

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

from the Office of the President



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There was no greater way to end 2022 than our fall commencement ceremony held at Hard Rock Live on December 14. More than 5,000 fall and summer graduates were eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony. We also recognized Professor Laura McDermott Matheric for being named a 2022 Distinguished Professor by the Association of Florida Colleges. On an institutional level, we officially opened Broward College at the YMCA. The new fourth floor location in the heart of the beautifully historic Sistrunk community allows Broward College to be geographically, socially, and financially proximate to one of the communities with the lowest post-secondary attainment rate in Broward County. The College also took part in the official launch of the Transfer Scholars Network, which facilitates direct connections between high-achieving community college students and senior admissions representatives at 14 highly selective colleges and universities. It has been an exceptional year, and I am excited to see what we will do in 2023.

COLLEGE NEWS

New Broward College at the YMCA Brings Job Training and More to a Broward UP™ Community

On Tuesday, December 6, Broward College officials and community partners gathered to celebrate the official opening of Broward College at the YMCA, and the promise of post-secondary education and better job opportunities for residents in one of the zip codes supported in the College's award-winning Broward UP service model. The L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community is in 33311, the zip code with more people under 18 living in poverty than any other zip code in Florida, and Broward College is onsite to provide job readiness training and job placement services in high-demand fields, including business, hospitality, and information technology. Broward College will use the 10,000-square-foot facility to provide eligible residents with quality training that begins with adult education courses that can lead to an associate degree, a nationally recognized certification, or a license in specific high-demand industries or professions. The event featured a ribbon cutting and reception for Broward College faculty and staff, corporate and government partners, and community members.

During the event, the College also signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with another employment solutions partner – the Florida Panthers – who has pledged to empower Broward College students through hiring programs, tuition reimbursement, an internship pipeline, and tailored academic programming.

[Read about the official opening of Broward College at the YMCA.](#)



CEO of the Florida Panthers, Matthew Caldwell, signs an MOU with President Haile.



President Haile and President and CEO of YMCA of South Florida Sheryl Woods are joined by donors and community partners for the ribbon cutting.



Carmen Hernandez shares her story about taking classes at Broward College at the YMCA.

Broward College Receives Gore Foundation You Matter Award

President Haile accepted the Gore Foundation You Matter Award on behalf of Broward College during a ceremony at the Signature Grand in Davie on Friday, December 9. The award recognizes unsung heroes in the community who champion young people aging out of foster care, students experiencing chronic homelessness, and victims of human trafficking. Presented by the Fort Lauderdale Independence, Training & Education (FLITE) Center, the You Matter Award ceremony was attended by 500 representatives from local foundations, agencies, law firms, first responders, and county officials. The FLITE Center was created in 2009 through a partnership with the Community Foundation of Broward, the United Way of Broward and the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale to offer comprehensive access to services for youth aging out of foster care.



President Haile receives the Gore Foundation Award from Christine Frederick, CEO and Victim Services Coordinator at the FLITE Center.

Dr. Jamonica Rolle, Dr. Stephanie Etter, and Dr. Donald Astrab Selected to Serve in Permanent Vice Provost Positions

Dr. Jamonica Rolle, vice provost, Academic Affairs, Dr. Stephanie Etter, vice provost, Academic Services and Learning Resources, and Dr. Donald Astrab, vice provost, Academic Operations and Communications, have been selected to serve in their positions in a permanent capacity, having previously served in these roles in an interim capacity. Combined, they bring 67 years of academic leadership as full-time faculty and various administrative positions to the College.

In her role as Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, Dr. Rolle is responsible for leading Broward College's eight guided pathways and all accompanying degree programs. She also provides general leadership for the College's North Campus, where she facilitates an engaging and dynamic campus learning environment.

As Vice Provost of Academic Services and Learning Resources, Dr. Etter serves as the College's academic leader in administering and supporting college-wide professional development and employee training programs. Dr. Etter also provides strategic vision and direction for the Libraries, Academic Success Centers, Testing and Assessment Centers, Office of Transfer Services, Dual Enrollment and the Robert "Bob" Elmore Honors College.

