

# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

from the Office of the President



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Broward College had much to celebrate in March. We welcomed three new trustees to the College's District Board of Trustees, and we look forward to the insight and guidance they will bring to our institution. We highlight the accomplishments of outstanding faculty and staff and talented students. Among the student recognitions are awards to the literary magazine P'an Ku, and the student newspaper, The Observer, from the Florida College System Publications Association. We also recognized Robert "Bob" Elmore Honors College students who received scholarships, including the Phi Theta Kappa All-Florida Academic Team Scholarship and those named as semifinalists for the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The College's Future Business Leaders of America also received several awards. As we move into spring, we can be optimistic that we will close this last quarter of 2022-23 with continued exceptional outcomes.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Broward College District Board of Trustees Welcomes Three New Members

Three new members have been appointed to the Broward College District Board of Trustees. The appointments of Cindy Kushner, Alexis Yarbrough, and Mario Zanotti-Cavazzoni were announced by Governor Ron DeSantis on Friday, February 17, and were recently confirmed by the state Senate. The announcement also included the reappointment of the current Chair of the Board Zachariah "Reggie" P. Zachariah, Jr.

Cindy Kushner is a partner with the federal tax services group Crowe LLP, where she specializes in assisting health care industry clients. She is the Chair and Founder of Women Executive Leadership Florida and was listed as one of Florida's 500 Most Influential Business Leaders in 2019. Alexis Yarbrough is the current Vice Chair of the Fourth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission. Prior to that, she served as the former General Counsel for the Florida Department of Transportation. Mario Zanotti-Cavazzoni, is the Senior Advisor of Organizational Transformation for CONMEBOL, the continental governing body for professional soccer in South America. He is the former Senior Vice President of Latin America for Millicom International. Chair Zachariah is a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig's Corporate Practice in Fort Lauderdale and focuses his practice on private equity transactions, mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructurings, and counseling boards and senior management on strategic business, corporate formation and governance, and financial and transactional matters. Akhil K. Agrawal, co-founder and managing partner of the early-stage venture capital and middle-market healthcare investment company AMD Equities, is the fifth member of the Broward College Board of Trustees.



Cindy Kushner



Alexis Yarbrough



Mario Zanotti-Cavazzoni



Zachariah "Reggie"  
P. Zachariah, Jr.

### Broward College Recognized with Cigna Healthy Workforce Designation™

Cigna has selected Broward College as a recipient of their Gold Level Healthy Workforce Designation for demonstrating a strong commitment to improving the health and well-being of its employees through a workplace wellness program. The Cigna Healthy Workforce Designation, formerly known as the Cigna Well-Being Award, evaluates organizations based on the core components of their well-being program, including leadership and culture, program foundations, program execution, whole person health, and utilization of Cigna's capabilities. Organizations recognized with this designation set the standard of excellence for whole-organization health. This is the second time Cigna has recognized Broward College. In 2021 Cigna selected Broward College as a recipient of their annual Cigna Outstanding Well-Being Award for demonstrating a solid commitment to improving the health and well-being of its employees through a comprehensive and engaging workplace wellness strategy. Live Well at Broward College—a holistic approach to individual and collective well-being—is created, led, and implemented by Lisa Elsinger, Ph.D., associate director, Workplace Well-being.



## President Haile Joins Local Chief Executives for Habitat for Humanity CEO Build in Pompano Beach

President Haile and other chief executives from around Broward County participated in the Habitat for Humanity CEO Build in Pompano Beach on Saturday, March 4. The build took place at the Rick Case Habitat Community, and brought CEOs of leading national and local companies to cooperatively respond to the important issue of affordable housing for Broward County’s workforce. Today, almost nine out of 10 prospective Broward home hunters cannot afford to own a home. President Haile’s participation was an extension of Broward College’s overall mission to help hard-working families earn a higher education and get one step closer to their dream of home ownership.



President Haile during the CEO Build at the Rick Case Habitat Community in Pompano Beach on Saturday, March 4.

## Four Broward College Employees Presented at the National Academic Advising Association Region Four Conference

During the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Region Four Conference in Huntsville, Alabama, which ran March 4 to 7, Broward College administrators Dr. David Kenton, Jacqueline Gordon, Adam DeRosa, and Dr. Sheila Fabius gave presentations to the approximately 100 guests who attended the event. Dr. Kenton and Jacqueline Gordon’s presentation was titled “What’s up ‘cuz?: Why Codeswitching Matters to Advising and Retaining Black Students.” The presentation discussed Black identities and how cultural appreciation plays a significant role in how these students are retained and show up as leaders. Dr. Sheila Fabius and Adam DeRosa’s presentation was titled “Everybody Needs a Co-Pilot: New Student Onboarding at Broward College.” Its focus was on the evolution of Broward College’s student onboarding and its merger with Academic Advising to personalize the First Flight experience while maximizing student success. The presentations provide a best-in-class experience through understanding more about cultural nuances through code switching and the impact of onboarding students to Broward College.



Adam DeRosa, Dr. Sheila Fabius, Dr. David Kenton, and Jacqueline Gordon at the 2023 NACADA Region Four Conference in Huntsville, Alabama.

## Broward College Marketing Department and Pace Branding and Marketing Win Gold in Annual Collegiate Advertising Awards

The Broward College Marketing Department and its partner agency Pace Marketing & Branding were awarded three gold prizes in the 2023 Collegiate Advertising Awards. Broward College received gold honors for its “I Can” campaign in the billboards, outdoor ads, and social media categories. The awards were given in the Honoring Excellence in Marketing and Advertising in the Field of Higher Education division. This national awards competition among colleges and universities rewards marketing departments for best-in-class marketing and advertising.



## General Counsel and Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs Lacey Hofmeyer Named to National Association of Women Lawyers Rising List

Broward College General Counsel and Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs Lacey Hofmeyer was among the 34 women who were named to the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) Rising List. Since 2021, the NAWL Rising List has recognized individuals advancing in their careers, helping others advance in their careers, and fighting to advance women under the law. The mission of the NAWL is to provide leadership, a collective voice, and essential resources to advance women in the legal profession and advocate for the equality of women under the law. Since 1899, NAWL has been empowering women in the legal profession, cultivating a diverse membership dedicated to equality, mutual support, and collective success.



Lacey Hofmeyer

## Associate Vice President of Strategic Partnership and Innovation Jennifer Saint Louis Selected as Honoree for Third Annual South Florida Business & Wealth Prestigious Women Awards

Dr. Jennifer Saint Louis, associate vice president, Strategic Partnership and Innovation, has been named an honoree for the third annual SFBW Prestigious Women Awards. The Prestigious Women Awards honors outstanding female business leaders and owners whose ambition, innovation, and success help drive the South Florida economy. Honorees will be celebrated during the Third Annual Prestigious Women Awards program with a networking reception and sit-down luncheon at The Galleria in Fort Lauderdale on Thursday, April 20. The event will also be featured in the May issue of SFBW Magazine.



Dr. Jennifer Saint Louis



## De-escalation Training Offered for Student Support Staff

On Wednesday, March 15, members of the Broward College admissions staff underwent training in de-escalation strategies and emotion coaching during a specialized training program. The training was designed to teach participants how to manage interactions with individuals who are emotionally escalating or in crisis, and how to be a more effective communicator. De-escalation training was presented by Jennifer Newell, senior director, Student Conduct and Integrity and Title IX Coordinator. Attendees included district student success coaches, admissions and registration staff from Student Services, and Career and Technical Education. The session covered how conflict can be beneficial, providing insight into concerns and solutions. It also provided de-escalation and deflection techniques. Case studies were utilized to demonstrate how de-escalation skills may be used. Participants then shared their own reflections on conflict resolution for the group to take back to their workspaces.



