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Investing in Change: How Much Do Achieving the Dream Colleges Spend — and from What Resources — to Become Data-Driven Institutions?

SOURCE: MDRC

Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count provides a comprehensive model for colleges interested in investing in improved student outcomes. Started in 2003 by Lumina Foundation for Education, Achieving the Dream encourages colleges to undertake a rigorous process of self-examination and to develop concrete goals and priorities for institutional reform based on an analysis of their student outcomes data. In an effort to assist colleges in accomplishing these goals, Achieving the Dream provides a number of supports, including coaching, annual initiative-wide conferences, and grants totaling \$450,000 over five years. However, colleges are also expected to find other sources of funding — either from external grants or their own institutional funds — to pilot and implement successful institutional reform strategies.

This report analyzes the experiences of five community colleges and the investments they made in implementing an institution-wide improvement process aimed at increasing students' success. The colleges in this study are located in the southeastern and southwestern United States and include Valencia Community College in Orlando, Florida; Tallahassee Community College in Tallahassee, Florida; El Paso Community College in El Paso, Texas; South Texas College in McAllen, Texas; and the University of New Mexico in Gallup, New Mexico. The report examines how, where, and with what resources these colleges supported their reforms, as well as the key activities driving their overall expenditures.

Tallahassee Democrat - June 27, 2010

Karen Moore to lead TCC's search for new president

BY DOUG BLACKBURN

DEMOCRAT SENIOR WRITER

Karen Moore, chairwoman of Tallahassee Community College's Board of Trustees, plans to step down from her post Monday in order to lead the school's presidential search committee.

"I don't want there to ever be a question if one trustee is doing too much," Moore said. "I will focus my attention right now on making sure we hire the best of the best for our college."

Bill Law, TCC's president since 2001, was hired in April for the top post at St. Petersburg College, where he began his career in higher education administration. Barbara Sloan, TCC's vice president for academic affairs, is the college's interim president.

TCC's board is holding its monthly meeting Monday afternoon. Moore intends to remain a member of the BOT, but she is planning to request that Eugene Lamb, the board's vice chairman, be promoted to chairman two months ahead of schedule.

Moore's one-year stint as head of the board would have ended in August, with the start of the new school year.

"I didn't have a problem with her being chairman of both," Lamb said, "but if she feels it's best to step down then I'll step up. I know Karen will make a good chair of the search committee."

Jeff Hockaday, a North Carolina-based consultant, has been hired to assist TCC with its search for a new president. He helped TCC hire Law nine years ago, and was also working for St. Petersburg College when it chose Law.

Hockaday is scheduled to give a report to TCC trustees at Monday's meeting.

TCC hopes to name new president by November

By Doug Blackburn

DEMOCRAT SENIOR WRITER

Tallahassee Community College's search for a new president kicked into high gear on Monday.

A presidential search committee was announced at the monthly Board of Trustees meeting, as was a timeline that will have a replacement for Bill Law named by late October and running the 14,000-student commuter college at the start of 2011.

Law, TCC's president since 2001, was hired in early April to lead St. Petersburg College, where he started his career in higher education administration.

Karen Moore, chairwoman of the trustees, stepped down from that position on Monday to head the 13-member search committee. It will hold its first meeting next week.

The committee includes a cross-section of the TCC community along with the heads of the chambers of commerce in Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla counties.

"This search committee is everything we wanted it to be," Moore said.

"It is inclusive and transparent."

Jeff Hockaday, a North Carolina-based consultant hired to facilitate the search, said the committee should be able to review a list of the 20 top candidates by the end of August.

The finalists would be invited to TCC for interviews in late September.

While Florida's Sunshine Laws are often cited as a deterrent to hiring a new college president, Allison DeFoor, elected on Monday to be vice-chairman of TCC's Board of Trustees, pooh-poohed the notion. DeFoor is also on the search committee.

"Anybody that's hampered by Florida's Sunshine Laws probably isn't the right person for the job," DeFoor said.

Additional Facts

TCC PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

n Karen Moore, TCC board, chairwoman

n Allison DeFoor, TCC board

n Eugene Lamb, TCC board

n Sheri Rowland, TCC administration

n April White, TCC staff

n Will Benedicks, TCC faculty

n Gareth Euridge, TCC faculty

n Calandra Stringer, TCC faculty

n Christopher Rick, TCC student

n Doug Bell, TCC Foundation

n Sue Dick, president, Tallahassee Area Chamber of Commerce

n David Gardner, executive director, Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce

n Kim Moore, president, Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce

EDC preparing new program for startup firms

By Dave Hodges

DEMOCRAT BUSINESS EDITOR

Small high-tech companies trying to make their start in the commercial marketplace will have one more resource soon as the Economic Development Council of Tallahassee/Leon County prepares to roll out its Entrepreneurial Excellence Program to support business incubation in the area.

The program is being funded through a recently received grant of \$450,000 from the U.S. Small Business Administration. According to the EDC, the Entrepreneurial Excellence Program will consist of a tuition-based course offered three times per year, based on the curriculum developed by the University of Central Florida Incubation Program.

The course will cover such basics as visioning, marketing, customer service and training, finance, entrepreneurship skills and development. It will be taught by a combination of experienced entrepreneurs, professional service providers and university faculty.

"There will be an application process. We are looking for companies who are past the tire-kicking stage and have a solid business idea, some market research, a working prototype of the product or service, and some initial working capital," said Beth Kirkland, the EDC's executive director.

She said the first course should be offered the fourth quarter of this year.

The program will guide startup firms through the vulnerable stages of their business development. Entrepreneurs will have access to a team of business experts, researchers and specialists who will help them identify commercial markets and create solid business plans.

"This is especially important because small, high-tech businesses currently live and die by the Small Business Innovative Research and Small Business Technology Transfer grant process," said EDC Chairman Kim Williams, referring to other SBA grant programs.

Kirkland said Tallahassee benefits from a wide array of assistance from the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, FAMU's Small Business Development Center, the FSU College of Business, SCORE, [Tallahassee Community College](#) and others.

"We market all the small business resources under our Focus First on Small Business," she added. That initiative directs EDC resources to help existing local firms expand and thrive.

Educator Sharon Jefferson's success is changing TCC students' lives

REGINALD ALCEUS

OUTLOOK STAFF WRITER

Through her own skillful merit and dedication to the principles of education, Sharon Jefferson has risen to fill the seat of Tallahassee Community College's esteemed vice president. For 30 years, Jefferson has progressed through various roles in administration which would inevitably prepare her to take on the challenges associated with her important title. For her unyielding efforts in helping students to achieve their potential, Jefferson has earned recognition as the Capital Outlook's Person of the Week.

"My ambitions have always been to help people achieve their goals, and I want to make a difference in the lives of young people," Jefferson said. "I've had these goals all of my life, to be in some part of education where I have a decision-making role to influence change."

