



**Association of Florida Colleges**  
**Region I Board Report**  
Submitted by Melonie Miner

**Region Director:** David DelRossi, Tallahassee Community College

**Director – Elect:** Melonie Miner, Pensacola State College

**Chipola College – submitted by Chapter President, Joc Calloway, Ed.S**

The Fall General Membership Meeting was held September 21st. The 2017-18 AFC Scholars were recognized. We awarded nine scholarships of \$1,600.00 for the academic year, for a total of \$14,400. Since 1995, over \$130,000 has been given in scholarships from our endowment.

Chipola will be sending six delegates to the 2017 AFC Annual Conference.

The Chapter sponsored multiple events since the start of the academic year:

- Back to School Luncheon for all employees
- Faculty Professional Development for SACS Accreditation
- Campus wide Employee SACS Informational Sessions

At the Back to School luncheon, the chapter accepted donations for the Chipola Ministries Food Bank. The chapter collected over fifty pounds of food and \$333.25 to donate to those in need in the local area.

The Chapter co-sponsored “Show Your Colors” event to kick-off college football season. This was a great opportunity for membership development.

Chapter President, Joc Calloway, Ed.S.

**Gulf Coast State College – submitted by Chapter President, Rita Miller**

GCSC chapter has met twice since the start of our new calendar year. Our Executive Board has met three times and we finalized our first quarter activities.

We hosted a Welcome Back Social for all faculty and staff for the 2017-2018 academic year. During the social, the presidential gavel was passed from the 2016-2017 Chapter President, Wendy Dover to the 2017-2018 Chapter President, Rita Miller.

We presented Allison Reynolds with a \$500.00 scholarship to Gulf Coast State College.

We have a new membership committee to work on increasing chapter membership.

GCSC chapter will co-sponsor the Faculty Professional Development workshops. The next workshop is October 26th on Student Engagement.

- Upcoming First Quarter Activities
- Annual Turkey Bowl (benefits United Way)
- Holiday Meat Fundraiser
- Holiday Tending Tree Service Project
- Panama City Christmas Parade
- Port St. Joe Christmas Parade
- AFC Christmas Holiday Party

### **Northwest Florida State College, submitted by Chapter President, Pam Walters**

June Activities:

- June 1, 2017 AFC Membership Drive/Office Supply Swap & Ice Cream Social
  - The ice cream helped draw people to the Office Supply Swap and Membership Drive. We had a laptop set up for those who might want to apply online and paper applications to take with them. We also had fliers and boards with information about AFC at the state, region, commission, and chapter level. Two people joined that day.
- June 9, 2017 NWFSC AFC at the NWFSC Retirees Lunch
  - The NWF Retiree group was gracious enough to invite April Leake to their Summer Luncheon. They posed with the AFC sign and Ms. Leake was able to present information about the Retiree Commission/Mentor Program. (Handouts were provided.) April also gathered email addresses to update our distribution list for those not currently receiving the "AFC Retiree" invite emails.
- June 14, 2017 Transition Planning (Executive Board Meeting)
  - Executive board meeting to lay out the plans for the upcoming year. It was also open to anyone who might be interested in taking an officer position for this or a future year.
- June 29, 2017 NWF State College submitted Edgar Lara for the 2017 AFC Leroy Collins Distinguished Alumni Award.
- June 29, 2017 AFC/Recruitment Raider Rocks Social
  - NWFSC AFC Chapter partnered with the NWF Recruiters to help them paint rocks for a viral marketing project. We painted various NWF programs (Dental, Firefighting, Welding) and NWF logos (Jimmy Raider, NWF Athletics) that Recruiting left around Okaloosa and Walton counties. Our Barnes & Noble donated coffee and goodies.
- June 30, 2017 Tammy Albers received the June AFC Raider Recognition award.
  - Tammy Albers was nominated by Karen Kurth, formerly of the Fort Walton Beach campus, for her willingness to always lend a helping hand with a pleasant and cheerful attitude. "She goes above and beyond the requirements of a part-time employee and holds the college's mission and vision in all she does," said Karen of Tammy.

