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\$2.2M TO FAMU, TCC FOR NIH BRIDGES PARTNERSHIP

By Staff Report

SOUTH FLORIDA TIMES

TALLAHASSEE —Florida A&M University (FAMU) and Tallahassee Community College (TCC) have partnered for a \$2,193,365 grant from the National Institutes of Health Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program in Biomedical Sciences.

The goal of the FAMU-TCC Bridges Program is to cultivate a program that increases the numbers of underrepresented minorities — African Americans, Latinos and Native Americans —attending TCC with the knowledge and skills necessary to attain an Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree, with the additional goal of these graduates obtaining an entry-level degree in the biomedical sciences at FAMU.

“I was very excited when I was informed that we earned the grant,” said Carl Goodman, FAMU professor of pharmacology and co-principal investigator.

“There was a lot of hard work that went into writing the grant. It is going to do wonders in terms of giving more opportunities for the underrepresented population to garner careers in the biomedical sciences. When you look at the numbers of African Americans entering these fields, it is just low.

“This program is unique and will give students an opportunity to be exposed to the biomedical field.” FAMU is one of the few Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to not only serve as a traditional feeder program, but has become a relatively newcomer as a leader in graduating underrepresented minorities with baccalaureate degrees in the biomedical sciences (agriculture sciences and viticulture, biology and chemistry, environmental, chemical and biomedical engineering, environmental chemistry and health, and pharmaceutical sciences).

“I salute Dr. Carl Goodman and Dr. Sandra Suther, as well as their outstanding TCC collaborators for generating this highly competitive training grant,” said FAMU Vice President for Research K. Ken Redda. “This five-year project will provide Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program in the Biomedical Sciences and will increase the numbers of underrepresented minority students from TCC to obtain baccalaureate degrees at our institution.

Dr. Goodman is not only a brilliant scientist and an astute administrator but he also symbolizes excellence with caring. I have no doubt that this is going to be among the shining examples of a successful BRIDGE Program in the nation.”

TCC is fast approaching the status as a minority-majority institution of higher learning. It has an enrollment of 13,908 students and is culturally diversified with 47 percent minorities. TCC has the highest percentage of African-American students among the 28 members of the Florida College System. Among two-year schools, TCC is the number one producer of A.A. degrees in the nation. It is also the number one transfer school to FAMU and Florida State University.

TCC’s Dean for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Calandra Stringer will be leading TCC’s participation in the new program. “This is a great opportunity for TCC to partner with FAMU in order to increase the pipeline of students who transfer to FAMU,” said Stringer. “We are extremely excited about the biomedical sciences program and we are looking forward to introducing the scientific experiences to our students.”

Some initiatives for the program include:

Establishing an innovative recruitment strategy to attract 150 science majors at TCC to the various biomedical science disciplines and research experiences at FAMU. Through the proposed program, there will be seminars, workshops and lectures that will take place on TCC’s campus throughout the year presented by FAMU biomedical science and research faculty; Establishing a FAMU-TCC Biomedical Sciences Forum where 40 TCC students from the pool of 150 underrepresented minorities (URM) will be invited for a one-day orientation during the spring semester to tour FAMU and its biomedical programs, as well as to gain information on the 10-week summer research internship program; Providing a 10-week summer research internship at FAMU for 10 Bridges students during the first year and a total of 30 for years two to five. Students will be matched with research mentors and conduct a meaningful

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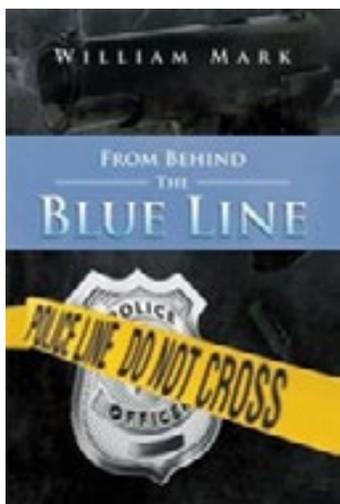
research enrichment activities to include lectures and practical experiences on research and bioethics, laboratory safety training, computer and data analysis, power point

poster preparation and presentation skills. Students will also transition into baccalaureate programs (from academic advisement to identifying financial resources to pay for school) and biomedical science seminars; and providing an academic research internship program during the academic year for seven Bridges students.

Two Cops Step Over the Line in Gripping New Novel of Law & Order

Author William Mark's "From Behind The Blue Line" sadly but clearly paints the battle between ideals versus compromise that police officers must go through every crime-fighting day of their lives

By Press Release
PRWEB.COM



"Every so often, you have to step from behind the blue line." So says Lt. Dylan Akers, an outstanding police officer with a spotless record. The best of friends and the best of police officers, Dylan Akers and Patrolman Beau Rivers graduated from the same class at the police academy. In William Mark's intriguing and realistic story of law enforcement From Behind The Blue Line, the

line is slowly and surely blurred as his two protagonists get caught in the vise of ideal versus compromise, of skirting the edges of the law and true justice.

True evil and human tragedy have become the defining themes in both the policemen's lives. Dylan Akers' world was torn apart after his twelve-year old daughter Caitlin was brutally raped and murdered. For ten years before, Akers and Rivers have put distance between themselves after Beau blamed Dylan for ratting him out after making a terrible mistake in judgment surrounding a monumental drug bust. Now, after Caitlin's death reunites the estranged friends and mends a once-strong friendship. Akers then calls on his longtime friend to fulfill a promise once made in the aftermath of evil, to kill his daughter's murderer/s. For Akers, as a father and a police officer, it was the only way he knew how to get the right justice for his innocent child. In America's rarefied precincts of criminal litigation and flawed criminal justice system, Lt. Akers could not bear to trust the system he worked within for so long to find the necessary justice for the heinous crime against his daughter.

Beau Rivers has to turn down his friend in his most desperate of times, but will a mysterious revelation

change his mind? His and Akers' morals, though, remain hard against crime and criminals. Would he do what his friend has asked? To avenge Caitlin, whom he loved like his own child? Is it true justice that he would be meting out on her murderer/s? The blue line lies far back on the dark path both friends have chosen as Rivers tries to decide:

"He stared at a picture of two headstrong and idealistic rookie police officers looking sharp with their brass gleaming like polished chrome on a classic car. He thought back on what he knew about justice then and felt almost foolish about the harsh truth of the system that has perverted that once-idealistic person he was."

For more information on this book, interested parties may log on to <http://www.Xlibris.com>.

About the Author

William Mark grew up and still lives in Tallahassee, Florida with his family. He attended the Tallahassee Community College where he graduated with an AA degree and then on to the Florida State University where he graduated with a BS degree in Criminology and a minor in Psychology. After college he attended the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy in Midway, Florida. The author has over twelve years of police experience that includes assignments in Homicide and was a member of the departments Tactical Apprehension and Control (TAC) team. He and his family are active members in their church, avid Florida State Seminole fans and enjoy traveling. This book is William Mark's first to be published.

Florida College system commits to support veterans

CLJNEWS.COM

TALLAHASSEE – The 28 colleges in the Florida College System (FCS) signed on to a national initiative to promote veteran-friendly policies at colleges and universities. The eight strategies in “Keys to Facilitating Veterans’ Success on Campus” encourages colleges to implement policies that help veterans, active-duty service members and their families achieve educational and training goals.

“Our system is proud to provide education, job-training and re-training to veterans, active-duty service members and their families,” said FCS Chancellor Randy Hanna. “I commend all 28 colleges for supporting the keys to success, and look forward to strengthening our efforts to create veteran-friendly environments.”

The 28 FCS institutions joined more than 250 colleges and universities from across the nation to support eight keys to success endorsed by the U.S. Departments of Education, Veterans Affairs and Defense:

- Create a culture of trust and connectedness across the campus community to promote well-being and success for veterans.
- Ensure consistent and sustained support from campus leadership.
- Implement an early-alert system to ensure all veterans receive academic, career and financial advice before challenges become overwhelming.
- Coordinate and centralize campus efforts for all veterans, together with the creation of a designated space (even if limited in size).
- Collaborate with local communities and organizations, including government agencies, to align and coordinate various services for veterans.
- Utilize a uniform set of data tools to collect and track information on veterans, including demographics, retention and degree completion.
- Provide comprehensive professional development for faculty and staff on issues and challenges unique to veterans.

- Develop systems that ensure sustainability of effective practices for veterans.