As Vice Provost of Academic Operations, Analytics and Communication, Dr. Astrab provides leadership for the Judson A. Samuels South Campus and its Centers, as well as general leadership for academic operations and business affairs for all academic areas. He also supports the College's registrar, curriculum services, accessibility resources, and international education.



Dr. Jamonica Rolle



Dr. Stephanie Etter



Dr. Donald Astrab

Broward College Joins Nationwide Launch of Transfer Scholars Network

In January 2021, Broward College was one of 10 community colleges from across the nation invited to join a small-scale pilot program—the Transfer Scholars Network (TSN)—dedicated to expanding community college transfer to the nation's highly selective colleges and universities. The official launch of the program took place on Thursday, November 10. Led by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program with support from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, TSN facilitates direct connections between high-achieving community college students and senior admissions representatives at 14 highly selective colleges and universities in the American Talent Initiative. Students are nominated for TSN based on eligibility criteria, including demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, holistic life and professional experiences, and transfer readiness. Once they receive personalized nomination letters, they submit a short application to the TSN portal and are quickly connected with senior admissions leaders at the four-year partners.



The next phase of the Transfer Scholars Network will include increased commitments to full affordability and financial aid for students, partner-led workshops, and additional webinars and transfer resources for both students and institutions. The initiative will also expand to new community colleges and four-year institutions across the country, forming a growing network devoted to increasing opportunities for more transfer students.

2022 Osprey Awards Celebrate “Family” with Game Show Theme, Service Milestone Awards and More

The College’s Osprey Awards, the annual employee recognition ceremony, held its first in-person event since 2019 at Bailey Hall on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus on Friday, November 4. The theme of this year’s event was “Family Feud” and featured a retro television show-style competition between departments and groups, who faced off to answer survey questions submitted by colleagues. The event honored 573 employees in various categories. The College unveiled three Care-for-Colleagues culture awards this year – the Seahawk Service Award, ERG Excellence Award, and the BC Compassionate Leadership Award. There were also awards in recognition of years of service to the College. President Haile presented the award for more than 40 years of service to Broward College to June Small, adjunct instructor for the Health Sciences, and Frank Rybak of the Energy Management Systems department. He also presented the award for 50 years of service to Donald Cleveland, who, after 39 years serving as full-time faculty, counselor, coordinator, and program director, retired with the title of professor emeritus and most recently served as an adjunct instructor for Student Life Skills.



Bertram Gillings, co-host of the Ospreys, on stage at Bailey Hall.



Co-host of the Osprey's Jose Lopez addressing contestants during Family Feud.



President Haile embraces awardee Frank Rybak.

Broward College Gives Back to the Community Through Two BC Cares Volunteer Events

On Saturday, November 5, faculty and staff volunteered their time with Habitat for Humanity at the Rick Case Habitat Community to help hard-working families achieve the dream of homeownership during the first BC Cares event of the fiscal year. The build is located in Pompano Beach, an area Habitat for Humanity is revitalizing in partnership with the City of Pompano Beach. The Rick Case Community provides much-needed affordable housing so that Broward County families can have a safe, decent, and affordable place to live. Approximately 25 people attended the event. Participants worked on two houses to lay wood frames for the concrete interiors that will be used to hold insulation.

On Saturday, December 3, the College re-opened BC Cares events to the families of faculty and staff for a volunteer event at the historic Dorsey Riverbend at Provident Park. Through a partnership with Action for Literacy and the City of Fort Lauderdale, approximately 68 participants collected more than 500 pounds of trash from the surrounding neighborhood and painted 20 mini-libraries for community members to donate and take home books. Attendees also had the opportunity to tour the new YMCA facility located across the street from the park.



Broward College faculty and staff participated in a BC Cares event with Habitat for Humanity in Pompano Beach.



Broward College Teams with Action for Literacy and the City of Fort Lauderdale for a BC Cares Day of Service.

President Haile Recognized on 2022 List of Florida Trend’s Most Influential Business Leaders

In October, President Haile was again named one of Florida Trend magazine’s 500 Most Influential Business Leaders in Florida. Now in its fifth year, the Florida 500 is the product of a year-long research initiative by the editors of Florida Trend that results in a personal, engaging look at the state’s most influential business leaders across major industries.



