



Lt. Gov. Kottkamp with Brooke Hobbs

Community colleges celebrate 50 years!

Lt. Governor addresses anniversary event

It was a night to honor the past and celebrate the future as the Division of Community Colleges sponsored "A Golden Evening: Celebrating 50 Years of Florida's Community College System." The event, held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 in Tampa, was attended by notables, past and present and included a special appearance by the Lieutenant Governor, Jeff Kottkamp, an alumnus of Edison Community College.

FACC was well represented including four of its past presidents, Margaret Massey, Sharon Crowe, Burt Harris and Leo Diaz, and the Association's current president, Dr. Jeff Allbritten. CEO Michael Comins shared Master of Ceremony duties with Dr. E. Ann McGee, President of Seminole Community College.

The welcome was given by Dr. James Richburg, President of Okaloosa-Walton Community College, followed by an address by Dr. Jeff Hockaday, Chancellor Emeritus, Pima Community College, who spoke on "Florida's Community Colleges – A National Treasure."



Following dinner, three "Reflections on the Past" were given, one each by Dr. Will Holcombe, Interim President, Broward Community College; Dr. Walter Smith, Past President, Florida A&M University (alumnus, Gibbs Junior College); and, Wendell Williams, Past State Board of Community Colleges Chair and a founding member of the Foundation for Florida's Community College.

Celebrating the present, "A Decade of Success" were Dr. Dennis P. Gallon, President, Palm Beach Community College; Dr. Edwin R. Massey, President, Indian River Community College; and, Dr. Charles R. Mojock, President, Lake-Sumter Community College.

The night was capped by a tribute to Chancellor J. David Armstrong, Jr. who will be leaving his post to assume the Presidency of Broward County Community College soon. Eight tributes and thunderous applause concluded the event, spectacular from beginning to end.



Our thanks to Dr. Barbara Goldstein, Dean, Associate in Arts, Hillsborough Community College for photos.

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FACC partners with NSU on educational tuition grant

NSU's Fischler School of Education and Human Services, in partnership with the Florida Association of Community Colleges, is proud to announce an educational tuition grant equaling a **15% discount** for all Florida Association of Community Colleges members, full-time or part-time staff, faculty, and administrators seeking a Master's, Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies and Doctoral degree.

Eligible degree programs include the following:

- M.S. Education – various specializations
- M.S. Leadership – Concentration in Education and Human Services
- Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Education (Credits can be applied toward a doctor of education degree)
- Doctor of Education with 9 concentrations offered on-line or live
- Educational Leadership
- Health Care Education
- Higher Education
- Human Services Administration
- Instructional Leadership
- Instructional Technology and Distance Education
- Organizational Leadership
- Special Education
- Speech/Language Pathology



Scholarship Opportunities:

The Fischler School of Education and Human Services is sponsoring two scholarships annually for FACC members. One scholarship will be awarded in the Doctor of Education program and the other in a Master's program.

For more information on the M.S. Leadership – Concentration in Education, please visit the web site at: <http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/leadership/> or contact Dr. Debbie Nellis at 800-986-3223, ext. 8437, or Jolette Apela-Jean at 800-986-3223 ext. 8621.

For additional information concerning any program offered at The Fischler School of Education and Human Services, please visit the web site at: <http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/> or call 800-986-3223, ext.8500.

Florida introduces “Go Higher-Get Accepted” Campaign

Our state once again has broken new ground with its “Go Higher-Get Accepted” campaign announced by Florida Education Commissioner Jeanine Blomberg recently. The purpose of the Go Higher-Get Accepted campaign is to help seniors without post-secondary plans get accepted at their community college before they graduate from high school. The vast majority of jobs require education and training beyond high school, and research shows that college graduates not only make more money and have more lifestyle choices than those with a high school diploma, they also live longer and are less likely to be unemployed during their lifetime.

The Go Higher—Get Accepted campaign is sponsored by participating community colleges, high schools, the Florida Department of Education and FACTS.org, Florida's student advising website. (Partially reprinted from <http://www.facts.org/>).



“FACC is partnering on an educational tuition grant equaling a 15% discount for all Florida Association of Community Colleges members.”

Florida unveils “Ready to Work” Credential Program

In order to meet the growing need for well-trained and qualified workers, the Florida legislature has approved a new program known as the “Ready to Work” Credential Program. The authors identify the bill’s goals as “enhancing student workplace skills; providing for implementation; providing program components; authorizing rulemaking; providing an effective date.”

The attempt to better equip people entering the workforce was initiated by former Governor Bush in 2006 with the support and leadership of Representative Pickens and other key legislators. It allocates a total of \$13,250,000 for implementation and another \$4,000,000 for business outreach activities.

The Ready to Work Certification Program consists of “a comprehensive identification of workplace skills for each occupation identified for inclusion in the program by the Department of Education (DOE).” It includes a pre-instructional assessment to determine a student’s understanding of the skills needed for a particular occupation and a targeted instructional program for areas not fully mastered by the individual. A certificate and portfolio will be awarded to students once they have demonstrated full comprehension of the instruction.