As of April 2012, the Florida College System enrolled 20,745 veterans, up from 14,171 in fall 2009. The U.S. Department of Education anticipates that number will continue to grow over the next several years.

“Our colleges have a strong history of responding to the needs of the state and local communities,” said Chancellor Hanna. “We are proud to support the eight principles for creating veteran-friendly campuses that promote student success.”

It's not too late to register for TCC Fall classes

Sessions begin:
August 26
September 9
and October 16



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LIMELIGHT

Vasilinda withholds support of protest

There was no litmus test among Democrats

For 31 days, protesters occupied Florida's Capitol, demanding state leaders address concerns about Stand Your Ground, juvenile justice and racial profiling.

After more than four weeks sleeping in the Capitol, the activists on Thursday called an end to what they characterized as the first stage of their efforts.

On the evening of the third day of the ongoing protest, Gov. Rick Scott met with protesters. Scott rejected their call for a special session. The next week, Scott sent his juvenile justice secretary to meet with protesters and hear them out.

Dream Defenders, the lead group for the occupation, attracted attention and support when civil-rights luminaries visited: Harry Belafonte, Jesse Jackson, Julian Bond.

From the first day, state Rep. Alan Williams, D-Tallahassee, has aided and comforted the protesters — visiting them, ferrying food in to them with his and his aides' legal access to the Capitol at all hours. Other Democratic lawmakers, though certainly not all, have been vocal in their support.

Of course, not everyone has supported the protest. Scott has publicly and forthrightly disagreed with the aims of the protesters. He supports Stand Your Ground and has said the self-defense law does not need to be changed. Both legislative presiding officers said the same thing. Speaker Will Weatherford agreed to a committee hearing on a proposal. He also affirmed his support for the existing law and urged the protesters to leave the Capitol when an effort to get a lawmaker-called special session

failed, as it was certain to do from the start.

Since July 16, the first night occupying the Capitol, there has been a notable absence. The Capitol, street address 400 S. Monroe St., is inside the legislative district of state Rep. Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda. The three-term Democrat from Tallahassee did not meet with protesters at the Capitol, and did not say anything about the protest publicly.

I called Rehwinkel Vasilinda this week, before the Dream Defenders announced their Capitol occupation would end, to ask her where she'd been. We had a series of detailed conversations. First and most important: reasonable people can disagree. There is no lock-down position that's a litmus test. That said, here's what Rehwinkel Vasilinda thinks.

"I support when young people get engaged," Rehwinkel Vasilinda said this week. "I'm just not sure this is the way to go about getting done what they say they want to get done."

She said she did not think there should have been a special session.

"I'm always open to change, but I do believe in self-defense," she said.

In fact, Rehwinkel Vasilinda supports Stand Your Ground, she's an ardent supporter of the Second Amendment, and she owns a firearm and has a concealed-weapon permit.

She also doesn't think the Dream Defenders went about their protest the right way.

"To do civil disobedience, you have to be very, very careful in its use," Rehwinkel Vasilinda said. "It's a very powerful weapon. What you don't want is everybody pulling out the stops. It's a nuclear option."

After going around, trading ideas, arguments and positions, Rehwinkel Vasilinda told me it was I who had a problem, I who was making assumptions and showing my biases.

She not only had a point, she was right.

I think Stand Your Ground needs to be reconsidered. I think Stand Your Ground is bad law. We were arguing about lots of stuff, but not much about that, the root issue. Much of where Rehwinkel Vasilinda was coming from amounted to criticism of me and the Dream Defenders that she contends is not about that root issue either. Point taken.

When 33 lawmakers on Monday petitioned for a full poll of the Legislature about a special session, it was a doomed effort, never going to succeed. There was a rock-solid 0 percent chance of it happening.

On Thursday, Rehwinkel Vasilinda had not yet responded to the secretary of state's letter about a special session. There were 132 lawmaker responses, 90 opposed to a special session and 42, all Democrats, in favor.

There were a couple of Democrats who rejected a special session. It was not a caucus issue. No one made it a lock-down vote of party loyalty. It shouldn't have been. But a vote of conscience still requires a vote.

My first question of Rehwinkel Vasilinda during our conversations was the status of her response.

"I have not returned my poll. I may not," she said. "I just don't think a special session is wise."

That's an acceptable position, but it's one that must be staked out definitively.

Responses to the secretary of state are open until Monday. I can agree to disagree with Rehwinkel Vasilinda. But I must insist she return the poll. It's not required. It won't make the outcome different. But it will be the right thing to do.



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more, not less, financial assistance.

Parents who can afford to do so will keep their homes as distant as possible from the "bad" schools. Qualified teachers and administrators will do their best to avoid these blighted school zones. This is a sad downward spiral.

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TCC could bridge gap in medical education

Re: "Change coming to TCC?"
(news article, Aug 15).

I would like to suggest another course of action to Tallahassee Community College. Living in this community are hundreds of certified

medical assistants with two-year degrees (just like RNs) earning \$10 to \$12 per hour. RNs earn twice that much, but once you are a CMA you can never advance unless you start your education all over again. A working person with a family just cannot afford to do that. Now TMH wants to make a four-year degree a requirement. This says to me that the nursing profession itself is trying its best to keep people out so that their salaries will remain high and nurses will be in high demand.

There are no programs in existence to transition CMAs to RNs. . This is a waste of human resources. TCC could do something about that.

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Medicine researcher is learning more about why the drug ketamine, used as an antidepressant for the last decade, requires a higher dosage to improve depression in males. Mohamed Kab-baj, a professor in the medical school's Department of Biomedical Sciences, has received a \$1.8 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to support his research. Researchers are interested in looking for ways around giving higher doses of ketamine to males because of the drug's side effects.

Administering ketamine with a combination of estrogen and progesterone, which are more abundant in females, may diminish some of these side effects. Kab-baj and his team continue investigating ketamine despite its side effects because of its quick antidepressant response time.

Program at TCC honored

In 2011, TCC partnered with WORKFORCE plus, the Department of Labor and two other Florida colleges to create the Engineering

Technology and Advanced Manufacturing (ETAM) project — a program designed to help job-seekers receive manufacturing training that increases their overall marketability. At the upcoming National Council for Continuing Education & Training annual conference, the partnership will be recognized with the 2013 Exemplary Program Award. The ETAM project — which completed in June — worked to break down silos between colleges and develop workforce development solutions that could be deployed in both the education and training environments.

New technology classes at TCC

TCC's Division of Workforce Development is preparing its fall slate of technology classes with an eye on preparing participants for the next generation of tech careers. With courses in ASP.NET programming and Adobe and Microsoft certifications, TCC Workforce Development is offering training that is career-focused and gives participants skills in software recognized

as industry-standards. The Division of Workforce Development's evening classes are created with the working professional in mind, and its certifications are designed to increase participants' marketability to employers.

For more information on TCC programs, visit www.TCCWorkforce.com.

Grant powers TCC mine safety program

TCC's Florida Public Safety Institute has been awarded a \$60,773 U.S. Department of Labor grant for the Florida Mine Safety and Health Training (FMSH) Program. The primary goal of the FMSH Program is to have a positive impact on the awareness of safety and occupational health hazards in Florida mining environments and, through training, to help make them safer and healthier workplaces for miners and contractors. FMSH will conduct effective mine health and safety training classes in order to eliminate fatal injuries and reduce the frequency and severity of

mining accidents.

For more information on the grant or FMSH Program, contact Ben Hart at (850) 201-7009 or at hartbe@tcc.fl.edu.

New online degree program at TU

Thomas University students can now earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Rehabilitation Studies completely online. The new program starts this fall, which begins Wednesday. The Thomasville, Ga., program is the only completely online undergraduate degree in rehabilitation in the nation and one of only a few undergraduate degrees in rehabilitation services in the region. The bachelor's degree includes four concentration options: School-to-Work Transitions, Addictions, Gerontology and Criminal Justice. For more information about TU's bachelor's degree in Rehabilitation Studies or master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, visit www.thomasu.edu.

Campus notes is a weekly roundup that appears on Monday. To submit information, email senior writer Doug Blackburn at dblackburn@tallahassee.com.

The Best Online College Programs Named for 2013-2014

After months of research, BestOnlineColleges.org has released their annual lists for the best online colleges in various fields of study. Program fields include: Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Human Resources, Sociology, Math, Biology, Graphic Design and Nutrition.

