

# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

from the Office of the President



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With this President's Update, it is my honor to share with you the official release of the 2021-22 Annual Report, which reflects the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students during the past academic year. There has also been much to celebrate this month. Chief among them, a visit from the Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh, who joined members of the Broward College community at North Campus to hear about our workforce education and career training. We also celebrate two awards - The Broward College Peer Mentoring Program was recently recognized as the AmeriCorps Florida Program of the Year, and Broward UP™ won the National Council of Workforce Education Innovative Workforce Programming Award. We also thank the students and staff members who helped provide aid to people and communities affected by Hurricane Ian. I hope you will share all of this great news with the larger Broward community. Thank you for your excellence!

## COLLEGE NEWS

### U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh Participates in Roundtable Discussion at Broward College

On Monday, October 17, Broward College hosted U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh at North Campus for a roundtable discussion on the topic of workforce education. Approximately 45 attendees were present at the event, including faculty and community partners. The event began with opening remarks by President Haile, a greeting from Secretary Walsh, and a presentation on workforce education and classroom-to-career pipeline initiatives at Broward College by Senior Vice President of Workforce Education and Innovation Dr. Mildred Coyne.

A panel discussion moderated by Associate Vice President of Employment Solutions and BCEx Imran Siddiqui followed. Students shared their experiences at Broward College, and the discussion also focused on the need for access to post-secondary education and how to take advantage of the career opportunities it provides.

Panel participants included President Haile, Secretary Walsh, Dr. Coyne, State Representative Christine Hunschofsky, and President and CEO of Junior Achievement of South Florida Laurie Sallarulo. Student participants included Royce Lopez, a Broward College graduate of BCEx Cohort 1 and the founder and CEO of an insurance startup; Charles Johnson, a graduate of BCEx Ideation Cohort 5 and the president of Future Business Leaders of America; Bruce Nicklow, a Hollywood High School student and founder of the stock market community building tool Samurai Markets; Kytana Phillips, a Health Science student and BCEx graduate who is the founder of the non-profit Clifford Heart Foundation; and Daniel Murcia, who recently completed the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Pre-Apprenticeship program at Broward College.



*L to R: U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh poses for a photo with President Haile and other participants of a roundtable discussion at North Campus on Monday, October 17.*

### Broward College Unveils 2021-22 Annual Report with Focus on Social Enterprise Plan

On Thursday, October 20, Broward College officially unveiled its 2021-22 Annual Report. The title of the report is "Uplifting Our Community," and focuses on the transition from the five-year Strategic Plan to the newly developed Social Enterprise Plan. The Annual Report reveals how some of the College's previous work aligns with the Social Enterprise Plan's "Big Bets" framework—Guarantee Access to Education, Empower Student Development, and Create Impactful Career Connections. In addition to key metrics highlighting the success of Broward College programs, the report also includes testimonials from current students, recent graduates, employee partners, donors, and faculty members.



*Click the image to read the 2021-22 Annual Report*

## Broward College Peer Mentoring Program Wins AmeriCorps Florida Program of the Year

Broward College’s Peer Mentoring Program (PMP) was recognized as the Florida Program of the Year by AmeriCorps on Thursday, October 13. The program was honored for its commitment to serving low-income, first generation, first time in college, minority students and students facing barriers to their success in post-secondary education through the nationally established evidence-based PeerForward mentoring program. The Peer Mentoring Program facilitates volunteerism with AmeriCorps, a national service program that provides opportunities for individuals to serve their communities in many different capacities.



L to R: Cesar Nin, mentoring coordinator, Broward College; Farah Pierre, senior director, Student Achievement Initiatives, Broward College and Maggie Abney, program manager, Americorp.

## Broward College Wins National Council for Workforce Education Innovative Workforce Programming Award

Broward UP was the winner of the National Council of Workforce Education (NCWE) Innovative Workforce Programming Award, the organization announced on Wednesday, October 19, at their national conference in Portland, Oregon. The award was given to Broward UP for its efficacy in disrupting the traditional model of higher education and changing the narrative on poverty and mobility by creating access to non-credit workforce education and good jobs. The College launched Broward UP in 2018 in six zip codes to deliver workforce education courses and programs, along with career readiness and related support services for residents facing unemployment or underemployment. The award also recognizes Broward UP’s current student outcomes, which include 3,241 residents receiving workforce education and more than 2,000 residents earning workforce-ready certificates including industry-recognized certifications.