This innovative program may be conducted in community colleges and a number of other educational facilities across the state. To qualify as an “assessment site,” an application must be submitted to AWI. A per student assessment will be paid to qualifying outlets. As of this week, the following community colleges have signed up:

Broward Community College	North Florida Community College
Central Florida Community College	Okaloosa-Walton College
Chipola College	Palm Beach Community College
Daytona Beach Community College	Pasco Hernando Community College
Edison Community College	Pensacola Junior College
Florida Community College at Jacksonville	Polk Community College
Florida Keys Community College	St. Johns River Community College
Gulf Coast Community College	St. Petersburg Community College
Hillsborough Community College	Santa Fe Community College
Indian River Community College	Seminole Community College
Lake City Community College	South Florida Community College
Lake-Sumter Community College	Tallahassee Community College
Manatee Community College	Valencia Community College

All FACC community colleges are urged to apply to become an assessment site by contacting Ellen Zuniga at (850) 245-9463 or by email at ellen.zuniga@fldoe.org.

Membership Development Conference set for July 12-13

Join us for the Membership Development Conference Thursday, July 12 and Friday, July 13 at the Daytona Beach Hilton. Membership is the heart of FACC. Chapter membership chairs and other officers are encouraged to attend this fun, energizing, and motivational conference. Learn recruitment techniques and share chapter success stories on how to effectively market and recruit new members. Learn how to answer the questions, “Why Join FACC and What’s In It For Me?”

The conference registration fee of \$125 includes all conference materials, a continental breakfast, and a reception. Registration forms and information were forwarded to each Chapter president last month and are available online at www.facc.org. Each chapter should plan to send at least two representatives to the conference. The FACC Board of Directors will meet immediately following the Membership Conference from Noon to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 13. Join Us and Help Make A Difference!

Top Digital Community Colleges Announced for 2007

(Reprinted from online article at <http://www.centerdigitaled.com/>)

The top 10 tech-savvy community colleges for 2007 have been named by the Center for Digital Education and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC). A ranking was established based on the third national Digital Community Colleges Survey, which examined how colleges are deploying technology to streamline operations and better serve students, faculty and staff.

“Once again, the community colleges are implementing innovative projects and programs...”

Nearly 200 community colleges across the country participated in the survey. Colleges were grouped into three categories based on student enrollment: small (less than 3,000 students), mid-sized (between 3,000 and 7,500 students) and large (more than 7,500 students). Florida Community College in Jacksonville, Fla. took first place in the large college category. Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce, Fla.

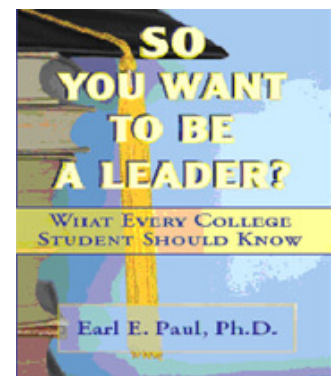
and Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyo. tied for first place in the category of mid-sized colleges. Patrick Henry Community College in Martinsville, Va. and Tompkins Cortland Community College in Dryden, N. Y. tied for first place in the small college category. Top-ten ranked winners were announced in each category.

Community college officials responded to a set of 24 multiple-choice questions and five narrative questions regarding online services and technology provisions offered to students, faculty and communities. Colleges provided Web site addresses and background data for final verification and validation.

“Once again, the community colleges are implementing innovative projects and programs with technology that are setting new standards for post-secondary education,” said Marina Leight, vice president for education of the Center for Digital Education. “This year’s community college winners have made a resounding commitment to improved delivery of services to students as well as leading the way for rich learning environments designed to make a difference in a student’s career.”

New book published by Dr. Earl Paul of HCC

Past FACC Region Director and Chapter President, Dr. Earl Paul from Hillsborough Community College has a new book out relevant for the college arena. This newly released book entitled *So You Want To Be A Leader? What Every College Student Should Know* is a great resource for college students who want a book that will speak to them in the realms of leadership, character, and soft skills. The book is based on many years of teaching and working with students in leadership. Dr. Paul wrote *So You Want To Be A Leader* to provide students with basics that would “speak to them” now while developing as leaders and be meaningful in the future as they graduate and embark on their “afterlives.”



Another group the book is written for is faculty/staff who want a resource with examples relevant to college students that can be incorporated into leadership classes, first year experience, college success courses, etc. For further information email him at info@drearlpaul.com or to order a copy, visit his website at www.drearlpaul.com and click educational products.

Web Site Connects Florida Businesses to Skilled Job Seekers

The talent and productivity of employees is critical to the success of any enterprise no matter the size or type of business. That's why Florida's workforce system is excited about the recent launch of the **Employ Florida Marketplace**.

The **Employ Florida Marketplace**, online at www.EmployFlorida.com, connects Florida businesses to a ready pool of thousands of job seekers, ranging from entry-level prospects to executive-level talent. Florida employers can:

Post and manage job openings

Review resumes

Search for potential candidates

Connect with local workforce professionals for personal assistance such as recruitment and/or candidate screening

Locate information on training grant incentives or other workforce services and resources

Research labor market information, industry, wage and occupational data, and other data

The EmployFlorida.com website connects you to all of this and more right from your desk and without any fees. You can use many of the features as a guest right now or register as an employer (or jobseeker) to access even more powerful features.

More than 140,000 employers and 2.4 million job seekers are already benefiting from this comprehensive, online employment resource – why wait? Visit www.EmployFlorida.com today and get connected!

The Employ Florida Marketplace is just one of the many resources provided by the Employ Florida network. Employ Florida links all of Florida's workforce services—state and local—to each other and provides a single name our customers can use to locate services anywhere in Florida.