July Activities:

- July 19-22, 2017 Summer NWF College Musical: Sister Act Meet Up
  - For the Friday night production some of us met for dinner before the show (including one retiree) and the rest met at the theatre (including two other retirees). The Saturday group didn't do dinner before, but still met for the show.
- July 23, 2017 Concession Stand (Fundraising) for the NJCAA Women's Basketball All Star Weekend
  - Our first fundraising project for the year - we were open for the Sunday game selling concessions at the basketball game.
- July 28, 2017 Student Life/AFC Raider Rocks Social
  - NWFSC AFC Chapter partnered with Student Life to organize a rock painting party. Student Life wanted "Rocks of Encouragement" left around campus for students to discover throughout the day for the New Student Orientation, "Operation Be a Raider" on August 11th.
- July 31, 2017 Submitted Dr. Patrice Williams-Shuford for the AFC Administration Commission Leadership Excellence Award.
  - On August 2, 2017 we were notified that Patrice was selected as one of the recipients for the award!
- July 31, 2017 Sgt. Jo Culberson received the July AFC Raider Recognition award
  - "For the month of [July], Sgt. Jo Culberson of our Campus Police Department was selected for Raider Recognition! Jo was nominated by Mr. Billy Looper, Campus Police Chief and Criminal Justice Director. Chief Looper commended Sgt. Culberson for her wonderful influence on her fellow officers and the campus community alike. "Jo pours her heart into every task and always jumps in where she is needed," said Chief Looper. Congratulations to Jo, and thank you for continuing to strive for excellence for the students of NWFSC!" We would like to add on behalf of the AFC chapter that we appreciate her support of AFC and our social media!

#### August Activities:

- August 16, 2017 Fall Convocation 2017 – Membership Drive & More
  - NWFSC AFC set up a membership table with boxes for door prizes, membership information, and a 50/50 fundraiser. We gave away three memberships to new AFC members and three Barnes & Noble gift cards to current AFC members. The 50/50 raised a total of \$146.00, with \$73.00 won by Ms. Tess Vaccaro, new AFC member.
  - The remaining \$73.00 was posted to the AFC account.
- August 16, 2017 Fall Convocation 2017 Adjunct Faculty Session
  - That evening NWFSC AFC set up a membership table and brought fliers to each of the tables before the reception. One person joined on the spot!
- August 17, 2017 Fall Convocation 2017
  - NWFSC AFC set up a membership table with fliers and information about upcoming events that was left in the main area where Faculty Training Sessions were being held all day to catch the eye of anyone passing by.
- August 18, 2017 Fall Convocation 2017 AFC General Membership Meeting

- NWFSC AFC held its first General Membership meeting of the year just before the ice-cream-social (a great draw) to discuss Convention and plans for the year and introduce its new officers. During the meeting we had a nomination and acceptance to fill a gap in our board as Deidre Price became Publications Chair.
- August 29, 2017 AFC Sponsorship of a team/ NWFSC Fall Golf Classic
  - AFC voted to sponsor a team for the Fall Golf Classic sponsored by the Athletics Department here on campus. Team AFC will consist of: Mr. Billy Looper, Ms. Gay Lynn Brown, Ms. Julie Nelson and Mr. Ronnie Stanley. The tournament will be held at Rocky Bayou Country Club on September 29th. Sponsorship cost was \$450.00.
- August 31, 2017 Niceville Campus Facilities received the August AFC Raider Recognition award
  - The Strategic Communications office nominated the Niceville Campus Facilities for an AFC Raider Recognition: “Our Facilities staff deserves recognition for all of the hard work they put into completely renovating and refurbishing Building 330 for our new office space. The transformation they pulled off in such a short amount of time, even with a number of roadblocks along the way, is nothing short of a miracle. It truly was a job well done.”

#### September Activities:

- September 26, 2017 AFC Sponsored National Voter Registration Day
  - AFC Past President Ms. April Leake assisted at a table to register students to vote as well as put forward a petition to restore voting privileges to non-violent offenders in the State of Florida.
- September 27, 2017 AFC Professional Development tour of the Learning Resources Center on the Niceville Campus
  - Ms. Janice Henderson, Director of the LRC and Ms. Rhonda Trueman, Acquisitions and Access Services Librarian provided a fascinating and informative lunch time tour of the NWFSC Learning Resources Center.
- September 28, 2017 AFC’s Raider Classic Golf Tournament Team participated played at the Rocky Bayou County Club
  - AFC sponsored a team consisting of Gay Lynn Brown, Vicki Hunt, Sam Hill and Billy Looper. Although the team did not make a stellar showing, a good time was had by all.
- September 28, 2017 Ms. Allison McDowell received the September AFC Raider Recognition Award
  - Ms. Alison McDowell, Director of the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance activities here at NWFSC, was nominated by her colleague, Ms. Erika Zambello. She wrote, “In July, Alison was unanimously voted onto the newly formed Choctawhatchee Estuary Coalition board of directors as their fifth member. Through her work at CBA, Alison has been instrumental in ongoing programs to enhance the water quality of the Choctawhatchee Bay and the surrounding waterways. With her help, the Coalition will create and implement a new estuary program in Choctawhatchee Bay. The board consists of a county commissioner from

Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, and Washington Counties, as well as a non-voting staff member of Eglin Air Force Base. “

- September 29, 2017 AFC Members participated in the Start! Heart Walk staged at the Niceville Campus of Northwest Florida State College
  - AFC members participated in the Heart Walk that took place on the NWFSC Niceville Campus.
  - NWFSC's AFC Chapter donated \$500.00 to this worthy fundraiser and there was a lot of participation from many different departments on campus.