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Best Online Graphic Design Programs:

Randolph Community College

Community College of Beaver County

The New School

Montana State University Great Falls College of Technology

Community College of Vermont

Santa Rosa Junior College

South Mountain Community College

Laney College

Spoon River College

Suffolk University

Tallahassee Community College

Community College of Baltimore County

Cecil College

Dodge City Community College

Ozarks Technical Community College

Mansfield University of Pennsylvania

Ferris State University

Kansas City Art Institute

Tabor College

Carl Sandburg College

Carroll Community College

Collin College

Kean University

Lewis University

Southeastern Illinois College

Vincennes University

Guilford Technical Community College

Bramson ORT College

Marywood University

California College San Diego

Southern New Hampshire University

Stevens-Henager College

University of Massachusetts Lowell

Community College of Vermont

Eastern Arizona College

West Virginia University

Foothill College

Pensacola State College

Savannah College of Art and Design

Columbus State Community College

Bellevue University

Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design

Middle Tennessee State University

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Minneapolis College of Art and Design

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TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Tallahassee Community College is one of the nation's top community colleges and offers all the excitement and intellectual stimulation of a mid-size college — with the individual attention that comes from small classes and caring faculty. Every semester, about 14,000 students choose TCC for their college experience. Many are preparing for transfer to a university, while others are developing the skills they need to move directly into the workforce.

LOCATIONS

- Main Campus:** 444 Appleyard Drive, 850-201-6200
- TCC Capitol Center:** 300 West Pensacola St., 850-201-7662
- Quincy House:** 216 North Adams, Quincy, 850-558-3620
- TCC Wakulla Center:** 2932 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, 850-922-6290
- Florida Public Safety Institute:** 75 College Drive, Havana, 850-201-7000
- Center for Workforce Development:** 444 Appleyard Drive, 850-201-8760
- Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education:** 1528 Surgeons Drive, 850-558-4500

ENROLLMENT

TCC enrolls about 14,000 students each semester.

FEES

- In-state tuition and fees per hour:** \$98.83
- Out-of-state tuition and fees per hour:** \$375.99

KEY DATES

- Aug. 26:** Fall main session begins
- Jan. 6, 2014:** Spring main session begins

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Programs offered: TCC offers more than 90 academic and career programs and 700 courses.

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree is designed for students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university. Nearly 75 percent of TCC's A.A. graduates transfer into the State University



Thousands of students crowd the TCC campus during first days of classes. MIKE EWING/DEMOCRAT

System within one year, and TCC is the number one transfer school to Florida State University.

The college offers Associate in Science degrees in health care, health information management, computer technology, environmental technology, business/accounting/office, paralegal, criminal justice, engineering technology, building construction, drafting and design, child development and other professions.

TCC offers career certificates in numerous in-demand fields. TCC's Florida Public Safety Institute in Gadsden County offers certificate programs for those interested in law enforcement, corrections, correctional probation and firefighting.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The college provides about \$38 million in scholarships and grants every year.

ATHLETICS

A total of 31 student-athletes received all-academic honors from the Panhandle Conference in 2012. Ten went on to receive similar honors from the Florida College System Activities Association.

KEY CONTACTS

- Admissions and Enrollment Services:** 201-8555
- Student Success and Retention:** 201-8440
- Disability Support Services:** 201-8430
- Academic Support:** 201-8505
- Financial Aid and Scholarships:** 201-8399
- Veterans Affairs:** 201-8406
- Online:** GoToTCC.com

Lifelong Learning Extravaganza Returns This Fall

By City of Tallahassee press release

PRESS RELEASE

September 23-27, Tallahasseeans who want to participate in an energized, flexible, weeklong learning experience are in luck! The Lifelong Learning Extravaganza (L3X) is returning for the fourth year, and registration is now open. This unique series provides the opportunity for individuals in our community to gain knowledge and familiarity with the art, culture and history of Tallahassee and the surrounding areas.

Registrants have the opportunity to select from more than 30 different activities, including workshops, lectures, hands-on activities, half-day outings and more! Participants can attend classes on a pick-and-choose basis. Programs begin as early as 8 a.m. and others last until 9 p.m., offering choices for early risers, night owls and everyone in between. With the wide variety of session options, the L3X schedule provides flexibility for both working and retired adults.

If you're a foodie, you can tantalize your taste buds with the Exotic Flavors Cooking Class, Healthy Cooking with Local Flavors or the ABCs of Italian Wine. History buffs can travel back in time on a trolley tour of the Myers Parks Historic District or learn about the first Spanish explorations of Florida. Music enthusiasts can sway from Bach to Purple Rain and Bach Again or get swept up in the Gamelan Music of Bali: A Hands-on World Music Workshop. Other offerings run the gamut from a class titled Diversity in Early Television Comedies to an outing to the Nation Weather Service.

"Thanks to our sponsors and L3X planning committee, we are able to continuously wow participants with stimulating, fun and diverse offerings every year," said Hella Spellman with Tallahassee Senior Services. "There really is something for everyone. The incredible tours and activities of the L3X program offer a great way for Tallahassee adults to feed their curious minds and adventurous spirits."

A full schedule of tours and classes is available on www.regpacks.com/L3X (both program and registration information is available). All tours and courses vary in cost and are individually priced from \$5 to \$50.

This year's closing luncheon at the Senior Center is "Osceola, the Abolitionists, and the Making of an American Myth." From noon to 2 p.m. on September 27, Dr. Andrew Frank takes listeners on a journey of fallacies surrounding "Chief Osceola." The story begins in Florida and follows a series of myths created as part of the history of America's expansion. The engaging session is \$10, which includes the meal.

Online registration is encouraged. Visit www.regpacks.com/L3X to sign up today. Participants may also drop off completed registration forms or mail them to the Tallahassee Senior Center, Attn: Hella Spellman, Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. If a class fills, priority will be given to those aged 55 and older. Full payment is required with registration. There will be no refunds unless the class is cancelled.

L3X is sponsored by AARP and presented in partnership with the Tallahassee Senior Center and Foundation, Leon County Senior Outreach, Capital City Christian Church, The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The Florida State University and Tallahassee Community College.

The Tallahassee Senior Center is operated and maintained by the City of Tallahassee's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department. For more information on its wide variety of programs and events, please contact the Senior Center at 891-4000 or visit the City's website at Talgov.com. You can also keep up-to-date by liking the Tallahassee Senior Center on Facebook.

TCC looking at possibility of offering four-year degrees

By Doug Blackburn
TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

It's far too early to tell if Tallahassee Community College is going to go down the same trail that almost every one of the 28 institutions in the Florida College System has already forged, but the conversation has begun.

Trustees at TCC on Monday held their first-ever workshop to explore the possibility of adding four-year degrees at a school that has offered only two-year diplomas since it opened its doors as Tallahassee Junior College in 1966.

After listening to the president of Lake Sumter College, formerly Lake Sumter Community College, his board chair, and an educational consultant, TCC's trustees asked President Jim Murdaugh to help them figure out how to continue the discussion that started Monday.

It won't be a quick process, if the board opts to add four-year degrees. Lake Sumter's trustees took three full years to go from initial debates as a board to adding its first four-year program earlier this year.

"The landscape is shifting around us in lots of ways," Murdaugh told the board. "If we proceed, my best advice is a whole lot of conversation."

There was no mention on Monday of the bachelor or applied science in nursing degree that Murdaugh has said both hospitals are lobbying him to offer. Instead, the discussion centered around how to continue exploring the possibility of adding baccalaureate degrees without changing the mission or the character of the college.

"It's a game-changer," Trustee Donna Callaway said. "You can't just say, 'Let's do this in isolation for one degree.' It's going to open the door."

Charles Mojock, Lake Sumter's president, recommended forming a committee of interested community members in order to make sure the trustees have their support and are able to answer general questions. He also urged TCC's board to make sure a four-year degree is in the best interests of TCC's students and the college.

TCC Trustee Allison DeFoor acknowledged that he wanted to move cautiously, but that he was in favor

of further workshops to determine what is best for the college. While most of Florida's 28 colleges are offering or getting ready to offer four-year degrees, only 3 percent of the system's graduates have bachelor degrees.

"It seems like an awful lot of energy and agony has gone on with these transitions. Was it worth it?" DeFoor said. "That's a lot of squeeze, and how much juice do you get for it?"

Social media help college presidents reach new audiences

By Ellie Ashford

COMMUNITY COLLEGE TIMES



Since John "Ski" Sygielski, president of Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) in Pennsylvania, began using social media, "I've been able to engage with a wider variety of people than I would have otherwise," he said.

