# BROWARD COLLEGE UPDATE



FROM PRESIDENT J. DAVID ARMSTRONG, JR.

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### **COLLEGE NEWS**

# Junior Achievement to Honor Broward College with a U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award

Junior Achievement USA (JA) will honor Broward College with the Bronze Level for its U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award. The institution is being recognized for providing at least 5,000 volunteer hours to local Junior Achievement offices during the 2016-2017 school year. Different categories of the award will be presented to 57 organizations at a ceremony during the JA Volunteer Summit, on March 13, in New York. In 2003, President George W. Bush established the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers make in communities and encourage more people to serve.

# Broward College Representative Named to National Collegiate Honors Council



Quakish Liner, the interim district director for the Robert "Bob" Elmore Honors College was elected to the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) for 2018. She was chosen by almost 500 of her peers from

among a strong slate of candidates from across the United States and other countries. Liner will serve as part of an eight-member executive committee responsible for providing support for institutions and individuals to develop and expand honors education in colleges and universities.

### Broward College Ranked #1 for Best Online Accounting Degree

CollegeChoice.net has named the College one of the 10 Best Online Colleges for Accounting Degrees for 2017. College Choice, a leading authority in college and university rankings and resources, ranked Broward College Online fifth in the nation. To arrive at this year's rankings, CollegeChoice.net used data provided by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and its unique methodology. In 2015, Broward College was ranked eleventh.

### 2017–2018 Minority Male Initiative Launched



Committed to closing achievement gaps between its male learners, Broward College continues to find new ways to provide sustained support to underserved students.

Led by Dr. Thomas Walker, interim associate dean of Academic Affairs, the 2017-2018 Minority Male Initiative focuses on improving persistence and retention rates and completion goals among these students. Its objectives are aligned with the Strategic Plan "Succeed: Strategy 2", and uses intervention methods to improve student achievements. Among the measures being put in place are professional development and training opportunities for faculty and staff to foster enhanced learning; engaging students and the community to promote career exploration, and mentorship.

The first major event is Teaching and Advising Minority Males on February 6. Register at **BCMMI.EVENTBRITE.COM** 

STUDENT NEWS 2

### Record Number of Students and Alumni Shortlisted for Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship



For the first time, 13 Broward College students and alumni have been selected as semifinalists for the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship. The nine students and four alumni are among 534 high-achieving community college students from across the United States who will compete for the Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. They were chosen from a pool of nearly 2,500 applicants.

\*The semifinalists are Alina Aftab, Jadd Ahmad, Kathya De la Fuente, Khodi Dobson, Luigh Joseph, Ekaterina Koptenko, Huyen Le, Elizabeth Maraj, Andres Mijares Uribe, Jason Prosper, Yitzchak Rosenberg, Dana Salerno, and Laura Torlaschi Finalists will be selected in April based on their academic performance, leadership, perseverance, and service to others. The scholarship provides up to \$40,000 per year for up to three years for applicants to complete their bachelor's degrees at select four-year colleges and universities.

Since 2004, 20 Broward College students and alumni have received the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship. The College is ranked number two in the nation for the number of recipients.

\*Not pictured: Kathya De La Fuente, Luigh Joseph, Elizabeth Maraj, Andres Mijares Uribe, Jason Prosper.

### **Broward College Graduate Published in New Science Volume**



Broward College graduate
Martina Rogers is one of the
published authors in the
new volume of "Science of the
Total Environment." Rogers, who
graduated in May 2017, completed
a Bachelor of Science in
Environmental Science.

She co-authored the article as part of her internship requirement for the program. The work, titled "High

temporal resolution modeling of the impact of rain, tides, and sea level rise on water table flooding in the Arch Creek basin, Miami-Dade County Florida USA" appears on pages 1668-1688 and is co-authored with M.C. Sukop, G. Guannel, J.M. Infanti and K. Hagemann. It examines past and future groundwater-induced flooding in low-lying coastal areas, future flooding estimation, and sea level rise.

Copies are available for purchase at: www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00489697

STUDENT NEWS 3

### Seahawk Basketball Teams Defeat Palm Beach State

The Seahawk women's and men's basketball team both defeated Palm Beach State College in Southern Conference openers hosted in Davie on January 9. The win ranks both men and women second in the overall Southern Conference. In the women's game. Vendela Danielsson's and Margarita Pleskevich produced 20 and 17 points respectively. In the men's game, Marion Williams produced 19 points, five assists, and three steals. Oswald Parker posted a double-double (16 points, 11 rebounds) three assists, three steals and one block while Denzel Jenoure also recorded a double-double (13 points, 10 rebounds) and had two blocks and one steal.