Gregory Adam Haile, J.D.

Vice Provost Dr. Stephanie Etter Appointed to Davie-Cooper City Chamber of Commerce and Educational Foundation Board of Directors

On Thursday, November 24, the Davie-Cooper City Chamber of Commerce and Educational Foundation appointed Dr. Stephanie Etter, vice provost, Academic Services and Learning Resources, to their Educational Foundation Board of Directors. In this capacity, she will help serve and support the local community with programs and services which create a climate for economic growth, business development, and community service. The foundation also oversees the annual Youth Scholarship Program for students from Broward County public and private schools.



Dr. Stephanie Etter

Institute of Public Safety Dean Graduates from 55th Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute Chief Executive Seminar

The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute announced the graduation of 19 chief executives from the Chief Executive Seminar on Thursday, November 10, in Tallahassee. Among them was Broward College's Wayne K. Boulier, interim dean, Institute of Public Safety. The Chief Executive Seminar aims to prepare Florida's criminal justice leadership for the challenging demands of the future.



Wayne K. Boulier

Participants met for one week a month for three months, taking classes on future trends and events that may affect criminal justice professionals and Florida, such as social media, risk management, stress management, succession planning, and communicating in a crisis. The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute was established in 1990 by the Florida Legislature in recognition of the need for an innovative and multifaceted approach to the education and training of criminal justice professionals.

Broward College Awarded Two New Grants to Support Employment Opportunities Through Broward UP

Strada Education Network awarded Broward College \$400,000 for the Employer and Community College Partnership Challenge to expand its employment solutions work through the Employment Management Program for Labor Opportunities that Yields Success (EMPLOYES) program in Broward UP communities. The Employer and Community Partnership Challenge represents Strada's first significant national investment in community colleges and a recognition that Broward College has a unique capacity and proximity to support learners and address dynamic regional workforce needs.

JP Morgan Chase has also awarded the College \$300,000 over the next two years to expand the EMPLOYES program in Broward UP communities, specifically expanding from the first six zip codes to an additional five zip codes. The grant allows the College to hire an additional career development specialist and program assistant to continue offering Broward UP residents training on employability skills, internships/apprenticeships, work experiences, priority interviews and job placement.

New Broward UP Location Established at Sunshine Health Training Center

Broward College has partnered with Sunshine Health to establish Broward UP at the Sunshine Health Training Center located at the Sunshine Health Region 10 Welcome Room in Lauderhill. As part of the partnership, Sunshine Health will invest \$100,000 for equipment, technology, software, and marketing to establish the new Broward UP training site, which will offer programs such as electronic medical records, medical coding and billing, and medical administrative assistant.



Professor Laura McDermott Matheric Named 2022 Distinguished Professor by the Association of Florida Colleges

Professor of English Laura McDermott Matheric was named a 2022 Distinguished Professor by the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC). Professor McDermott's nomination process included panel approval from five judges (one from each AFC region), who graded submitted portfolios using a rubric. From this initial round, semifinalists were chosen to make a 15-minute instructional presentation illustrating their expertise in the classroom at the fall AFC Annual Conference on Thursday, November 17, 2022. In August, Professor McDermott Matheric was named the first Poet Laureate of the City of Coconut Creek, a position she will hold through 2024.



Professor McDermott presenting at the AFC Annual Conference

TRIO Reach Team Accompany Broward County Students to Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week College Fair in Orlando

On Friday, October 7, members of the REACH Project accompanied 35 high school seniors to the HBCU Week College Fair at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida. Also present for the trip were four Dillard High School guidance counselors and BRACE advisors. Students had the opportunity to hear special guest Stephen A. Smith, a commentator and radio host for ESPN who is also an HBCU Week Ambassador and an alum of Winston-Salem State University. During the event, 22 students from Broward County were admitted to universities on the spot, including two students who received full scholarships. In total, the students received \$150,000 in scholarship funds, with Keith Forman of Dillard High School receiving a \$68,000 scholarship offer to Delaware State University.



L to R: REACH Project Grant Director Martha Villegas Miranda, REACH Grant Academic Coordinator Chiante Reid, Dillard High School student Keith Forman, and Dillard High School BRACE Advisor Jimmy Witherspoon.

