

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

from President Gregory Adam Haile, J.D.



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COLLEGE NEWS

Broward College Receives Transformational Gift of \$30 Million

Inspired by Broward UP™, Mackenzie Scott and Dan Jewett made a transformational gift of \$30 million. Three years ago, Broward College launched Broward UP to improve economic mobility in the most challenged communities by expanding the College's service model into six zip codes, representing more than one third of Broward County cities with the highest unemployment and lowest education attainment rates. With the additional funding, Broward UP will exist in perpetuity, and Broward College will strengthen its support throughout Broward County.



MacKenzie Scott

Broward UP began with limited investment. The hope is that this gift will inspire others to join in raising Broward County's post-secondary education attainment and economic mobility for all. [Read the College's statement on the gift.](#)

Broward College COVID-19 Update

The College has adjusted its safety measures in response to the changing environment, lessons learned, and updated statutory and federal guidelines. Effective Friday, June 25, face coverings are no longer required while on campus. However, those who have not been vaccinated are strongly advised to continue wearing a face covering.

In preparation for a return to a new normal this fall and as college-sponsored events begin to be held on campus, students, employees, and all other members of the Broward College community are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and continue to practice social distancing. Enhanced cleaning protocols will continue at campus facilities, and personal protective equipment (masks, hand sanitizers, plastic shields) will be made available as requested by departments.

Employees, as well as students, are to continue to report positive COVID-19 test results. Information on how to report, what happens after a report is submitted, and other COVID-19 updates can be found on the [Broward College COVID-19 web page](#).

Dr. Jeffery Nasse Selected as Provost

Following a national search, Dr. Jeffery Nasse was selected as provost and senior vice president, Academic Affairs, from a field of 89 candidates representing public and private colleges and universities across the nation.

Dr. Nasse, who currently serves in an interim capacity, will officially assume the role on July 1. Since joining Broward College in 2005, Dr. Nasse has served as a tenured faculty member, senior associate vice president of Academic Affairs, dean of the Education Pathway, dean of Academic Affairs, dean of Academic Resources and Writing Programs, associate dean of English, and associate dean of Communications and Fine Arts.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps in 1994, Dr. Nasse attended East Carolina University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Communication in 1999, and a Master of Arts in English in 2002. He completed his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Research Methodology at Florida Atlantic University in 2013.

The selection of Dr. Nasse would not have been possible without feedback from the Broward College community and the work of the Search Committee, which included Esmeralda Sweeney, associate vice president, Student Success (chair); Teresa Hodge, associate professor, Mathematics, and president, UFF Broward College Chapter; Billy Jones, assistant professor, English, and former president, Broward College Faculty Senate; Victor Arenas, assistant professor, Information Technology; Eileen Santiago, assistant professor, Teacher Education; Andrew Dutka, librarian, Library Operations; Woosly Calixte, academic advisor, Student Services; Michelle Jackson, associate dean, Academic Affairs, Speech; Elizabeth Molina, dean, Academic Affairs, Education; Chris Tavares, interim manager, Campus Facilities; and Caleb Cornelius, vice president, Finance.



Dr. Jeffery Nasse

Speaker Series Features Internationally Acclaimed Chef José Andrés

Following a postponement due to COVID-19, the Broward College Speaker Series resumed on Monday, May 17, with chef José Andrés. The internationally recognized culinary innovator, author and humanitarian appeared in a virtual discussion on “Changing the World through the Power of Food,” moderated by Kelley Shanley, president and CEO, Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Andrés provided insights into current food and hunger issues and how he uses food to empower communities and strengthen economies. Andrés is a committed advocate of food and hunger issues and is known for championing the role of chefs in the national debate on food policy. In 2010, he formed World Central Kitchen, a non-profit that provides solutions to hunger and poverty through food. Andrés was recognized as one of TIME’s “100 Most Influential People” in 2012 and 2018. He was awarded “Outstanding Chef” and “Humanitarian of the Year” by the James Beard Foundation. The one-hour discussion was followed by a question-and-answer session for VIP ticket holders.



