

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

from the Office of the President



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Major developments continue to take place across Broward College this summer, including this month's official opening of the Diadem Pickleball Sports Complex on North Campus and the launch of the DRONE Program at the Judson A. Samuels South Campus. We also celebrate several individual achievements this month, including the awarding of the Adult Education program's first GED to Broward College student Tyrone Harvey. Congratulations are also due to Broward College Associate Professor of English Dr. Billy Jones, who was named a Top Black Educator of 2023 by Legacy Magazine Miami. Let us also give our best wishes to the 10 outstanding employees recognized for the 2023 Professional and Technical Staff Outstanding Achievement Award. These Broward College employees were awarded for their willingness to go above and beyond. It's because of the exceptional contributions of our faculty and staff that our College continues to thrive. I thank you all!

COLLEGE NEWS

Broward College Celebrates Aviation Development Workforce Grant

Broward College celebrated the Drone Racing Operations and Navigation Education (DRONE) Program with a ceremony at the Emil Buehler Aviation Institute at Judson A. Samuels South Campus on Wednesday, May 31. The program is possible through a \$500,000 grant from the Federal Aviation Agency. As part of the program, the College will establish or expand drone leagues at four public schools. The event was attended by representatives from Broward College, BCPS, and FAA. President Haile delivered opening remarks. Other speakers included Carlos Pinto, associate dean, Transportation Programs, and Bradley Mims, deputy administrator, Federal Aviation Agency.



Federal Aviation Agency Deputy Administrator Bradley Mims (center, left) and President Haile (center, right) pose for a photo with a check representing a \$500,000 grant to launch the DRONE Program.

New Partnership Brings Pickleball to Broward College North Campus

Broward College has partnered with Diadem Sports to transform the Omni Auditorium on its North Campus in Coconut Creek to a state-of-the-art pickleball facility. The Diadem Pickleball Sports Complex officially opened to the public on Saturday, June 17, with a ribbon cutting at 1:30 p.m. The space hosts nine tournament-level courts and offers programming for all skill levels. The facility also features stadium height ceilings for no lob-restrictions, arena style lighting for traditional visibility, on-site food and beverage options, and merchandise stores. The programs provided at the facility include private instruction, group play, themed nights, tournaments by skill level, and more. The facility is open seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and offers memberships and drop-in daily rates as low as \$5. This agreement between the College and Diadem Sports brings added benefits of job opportunities and discounted rates for students and employees. College faculty, staff, and students will receive discounted access to the pickleball courts during regular hours; dedicated free access on certain specified days and special events; and exclusive membership options. Students will receive preferential notice of full or part-time employment opportunities.



The Diadem Pickleball Sports Complex was officially opened to the public on June 17. The complex is South Florida's first dedicated indoor pickleball complex.

Ten Employees Recognized for 2023 Professional and Technical Staff Outstanding Achievement Award

The College announced 10 employees were recognized with 2023 Professional and Technical Staff (PTS) Outstanding Achievement Awards on Thursday, June 15. Nominated by their colleagues, they represent a small fraction of the Broward College employees who routinely go above and beyond expectations, ensuring that projects, meetings, travel, technology, and offices work efficiently and contribute to our goal of student success.

The 2023 Professional and Technical Staff Outstanding Achievement Award winners are:



Mark Apicella
Lab Assistant,
Health Sciences, EMT



Holiday Bugge
Senior Specialist, Campus
Technology



Melanie Gnaizda-Gilson
Manager,
Student Services



Tsz Law
Administrative Specialist III,
South Academics English/
Journalism



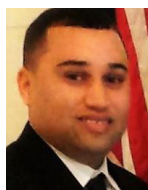
Tatian Martinez-Barreto
Coordinator,
Academic Support