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Message from the President

Another legislative session has ended and another academic year has come to a close. It's difficult to believe that we're already into summer and that my term as FACC President is nearly half over. I feel very good about the state of our association at this point, yet there are still so many things I'd like to accomplish before the end of my term. First and foremost is a goal I set as I accepted this office, the challenge of increasing membership. This is one of the most significant challenges facing our association today and it's going to take the efforts of every chapter, council, commission, committee and member to make this a reality.

At the Board level, we've struggled with what programs we could offer and how we can entice more community college professionals to join our ranks. The bottom line is that all of the gimmicks in the world cannot replace the old-fashioned grassroots effort. Imagine if every one of our 9,000+ members invited just one friend and/or colleague to join FACC. I realize that sounds simplistic and perhaps even a bit naïve, but it certainly is the most effective way to increase our membership. Do you know why those who haven't joined FACC are not with us yet? In overwhelming numbers, it is because they have not been asked. It's that simple.

Why is it so important for us to increase our membership? That question takes us back to the reasons you and I joined FACC and why this Association is so vital to our profession. In addition to all of the education, networking and information we gather from our participation, there are the advocacy efforts in Tallahassee that make this Association so important in our lives. Having an effective legislative program requires strength in numbers. It also is bolstered by the ability to tell a Senator or a Representative that FACC represents an overwhelming majority of the community college world in Florida.

For these reasons, and many others, I am committed to achieving the goal of reaching out to every community college professional and making him or her a member of our Association. I urge you to do your part today, "Join us and help make a difference." Take my challenge and invite one (or more) of your colleagues to join FACC and let me know when you do! I also want to encourage you to make the effort to attend the Membership Development Workshop in Daytona Beach on July 12 & 13th. This year's workshop promises to be our best ever and will provide you with the tools necessary to launch a very successful membership drive this fall.

Thank you for your efforts and continued dedication to this association as together we strive to, "Elevate the Great 28!"

Dr. Jeffrey Allbritten
addresses FACC
members at a
conference earlier
in the year.



Dr. Jeffrey Allbritten
FACC President

*"Having an effective
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President

Message from the CEO

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It is a bit of an understatement to say that 2007 was a challenging year with the Florida Legislature in Tallahassee. Tight budgets, legal battles, a tug-of-war for funding new and old programs, and the usual political fights made March and April two very intense and busy months.

In the end, FACC was very successful in its efforts to represent the interests of Florida's community colleges. This success was due in no small part to the many stakeholders in the Florida Community College System. College Presidents, trustees, college lobbyists, contract lobbyists, and FACC members are all to be thanked and congratulated for their tireless efforts and extraordinary results! In the end, the Florida Legislature adjourned, Sine Die, at 4:10 p.m. on May 4, bringing the 2007 Regular Session to a close. During the sixty-day session, 345 of the 2,538 bills filed passed both chambers and will be sent to the Governor for his signature. For a detailed analysis of FACC's efforts, bills that passed and those that did not, and a look at this year's budget comparison, visit www.facc.org/ and click on the legislative tab.

During this process, the FACC staff has been busy at work on a project that will provide great benefits to the membership while giving our website a facelift. On June 15th, we launched the new FACC website, complete with enhanced graphics, comprehensive menus, detailed information and more flexibility for members to access data from remote locations. We are proud of this new service and encourage every member to log on to check out all of its fabulous features.

I'd also like to echo President Albritten's comments about membership growth and development. Fresh from the "trenches" at our State Legislature, I can tell you that those of us advocating on your behalf need the support and involvement of every community college professional possible. Believe me, we have a tremendous network of contacts, lobbyists, legislative staffers, legislators and colleagues, but our influence would grow exponentially if we could announce that FACC represents the entire community college world in Florida.

Since the legislative session is over and we can now focus on membership development and the many other activities of FACC life, I also would like to encourage every member to get involved in your chapters, councils and commissions. Take a look at the 2007 calendar and you'll see many excellent educational programs and networking opportunities designed with you in mind. Make it a point to attend one this year and I promise you'll be delighted with your participation.



Michael Comins
FACC CEO

CEO Message

Funding highlights from 2007 legislative session

Shown below are the legislative highlights from the 2007 session recently completed in Tallahassee. For more information, visit www.facc.org and click on ADVOCACY.

Community College Operating Budgets

- Total of 4.9% increase in Comm. Coll. Operating Budgets
- 4.9% increase in State Support
- \$6.6 M for Operating Costs of New Facilities
- \$35.3 M for Capacity (Funding Formula)
- \$5 M for Compression (Equalization)
- \$5 M for Performance Based Budget Funds
- \$2.1 M for Targeted Enrollment Workload Growth
- Other Specific Community College Appropriations
- \$1.5 M restoring non-recurring funds in Electronic Database

Enhancements

- \$1 M increase for enrollment growth in new baccalaureate degrees program, plus an additional \$1.25 M for start-up costs
- \$3.5 million in funding for 2+2 Public Private Partnership Grant Program
- \$48.7 million in funding for Phil Benjamin Matching Program
- \$2 million for 1st Generation in College - funded through the Office of Student

Financial Assistance

- \$20.0 million for Critical Jobs/SUCCEED Florida
- \$3.8 million for Educator Preparation Institutes (EPI)

FKCC President “Doc” Bill Seeker establishes Legacy Scholarship Fund for first-generation students

The natives are a little restless on the southernmost islands of the Florida Keys, and it’s with good reason: this July in 2007 their college president of 28 years will retire, marking the end of the “Seeker Era” at Florida Keys Community College.