Jennifer Newell, senior director, Student Conduct and Integrity and Title IX Coordinator

## Volunteers from North Campus Academic Success Center Help Support Junior Achievement BizTown Program

On Wednesday, March 1, six members of the North Campus Academic Success Center (ASC) volunteered at the Junior Achievement (JA) BizTown Program in Coconut Creek. The volunteers helped guide students through a specific storefront during their on-site simulation. JA BizTown combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town. This learning experience allows elementary school students to operate banks, manage restaurants, write checks, and vote for mayor. Students can connect the dots between what they learn in school and the real world. The JA BizTown Program helps support national and state standards in reading, mathematics, social studies, and work and career readiness.



Academic Success Center Volunteers

## TRIO Talent Search Aspire/Reach Grant Director Martha Villegas Miranda Presents at U.S. Hispanic Leadership Conference

Martha Villegas Miranda was a presenter at the 41st U.S. Hispanic Leadership Conference in Chicago from February 16 to 19. The conference is one of the largest Hispanic leadership conferences in the nation. Young professionals and students representing 66 colleges and universities from 32 states attended. Director Villegas Miranda was invited to speak to the attendees in two workshop spaces, where she met past and current student activists and civil rights leaders. Her presentation at the national conference was designed to inspire many first-generation students and professionals with leadership empowerment and motivation to be changemakers in their communities and respective college and universities.



TRIO Talent Search Grant Director Martha Villegas Miranda with U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute Executive Director Melody Gonzalez.

## Diadem Pickleball at North Campus Nears Completion

The indoor pickleball facility at the North Campus is under construction and expected to be completed in May. In December 2022, the Broward College Board of Trustees voted to authorize a lease agreement with Diadem Pickleball, a Pompano Beach-based racket sports company, to convert parts of the Omni Auditorium on Broward College's North Campus into the region's first indoor pickleball facility. The proposed DIADEM Omni Pickleball Complex Indoor Arena at Broward College will include eight indoor courts and food and beverage offerings. It will be open to the public with hours of operation between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. It will also include national broadcasting and co-branded marketing opportunities and discounts to students and staff.



The Omni Auditorium under construction.

## President Haile and Senior Vice President Dr. Mildred Coyne Join Local Business Leaders for United Way of Florida ALICE Summit

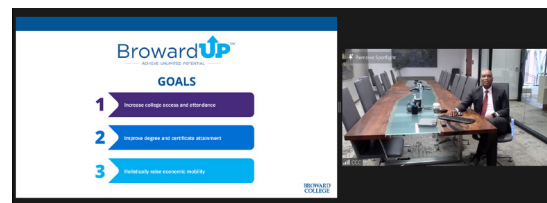
On Tuesday, February 28, United Way of Florida held its inaugural ALICE Summit at the Signature Grand in Davie. President Haile was the keynote speaker, addressing the Power of Proximity and how organizations can challenge themselves to be more accessible to those who need their services the most. Senior Vice President of Workforce Education and Innovation Dr. Mildred Coyne participated on the panel, "Data in Action" which covered data innovations in research methodologies and targeted interventions by zip code. The event brought together more than 450 of Florida's business leaders, funders, and human service providers to implement data-driven solutions to lift ALICE families in the community. These families often struggle to keep their own households from financial ruin, while keeping our local communities running.



L to R: President Haile during his keynote address; Dr. Coyne responds to a question on the panel; and President Haile with members of the Continuing Education and Workforce Education department.

## President Haile Participates in Virtual Presentation for Ohio Student Success Leadership Initiative

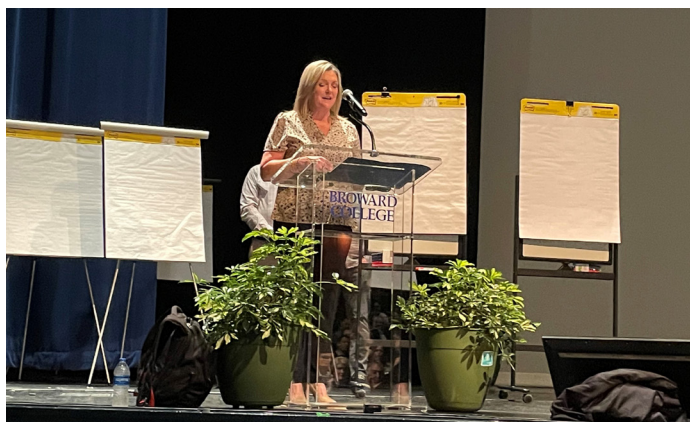
More than 250 participants joined the keynote session to hear President Haile during the 20<sup>th</sup> convening of The Ohio Student Success Leadership Institute (SSLI) on Thursday, February 20. President Haile was invited to give a live virtual presentation on the Broward UP™ model and its impact on the community's workforce and economy. He also addressed topics of transformational leadership, innovation, and the critical role of community colleges in economic prosperity. Audience members included presidents, provosts, vice presidents of academic and student affairs, institutional researchers, faculty, student support staff, and community partners from colleges in the Ohio area and across the United States. SSLI was created to help colleges implement structured guided pathways reforms and to support cross-institution sharing of best practices and data to help drive strategic decision making.



President Haile gave a virtual presentation on Broward UP during the Ohio Student Success Leadership Institute meeting on Thursday, February 23.

## Dr. Mildred Coyne Provides Welcome Address at Young Presidents' Organization 21st Century Leader Event

Dr. Mildred Coyne, senior vice president, Workforce Education and Innovation, welcomed the Young President's Organization on Thursday, February 23 for their 21st Century Leader Harvard Business Review held at Bailey Hall on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. Dr. Coyne addressed the audience of more than 300 of the top business leaders in South Florida about the employment solutions and job placement opportunities offered by Broward College. The event offered a full day of executive education modelled on the top-rated Young Presidents' Organization Harvard Seminar for New Presidents. Broward College faculty, deans, associate deans, and students were invited to participate in active learning as they explored what it means to be a leader today. President Haile is a member of the Young President's Organization, whose mission is to inspire and support the future leaders who will make a difference in the lives, businesses, and communities they impact. Broward College intends for this event to be held annually.



Senior Vice President Dr. Mildred Coyne addresses attendees of the Young President's Organization 21st Century Leader event at Bailey Hall.

## President Haile Hosts Panel at Fort Lauderdale Focus: Real Estate and Investment Forum

President Haile and other leading professionals from South Florida and the Caribbean convened at the Four Seasons Hotel in Fort Lauderdale on Monday, March 6, for the Urban Land Institute of South Florida/Caribbean and the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority's annual Fort Lauderdale Focus: Real Estate and Investment Forum. President Haile moderated the panel titled "Downtown Fort Lauderdale: A Dynamic Investment Opportunity," which focused on the future of Downtown Fort Lauderdale's workforce and economy. Panelists were Nick Perez, vice president at Related Group, Michael Harrington, senior managing director at Hines, and Charlie Ladd, president of Barron Real Estate. The forum brought together over 300 leading professionals in land use and real estate development to examine Fort Lauderdale's outlook, opportunities, challenges, and trends, with insights across all asset classes.



President Haile poses a question to the panelists during the forum.

## President Haile Delivers Keynote Speech at 11th Annual Coalition of South Florida Muslim Organizations Gala

Each year, the Coalition of South Florida Muslim Organizations (COSMOS) holds a gala reception to recognize a small group of South Florida residents and community leaders who have helped make the region a better place for all by promoting peace, tolerance, and coexistence in our community. For their 2023 edition, which took place Saturday, March 4, in Miami, COSMOS invited President Haile to serve as their keynote speaker and distinguished guest. President Haile spoke for approximately 20 minutes sharing his personal story and the importance of building bridges between community groups. The COSMOS gala was attended by approximately 350 guests, including the mayor of Miami-Dade County Danielle Levine Cava, several county and city commissioners, fellow leaders in higher education, media members, law enforcement members, and judges. The event was hosted by Emmy-winning reporter Saira Anwar. COSMOS was founded in 2011 to foster a better understanding of Islam, American Muslims, and Muslim culture through engagement, education, outreach, and community service to build bridges within the South Florida community.



