

The Region I Spring Conference was held at The Ghazvini Center for Health Care Education, Tallahassee Community College, on Friday, April 14. The conference was a joint effort between Region I and the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Commission. The conference was by all measures a success. Each college in the region was represented, and there were 66 total participants. The day of sharing and training included a variety of breakout sessions and plenary sessions that were as inclusive and diverse as the members in our region.

Region I Updates by Chapter:

#### Tallahassee Community College

- TCC hosted a successful Spring Conference for Region I and we were in collaboration with the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Commission. This conference was held Friday, April 14, 2017 at Tallahassee Community College, Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education. We had roughly 70 people in attendance. We had three concurrent sections with four presentations during each session.
- TCC had 2 representatives in attendance at the Region II Spring Conference in Madison. Region 1 partnered with CPEC Commission. Sharon Walker, TCC Chapter President and Region 1 Rep for CPEC and Gregory Williams, TCC Treasurer and CPEC Chair – Elect were in attendance.
- TCC had 6 people in attendance at the Student Development Conference, May 16-18 in Wesley Chapel, Pasco-Hernando State College. Patrick McDermott and Melissa Scalzi, both faculty members from TCC made a presentation titled, “Building Leadership and Teamwork through Service-Learning Projects.”
- TCC is planning to send representatives to the Campus Safety Symposium in Ocala in June.
- TCC is setting up for June Elections for the positions of Secretary/Publications and Membership Chairs.
- TCC is also, actively planning activities for next year.
- The TCC AFC Executive (7 members) are participating in the CCP program this year.
- We are in the process of increasing our number by attending division and department meetings and giving the AFC story.

#### Chipola College

- Chipola Cookout (free for all college employees and retirees, more than 20 retirees attended the event)
- Food Drive for Chipola Family Ministries
- Members attended the Region 1 Spring Meeting at Tallahassee Community College (allowed us to reconnect with members that had not been active in AFC in recent years)
- Co-Sponsored Professional Development opportunity for Faculty Retreat
- Provided goodie bags for softball and baseball teams traveling to their respective state tournaments
- In the process of reviewing chapter scholarship nominations for Fall 2017
- Provided updates during the legislative session to chapter members regarding education proposals

#### Northwest Florida State College

- February 1st, 13th, & 22<sup>nd</sup>, our final three dates for the concession stand saw the end of our major fundraising project for the year.
- Presentation of the January AFC Raider Recognition award to K.C. Williams, Gallery Director (nominated by Jeannette Shires) and photo-op for the college newsletter Raider Review.
- Presentation of a special AFC Raider Honor award to Cory St. John of the College Barnes & Noble Bookstore (nominated by Dr. Anne Southard) and photo-op for the college newsletter Raider Review.
- April Leake and June Gibson gave a ten minute presentation on the AFC to 15 people at the Humanities, Fine & Performing Arts Departmental Meeting and left handouts and membership applications. (One person joined later that day!)
- What do you get when you combine ten adults, four kids, five pizzas, thirty cupcakes& cookies, and a whole bunch of craft supplies? 50+ homemade valentines for the residents at Twin Cities Pavilion Assisted Living Facility and a whole lot of laughter and chatting.
- April Leake dropped off the homemade valentines with Twin Cities Pavilion after getting a picture by their sign. (We didn't want to take a picture with a resident for privacy's sake, especially as we were planning on posting it to Twitter.)
- With guest speaker Susan Kliemann of CareerSource Okaloosa Walton.
- Ten attendees (including one retiree) attended the Fine Arts Tour led by Humanities Department Chair Jeremy Ribando. We got to see behind the curtain - the sound booth, the lights, the stage, the costuming, the greenroom, the carpentry workshop, the dance studio - and hear about the college classes but also about how the professional tours that come through use our students in all those areas. So our students get real-world experience in addition to the traditional educational training which in many cases led to placements in the industry! We also got to see the art studios where the pottery, sculpture, painting, etc. classes are conducted.
- Presentation of the February AFC Raider Recognition award to Amy Junger, Instructional Support Specialist for the English, Communications, and Social Science Department (nominated by Deanna Simpson, Instructional Support Specialist for the Sciences Department) and photo-op for the college newsletter Raider Review.
- In keeping with the SGA's Woodstock/Raiderstock theme we had a Woodstock or Bust song challenge. Students had to race their groovy VW van across a NY state map to Woodstock by finishing song lyrics karaoke style. Having groups of four or five students belting out Monkees songs was rather hilarious, and we had a few tell us we were their favorite table!
- Open invitation to any AFC members who are planning on attending any college fine arts production to sit together for the show and make plans for dinner before for anyone who is free.
- Dr. Schjott gave a presentation on the research project he conducted with the Okaloosa county Shelter House and the COPE Center in Defuniak. 35 attended, the Olive Garden provided lunch, the Shelter House sent two representatives, and donations were collected for the House as well as volunteer opportunities presented. Held at the FWB Campus. Open to students, college employees/retirees, and general public.
- AFC sponsored Paul Lux, Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections, and Mary Blackwell, President of the LWV of Okaloosa County Presentation. Presentation about how to speak to your elected officials (letters, emails, in-person, town meetings, social media, etc.), how to get involved and