Emerging Leaders Group Fall Kickoff Networking Event Focuses on “Levels of Leadership”

The Emerging Leaders Group (ELG) hosted its fall kickoff on Wednesday, November 2, at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. The ELG comprises employees across the College collaborating and supporting each other’s leadership development. The kickoff showcased their mission, programming highlights, and enthusiasm for inclusion under the Employee Resource Group umbrella. Each attendee was gifted John Maxwell’s book, “5 Levels of Leadership,” as required reading. Membership in the ELG is open to all faculty and staff. The program is designed for anyone interested in leadership exploration and networking.



Attendees at the 2022-2023 ELG kickoff event on November 2.

Broward College Faculty and Staff Convene for Games, Dancing, Raffles and More for 2022 End-of-Year Celebration at Dave & Buster’s

The 2023 Broward College End-of-Year Celebration took place on Friday, December 2, at Dave & Buster’s in Hollywood, Florida, bringing together faculty, staff, and their family members for a night of games, food, and dancing to mark the conclusion of another successful year. The event featured two raffles in which prizes were given away, an “ugly” sweater contest, music from D.J. G Clef, a \$25 game card for each Broward College employee, and unlimited gameplay on non-ticketed games. Additionally, attendees were encouraged to bring unwrapped toys for children up to age 11 in support of the Jack and Jill Center.



Toys collected during the End-of-Year Celebration will be given to children in support of the Jack and Jill Center.



Broward College staff, faculty, and their family members celebrated the conclusion of a successful year with an evening of games, food, drinks, and dancing.



President Haile and his family at Dave & Buster’s during the End-of-Year Celebration on Friday, December 2.

Dr. David H. Kenton and Dr. Lauren Adamo Present at Florida Summit on Accelerating Transfer Success at FIU

On Monday, October 17, Dr. David H. Kenton, dean, Student Services, and Dr. Lauren Adamo, director, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus Student Life, presented at the Florida Summit on Accelerating Transfer Success at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami with the Florida Consortium of Metropolitan Universities. The title of their presentation was “I Am Tired of Being the Only One: How Can Institutions Support Black Males in their Transition Experience from Community Colleges to Universities?” In addition to Dr. Kenton and Dr. Adamo, the presentation featured Broward College students Jean Saintgeorges, Touchero Koniaki, Dwight Scarlett, and Wadly Mondesir. In its fifth year, The Florida Summit on Accelerating Transfer Success allows transfer professionals to gather and promote the best strategies, techniques, and tools for transfer student success. This year’s theme is Determined to Thrive and featured keynote Dr. Heather Adams, senior program manager at the Aspen Institute.

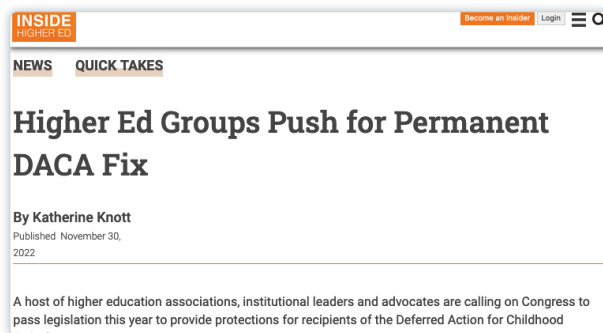


The Broward College presenters at the Florida Summit on Accelerating Transfer Success.

President Haile Participates in Call to Congress Advocating Bipartisan Solutions for DACA Recipients

On Tuesday, November 29, President Haile was among the higher education and business leaders from Texas and Florida who joined with Dreamer community representatives and advocates to call on Congress to deliver a bipartisan legislative solution this year to resolve the uncertain status of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients and other Dreamers. The press call took place as part of a Dream Week of Action in Washington, D.C., which includes college and university leaders who are part of the Presidents’ Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration and Dreamers who have pursued higher education via The Dream. US scholarship program taking part in the call to action for a bipartisan legislative solution. The Dream.US is the nation’s largest college and career success program for undocumented immigrant students, having provided more than 8,750 college scholarships to Dreamers attending over 80 partner colleges in 21 states and Washington, DC.

