarship recipient; and President Haile.*

### Retirement – Murray Serota



*Murray Serota receives his retirement plaque from President Haile, surrounded by his wife, board members, and fellow colleagues.*

Murray Serota, who has served the College for 29 years including in his most recent position as Senior Storekeeper, is well-known for his warm personality and excellent customer service.

His colleagues describe him as talented and fun-loving.