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Expanding the Possibilities

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**Indian River State College**
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**Miami Dade College**
Mr. Mark Johnson, Chapter President

**Palm Beach State College**
Mr. Raymond Coulter, Chapter President

AFC Region V Highlights

Region V in collaboration with Administration, CPEC, and the Facilities Commission held a successful Regional Conference in beautiful Palm Beach Gardens, March 26-27, 2015. Below is a breakdown of the activities, sessions, sponsors, reflections and recognitions:

- Social and Networking Reception with a resolution presented by Mike Brawer to Dr. Dennis Gallon on the evening before the conference
- Gold Sponsors – Allegion and Follett Higher Education
- Silver Sponsors – Balfour Beatty Construction
- Bronze Sponsor – Cengage Higher Education
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- Additional Sponsors – Pepsi and CDW-G
- Exhibitor – Grand Canyon University
- PBSC – Recognized as Exceptional Host and awarded a Plaque by Wanda Curtiss, Region Director
- 90 AFC members attended
- 47 Chair Massages
- 60 Vision Screenings
- The Center for Early Learning donated the pots decorated by children.
- PBSC’s horticulture department and campus nursery, donated the native Florida plants used as centerpieces and later raffled as door prizes.
- Chapter Reports – each chapter president in attendance gave a report on recent activities, chapter membership and was presented with a thank you gift by the Regional Director.
- Service Project – Women in Distress of Broward County – More than 150 suits, handbags and a cash donation were collected.
- Roundtable Discussion – Finding Our Voice as Leaders
  - Participants – Dr. Dan Rodkin, AFC President; Ms. LaFran Rennin, VP of Regions and Chapters; Dr. Robert Flores, VP of Commissions; Mr. Raymond Coulter, PBSC Chapter President; Tracy Glidden, Career & Professional Employee Commission Chair; Dr Tunjarnika Ferrell-Coleman, Administration Commission Chair
  - Discussion included AFC’s role in personal and professional development, how AFC can have a louder voice and more active presence, and discussion of legislative issues
- CPEC-sponsored FRS presentations 30-40+ combined attendees
  - Cash & Debt Management
  - Education Planning
- Professional Development Sessions Included a presentation by the Social Security Administration on Retirement, The Institute for Energy and Environmental Sustainability, Accessing your AFC benefits, Motivational Factors for Succeeding in the online environment, “HOTT” – Hands on Tactics Training Program, Single Stop Partnership and The Kathryn Davis Global Education Center.
- Region V in conjunction with the retiree committee will be launching an initiative to recruit retirees as mentors. Several retirees attended and signed up for the challenge.
- Our 2016 Regional Conference will be hosted at Broward College
The Region V Team of Scientists

VP of Regions and Chapters, Ms. Lafran Reddin

Allegion Sponsor, Brian Mead and Region Director, Wanda Curtiss waiting on a massage

Sponsors and Exhibitors
The Broward College Chapter of AFC has been underway with many activities and strategic plans for 2015! To name a few:

- In January, the Broward College Chapter participated in the AFC Leadership Conference in Gainesville, FL. 6 members attended and returned to the institution with valuable information on how to enhance our AFC efforts amongst employees.

- In February, the Broward College Chapter held its annual Valentine’s Day Carnation Sale fundraiser, where we delivered over 1000 carnations college wide to show how much we care for and appreciate our colleagues, receiving over $1700.00 in sales, with a large portion going back to the Chapter for increased social and professional development activities.

- In March, the Broward College Chapter participated in the AFC Region V Conference where we led the Women in Distress Service Project collecting 61 items of professional clothing, along with shoes and purses that contributed to over 150 items being collected overall by the Region! The Chapter had 10 members in attendance, enthusiastic about learning more about what the Association can do for them, and how they can become more engaged in activities!

- The Broward College AFC Chapter has held 3 board meetings in 2015 that we have made open to general members. Great initiatives have been discussed and are in the process of implementation, including, but not limited to:
  
  o Creating a summer community service and fundraising project for institutional and community building
  o Enhancing our chapter presence in various areas of social media
  o Developing an AFC BC Chapter newsletter for college-wide distribution at the end of each term
  o Creating an AFC BC Chapter leadership manual to pass down to future board members for smoother officer transition and for knowledge sharing of best practices amongst chapters
The chapter is also committed to developing a well-defined chapter mission that aligns with the overall Association mission to better ensure that we are participating in purpose driven activities with more effective and measurable outcomes.

**Florida Keys Community College**
Dr. Carolyn Charron, Chapter President
The Florida Keys Chapter is providing their members with regular updates on the legislation. They also played a key role in helping to organize the Regional conference at PBSC and have been actively involved in recruiting members for their chapter.

