

# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

From the Office of the President



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## COLLEGE NEWS

### Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank President Raphael Bostic Visits Broward College



Raphael Bostic, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, visited Broward College on Thursday, September 7, for two events focused on the regional economic outlook. President Bostic discussed the current state of the economy and the Fed's larger efforts to take the mystery out of foundational economic concepts like inflation. His insight and candor made it a special event for more than 60 attendees including Broward College students, the Broward College District Board of Trustees, and local business leaders. The wide-ranging discussion touched on the biggest issues facing our region, including the need for affordable housing options, the influence of AI on the job market, and the rippling effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation's economy. Earlier in the day, Broward College Student Government Association (SGA) Vice President of Central Campus Booseong (Eric) Seo moderated a roundtable event with a select group of Broward College student leaders. At the end of the event, talk turned to the value and need for workforce development programs like those offered at Broward College.

### Broward College Appears in U.S. News 2023-2024 Best Colleges Rankings

Broward College has earned major accomplishments in the recently released 2023-2024 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings. Demonstrating steady progress compared to previous years, Broward College has secured prominent positions in various categories such as Regional Colleges South, Top Public Schools, and Best Colleges for Veterans.

As a resource for prospective students and their families, the 2023 U.S. News & World Report determines rankings by evaluating nearly 1,500 U.S. institutions on as many as 19 measures. These measures are assessed, normalized, and weighted to calculate each school's overall score, with changes from the previous edition noted.

Broward College's 2023-2024 rankings are as follows:

- #47 in Best Southern Regional Colleges (previously #54 in 2022 ranking)
- #36 in Top Performers on Social Mobility Among Southern Regional Colleges (tie)
- #14 in Top Public Schools Among Southern Regional Colleges (tie)
- #10 in Best Colleges for Veterans Among Southern Regional Colleges (tie)

The rankings methodology utilizes a comprehensive set of measuring qualities – encompassing various indicators of student success, including graduation rates, retention rates, student debt, and social mobility.



## Broward College Hosts PeerForward in College Workshop

PeerForward, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to driving academic success for low-income youth, held workshops on Friday, September 8, and Saturday, September 9, on A. Hugh Adams Central Campus for students and faculty interested in becoming peer mentors. During the workshops, participants learned how proper training can enable peer mentors to support fellow students so they connect to academic resources, gain access to financial aid, and engage

with campus activities. PeerForward has over a quarter century of experience in high schools sending low-income students on their way to higher education. That expertise has shaped PeerForward's newest program, PeerForward in College, designed for two- and four-year colleges serving Black, Latino, Indigenous, and low-income students. The goal is to see more low-income students persist in higher education and succeed in earning a degree or credential.



*Broward College Safety Days took place throughout September on all three of Broward College's campuses. Students networked with local public safety organizations and learned about Broward College Emergency Preparedness resources.*

## Students Learn about Safety and Emergency Services at Broward College Safety Days

Students had the opportunity to interact with various safety and emergency preparedness organizations during three separate Safety Days events hosted across Broward College campuses in September. The Safety Days events are sponsored by the Broward College Department of Safety, Security, and Emergency Management to help students learn about common safety practices, meet with Broward College security professionals, and watch live demonstrations related to emergency management. The events were held on North Campus (September 13), A. Hugh Adams Central Campus (September 19), and Judson A. Samuels South Campus (September 26). Roughly 400 students attended the events, which featured representatives from more than 40 public safety organizations.

## Broward College Faculty Hold Fall 2023 Curriculum Meeting

Representatives from Broward College's faculty and staff participated in the first Curriculum Committee meeting of the Fall term on Monday, September 18. Curriculum Committee meetings serve as a way for everyone in the Broward College community to stay up to date on curriculum changes. During the meeting, the committee continued to pursue its goal of seeing increased representation from every group at the college. Led by Karen Parker, associate vice president, Curriculum Services, the Curriculum Committee meeting took place via Zoom and showcased important work from the College's faculty, staff, and administrators. Other topics covered included work-based learning courses, Math Pathways updates, program learning outcomes, and CIM progress updates. The next Curriculum Committee meeting will be held on October 2, 2023.