Virtual Events Mark Caribbean-American Heritage Month

Broward College marked Caribbean-American Heritage Month with [virtual campus events](#) throughout June that celebrated and commended the spirit, unique talents, and vibrant culture of the many Broward College students, faculty, staff, and friends who have origins in the Caribbean. The events ranged from presentations on Carnival and Juneteenth to music and a documentary viewing. The U.S. House of Representatives established Caribbean-American Heritage Month in 2005 to recognize the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States.



Broward College Professor Gives Presentation on Juneteenth

Robert Morris, professor of History and Political Science, participated in a virtual discussion, Tuesday, June 15, on “Juneteenth: Discussing the History, Meaning and How It’s Celebrated.” The event was part of activities sponsored by the City of Miami Beach to commemorate June 19, 1865, the day when enslaved Black people in Galveston, Texas, learned of their freedom from Major Gen. Gordon Granger of the Union Army, who announced the end of the Civil War two months after the surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee in Appomattox, Virginia. Professor Morris was joined by moderator Kunya Rowley, founder and artistic director of Hued Songs, and Janey Tate, publisher, and editor-in-chief of HyLo News Miami.



Robert Morris

Ten Professional Technical Staff Recognized for Outstanding Achievement

The ten employees have been named the recipients of the 2021 Professional and Technical Staff (PTS) Outstanding Achievement Awards. Nominated by their peers, these employees routinely go above and beyond expectations, ensuring that projects, meetings, travel, technology, and offices work efficiently and contribute to the College’s goal of student success.

The recipients are Elizabeth Beavin, paralegal; Sharon Daley, executive assistant; Eileen Diaz, supervisor, Student Services; Jeremy Krause, specialist, CTE Industry Certification and Completion; Christina McMillan, coordinator, Institutional Research; Heather Morris, executive assistant; Zhenyi Neri, supervisor, Student Services; Tresha Robinson, academic advisor; Melvin Rosa, interim campus safety sergeant; and Annia Valdes, student success coach.



Elizabeth Beavin



Sharon Daley



Eileen Diaz



Jeremy Krause



Christina McMillan



Heather Morris



Zhenyi Neri



Tresha Robinson



Melvin Rosa



Annia Valdes

LGBTQIA+ Employee Resource Group Celebrates Pride Month

In celebration of Pride Month in June, the College’s LGBTQIA+ Employee Resource Group hosted zoom meetings and social activities. [Employee Resource Groups \(ERG\)](#), an initiative of the Talent and Culture department, was established in January 2021 to provide employees with the opportunity to create connections with common-minded colleagues in a safe, welcoming, and open environment. The LGBTQIA+ Employee Resource Group, co-chaired by Preston Steele, associate dean, Logistics Supply Chain Management, and Franco Montero, senior specialist, Student Records, is the latest complement to BC Pride.



INFORMING THE COMMUNITY

As part of his leadership, President Haile speaks on various topics that are paramount to the community and higher education through presentations, keynotes, workshops and training, and other public engagements. Below are a few recent highlights:

Remarks to the Association of Florida Student Development Spring Conference

At the 54th annual Student Development Commission Spring Conference of the Association of Florida Colleges, Wednesday, May 19, President Haile addressed more than 200 participants from the 28 colleges in the Florida College System. The conference, hosted virtually through Broward College, attracted academic advisors, deans, and student services directors who shared best practices for student success.



Restaurant and Lodging Association Celebrates Hospitality Education

On Thursday, May 20, President Haile addressed a gathering of the Florida chapter of the Restaurant and Lodging Association during an online event that celebrated education in the hospitality industry. Scholarships were awarded to high school students interested in pursuing a career in the industry.