Originally from Indianapolis, Ind., Jefferson made the move to Tallahassee when she married one of its natives in 1981 and had two daughters. Jefferson received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University. Afterward, she began working as a counselor at the University of South Florida. Eventually, she returned to her alma mater to counsel students, before becoming the assistant dean of students.

After relocating to Tallahassee, she continued with her work in administration as a counselor, progressing through what she described as a "positive career path." Jefferson stated that she would always champion something she believes in. She admitted that from a young age, she was always interested in counseling and advising young people as a career.

"One of the things I like to do, and it's a major challenge, is help students finish what they came here to do," Jefferson said. "If students can identify goals and work toward those, I think that I've done my job well. It helps them to navigate their environment and become productive citizens in life." Many of Jefferson's former students return to visit her and thank her for having the opportunity to work with her, either as a counselor, tester or dean. Seeing those students become successful in the goals they set out to accomplish is the highlight of her career, she said. In particular, Jefferson is particularly passionate about helping young African-American students reach their full potential in higher education.

"Higher education may or may not be for everybody, but I think it's a wonderful opportunity for students. If we can get more of our young people to get prepared earlier in high school and to be successful in college, it will have long reaching effects for them and what they do in life," she said. Jefferson believes that in order to enact change in an institution, one must adopt its goals and objectives to see how he or she can positively influence change. That way, as many people as possible can take advantage of the right opportunities.

Jefferson is involved with numerous organizations that include her church—Gethsemane Baptist Church and the graduate chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. In addition to her volunteer efforts, religion plays an important role in how she conducts herself.

"My religion helps me to stay grounded, to always stay forthright and honest in my interactions with people, whether its students, coworkers or families. I try to be guided by the right thing to do on behalf of someone," Jefferson said. "I think helping others get where they need to go in life is part of being God-centered. Most people do better when they believe that someone has faith in them, and I have a lot of faith."

As vice president of TCC, Jefferson and its executive team are often faced with broad decisions. The budget and understanding the happenings of the state legislature are just some of the responsibilities Jefferson addresses to help the college meet its goals. Every member of the school's administration is working toward helping students become successful, no matter what their role might be, she said.

"It may sound cliché, but the bottom line is we want every student to be successful, and you really need to do that one term at a time," Jefferson said. "Sometimes we get our goals too far out in front of us, and we can't achieve them, so we have to help students one semester at a time. The other thing is to help students balance life, (as) many of us have to work and go to school, whether it's for our wants or our needs."

Jefferson enjoys knowing her college has so many volunteer opportunities for its students to take part in. Some programs have even taken students out of state, such as the effort to help rebuild homes in New Orleans

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following the destruction left by Hurricane Katrina and assisting with Habitat for Humanity. In addition to the Phi Theta Alpha Fraternity, Inc. participating in road cleaning, dog washes and the Ronald McDonald House, the whole campus has been involved in the school's cancer research efforts.

With regard to her students, Jefferson always maintains an "open door policy." Given her experience as a counselor, a registrar and director of enrollment for admission and records, her knowledge of how school administration operates has convinced many to think of her as a "go-to person" when somebody needs something. As an administrator, she often finds she must uphold her profession and be firm with the students by reinforcing boundaries and setting limits.

Jefferson is happy for the opportunity to help others any way she can and follows the personal motto of being "blessed to be a blessing to someone else."

The Ledger.com- July 9, 2010

Polk State College To Share \$2.9 Mil. Grant From Department of Labor

Polk State will use its portion of the money to expand its advanced manufacturing programs.

By Robin Williams Adams

THE LEDGER

LAKELAND | Advanced manufacturing programs at Polk State College are going to advance even more, thanks to a \$2.9 million Community Based Job Training Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Working with two other Florida colleges in an Engineering Technology and Advanced Manufacturing Initiative, PSC will concentrate on automation and robotics.

Tallahassee Community College will delve more deeply into green engineering technology. State College of Florida-Manatee/Sarasota will concentrate on design and rapid prototyping, sometimes called computer automated manufacturing.

"We're creating curriculum we all can share," said Eric Roe, PSC's director of applied technology.

The grant making this collaboration possible is part of \$125 million awarded to 41 colleges or organizations nationwide, a number narrowed down from 323 applications. Roe wrote the grant proposal for the initiative.

"We are thrilled to tap into federal grants and state funds to continue our mission," PSC President Eileen Holden said. "It meets the needs of our local workforce."

Almost 800 workers who are unemployed or need training to stay employed are expected to get training at the three colleges through the three-year grant period,

Roe said.

But the expanded programs will remain in place and provide training to more people in the future.

PSC will use grant money for its for-credit associate of science degree in engineering technology and its Corporate College Advanced Manufacturing Institute, which has short-term, non-credit programs to let workers update their skills.

"This new grant lets us create training and education programs that can be used in both worlds," Roe said.

As curriculum offerings expand, Roe said, students in some programs at the Corporate College will be able to get academic credit for them.

Engineering technology, which offered its first classes this summer, is an example of how the once-rigid lines between technical and academic have softened.

Students who complete that two-year academic program could go into jobs such as hands-on work with engineers or being first-line supervisors of manufacturing operations. Or they could go on to earn bachelor's degrees in industrial operations or engineering technology.

"We need these lifelong learning capabilities," Roe said.

The two-year degree in engineering technology has a focus on advanced manufacturing. Roe expects other

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areas of focus, such as digital design, will be offered in the future as a result of the grant.

Calling advanced manufacturing a field “with almost unlimited potential,” Roe said he worked with the industry, academia and employers to develop the grant proposal.

“Manufacturing today is not the old-world view of manufacturing,” he said. “For us to compete, we have to

have automation.”

The Employ Florida Banner Center for Manufacturing at PSC will be a partner with the three colleges. It now gets funds from Workforce Florida to create solutions for work-force problems within the advanced-manufacturing sector.

That center, the Corporate College and engineering technology classes are at PSCs Airside Center in Lakeland.

New Initiative Allocates \$50,000 Towards Free or Reduced-Fee Classes TCC District Board of Trustees takes action to assist Wakulla County residents

PRESS RELEASE

Tallahassee, Fl. (July 19, 2010) — A special workforce intervention fund was created by the [Tallahassee Community College](#) District Board of Trustees to assist Wakulla County citizens impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil disaster.

The new initiative allocates \$50,000 towards free or reduced-fee classes designed to assist Wakulla County residents, who've been negatively impacted by the oil spill, transition into new careers or develop skills to face their economic and ecological challenges. Courses will be offered between July and November.

Course offerings were developed based on a round table brainstorming discussion of Wakulla County community leaders. Classes will range from computer training and green and sustainable construction to the popular Green Guide Certification Program. "The ultimate goal of this program," said Dr. John Chapin, Vice President of TCC's Center for Workforce Development, "is to help small businesses and individuals, affected by the spill, diversify their skills and give them new opportunities during this time of crisis."

