

Association of Florida Colleges Region V Report for Board of Director's November 10, 2015

Theme: Building Stronger Relationships by Recruiting Leaders

Region Director, Wanda Curtiss, Miami Dade College Director-Elect, Dr. Denise Rodriguez, Broward College

Executive Committee:

Broward College

Florida Keys Community College

Ms. Lisa Barnes, Chapter President Dr. Carolyn Charron, Chapter President

Indian River State College

Miami Dade College

Dr. Paul Horton, Chapter President

Mark Johnson, Chapter President

Palm Beach State College

Raymond Coulter, Chapter President



Region V is currently working towards the Toys for Tots Community Service project as well as the coordination of duties for the 66th annual AFC conference. In doing so, Region V is actively seeking volunteers to run for the position of Director-Elect for the Region. In this process, we are working to ensure members seek approval to place their names on the

ballot before our annual conference. The region flyer has been sent to all members in our Region and has also been submitted for state-wide distribution. Special thanks to our Director-Elect, Dr. Denise Rodriguez for assisting in the coordination and design of the recruitment flyer. We are also looking forward to recognizing our Region Un-Sung Heroes as well as presenting one deserving member with the Lifesaver Award.

In addition to all of the above, Region V has graciously committed to donating \$500.00 towards the Foundation's *Burst the Balloon* Campaign.

Broward College

Ms. Lisa Barnes, Chapter President

- On September 30th, the AFC Broward College Chapter held its fall meeting to discuss a new focus of creating a Chapter mission that merges AFC's 2015 mission statement and goals along with Broward College's 2015-2016 Strategic Plan, which is centered around completion, retention, and enrollment. Outcomes are being developed that will demonstrate how our participation in AFC, through AFC's mission of professional growth and development, advocacy, leadership, community, innovation, and networking will add value to our roles, empowering us to effectively address and contribute to each goal of Broward College's Strategic Plan.
- 3 new members have joined the Chapter since September and are eager to participate: Steven Kennedy, Michaela Scott, Richard White.
- Planning for the AFC Annual Conference is underway! Broward College is proud to have 14 representatives in total that will be participating in various conference activities.
- Broward College's AFC Chapter is currently working in conjunction with its institution to participate in the 2016 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in honor of Dr. King's legacy to uplift the community.
- Community organizations and special needs populations are currently being reviewed in determination of a fall service project.

Congratulations to Ms. Lisa Barnes for recently being accepted into the Certified College Professional Program. Lisa will utilize the knowledge gained to enhance her continued contributions to both AFC and Broward College.

Florida Keys Community College

Dr. Carolyn Charron, Chapter President

The Florida Keys Chapter is in the process of holding several end-of-the year events as follows:

- October-holding nominations and elections (we lost several chapter executive committee members, but will be working to replace them during the upcoming elections)
- **November**-participating in Toys for Tots drive and Annual Convention
- December-holiday event and fundraiser (tentative Conch Train holiday lights tour)

Indian River State College

Dr. Paul Horton, Chapter President

Indian River State Colleges' social committee hosted the following events:

- An AFC road trip to watch the Marlins play host to the Braves.
- A Main Street Vero Beach Gallery and Restaurant Stroll in beautiful downtown Vero Beach
- Tailgate luncheon on the IRSC campus to coincide with Jeans and Jersey Day

IRSC AFC Luncheon Chapter Meetings, topics included:

- One Book, One College: IRSC Reads Frankenstein (September)
- Meet Darby the therapy dog and learn about the help she provides (October)
- Mr. David Moeberg, assistant professor at IRSC presents underwater videos taken in the Florida Keys as well as local waters (November)

Chapter Fundraisers Included *Jeans and Jersey* Day. This activity allowed all college employees the opportunity to wear jeans and jerseys as they displayed the campus spirit.

The IRSC AFC Chapter will be sending approximately 20 individuals to the 2015 AFC Annual Conference and five members have committed to present Best Practices.





Pictured above are flyers created to represent some of the events held at IRSC.

Miami Dade College

Mark Johnson, Chapter President

The Miami Dade College chapter has been actively involved in hosting various activities at all campuses. The Executive Officers recently delineated and updated Chapter objectives and bylaws, produced a plan of engagement and welcomed new members. In addition to hosting a visit by AFC's CEO and Executive Director, Mr. Michael Brawer, Miami Dade College is currently working to inform all employees that there's a place for everyone in AFC.

Some of the recent activities held include the following:

- Awareness Campaign for HeadsUp Supporting the college promise#HeadsUpAmerica
- What's In It For Me: All about Your AFC Benefits
- Prior Learning Assessment Turning your knowledge into college credit
- The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership
- Miami Book Fair
- Chapter Holiday Feast
- Presentations on Bridging the Professional Gap and The Flipped Classroom

Additionally, two AFC members were recognized through local media as South Florida's 2015 Top Black Educators.



The West Center has also rolled out its *Lunch and Learn* series for adjunct faculty. This series was developed by Region Director, Wanda Curtiss and is designed to engage not only full time faculty but also part time faculty. This series will take place during activity hour and will include training and presentations to enhance classroom management and support instructional innovations.

Palm Beach State College

Raymond Coulter, Chapter President

Palm Beach State College kicked off the fall semester with Chapter President Raymond Coulter addressing the faculty at our Fall Convocation on August 19, 2015. This was followed by an all-member meeting on September 24, 2015, featuring AFC Executive Director Michael Brawer, a legislative update by Executive Assistant to the President and College lobbyist Erin McColskey, and an address from new PBSC President, Ava L. Parker, J.D.

Below is a listing of upcoming chapter events:

- A social activity planned for Friday, October 23, 2015. To date, we have 26 RSVPs.
- PBSC will be sending 17 delegates to Annual Conference in Lake Buena Vista.
- VP Elect of Commissions Bob Van Der Velde joined Florida legislators in a rally against the guns on campus bill at FAU's Jupiter Campus.
- A planned service project for the month of November.
- A planned online auction for November.
- The Chapter will be in full support of PBSC's United Way of Palm Beach County campaign. Chapter President Raymond Coulter was personally requested to run the campaign for the college by President Parker.
- Executive Board meetings planned for October, November, and December.
- A planned holiday party for the month of December.

PBSC is excited to attend the annual conference and will cross fingers in hopes of winning the coveted Chapter of the Year title. PBSC expects to end 2015 on a high note while kicking off 2016 in grand fashion.

Congratulations to Mr. Raymond Coulter on the completion of the Certified College Professional (CCP) Program.

Submitted by Wanda Curtiss, Director, Region V