L to R: Teresita Wisell, president, NCWE; Kareen Torres, vice president, Workforce Education and Innovation; Dr. Mildred Coyne, senior vice president, Workforce Education and Innovation and Sue G. Smith, vice president, Programs, NCWE.

## Chamber of Commerce Recognized Broward College as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Business of the Year

Broward College has been named the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Business of the Year by the Coral Springs Coconut Creek Regional Chamber of Commerce. The announcement was made on Thursday, October 20, during the Chamber’s Casino Night Annual Gala, held at the Coral Springs Marriott. The award honors a Chamber member business that has implemented programs in the workplace to create and promote diversity. Broward College was recognized for demonstrating exemplary understanding, acceptance, and celebration of differences among people regardless of age, class, ethnicity, gender, physical and mental ability, race, and sexual orientation.



## President Haile Named Chair of Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance

President Haile is the 2022-23 Chair of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance (GFLA). The gavel was officially passed on Thursday, October 13 by Bob Swindell, president and CEO of the GFLA, during its annual meeting held at the Signature Grand Hotel. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance is the primary economic development organization for Broward County. In response to his appointment to chair, President Haile said, “I know very well that education and economic development go hand in hand, and the work of the GFLA is essential to keeping our community thriving.”



## President Haile Honored with ‘Men Who Lead’ Award

President Haile was among 17 leaders recognized with the Men Who Lead Award during the International Career and Business Alliance (ICABA) Salutes Men Who Lead Luncheon and Leadership Summit on Friday, October 14, at the Alvin Sherman Library at Nova Southeastern University. The objective of the award is to identify and celebrate the accomplishments of Black men who have a positive impact on their profession and community. The awards luncheon featured a keynote address from George W. Tinsley, Sr., president and CEO of Tinsley Family Concessions, as well as opening remarks from Mark Shim, senior vice president and business banking leader at Truist Bank. The awards ceremony was followed by a leadership summit featuring panel discussions on themes of servant leadership and leadership for wealth creation. ICABA is a member-based, global business network assisting professionals and entrepreneurs of color in attaining their career, business and lifestyle aspirations. ICABA delivers valuable connections, information, and opportunities from its online community, signature events, travel, and publications.



L to R: Senior Vice President of Business Banking at Truist Mark Shim, President Haile, and ICABA Senior Vice President Horace Hord.

## Broward College Hosts South Florida Premiere of “Vertical Freedom” Film

The apprenticeship programs at Broward College in collaboration with Neptuno USA held a screening of “Vertical Freedom” on Thursday, October 13, at the Health Sciences Simulation Center at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. “Vertical Freedom” is a feature length documentary movie chronicling six diverse tower climbers who overcome personal struggle and every-day danger to perform extraordinary work at elevated heights to connect communities via telecommunications infrastructure. The movie highlights the daily activities undertaken in the telecommunications industry. In attendance were several stakeholders representing federal government agencies, local government officials, industry leaders, and non-profit organizations. Also in attendance was Sean Gilhooley, owner and operator of South Coast Towers and a featured climber in the film. The event was held in partnership with Neptuno, a South Florida-based telecommunications firm that provides end-to-end solutions to operators, from engineering and design to manufacturing and installation of towers and shelters. Neptuno USA orchestrated a collaboration with the Communications Infrastructure Contractors Association (NATE), Learning Alliance, and Broward College to exclusively bring the movie “Vertical Freedom” to South Florida.



## Broward College Supports Florida Southwestern State College with Hurricane Ian Response

Members of the Broward College facilities team packed two trucks and a large trailer with requested Hurricane relief supplies on Tuesday, October 4, and Wednesday, October 5, in support of Broward College’s ongoing response to Hurricane Ian and recovery efforts for Florida Southwestern State College (FSSC).