President Haile delivers the keynote address at the 2023 COSMOS gala in Miami on March 4.

## Six Broward College Students Named Semifinalists for Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

Six Broward College students were named among the 459 semifinalists selected for the highly competitive Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation on Thursday, March 9, named Faheedat Adetayo, Philippe Lyberal, Lynn Pierre Etienne, Jean Saintgeorges, Hailey Thompson, and Anthony Vitiello as semifinalists from Broward College. The Foundation awards community college students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability, leadership, service, and a determination to complete their bachelor's degrees at top four-year institutions. This year's semifinalists were chosen from a pool of more than 1,700 applicants who attend 215 community colleges in 38 states. The scholarship is designed to create a clear pathway to a four-year degree by offering up to \$55,000 per year along with academic advising and access to a network of peers. If selected as finalists, the Cooke Transfer Scholars will receive educational advising from the Foundation's Deans of Scholar Support to guide them through transitioning to a four-year school and preparing for their future endeavors. They will also have access to internships, study abroad, graduate school funding opportunities, and the incomparable connection to a robust network of more than 3,000 fellow Cooke Scholars and Alumni. The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipients will be announced in April.

**JACK KENT COOKE**  
FOUNDATION

## Broward College Student Literary Journal P'an Ku Earns 15 Awards from Florida College System Publications Association

Editors and contributors to Broward College's literary magazine P'an Ku brought home 15 awards and won first place in General Excellence during the Florida College System Publications Association Awards Ceremony on Saturday, February 11. P'an Ku, which celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, earned awards for its fall 2021 and spring 2022 issues in the categories of art, poem, cover, publishing, two-page spread, and photography. Faculty Advisor Tim Holdeman also took home the Inner Circle Award for Layout and Design Editor. The magazine has a long history of representing the best works created by Broward College students.



## Florida College System Press Association Recognizes Broward Student Newspaper The Observer with Multiple Awards

During the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Florida College System Press Association (FCSPA) Conference in Jacksonville, Broward College's student newspaper, the Observer, won several awards across multiple categories. The awards ceremony, which was held from February 9 to 11, recognized The Observer and its editorial and design staff with the following honors:



General Excellence | **3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Observer staff**  
 Design | **1<sup>st</sup> Place: Observer staff**  
 News Photo | **3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Naomi Volcy**  
 Feature Photo | **3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kaela Perkins**  
 Picture Story | **3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Gabriella Small**  
 Feature Story | **3<sup>rd</sup> Place: La'Kenya Huggins**  
 In-Depth Reporting | **2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Naomi Volcy**

Sports Writing | **3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jordan Stephenson**  
 Sports Column | **2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jordan Stephenson**  
 Editorial | **1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gabriella Small and Colette Tamburini**  
 Illustration | **2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Yestin Arvin Gochuico**  
 Arts Review | **1<sup>st</sup> Place: Yestin Arvin Gochuico**  
 Website | **3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Observer staff**

## Broward College Student Government Association Members Attend Tallahassee Conference

As part of the Florida College System Student Government Association's Leadership Conference, which was held from February 20 to 22 in Tallahassee, a group of 13 Florida Student Government members from Broward College traveled to the state capitol to advocate for student empowerment. The students advocated for six bills that fell under three main issues: college affordability and funding for the Florida College system; privacy, safety, and security; and an increase in Florida College System learning opportunities. Working with General Counsel and Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs Lacey Hofmeyer, the students were able to meet with appointed officials and request that these proposed bills be supported on behalf of all students. In addition to legislative visits with congressional representatives, the SGA representatives also participated in team building exercises, panel conversations, and educational sessions.



Members of the Broward College SGA team.

## Broward College Delegation Attend Association of Florida Colleges Fly In

Chair of the Broward College Board of Trustees Reggie Zachariah, Trustee Cindy Kushner, President Haile, and Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs Lacey Hofmeyer joined the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) Fly In on March 22 to 23. Among the speakers were Florida Commissioner of Education Manny Diaz, and Florida Senate Appropriations Chair Doug Broxson. The mission of the AFC is to unite the colleges for the purposes of helping the Florida Legislature understand the junior college mission and to advocate for Florida's public junior colleges in the development of the state's long-range plan for higher education.



General Counsel Lacey Hofmeyer, new Broward College Trustee Cindy Kushner, Board of Trustees Chair Reggie Zachariah, and President Haile pose for a photo at the AFC Fly In.



President Haile (left) with trustee Cindy Kushner, new Florida Commissioner of Education Manny Diaz, and Board of Trustees Chair Reggie Zachariah

### Broward College in the News

#### As Population Spikes, Florida Targets Waning Nurse Numbers with 'Historic' \$125 Million Investment

On Tuesday, March 21, WLRN Miami featured Broward College's Nursing program as a beneficiary of the Florida Legislature's \$125 million investment in high-performing nursing schools, most of it through a fund called PIPELINE. The investment is designed to address an expected shortage of nurses in the state, even as Florida's population grew at the fastest rate in the country. Broward College received \$1.6 million of PIPELINE money, some of which is paying for student grants of up to \$250.

[Read the article](#)

#### Gov. DeSantis Adds Three New Trustees to the Board Governing Broward College

In a web article from February 20, Florida Politics highlighted Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' announcement of three new appointments and one reappointment to Broward College's Board of Trustees. | [Read the article](#)

#### Broward College Swaps the Courtroom with the Classroom

In a March 20 episode of the In the Margins podcast, a production of the publication *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, President Haile joined host David Pluviose to discuss several initiatives he is spearheading to give students caught up in the justice system a second chance at higher education. | [Listen to the podcast](#)

## RETIREMENTS

### TONY CASCIOTTA

Tony Casciotta, vice president, Information Technology, is leaving the College after more than eight years of service. Tony brought more than 40 years of technology experience to Broward College while providing transformative leadership for all aspects of the technology environment. While at Broward College, Mr. Casciotta also served as the President of the CIO Council of South Florida, Executive Board Member of Tech Hub South Florida, Board Member of the Dell Higher Education Advisory Council, and the Broward College Computer Sciences Advisory Board.

### JANE GRELL

Jane Grell, academic advisor, South Campus Student Services Advising, is retiring from Broward College after more than 23 years of service. Jane began as a part-time employee in 1997, transitioning to full-time in 2001. After a brief return to part-time status in 2003, she became a full-time employee once again later that year and has been serving in Student Services ever since.

### MARJORIE LORING

Marjorie Loring is retiring after nearly eight years of service at Broward College. She has served as the senior director of workplace learning since 2015, most recently working out of the Cypress Creek Administrative Center.

### GREGORY SCOTT

Gregory Scott, senior small equipment operator, Central Campus Facilities Grounds, is retiring from Broward College after 35 years of service.

## Broward College Alumni and Friends Gather at Rebel Wine Bar to Connect Alumni and Supporters

The Alumni and Friends group gathered for its first networking social event of 2023 on Thursday, February 23, at the highly acclaimed Rebel Wine Bar in Oakland Park, where fellow Broward College alumni and supporters could mingle and connect. Participants at the event included Broward College alumni from the 1990s to 2022. Attendees enjoyed freshly made beverages paired with tapas and cheeseboards. A portion of the proceeds from this networking event benefitted Broward College’s Empowerment Fund.