"This epitomizes TCC's belief in our community," said Dr. J. Allison DeFoor, II, Vice-Chair, TCC District Board of Trustees. "TCC's willingness to be a team player and provide support for our community in a timely and efficient manner will have a positive impact far beyond this immediate need."

The first class, Getting Started with Computers, is Thursday, July 29. The 3-hour beginning computer class will be offered twice with sessions at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. This course and other computer classes—including Social Networking, Word 2007 (Intro), Internet Fundamentals, Power Point 2007, E-Marketing, Office 2007, Excel and QuickBooks—will be offered weekly during the month of August. Additional classes will be offered through November. All classes will be held at the Wakulla Center. Those interested in registering must provide proof of residency in Wakulla County.

For details on these programs or to register for classes, visit workforce.tcc.fl.edu/Wakulla, call (850) 922-6290 or visit the TCC Wakulla Center at 5 Crescent Way in Crawfordville.

Howard Kessler: Wakulla Institute means clean jobs

Educational program will utilize county's natural resources

Howard Kessler

MY VIEW

Wakulla County has seen the consequences of putting most of our eggs in one basket. A dependence on residential building to provide jobs and sustain the local economy yields a boom-or-bust model. When the down times occur, they can be very low, severely stressing almost all sectors of the jobs market.

How can Wakulla County better avoid or make less extreme these wild swings in the economy? Diversification. Because it has few major industries, the county has relied heavily on residential construction as its primary economic driver.

Residential development employs many tradespeople. But with an estimated four-year supply of houses currently on the market, an estimated seven-year supply of lots available to be developed and a global recession that has taken the wind out of our sails, Wakulla County must start thinking differently if it wants to avoid doing the same thing and expecting a different result.

A starting point is to identify our county's strongest assets. With more than 60 percent of our Wakulla County land protected as national or state forest and the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, Wakulla's strength lies in its natural assets.

Eco-tourism has recently become a popular addition to our economy. The [Tallahassee Community College](#) annex in Wakulla County has trained many "green guides," resulting in the startup of many new and different small businesses based on eco-tourism.

Typically, the county has not included institutions of higher learning as a Wakulla resource, although three major institutions exist in our backyard: Florida State, Florida A&M and TCC. Led by TCC's former president, Bill Law, and a cooperative effort with the TCC board of trustees, the Wakulla Expo Board and others, a major step has been taken to create what is now being called the Wakulla Institute.

This institute will utilize our county's natural resources to provide economic development by means of an educational model.

The Wakulla Institute is intended to be a state-of-the-art campus that will deal with the natural environment. It has the potential to create jobs, provide a world-class

destination site, and deal with ecological development.

This effort embodies a long-term vision that brings together an institution of higher learning and a willing community in a partnership that will be the basis of a new economic driver.

The jobs that will be created will not just be on the Wakulla Institute campus, but will have a major impact throughout our county and region.

To get some perspective on just how big of a potential impact the Wakulla Institute will have on our local economy, data from existing environmental models point the way.

Wakulla Springs had 208,572 visitors during fiscal year 2008-09, resulting in a total direct economic impact of \$11,304,332 to the local economy. Visitors to the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge totalled 262,000, resulting in an estimated economic impact of \$9 million.

Add to this mix the visitors to Gulf Specimen Marine Lab in Panacea and our state and national forests, and the numbers are even more robust.

Most of these visitors travel more than 100 miles to get to these destinations.

Wakulla County invites and welcomes clean businesses to locate in our county. However, attracting such businesses is a difficult challenge, since Leon County has a better-developed transportation system and other infrastructure.

We all recognize the terrible consequences of the disastrous oil spill that will negatively impact our Gulf and surrounding habitats for decades. This is a tragedy. But, the Gulf changes will have to be studied, and the Wakulla Institute will have a role in restoring the Gulf, alongside the efforts of other institutions of higher learning.

Recognizing that times are changing and embracing a more diverse economic model is an imperative.

Wakulla County quickly recognized the opportunity to partner with TCC and open the door a wide variety of new jobs and opportunities that spell a brighter future for our local economy while preserving our precious natural resources.

TCC starts materials summer camps for students

BY ANGELINE J. TAYLO
DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

A grant from Florida State University is helping a [Tallahassee Community College](#) program train future engineers through summer camps.

The three-week program started for teachers last week. However, this week 13 students are learning how to make different items out of carbon fiber or fiberglass.

Teachers made clipboards. But items made this week by students will show that science can be exciting, Bruce Batton, program manager of TCC's Advanced Manufacturing Training Center, said. Twenty-six students will be participating in the composite materials summer camps. The students are from Leon, Gadsden and Wakulla counties.

WCTV - July 21, 2010

TCC Receives National Recognition

TCC beat out institutions across the country for designing innovative program.

BY DENEIGE BROOM

[Tallahassee Community College](#) receives national honors for helping students map out their education with cutting edge technology.

In house technicians created the "My Success Platinum" program from scratch which earned the college this year's Innovation Award from the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

The student driven program allows them to customize their course schedule, map out career goals and plan their entire experience from day one.

TCC beat out 29 institutions across the country to receive the honor.

Almost 6,000 students will get their hands on it during the upcoming orientation.

Wakulla News - July 23, 2010

Free classes available to Wakulla residents

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TCC to rename facility in honor of former president Bill Law

Former Tallahassee Community College President Bill Law will return to the institution this week for a dedication ceremony in his honor. The Learning Commons will be renamed after him as the William D. Law Jr., Learning Commons.

The dedication ceremony will take place Friday at 4:30 p.m., followed by an open house from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Law worked as TCC president from March 2002 to April. He was named as president of St. Petersburg College. Under his leadership, the college reached record enrollment.

Friday's ceremony will include remarks from TCC trustees: Dana Callen, Bill Hebrock and Eugene Lamb. TCC President Barbara Sloan, Dean of Academic Support Programs Sally Search and Student Government President Kionna Ellis will also speak on program.



Scores of area graduates pass nursing test

By Angeline J. Taylo

Democrat Staff Writer

Morning update

Twenty-five students at [Tallahassee Community College](#) and Florida A&M University are prepared to enter their respective careers of nursing. All of those students passed the professional exam to become a nurse. The test is known as the National Council Licensure Examination or NCLEX.

Alice Nied, TCC nursing director, said the students learned that they all passed the test on July 13.

"I am so proud of the students and their hard work and the effort and dedication of the faculty, staff and lab personnel," Nied said.

11 a.m. update

Nearly 100 students who graduated from the area's public institutions – Florida State, Florida A&M universities and [Tallahassee Community College](#) -- passed the professional exam to become a nurse. TCC and FAMU enjoyed a 100-percent passage rate out of about 25 students.