Members of the Broward College facilities team at Florida Southwestern State College.

Items donated to FSSC include two pallets of bottled water, two new generators, two gas grills, two propane tanks, and several cases of food and beverages. The FSSC responders were also treated to a cookout lunch courtesy of the Broward College team. FSSC President Dr. Jeffery S. Allbritten was on campus to receive the team from Broward College and expressed his gratitude toward the efforts to support his college in their time of need. Participating team members from Broward College include Chris Tavares, manager, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus Facilities; Lindel Davidson, supervisor, Judson A. Samuels South Campus Grounds Maintenance; Chase Lex, lead tradesworker, and Jean Paul Heurtelou, tradesworker, both from the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. Broward College will continue to support FSSC by delivering donated items in the future as part of the Seahawks Helping Bucs campaign.

## INFORMING THE COMMUNITY

### President Haile Addresses Youth Leadership Broward Government Education Day

Youth Leadership Broward (YLB) is a nine-month program that provides an opportunity for high school juniors to gain real-life experiences through interactions with community leaders. Their Government Education Day, which was held on Saturday, October 15, at the Fort Lauderdale Women’s Club, focused on leadership in the context of civics and government. President Haile served as a speaker for the event, presenting on the topic of “The Future of Education” as it relates to local government. Approximately 60 high school juniors from throughout Broward County attended the event.



President Haile addresses attendees of the Youth Leadership Broward Government Education Day.

## President Haile Delivers Opening Remarks at Junior Achievement Fellows Entrepreneur Retreat

In another opportunity to connect the College to high school students, President Haile delivered opening remarks at the Junior Achievement Fellows Entrepreneur Retreat on Friday, October 7, at Bailey Hall at A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. The retreat was part of the Junior Achievement Company Program, in which high school students gain real-world business experience by working in groups to conceptualize, capitalize, and manage their own small businesses. The event was attended by approximately 500 students from Broward County and South Palm Beach high schools who are participating in the Junior Achievement Fellows Program. During the retreat, the students learned about different roles within a company, including finance, supply chain, management, sales, and marketing.



President Haile during his remarks.

## TRIO Talent Search REACH Grant Director Presents Workshop Council for Opportunity in Education Conference in San Diego

Martha Villegas Miranda, director, TRIO Talent Search REACH (Realizing Educational Access for College and Higher) Grant at Broward College, attended the 41st Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) national TRIO conference in San Diego, California, from September 21 to September 24. The mission of COE is to achieve college access and success for low-income students, first-generation students, and students with disabilities. Martha presented the workshop “Stories and Strategies to Support Immigrant College Students,” which was attended by college access educators and TRIO professionals from across the country. During the workshop, attendees were motivated to build spaces to promote equitable access to opportunity in post-secondary education for immigrant college students. Also attending the conference were Senior Director of TRIO Andrea Jean and Assistant Director of TRIO Upward Bound TaiQuay Bogle. Additionally, Martha had the opportunity to connect with the newly appointed Assistant Secretary of the Office of Postsecondary of Education, Dr. Nasser Paydar.



Martha Villegas Miranda, director, TRIO Talent Search REACH Grant, with attendees during the COE national TRIO conference in San Diego, California, from September 21 to September 24.

## Professor Richard Louis Presents at the 2022 Reentry Summit

Dr. Richard Louis, assistant professor, Speech, was one of four presenters in the session titled “The Underestimated Role of Higher Education in Reentry” at the 2022 Reentry Summit, which was held from October 5 to October 7, at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel in West Palm Beach, Florida. The objective of this summit is to discuss and share best practices among law enforcement officials, service providers, and educational institutions about how to optimize reentry in South Florida to enable returning citizens the opportunity to reclaim their lives and to reduce recidivism which would provide communities the safety they need to thrive. Dr. Louis presented alongside Dr. Jennifer Brinkley (University of West Florida), Ms. Alia Spencer (Palm Beach State College), and Dr. Noel Vest (Stanford University). In his presentation, Dr. Louis highlighted how Broward College serves returning citizens, as well as the entire student population, through targeted educational and wrap-around services such as Broward UP, the Seahawk Marketplace, the laptop loaner program, and Seahawk Outreach Services.