## Broward College Foundation Announces Newly Elected Executive Officers, Three Board Members Reappointed

During the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 23, Chair Craig Farlie announced the 2023 executive officers. The Broward College Foundation reappointed American National Bank President and CEO Ginger Martin; Division Chief Nurse Executive with HCA Healthcare Natalie Ransom; and Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Cloud 9 Nonprofit Advisors Jessica Rodriguez. Two outstanding board members were conferred honorary status: Beverly Yanowitch, who served with the Broward College Foundation for 11 years, and Dr. Monica McGrath, who has served with the Board of Directors since 2017.



The Broward College Foundation Board of Directors

## The Office of Advancement Celebrates Staff Members for Recent Awards

Three staff members from the Office of Advancement were recognized for their recent achievements during the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors meeting on February 23. Anthea Pennant, associate vice president, Advancement Services, was named a City of Tamarac Black History Month 2023 Honoree; Scott Rivinius, associate vice president, Development, received the Grover C. Wrenn '64 Service Award from his alma mater, Eckerd College; and René Kamisetty, manager, Development Information Systems, completed the Broward College Leadership Empowerment and Development Program (BC LEAD).



Anthea Pennant



Scott Rivinius



René Kamisetty

## Health Foundation of South Florida Recognizes Dean Sara Turpel

In honor of Women’s History Month, the Health Foundation of South Florida (HFSF) recognized Broward College Dean and Nursing Administrator Sara Turpel as one of 2023 HFSF’s Inspiring Women of Health. This recognition is dedicated to women who have demonstrated leadership, commitment, vision, and passion in their efforts to ensure everyone in South Florida has an opportunity to live a healthy life. HFSF recently announced a \$500,000 philanthropic investment over a two-year period to maximize Health Science pathway student success at the College. This funding will help fuel the Social Enterprise Plan tactic of Answering the Call for Health Care professionals. In turn, the Health Science Pathway Student Initiative sponsored by HFSF will serve as a model supported by data for other community colleges to enhance student completion rates.



Sara Turpel



## Dean of Academic Services Quakish Williams Liner Recognizes Robert “Bob” Elmore Honors College Student Achievements

As part of the Broward College Judson A. Samuels South Campus Student Forum on March 28, Dr. Quakish Williams Liner, dean, Academic Services, recognized several students from the Robert “Bob” Elmore Honors College for their outstanding achievements. In addition to the six students who qualified as semifinalists for the Jack Cooke Kent Transfer Scholarship, Dr. Liner also recognized nine students who qualified for a number of awards, including Questbridge Scholars, National Merit Finalists, Posse Scholars, Thrive Scholars, and U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidates. These students were Sofia Ayala, Shalamar Brown, Makahla Charles, Dia Fallon, Louise Gong-McGovern, Sofia Guarisma, Michael Jacoma, Kevin Pasquette, and Micah Tam. Dr. Liner also acknowledged eight students who qualified for Phi Theta Kappa All-Florida Academic Team Scholarships: North Campus students Phillippe Lyberal and Lynne Woodgina Pierre Etienne; Central Campus students Alissa Durand, Alina Obukhova, and Jean Saintgeorges; and South Campus students Faheedat Adetayo, Malena Maxwell, and Stephanie Williams.



## Board of Trustees Receives Budget Update

Members of the board had the opportunity to hear a budget update from Senior Vice President of Finance and Operations John Dunnuck, Chief Financial Officer Rhabia Azar, Chief Data Officer Dr. Erica Amorim, and Senior Director of Employee Benefits Shannon Duarte. The comprehensive presentation focused on areas of budget priorities and assumptions for fiscal year 2023-24; organizational trends, including enrollment and tuition trends; institutional health care outlook; and predicted developments in employee compensation. Major factors in the development of the budget include a forecasted three to five percent decrease in enrollment over the next three reporting years, as well as a plan to review alternative options for employee health insurance providers. The presentation concluded with a working three-year budget plan through fiscal year 2025. In preparation for the fiscal year fourth quarter, the budget committee plans to make final priority-based budget decisions, including new funding requests and an annual compensation plan, in a final budget presentation to Board of Trustees for adoption.

## Future Business Leaders of America Collegiate Members Share Awards from State Leadership Conference

During the open-floor segment of the Student Forum on Judson A. Samuels South Campus on Tuesday, March 28, members of Broward College’s Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Collegiate team shared the results from the Florida State Leadership Conference, which the group attended in Orlando from March 16 to 19. The team members—Charles Johnson, Monorath Khinsim, Ben Cadet, Dorothy Pierre, Priscilla Renje, Natalia Bain, and Michelletha Previlus—won several awards at the competition. Among the highlights, the Broward College FBLA Collegiate chapter won the Pansy B. Read Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit, and team captain Charles Johnson was selected for first place in the Who’s Who in Florida FBLA. Charles Johnson was also selected to receive the Rob Kelleher award. This is the first time the award has been presented to anyone other than a Florida State Officer. The complete list of awards is below:



Members of the Broward College FBLA Collegiate Chapter during the Board meeting.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Who’s Who in FBLA:  
**Charles Johnson**

Foundations of Accounting:  
**Monorath Khinsim**

Retail Management:  
**Priscilla Renje**

Emerging Business Issues Team:  
**Ben Cadet, Dorothy Pierre, and Priscilla Renje**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Impromptu Speaking:  
**Charles Johnson** (\$150 prize)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Business Law Team:  
**Monorath Khinsim, Queenie Jimenez, Endy-Arlen-Pierre-Charles**

Microeconomics:  
**Monorath Khinsim** (\$100 prize)

Sports Management:  
**Natalia Bain**

### 4<sup>th</sup> Place

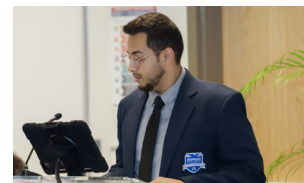
Marketing Concepts:  
**Priscilla Renje**

### 5<sup>th</sup> Place

Business Presentation:  
**Michelletha Previlus**

## Board of Trustees Receive Update from Judson A. Samuels South Campus Student Government Association During Student Forum

Representatives of the Student Government Association (SGA) on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus presented on recent initiatives and the results of a campus-wide survey on student life on Tuesday, March 28, in a student forum prior to the monthly Broward College Board of Trustees meeting. Led by SGA South Campus President Mohammed Aqeel, the presentation focused on the SGA’s 2023 objective of improving a sense of belonging through a holistic approach that comprised three themes: overall wellness, club community, and financial literacy. Strategies for meeting that objective included organizing health and wellness campaigns around South Campus, such as a mental health exposition, yoga and Zumba classes, and a pet adoption event. The SGA also provided an update on how Broward College clubs on that campus had implemented Microsoft Teams as a means of streamlining productivity and improving club communication, resulting in an increase of active clubs from 16 to 26. The SGA recognized that financial literacy was a critical factor to student success. Toward that end, the group provided updates on the newly implemented Biz Talk seminars, the first of which was held on October 25, 2022.



The Broward College Board of Trustees—which for the first time included new members Cindy Kushner, Alexis Yarbrough, and Mario Zanotti-Cavazzoni—also heard feedback from a survey of students on South Campus expressing areas for potential improvement. Among the highest priorities were food offerings and academic support services. The presentation concluded with a list of measurable steps that the administration was taking to address those areas, including the development of a more streamlined financial aid application process, an increase in tutoring services, and the extension of the Broward College Lyft Ride Program.