FKCC President, Dr. William A. Seeker, who came from the Lone Star State’s small town of Brenham will leave behind a Texas-sized legacy with shining star accomplishments such as building a new \$50 million campus, pioneering the small college funding initiative to keep alive rurally isolated colleges, and maintaining a fund balance twice the state required amount, all this amidst Florida’s record-breaking hurricane seasons.

"Now, I want to make sure that students like me in the Florida Keys will have a chance to attend college."

Through the years, Seeker celebrated numerous milestones and accomplishments, but it’s his recent personal gift to the College that will, perhaps, stand as the most meaningful for its personal expression of gratitude and direct impact on the future of disadvantaged students. This farm boy turned educator, will hang up his hat next year but not before ensuring a college education for students who, like him, are first-in-their-family to attend college.

Seeker has written the first check for \$125,000 to establish the First-Generation-In-College Scholarship Fund, in honor of his parents Sue and Albert Seeker. He plans to give the college’s Florida Keys Educational Foundation another \$125,000 in 2007, and will continue giving beyond his retirement, until he reaches his goal of half-a-million dollars. The Foundation will then optimize Seeker’s gift by applying for state matching funds at 100% for a total endowment value of \$1 million. “My mom had an eighth-grade education and my dad a third-grade education,” said Seeker in recognition of his humble beginnings, and the fact that his parents never had higher education opportunities. “This is my way of showing my Mom and Dad that I’m thankful for their gift of helping me achieve a college education. Now, I want to make sure that students like me in the Florida Keys will have a chance to attend college,” said Seeker. He has also set up an endowment fund at Texas A & M in honor of his mother and father to benefit students there.

Raised on a small farm in Brenham, Texas by parents Sue and Albert, Seeker knew early on that education would be his ticket out of working long days in the hot sun, and so the rigors of academia seemed a welcome breeze.

Seeker’s winding path to the college presidency was marked with leadership positions and distinguished careers. Upon graduation from Brenham High School, Seeker attended Texas A & M where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree. He then entered the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant and completed infantry and airborne training. Seeker achieved the rank of Captain with the Twenty-Second Battle Group of the Strategic Army Command. After honorable discharge from

active duty, he began working as a cancer research technician at M.D. Anderson Cancer Institute in Houston, Texas.

In 1964 he received a master’s degree in Biology with a concentration in education from Sam Houston University and later accepted a faculty position at New Mexico Military Institute where he taught biology for three years. In 1969, he earned a doctorate degree in higher

Legacy



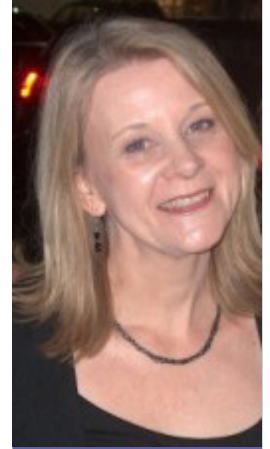
Dr. Seeker

Four new college presidents announced

FACC welcomes four new presidents who have recently been selected to take the helms at Brevard, Broward, Florida Keys, and Gulf Coast Community Colleges. Congratulations to Dr. James Drake (Brevard Community College), J. David Armstrong, Jr. (Broward Community College), Dr. A. James Kerley (Gulf Coast Community College), Dr. Jill Landesberg-Boyle (Florida Keys Community College). We recognize the wealth of experience and community and educational leadership that each of them brings to Florida's Community College System. Welcome aboard!

H.A. Scott earns meeting planner certification

H.A. Scott, FACC's Chief Media and Communications Officer and Conference Coordinator is among an elite group of 411 meetings, conventions, and events professionals who recently received the Certified Meeting Planner (CMP) designation by passing the national exam in Jan. 2007. Regarded as the premier certification program in the industry, obtaining the CMP designation is a two-part process consisting of a rigorous application and written examination, administered by the Convention Industry Council. Candidates' eligibility to sit for the exam is based on an extensive review of professional qualifications. The written examination tests candidates' knowledge of all functions of meeting management.



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administration from Texas A & M, and headed for Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Florida where he stayed 10 years, while moving up the ranks from Assistant Dean to Associate Dean, Dean, Provost, Campus Director and ultimately to Vice President. "Doc", as Seeker is affectionately known, became FKCC's third president in 1979. Today, he ranks number three in seniority among Florida community college presidents, and has an impressive 38 years of total service within the community college system with 28 of those years at FKCC.

Seeker's modest beginnings have no doubt shaped his character, and admittedly built his resilience. His executive desk features a wooden placard with the words "No Whining" and he's often heard quoting the words of football coach Bear Bryant "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." He is known for his no-nonsense talk and can-do attitude. If ever a college needed that kind of resilient leadership, it has been FKCC, the smallest and southernmost college located in Florida's highest cost-of-living county, Monroe. Having survived dozens of tropical storms and hurricanes, threats of being closed down in the late 1980's when old campus buildings dilapidated and changing county demographics, Seeker earned the reputation of being "The last of the John Wayne's". His sheer determination and hard work have carried the College through the toughest of times. "I never forgot where I came from, and though my friends jokingly call me the 'Educated Redneck' I am extremely proud of my roots," says the self-made millionaire. "I wanted to do something to make sure that students like me have a chance to go to college."

News about members and colleges...