[Listen to the press conference here.](#)



President Haile Attends Community Economic Development Strategy Press Conference at Broward County Commission Meeting

On Monday, November 14, President Haile and other members of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee, part of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), attended the Broward County Commission meeting to participate in the CEDS press conference. During the press conference, Broward Commissioner Steve Geller discussed the release of the findings of the 2022-2027 CEDS report, which included key insights into the demographic, political, economic, and socioeconomic trends across Broward County and South Florida. The press conference comprised a presentation and analysis on the health of the report from participating members, including President Haile, who expressed gratitude for how the report reflects the “realities we’ve been willing to embrace and the challenges we’ve decided to address.”



Participants in the CEDS Committee press conference on November 14.

The SFRPC serves as the Economic Development District for South Florida. The organization works closely with regional stakeholders and the Economic Development Association to identify, secure, and deploy funding and technical assistance programs in South Florida. The SFRPC is also responsible for developing, maintaining, and updating South Florida’s CEDS report every five years, working in partnership with the region’s leaders, the public, and community stakeholders. A CEDS is the result of a regionally managed planning process designed to build capacity and guide an area’s economic prosperity and resiliency.

Fall 2022 Commencement Celebrates More Than 5,000 Graduates

Broward College hosted its Fall 2022 commencement for eligible summer and fall graduates on Wednesday, December 14, at the Hard Rock Live in Hollywood, Florida. The College awarded over 5,000 certificates and degrees over the two terms, including 3,336 associate degrees, 1,584 technical certificates, and 356 bachelor's degrees. Graduates ranged in age from 17 to 73 years old. Brad Meltzer, a New York Times bestselling author of more than 25 novels and works of nonfiction, delivered the commencement speech. In his remarks, Meltzer, whose children's book series "Ordinary People Change the World" was turned into an Emmy-winning PBS television show, championed the courage of ordinary people and the everyday triumphs that come with embracing life's uncertainties.



New York Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer addresses graduates during Broward College's Fall 2022 Commencement at Hard Rock Live.



Broward College associate degree students celebrate at the Hard Rock Live in Hollywood.



President Haile conferred more than 5,000 credentials, comprising summer and fall graduates, at the Fall 2022 Commencement.

Student Veterans Receive Recognition at Fall 2022 Veteran Medal Ceremony

The College celebrated graduating veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces ahead of the fall 2022 Commencement with a Veteran Medal Ceremony on Friday, December 9, at A. Hugh Adams North Campus. The ceremony presented an opportunity for graduating student veterans to spend time with President Haile, receive their medals, and be recognized for their academic achievements. For the summer and fall terms, 47 veterans of the U.S. military completed their academic journey at Broward College, including seven students with honors. Credentials ranged from technical certificates to Bachelor of Applied Science.



Artfest Celebrates 10 Years at Broward College with Student Art, Community Painting, Performing Artists and More

From November 14 to 17, more than 400 Seahawks participated in North Campus's Annual Artfest. Attendees visited "The Student Art Exhibition," which boasted the work of talented Broward College students working in all disciplines with art completed in Broward College courses, including 2D Design, Computer Art, and Ceramics. Students also participated in an "Artist Workshop" where they learned weaving techniques and Pre-Columbian art from artist Liene Bosque. The week of festivities ended with a reception where students enjoyed a day of community painting, costumed performing artists, photo booths, face painting and more. Now in its 10th year, Artfest was initially launched in 2012 by Arts, Communications, Humanities, and Design Professor Lisa Rockford, hosted by North Campus and funded by Cultural Affairs and Student Engagement (CASE). Events are designed for students to become immersed in the visual arts in an enjoyable, extracurricular setting and are open to library patrons and the public. This year Artfest collaborated with International Education Week and the Robert "Bob" Elmore Honors College.