## Vice Provost of Academic Operations, Analytics, and Communication Dr. Donald Astrab Provides Overview of Judson A. Samuels South Campus Offerings

To conclude the student forum on Tuesday, March 28, Dr. Donald Astrab, vice provost, Academic Operations, Analytics, and Communications, gave a presentation on the status of the Judson A. Samuels South Campus and its ongoing programs and initiatives. In his presentation, Dr. Astrab noted to the Board of Trustees that the campus serves an average of 17,280 students annually (reporting data from 2017-2022) and is home to 252 full-time and 560 part-time faculty and staff. His presentation also included statistics on student support services on the campus, underscored by the fact that 70 percent of students assigned to advisors on South Campus persisted in their studies from fall to spring. Dr. Astrab highlighted a number of recent initiatives, including the Lyft program, which distributed 500 free credits worth \$100 each; the 484 laptops distributed this year through Seahawk Outreach Services (SOS); the Seahawk Marketplace Food Pantry, set to open in April 2023; monthly food distributions; the TRIO Student Support Services Grant, which served 252 students; and My College Doctor, which drew 279 consultations and \$170,348 in savings to students this academic year. Dr. Astrab’s presentation also included a recap of the roles and responsibilities overseen by the Academic Operations Analytics, and Communication department, including the College registrar, international education, accessibility resources, curriculum services, the Simulation Center, academic business operations, and scheduling.



*Dr. Donald Astrab*

## College Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jeffrey Nasse Presents on Social Enterprise Plan: Create Impactful Career Connections

Dr. Jeffrey Nasse, college provost and senior vice president, Academic Affairs, provided the third update on the strategic priorities of the Social Enterprise Plan during the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, March 28 at the Judson A. Samuels South Campus. In his presentation, Dr. Nasse updated the board on the strategic priority “Create Impactful Career Connections” and its supporting tactics. Under the Advance Market Driven Curriculum tactic, he shared progress toward the goal of increasing the number of Broward College students who earn the Florida Ready to Work credential above 227. These strategies include reviewing the number of faculty actively embedding Florida Ready to Work activities within their classes and developing inventory of courses currently embedding the Florida Ready to Work activities in their curriculum.



*Dr. Jeffrey Nasse*

For the Answer the Call for Health Care Professionals tactic, he briefed the board on the College’s comprehensive plan to address community health care needs by preparing students for work in community health care organizations. One of the ground-level priorities for this plan is improving the course success rates for Health Science students enrolled in Anatomy and Physiology I. For the Actualize Employment tactic, Dr. Nasse shared the College’s progress toward providing life-changing career paths for students through meaningful employment and career growth. The leading objective for this strategy is to increase the number of memorandums of understanding with an established fulfillment plan beyond the current 12 in place. Dr. Nasse shared that the College is currently working on finalizing memorandums of understanding with several companies, including the Florida Panthers. Updates from the other two strategies in the Social Enterprise Plan “Big Bets” framework—Empower Student Development and Guarantee Access to Education—were provided during previous board meetings.

## Senior Leaders Provide Overview on Social Enterprise Tactic ‘Guarantee Access to Higher Education’ in Broward County

In a wide-ranging presentation on topics of enrollment, recruitment, and marketing, Senior Vice President of Workforce Education and Innovation Dr. Mildred Coyne, Vice President of Student Services Janice Stubbs, and Chief of Staff and Vice President of Communications and Community Relations Isabel Gonzalez provided the board with an update on how the Social Enterprise Plan tactic “Guarantee Access to Higher Education” was being applied across Broward County through existing and new initiatives. The presentation focused on enrollment and recruitment efforts in zip codes with high unemployment rates, noting impacts including a 13 percent increase in non-credit enrollment from Broward UP communities since 2018, a six percent increase in the number of first-time students from Broward UP communities, and a 15 percent increase in for-credit awards earned from Broward UP communities since 2018. The presentation also highlighted the College’s recent marketing initiatives, which have resulted in an increase in total leads and community partnerships that have facilitated opportunities for the College to reach audiences beyond Broward County high schools. The presentation concluded with reports on the College’s recruitment efforts in Broward County high schools, paying particular attention to the Jumpstart Program, Bridge2Life events, BC Cares Pathway Fairs, and the High School BRACE program.

**Impact**

- > 13% increase in non-credit enrollment from Broward UP communities since 2018, despite the pandemic
- > 6% increase in the number of first-time students from Broward UP communities
- > 15% increase in for-credit awards earned from Broward UP communities since 2018
- > 260 non-credit students took 5,068 credit hours in 2021

BROWARD COLLEGE

## Board of Trustees Receives Legislative Update from General Counsel and Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs Lacey Hofmeyer

General Counsel and Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs Lacey Hofmeyer provided an update on the current Legislative Session, including updates on the state budget, higher education project funding, and legislative policy. In her presentation, Vice President Hofmeyer made note of the Florida College System’s Project Funding from 2010 to present, as well as a budget overview comparing program and performance funding from fiscal years 2022-23 with proposed funding from the Senate and House for 2023-24. Other noteworthy policy proposals discussed included several bills relating to college agreements with foreign countries, reimbursement for workforce training programs, and revisions to requirements for the Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program and other certificate programs. In February, prior to the start of the Legislative Session, VP Hofmeyer, President Haile, Board of Trustees Chair Reggie Zachariah and members of the Broward County Delegation and their staff attended a legislative roundtable on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus to discuss Broward College’s legislative priorities and the Florida College System Council of Presidents’ legislative priorities for the 2023 session.

Legislative Update: A Policy Overview	
Number	Title
SB 750 / HB 1401	Articulation Agreements - 2023
SB 958 / HB 931	Postsecondary Education Institutions
SB 604 / HB 401	Sovereign Immunity
HB 465	Workforce Education
SB 846 / HB 679	State University and State College Agreements with Foreign Countries of Concern
SB 266 / HB 999	Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions
SB 240	Education
SB 302 / HB 3	Government and Corporate Activism
SB 256 / HB 1445	Employee Organizations Representing Public Employees

BROWARD COLLEGE

## Board Votes to Authorize Bid Waiver and Agreement with Anatomage, Inc. for Virtual Dissection Tables

The Broward College Board of Trustees has authorized the bid waiver and agreement with Anatomage, Inc., to provide the Nursing program with seven new Anatomage virtual dissection tables. These tables will support science, pre-nursing, and health sciences programs on all main campuses. They will allow students to participate in 3D anatomy visualization and virtual dissection and human physiology simulation. The software also allows instructors to create virtual curriculum programs, pathology examinations, and assessment tools. Funding for the purchase was made possible through the Florida College System PIPELINE Grant, which awarded \$1.6 million to Broward College in support of instructional supplements, educational materials and supplies, student scholarships, and virtual reality software.

**ANATOMAGE TABLES**

- Support science, pre-nursing, health sciences on all main campuses
- 3D anatomy visualization and virtual dissection
- Human physiology simulation
- Pathology examination
- Curriculum & assessment tools

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## Policy Changes

During their monthly meeting on March 28, the Broward College Board of Trustees approved the following policy changes:

[6Hx2-4.30](#)

[6Hx2-3.02](#)

[6Hx2-6.03](#)

[6Hx2-6.08](#)

[6Hx2-4.31](#)

[6Hx2-3.49](#)

[6Hx2-6.05](#)

[6Hx2-6.09](#)



# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

from the Office of the President



*Together we serve.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Broward College continues to receive national accolades for its work. This month, we begin with our recognition as Finalist in the 2023 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. This is a testament to the passion and ingenuity of our Broward College family – the exceptional faculty, staff, and students who together make this institution one of the greatest community colleges in the nation. This month, we also celebrate the launch of several new Broward College initiatives, including the official opening of the Seahawk Marketplace on the Judson A. Samuels South Campus and a new mural reflecting our partnership with Hispanic Unity of Florida. We also extend a warm congratulations to the eight faculty members who were awarded Endowed Teaching Chairs this year, as well as the 12 faculty members nominated as Professors of the Year. These outstanding achievements are just a handful of the amazing feats accomplished by our Broward College family this month. Read on and join me in offering my sincere best wishes to our award recipients!