FSU had more students to take the test. Out of 77 recent FSU graduates, 73 passed the test allowing the school to have a 94-percent passage rate. All area nursing graduates who passed the professional test known as the National Council Licensure Examination, or NCLEX, have gained entry into one of the few areas in the country that is hiring during a sluggish economy.

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Boyd secures \$17.5 million for research projects at local universities

Federal funding will support new and ongoing defense research projects at FSU, FAMU and TCC

WASHINGTON – U.S. Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, July 27th announced that he has secured a total of \$17,550,000 for Florida State University, Florida A&M University, and [Tallahassee Community College](#) to develop new technologies that will enhance our nation's defense capabilities. The funding, which was included in an appropriations bill that passed the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee today, will allow North Florida universities to continue their tradition of providing innovative research that benefits our troops and national security efforts.

"Our local universities are on the cutting-edge of developing new technologies that improve our defense capabilities, enhance our national security, and protect our homeland," said Congressman Boyd. "I'm very proud that this federal funding will allow FSU, FAMU and TCC to help our brave men and women engaged in conflicts abroad finish the job. As this bill makes its way through the appropriations process, I will continue fighting to see that federal funding continues to go to projects like these that help keep America safe and support our local universities."

Florida State University will receive federal funding for the following projects:

\$5,500,000 for the Applied Research for Next Generation of Navy Ships project. This project supports the strategic development by the U.S. Navy of the next generation warship – the all-electric ship. FSU will use the funding to study future technologies and the requirements necessary to address the unique challenges associated with this goal.

\$4,000,000 for the Integrated Cryo-cooled High Power Density Systems project. FSU will lead this multi-university program with the goal of achieving cryo-cooled high power densities to enhance the performance of military vehicles through the reduction of weight and improved efficiency.

\$3,800,000 for the Jet Engine Noise Reduction project. FSU will use state-of-the-art research to develop methods for

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suppressing noise from jet engines. This project will help protect service men and servicewomen who spend large amounts of time near military aircraft, as well as those living near Air Force bases.

Florida A&M University will receive federal funding for the following projects:

\$3,500,000 for the Standoff Improvised Explosive Detection Program. FAMU researchers are working to develop a new generation of laser and sensor technologies that can help identify potential threats on the battlefield - such as improvised explosive devices (IEDs) - from long-range distances, helping keep our troops safer.

\$250,000 for the Self-Organized High-Assurance Wireless Networks project. This project would explore methods for better securing military networks from those seeking unauthorized access. Specifically, researchers will seek ways to develop communication technologies that will hold up against radio jamming and other evolving hacker attacks.

[Tallahassee Community College](#) will receive federal funding for the following projects:

\$500,000 for the Manufacturing and Industrial Training Center. This funding will be used for the establishment of TCC's Manufacturing and Industrial Technology Center, which will provide an interface between the educational training and applied needs of the manufacturing and industrial sectors. The center will develop dual use technologies needed to maintain U.S. technological superiority on the battlefield and for industry to remain competitive in the North Florida area.

The legislation will now head to the full Appropriations Committee before receiving a vote on the House floor.

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GRANTS & GIFTS:

Compiled by CCW staff

Clovis Community College in New Mexico has received a \$1.76 million donation from the Joe and Charlyne Sisler Foundation, the largest donation in the history of the college. The Sislers were prominent citizens of Clovis and supported many charitable causes. The Sisler Foundation was created when Charlyne Sisler passed away last year. As a result of the donation, the college will complete the second phase of its Allied Health Center, which will be named the Joe and Charlyne Sisler Allied Health Building. The completion of the center will allow the college to house all of its health education programs under one roof.

Texas's Lone Star College System announced that it has received a \$1.4 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to help build the LSC-Victory Center, a LSC-North Harris facility. The center will provide training for workers in basic and advanced skills in heating ventilation and air conditioning and electrical, plumbing and general building trades — skills that are crucial during disaster recovery efforts and during times when major employers in the Gulf Coast region are rebuilding and expanding. Construction on the center will begin later this summer with completion scheduled for fall 2011.

Polk State College in Florida has been awarded a \$2.9

million Community-Based Job Training Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to implement the Engineering Technology and Advanced Manufacturing initiative. Through a partnership of three colleges and the Employ Florida Banner Center for Manufacturing, this initiative will increase program capacity, create cutting-edge curricula and provide training for nearly 800 unemployed workers, dislocated workers and incumbent workers who need training to improve their skills. The grant will be applied to both credit and non-credit instruction at Polk State College's Engineering Technology program and the PSC Corporate College's Advanced Manufacturing Institute. The other college partners working with PSC in this project are State College of Florida-Manatee/Sarasota and [Tallahassee Community College](#).

The Batsto Citizens Committee, Inc., has presented New Jersey's Salem Community College Foundation with a \$50,000 gift to create a scholarship fund. The scholarship fund will be established in memory of Joseph Fralinger and Stella Fralinger Grote. It will award a full-time SCC student in glass art, scientific glass technology or industrial design up to \$3,500 per academic year. SCC's nationally recognized glass programs attract students from across the country for innovative glass courses in the college's state-of-the-art Glass Education Center.

Local college steps in to help those on coast struggling to get work

From lost jobs to lost revenue, the oil spill's impact on people across the gulf coast is far reaching. But as ABC 27's Jerry Hume tells us, now a local college is stepping in to help those struggling to get work.

Besides cleaning the gutters for his neighbor, it's been pretty slow for handyman Tommy Owen in Sopchoppy. The struggling economy and now the oil spill, has made life challenging.

"People aren't coming down, people aren't renting their vacation homes, they're not using themselves, they're not worried about fixing up or maintaining a property that's been devalued," said Tommy Owen, handyman.

So to help out Tommy and other residents impacted by the oil spill, [Tallahassee Community College](#) is contributing 50,000 dollars to Wakulla County. So now residents can come here to the service center and take free courses to help them get back on their feet.

The first class, getting started with computers begins this Thursday. Besides computers, other courses that will be offered include solar and green construction, customer service and ecotourism business development.

"People who now may have time on their hands, who wouldn't want time on their hands but because of job losses and revenue losses, people are looking for things that may be able to help them transition into other work areas," said Bonnie Holub, dir of TCC Wakulla Center.

For Tommy, he hopes the classes can broaden his horizon.

"I'm kind of a caveman when it comes to computers."

And help prepare him for a job in the 21st century.

"I want to learn some different skill sets, enhance my employability, get back in the market."

Because the coast impacts everyone, TCC is opening up the courses to any Wakulla County resident 18 or older. For more information on the courses call the TCC Wakulla Center at 850-922-6290.

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New nurses finding jobs

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Kizzie Barrow is one of nearly 100 area graduates of public institutions to pass the professional exam to become a nurse.

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Florida State University had more students taking the exam. Out of 77 recent FSU graduates, 73 passed the test, allowing the school to have a 94-percent passage rate.