It's also a good way to learn what other colleges are doing, he said, and it's expanded his knowledge base in terms of lifelong learning.

"I like to follow people I respect. I read their articles and very quickly gain knowledge I can put into a speech, conversation or board meeting discussion," said Sygielski, a former chair of the American Association of Community Colleges board of directors.

He uses Twitter and LinkedIn every day, and Facebook a bit less often, and also writes a monthly blog called the "Ski Gram Blog." His Twitter messages are more popular with HACC employees, while LinkedIn is the favorite for the business community. Sygielski's posts on Facebook tend to elicit questions from students.

The voice of college presidents on social media

Communicating via social media is time consuming, especially when you add it to the 200-plus emails Sygielski receives every day. To manage his time efficiently, he sets a schedule. He focuses on social media from 5-6:30 a.m. and after 10:30 p.m., and sets his messages to appear periodically throughout the day.

Sygielski noted that his experience with social media has gradually evolved as he has become more comfortable with the tools.

"It's getting a little more thought-provoking; it's matured in terms of being able to have a more philosophical discussion," he said.

Reinforcing the mission

Anne Kress, president of Monroe Community College (MCC) in New York, calls Twitter "a wonderful tool for higher education leaders" and is surprised that more presidents aren't taking advantage of it.

"There's no cost associated with it, and it's great opportunity to move your institution forward," she said.

Because her tweets are identified as coming from the MCC president, she views them as "a key driver to move the college's mission and message forward. There's a real engagement aspect, along with a sense of authenticity and transparency," she said.

The fact that tweets are restricted to just 140 characters helps people engage and enables me to respond quickly, Kress said.

"You end up getting in front of a lot of people you otherwise wouldn't connect with," she said, and that audience is magnified when other organizations retweet her messages. She has made several important connections for the college through Twitter, such as a continuing dialogue with Opportunity Nation, an advocacy group that shares her interest in promoting economic mobility.

Kress uses Twitter periodically throughout the day when she has a "few moments of downtime," such as waiting for a meeting to start or standing in line.

"If I'm sitting at my desk reading something of interest to other higher education leaders, I may tweet about it or retweet it," she said. She also uses Twitter to highlight accomplishments of students and faculty or to address an issue the college is dealing with.

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Kress feels it's best to focus on one platform and she has embraced Twitter. When she was asked to speak on a panel on social media at the AACC annual convention this spring, she used Twitter to plan the presentation with the other panelists, Karen Stout, president of Montgomery County Community College (Pennsylvania), and Margaret McMenamin, president of Union County College (New Jersey).

An advocacy tool

Stout has a professional presence on several social media sites but restricts Facebook to personal uses. She finds Twitter the most useful—especially for advocacy.

"By following state legislators, I get a sense of their priorities and can build college connections with them," she said. Using Twitter's "direct message" and "mention" functions usually nets an immediate response from lawmakers.

Stout also tweets regularly about college news, higher education trends and community issues that have a potential connection with the college.

Using social media to improve advocacy, fundraising

"Twitter has a very immediate effect in creating a circle of influence we've never had at our fingertips before," she said.

One of her early tweets was about how the college was offering free tuition to unemployed workers. CNN followed up, and the college received national attention. Another time, a neighbor used Twitter to send her a photo of people putting up political signs on campus, which was a violation of college policy. Stout contacted campus security and had the issue resolved quickly and discreetly.

Occasionally, Stout puts out a more personal tweet.

"People like to see a personal side; it helps to build a relationship with me," she said. For example, if she tweets about playing golf on vacation, "that's something people can talk to me about."

It's not just about putting out a message. Stout learns a lot by following creative thinkers in business or other fields who can provide a different perspective on higher education.

Stout hasn't found LinkedIn as productive as Twitter, although she sees that it could provide a good pool of resources for finding consultants and local people to serve on college advisory bodies. She also appreciates invitations to connect on LinkedIn from alumni, which offers a chance to learn about their jobs and promotions.

"Using different forms of social media gives me, as a college president, a good sense of what our students are using and how the college can better engage with them," Stout said.

Personalizing the presidency

Since embracing social media, Jim Murdaugh, president of Tallahassee Community College in Florida, said he has learned to appreciate that people want to know him as a person. He was surprised that he received more feedback from personal updates on Facebook than comments about the college.

"People want to know there's more to me than my role as a college president," he said, adding that it especially personalizes him with students. "Students want to know we're all people; we all have hopes and dreams and good days and bad days."

When Murdaugh started, he tried to set a schedule for status updates on Facebook, but found that was artificial.

"It's more authentic when your memories are fresh and most vivid," he said.

While he uses Facebook to post quick messages, he presents more well thought-out reflections on issues of the day on YouTube and in a monthly blog, highlighting the good things happening on campus, such as the college's advanced manufacturing program and the large number of international students.

"The blog gives me an opportunity to tell my version about what students should know about a particular issue" that's getting attention in the media or has sparked controversy on campus or in the community, Murdaugh said. "I believe the blog needs to reflect my personal vision. It ought to stimulate conversation."

If people disagree, that can lead to a constructive dialogue. For example, one recent blog post that generated a lot of discussion was about whether the emphasis on science, technology, engineering and

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TCC prepares a semester of opportunities

By Special to The News

WAKULLA NEWS

Tallahassee Community College is preparing more educational opportunities for Wakulla than ever this fall semester. With TCC's Wakulla Center beginning its second year in the Centennial Bank building in Crawfordville, TCC is expanding its offerings to include more for-credit and workforce training courses.

Beginning August 26, Wakulla County residents can take prerequisite liberal arts classes at TCC's Wakulla Center:

ENC 1101, College Composition Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

HUM 2210, Humanities I

Monday 7 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.

MAC 1105, College Algebra Monday & Wednesday 4 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

In addition to TCC's associate of arts program that prepares students for transfer to a university, TCC also offers degrees and certifications that prepare students to move directly into the workforce. TCC's Wakulla Environmental Institute offers an A.S. in Environmental Science Technology and a water quality technician certificate. Furthermore, beginning Sept. 3, TCC's Wakulla Center is also offering the Green Guide Certification, a 90 hour program of classroom and field-based training designed to give students the knowledge and skills needed to work in nature-focused businesses.

Registration for the fall semester is still open, with classes for the Fall Main and August Express sessions beginning Monday, Aug. 26, the September Express Session starting Sept. 9 and the October Expression Session starting Oct. 16.

For more information visit www.tcc.fl.edu/wakulla.

Florida college system commits to support veterans

By Special to the News
PUBLICATION

All 28 colleges support principles to improve access, affordability and success for veterans and their families ~

Last week the 28 colleges in the Florida College System (FCS) signed on to a national initiative to promote veteran-friendly policies at colleges and universities.

The eight strategies in "Keys to Facilitating Veterans' Success on Campus" encourages colleges to implement policies that help veterans, active-duty service members and their families achieve educational and training goals.

"Our system is proud to provide education, job-training and re-training to veterans, active-duty service members and their families," said FCS Chancellor Randy Hanna. "I commend all 28 colleges for supporting the keys to success, and look forward to strengthening our efforts to create veteran-friendly environments."

The 28 FCS institutions joined more than 250 colleges and universities from across the nation to support eight keys to success endorsed by the U.S. Departments of Education, Veterans Affairs and Defense:

- Create a culture of trust and connectedness across the campus community to promote well-being and success for veterans.
- Ensure consistent and sustained support from campus leadership.
- Implement an early-alert system to ensure all veterans receive academic, career and financial advice before challenges become overwhelming.
- Coordinate and centralize campus efforts for all veterans, together with the creation of a designated space (even if limited in size).
- Collaborate with local communities and organizations, including government agencies, to align and coordinate various services for veterans.
- Utilize a uniform set of data tools to collect and track information on veterans, including demographics, retention and degree completion.

- Provide comprehensive professional development for faculty and staff on issues and challenges unique to veterans.

- Develop systems that ensure sustainability of effective practices for veterans.

As of April 2012, the Florida College System enrolled 20,745 veterans, up from 14,171 in fall 2009. The U.S. Department of Education anticipates that number will continue to grow over the next several years.

"Our colleges have a strong history of responding to the needs of the state and local communities," said Chancellor Hanna. "We are proud to support the eight principles for creating veteran-friendly campuses that promote student success."

Our Opinion: Welcome back

Return of college students is a boost for Tallahassee

PUBLICATION

In Tallahassee, thousands of college students are getting settled in and readying for classes that start Monday. Their return ends the summer slow-down for cab drivers, bartenders and retailers catering to wide-eyed freshman and more-seasoned upperclassmen.