Leonel Rodriguez
Coordinator,
Academic Support



Angela Rodriguez-Soto
Recruiter,
Attraction and Selection



Juan Rosa
Administrative Specialist III,
Project Management



Anthony Stewart
Alumni Engagement Manager,
Engagement-Advancement Office



Brittany Valera
Lead Coordinator,
Career Center

City of Pompano Beach Recognizes President Haile as Community Visionary Leader

During its annual dinner on Wednesday, June 21, the City of Pompano Beach Chamber recognized President Haile as the “Community Visionary Leader.” The award is attributed to President Haile’s success in obtaining and overseeing the Promise Neighborhoods Grant of \$30 million. President and CEO of the Chamber Jean McIntyre was on hand to present President Haile with the award. Isabel Gonzalez, chief of staff and vice president, Communications and Community Relations; Karen Torres, vice president, Workforce Education and Innovation; and Ralph Aiello, vice president, Broward UP™ Promise Neighborhoods also attended the event, which was held at the Hillsboro Club in Hillsboro Beach. In addition to the award ceremony, the event also featured a live auction and board installation.



The Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner began on June 21 with a Posting of Colors.



Broward County Mayor Lamar Fisher, who previously served as the mayor of Pompano Beach.



President Haile addresses the audience at the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce annual dinner after receiving the Community Visionary Leader award.

Broward College Receives \$3,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Labor for Answer the Call for Healthcare Professionals (HealthPro) Grant

On Tuesday, June 20, the U.S. Department of Labor announced that Broward College would be awarded \$3,000,000 for its Answer the Call for Healthcare Professionals (HealthPro) Program. The grant aims to achieve the following goals: (1) Implement evidence-based strategies to increase student access to in-demand nursing career pathways; (2) Design and implement multiple pathways and complementary support services that enable participants to attain industry-recognized certifications and degrees in nursing; and (3) Increase job placement, job retention, and career progression rates for students in the targeted programs. Through this grant, the College will create a seamless pathway from continuing education to degree by enhancing students' knowledge, skills, and career prospects. Ultimately, this will contribute to the provision of high-quality patient care and address the growing demand for highly educated nursing professionals.



Dean of Academic Services Quakish Williams Liner Wins Dissertation Award

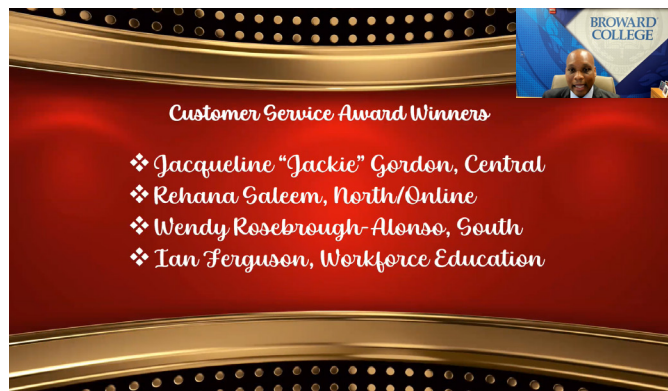
On Friday, June 2, Nova Southeastern University awarded Dr. Quakish Williams Liner, dean, Academic Services, with the Dr. Charles L. Faires Outstanding Doctoral Research Award for the 2022-2023 academic year. This award, created to honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Charles L. Faires, is presented to graduating doctoral students whose dissertations have been nominated by their dissertation chairs as outstanding and further meet the rigorous criteria set forth by the review committee. Each winning dissertation must exhibit high-caliber academic work centered on various criteria: a comprehensive review of literature, methodology and results of the study, and engaging and thought-provoking conclusions. In recognition of her dissertation, Dr. Liner received a Medal of Excellence which was worn over her doctoral robe during the commencement ceremony. Dr. Liner received her Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University's Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice.



Dr. Quakish Liner

President Haile Delivers Address at Third Annual Academic Advising Conference

President Haile delivered opening remarks at the Third Annual Academic Advising Conference, which was held Friday, June 2, via Zoom. More than 150 advisors and other student services staff attended the event. The event was overseen by Adam DeRosa, associate dean, Student Affairs. In addition to delivering welcoming remarks, President Haile presented awards across numerous categories to Broward College academic advisors.



President Haile appeared via Zoom to provide welcoming remarks and present awards during the Third Annual Academic Advising Conference on June 2.