“From Here” Alumni Art Exhibition Debuts at the Rosemary Duffy Larson Gallery

The Broward College Rosemary Duffy Larson Gallery is showcasing the work of artists who are graduates of Broward College. “From Here” opened on Thursday, November 17, with a reception and an artist lecture. The exhibit features the work of four Broward College graduates who are building their art careers and doing exciting work. The artists are Nathalie Alfonso, who holds a Master of Fine Arts from Southern Methodist University; Sydney Kaye Bouwens, a graduate of the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Fine Arts; Rivka Louissaint, who received her Master of Fine Arts from the University of California, Berkeley; and Leeann Rae, a Master of Fine Arts candidate at the University of Central Florida. These alumni artists provide a glimpse into their experiences through their unique outlooks through drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, installation, and sound. The exhibit will run through Wednesday, January 18.



Apprenticeship Program Celebrates National Apprenticeship Week

From November 14 to 18, Broward College apprentices and pre-apprentices attended three on-campus events designed to provide strategies for building a productive career. Mock interview sessions were held on November 16, followed by a technology panel featuring students, industry professionals, and former pre-apprentices and interns. The week ended with Resource Fair held at the YMCA on Sistrunk on November 18.

Upcoming Events

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (College Closed)

Date: Monday, January 6, 2023 | All Campuses

Spring 2023 Classes Begin

Date: Monday, January 9, 2023 | All Campuses

Village Square Dinner at the Square: NIMBY vs. YIMBY: Benefits and Barriers of Affordable Housing

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 Time: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Location: Funky Buddha Brewery, Oakland Park.

Broward College in the News

Elite Universities Aim to Attract More Community College Transfer Students Via New Pipeline

Broward College was mentioned in a web article posted on Forbes.com on November 10, 2022. The article detailed the Transfer Scholars Network (TSN), managed by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program and supported by the Jack Cooke Foundation. | [Read the article](#)

Adapt and Advance: Broward College Quickly Responds to Workforce Needs

In their January 2023 print edition, Greater Fort Lauderdale Magazine included a Q&A article with Broward College President Gregory Adam Haile, J.D. The interview focused on workforce preparation, in-demand career fields, partnerships with local businesses, and synergy with the Broward County Public School system. | [Read the article](#)

Broward College’s Health Sciences Veteran Retires After Nearly Six Decades

In a video segment that aired on Friday, December 2, ABC Local10 News featured a story about Broward College professor Nancy Estes, who is retiring after nearly six decades of service. The segment included quotes from her current students and colleagues and footage from a retirement party held by the Department of Health Sciences.



AUDREY HUNTER

Audrey Hunter, senior professor, Business is retiring from Broward College after 21 years of service. She received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting and her Master of Business Administration in Accounting from SUNY Buffalo.



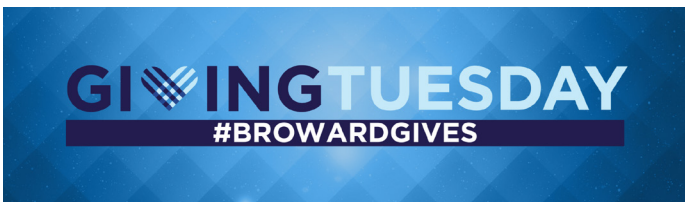
NANCY ESTES

Health Sciences instructor Nancy Estes is retiring after 58 years of service to Broward College. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Nancy started teaching at Broward College in 1964. Throughout her nearly six-decade career, she taught classes in functional health, total wellness, diet, and nutrition.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Support the Gift of Education this #GivingTuesday

On Tuesday, November 29, 2022, the Broward College community rose to the challenge to participate in #GivingTuesday. Together, 80 donors raised nearly \$16,000 to support Broward College students becoming closer to achieving their dreams by making a gift to a scholarship of the donor's choice. Scholarships help students get one course closer to new career opportunities, graduating, and impacting their community. The ripple effect of every dollar raised is powerful, and the College is thankful alumni, friends, faculty, and staff, and so many others who contributed to this philanthropic initiative.



The R. Motwani Family Academy Celebrated Hospitality Students at its Annual Fundraising Gala

The R. Motwani Family Academy of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Broward College hosted its annual fundraising gala at the Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach on Thursday, October 27, 2022, with the support of 225 hospitality and tourism business leaders and professionals from South Florida. The event raised more than \$221,000 to benefit Broward College's hospitality and tourism students through scholarships and enhanced learning experiences.