informed, and web resources. Held at the Niceville Campus. Open to college employees/retirees, SGA members, and LWV members.

- AFC cosponsored with the LWV of Okaloosa County Presentation on the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Community Alliance. Phyllis Gonzalez, DCF's 1st Circuit Community Development Administrator, will explain how this [collaborative partnership](#) supports vulnerable children in our community. The Okaloosa rep, Rick Own, also spoke. Held at the Niceville Campus, open to students, college employees/retirees, and public.
- March AFC Raider Recognition award presented to Samantha Linder. Presentation of the March AFC Raider Recognition Samantha Linder, Mattie M. Kelly Environmental Institute Coordinator (nominated by Dr. Dana Stephens, Director Mattie M. Kelly Environmental Institute, Mattie M. Kelly Chair in Environmental Science) and photo-op for the college newsletter Raider Review.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Region 1 Conference! Our Chapter is sending 7 people from chapter AFC SPD funds and two additional attendees paid out of their departmental funds. We've collected diapers, a major door prize worth over \$200 and representing our counties.

#### Gulf Coast State College

- Since our update at the regional meeting, we have conducted a survey of all GCSC employees to ascertain their feelings about our AFC chapter. We are pleased to report that a majority of the respondents joined AFC because of our advocacy efforts and professional development opportunities and they would be most interested in participating in charitable works during the year. This has given us renewed purpose and adjusted our plans for the next year.
- We held our 1<sup>st</sup> virtual meeting last month and not only did we have new members attend but we had more than are normally able to come. This prompted me to create a Canvas "course" for our AFC chapter so that we can have meetings, discussion boards, and a place to keep documents...just a dedicated place for our AFC activities.
- Last month, our chapter recognized 5 employees at our End-of-Year meeting and luncheon that have completed educational degrees.
- As a fundraiser, we sold flowers at our May 5<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony.
- We are planning our final social of the year and the "transferring of the gavel" for the end of this month.

#### Pensacola State College

- One of our members is currently enrolled in the CCP Program (Summer Kreiser)
- Provide refreshments at District Board of Trustees Meetings (ongoing—monthly)
- Solicit new members at all Human Resource New Hire Orientations (ongoing)
- Updating on Twitter, Facebook and Website (ongoing)
- Planning for the 2018 Region I Spring Conference to be hosted in Pensacola
- Sent one member to the CPEC/Facilities Conference in Madison, FL on April 6-7, 2017
- Sent ten members to the Region I Spring Conference in Tallahassee, FL on April 14, 2017

- Sent one member to the Region III/Facilities Joint Spring Conference in Melbourne, FL on April 21, 2017
- Sent three members to the Region IV/WACE/IEPPD Joint Conference in Clearwater, FL on April 28, 2017
- Sold flowers at Pensacola State College Graduation Ceremonies on May 4 and May 7, 2017
- Provided coffee and donuts in the Pensacola State College Veteran's Lounge on May 15, 2017
- Sent three members to the Student Development Commission Meeting at Pasco Hernando State College on May 16-18, 2017
- Sending at least eight members to the Safety Symposium in Ocala, FL on June 28-30, 2017
- Held elections for 2017-2018 AFC Officers