Association of College and University Educators Honors Broward College as “Movement Maker”

Broward College was among the seven colleges and universities honored as “Movement Makers” at the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE)'s inaugural National Higher Education Teaching Conference (NHETC), June 22 to 23 in New York City. The College was recognized for meeting its goal to provide ACUE certification to 500 faculty in five years. In addition, the College was commended for not missing an ACUE-certification “pinning ceremony” – providing drive-through and virtual ceremonies during the COVID-19 pandemic. In partnership with colleges, universities, higher education systems and associations, ACUE prepares and credentials faculty in the evidence-based teaching practices that lead to higher retention and achievement and deeper learning.



ACUE

Dr. Billy Jones Recognized as a Top Black Educator of 2023 by Legacy Magazine Miami

Dr. Billy Jones, associate professor, English, was among the 24 education professionals recognized by Legacy Magazine Miami as a Top Black Educator of 2023. Legacy Magazine Miami is published by MIA Media Group LLC, one of the largest Black publishers in the country. The magazine provides news and information for South Florida’s Black thought leaders and influencers, with a focus on the success and achievement of Black professionals in South Florida in the areas of business, education, medicine, law, politics, and entrepreneurship. Dr. Jones was also among the Broward College professors who received special recognition for their excellence in the classroom as part of the 2023-2024 Endowed Teaching Chair Awards program, having been awarded the Jan R. Cummings Critical Thinking Endowed Teaching Chair.



Dr. Billy Jones



Broward College Adult Education Program Awards First GED

The Adult Education program officially started in fall 2023 at the Broward College@YMCA location, with over 50 students enrolling. On June 21, Tyrone Harvey was recognized as Broward College’s first student in the Adult Education Program to receive his GED. Yolanda Brown, associate vice president, Adult and Community Education, and Evelyne Alexis, director, Adult Education, were instrumental in launching the program and helping him progress through the program as he transitions into the college to earn a technical certificate and ultimately his Associate of Arts degree. Tyrone’s dream job is to work with the Broward Sheriff’s Office and now he is one step closer to realizing this dream.



Evelyne Alexis, director, Adult Education (left), presents Tyrone Harvey with his GED certificate.

Broward College Provides Corporate Training to Florida Department of Health Healthcare Professionals

Broward College’s Continuing Education and Workforce Development Department provided corporate training to health care professionals at the Florida Department of Health at A. Hugh Adams Central Campus on June 21 and June 22, 2023. Each learner received a micro-credential (digital badge) and seven and a half hours of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) upon completing the courses. Approximately 16 professionals attended the first day of training, while 18 attended the second day. This training provided basic nurse refresher skills to licensed health care professionals who will be staffed in special needs shelters during the hurricane season. The expected skills included but were not limited to: Heart and Lung Sounds, Body Mechanics, Foley Catheter Insertion (male/female), Donning and Doffing PPE (Personal Protection Equipment).



Local health care professionals take part in a training session held by the Florida Department of Health on Central Campus on June 21 and June 22.

Employee Resource Group Provides Upkeep to Campus Murals During Pride Month

To commemorate June as Pride Month, members of the Broward College LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group (ERG) visited each of the Pride Flag murals on Broward College’s three campuses—North Campus, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, and Judson A. Samuels South Campus. This month marks the one-year anniversary of when these murals were painted at each campus to show Broward College’s support for every student. The Pride Flag murals were painted by the LGBTQIA+ ERG and were maintained annually during the month of Pride.



D. Preston Steele beside the new pride flag murals located on (clockwise, L to R) North Campus, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, and Judson A. Samuels South Campus.

United Way of Florida Invites President Haile to Deliver Keynote Address at Annual Conference in Orlando

President Haile delivered the keynote address during the United Way of Florida Annual Conference in Orlando on Wednesday, June 21. The theme for the 2023 conference was “Power of Philanthropy – DNA of We,” which focused on similarities within United Way Chapters and the uniqueness that allows the organization to support various communities. United Way of Florida represents the 28 local United Ways that serve all 67 counties in the state.