Dr. Richard Louis, during his presentation.

## Actor Jonathan Groff Takes Centerstage at Bailey Hall

Stage and screen actor Jonathan Groff, known for his roles in Broadway’s “Hamilton” and Disney’s “Frozen” franchise, was at Bailey Hall on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, on Wednesday, October 5, to share his experiences about his work in theater, television, and film. Presented by Student Life and BC Pride, the event was attended by approximately 740 people, including students from Broward College and some Broward County Public High Schools and other members of the Broward College community. The one-hour program featured Groff answering a range of student-submitted questions in a discussion moderated by Jose Lopez, associate dean, Student Services. In addition to his starring roles as King George in “Hamilton,” Kristoff in “Frozen,” and Holden Ford in Netflix’s “Mind Hunter,” Groff is also an activist in the LGBTQ+ community.



Actor Jonathan Groff joins Associate Dean of Student Services Jose Lopez onstage at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus for a Q&A discussion on Wednesday, October 5.

## Broward College Students Attend NAACP Freedom Fund Sneakers Ball in Miami

Broward College Chapter of the NAACP students Anthonea Brown and Dachia Morris along with their advisor Professor of History and Political Science Dr. Robert Morris attended the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP Freedom Fund Sneakers Ball at Perez Art Museum Miami on Saturday, October 1. The theme for the event was “It’s Not Over: Our Voice. Our Future. Our Legacy,” and a host of community members were honored for their outstanding work in the community. Honorees included Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, 24th District of Florida (Education); Mayor Daniella Levine-Cava, Miami-Dade County (Housing); board-certified internal medicine physician Dr. Anita Petteway-Tyler (Health and Wellness); attorney H.T. Smith (Advocacy and Litigation); President of OneUnited Bank Teri Williams (Economic Development); activist and founder of Make the Homeless Smile Valencia Gunder (Environmental and Climate Justice); and NAACP Youth Council volunteer Michelle Thompson (Dr. Shirley B. Johnson Youth Council Award). The Board of Directors of the NAACP granted Broward College’s chapter charter membership in the NAACP in February 2020. Freedom Fund events are an established tradition for NAACP branches across the country which allows them to raise critical funds to effect change and advance the cause of civil and human rights in the United States of America.



## Academic Services Hosts Florida International University Connect4Success Kickoff Event

On Friday, October 7, Broward College Academic Services hosted a Florida International University (FIU) Connect4Success (C4S) Kickoff event on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. The C4S is a guided transfer pathway to help Broward College students transfer seamlessly to FIU. More than 60 students registered for the event. This year, non-C4S students were offered an opportunity to join the event and an additional five opted to join the program on-site. The event was hosted by Dean of Academic Services Quakish Liner, with opening remarks by Vice Provost Dr. Stephanie Etter. Students also had the opportunity to learn about the Honors College and the Minority Male Initiative. The event concluded with a parent Q&A session and a computer lab for students to opt-in to FIU and Connect4Success.



## Upcoming Events

### Fall 2022 Commencement Ceremony

Date: December 14, 2022

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: Hard Rock Live, Hollywood

### Thanksgiving - College Closed

Date: November 23 to November 27, 2022

## Broward College in the News

### Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance: 1,600-plus jobs created or retained in Broward

The South Florida Business Journal on Friday, October 14, made note of President Haile's appointment to Chair of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance board for fiscal year 2022-23. | [Read the article](#)

### Becoming proximate to the American Dream

An Opinion Editorial written by President Haile was featured in Community College Daily on Monday, September 26. Titled "Becoming proximate to the American Dream," the article focused on three proximities that are imperative to enhancing college access: physical, social, and financial. | [Read the article](#)

### News in Brief

On Wednesday, October 5, The South Florida Business Journal highlighted Broward College's site opening at the L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center at 1409 Sistrunk Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale in its news roundup. | [Read the article](#)

## RETIREMENTS

### LINDA K. BUNDY

Linda K. Bundy, senior specialist, Accounting, is retiring after 37 years of service at Broward College. She was hired on October 28, 1985, and has worked in the Finance department ever since.