Toni Wolf, college relations and marketing specialist at PBCC, was recently elected president of the Gold Coast PR Council, an independent group of public relations, marketing and communications professionals from Palm Beach and Broward counties.

Lucile Day was honored as the 2007 recipient of the Jenyethel Merritt Civic Award during a reception at North Florida Community College, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007. The African-American Student Union and NFCC annually co-sponsor the event that recognizes outstanding civic achievements of local African-American women. The Merritt Award is part of Black History Month activities coordinated by AASU. Day is a retired educator from Greenville, Florida.

Dr. Sharon Erle, mathematics professor at North Florida Community College, was among 18 presenters at the Twelfth Annual Mathematics Technology Conference at Valdosta State University, Feb. 23, 2007. The conference theme was “Teaching Mathematics with Technology.”

Dr. Jessica B. Webb, Executive Director of Information Technology and Institutional Research at North Florida Community College, was a guest presenter at the League for Innovations in the Community College annual conference held in New Orleans March 5-8, 2007. The League is an organization committed to improving community colleges through innovation and experimentation. The New Orleans conference focused on new methods to enhance student and organizational learning.

Enid Kozlowski and **Marie Guest**, instructors at North Florida Community College, attended the National Business Education Association conference in New York City during the week of April 2nd. Kozlowski and Guest attended workshops on issues influencing business education across the nation. The professional development sessions highlighted new technology and software including Microsoft Office 2007, Microsoft Accounting 2007, Google Tools for Business, pod casting, online conferencing, computer security and online assessment tools.

Debbie Bass, coordinator of the **Displaced Homemaker scholarship program** at **North Florida Community College**, has been elected president of the Florida Displaced Homemakers Network Association (FDHNA). The Displaced Homemaker program provides scholarships and support for people going through major life changes and who are seeking self-sufficiency. There are 18 programs in Florida.

Dr. Roger Ramsammy, professor of biology, anatomy and physiology in Lake Worth, was recognized by an international organization for some of the innovative techniques he developed and uses in the classroom to help students better understand complex scientific concepts. Ramsammy received a 2007 International Exemplary Leader Award from The Chair Academy during the organization’s 16th Annual Conference in Jacksonville, Florida.

Each year, the president of **North Florida Community College** singles out one, possibly two, employees for exemplifying the spirit of the college by going “above and beyond” their normal jobs. This year, President Morris G. Steen, Jr. presented “Above and Beyond” awards to long-time employee **Dale Hackle** who directs college facilities and innovative science instructor **Terry Zimmerman**. Steen presented the awards during a ceremony May 2, 2007 at the historic Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center.

Susan Burnett, Educational & Student Services, SPC, is serving on a state Tech Prep subcommittee to determine implementation issues for the new Perkins IV legislation and the five-year state plan due in Washington next year.

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Two Polk Community College employees, **Charles Fox** and **Jim Rhodes**, have received the 2007 Innovation of the Year Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College (LICC). The honor recognizes a three-tiered Distance Learning Certification for faculty training at PCC implemented as a collaborative effort between Academics and Instructional Technology.

SPC President Carl M. Kuttler, Jr., was named a 2007 recipient of the Ben C. Willard Award by the Stetson Lawyers Association. His name will be permanently displayed on the Ben C. Willard Trophy, located at the Stetson University College of Law. The award “is presented to alumni who have expended that extra effort to prevail for the benefit of the citizens of Florida and whose humanitarian achievements have brought distinction to themselves and the College of Law.”

Heather Roberson, American/National Government, Comparative Government and International Relations instructor, SPC, has been named “Teacher of the Month” for April/May by the National Repository of Online Courses (NROC). Roberson also is an ecampus instructor.

Thanks to a generous donor, **Pensacola Junior College’s** education programs will receive a \$1 million gift. The money will be spent to create the Raymond B. and Leila Hobbs Center for Teaching Excellence in honor of two lifelong Santa Rosa County residents who devoted their lives to education.

Indian River Community College has earned first place national recognition for innovative use of technology in education from the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the Center for Digital Education for the third year in a row. The Number One ranking places IRCC at the top of the most digitally-savvy mid-sized community colleges in the country. IRCC will be recognized for the designation on April 16 in Tampa at the annual convention of the American Association of Community Colleges, which represents the nation’s 1, 202 accredited community and technical colleges.

At **Miami Dade College’s** Kendall Campus graduation, President George W. Bush delivered a 20 minute speech which included praise for the college, its students and its president, Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón. The Commander in Chief also touched on the issues of immigration and higher education. An overflowing crowd of more than 5,000 – including 1,500 graduates – gave President Bush several standing ovations during his address on Saturday, April 28 at the Theodore R. Gibson Health Center as he lauded the college’s role in making the American Dream accessible to everyone.

Tallahassee Community College’s Global Education Committee brought the “Dalí on Tour” Traveling Exhibition to campus for a five-week stay beginning Friday, April 13. The exhibit was on display in TCC’s Student Union. TCC also again hosted the Florida Disabled Outdoor Association’s (FDOA) Annual SportsAbility Expo, an event promoting the quality of life for persons with disabilities through active living.

CURRENT Deadlines 2007

Deadline	Publish
July 14	August 10
August 28	September 28
November 17	December 8

FACC introduces new website

As mentioned in the previous issue of Current, FACC is putting the finishing touches on a new website that will provide members with many new benefits and information. Unveiled as this newsletter is going to press, eventually the website will enable members to access their profile information to make changes, get information about upcoming events, and register for conferences and the convention. Visit www.facc.org.