### Welcome Weeks Activities Help Students Get Acclimated to Fall Term



Students learned about Broward College's many clubs and Student Life Activities at resource fairs held across all three campuses during Welcome Weeks.

Throughout September, Broward College students participated in several events across the College's major campuses as part of the Welcome Weeks initiative. These programs offered a diverse range of opportunities for students to explore their interests, challenge themselves, and build lasting connections with peers. On Tuesday, September 5, students at North Campus came together for a Welcome Back Bash featuring music, dance, and various entertaining performances, all with a focus on building a sense of community. On Thursday, September 7, students at Judson A. Samuels South Campus convened for a Welcome Back Bash where students were encouraged to "bring a friend and enjoy food, music, and artists" to celebrate the start of classes. Later on September 7, Student Life sponsored a "Meet Your Advisor" event on A. Hugh Adams Central Campus during which students were asked to show their college spirit by dressing up in Broward College colors and wearing Broward College merchandise. Also that day, the North Campus Student Government Association hosted an event on the Student Life Patio where students were assisted in visualizing their goals for the school year by making vision boards.

### Broward College Student Life Hosts Hispanic Heritage Trivia Event

In observation of Hispanic Heritage Month — which runs from September 15 to October 15 — Broward College Student Life hosted a special Hispanic Heritage Month edition of the ThinkFast trivia game show on September 21, where participants were eligible to win up to \$100 in cash prizes. Hispanic Heritage Month was first observed nationally in 1988, with the intention of honoring the history, contributions, achievements, and impact Hispanic and Latino culture has had on our nation. The 2023 theme for Hispanic Heritage Month is 'Prosperity, Power, and Progress', recognizing the significant achievements of the Hispanic community in the economic and political industries.



Broward College Student Life hosted events on all three campuses during Hispanic Heritage Month, which ran from September 15 to October 15. Latino students represent more than 37 percent of the Broward College student body.

## Broward College in the News

### Food for Thought: Broward College Students Benefit from On-campus Pantry

ABC Local10 News ran a story on Broward College's Seahawk Marketplace — which now operates on all three of the College's campuses — in their evening broadcast on Friday, September 8. The story featured an interview with Associate Vice President of Student Achievement Initiatives Esmeralda Sweeney. | [Read the article](#)

### Broward College Celebrates Six Pillars of the Community During Annual Pillars Leadership Conference

Miami Community News featured Broward College students, community partners, and faculty who were honored during the celebratory dinner of the 14th Annual Pillars Conference at The Pillars Hotel & Club in Fort Lauderdale. | [Read the article](#)

### Black Educator Chosen to Lead Broward College

Broward College has its first Black woman president. Less than 24 hours after the college announced that prominent lobbyist and former Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Senior Chancellor Henry Mack III would be its acting president, the institution announced its No. 2 pick, Black veteran educator Barbara Bryan, would serve in the role instead. | [Read the article](#)

Upcoming Events

**Seahawks Vote** | Date: Monday, October 2 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Location: A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, Building 19

**Florida Fresh Market** | Date: Tuesday, October 3 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Location: North Campus

**JC Penny Suit-Up Sale** | Date: Sunday, October 8 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Location: JC Penny Pompano Beach 1600 NE 23rd St Pompano Beach, FL 33062

**Café con Amigos** | Date: Tuesday, October 10 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Location: A. Hugh Adams Central Campus

**Pluto Hacks** | Date: October 13 - 14 | 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. | Location: A. Hugh Adams Central Campus

**BC Cares** | Date: Saturday, October 14 | 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Location: Brushstrokes for History 1018 NW 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

FOUNDATION NEWS

**Broward College Receives \$40,000 Philanthropic Investment from SoFLY**

On Friday, August 25, the Emil Buehler Aviation at Broward College hosted SoFLY at South Campus. SoFLY is a nonprofit organization representing South Florida and dedicated to providing networking, mentorship, and scholarship opportunities and advancement for people in the aviation and aerospace industries. During their visit, SoFLY President and Broward College alumna Jessica Matthews, along with SoFLY Vice President Monica Sardy and Treasurer Nina Biton,

presented the Broward College Foundation with two checks that will support Broward College students in the aviation program. One check is an endowment from the SoFLY Foundation in the amount of \$30,000. The other is SoFLY Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 through the support of donors Florida Aviation Network and World Aerospace. SoFLY is committed to supporting Broward College students and looks forward to a continued partnership with the College for years to come.