Barrow and the others who passed the professional test known as the National Council Licensure Examination, or NCLEX, have gained entry into one of the country's few professions actively hiring during a sluggish economy. Barrow was offered a job as a registered nurse at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare on July 6.

To get her job, she had to follow the advice of local administrators. Barrow had to "be flexible," as FAMU's Dean of Nursing Ruena Norman advises.

"The nursing market is a little more challenging to find jobs. Before there were more openings," Norman said about the job market.

Students used to be able to pick their hospital of choice and a prime shift to work, according to local nursing school administrators. That's not the case anymore, say Norman, Dianne Speake, FSU's associate dean of nursing, and Barbara Sloan, TCC's interim president.

Being picky is not an option when an estimated 563 new registered nursing positions will be created in north-central Florida through 2011, according to the Florida Center of Nursing. The nursing organization compiled workforce information last spring on 17 counties from Gadsden to the west, Columbia to the east and Marion to the south.

"It used to be our students would graduate, go to any hospital and get a job," Speake said. "With the economy, our students can get a job fairly easy. But it won't be their first choice."

Speake said more people who were once retired or no longer in the job market are returning to the workforce to supplement their families' incomes. Their experience is giving them top-pick positions and pushing out new graduates.

Such was the case for Barrow. She wanted to work as a labor-and-delivery nurse, but the job offer didn't come

from that specialty.

"They prefer to have nurses with more experience," Barrow said regarding labor and delivery.

Speake said it used to be that more than 78 percent of the new nursing graduates worked in hospitals. Now, about 60 percent of the new graduates work in hospitals.

"Nurses are working in a whole lot of different settings," Speake said.

The Florida Center for Nursing website says as of January 2010, north-central Florida employed an estimated 854 registered nurses per 100,000 population.

Speake said there are a lot of opportunities available to nursing graduates who pass the NCLEX.

"There will always be a good market for students," she said.

Norman said, "Students are going out and taking care of a vulnerable population."

Barrow, however, is continuing to live her dream of working as a nurse. Working away from her top pick has not deterred her.

"Nursing inspires me to inspire others," she said.

Additional Facts

Recent NCLEX Passage rates

Among state universities

Florida A&M University 100 percent

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Among community colleges

[Tallahassee Community College](#) 100 percent

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Sante Fe College 100 percent

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Update: Scores of area graduates pass nursing test

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11 a.m. update

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Alice Nied, TCC nursing director, said the students learned that they all passed the test on July 13.

"I am so proud of the students and their hard work and the effort and dedication of the faculty, staff and lab personnel," Nied said.

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"I think the process has been outstanding," Karen Moore, president of the TCC's search committee, said.

She said she believes the college will have outstanding folks applying for what she considers "the plum job of community colleges."

In most leadership searches of this magnitude, some of the most qualified candidates resumes come in within the last week of the application process.

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Two colleges receive inaugural NACUBO Innovation Award

BY CC TIMES, Published July 28, 2010

The nation's main organization representing chief administrative and financial officers at colleges and universities this week honored two community colleges with its new award for innovative programs.

The National Association of College and University Business Officers presented seven 2010 Innovation Awards at its annual meeting in San Francisco this week, which included the Los Angeles Community College District (California) for its sustainable building program and [Tallahassee Community College](#) (Florida) for its individual learning plan.

The Innovation Awards honor the achievement of higher education institutions of each type (community colleges, comprehensive and doctoral institutions, research universities and small institutions) in the areas of process improvement and resource enhancement.

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Update: Armstrong explains why he will apply for TCC president

BY ANGELINE J. TAYLOR

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

3:45 p.m. update

A former college administrator, Ken Armstrong, president of the United Way of the Big Bend, told his board chairman that he was interested in applying for the top post at [Tallahassee Community College](#).

UWBB board chairman Barry Webster sent an e-mail to board members so they wouldn't be surprised at seeing Armstrong's name affiliated with the application process for TCC president

The e-mail says:

Dear UWBB Board Members:

I wanted to let you know that Ken Armstrong told me this week that he is submitting his credentials to TCC as a candidate for their presidency. As you probably know, his background prior to working in United Ways here and in Dallas was in the field of higher education. I asked Ken directly whether his interest in TCC resulted from any absence of satisfaction or fulfillment at UWBB. He stated vigorously that the TCC job is the only one in this community or anywhere else which could tempt him to leave his current position. He indicated that he loves UWBB and would happily work here for the rest of his professional life. The opportunity to work on and help the community from TCC's very impressive platform is the reason for his interest there.

TCC is apparently planning to move through their search process at a rapid pace as I'm sure you will hear and see in the news. TCC's goal is to have a new president in place by early 2011. In the meantime, Ken will be continue to actively work on this year's campaign and on his many other United Way and community duties. I will keep you posted as we learn more, but both Ken and I wanted you to hear from us very early. I know we all wish Ken the very best in the process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me on my mobile phone. Thank you.

Barry Webster

Morning update

Ken Armstrong, president of the United Way of the Big

Bend, says he will be applying this week for the top job at [Tallahassee Community College](#).

Armstrong said he is drawn to the job because it would be a bigger platform from which he can do community development and community work, he said.

"And I think that is a logical extension of what I've been doing here for 14 years at the United Way," he said.

He said he's also eager to work on economic development efforts.

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Big Bend Briefs

LEON COUNTY

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Democrat staff reports

Ken Armstrong a candidate for TCC president

By Angeline J. Taylor
DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

He's had 20 years' experience as a college administrator. But that's not how Big Bend residents know Ken Armstrong, president of the United Way of the Big Bend.

Armstrong has worked for the nonprofit organization for the last 17 years. Recently, he decided to join the growing list of candidates applying for [Tallahassee Community College](#) president.

"I've fallen in love with this community," Armstrong said.

Other than UWBB, "there is only one place that I feel has the same community centeredness ... and that's TCC," Armstrong said.

He told the chairman of UWBB's board of directors, Barry Webster, of his decision to apply to keep the board informed. Webster sent an e-mail to board members.

Webster's e-mail said, "(Armstrong) stated vigorously that the TCC job is the only one in this community or anywhere else which could tempt him to leave his current position."

Armstrong said he was drawn to the TCC president job because of the desire to fully delve into economic development efforts.

"Our economic development efforts as a community (in the Big Bend) are going to need more effort, creativity and collaboration," Armstrong said. "TCC is obviously central to that."

TCC Trustee Karen Moore, chairwoman of the search committee, declined to address Armstrong's candidacy.

"I cannot judge any application" before the process to accept candidates closes, she said. "I welcome any and all applicants to what I call one of the true jewels in the crown of Tallahassee."

"Usually, toward the last week, we'll start to get the high-profile applications," Jokestra Hall, presidential search coordinator, said.