Three chapters conduct leadership visits to Tallahassee

As the legislature in Tallahassee entered the second half of its session, three community colleges sent leadership groups to visit the State Capitol. Seminole Community College (SCC), Pasco-Hernando Community College (PHCC) and the Florida Community College at Jacksonville (FCCJ) all sponsored very successful trips in late March 2007.

The FCCJ trip was designed to help participants learn more about the legislative process and how FACC members can have greater impact on key issues. After a briefing that included a review of talking points, the leadership group visited their legislators and staff members to discuss concerns about the Banner Centers' funding. They also addressed the proliferation of for-profit higher education in Florida and the legislature's role in spending taxpayer's funds on these schools.

Fourteen leaders from Pasco-Hernando, consisting of faculty, staff and mid-management employees, spent a very intensive two days learning more about themselves, the legislative process, FACC and their college using the Myers Briggs personality analysis and hearing from legislators and key community college professionals. Much of their time was spent listening to presentations and watching the Florida Senate in action, but they also had time for a tour of the Capitol and were treated to a view of Tallahassee from the 22nd floor!

Chancellor David Armstrong, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Education, kicked off the SCC agenda with an overview of issues and projections for this year's legislative session. The leadership group then journeyed to the Capitol where they participated in a very intensive schedule of morning meetings with senators, representatives, FACC officials and other industry leaders. The day concluded with a luncheon speech by Dr. T.K. Wetherell, President of Florida State University.

*Have a comment, thought
or question? A story idea?
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2007 Calendar of Events

JUNE

5-7 Adult and Continuing Education Commission Conference, Sanibel Island
13-15 Presidents Council Retreat, PGA National Resort, Palm Beach

JULY

4 Independence Day Holiday—FACC Offices Closed
11 Career and Professional Employees and Administration Commissions conferences, Hilton Daytona Beach (in conjunction with Membership Conference)
12-13 FACC Membership Development Conference, Hilton Daytona Beach
13 FACC Board of Directors Meeting, Hilton Daytona Beach
18-19 Council of Presidents, Renaissance, Tampa

AUGUST

(No Council of Presidents' Meeting)

SEPTEMBER

3 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY— FACC Offices Closed
19-20 Council of Presidents, Wyndham Orlando Resort
21 Board of Directors Meeting Wyndham Orlando Resort
21 Legislative Summit, Wyndham Orlando Resort

OCTOBER

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Scenes from the 2007 FACC Leadership Conference in Tallahassee...



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FACC in pictures



Team FACC manning the concession stand for the FCCAA/NJCAA Region VIII Mens & Womens State Basketball Tournament at Chipola College.



Members gather at a recent Gulf Coast Community College Chapter event.



Lake City Community College students, faculty, & staff start making bowls for the "Empty Bowls" project to be held in October.



President Bush gave commencement address at Miami Dade College graduation ceremonies.



NFCC science instructor Terry Zimmerman helps students prepare for amateur rocketry event.



SCC Chapter members pose after participating in visits to Tallahassee and the State Capitol.

Region news...

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Region III holds successful conference

Thanks to everyone for your support and attendance at this year's Region III Conference. It was a great day, and we had a lot of positive comments, especially about the wonderful lunch! And speaking of food, we collected about 1,500 pounds of food for the hungry. Our chapters did a great job of getting out the word and collecting those cans and boxes.

With regret, we accepted the resignation of Carole Luby of DBCC as our Region III Director-Elect. We want to thank Carole for her service over the past year. Thanks and welcome to Shelby Ballenger from Valencia CC who was elected by the group to fill out Carole's term this year as Director-Elect.

Keep up the good work, everyone. It looks like convention is going to come back to our region this year, so we need to be ready and strong when the time comes. Thanks again, and have a great Spring Break.

-Region Director Gary Sligh

Commission news...

Retirees Commission working on recruitment

FACC's Retirees Commission is going into high gear! We are making plans to increase our membership, so that we can expand our activities and work for legislation that will benefit Florida community colleges and members of the Florida Retirement System.

We are asking each Chapter to increase its Chapter membership by contacting the retirees from its College, signing them up as members, and—very importantly—keeping them informed and involved in Chapter activities. Once they are members of our Commission, contacting them is often not easy, however, since they are not at the Colleges and the Commission lacks a central base. So we're asking every one of our 28 Chapters to keep us informed. (Human Resources Depts. will not release home addresses, phone numbers, etc.)

Contact Joan Young at 561/964-3238, gramdocj@aol.com. Or Chair-Elect Nancy Buhl, 561/793-3802, nanbu@bellsouth.net. Or Past Chair Gerri Singleton, 352/485-1390, gerrisingsing@peoplepc.com. Or Secy/Treas Monika Bedard, 850/893-8556, 850/201-6113, bedardm@tcc.fl.edu.

Will you help us achieve our goals? We'd like to hear from you.

Visit www.facc.org/SDC/Index.htm for more information about this important conference.

Regions and Commissions

CORRECTION!

Lake City Community College received \$572,308 in 2006 SUCCEED Florida funds. LCCC inadvertently was left off the list of community colleges receiving SUCCEED support as reported in the last issue of Current. We apologize for this oversight and congratulate Lake City CC on their achievement!

Chapter News...