Front Row (L-R): Mikaela Ekdahl, Vendela Danielsson, Margarita Pleskevich, Valeria Merlos, Emma Hergot, Rabiyah Bell.

Middle Row: Brian McCormick - head coach, Alva Soderberg, Tharalee Mompelas, Kayla Brown, Claudia Charles, Lorraine Brown - assistant coach, Whitney Fields - assistant coach.

Back Row: Pernilla Sorenson, Tanisha Clarke, Gabby Bather, Alyssa Mecoli, Destiny Weldon, Toriana McDuffie.



Front Row (L-R): David Vitiello, Jefe Moises, Jordan Davis, Christopher Colon, Shane Pearley, Marion Williams, Alex Brown.

Back Row: David Ulak - assistant coach, Harrison Chipkin - assistant coach, Tyrone Cohen Jr., Jamari Brown, Nicodemus Payne, Denzel Jenoure, Calvin Blaydes, Oswald Parker, Luis Escobar, Seth Haimovitch - assistant coach, Bob Starkman - head coach.

FOUNDATION NEWS

# Lloyd F. Rhodes, Recognized as the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser

Lloyd F. Rhodes, a current member and former chair of the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors, was honored for his outstanding fundraising contributions at the Association of Fundraising Professionals' 30th Annual National Philanthropy Day Luncheon at the Signature Grand on Wednesday, November 15. Rhodes also served as chair of the College's annual Golf Classic for most of its more than 30-year history. National Philanthropy Day recognizes those members of the community who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to leadership in philanthropy and volunteerism.



L to R: Denese Edsall, executive director, Human Resources and Equity, Broward College; Pam Stephany, chair, Broward College Foundation Board of Directors; Leisa Orcutt, district director, Employee Benefits, Broward College; Nancy Botero, vice president, Advancement and executive director of the Broward College Foundation; John Coolican, senior client manager, Cigna Healthcare; and Karin and Lloyd Rhodes.



### **Dr. Monica McGrath Joins Foundation Board of Directors**

Dr. McGrath, a consultant in leadership development and an adult educator, served as the vice dean for the Aresty Institute of Executive Education at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and in

other administrative and teaching roles for seventeen years. In addition to teaching at Wharton, she has worked as a consultant and coach to senior executives and their teams. She has designed learning programs for executive teams and high-potential managers at a variety of Fortune 500 companies. McGrath holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, a Master of Education in Adult Learning and a Ph.D. with an emphasis in organizational psychology from Temple University.

### **Broward College Office of Advancement Welcomes New Associate Vice Presidents**

Scott Rivinius and Shannon Roddy joined the Office of Advancement on January 8. Rivinius is the new associate vice president for development and Roddy the associate vice president for financial management.



**Scott Rivinius** has nearly 20 years of diverse philanthropic experience, including planned and major giving and advancement operations. His most recent position was assistant vice president for Advancement Operations

and campaign director with the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. He earned his Bachelor of Arts at Eckerd College in Economics and his Master of Arts in Higher and Adult Continuing Education at the University of Michigan.



**Shannon Roddy** has more than 16 years of experience with higher education in different capacities in advancement and institutionally-related foundations. Her most recent position was with Florida International

University, where she worked with the FIU Foundation, the FIU Research Foundation, and the Athletics Finance Corporation. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Finance at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

### **Broward College Foundation Hosts Legislative Send Off**

On Thursday, January 4, the Broward College Foundation hosted a reception for the Broward Legislative Delegation before they left for Tallahassee. Pam Stephany, chair of the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors, thanked the group for their support to the community and education. She highlighted the importance of higher education to the community and that since its establishment, the Foundation has secured \$87 million to help thousands of students become valued, productive citizens.



L to R: Senator Jim Scott; Senator Gary Farmer, Chair of the Broward Legislative Delegation: Pam Stephany and Richard Suss.



### **EVENTS & HAPPENINGS**

### In Service to the Community



Students and staff celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Day by giving back to the community. More than 3,000 hours were logged as participants registered with the 42 projects funded under the Broward College MLK Day of Service program.

### **BC Cares Offers Holiday Hope**



More than 100 staff and their families joined the second BC Cares event on Saturday, December 9. Partnering with HOPE South Florida the volunteers helped with preparations for a holiday event for the homeless.