And although Tallahassee doesn't suffer as much financially as it has in the past when our universities are on summer break, the students' return means an injection of spending activity, more traffic and more life in the neighborhoods around the campuses of Florida State and Florida A&M universities and Tallahassee Community College.

We say, welcome back. College students represent such an important part of this city, despite some grumbling by motorists who have enjoyed less traffic on West Tennessee and West Pensacola streets, and those who have been able to snag prime parking along Wahnish Way.

If you're ever in doubt of the impact students have in this city, take a look at the impressive construction projects around the Florida State campus and on Gaines Street, with student housing, entertainment and retail complexes opening that are geared to this population and their tastes, as well as that of their friends and families.

When dorms opened last week, interim FAMU President Larry Robinson and staff were there to help students move in. FSU President Eric Barron is opening up the grounds of the president's house today for a student barbecue following this afternoon's New Student Orientation at the Civic Center. These are symbolic but important gestures to show students, their parents and friends that they are getting a proper welcome back.

At Florida State, about 41,500 students are enrolled, including 6,100 freshman. They can be considered the lucky ones, as the university reports that their average GPA was 4.0.

"We had nearly 37,000 freshmen apply to Florida State University, which is a great testament to the high level of education that this institution provides," Director of Admissions Janice Finney said in a news release.

Over at TCC, an estimated 11,500 students are expected to enroll, including about 2,600 first-time students. That represents about a 2-percent increase for first-year students, even though overall enrollment is expected to be down about 8 percent.

FAMU's enrollment is expected to reach nearly 12,000, including 1,150 freshmen, which will be about the same as last fall's freshman class.

The students' return and Monday's first day of classes also mean something else big is coming: The beginning of the football season isn't far off, with FAMU's debut under new head coach Earl Holmes on Sept. 1 in Orlando and Florida State's first game on Monday, Sept. 2, at Pittsburgh.

Moving forward, we say welcome to the freshmen and welcome back to the upperclassmen. Remember to study hard, stay safe and be responsible pet owners.

And find a community interest project that can you use skills and talents as a volunteer. Tallahassee is whole once again.

TCC offering variety of technology classes this fall

Tallahassee Community College's Division of Workforce Development is preparing its fall slate of technology classes with an eye on preparing participants for the next generation of tech careers. With courses in ASP.NET programming and Adobe and Microsoft certifications, TCC Workforce Development is offering training that is career-focused and gives participants skills in software recognized as industry-standards.

"When you read the course descriptions for our fall classes, you'll see the term 'industry-standard' quite a bit," said Amy Combs, program coordinator for Workforce Development's Information Technology programs. "That's because our offerings align so well with the needs of our local businesses and government agencies."

- Adobe Certified Associate Visual Communication – Photoshop

Adobe Photoshop is considered the industry-standard in graphic design and is used to create print media such as flyers, newsletters and brochures. Students will receive over 40 hours of instruction and gain an industry-recognized certification for the low cost of \$99. The 6-week training is held at the TCC Capitol Center located in downtown Tallahassee and runs from August 26 to October 13.

- Microsoft Office Specialist Certification – Excel

Microsoft Excel is one of the most widely-used

programs for organizing and analyzing business information. This 5-week training will be held at the TCC Capitol Center and gives students the opportunity to gain a certification for \$99. It runs from August 27 to October 4.

- ASP.NET Programming

ASP.NET is quickly becoming the industry standard for web development. This 15-week training is designed for IT professionals with at least one year of recent programming experience. It is a hybrid course—students will be required to complete necessary coursework independently as assigned as well as attend an instructor-led lab once per week on TCC's main campus. The cost is \$995 and the course runs from August 28 to December 11.

- Microsoft Office Specialist Certification – Word

Microsoft Word is the most commonly used word processing software, and a vital tool for creating professional documents. This 5-week training will be held at the TCC Capitol Center and gives students the opportunity to gain a certification for \$99. It runs from October 8 to November 20.

- Adobe Certified Associate Web Communication – Dreamweaver

Adobe Dreamweaver is considered an industry-standard for creating and maintain web pages. Like the Photoshop course, the 5-week training will be held at the TCC Capitol

TCC manufacturing partnership receives national recognition

In 2011, Tallahassee Community College partnered with WORKFORCE plus, the Department of Labor and two other Florida colleges to create the Engineering Technology and Advanced Manufacturing (ETAM) project—a program designed to help job-seekers receive manufacturing training that increases their overall marketability. At the upcoming National Council for Continuing Education & Training (NCCET) annual conference, the partnership will be recognized with the 2013 Exemplary Program Award.

The ETAM project—which completed in June—worked to break down silos between colleges and develop workforce development solutions that could be deployed in both the education and training environments.

"We saw great dividends from this program through students

successfully completing training and moving on to careers in manufacturing," said Kimberly Moore, TCC vice president for Workforce Development. "This national recognition from the NCCET is a great testament to our partnerships with Polk State College and State College of Florida."

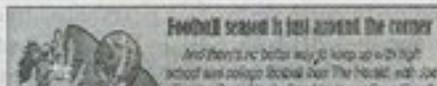
The inter-institutional nature of the ETAM project helped create a mechanism by which TCC and the other two colleges could jointly offer corporate training via technology-enabled learning and enroll participants at their respective institutions while sharing instructor costs and quality procedures. After successful deployment with the three-college consortium, ETAM courses and methodology are now being leveraged in the US DOL-funded "Florida TRADE" grant serving twelve partner colleges.

Center and gives students the opportunity to gain a certification for \$99. It runs from October 14 to November 25.

The Division of Workforce Development's evening classes are created with the working profes-

sional in mind, and its certifications are designed to increase participants' marketability to employers.

For more information on TCC Workforce programs, visit www.TCC-Workforce.com.



Love, Laughter, and Magic!

Theatre TCC!'s 2013-2014 season features one of Shakespeare's all-time audience favorites, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and the outrageously funny Tony Award-Winning musical, *Urinetown*. All performances take place in the beautiful Turner Auditorium, part of Tallahassee Community College's Fine & Performing Arts Center.



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Back-To-School Means Back To Booming Business

By Elizabeth Nickerson

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Tallahassee, FL - University students pack the halls and restaurants are packed for the lunch rush.

"You have such a severe population cut out almost overnight, as soon as finals are over and everyone leaves, its ghost town," said Jesse Filippelli, from the Momma Goldberg's Deli.

With students coming back-to-school, it means booming business for bars and restaurants. Student enrollment has increased in every school in our area this year. Florida State University has more than 40,000 students this year, Florida A&M University is behind them with 12,000 and Tallahassee Community College has more than 20,000 this year.

Students make up more than 70,000 of Tallahassee's population.

Bar owners say bars near the universities see a 60 percent decrease in sales when students are not in the area.

Owners say the impact is so severe that when students leave for summer vacation some places have to close or change business hours.

"Every summer we lose so much clientele, my co-workers and myself and my boss included make half as much as we do during Fall semester or Spring semester," said Nicole Canepa, from the Clyde's & Costello's Bar.

Federal cuts hit Early Head Start Program

By TaMaryn Waters

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Daycare infused with teaching early learning benchmarks will be harder than ever for some of Tallahassee's working families and college students.

Faced with budget reductions stemming from federal cuts known as sequestration, Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend must cut \$173,062, a 5.25-percent reduction, from the agency's Early Head Start Program. The cut represents the largest cut since the program was established in 1998.

Every year, a new wave of 3 year olds transition out of the program, making room for a new crop of infants and toddlers. However, this year, 16 fewer children will not be enrolled due to federal budget cuts. That's not all: six employees are jobless, said Kids Incorporated Executive Director and CEO Pam Davis.

The program has nearly 300 clients on its waiting list.

Sarah Minasian, 25, is now in a tough spot. She managed to get an emergency Early Learning Coalition voucher for daycare through Workforce Plus. That only lasts a month, leaving her with few long-term options for her young daughter as she takes a full load of nursing classes at Tallahassee Community College and looks for a job.

"I have no idea what's going to happen in a month," Minasian said. She had hoped to use financial aid money for rent, but it may instead be diverted to childcare bills.

Most clients in the Early Head Start Program, roughly 88 percent, are like Minasian. They are working families or college students who are not receiving public assistance. Davis said the budget setback will put more strain on those already struggling.