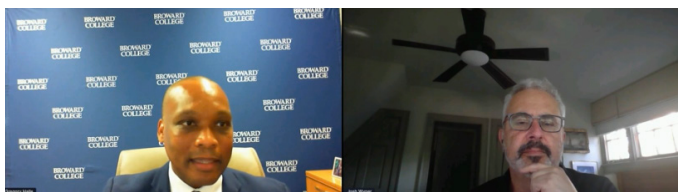
Congratulatory Message to Pace Center for Girls Graduates

In a short video message, President Haile offered congratulatory remarks and advice to the 2021 Class of Pace Center for Girls Broward, Friday, June 18. Pace is a nationally recognized program with 21 chapters throughout Florida that provides girls and young women who are dealing with past trauma an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training, and advocacy. The Pace Center for Girls Broward Class of 2021 comprised of 15 graduates ranging from 13 to 18 years old. President Haile currently serves as secretary for the Pace Center Board of Trustees.



Aspen Symposium Aimed at Improving Post-Completion Workforce Outcomes

In a featured question-and-answer session on June 2 between President Haile and Josh Wyner, founder and executive director of the College Excellence Program at the Aspen Institute, Broward College’s work using the guided pathways model and strategies to improve post-completion workforce outcomes was discussed. Some 200 leaders from 22 colleges across the nation participated in the symposium. Broward College has been recognized for its exceptional outcomes in these areas, being named an Aspen Finalist with Distinction for the 2021 Aspen Prize.



Association of Community College Trustees Webinar Focuses on Adult Learners

President Haile joined other leaders in higher education for a live webinar on “Leveraging Stimulus Funds to Support Adult Learners.” The event was co-hosted by the Association of Community College Trustees, the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, and the Education Strategy Group on Thursday, June 10. The webinar highlighted innovative institutional and state policies and practices to better target and support adult learners looking to reskill or enrolling in higher education for the first time.



International Seahawks Awarded Scholarships

Three International Seahawks from Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam were each awarded \$15,000 scholarships to pursue a bachelor's degree in Operations Management and Supervision at the University of Cincinnati. Congratulations to Lam Gia Bao, Nguyen Thi Nhu My and Dang Luu Hoang Oanh. Do Minh Truong, another International Seahawk from Vietnam, has been accepted to the University of Central Florida to continue his education in Hospitality Management.



Lam Gia Bao



Nguyen Thi Nhu My



Dang Luu Hoang Oanh



Do Minh Truong

Celebrating and Honoring Veterans

The Office of Student Veteran Engagement celebrated Broward College students and employees who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, Saturday, June 5, at Tigertail Lake Recreational Center in Dania Beach. The third annual BBQ mixer attracted 60 attendees and marked the first in-person event for Broward College veterans since the start of the pandemic.



Some of the attendees at the BBQ mixer on June 5.

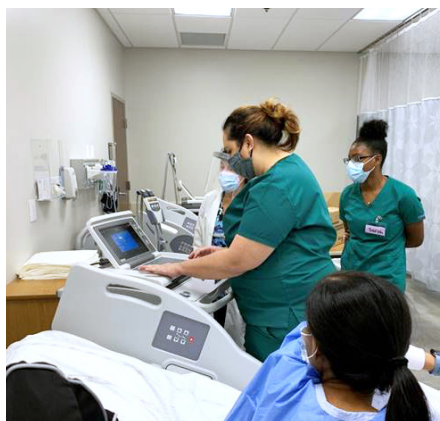
Students Give Rapid Credentials Boot Camp Thumbs Up

Students enrolled in the Medical Assisting program took part in a three-day boot camp this spring at the site of a local health care provider, during which they received hands-on practice in basic clinical skills, infection control procedures, EKG, and phlebotomy training leading to Basic Life Support (BLS) certification. The boot camp was offered through Broward College's Rapid Credentials program, which, thanks in part to a grant from the Florida Department of Education, is helping students boost their earning potential, gain a competitive edge, and fast-track their careers through in-demand, high-quality workforce education. The positive responses from participants in the course and boot camp mirror those of students Sarah Edouard and Maria Mezquita.

"Our BLS instructor was amazing," said Sarah, who is now working on pre-requisites to continue with nursing school. "It was very interesting learning how to do CPR on adults, children, and babies. This is a skill I will use for the rest of my life, whether I am working as a nurse or away from work."

"The boot camp was a fantastic experience," said Maria. "The hands-on training helped me understand some of the questions that could only be answered by practicing and performing the skills. I am confident and ready for a job as a clinical medical assistant."