### **Ringing in the Holidays**



Staff of the College and special guests celebrated the holiday with a well-needed break at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Fort Lauderdale on Friday, December 8.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Broward College 2 + 2 Transfer Fair

Monday, January 29 9:45-11:45 a.m. – North Campus, Bldg. 46, Coconut Creek 2-4 p.m. – A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, Bldg. 19, Davie

### **Aguila Theatre Presents Hamlet**

Wednesday, January 31, 7:30 p.m. Bailey Hall, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, Davie

### Speaker Series – Thomas Friedman

Wednesday, February 21, 7:30 p.m. Broward Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale

### **Employee Recognition Day**

Friday, February 23, 3:30 p.m. Bailey Hall, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, Davie

### Dinner at the Square – A Free Market for Education?

Wednesday, February 28
Reception for members: 6- 6:45 p.m.
Dinner: 7-8:30 p.m.
Funky Buddha Brewery
1201 NE 38 Street, Oakland Park, FL

# Participants in the First President's Executive Practicum Recognized



L to R: Sunem Beaton-Garcia, Esmeralda Sweeney, President Armstrong and Yolanda Brown

The participants in the first President's Executive Practicum were recognized for their outstanding participation at the January meeting of the Broward College District Board of Trustees. Esmeralda Sweeney, interim associate vice president, Student Success Initiatives; Sunem Beaton Garcia, interim dean, Libraries and Academic Success Centers; and Yolanda Brown, associate dean, Academic and Student Affairs were the first beneficiaries of the program which ran from January to December 2017.

The PEP is designed to strengthen executive leadership skills among college administrators. It allows active participation at senior management meetings, leadership projects, working directly with internal and external stakeholders, representation at various conferences, and other areas of operations.

# Greg Haile and Caleb Cornelius Appointed to National Financial Aid Body



Greg Haile (top left), legal counsel, and Caleb Cornelius (bottom left), senior associate vice president of financial services for the College have been appointed to the Higher Education Committee of 50 (or "Forward50") of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA). The committee is comprised of forward-thinking higher education leaders who will serve over the next year examining policy areas related



to access, affordability, accountability, and transparency. The group will produce practical solutions and recommendations for members of Congress to consider.

## Broward College Begins the Search for a New President

The Broward College District Board of Trustees has started the process for the selection of the next president. At a special meeting in January, the trustees approved the search committee members and the firm that will manage the process on behalf of the College. The College has launched a presidential search website where interested candidates, students, faculty, staff and the community can review information and ask questions. The position for president will become available when the institution's current leader, J. David Armstrong, Jr. transitions to the position of President Emeritus.

### Retirements



Phillip Bachers started his academic career at Broward College in 1974 and later joined the institution as an adjunct faculty member with the EMS program. He started working full-time 17 years ago and has held several positions including administrative roles.



**Dora Romero** is described as a passionate and highly respected educator who has gained the trust of her peers and students alike. She started at Broward College in 1992 and has held several positions in the Foreign Language department.

# Administration Gets Positive Reviews from Central Campus Students



Representatives of the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus Student Government Association with Trustee Mike Rump (center), Nancy Botero, executive director of the Broward College Foundation (second from right) and Marielena DeSanctis, campus president.

The A. Hugh Adams Central Campus Student Government Association (SGA) in a special report to the Board of Trustees during the Student Forum at the last BOT meeting commended the administration for addressing the main concerns raised by students in 2017. The top two were the need for additional printing stations and healthier food options. The SGA also said the administration had done well in creating more student-centered locations across the campus.

# Broward College Foundation Recognizes Gulfstream Park for its Philanthropic Partnership

During the Board meeting Nancy Botero, executive director of the Broward College Foundation expressed her appreciation to Gulfstream Park for its contribution to the American Dream Scholarship Program. This semester, the Gulfstream American Dream scholarship was awarded to Robert Francis Sims, Jr., who is pursuing his Associate of Science in Technology Project Management and Robert Wilson, who is completing his Bachelor of Applied Science in Technology Management.



L to R: Nikki Bernstein, director of community relations at Gulfstream; Robert Wilson, American Dream Scholarship recipient; and President Armstrong.

### **Policy Changes**

At the January 23, 2018, Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved revisions to the following College policies. Click the links below to review a redline of the approved revisions to the policies.

6Hx2-2.05 Mission, Beliefs, and Purpose of the College 6Hx2-4.01 Substitution or Waiver of Specific Courses Policy 6Hx2-4.02 Academic Load Policy 6Hx2-4.29 Institutional Review Board 6Hx2-5.07 Student Health and Accident Insurance 6Hx2-5.17 Distribution of Materials, Solicitation 6Hx2-5.24 Student Identification Card 6Hx2-5.28 Academic Standards Committee 6Hx2-5.26 Student Ombudsperson 6Hx2-5.31 Student Eligibility for Participating in a Graduation Policy 6Hx2-5.32 Student Assistance Program Policy 6Hx2-5.39 Student Sexual Misconduct