The applications will be reviewed starting Aug. 10. The committee will be given the full application packages on Aug. 13. Then, on Aug. 20, the selection committee will meet to shorten the list of candidates.

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Update: TCC's learning commons now bears the name of former president Bill Law

9:24 p.m. update

More than 100 people attended a ceremony this afternoon dedicating [Tallahassee Community College's](#) Learning Commons to the institution's former president Bill Law.

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Law worked as TCC president from March 2002 to April. He was named as president of St. Petersburg College. Under his leadership, the college reached record enrollment.

The ceremony will include remarks from TCC trustees: Dana Callen, Bill Hebrock and Eugene Lamb. TCC President Barbara Sloan, Dean of Academic Support Programs Sally Search and Student Government President Kionna Ellis will also speak on program.

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TCC Names Academic Facility in Honor of Former President

A local university president has left a lasting impression on campus, and now he has the building in his honor.

Reporter: Candace Sweat

Friends and colleagues gathered at [Tallahassee Community College](#) Friday afternoon in honor of 6th President William Law Jr. as the Learning Commons building was rededicated in his name.

Law served as president of TCC from 2002 until this year when he was named president of St. Petersburg College.

Under Law's leadership, TCC saw the largest enrollment and faculty numbers in the college's 44-year history.

Those who spoke at yesterday's ceremony say he's one of the best they've ever worked for and will be missed dearly.

TCC honors former president by renaming learning center

By Angeline J. Taylor

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

With a couple of tugs on a string, the cover hiding the new name of the [Tallahassee Community College Learning Commons](#) was revealed during a ceremony Friday. The new name: The William D. Law Jr. Learning Commons.

Bold gold letters stood out on the dark background above the building's doors as testimony to the college's former president. Law, who left TCC in April to take a job as St. Petersburg College's president, gazed up at the lettering during the hour-long dedication in his honor. When the letters were uncovered, he let out a joyous, "That's cool."

Applause from more than 100 people filled the foyer of the learning commons. They viewed the unveiling on a flat screen television. Congratulatory remarks and memories were shared by notables such as Leon County Commission Chairman Bob Rackleff, Florida State University Provost Larry Abele and Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce Chairman Matt Brown. In his trademark suit and spiffy bow tie, Law smiled, controlled his tears and patted his chest as emotion began to overtake him. TCC President Barbara Sloan, Student Government Association President Kionna Ellis and trustees also participated.

"Putting my name on this is perhaps the greatest moment in my professional life," Law said.

Bright smiles filled the faces of Law family members as they appeared to humbly take in well-wishes. But the nostalgia seen in Law and his brother Richard Law's eyes held a special meaning. They were remembering Law's namesake — their father who worked tirelessly and died at 50 from a heart attack.

Richard Law explained how their father worked as a New York police captain — who was in the top 10 percent of his profession.

"As I got older, I started to look at Bill the same way," Richard Law said. "Bill achieved great things, and he's at the top 10 percent of his profession. It's a complete circle."

Richard Law came down from New York to attend the ceremony. Bill Law's wife, Pat, and one of his sons also attended the ceremony. To hear Bill Law tell it, that's how he got to his fourth presidency — with his family's support.

"Everybody sacrificed so I could go to college," he said.

He was accepted to the University of Notre Dame. But the

family couldn't afford that school. Richard Law said his brother continued to shine regardless.

"Despite what might have seemed like a setback, look at what he's gone on to do," he added.



Law started at St. Petersburg College on June 7. His visit to Tallahassee was similar to a homecoming for him and his wife. They started their young married days off in Tallahassee, Bill Law recalled. Thursday was their 38th wedding anniversary. And she, along with Richard Law, couldn't contain the tears and emotion when considering the now deceased patriarch of the family, the man Bill Law said was best friends with his wife.

"His dad would be on Cloud Nine today," Pat Law said about her husband's father.

TCC announced that up to \$5,000 was being contributed to The Village Square — a local nonprofit organization co-founded by Law. The money would be used to support civic dialogue. However, it was Bill Law who turned the Friday event into a true family day. The building bears his name, but he also stressed two full scholarships that he leaves behind — one that was started years ago in his father's name for single fathers. Friday, Law announced the Dorothy Law scholarship for mothers.

"She went back to school on her own," he said about his mother. "After I received my Ph.D, she sent me a Xerox of her GED in the mail."

Law said his mother was a homemaker and that the whole family sacrificed to send him to college. He was the only one to get a higher education.

TCC's Sally Search, dean of academic support programs, summarized the dedication ceremony by saying, "This truly is the William D. Law Jr., Learning Commons. We took his vision and his dream and made it a reality."

Law enforcement academy grows, gains new name

Nikki Beare

GADSDEN COUNTY

Tallahassee Community College's Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy has been changing its focus, expanding into a national educational facility that helps officers from all over the United States. So now there's even a new name: the Florida Public Safety Institute.

"We had to make changes as we grow in size, shape and focus," said Jim Murdaugh, director of the fast-growing center on U.S. Highway 90 across from East Gadsden High School.

Murdaugh explained that the academy used to be a training institute that was limited to area law enforcement agencies. Now it works with firefighters and probation officers and offers training in telecommunications and intelligence to officers nationwide.

Sharing facilities are 12 state law enforcement agencies, including Florida Highway Patrol Academy and Florida Wildlife Commission Academy, as well as several other programs, including the Pat Thomas Academy, the original training entity.

With so much going on, the center's name was beginning to be confusing. Hence the change.

Murdaugh acknowledged that the late state Sen. Pat Thomas got the approval of the Legislature to start the academy and the academy will always owe a lot to him. Credit also must go to others, such as Ben Duncan, one of Gadsden's longtime leaders, who originally got the state to approve the purchase of the land from Ed Ball.

The institute recently opened its conference center, and numerous community groups such as the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce have held meetings there. There also are now resident apartments for law enforcement personnel who were coming from all over the nation.

Murdaugh said there are 26 programs operating under the Florida Public Safety Institute, which is the largest criminal justice academy campus in Florida.

"Over 70,000 law enforcement people have been trained at our facility here," Murdaugh said.

One program is available for high-school seniors who have reached the age of 19, have completed required

courses and want to become corrections officers. Other agencies are now requesting the opportunity to have some of their law officers come for training.

There also are plans for a 600-bed prison for inmates soon to leave the corrections system. The two-year program, to be located on the campus, is a partnership between TCC and the Department of Corrections.

"This not only will be a benefit to Gadsden during the construction by employing many locals, but, when completed, it will continue to add to the local economy throughout the area," Murdaugh said.

Bill Law, president of TCC until recently, when he decided to take on new challenges at St. Petersburg College, had a dream that is now coming into reality. Law and Murdaugh both had a desire to help prisoners who were soon to be released get the training to help them become employable.

Some are in prison for failure to pay child support, and if they don't find any jobs quickly, they might return to jail.