Broward College hosts Rapid Credentials webinars every Tuesday and Thursday at noon. [Click here](#) to sign up and for additional information.



Broward College in the News

Breaking Down Barriers to Entrepreneurship

In this article, “This Broward College Initiative is Breaking Down Barriers to Entrepreneurship,” Imran Siddiqui, director of the Entrepreneurial Experience (BCEx), explains how this makes entrepreneurship accessible to the most vulnerable communities. [Read the article](#)

PBS Features Broward College in “Aviation in the Classroom”

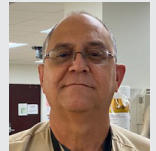
“Your South Florida” visited Broward College to learn how its unique Air Traffic Control program is helping prepare students for a successful aviation career. The program was aired as part of a feature on “Aviation in the Classroom.” | [Watch the video](#)

Nursing Graduates Celebrated

In the article, “Yes They Can: A Pandemic Pinning,” Sara Turpel, dean and nursing administrator, congratulated graduates from the Broward College Associate of Science Nursing program in the June 2021 issue of Our City Plantation. | [Read the article](#)

Caribbean Today Celebrates Broward College Professor as Caribbean-American COVID-19 Hero

Dr. Luiz Fernandez, a Dominican Republic-born nursing professor at Broward College, is featured in an article on “Caribbean-American COVID-19 Heroes” in a June 2021 supplement published in Caribbean Today. | [Read the article](#)



Dr. Luiz Fernandez

RETIREMENTS

Three employees who will retire in June are being recognized for their outstanding contributions to the College:



DAN OLDFATHER

Dan Oldfather, a former Broward College student during the 1970s who later attended the Microsoft Certified Technical School where he received several certifications, was a full-time temporary employee for a year before joining the Information Technology department in 2005.



EILEEN HUNT

Eileen Hunt joined Broward College in 2014 as a procurement contracting officer. She was responsible for managing formal competitive solicitations processes, including construction services for the Facilities department. Her knowledge of construction-related requirements and her research prowess contributed to the success of more than 30 competitive solicitations. Prior to Broward College, she served at the Broward County Public Schools, beginning in 1999.



DAVE PETERS

Dave Peters, a chief technology officer (CTO) for audio/video solutions, is retiring after 39 years at Broward College, beginning with his time as a computer science student and part-time lab manager in 1982. After landing a full-time programming position at Cordis Corporation, Dave returned to Broward College as a data processing center supervisor in the Computer Science department. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Dave began teaching Computer Science in 1999 until December of last year. During his time at Broward College—what he calls “his second home”—Dave also served as associate dean of Technology before finishing in his CTO role.

Alumni and Friends Network Offers Informative Webinar on How to Serve on a Non-profit Board

On Wednesday, June 23, the [Alumni & Friends Network](#) hosted an online seminar with Board Match Now® to highlight steps needed to serve on a non-profit board and help a cause thrive. The webinar featured the founders of Board Match Now® and a series of panelists with non-profit board experience. They offered advice on what you need to know about serving on a non-profit board, including where to start, the skills you need, identifying if the board is a good fit for you, terms of the board, how many years you serve, financial commitment, and how you will make a difference.

Board Match Now® uses modern philanthropic technology to match talented, socially responsible people with charitable causes that require skills, leadership, and heart. Created by National Leadership Institute (NLI) and powered by Septennium Technologies, this program includes board and leadership training, all at a discounted rate to alumni, friends, and employees of Broward College.



The Office of Advancement Welcomes New Alumni Engagement Officer

Anthony Stewart is the new alumni engagement officer. He previously served at the University of Miami where he spent six years in the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations as director of Development and Annual Giving for the School of Law.

In that role, he was responsible for producing law alumni marketing and communications (in print, social media and online), managing volunteer boards, working with student leaders to encourage a pipeline of young alumni leadership, and organizing law alumni and donor networking and engagement events in Florida, nationally, and virtually. Anthony has also worked in senior fundraising roles with the National Ballet of Canada in Toronto and the Fraser Institute, a think tank based in Vancouver.