#### Future Plans:

- We will have eight delegates at the AFC Annual Conference
- A Professional Development tour of the Advanced Technology and Design Department is scheduled for October 18th.
- AFC will also participate in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 28th as well as make a donation to the cause.

### **Pensacola State College – submitted by Chapter President, Tammy Henderson**

#### July 2017:

- Conducted a school supplies donation drive to donate to the local community, “Cram the Van,” which ended July 26.
- Chapter conducted nominations, and elections of new officers to take office July 1, 2017.
- College/Chapter submitted a Leroy Collins award nomination.
- Conferences attended January 2017 through present:
  - Two (including Commission Chair) attended the Marketing and Communications Commission meeting in July Ft. Myers.
  - Two chapter members attended Legislative meeting in Tallahassee, January.
  - Eight attended the Leadership conference in Tallahassee, January.
  - Six attended the Membership Conference in Ocala, June.
  - Eight attended the Campus Safety Symposium in Ocala, June.

#### August 2017:

- Provided an Exhibitor Table with information, and recruitment materials, at Convocation Program, August 16, 2017.
- Fall Convocation Activities: sponsored breakfast, and recruited members at New Faculty and Staff Day, August 15, 2017.
- Chapter President was a speaker on the agenda at Saturday Adjunct Orientation, August 26, adding four new (part-time) members.
- Preparing a Chancellor's Best Practice Award.
- Executive Committee meeting, August 2, 2017, officers planned and discussed upcoming Chapter projects. Officers were asked to do a by-laws review, August 7, 2017.

#### September 2017:

- Started a fundraiser of Rada Cutlery sales to run through the end of October.

- Chapter members meeting was held September 6, 2017, with CEO/Executive Director, Mike Brawer; and Dr. Robert Flores, State President, as guests who spoke to the group. Also provided a business meeting, refreshments, special recognitions, and a door prize.
- College President agreed to sponsor one free membership of fall members (drawing). Winner drawn September 6.
- Payroll deduction cycle for dues of fall new and renewed members starts with pay September 15.
- Submitted a Chapter of the Year entry, September 1.
- Collected and donated used Mardi Gras beads to Arc local organization throughout the summer.

#### October 2017:

- Conducting a fundraiser, sale of gift bags of pecans from local retailer, Renfro Pecans, for boss' day, October 16.
- Partnering with the state office and AFC Foundation community service on collecting donations for Hurricane Irma victims.
- Recruiting members, and established a five-pay deduction cycle for dues (1 in September 2 in October, and 2 in November).
- Organizing the group for attendance to the 68th State Convention; 15 members to attend.

#### Other:

- Added 16 new members from late summer to present. Added 80 new members from March to September.
- Provide refreshments to the Board of Trustees every month, and receive recognition from the College President.
- Planning 2018 Region I to be hosted by Pensacola.
- During HR Orientation session, usually weekly, do a membership pitch; provide application for membership and web link.
- Awards Committee Chair, Carol Quinn, is working on judging, including numerous chapter books.
- Updates to Facebook page with events and notices ongoing.

### **Tallahassee Community College – submitted by Chapter President, Sharon Walker**

#### July 2017:

- One member attended the AFC/CCP Legislative Process & Advocacy Workshop, Ft. Myers
- Four members attended the CPEC Board meeting, AFC State Office, Tallahassee
- Chapter email meeting finalizing Chapter By-laws for 2017-2018.

#### August 2017:

- Membership table set up at TCC Employees Campaign/RISE awards Ceremony

#### September 2017:

- Chapter EBoard meeting – planning for Annual Conference, member attendance and travel details.

October 2017:

- Finalizing plans for Annual Conference
- Membership Table set up at TCC Employees Benefits Enrollment – WD Building
- Accepting donations and item for AFC Annual Conference Service community service project – collecting items and donations for Hurricane Irma victims.
- Submitted Chapter of the Year book entry

Other items:

- Greg Williams will be the next Chair of the CPEC Commission
- Sabrina Dyck & Jeff Liang will be presenting their winning entry for the Learning Resources Exemplary Practice.
- Michele Dames will be presenting at the Annual Conference.
- Submitted entry for Distinguished Service Award