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Broward College Recognized as Finalist for Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence

On Thursday, April 20, Broward College was recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the Top 10 colleges in the nation for the FIFTH time. The Aspen Institute honored the winners and finalists of the 2023 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence during a ceremony in Washington D.C. Broward College was recognized for its strong transfer partnerships with two universities—Florida Atlantic and Florida International—Broward UP™, the Lyft partnership, the student to advisor ratio, its career-oriented pathways, and its courage to make difficult decisions that have the greatest impact on students. The ceremony was streamed live at a Watch Party held on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus where more than 150 faculty, staff, and students gathered to hear the announcement.



## Broward College Receives Multiple Recognitions from American Association of Community Colleges Awards of Excellence Gala in Denver

The annual American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Awards of Excellence honor “promising practices” among its more than 1,000 member colleges. During a gala on Monday, April 3, in Denver, the AACC recognized Broward College in three separate categories: improving post-secondary access and job training opportunities, outstanding college/corporate partnership, and faculty innovation. The AACC, which represents over 12 million students through its member institutions, is a strong proponent of closing the gap between what skills businesses need and how post-secondary institutions are preparing their students. Broward College received recognition for the Broward UP model which improves job opportunities and economic mobility in areas with greatest need; a partnership with Bank of America to eliminate barriers for job training and education for key communities; and an Artificial Intelligence Incubator to create an AI workforce pathway. The Faculty Innovation Award went to Dr. Yuri Villanueva for his work to help students secure STEM-related jobs. Dr. Villanueva, a member of the STEM Pathway faculty at Broward College, was instrumental in developing an AI Incubator Network Initiative to create an AI workforce pathway for students.



*L to R: Dr. Yuri Villanueva, Kareen Torres, Dr. Jeffrey Nasse, and Dr. Jamonica Rolle pose for a photo with their awards at the 2023 AACC Awards Gala in Denver.*

## Broward UP, Hispanic Unity of Florida Join Forces for Mural Unveiling in Hollywood

On Thursday, March 30, President Haile joined Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF) President and CEO Felipe Pinzon and Venezuelan-born artist Marie Franco to unveil a new mural at Hispanic Unity of Florida’s (HUF) headquarters in Hollywood. The mural celebrates the collaborative mission of the partners to work together to uplift the community through higher education. The mural is intended to engage, excite, and inspire residents in local communities where the College has partnered with these agencies to improve post-secondary access. Other murals have previously unveiled at Helping Advance and Nurture the Development of Youth and the Urban League of Broward County.



*Attendees during the unveiling of the mural.*

## Broward College Employee Resource Groups Convene for Bi-Annual Leader Roundtable

The Employee Resource Group Bi-annual Leader Meeting took place Thursday, March 23, via a live virtual Zoom conference. President Haile appeared via a pre-recorded message to commend the participants on their ability to provide employees with opportunities to engage, connect, and thrive. Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) champion camaraderie and create supportive spaces for employees to connect authentically and share in their common interests. Following President Haile’s opening remarks, the group watched a video about ERG activities and learned about upcoming BC Cares opportunities. The group then participated in a themed discussion titled “My Belonging, Our Impact,” led by Lola Adeyemo, owner of EQI Mindset Consulting, and heard a presentation on policies and legal requirements from Broward College Associate General Counsel Ashley Daniels. The event closed with a Q&A session led by Broward College Talent and Business Partner and ERG Liaison Tamara Bell.



*Members of the Broward College Employee Resource Group*

## Eight Outstanding Broward College Professors Receive 2023 Endowed Teaching Chair Awards

Eight Broward College professors received special recognition for their excellence in teaching. The faculty members were surprised in their classrooms by President Haile and College Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jeffery Nasse on Monday, April 17, after being selected for an Endowed Teaching Chair award for the 2023-2024 academic year. The winners will receive a one-year grant of \$13,500 made up of an \$8,500 honorarium and \$5,000 for professional development and projects to improve classroom excellence and efficiency. Interim Associate Vice President for the Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning Michelle Levine and Associate Professor Daniel Shears served as co-chairs on the selection committee and Broward College Foundation Board of Directors member Dr. Stanley Marks chaired the Community Endowed Teaching Chair Selection Committee. The 2023-2024 Endowed Teaching Chair (ETC) recipients are:



**Dr. Andrea Apa**  
Associate Professor,  
English for Academic Purposes  
Judson A. Samuels South Campus  
**Bank of America II  
Endowed Teaching Chair Award**



**Ryan Davis**  
Associate Professor, Business  
Judson A. Samuels South Campus  
**George and Wilma Elmore  
Endowed Teaching Chair Award**



**Dr. Angel Rodriguez**  
Professor, Science  
Judson A. Samuels South Campus  
and Miramar West Center  
**William D. Horvitz  
Endowed Teaching Chair Award**



**Dr. Mirella Baker Bommel**  
Senior Professor, Sociology  
A. Hugh Adams Central Campus  
**Donald D. and Reba H. Shaffer  
Endowed Teaching Chair Award**



**Kari Hebert**  
Associate Professor,  
Social Behavioral Sciences and  
Human Services  
Judson A. Samuels South Campus  
**Bank of America III  
Endowed Teaching Chair Award**



**Claudia Sahagún**  
Associate Professor, Spanish  
A. Hugh Adams Central Campus  
**Wells Fargo  
Endowed Teaching Chair Award**



**Dr. Dominique Charlotteaux**  
Senior Professor,  
Education and Psychology  
Judson A. Samuels South Campus  
**Blockbuster Entertainment Corp.  
Endowed Teaching Chair Award**



**Dr. Billy Jones**  
Associate Professor, English  
Judson A. Samuels South Campus  
and Miramar West Center  
**Jan R. Cummings Critical Thinking  
Endowed Teaching Chair Award**

## Broward College Honors 2022-23 Professors of the Year

In recognition of their remarkable work in the classroom and support of student success, Broward College announced 12 faculty members as 2022-23 Professors of the Year and Adjunct Professors of the Year. Nominated by their peers and students and reviewed by a selection committee from each campus, the awardees are full-time and adjunct professors who work across the College's locations and online. The Professor of the Year award is one way the College honors its faculty's dedication, innovation, and creativity. The 2022-2023 Professor of the Year awardees are:

### A. Hugh Adams Central Campus

### Online Campus



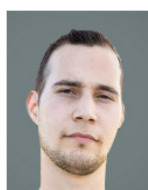
**Vanessa Hormann**  
Associate Professor  
Biological Science



**Laura Rambarose**  
Assistant Professor  
Psychology



**Cynthia Addae**  
Adjunct Professor  
Biological Science



**Alberto Rodriguez Sanchez**  
Adjunct Professor  
IT Security



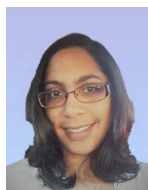
**Todd Price**  
Assistant Professor  
Information Technology



**Stephen Muffler**  
Adjunct Professor  
Business Law

### North Campus

### Judson A. Samuels South Campus



**Shakira Khan**  
Assistant Professor  
Geology



**Jose Garcia**  
Adjunct Professor  
Visual Arts



**Michael O'Neill**  
Adjunct Professor  
Political Science



**Robert Morris Jr.**  
Assistant Professor  
History



**Domenica Diraviam**  
Adjunct Professor  
Humanities



**Yamilca Gomez**  
Adjunct Professor  
Education

## Junior Achievement of South Florida Honors President Haile with Business Hall of Fame Laureate Award

On Friday, April 21, Junior Achievement of South Florida hosted its 33rd annual JA Business Hall of Fame Awards dinner at the JA World Huizenga Center in Coconut Creek. President Haile was honored as a Business Hall of Fame Laureate, an award that recognizes leadership and success in business and community involvement. He was joined in the recognition by Carolyn Aronson, owner of It's a 10 Haircare, and Gary Press, CEO of Alternative Revenue Solutions, LLC. Also during the gala, the Huizenga Lifetime Legacy Award was presented to Mike Jackson, CEO and President of AutoNation, and his wife, Alice, co-chair of the Royal Dames of Cancer Research, Inc. The Melissa Aiello Character Award was presented to Andy Cagnetta, CEO of Transworld Commercial Real Estate Florida, and his wife, Allison, Board Chair of Pace Center for Girls. In addition to inducting the 2023 JA Business Laureates, this year introduced a new honor that acknowledged exceptional youth leaders. The inaugural Youth Laureates award was presented to Delaney and Hadley Robertson, 15-year-old twins from Miami who created an app to help people who use scoliosis braces.