### LAURA OZMENT

Laura Ozment, manager, Landscape and Grounds Maintenance, is retiring after 34 years of service. Laura began working at the College in 1986, and after a two-year hiatus, resumed working in the Maintenance and Mechanical Systems department until 2022.

### CARLTON BYRD

Carlton Byrd, associate professor, Health Sciences, is retiring after 45 years of service. Professor Byrd, who taught Wellness and Weight Training, received master's degrees at Florida Atlantic University and Florida State University.

### CAROLE HARGETT

Carole Hargett, associate professor, Speech, is retiring after 18 years of service at Broward College. She received her Ph.D. from Florida Atlantic University and her master's degree from Florida Atlantic University.

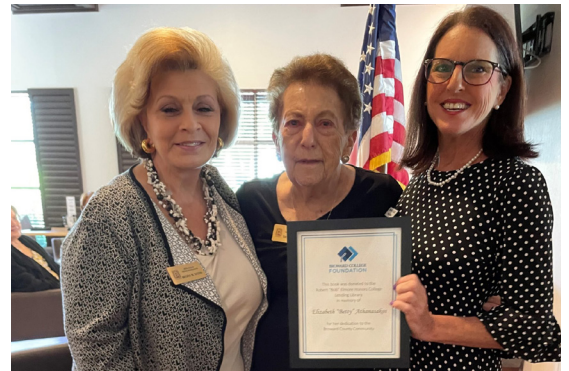
## Alumni and Friends Hosts Webinar on How to Hire Broward College Students as Apprentices and Interns

On Thursday, September 15, more than 30 attendees joined the Alumni and Friends webinar to learn how to hire Broward College students as apprentices and interns. Presented by Dr. Rehana Seepersad, senior director, Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant, and Denison David, lead coordinator, Career Services, local businesses in attendance learned tips on how they can maximize their involvement and how to engage and hire the College’s talented students. At the end of the webinar, companies and organizations were given the opportunity to share their 30-second elevator pitch to the audience to help expand their network.

To watch the webinar, visit the [Broward College Alumni and Friends YouTube channel](#)

## Broward College Foundation Donated Bookplate Tribute in Honor of Zonta Club of Greater Deerfield

On Tuesday, September 20, the Broward College Foundation was invited by Zonta Club of Greater Deerfield Beach to attend their monthly lunch meeting at the DoubleTree Hilton in Deerfield. During the meeting, Elisa Stone, manager, Stewardship and Donor Relations, presented a library bookplate tribute to Zonta Club member Antonia “Tonie” Hyland in memory of her late sister Ms. Elizabeth “Betty” Athanasakos. The Zonta Club of Greater Deerfield Beach is an organization dedicated to advancing the status of women worldwide through raising money to support education and provide scholarships. In honor of Betty’s involvement in the community as a lawyer, judge, and women’s activist, Zonta recently changed the name of their Broward College Foundation endowed scholarship to Elizabeth Athanasakos Endowed Scholarship. Zonta expands opportunities for women and girls through international education programs and service projects.



*L to R: Regina Vetto, president of Zonta Club of Greater Deerfield Beach, Antonia Hyland, sister of Elizabeth “Betty” Athanasakos, and Elisa Stone, manager of stewardship and donor relations, Broward College.*

## BOARD NEWS

### Kiwanis Club of Wilton Manors Presents \$300K Gift for Endowed Scholarships

During the Broward College Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, October 25, members of the Kiwanis Club of Wilton Manors presented a philanthropic investment of \$300,000 to establish four new endowed scholarships. The gift was introduced by Associate Vice President of Development Scott Rivinius. Scholarships will be available for students with unmet financial need to pursue degrees in the fields of Criminal Justice, Emergency Medical Services, and Nursing. Each of these scholarships was funded with a \$90,000 investment, with \$15,000 going to scholarships that will be available to Broward College students this spring. Another \$75,000 was invested for the scholarships to last in perpetuity. A fourth general studies scholarship will be available for students with financial hardship to pursue any major at the College. Kiwanis Club of Wilton Manors President David Platz, Treasurer Alan Renzer, and past presidents Joseph Gallegos and Denise Platz were on hand to present a check to the Board of Trustees.