Broward College Hospitality and Tourism Management students pose for a photo with Ramola Motwani.



Nitin Motwani, Ramola Motwani, and Dev Motwani

Office of Advancement Welcomed Pathway Deans for a Collaborative Meeting

On Monday, October 17, 2022, the Office of Advancement hosted a Pathway Dean's Collaborative Meeting at the Willis Holcombe Center, where colleagues discussed fundraising ideas aligned with the Social Enterprise Plan. This meeting also allowed the Advancement team to reconnect with deans and introduce them to gift officers. Each dean now has a gift officer liaison with whom they will work closely to provide the fuel to advance the Social Enterprise Plan tactics.



Pathway deans with representatives of the Office of Advancement.

Broward College Foundation Board Member Recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals on National Philanthropy Day

On Wednesday, November 16, 2022, the Association of Fundraising Professionals Fort Lauderdale/Broward Chapter hosted its 35th annual event at Signature Grand to recognize the 2022 National Philanthropy Day honorees. Among the attendees were Vice President Nancy Botero, deans and Broward College Foundation staff, including Jim DeChant, Broward College’s Senior Major Gifts Officer, who served as a board member for the local AFP chapter for three consecutive years, as well as on the National Philanthropy Day planning committee. Honorees recognized at the event included Broward College Foundation Board member Bev Yanowitch and her partner Stan Eichelbaum, as well as Stella Potenti (Outstanding Youth), Nancy Thies (Outstanding Fundraising Executive), Our Fund Foundation (Outstanding Foundation), HCA East Florida (Outstanding Corporation), The FLITE Center and SunServe (Equity in Action), Jean Colker (Philanthropist of the Year), Lois Herman (Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser), and Peggy Calhoun (Lifetime Achievement Award).



Broward College Foundation Board Member Bev Yanowitch (left) with members of the Foundation.

South Gallery Exhibit ‘KALEIDOSCOPE: My Culture, My Pride’ Features Art by Broward College Foundation Board Member Dionne Polite

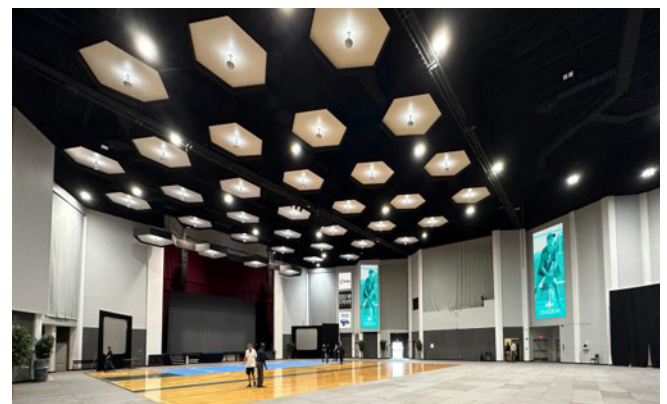
Broward College Foundation Board member Dionne Polite will be featured in her first art exhibition, “KALEIDOSCOPE: My Culture, My Pride,” at the Broward College South Gallery from January 9 through January 19, 2023, following a previous run from December 1 to December 16, 2022. The exhibit is part of an engaging and dynamic showcase of the colorful layers that make up her vibrant immigrant background. Polite is a self-taught artist who hails from Guyana who currently serves as the AARP Florida’s Director of State Operations. In her position, she oversees and manages all outreach initiatives, engagement opportunities, and education efforts for over 50 communities across the state. She has received multiple recognitions and honorable mentions for her commitment and outreach efforts. Her exhibition will include an artist talk and reception on Wednesday, January 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. Entry to the gallery is free and open to the public.



Dionne Polite (center) at the opening of KALEIDOSCOPE: My Culture, My Pride, an exhibition of her artwork, at the Broward College South Campus Gallery on December 3, 2022.

Board of Trustees Approves Plan to Build First Indoor Pickleball Facility in South Florida at Broward College

During their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 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. Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the world, with 6.8 million players in the United States alone. The sport showed a 23 percent growth last year, with age demographics shifting significantly younger. 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. Discounted rates will be available for Broward College students, faculty, and staff. It will also include national broadcasting and co-branded marketing opportunities. The proposed contract estimates \$2.9 million in net revenue to the College.