The agency, with a 1:4 ratio of adults to children, was serving 236 children and 42 pregnant women before the mandated cuts, and now it's serving 220 children with 42 pregnant women.

"You can't get a job when you have to carry around an 18-month-old with you," Davis said, adding Early Head Start officials are joining massive educational outreach aimed at Congressional leaders.

Davis added the shut-out families won't get two healthy meals and a snack each school day, get tailored training to meet a child's development needs and the 16 children won't be automatically enrolled to get services such as dental and health screenings.

The needs of children enrolled can run the gamut: inability to speak, lack of body coordination to feed themselves or speech challenges. Leslie Warren turned to Early Head Start when her now 7-year-old son was a 3-month-old and born premature.

He had challenges with breathing stemming from his tiny lungs. Warren says he has flourished under the agency's guidance, including being an author of his first book at age 5. Warren says her son was reading at a fourth-grade level at kindergarten, punctuating her support for a program that kept her son on track.

Warren, serving as board secretary for the program's board of directors and chairwoman for its policy council, is angered other families will miss out on the kind of services her son received.

"Early interventions are so key to the rest of an individual's life," Warren said. "If you don't get someone early, it gets more expensive as time goes on."

Davis added the cuts could be reversed or get worse depending on what Congress does in October and November.

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Literacy tutor training workshop

Looking for a rewarding way to volunteer? Like working with people? Then consider becoming an adult literacy reading or math tutor with Literacy Volunteers of Leon County. Volunteer tutors are trained to work one-to-one with adults who wish to improve their reading or math skills. **Tutors meet with students at libraries or work sites, or may work with students enrolled in Tallahassee Community College's Adult Education program on TCC's campus.** Our next tutor training is scheduled for the following dates: Sept. 5, 6-8:30 p.m. (reading and math), Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (reading) and 10 a.m.-noon (math), Sept. 10, 6-8:30 p.m. (reading). These workshops will be held in the program room on the first floor of the Collins Main Library at 200 W. Park Ave. To register for this workshop or get more information, please contact Literacy Volunteers of Leon County at 606-2644 or literacy@leoncountyfl.gov.

Residents weigh proposed Imagine initiatives

Imagine Tallahassee reports on progress of initiatives, action items

By Dave Hodges

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Imagine Tallahassee paused its visioning process Tuesday and Wednesday to report on its progress and have residents evaluate a variety of proposed initiatives that could help implement the group's goal for a better community.

About 80 residents attended the Tuesday open-house session at the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education, and at least 75 came to Wednesday's gathering at Tallahassee Community College's downtown Capital Center at Kleman Plaza.

Those who turned out had the opportunity to review the group's draft vision statement and its five strategic directions. Under each of the five were individual initiatives that could become action items to help Tallahassee attain its vision for a more vibrant community.

Attendees were given colored dots to mark their favorite initiatives on each of the five charts. They also had the opportunity to suggest initiatives of their own that will be considered by consultants from Wallace, Roberts & Todd. The consultants will finalize the list of alternatives to be presented at a public meeting in October, said Kim Rivers, Imagine Tallahassee co-founder.

"We are getting down to specific initiatives and actionable items," Rivers added.

A nonprofit, citizen-led project, Imagine Tallahassee is producing a community vision for Tallahassee's future. It will then be used as the basis for economic development priorities that could be funded with local sales taxes. By December, Imagine Tallahassee's 25-member steering committee must submit its proposals to the Leon County Sales Tax Committee.

"It's good. It's interesting to see where people gravitate to," said volunteer Vincent Hunt, who was assisting residents Wednesday with marking their preferences on a board listing proposals for "Supporting a Creative Culture and Urban Lifestyle" — one of the five strategic directions.

On that chart, Tallahassee resident Nathan Ballentine

voted for initiative No. 6, "Promote a Local Lifestyle."

Among its action items is capitalizing on downtown Tallahassee's access to diverse, locally grown foods, opportunities for urban farming and outdoor activities to promote a culture of "going local."

"There is a lot of potential," said Ballentine.

He noted residents here spend an estimated \$180 million annually on the vegetables and fruit they consume.

An advocate for more local food production, Ballentine has participated in Imagine Tallahassee sessions and voiced his views on community-based agriculture.

"How do we retain the dream, but gain a foothold and take a step forward?" he said as he studied the items under the strategic direction titled "Investing in Our Human Capital Assets".

Althemese Barnes, director of Tallahassee's Riley House museum of black history and member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, noted the various initiatives under the strategic direction "Growing Our Destination Product for Travel and Tourism."

She observed the area's history and heritage must be part of the tourism marketing mix.

"What we might need to do is mobilize some of the people from the heritage community," Barnes added. "We have a lot of history and a lot of sites that would tie together a story that people would come to hear."

Residents unable to attend either of the open-house events this week may still review the five strategic directions and vote on the initiatives.

Rivers said the information will be posted on the Imagine Tallahassee website beginning today at www.imaginetallahassee.com.

Our Opinion: Get creative

KCCI has made a great impact on the city

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

As you look around Tallahassee and see the many developments sprouting up, or if you've heard about plans to attract more people downtown or to Lake Ella Park, understand that many of these were driven by interested individuals, and not government officials alone.

If you are interested in community planning, bridging the connection between local businesses and the public, or even if you have another great idea for making Tallahassee special, plenty of opportunities await you.

What's impressive is that many of the ideas that are now completed or on the drawing board come from some of the many talented people in the city.

That's why we encourage those who are interested to consider signing up to volunteer with The Knight Creative Communities Institute. The organization has directed or had a hand in many developments throughout the city and it encourages out-of-the-box thinking and creative thought. The deadline to apply is Friday, and you can get more information by visiting www.kccitallahassee.com. Thirty people will be selected and training will begin in October.

The program is financed through a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, area businesses and it is affiliated with the Center for Workforce Development at Tallahassee Community College.

It takes a commitment of time, but since 2007, six classes or groups have participated. The goal is to come up with ideas that help promote and enhance the community and to create actual projects that can be developed through a spirit of teamwork.

Some of the early initiatives included the Tallahassee Film Festival, creating Sustainable Tallahassee and the Get Gaines Going Initiative that involved envisioning a neighborhood that would become a destination for the arts, entertainment and dining.

What's being experienced on Gaines Street today is an example of creative talents coming together with a vision and goal to influence change.

Other projects have included working on efforts to better promote downtown Tallahassee and Cascades Park, creating Lake Ella as a weekend destination spot in town and working with local government on efforts in creating a sense of place on Tallahassee's southside, Midtown and other areas.

If you feel that being a part of an organization that has established a strong track record through its creative accomplishments in a short period of time, get your application in by Friday.

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TCC technology programs have class openings for fall

Courses are in the evening

By Lee Williams
Special to the Chronicle

Tallahassee Community College has openings in several technology-related career programs this fall.

The Engineering Technology program leads to an Associate in Science degree. Most courses are taught at TCC's Advanced Manufacturing Training Center (AMTC) on the southwest edge of campus. Students in this program have the opportunity to earn national Manufacturing Skill Standards Council certification.

The program prepares students for jobs as industrial machinery mechanics, general and operations managers, and supervisors of production workers, mechanics, installers and repairers. It includes 60 credit

hours of courses and takes two academic years to complete. Courses are offered primarily in the evenings.

To learn more about the AMTC engineering technology program, call 201-9720 or amtc@tcc.fl.edu.

TCC's Drafting and Design Technology programs also have openings. Students may enroll in one of the certificate programs described below, or they may choose the A.S. degree program, which offers specializations in either building construction or surveying/geographic information systems (GIS).

The CAD Foundations Certificate prepares students to produce and interpret Auto Cad/Revit drawings. Graduates may be employed as CAD technologists or assistant architectural, engineering or surveying specialists (15 credit hours).

The Fire Sprinkler Design Technology Certifi-

cate prepares students to design fire sprinkler systems using CAD and computer technology. Graduates may be employed as fire protection installation technicians, assistants to fire safety contractors, fire protection designers and installers, and assistants to fire inspectors and investigators (18 credit hours).

The Drafting and Design Technology A.S. Degree with Building Construction Specialization or Surveying/GIS Specialization prepares students to translate ideas, specifications and calculations to produce accurate working drawings and to use geographic information systems (GIS) in topographic surveying. Graduates may be employed as drafters; CAD technicians or specialists; GIS technicians; and assistants to architects, engineers or surveyors (62 credit hours). According to the Florida Department of Economic Oppor-

tunity, drafters were projected to earn an average of \$19.63 per hour in Florida in 2013.