Brevard CC Trustees praise James Drake as brilliant, passionate

In the president's office at Brevard Community College the shelves and counters are bare, waiting for the next leader to mark them with awards and collegial memorabilia. But the fifth president of BCC said his legacy won't be made behind the doors of the regal office. "The presidency is not an office job," said James Drake who accepted the position recently. "You pay a penalty staying (in the office.) This is a relationship-building role. It's very important not to be sequestered." So, the 5-foot-3-inch Drake said he won't be treading softly on the plush blue behind presidential doors, but will be pounding the pavement of all BCC campuses, meeting students, faculty and staff. In a recent meeting, BCC's board of trustees unanimously accepted Drake as the school's next president. The board celebrated their selection throughout the final search meeting, the completion of a process that began when Thomas Gamble stepped down because of a terminal illness in the fall. "He has a confidence cloaked in humility," trustee Rick McCotter told the board. "He strikes me as being so tactfully polite, almost like he's read the etiquette book 80 times." Drake, 63, is a kind man who greets staff and visitors with hugs and handshakes, who listens intently and keenly remembers conversations, friends have said. Trustee James Theriac also could sing nothing but praise of Drake. "He's the most self-effacing person I've ever seen," Theriac said to the board. "He's absolutely frighteningly brilliant and has a fierce passion for the underdog. "Within those impeccable manners is a passion for mankind that few people see and I'm astounded by it. He's the pied piper, but it's real." Drake effortlessly surpassed all competition in the search. He was chosen as a top contender from a pool of about 30 applicants that included five presidents from respected community colleges around the nation, senior-level staff from several Florida community colleges and universities as well as two other internal BCC applicants and a former state representative.



Marsha Kiner (right) visits Lake City Community College chapter.

Marsha Kiner visits Lake City CC

Marsha Kiner, COO for Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC) was present at the May meeting of the Lake City Community College chapter of FACC. She shared with the chapter a legislative update on what had been occurring in Tallahassee relating to community colleges, as well as encouraged members to participate in upcoming Region and State events.

The "Cents for Seniors" project was a huge success and Debbie Freeman was present to receive the check for \$500 to purchase a bench for the new senior center located in Lake City.

Also during this meeting Judy Wilson, senior office assistant RV training institute, and chairperson with the "Empty Bowls" project gave an update on the bowl making project that is being conducted during the summer months. LCCC employees are in the process of making approximately 600 bowls to be sold on October 16 to the community at the function to be held at the Howard Convention Center/Gym.



Myrtle Kerce, admission specialist I and FACC treasurer and Paulette Terry, FACC member accept the \$100 donation from FACC member Bonnie Gootee, admission specialist II, toward the purchase of bench for the new senior center.

Budget Workshop at FCCJ

On February 15, the FCCJ Chapter of FACC sponsored a workshop on the FCCJ budget with Mr. Steve Bowers, Vice President of Administrative Services. Topics covered included the budget process, revenues and expenses, how enrollment and FTE impact the budget, and budget management. The very interesting and informative workshop was attended by about 30 people.

LCCC's Lifestyle Enrichment Center is on the Move

The Lake City Community College (LCCC) chapter of Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC) learned at their March meeting with a presentation from the Life Style Enrichment Center located in Lake City.

Carol Shanklin, public relations manager for the center shared with those present all the new center will offer to the seniors of Columbia County. The center hours will be 8 a.m-5 p.m. with Phase I which was due to be completed in May. It will have a general activity area, kitchen, library, darkroom, workshop, art classroom, exercise room and a small dementia daycare facility. Phase II will enlarge the dementia daycare area to 4,000 square feet and will include an outdoor garden area. And the final Phase III will add an 8,000 square foot physical fitness area with heated swimming pool for arthritic therapy and general exercise.

The center is funded by federal grants, county government, and there are several ways you can contribute with private donations. A butterfly garden will be constructed with a commemorative brick walkway. The bricks will be available at \$100 and \$300 each inscribed with name and number. The garden will also have benches to sit and enjoy the company of friends. You can purchase a bench with an inscribed brick in front of it for \$500. Then there is the monetary donation with larger donations spread over three years.

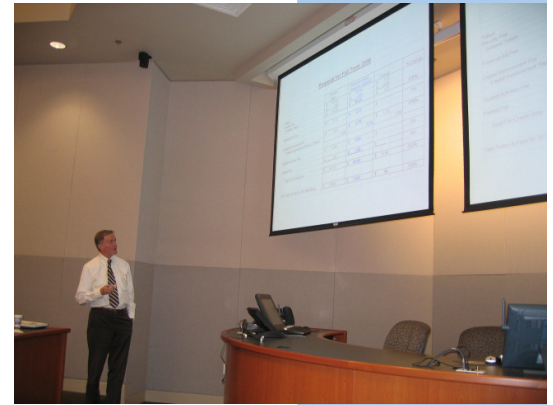
FACC members present at the meeting were very impressed with all that will be offered for those age 60+ including transportation to and from the center, lunches served Monday-Friday except a paid \$4 cooked meal on Wednesday, and delivery of "meals on wheels" to shut-ins. When that point in life comes, it is reassuring to know that a facility like this will be available.

For more information on the center you can call the Lifestyle Enrichment Center at (386) 755-0235 or 755-0264.

The LCCC Chapter of the Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC) also voted to participate in the 2007 March of Dimes Walk America at their meeting in January and invited a representative to the February meeting to share a presentation on the importance of this organization in saving babies and research for birth defects.