President Haile addresses representatives from United Way of Florida during their annual conference in Orlando on June 21.

President Haile Participates in Q&A at OIC-SFL Career Day on North Campus

President Haile was among the speakers at an Opportunities Industrialization Center of South Florida (OIC-SFL) Career Day event hosted at Broward College’s North Campus on Wednesday, June 21. The event brought together more than 50 local high school interns to hear career insights from distinguished professionals in the fields of education, entrepreneurship, technology, and more. President Haile discussed his career path and educational journey. OIC-SFL (part of the larger OIC of America) is community-based workforce, job development, and training organization. OIC-SFL focuses on the unemployed, underemployed, unskilled, and those with barriers to self-sufficiency due to past indiscretions in their background through our various Workforce Development Division programs.



President Haile with local high school interns during the OIC-SFL Career Day at Broward College on June 21.

Upcoming Events

Fall Classes Begin

Date: Friday, August 18 | Location: All Campuses

Broward College in the News

Funding Roundup

In their Funding Roundup report on June 29, Community College Daily featured Broward College’s gift of \$300,000 from Advance Auto Parts Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Advance Auto Parts, Inc., which will boost the College’s automotive technology program.. | [Read the article](#)

Advance Foundation Gifts \$300K to Broward College

AfterMarket News posted an article on their website on June 9 featuring Advance Foundation’s \$300,000 gift to Broward College to increase participation in the College’s automotive technology program, as well as providing needed tools and equipment to support student learning. | [Read the article](#)

Boca pickleball player celebrates new complex at Broward College

In an article published on Saturday, June 29, the Sun Sentinel featured the opening of the Diadem Pickleball Sports Complex at Broward College in a story about Jake Teich, a pickleball enthusiast and former Broward College student. | [Read the article](#)

Diadem Sports Opens Area’s First Indoor Court Dedicated to Pickleball

In an article published on Tuesday, June 20, The Pelican featured the opening of the Diadem Pickleball Sports Complex on Broward College’s North Campus. | [Read the article](#)

Megan R. Cottle Tapped as Broward College’s New Vice President for Advancement, Executive Director of the Broward College Foundation

The Broward College Office of Advancement recently welcomed Megan R. Cottle as vice president, Advancement and executive director, Broward College Foundation. Her core responsibilities include serving as the primary liaison to the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors, and major donor fundraising to support the College’s students, academic programs, and learning facility enhancements. Previously, VP Cottle was the Senior Director for Institutional Giving and Innovation at Baptist Health South Florida. Among her professional affiliations, she is a member of Class XL Leadership Broward and Class X of Leadership University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is an active community volunteer serving on the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance’s entrepreneurship committee, the University of Alabama Alumni Society’s event chair, and the Fairchild Palms scholarship chair.



Megan R. Cottle

Broward College Foundation Hosts Board Meeting and Reception at YMCA

On Thursday, May 25, the Broward College Foundation hosted its board meeting and reception for the first time at L.A. Lee YMCA/ Mizell Community Center. Following the meeting, board members, honorary members, Broward College administrators, Office of Advancement colleagues, and Endowed Teaching Chair (ETC) award recipients enjoyed a special video in the venue’s Black Box Theater that featured a recap of each of the ETC award presentation. Attendees enjoyed a tour of the facility hosted by Vice President of Workforce Education and Innovation Karen Torres and Workforce Education and Innovation Coordinator Silvio Arana, where they learned about the background of the YMCA.



Members of the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors

Broward College’s Major Gifts Officer Jim DeChant to Participate in Dancing with the Local Stars

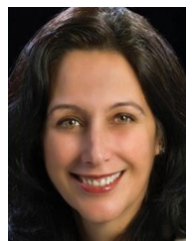
Hosted by Women in Distress, the Dancing with the Local Stars event will feature several local celebrity dancers, including Broward College’s Major Gifts Officer Jim DeChant on Saturday, July 8, at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center. This event is open to the public and proceeds will benefit Women in Distress of Broward County, an important partner of Broward College for decades. This event adds to the College’s ongoing commitment to meeting workforce demands and secure good-paying jobs for women and men despite being victims of abuse and domestic violence.