Class topics will include financial literacy, improving personal attitudes and the importance of learning how to return to society and become a responsible citizen.

St. Petersburg Times, Fla., Mark Albright column: University of South Florida, other college bookstores turn to textbook rentals

By Mark Albright

ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

Aug. 10--Among freshman rituals at the University of South Florida is this time-honored tradition: sticker shock at college textbook inflation.

"Prices are totally ridiculous," said Nicole Monkarsh, a public health major from Oviedo. "I spent \$330 on three books. And they were used. But my jaw dropped when a guy in front of me in line paid \$800 for four."

This fall students have more money-saving options, as most of the nation's college bookstores offer to rent up to a third of the titles on their shelves. Whether students save is another matter, but more about that later.

With wholesale prices rising at four times the rate of inflation since 1994, the average student today forks out more than \$1,000 a year for textbooks. It was enough to stir entrepreneurs, student activists, Congress and the two dominant college bookstore chains to act.

"Textbooks have always been a ripoff because it's a captive market," said Nicole Allen, a textbook campaign advocate with the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. "Once the professor assigns the book, everybody must buy it. Yet 77 percent of professors told us publisher sales reps refuse to disclose prices ahead of time."

A federal law that took effect in July requires colleges to identify required books and class materials prices at registration so students can plan ahead and comparison shop bookstores and online booksellers. It also requires publishers tell professors retail prices before texts are assigned. High-profit bundled goodies like CD ROMs and workbooks must be priced and offered separately, too.

Bookstores needed no nudge from Congress to rent.

"The professors require the books. Students don't want to pay that much, and we're stuck in the middle" defending publishers' royalties to authors and new editions that make texts obsolete every three or four years, said Jade Roth, a vice president at Barnes & Noble College, which added rentals this month at half its 600 school bookstores, including USF.

"We're renting because it is the right thing to do and because some online competitors rent for as little as a week at a time," said Joe Skaggs, vice president of marketing and business development at Follette Higher Education, which adds rentals at 720 of its 885 college stores this fall including Saint Leo University, St. Petersburg College and the University of Florida.

Hillsborough Community College, which owns its bookstores, is not renting books.

During a Follette test at Florida State and Tallahassee Community College earlier this year, 15 percent of students rented.

Text rental kicked off in 2007 at chegg.com, (a compaction of the phrase "chicken and egg," a career Catch-22 confronting the site founders, two Iowa State grads denied jobs in their chosen professions because they had no experience). Other text renters followed, including ecampus.com, bookrenter.com and campusbookrental.com.

Barnes & Noble, which offers about 1,200 textbooks that can be downloaded to e-reading devices, sees renting as a bridge to less expensive options to hardcover texts. And in Florida there are also efforts such as Orange Grove Texts (theorangegrove.com) to create open source-style textbooks that can be downloaded at half the cost of books.

But hardcovers are still the bulk of the business. Students keep about two-thirds of their textbooks. Most books for rent are for introductory and survey courses, the ones most often sold back to bookstores.

Here's an example to demystify renting vs. buying.

A book that retails new for \$100 would normally sell as a used book at \$75. It costs \$45 to \$50 as a rental.

A student could get back \$37.50 by selling it used back to the bookstore. That would be cheaper than renting.

But if that particular textbook edition was not on the approved list the following semester, the bookstores will only offer \$20.

So renting is really about who assumes the risk of a book devalued by dropping off the approved list the following year. The bookstore takes the risk in a rental. Students accept it when buying.

"Renting is the cheapest option upfront," said Roth. "But the old model of buying and selling costs less overall if the text stays on the approved list."

Khara Fleming, a USF freshman, is smarting after getting \$70 back for a text she paid \$140 to buy a few months ago. "I'm looking at a \$600 book bill, so I'll try renting," she said. "I knew books would be expensive, but whoa, it's only a book."

TCC to open training center today

By Angeline J. Taylor

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITE

For about a year, plans were being hammered out for Tallahassee Community College's Advanced Manufacturing Training Center (AMTC). Today, college officials will hold a grand opening for the center, which was once expected to bring about 200 jobs to the community.

The grand opening starts at 2 p.m., at the AMTC on the southwest corner of TCC's main campus of Pensacola Street and Century Park Drive. The 24,000 square-foot building holds modern-day classrooms and instructional laboratories for high-skill, technologically advanced professions.

School officials expect the grand opening attendees to include: Tallahassee Economic Development Council Chairman Kim Williams and former TCC President Bill Law.

Security glitch at colleges exposes personal info

By Angeline J. Taylor

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

About 126,000 students, faculty and staff have been left more susceptible to identity theft after a Tallahassee company inadvertently exposed personal information online.

The company, the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA), provides automated library services and electronic resources to the state's public colleges. Between May 29 and June 2, personal information was open to online access after a software upgrade, said Lauren Sproull, company spokeswoman.

[Tallahassee Community College](#), Pensacola State College and South Florida Community College were just three of the six campuses affected by the security glitch. CCLA keeps library records. Students, faculty and staff members at the six colleges are included in the CCLA system.

"We pride ourselves on protecting private information and deeply regret this inadvertent exposure. I apologize to those involved for any worry or inconvenience this may cause them," CCLA's CEO Richard Madaus said.

CCLA has worked with the Leon County Sheriff's Office on the security investigation. Sproull said investigators discovered some of the personal information was used by unauthorized people.

TCC spokeswoman Susie Hall said, "CCLA has chosen the right to handle it. They sent an e-mail out to all of our students."

CCLA is advising people who might have been affected to put fraud alerts on their credit files to reduce their risk of identity theft.

Thursday's the Deadline for TCC Computer Students' Scholarship

The scholarship will pay half of the tuition for the Fall semester and a \$100 textbook stipend.

Stephanie Salvatore

Press Release from [Tallahassee Community College](#):

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (August 6, 2010) — The deadline has been extended to August 11 for [Tallahassee Community College](#) students enrolled in information technology and computer-related fields to apply for a scholarship that will pay half of their tuition for the Fall 2010 semester and a \$100 textbook stipend.

Funded through a partnership between [Tallahassee Community College](#), the University of West Florida and Florida's Great Northwest, the Northwest Florida Computing and Engineering Training Scholarship Program is designed to develop and increase Florida's computer technology workforce by helping students earn their college degree or certificate in an associated field.

All students in A.S. degree or certificate programs in the following fields are eligible for scholarships: computer programming and analysis, computer programming specialist, help desk/technical support, networking services technology, information technology management and information technology technician; along with many other areas. Furthermore, A.A. students with the intent to transfer into engineering or computer-related bachelor's programs are also eligible. Both new and current TCC students can apply for scholarships, but must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average.