Women's History Month was celebrated at Lake City Community College (LCCC) during the month of March. The events began with proclamation presented on March 1 by Chuck Hall, president of LCCC and guest speakers held in the Library. During the month there were special showings of award winning films directed by women in the film industry at different locations on campus.

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Steve Bowers making presentation to FCCJ



I-r Pam and Ryan Touchton and Donna Poynor, of the March of Dimes, Gainesville office display some of the gifts that the participants will receive at the March of Dimes Walk America.

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The Chapter held its first “Empty Bowls” bowl-making workshop in the LCCC art studio. In attendance were numerous students, staff, and faculty; all there to raise money to help stamp out hunger in our community. Participants were taught how to make ceramic soup bowls using the “slab method” and will donate their bowls for the main “Empty Bowls” fundraising event to be held on October 16 in the Howard Conference Center/Gym.

FKCC teams with defense contractor Raytheon

Florida Keys Community College, America’s southernmost college, announced that it is teaming with Raytheon Technical Services Company, a subsidiary of Raytheon Company (NYSE: RTN), to provide training space and screeners aptitude testing to support the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) Screening Partnership Program (SPP).



Dr. Landesberg-Boyle meets with David Kunen of RTSC.

The college, with its main campus in Key West, and smaller campus centers in Marathon and Coral Shores, is working closely with Raytheon Technical Services Company. RTSC will have administrative offices at the college to conduct classroom training, and screeners aptitude testing for Raytheon employees from campus centers. “I am thrilled that we are partnering with such a respected and prestigious defense leader as Raytheon,” said FKCC President Dr. Jill Landesberg-Boyle. “The college is excited about the many opportunities that Raytheon will bring to the Florida Keys including new jobs for our students, a boost to our local economy and overall support to Florida Keys Community College.”

Cathy Torres, FKCC testing coordinator, was instrumental in laying the groundwork in advance of the project by setting up the testing required for airport security screeners. Raytheon was recently awarded a \$16.3 million contract by the Transportation Security Administration for airport screening at Key West International Airport and Florida Keys Marathon Airport. The contract began on May 24 and will end in September 2011.

”Raytheon is committed to providing jobs and economic growth in the lower Keys and we look forward to working with Florida Keys Community College to support TSA’s Screening Partnership Program,” said David Kunen, director of Homeland Security Solutions for RTSC. “We believe this is a win-win for everyone involved.”

Under the new leadership of Dr. Jill Landesberg-Boyle, the Florida Keys Community College is focused on being responsive to the Florida Keys economy and addressing workforce and continuing education needs to produce a positive economic impact on its community.

RTSC, a subsidiary of Raytheon Company, provides technology solutions for defense, federal and commercial customers worldwide. RTSC specializes in Mission Support, counter-proliferation and counter-terrorism, homeland security solutions, base and range operations and customized engineering and manufacturing.

Get your chapter in the news! The deadline for the next issue of *Current* will be July 14th and it will be published on August 10th! Be sure to email your articles and high resolution pictures to Publications@facc.org!

DBCC asks, “Got any spare...hair?”

Not all charitable donations have to be cash. Members were asked to donate their “spare” hair to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides free high-quality, human-hair wigs to children who have suffered hair loss due to cancer or other illnesses. Students of Daytona Beach Community College’s cosmetology program donated their services to cut hair at the Locks for Love event to be held at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

In order to donate, the hair must be long enough to make a 10-inch ponytail, and it could be dyed but not bleached. “We were delighted to receive the call to participate in this event,” stated Louise King, associate professor/assistant chair, Cosmetology. “People with long hair really should consider this as a way to help someone less fortunate than themselves - after all it will grow back!”

All participants were entered in a raffle for prizes donated by area vendors. The Locks of Love event was hosted by ERAU in conjunction with their Women’s History Month celebration.

LSCC hearing sweet music

Lake-Sumter Community College FACC sponsored the award-winning Sound of Sunshine, The Central Florida chapter of Sweet Adelines International at their annual show on the Leesburg campus of LSCC on February 25th.

The all-female four-part harmony group, which has more than 85 members in Central Florida, performs jazz, blues and modern songs. The chorus competes at the international level placing 24th out of 600 international choruses during the annual Sweet Adelines International Competition in October in Las Vegas. Proceeds went to the student scholarship fund.

PBCC paints a pretty picture

Over 35 administrators, faculty, staff, and students participated in “Paint Your Heart Out!” (PYHO) on March 31. PYHO is one of the yearly community service projects sponsored by the PBCC Chapter of FACC.

This year, the eighth year FACC has sponsored this event, the painting took place at the Lake Osborn home of Winifred. Winifred is 70+ years old and has arthritis—she didn’t want to divulge how much over 70 she is! She had been unable to paint and do the outside work on her family home. Our PBCC family was happy to be able to help her.

Volunteers and organizers alike appreciated the refreshments provided by Dr. Allen Witt, PBCC/FACC President for 2007; Marie Reddy, FACC Community Service Chair; and Sherry Dean, FACC member.

The PBCC Facilities crew once again proved that the community can “expect more” when they pulled up in the big box truck and unloaded ladders, guidance, and painting assistance. Special thanks go to Facilities crew John Wasukanis, Chris Ward and Everton Jones for their continued support of our community service projects.

As Dr. Richard Shreve stated, “This is the *Give-Back Time* - to give back to the people who cannot take care of themselves. It’s time for those of us who have it to give it to those who don’t! This has been a satisfaction for me!”

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