**Indian River State College**
Dr. Paul Horton, Chapter President
IRSC held several spring activities from the social committee including:

- Wine Tasting and Social at Endless Summer Vineyard & Winery
- AFC Social and Planetarium Show at Hallstrom Planetarium
- AFC Social and Karaoke at Cowboys BBQ and Steak Co.
- IRSC/AFC Family Night Social at Tradition Field, Home of the St. Lucie Mets

IRSC AFC Chapter had 2 members attend the AFC Region V Spring Conference held at Palm Beach State College

IRSC AFC Chapter Member Brenda Rante Presented “**HOTT – “Hands on Tactics Training Program”** at Region V Spring Conference

IRSC AFC Chapter Awarded 13 Individual Scholarships to IRSC students.

Chapter Fundraisers Included:
- Annual Carnation Sales
- Dine and Donate at Cowboys BBQ and Steak Co.

Community Service Projects included:
- Collection for the Hibiscus Children’s Center
- Annual March for Babies
- Co-Sponsored Adjunct Faculty Recognition and Awards Ceremony
- Set up Information and Recruitment table at Adjunct Faculty Recognition and Awards Ceremony and signed up three potential new adjunct faculty members
In celebration of IRSC’s 40th anniversary as a Federal Depository Library, Mia Tignor, Emerging Technologies Librarian, presented at IRSC AFC April Chapter Meeting an overview of legislative resources accessible through both the Federal and Florida Government LibGuides. These guides include access to databases, information about Florida and U.S. governments, government statistics, current and historic legislation, and more.

**Miami Dade College**

Mr. Mark Johnson, Chapter President
Hialeah, Homestead, Inter-American, Kendall, Medical, North, Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurial Center, West and Wolfson Campuses

2015 Community Service Projects

- AFC Partnership with Single Stop and United Faculty of MDC , Meals for hope Event – 50,000 meals packed - March 6, 2015

- AFC Partnership with Single Stop Eat Right Campaigns and Food Give-A-Ways

- During Region V Conference, MDC donated cash and clothing to Women's In Distress of Broward County.

- MDC Chapter will donate towards the Walter Smith Library during the Joint Commissions Conference

- The Parks Foundation *In the company of Women Award*
  MDC North Campus Honoree and Recipient Nominated by AFC - MDC chapter
  Dr. Malou Harrison, President - March 5, 2015
Pictured from left to right – AFC retiree, Shirly Ferguson, H. Carrie P. Meek Center Executive Director, H. Leigh Toney, Ms. Georgette Perez, North Campus Interim Dean of Students, World Languages Chairperson, Ms. Catherine Hanus-Zank, Ms. Harrison, Dr. Malou Harrison, Campus President North-West, AFC VP and Region Director, Ms. Wanda Curtiss, Single-Stop Coordinator, Ms. Taneisha Wright and MDC Chapter President, Mark Johnson.

**Professional Development:**

- **AFC Book Award** – given to a deserving AFC member completing college credit courses
- **Monthly Lunch & Learn Series** – workshops/sessions designed for members and other employees to network and exchange ideas on teaching & learning and to increase member participation
- **Survey of Professional Need for a specific campuses** – survey will obtain data to create CT&D workshops that interest staff and provides professional dev. opportunities
- **Strengthen Your Commission’s Involvement** - the chapter has selected three commission to get involved and increase participation in state-wide commission activities (Learning Resources, Student Development, and Faculty Commissions)

**Leadership:**

- **MDC AFC Chapter** - Five AFC officers attended the 2015 AFC Leadership Conference in Gainesville, FL earlier this year. Ms. Curtiss (West VP and Region Director) participated in a panel discussion on using circles and region pages to recruit and engage members.
- **AFC Campus Engagement Team for Outreach Team** – the engagement team comprises of several AFC members that coordinates special chapter events (community service projects, the chapter newsletter, and engagement in more AFC Regional, State, and Commission events and activities to share best practices
- **MDC AFC Bi-monthly Executive Board Meetings** – MDC decided to rotate campus meetings during the bi-monthly scheduling.
- **MDC AFC Monthly Campus Meetings** – each campus will hold regular meetings on a monthly basis to develop activities related to the mission of AFC.