TCC strives to connect its graduates with professionals and employers in their field of study. The Career Center helps students arrange internships and other "real-world" opportunities. Last fall, TCC sent four of its drafting and design technology students to the Seven Hills Regional User Group's GIS workshop at the Florida State Conference Center.

Bret Hammond, who chairs TCC's engineering technology programs, knew the event would benefit students, exposing them to the wide range of uses for GIS data, from emergency management to monitoring bird populations and mapping watersheds.

For information about TCC's technology programs, call 201-8352 or contact techedu@tcc.fl.edu.

2013-08-29 Annual art faculty exhibit on display at TCC Fine Art Gallery

TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (August 29, 2013) – **Tallahassee Community College's Fine Art Gallery is currently hosting the annual Art Faculty Exhibit.**

The annual exhibit celebrates the work of TCC's visual art faculty. This year's exhibit features the following faculty members: Julie Baroody, Ljiljana Obradovic-Edmiston, Barbara Edwards and Ed Toner.

To celebrate the opening of the exhibit, the TCC Fine Art Gallery will honor the exhibit's contributors during a public reception on Thursday, August 29 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

The annual Art Faculty Exhibit is on display through September 26.

The Fine Art Gallery is open from 12:30 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of Monday, September 2 when the College will be closed for Labor Day.

Admission is free. The Fine Art Gallery is located in the Fine & Performing Arts Center at Tallahassee Community College

Program to give some Cen-Tex veterans assistance with college

By U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
FOX44

WASHINGTON — Central Texas veterans who are choosing to attend school will soon be receiving help from the Department of Veteran Affairs. The government announced Friday morning it is expanding the availability of services through the VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) program to an additional 62 new locations this fall – bringing the number of VSOC schools across the country to 94.

“VetSuccess on Campus is an innovative approach to help Veterans in the often difficult transition from military service to academic life,” said Allison A. Hickey, VA’s Under Secretary for Benefits. “Placing experienced VA counselors directly on college campuses strengthens VA’s partnership with institutions of higher learning and creates myriad opportunities to help Veterans succeed.”

This expansion triples the number of on-campus VA vocational rehabilitation counselors available to help ease Veterans’ transition to student life and assist them in achieving their educational and career goals through VA’s Post-9/11 GI Bill and other education benefit programs.

The counselors maintain close relationships with local VA Vet Centers and VA medical facilities, referring Veterans as needed for counseling or medical services and providing assistance enrolling in and applying for VA medical and nonmedical benefits. Partner schools provide on-campus office space for the VA counselors.

Since the inception of the Post-9/11 GI Bill four years ago, VA has issued about \$30 billion in payments to help nearly 1 million Servicemembers, Veterans and family members pursue their education.

VA has signed agreements with the following schools as part of the FY13 expansion (Central Texas schools in bold):

American River College (CA)
Austin Community College (TX)
Austin Peay State University – Clarksville (TN)
Bellevue University (NE)
Bluegrass Community College (KY)
California State University – Long Beach

California State University – Los Angeles
Central Texas College (Killeen, TX)
Citrus College (CA)
East Carolina University
ECPI University (VA)
Florida International University
Florida State College at Jacksonville
Florida State University
George Mason (VA)
George Washington University (DC)
Harrisburg Area Community College (PA)
Hawaii Pacific University
Houston Community College (TX)
Irvine Valley College (VA)
Johnson County Comm. College (KS)
LA City College (CA)
Leeward Community College (HI)
Liberty University (VA)
Lone Star College System – University Park (TX)
Long Beach City College (CA)
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University of Arkansas

Heading New Problems For Bond CHC, TCC To Help

Tallahassee, FL - Help is on the way for the troubled Bond Community Health Center.

Tallahassee Community College will be conducting a review of the center's operations.

The TCC announcement comes after results of a troubling audit.

A report from Leon County government states Bond isn't providing the necessary paper work to get taxpayer money.

The report concludes patient care, overall, is done properly.

But the report also found significant issues.

Findings include pneumonia and flu vaccines, mammograms and

colo-rectal cancer screenings are being done about half the time they're needed.

"Our medical team has identified clinical procedures that we can strengthen," said Bond Board Chair Antonio Jefferson.

Additionally the report notes Leon County requires certain documents to reimburse Bond for taking care of patients.

In particular, Bond must prove the patient's income is at or below the poverty level.

Of 48 records reviewed, none was in compliance meaning no patient visit was eligible for Leon County taxpayer reimbursement money.

"We have policies in place that cover this," said Jefferson. "Our shortfall is it just didn't happen," he said.

In a response to Leon County's report dated Thursday, Bond states its corrective action plan is in progress.

The report comes after Leon County commissioners have already suspended more than \$800,000 in taxpayer funding for Bond.

In less than two weeks, Bond administrators will go to the commission to make a case for getting that money.

"I find it challenging," Jefferson said. "We have to deal with this issue at the heels of going before the county commission," he said.

Bond has now entered into a deal with TCC's division of workforce development to examine the center's operations.

"The community college wants to be part of the solution and we believe they will be," said Jefferson.

As we previously reported, one problem a federal audit of Bond found was a lack of a full time pediatrician.

Bond has just signed a multi-year deal with Doctor Jagannadha Rayavarapu to fill that role.

Residents weigh-in on Syria conflict

By Jade Bulecza
PUBLICATION

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (WTVX)--President Obama is facing a tough decision on what action, if any, to take in the escalating Syrian conflict.

As the death toll rises so does the pressure on the U.S. to act and residents here at home are weighing on what American action could mean.

While President Obama has said there will be no "boots on the ground" in Syria, getting involved in the conflict is something experts say could still prove complicated.

"I have to try I have to try and tell the people the truth and war is horrible especially bad for children and we're going to be killing kids over there forever," said Veteran Tom Baxter.

Nearly 45 years after Tom Baxter fought in Vietnam, the violence he witnessed still haunts him. He hopes the United States doesn't go to war in Syria.

"I am upset about it all I can do is weep," said Baxter. "I wish I could do more I wish I could stop it I wish I could stop the war.

After the Obama administration accused the Syrian government of using chemical weapons in an attack killing more than 1,400 people including 400 children last week, Obama says he is considering taking action against Syria, but not a boots on the ground approach.

"It will probably be missile launches, strategic missile launches and fairly selective based on past history with what the United States has done in this, basically meant to punish rather than destroy," said Tallahassee Community College Political Science Professor Dr. Rick Murgio.

After a strike, Dr. Murgio says the U.S. may have to help rebuild.

"There is certainly a financial need that's going to be placed on the United States," said Dr. Murgio. "We're going into an economic recovery this could slow it down dramatically."

Murgio says anytime the United States becomes involved in a conflict there could be consequences here at home,

like impacts on the economy and military reservists being called to duty.

Tom Baxter has organized a "No War on Syria" protest Saturday.

You can click here to learn more.

POLICE BRIEFS: Domestic dispute; Greek letters almost stolen

FSUNEWS.COM

Greek letter thieves intercepted

At approximately 2:31 a.m. on Aug. 29, FSUPD officers observed a male subject carrying a Greek letter from Gamma Phi Beta sorority. The officers stopped to investigate further and pulled into the Gamma Phi Beta parking lot. Upon seeing the officers, the male broke into a run after abandoning the Greek letter. The officers then chased the male through the Diffenbaugh faculty parking lot. The officers lost the male shortly after but received a tip from a faculty member who saw the male headed west on Jefferson. The officers followed this tip and soon after found three males, one of them matching the description of the first male subject. The other males were also carrying Greek letters from Gamma Phi Beta. The letters were seized and returned to the sorority. The Gamma Phi Beta house mother and a sorority member positively identified these males as the thieves. **All three males were Tallahassee Community College students, unaffiliated with FSU.**

-Police reports provided by FSUPD, compiled by Blair Stokes

TCC does well serving its core mission

I attended Tallahassee Community College during the last two years before retiring as a teacher at Marianna High. It is a wonderful school. I graduated with a legal assisting degree.

TCC's mission statement is to prepare students for jobs that need to be filled in the surrounding area or to prepare them to go on to an institute of higher learning. If the need for BS RNs is so acute, I think that TCC could upgrade their current nursing program to meet this need without changing to a four-year institution. There are already two major four-year institutions in Talla-

hassee and others too many to mention. Many of our former community colleges are changing to four-year schools but they do not exist in an environment with several other four-year institutions.