*Members of the Kiwanis Club of Wilton Manors presented a check to the Broward College Board of Trustees representing a \$300,000 gift for endowed scholarships.*

## Vice President of Workforce Education and Innovation Karen Torres Provides Board with Update on Promise Neighborhoods Grant

In September 2021, Broward College was awarded a \$30 million grant over five years from the U.S. Department of Education as part of its Promise Neighborhoods program. The grant is the largest in the College's history and the first Promise Neighborhoods grant in the nation to be awarded to a community college. During the October Board of Trustees Meeting Vice President of Workforce Education and Innovation Karen Torres provided an update on the status of the grant as it relates to program outcomes and institutional accountability. The presentation tracked the impact of the grant across five pipelines: Early Childhood Education and Kindergarten Readiness, K-12 Success, High School to Post-secondary Transition and Completion, 21st Century Workforce and Talent, and Mobilizing Broward UP communities. The presentation also highlighted the synergistic relationships between Broward College and community partners such as the Jack & Jill Children's Center, Urban League of Broward County, Broward County Public Schools, YWCA South Florida, The Boys & Girls Club of Broward County, HANDY, the Children's Services Council, Hispanic Unity of Florida, Pace Center for Girls, and OIC of South Florida. The presentation concluded with a plan to analyze and quantify the impact of various programs under the grant to re-prioritize program offerings as necessary.



*Karen Torres*

## Board Receives Overview of the William E. Greene Institute

Broward College has offered international education programming continuously since 1974, presently through the William E. Greene International Education Institute. Named for William "Bill" Greene, an international education advocate and innovator at Broward College, the Greene Institute has become a leader in the field of international education. During the October Board of Trustees meeting, Dean of International Education Dr. David Moore presented an overview of the College's international education offerings, including the current state of F-1 and M-1 visa students, study abroad, and degree programs offered through the College's international partnership centers and associates. The presentation noted the increase in revenue from international tuition, as well as a noteworthy increase in transfer students from Jamaica and Colombia. Dr. Moore also told the Board that the College is pursuing Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges SACSCOC approval of two locations as international partnership centers in 2023: Broward Vietnam in Hanoi, Vietnam, and Guangdong University of Foreign Studies (GDUFS).



*Dr. David Moore*

## Board Receives Update on Comprehensive Student Support Offered Outside the Classroom

Vice President of Student Services Janice Stubbs provided the Board with details of the comprehensive services offered to students outside of the classroom. She framed the presentation through eight support areas, including Enrollment Management, Admissions and Registration, Academic Advising, Student Achievement Initiatives, Student Engagement/Student Life, Student Outreach Services (SOS), Student Conduct and Integrity, and the Office of the Student Ombudsperson. As VP Stubbs explained, these areas correspond to eight areas of student wellness, which are bolstered by Broward College services. Emotional wellness is maintained through services such as Henderson Behavioral Health, SAMSA Suicide Prevention Grant, and the Faculty and Staff Task Force. Spiritual wellness is fostered through club-sponsored yoga and meditation sessions, among other activities. Environmental wellness is supported through the Student Code of Conduct, the Behavioral Intervention Team, and the Office of the Student Ombudsperson. Similarly, environmental wellness is reinforced by volunteer opportunities offered by various Broward College clubs and volunteer services. Student Life is the prime driver behind social wellness, which includes the 300 events Broward College hosts each year that serve nearly 20,000 students. Advising and Peer Mentoring are core components of intellectual, financial, and occupational wellness, while physical wellness is most effectively supported by the Seahawk Marketplace, food distribution services, and medical telehealth services. The presentation concluded with planned efforts to monitor growth metrics under each support area.



*Janice Stubbs*