With the August 11 deadline approaching, TCC students must not delay. Apply for the scholarship online at www.tcc.fl.edu/scholarships. For more information about the Northwest Florida Computing and Engineering Training Scholarship Program, contact the Technology and Professional Programs Division at (850) 201-8352, or email tpp@tcc.fl.edu.

59 apply for TCC president's job

By Angeline J. Taylor

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

Fifteen college presidents, 18 top university administrators, three local candidates, several business executives and one school district superintendent are among the applicants vying for Tallahassee Community College president.

Fifty-nine people applied for the job left vacant by Bill Law in late April. Law was selected as president of St. Petersburg College, where he started in early June. That's the same month college officials began to advertise for Law's post.

"We have a great pool of applicants," TCC search committee chairwoman Karen Moore said. "Folks from our state, region and across the country have applied.

"What we're seeing is this job is one of those that comes once in a lifetime. It's going to be one of those tough decisions."

Two of the applicants also applied for Law's current position at St. Petersburg College. They are Thomas Keegan, Peninsula College president in Port Angeles, Wash., and Kaye Walter, Valencia Community College's vice president/chief learning officer in Orlando.

TCC spokeswoman Alice Maxwell said, "Most applications are now officially in."

TCC trustees appointed Barbara Sloan, former vice president of academic affairs, as the new president until a permanent replacement has been named.

Here is the full list of applicants:

Joseph Achinapura, chief financial officer of ACL Investment Holdings, Inc.

Ken Armstrong, president, United Way of the Big Bend.

Daniel Bain, president, Independence Community College in Chicago.

Jill Boyle, former president of Florida Keys Community College in Key West.

Mark Brown, chief financial officer of Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Monesia Brown, attorney at Akerman Senterfitt Attorney's at Law.

Jeffrey Cantor, chief academic officer of Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia.

Stephen Condon, president of Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, Tenn.

Mark Connell, director of strategic initiatives, Savannah College of Art and Design

Kathleen Curphy, provost of Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Ronnie Davis, chief executive officer of Ron C. Davis, LLC in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sanjay Dutta, vice president of Cascade Engineering in Grand Rapids, Mich.

M.M. Ebeid, reconstruction of Afghanistan USG/USDA/FA, USG/USDA/FAS.

Donald Edwards, vice chancellor for operations and planning, Alabama Community College System in Montgomery, Ala.

Bruce Exstrom, president of Allegany College of Maryland.

Ralph Ford, vice president of student success, Union County College in Cranford, N.J.

John Garmon, deputy vice chancellor academic affairs at Dhofar University in Falalah, Sultanate of Oman.

Sarah Garrett, vice president academic affairs at Bristol Community College in Massachusetts.

David Gingerella, senior director of business operations at Yale University in New Haven, Conn.

Eugene Giovannini, president, Maricopa County Community College in Tempe, Ariz.

Kim Godwin, coordinator of communications of Chi Phi Fraternity.

Norma Goonen, president, Hialeah Campus, Miami Dade College.

Phillip Halstead, chief executive office, Florida LambdaRail, LLC.

Randall Hanna, chairman, Bryant Miller & Olive Attorney's at Law.

Rhonda Harper, CEO of RTM&J, LLC., in Atlanta.

Tom Hisiro, director of graduate studies of Bethel University in McKenzie, Tenn.

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continued

Eddie Houston, customer service associate, Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse in Tallahassee.

Betty Inclan, president, Berkeley City College in California.

Jeanne Jacobs, president, Homestead Campus, Miami Dade College.

Brian Johnson, president, Montgomery College in Maryland.

Alex Kajstura, provost, Norfolk Campus, Tidewater Community College in Norfolk, Va.

George Karling, superintendent, Three Lakes Schools in Wisconsin.

Thomas Keegan, president, Peninsula College in Port Angeles, Wash.

Lynn Kreider, president, Colby Community College in Kansas.

Thomas LoBasso, vice president enrollment, Daytona State College in Daytona Beach.

Steve Maradian, vice president, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges in California.

Chris Mattingly, professional interim contractor/employee

Paul Mazur, vice president for academic and student affairs, SUNY Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, N.Y.

Debra Mertz, visiting professor, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT.

Jim Murdaugh, assistant vice president, Tallahassee Community College.

Colleen Olson, panel bankruptcy trustee, Western District of Michigan.

Stephen Pearce, vice president of academic affairs, Okefenokee Technical College in Waycross, Ga.

Denis Peterson, president, Denis J. Peterson, LLC.

Niles Reddick, vice president academic affairs, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga.

Lynne Richardson, dean and professor of marketing, Mississippi State University.

Luke Robins, chancellor, Louisiana Delta College in Monroe, La.

Johnathan Rose, president, Group R & R Associates.

Patricia Rowell, western campus president, Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio.

Ashok Roy, assistant vice president, Kennesaw State University in Georgia.

Joseph Seabrooks, president, Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, Neb.

Chris Silwa, advisor & charter fellow, Advisory Directorate International.

Al Skudzinskas, chief of staff/director of finance, Baltimore City Government in Baltimore, Md.

Ronald Thomas, dean of online instruction, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach.

Barbara Thomas-Reddick, resident chaplain, Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

Anthony Tricoli, president, Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta.

Kaye Walter, executive vice president, Valencia Community College in Orlando.

Gail Washington, director of financial aid & compliance, Milwaukee Career College in Milwaukee Wis.

Alex Williams, chief bureau of adult workforce education, Florida Department of Education

Ron Wood, visiting associate professor, SUNY Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Our Opinion: Case in point for higher ed

TCC is the depot for another economic engine

Higher education is one thing to students who will be returning to town before long. And it's quite another to the business and political communities, which often see our colleges and universities as "economic engines."

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Institutions of higher ed, such as Florida A&M, Florida State and [Tallahassee Community College](#) also bring in visitors for everything from football games to parents' weekends. Visiting scientists at our Mag Lab and historians on the lecture circuit come to town.

Just Tuesday, for example, a top engineer at Pratt & Whitney spoke in a symposium at FSU, touting the universities' role in providing technologies with ready application in aviation and aerospace.

Finally, these economic engines create payrolls for employees whose income and taxes ripple throughout the city's economy.

So it is always safe to say that whatever supports higher education is a positive thing for a community, and political leaders who give only lip service to supporting our colleges and universities are missing enormous bragging rights and the opportunity for a legacy to be proud of.

Meanwhile, however, while Florida waits for the Legislature to quit starving higher education and begin to "get it" about what a great investment it is, places like our own TCC step right up and create such engines as the Advanced Manufacturing Training Center. As Tallahassee-Leon County Economic Development Council chairman Kim Williams put it, the facility is a place to train our "home-grown people."

"If we train them here, they will grow our work force," Mr. Williams said at Tuesday's grand opening of the center. With its labs, equipment simulators and classrooms, part of a \$2.2 million renovation that Congressman Allen Boyd helped TCC acquire, the center will train students for two-year degrees and jobs that provide solid middle-class income.

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