Anthony Stewart

Jill Horowitz, who has been the alumni engagement manager, remains on the Office of Advancement team in her new role as philanthropic engagement officer.

Board of Trustees Approves 2021-2022 Budget

The Broward College District Board of Trustees approved a \$190.5 million budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022 that enables the College to prioritize investments in the student experience and their employment outcomes. The budget titled, Building Resiliency: Investing in Our Students, Our People, Our Future was approved at the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 22, on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus. Apart from an emphasis on increasing the number of students enrolled, certifications and degrees earned and post-completion placements, Building Resiliency: Investing in Our Students, Our People, Our Future also strengthens the resiliency of Broward College through employee retention and development while streamlining core functions and optimizing revenue generating sources.

The budget, presented by John Dunnuck, senior vice president, Finance and Operations, includes an increase in State of Florida operating appropriations of \$2,740,121. The new spending plan is highlighted by a \$5.3 million investment in student resiliency. This includes a student experience redesign project that focuses on the delivery of services from start to finish; building capacity to support minority males and increase their retention, expanding outbound student outreach, virtual job shadowing, career readiness, and micro-credentialling and badging. Organizationally, the College also plans to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion training; improve internal culture through enhanced employee engagement, and support retention by setting aside \$4.7 million to recognize full-time employees who were instrumental in overcoming obstacles to keep students on a path toward success during the pandemic and have not received a salary increase since 2018.

Broward College Pays Homage to Trustee Chair Fernandez

President Haile extended heartfelt appreciation to Gloria Fernandez, who has served as a trustee since 2013 and chair of the Board since 2018, for her demonstrated passion for serving students and the community. During her tenure, the College improved its academic rankings and was named an Aspen Top Ten finalist four times—twice with distinction.



Gloria Fernandez

In presenting her with a proclamation, President Haile said Fernandez, who routinely leveraged her real estate expertise to support the College and its students and helped to foster a spirit of entrepreneurship through non-traditional revenue generation, has been a guiding force in the Willis Holcombe Center re-development project that will net the College \$200 million over the duration of the lease agreement. In recognition of her eight years of tireless service and leadership, the College named the Gloria Fernandez Conference Room in the main library on A. Hugh Adams Central Campus in her honor.

Congresswoman Discusses Available American Rescue Plan Funds

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-23) met virtually with the Board of Trustees to discuss opportunities available for new and existing Broward College students that can help them pay for an array of education expenses because of the millions of dollars included in the American Rescue Plan legislation. Passed this spring, the landmark relief legislation provides more than \$36 billion in funding to colleges, universities, and their students. Nearly half of that is targeted to students through emergency grants.



Debbie Wasserman Schultz

“There are millions of game-changing dollars available in our South Florida community, right now, for students to take advantage of—money that could be life-altering for so many families as we come out of this brutal pandemic,” Wasserman Schultz said during the meeting. “Broward College is uniquely situated to help turn thousands of lives around because of that historic legislation. The key is getting that word out to students. For anyone struggling with tuition, food, housing, childcare, or wi-fi costs due to the pandemic, help is here, and it’s waiting for you at Broward College.”

College Honors City Furniture Owner

The Board of Trustees saluted Keith Koenig, CEO, and owner of City Furniture, for his help transforming students’ lives and enriching the diverse Broward College community through academic excellence, innovation, and meaningful career opportunities that promote economic growth, well-being, and quality of life. In presenting a proclamation, President Haile said, under Koenig’s leadership, his company has partnered with the College to address the skills gap by increasing educational attainment leading to employment opportunities at City Furniture for Broward College students at no cost. The work also targets Broward UP residents in communities with high unemployment and low post-secondary attainment.



Keith Koenig

Policy Changes

At the June meeting, the Board approved changes to Policy 6Hx2-5.01, Admissions. The changes allow students to be considered for admissions from non-accredited high schools after review by the Registrar, and allows non-degree seeking students to take more credits.

Policy 6Hx2-5.01, Admissions:

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