SoFLY is a South Florida-based nonprofit organization that provides scholarship opportunities for aviation students. Donations were made possible through the support of the Florida Aviation Network and World Aerospace.

**R. Motwani Family Fundraising Gala Supports Broward College Students**

The R. Motwani Family Academy of Hospitality & Tourism Management at Broward College will host its annual fundraising gala at the Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach on Thursday, October 26. With the support of hospitality and tourism business leaders and professionals in South Florida, this event will benefit the College’s hospitality and tourism students through scholarships and enhanced learning experiences. Sponsorship opportunities are still available by visiting [giving.broward.edu/gala](http://giving.broward.edu/gala). Sponsors who register by September 29 will be featured in the event’s program



The R. Motwani Family Fundraising Gala will bring together hospitality and tourism leaders in South Florida to benefit Broward College students. The event will take place on Thursday, October 26, at the Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach.

## Broward College Alumni & Friends hosts Suicide Prevention Training in September

National Suicide Prevention Week is an annual week-long campaign to inform and engage health professionals and the public about suicide prevention and the warning signs of suicide. Alumni & Friends in collaboration with Melanie Gnaizda-Gilson, manager, Student Services, hosted a QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention Training at A. Hugh Adams Central Campus on Wednesday, September 13, and Monday, September 18. As a result of this training, more than 70 attendees left feeling confident in learning how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help.

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## Broward College Alumni & Friends and BCEx host J.E.M.S. on September 26

On Tuesday, September 26, Broward College Alumni & Friends and BCEx hosted an in-person event titled J.E.M.S. (Journey into an Entrepreneurial Mindset) at A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. The event featured four alumni panelists who inspired the audience with their personal journeys and expression of an entrepreneurial mindset. Each of them shared the evolution of their ideas into business ventures, as well as how they learned from and overcame obstacles and discovered innovative solutions to real-world problems. Panelists included Reginald Andre, who also serves on the Broward College Foundation’s Board, Camille Daly, Royce Lopez, and Sascha Rybinski. Broward College Professor Joshua Kimber and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Rudy Jean Bart moderated the conversation and encouraged the audience to network with like-minded individuals.

*Participants in the J.E.M.S. panel shared stories of their business ventures and entrepreneurial journeys. The panel was moderated by Broward College’s Rudy Jean Bart, associate dean, Academic Affairs.*

## BOARD NEWS



*Dr. Barbara J. Bryan, Ph.D. was named President of Broward College during the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, September 26. She is the first female to serve in role.*

## Dr. Barbara J. Bryan Named Acting President of Broward College

The Broward College District Board of Trustees has entered into a contract with Barbara J. Bryan, Ph.D. to serve as acting President. Dr. Bryan will be the College’s first female in the role. Dr. Bryan is a seasoned leader in the field of higher education, with an impressive track record spanning over three decades. Currently serving as the CEO of Higher Education Consulting, Dr. Bryan is widely recognized for her skill in obtaining accreditation program approvals, driving organizational development, and leading expansion efforts. Dr. Bryan’s extensive and impactful experience at Broward College uniquely positions her to serve the community, bringing a wealth of knowledge and leadership skills honed in over nearly 30-years tenure at the institution. She has served the school in roles such as Campus President of the North Campus, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, and Provost of the North Campus. Candidates for the acting President position were required to have a direct affiliation with Broward College as either a current or former employee or a former Board member. Dr. Henry Mack III, Ed.D., the College’s initial choice

for President, withdrew his name from consideration following an inability to come to terms on his compensation and the duration of his contract. Dr. Bryan and the College have come to terms on a contract, and she commenced work in her new role on Wednesday, October 4.