**Community Sponsorships:**

- **AFC Partners with SSC** – sponsored the annual Adopt-a-School to supplies school supplies to students K-3 at Dunbar Elementary
- **AFC Region V Bridge to Hope 2014** – school supplies and monetary donations
• **The Parks Foundation** – AFC nominated President Malou Harrison and the winner for the **In the Company of Women Education Award** for women who have contributed to our community through service and great leadership

• **AFC Partnered with SCC & The Miami Rescue Mission** – Annual Hope Tote Drive – project designed to assist the homeless & filled 25 tote bags of food and other items

• **“Eat Well, Do Well” on Tax Day April 15th** – food give-away - combine healthy eating and heathy financial empowerment with Single Stop Tax assistance for students (free tax sessions for students January to April)

• Meals of Hope Meal Packing – assisted in packaging 50,000 meals for needy students and their families

**Innovation**

**Membership Challenges** – To address the need to maintain an accurate count of AFC members at our College, the AFC president has implemented a plan to integrate the technology of the AFC Membership website to revise the recording and reporting system.

**Networking**

• AFC Annual Holiday Event
• Advocacy Makes Difference -Facilitator, Dr. Ana Ciereszko, Retired AFC Member
• AFC/SSC Retiree party for Bertha Cabrera
• Chili and Pasta Cook Off Day
• Lunch & Learn Series
• Miami Heat Day
• Monthly AFC Campus Meetings
• Bi-monthly Executive Board Meeting
• Membership Drives – ongoing
• AFC Thanksgiving Appreciation Luncheon

**Fundraising**

• **Slice the Price** Domino’s Pizza Cards – collected $800 +
• AFC Hot-dog Sales – collected $600
• Raffle Ticket Sales – A kindle Fire and additional items were raffled
• Miami Heat Day – Offer Discounted Tickets to members
• Fundraiser to send 10 AFC Members to the Region V Conference
• MDC AFC Goal – fundraise to allow 15 additional AFC members to attend the 66th Annual Convention in Orlando, FL

Palm Beach State College
Raymond Coulter, Chapter President

Palm Beach State College ended 2014 on a high note by concluding the year with a successful holiday party before the winter break, with approximately 35 attendees. PBSC raffle raised $250 and had a Kindle Fire as the grand prize. Upon returning to work in January, the PBSC chapter went into overdrive and began working with the Region V Executive Board in planning the Regional Conference. Please find below a monthly listing of activities for the PBSC chapter:

January:

• A social at the Lake Worth beach bonfire. We had 16 attendees for the evening, including the VP of Academic Affairs and the VP of Business Services.
• The MLK Day of Service. We partnered with Student services to bag rice and color pictures for needy children and families. 6 from our chapter participated, including our Lake Worth Campus Provost.
• AFC Leadership Conference in Gainesville. We had 6 in attendance.

February:

• The Slide the City event, held in downtown West Palm Beach, gave us a discount code which recorded 41 ticket sales. After, we attended a Green Earth celebration on the next block at the Meyer Amphitheater.
• Saturday breakfast at the West Palm Beach Green Market. We had 9 in attendance, including the Provost of the Eissey Campus which is located in Palm Beach Gardens.

March:

• A social honoring PBSC President, Dr. Dennis Gallon. This was the evening before the Region V conference. We had approximately 40 in attendance. Michael Brawer presented him with a gift and one of our music professors played a personal classical guitar serenade for him.
• The Region V conference. We had almost 100 in attendance, including 39 from PBSC. The focus was sustainability and we designed an entire theme around this concept. One of our members offered her students as volunteers and allowed them to write an essay on their experience and observations. Our service project was Women in Distress of Broward County. The region collected over 200 suits.

April:
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- AFC Legislative Days in Tallahassee. We had 4 members in attendance.
- Our annual book sale, in conjunction with National Library Week. It was our most successful fundraiser to date, raising over $4300 for our chapter and AFC Scholarship. We donated the unsold books to Faith Farm, a local charity that works with alcoholics and addicts on their roads to recovery.
- The Special Olympics at John I. Leonard. We had 3 volunteers in attendance.
- We took a collection of assorted hygiene items for our homeless students. We gathered 2 file boxes of soaps, shampoos, lotions, toothpaste, mouthwash, feminine products, etc.
- A social gathering at the Boynton Beach Ale House. We had 16 in attendance.

PBSC will send 7 members to the Joint Commission Conference, where Ray Coulter, PBSC Chapter President, will be presenting on behalf of the Facilities Commission, and Dr. Bob Van Der Velde will be presenting on behalf of the Administration Commission. In attendance will be Dr. Magdala Ray, a semifinalist for AFC Professor of the Year. PBSC is currently collecting clothing for the homeless in the community and is working to invite local politicians to visit and speak at several campuses. Finally, at the end of May, PBSC will be holding a social gathering to thank all those members who worked to support the nomination for Chapter of the Year. PBSC will keep their fingers crossed until November in hopes of being the victor for Chapter of the year.

Submitted by
Wanda Curtiss, Director, Region V