The Omni auditorium will house an indoor pickleball facility containing eight courts.

Board of Trustees Celebrates Nancy Estes, Broward College Health Sciences Instructor Retiring After 58 Years of Service

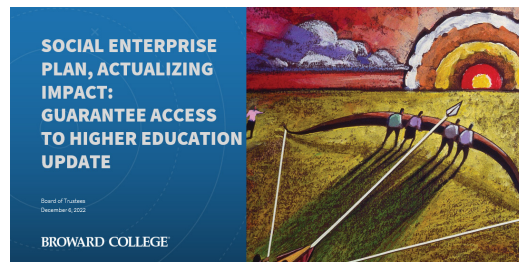
At the conclusion of their monthly meeting on December 6, the Board of Trustees congratulated Nancy Estes, a Broward College Health Sciences instructor, on her retirement after 58 years of service to the College. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Nancy Estes started teaching at Broward College in 1964, when the institution was known as The Junior College of Broward County. Throughout her nearly six-decade career, she taught classes in functional health, total wellness, diet, and nutrition. Joined by her immediate supervisors, Dr. Nichole Vaughan, interim dean, STEM/Science Pathway and Dr. Latanya Fisher, associate dean, Science and Wellness, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, Professor Estes delivered heartfelt remarks to the Board of Trustees, thanking President Haile for his vision for the College and noting that it was the first time she had the opportunity to meet the trustees in person. The Board presented her with a retirement gift and played a [video](#) that originally aired on ABC Local10 News that featured Nancy's retirement. "I love what I am doing, and I will miss the students terribly, but everybody says, 'When the time comes, you will know it,'" Estes said in the video, adding she knew it was time and she looks forward to spending more time with her two sons.



Nancy Estes (fourth from left) celebrated her retirement from Broward College after nearly 60 years during the College's Board of Trustees meeting on December 6.

Senior Vice President of Workforce Education and Innovation Dr. Mildred Coyne Presents Update on Social Enterprise Plan Impact: Guarantee Access to Education

Dr. Mildred Coyne, senior vice president, Workforce Education and Innovation, provided the first of three updates on the Strategic Priorities of the Social Enterprise Plan on Tuesday, December 6, during the Board of Trustees meeting. In her presentation, she shared the work on the strategic priority "Guarantee Access to Higher Education" and its supporting tactics. Under the Lift Every City tactic, Dr. Coyne highlighted the progress toward enhancing the economic mobility of Broward County residents by expanding access to Broward College programs and resources through partnerships and jointly assessed community-wide strategic points of collaboration. For the Expand Multilingual Support tactic, the Board had the opportunity to hear about steps taken to complete the goal of reducing barriers to entry and completion for prospective and existing students, thereby responding to changing demographic needs of the community and increasing access to higher education. Under the Overcome the Digital Divide tactic, Dr. Coyne shared how the College is leveraging technology to drive engaging learning experiences, develop digital literacy competencies for learners across different communities, and expand access to the digital economy and virtual services. The next presentation in the Social Enterprise Plan Impact series will be on the priority "Empower Student Development" and its supporting tactics.



Broward College Proposes Modification to Some Laboratory Fees

Broward College Board of Trustees has approved the proposed changes to select laboratory fees. The changes presented by Dr. Donald Astrab, vice provost, Academic Operations, Analytics, and Communication, include increases or reductions to some existing lab fees, additional lab fees to some courses, and removing fees from others. The recommendation for the modifications follows an extensive review of the fees already in place by the College. New and increased laboratory fees will be used to purchase items and equipment related to the student learning outcomes and the appropriate course objectives. The fees may also be used to support part-time personnel who work in the laboratories and support students enrolled in the classes. Now approved, the new fee structure will take effect in the next academic year, beginning in August 2023.

Board Approves Meeting Dates for 2023

The schedule features three student forums to be rotated across the three main campuses and the Willis Holcombe Center and was also amended to include a flexible meeting date in April where the Board would convene if needed. The approved dates are:

- February 7
- March 28
- April 25
- May 23
- June 27
- August 29
- September 26
- October 24
- December 5