President Haile (second from left) poses for a photo with fellow 2023 Junior Achievement of South Florida honorees.

## Broward UP Service Learning Ceremony Honors Faculty and Staff Who Make Positive Impact on Community

On Friday, April 28, Broward UP Service Learning hosted a ceremony to recognize the faculty and students who have participated in Service-Learning projects during the 2022-23 academic year. The mission of Broward College's Learning Commission is to develop service learning and civic engagement opportunities for Broward College students, faculty, and staff to positively impact Broward UP communities. President Haile's remarks were delivered via a pre-recorded video during the event, in which he congratulated the faculty who participated and successfully implemented service-learning projects that enhanced the community: Professors Andrea Apa, Dominique Charlotteaux, Trish Joyce, Cinda Kane, Isabel Kellem, Richard Pulido, Laura Rambarose, Eileen Santiago, and Jodie Weinstein.



Dr. Andrea Apa (left) delivers a presentation during the Service Learning Project Recognition Ceremony, which was moderated by Michelle Levine.

## Vice Provost of Academic Affairs Dr. Jamonica Rolle Selected for the Aspen Institute's Rising Presidents Fellowship

The Aspen Institute for College Excellence Program (Aspen) announced on Wednesday, April 5, that Vice Provost of Academic Affairs Dr. Jamonica Rolle is one of 35 leaders selected for the 2023-24 class of the Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship. This program, delivered in collaboration with the Stanford Educational Leadership Initiative, prepares the next generation of community college presidents to transform institutions to achieve higher and more accessible levels of student success. Aspen Presidential Fellows represent the next generation of college leadership. The institutions they represent are wide ranging, located in 18 states, and from small rural colleges to large urban campuses. The fellows, selected through a competitive process, will work closely with highly accomplished community college presidents, Aspen leaders, and Stanford University faculty over 10 months to learn from field-leading research, define and assess student success at their colleges, and clarify their visions for excellent and equitable outcomes for students while in college and after they graduate.



Dr. Jamonica Rolle

## Broward College President Selected for the U.S.-EU Trade and Technology Council's Talent for Growth Task Force

President Haile has been selected for the U.S. section of the newly created U.S.-EU Trade and Technology's (TTC) Talent for Growth Task Force, which will encourage public and private sector initiatives to drive development of the talent and skills needed for emerging and existing technologies. In addition to U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, the other TTC Co-Chairs include U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai, European Commission Executive Vice-President and European Union Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager, and European Commission Executive Vice-President and EU Trade Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis. The individuals serving on the Task Force will collaborate with the EU members to collectively provide actionable and specific recommendations directly to the TTC Co-Chairs on how to expand innovative, employer-based training in the United States and the EU. This will help Western countries achieve a well-trained workforce, critical to maintaining global leadership in the wake of emerging and existing technologies such as A.I. and robotics. President Haile is one of seven Americans named to serve on the Task Force, and the only one to head a college or university.



President Haile



## Final Village Square Dinner on the Square Event of the Season Discusses the Future of Remote Work

The final Village Square Dinner on the Square event of the 2023 season on Wednesday, April 26, at the Funky Buddha Brewery in Oakland Park was a sold out event with 75 guests. The theme of the dinner discussion was “The New American Revolution: Working from Home.” Panelists included Angie Brainard, executive vice president of talent management at Right Management; Lisa Davis, director of community impact at JM Family Enterprises, Inc.; and Heather Geronemus, senior director of opportunity and impact at UKG. The discussion was moderated by Carol Hylton, president and CEO of CareerSource Broward. Panelists discussed what working from home will mean for business districts that have built communities and infrastructure around the office building.



L to R: Village Square Dinner on the Square panelists Angie Brainard, Lisa Davis, Heather Geronemus, and moderator Carol Hylton

## Senior Director of Health Sciences Simulation Center Dr. Lilia Chavarria Recognized by ACHE of South Florida for Women’s History Month

Dr. Lilia Chavarria, senior director, Health Sciences Simulation Center, was recognized for her leadership and expertise in health care by the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) for Women’s History Month 2023. ACHE is an international professional society of more than 48,000 leaders who are dedicated to improving health, providing extensive exposure to health care leaders in the U.S. The South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum (SFHEF) was founded in 1972 as a non-affiliate of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and became the local chapter of ACHE for South Florida in 2004. Dr. Chavarria is a tenured faculty at Broward College who previously served as the program director for the Radiography Program. She holds a doctorate degree in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis in Health Care Administration, a master’s degree in Health Sciences, and a bachelor’s degree in Radiologic Sciences.



Dr. Lilia Chavarria



## Broward College to Host Kids and Teens Summer College 2023

Broward College will once again host a Kids and Teens Summer College, offering a wide range of classes and activities that can help children develop new skills and interests. In previous years, the Kids and Teens Summer College has served more than 120 students annually. More than 430 Summer College alum have continued on to earn career credentials at Broward College. The program will help students ages eight through 17 develop critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and collaboration skills. In addition, students will learn that creativity may be applied to many more roles than those in the arts. By trying new things and learning new skills, children can gain a sense of accomplishment and boost their self-confidence. The program is set to launch June 10 and will run through July 21 on A. Hugh Adams Central Camus, at the Broward College @ YMCA location in Fort Lauderdale, and online.



## Dr. Amoy Reid Honored by Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward at 30th Annual Mother’s Day Luncheon

Dr. Amoy Reid, dean, Academic Affairs, was recognized by the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies (HMHB) Coalition of Broward at the organization’s 30th Annual Mother’s Day Luncheon on Tuesday, May 2. Dr. Reid was one of 11 “Mothers of the Year” to be honored for their commitment to the children and families in the communities of Broward County. The Mother’s Day Luncheon is HMHB’s main fundraising event of the year, with proceeds benefiting over 3,000 families and babies in Broward County. This signature event has drawn thousands of businesses and community leaders over the years who support the organization’s vision of healthy babies and healthy parenting. HMHB was formed in 1987 in response to a high rate of infant mortality for low-income pregnant and parenting families in Broward.



Dr. Amoy Reid (center) was joined by colleagues including President Hail for her recognition as a 2023 “Mother of the Year” by the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward during the organization’s Mother’s Day Luncheon in Davie.

## Broward College Wins Multiple Awards for Workplace Health and Wellness

Broward College has been recognized by two national organizations for its commitment to workplace health and wellness. The College received a platinum-level Bell Seal from Mental Health America for supporting and fostering workplace mental health among its employees. Additionally, in their May 2023 issue, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, awarded the College its prestigious Most Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges award. The College was one of 20 institutions awarded throughout the nation for its success in categories such as family friendliness, salary, benefits, and professional development opportunities. *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* will present this national recognition to the winners during the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development annual meeting on May 27-30 in Austin, Texas.