[To purchase tickets, click here.](#)



Gloria M. Fernandez Appointed for Service on Broward College Foundation Board

Gloria M. Fernandez was appointed to the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors during its meeting on Thursday, May 25. She previously served on the College’s Board of Trustees between October 2013 and February 2023. Fernandez is a long-term resident of Broward County and is a graduate of the University of Miami, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees. Fernandez is a licensed real estate broker in the state of Florida and currently serves as chief operating officer at HB Capital, a privately held real estate owner, investor, and developer based in Miami.



Gloria M. Fernandez

Alumni and Friends Collaborated with College Academy on Final Assembly of the Year

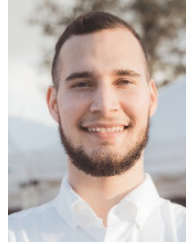
This term marked the first time that College Academy and Broward College Alumni and Friends partnered to establish awareness among College Academy graduates about their place as alumni of Broward College. Alumni Engagement Manager Anthony Stewart spoke at the College Academy's final assembly of the year, addressing 400 students. Graduating seniors were presented with an official Broward College Alumni pin and introduced to the concept of alumni pride. They were also encouraged to join the alumni group on LinkedIn to engage in conversations and learn about the resources available to them.



College Academy students pose for a photo during the academy's final assembly of the year. Graduates were invited to join Broward College alumni groups to learn about available resources.

Broward College Alumnus, Adjunct Professor of the Year Shares Passion for Cybersecurity

On Thursday, June 15, Alumni and Friends hosted a virtual webinar with Broward College alumnus Albert Rodriguez, recently recognized as a Broward College Adjunct Professor of the Year. In a virtual room filled with students, faculty, staff, and Broward College Foundation board members, including Reginald Andre (chief executive officer of ARK Solvers), Professor Rodriguez shared his passion for cybersecurity as a student and how he is now paying it forward by teaching other future tech professionals. Rodriguez currently leads a team of highly skilled hackers as a Managing Security Consultant (MSC) at Guidepoint Security. He is also known for sharing his expertise with aspiring professionals at various institutions around the U.S.



Albert Rodriguez

BOARD NEWS

Broward College Board of Trustees Approve Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023-24

On Tuesday, June 27, the Broward College Board of Trustees approved the proposed budgets for the annual operating (Fund 1), student activities (Fund 2), auxiliary (Fund 3), and annual capital outlay (Fund 7) for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The annual operating budget of more than \$200 million was developed with the assumption that there would be no increase in tuition or fees for students. As described in a college-wide message sent on Monday, July 3, from the Vice President of Procurement and Chief Financial Officer Rabia Azhar, the budget will prioritize investments in enrollment, faculty compensation, and campus safety.

In the area of enrollment, VP Azhar said the College will expand the dual enrollment capacity. This is based on successful efforts to increase dual enrollment students by 26 percent the previous year. The College is therefore investing in additional personnel to support further growth in this area. Additionally, the College will now redeploy student services staff to focus on reward frameworks encouraging enrollment from all public and private high schools. Other budget highlights in VP Azhar's message included directing funding from the state to address the long-awaited re-construction of Buildings 56 and 57 on the North Campus which will serve as a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics hub in support of the College's strategic efforts to answer the call for health care professionals and the technology talent needs of the community. The College will also continue funding for the implementation of a new student information system. As stated in the college-wide message, the budget prioritizes the Broward County community and focuses on maximizing the College's mission to transform lives.

Policy Changes

[Policy 6Hx2-1.14 and Procedure A6Hx2-1.14 - Contracts and Authority](#)

Per this policy change, the Board will approve all consulting contracts entered into by the College regardless of amount. However, legal services and consulting and information technology services and consulting, if any, are excluded by this Policy and Procedure. Those contracts will follow the remaining rules regarding contract threshold amounts.