## Broward College Institute of Public Safety Purchases Cutting-Edge Virtual Police Training Platform Apex Officer

The Institute of Public Safety has demonstrated their commitment to transforming modern policing with the recent purchase of a cutting-edge police training platform. This virtual reality training platform, developed by Apex Officer, is billed as the world's most realistic and immersive VR force training simulator for law enforcement professionals. This VR experience places Broward College law enforcement and correction cadets in simulated environments and expands on scenario-based training. Broward College is the first college-run police academy in Florida to use this platform.



### Broward College in the News

#### Co-winners of the 2023 Aspen Prize

In a web article on Thursday, April 20, Community College Daily posted a recap of the Aspen Prize for Community College Awards Gala. The article named Broward College among the eight finalists recognized at the event.

[Read the article](#)

#### Broward College Reschedules Pat Tillman Honor Run/Walk

The Boca Raton Observer covered Broward College's rescheduling of the Pat Tillman Honor Run/Walk in an article posted on their website. | [Read the article](#)

### Upcoming Events

#### Summer Classes Begin Sessions 1 & 2

Date: Tuesday, May 16

#### Memorial Day (College Closed)

Date: Monday, May 29

#### Juneteenth (College Closed)

Date: Monday, June 19

## RETIREMENTS

### AHMED KHAN

Ahmed Khan, senior professor, Biological Science, is retiring from the College after 33 years of service. Professor Khan previously worked at the University of Illinois-Chicago and Elgin Community College. He received his M.S. in Microbiology from Northwestern State University in 1987.

### BARRY MACFARLANE

Barry Macfarlane, assistant professor, Mathematics, is retiring from Broward College after 26 years of service. Professor Macfarlane received his M.S. in Teaching from Florida Atlantic University.

## Broward College Math Team Takes Home Multiple Awards from 2023 Mathematics Olympics Statewide Competition

The Broward College Math Team traveled to Jacksonville during the weekend of April 15 and April 16 to compete in the 2023 Mathematics Olympics statewide competition. Competing against other colleges, they excelled in both the team and individual events. William Walker, Thabang Mahiritona, Ryan Ngyuen, and Francesca Gabrielle Bettoli took first place in the team competition. Additionally, Ryan Nguyen won first place, William Walker won third place, and Thabang Mahiritona won fourth place on individual multiple choice subject area tests.



Foreground L to R: William Walker, Thabang Mahiritona, Francesca Gabrielle Bettoli, and Ryan Ngyuen present awards they received at the 2023 Mathematics Olympics statewide competition in Jacksonville

## Broward College Foundation Executive Director Nancy R. Botero Introduces Special Guest Mario Cartaya to Broward College Students

On Thursday, March 30, Broward College Foundation Executive Director Nancy R. Botero introduced Mario Cartaya to a room full of Professional Enhancement Program (PEP) students, with whom he spoke about this year's PEP topic of "Maximizing the Power of Now." Students in the program were previously assigned to read Cartaya's book, "Journey Back into the Vault," which helped them understand that to maximize the present they must each understand their past. Cartaya is a former faculty member, chair of the Broward College District Board of Trustees member, architect, and author. He noted that he enjoys giving back to his community, including Broward College.



Mario Cartaya joins students and faculty advisors of PEP for a photo after his presentation.

## FOUNDATION NEWS

### Broward College Celebrated its 35th Golf Classic and Raised More than \$100,000 for the Empowerment Fund

Broward College celebrated its 35th Golf Classic at the Fort Lauderdale Country Club on Monday, March 27, and raised more than \$100,000 to support the Broward College Empowerment Fund. The Empowerment Fund provides the greatest flexibility for facilitating programming and scholarship support to benefit students and enabling the College to respond to emerging critical needs to support student success.



L to R: Lorne Cleaver, Broward College President Emeritus Willis Holcombe, and Lloyd Rhodes



L to R: Daniel Riosco, Jorge Miralles, Nancy R. Botero, Ruch LePak, and Travis Cawthorne



L to R: Patricia Summerfield, Stephanie King, Shannon Duarte, and Tamara Bell

## Broward College Alumni Donors Partner with Seahawk Marketplace

On Monday, April 17, Broward College celebrated the opening of its second Seahawk Marketplace, an on-campus pantry that offers free food and personal hygiene items to students. The new location was opened in building 68 at the Judson A. Samuels South Campus as a means of addressing food insecurity among students. For the official opening, the College invited representatives from the American Heart Association, Florida Blue, and Feeding South Florida to share a few words about their passion for serving Broward College. Students who visit the Seahawk Marketplace on South Campus will have access to meats, fruits, vegetables, rice, canned goods, dairy, and personal hygiene items free of cost.



Scenes from the Marketplace Opening.

## BOARD NEWS

### Board of Trustees Receive Update from North Campus Student Government Association During Student Forum

Representatives of the Student Government Association (SGA) on Broward College’s North Campus presented on recent accomplishments and initiatives in the area of health and wellness on Tuesday, April 25, in a Student Forum prior to the Broward College Board of Trustees meeting. Led by SGA North Campus President Estherling Charles, the presentation outlined how the SGA plans to improve dimensions of wellness for North Campus students, focusing on three main pillars of health: the fostering of participatory relationships, the propagation of balance and fairness, and the well-being and prosperity of Broward College. The presenters highlighted the presence of 18 student-run clubs that are designed to promote a sense of community and belonging, which in turn contribute to mental well-being. The SGA also provided an update on how the Broward College Certified Leader program is helping students to develop communication skills, manage time effectively, and instill beneficial habits of leadership. During the presentation, the SGA recognized that participation in clubs and student events has a positive effect on year-to-year retention rates. Additionally, SGA representatives highlighted recent healthy living and community service events, including a Toys for Tots toy drive in partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps, healthy living fitness classes, and the North Campus Annual Spring Fest.



North Campus Student Government Association representatives pose for a photo with members of the Broward College Board of Trustees after the Student Forum on April 25.

The Broward College Board of Trustees also heard feedback from a survey of students on North Campus expressing areas for potential improvement. Among the highest priorities were food offerings, campus safety and security, and transportation. This portion of the presentation also highlighted the solutions Broward College was implementing to address these concerns, including the launch of the Florida Fresh Market on North Campus, the installation of emergency phone stations on North Campus, and the relaunch of the Broward College Lyft program in March 2023, among other solutions. Following the presentation, Broward College Coordinator of Student Publications Jennifer Shapiro shared the recent awards won by the College’s student-run newspaper, The Observer.

### Vice Provost Dr. Jamonica Rolle Provides Overview of North Campus Academic Affairs

To conclude the Student Forum on Tuesday, April 26, Dr. Jamonica Rolle, vice provost, Academic Affairs, provided an overview to the Board of Trustee members on the academic offering and new pathway initiatives at North Campus. In her presentation, Dr. Rolle highlighted the general student population in terms of demographics and accomplishments, noting that the North Campus served more than 12,000 students annually, as well as facilitated programs such as Junior Achievement, College Academy, the Omni Auditorium/Diadem Pickleball Stadium, the Broward College Vision Care Clinic, and numerous other grant programs. Dr. Rolle's presentation also included an update on student support services on the campus, sharing the noteworthy statistic that 69 percent of students assigned to advisors on North Campus continued in their studies from fall to spring. She also drew attention to the top transfer majors by pathway, the top three transfer majors being Graphic Design, Nursing and Engineering. Dr. Rolles' presentation also included a breakdown of Broward College Online demographics, noting the total headcount of 23,787 fully online students, whose top majors include Business Administration, Psychology, and Biology. To conclude, Dr. Rolle shared highlights from the pathway offerings, such as the addition of new flight and air traffic control simulators, improved equipment for MakerSpace on North Campus, the acquisition of APEX Officer virtual reality for law enforcement training, and the purchase of Anatomage virtual dissection tables.



*Dr. Jamonica Rolle*

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### Policy Changes

There were no policy changes presented at the April Board of Trustees Meeting.