Just stay true to your mission statement and get people trained to meet the BS RN need in Tallahassee and surrounding communities.

MARY JO MORTON

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Ensley was wrong on residency issue

Re: "Residence debate way overblown" (Gerald Ensley, 28).

I must disagree with Mr. Ensley

TCC offering new manufacturing programs for fall

GREATER TALLAHASSEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (August 28, 2013) – Tallahassee Community College is now offering several new manufacturing programs.

These programs will prepare students for manufacturing-careers in production, employee quality control and printed circuit board surface mount technology. The classes will be taught in TCC's Advanced Manufacturing Training Center (AMTC). Students who complete the courses will gain skills needed for current manufacturing fields and the opportunity to earn industry certifications.

To learn more about these programs, call (850) 201-9720 or amtc@tcc.fl.edu.

The Certified Production Technician course is an 80-hour, non-credit program that will cost \$399. The course will provide students with the foundational production skills applicable to entry-level jobs in the manufacturing industry. Successful course completion will prepare students to sit for the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) Production Technician certification examination. The course will be taught in the evenings, from 6 to 10 p.m., and the schedule will run from October 15, 2013, through January 2, 2014.

The Certified Quality Improvement Associate is a 36-hour, non-credit course that will cost \$299. Students will gain an understanding of the fundamental concepts of quality improvement and decision making processes. The course will prepare students to sit for the Certified Quality Improvement Associate examination. The courses will be taught in the evenings, 6 to 9 p.m., and the schedule will run from October 8 through November 14, 2013.

The Surface Mount Technician course is a 48-hour, non-credit course that will cost \$259. This course will prepare students to work in a printed circuit board surface mount facility and cover the key elements of SMT manufacturing. Successful progress in this course will award the student with an IPC Solder and Surface Mount module certification. The course will be taught during the day, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the schedule will run from October 7 through October 14, 2013.

HONORS & AWARDS:

A summary listing of colleges receiving institution and individual honors and awards

COMMUNITY COLLEGE WEEK

In 2011, Tallahassee Community College (Fla.) partnered with WORKFORCE plus, the U.S. Department of Labor and two other Florida colleges to create the Engineering Technology and Advanced Manufacturing project, a program designed to help job-seekers receive manufacturing training that increases their overall marketability. At the upcoming National Council for Continuing Education & Training annual conference, the partnership will be recognized with the 2013 Exemplary Program Award. The ETAM project—which completed in June—worked to break down silos between colleges and develop workforce development solutions that could be deployed in both the education and training environments. The inter-institutional nature of the ETAM project helped create a mechanism by which TCC and the other two colleges could jointly offer corporate training via technology-enabled learning and enroll participants at their respective institutions while sharing instructor costs and quality procedures. After successful deployment with the three-college consortium, ETAM courses and methodology are now being leveraged in the Labor Department-funded “Florida TRADE” grant serving twelve partner colleges.

BEF Honoring Dedication, Leadership and Commitment

A summary listing of colleges receiving institution and individual honors and awards

By David Brown

CAPITAL OUTLOOK

The Bethel Empowerment Foundation (BEF) proudly hosted their annual community recognition banquet Aug. 22 in the grand ballroom of the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, where leaders from all walks of life came together to be recognized for their commitment to the community.

The feeling of togetherness resonated in the bronze ballroom as 17 pillars of the community shared smiles, laughter and conversation before a photo session that would encapsulate a moment of utter bliss.

A formal photo shoot brought the honorees together then the auspicious group joined more than 23 tables filled with family, friends and distinguished guests. The room buzzed with chatter, echoed with laughter and was full of the spirit of God in the hearts of all who joined to celebrate in honoring extraordinary persons, families, businesses and organizations.

Leon County Tax Collector Doris Maloy served as banquet chairperson. She began the ceremony by thanking the honored guests for their time, dedication and commitment to service before the first verse of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was sung. Rev. Alfred Williams, II, of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, led the prayer and James Matthews, treasurer of the BEF, took the podium for the occasion.

"This evening we have come as friends representing different walks of life," Matthews said as he looked into the audience. "You are a splendid group of friends and (the Bethel Empowerment Foundation) thanks you for gathering."

The Steele-Collins All Male Advisory Council members Brian Cook, Dr. Reginald Ellis and Rich Ramos made expressions of support before dinner was served.

The tables were adorned with crystal embellishments that bounced light all over from the matching light fixtures. Salad, sweet tea, lemonade and cheesecake graced the table before the main course of chicken breast, vegetables and sweet potato was served.

The evening continued as BEF liaison and Steele-Collins council member Dr. Linda T. Fortenberry introduced the keynote speaker. Dr. Kelvin L. Norton, headmaster of Steele-Collins, took to the podium to give honor to God for being a reason for the festivities.

"God has blessed us in this time to be the spark for those who come after us," Norton told the crowd. "It is imperative that each of us take a personal responsibility leading in the lives of our sons (and) young men, daughters and young women."

Dr. R. B. Holmes Jr. along side BEF chairman Elaine Bryant and Maloy presented the 2013 community honorees their awards for giving unselfishly and improving the quality of life in Tallahassee.

Rev. Holmes and the BEF honored: businessman Stephen Beasley; reporter Lanetra Bennett; reporter Jordan Culver; cardiologist Dr. Edward Holifield; attorney Henry C. "Skip" Hunter; Leon County Commission Chairman Nick Maddox; President and CEO of United Way of the Big Bend Heather Mitchell; attorney Sean Pittman; Florida Black Caucus Chairman Rep. Alan Williams; **Tallahassee Community College President Jim Murdaugh**; State Rep. Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda; business of the year: Blue Collar Restaurant and Catering Service; person of the year: Joe Nell Thomas; and two families/organizations of the year: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph (Pam) Coleman Jr. and family and attorney and Mrs. John (Judge Shirley) Hale and family. Other honorees include: The Boys & Girls Club President and CEO Mrs. Theresa Flurry and Big Bend Hospice President and CEO Ms. Cathy Adkison.

Rev. Holmes concluded the presentation by congratulating the honorees for being "some good people."

BEF Chair Dr. Elaine Bryant, Rev. Holmes and Minister Justin Dillard closed the evening's ceremony with expressions, remarks and benediction.

ObamaCare Employer Mandate: A List Of Cuts To Work Hours, Jobs

By Jed Graham
INVESTORS.COM

One of 2013's most-contentious topics among both economists and politicians has been ObamaCare's jobs impact. Critics say the Affordable Care Act, with its employer mandate to provide health insurance, gives business an incentive to cut workers' hours. This year, report after report has rolled in about employers restricting work hours to fewer than 30 per week — the point at which the mandate kicks in. Industry data also point to a shrinking workweek in low-wage industries.

In the interest of an informed debate, we've compiled a list of job actions for which there is strong proof (generally news accounts or official documents) that ObamaCare's employer mandate is behind cuts to work hours or staffing levels. As of Sept. 3, our ObamaCare scorecard included 258 employers. We will continue to update the list, which we encourage you to share and download into a spreadsheet to sort and analyze.

If you know of an employer that should be on the list and can provide supporting evidence, please contact IBD at jed.graham@investors.com.

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Cut hours of some part-time workers to as low as 24 per week

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Lamb is new TCC chairman



Eugene Lamb

Special to the Herald

Gadsden County representative Eugene Lamb, Jr. is the new chair of the District Board of Trustees for Tallahassee Community College. He has previously served as the vice chair of the board.

Lamb was appointed to the board in 2007 by Governor Charlie Crist and reappointed by Governor Rick Scott in 2012. He has served on the Presidential Evaluation committee and Architectural Selection committee during his time at TCC.

Lamb was a teacher in the Leon County school

See LAMB—page 8 •

Lamb/from front page

district for 30 years. Also active in neighboring Gadsden County, Lamb served on the Gadsden County Commission for eight years, chairing the Commission from 2008 to 2010.

“I am pleased to continue serving TCC as the new chairman of the Board of Trustees and as a representative of Gadsden County,” said Lamb. “I

am looking forward to the next few years of supporting the local and regional community.”

“We are proud to have Eugene Lamb as the new chair of the District Board of Trustees. His experience in education and local policy is invaluable, and we welcome his leadership,” said TCC President Jim Murdaugh.

TCC Receives Adult Education Grant Awards

By Lanetra Bennett

WCTV.TV

Tallahassee, FL - Tallahassee Community College is getting financial assistance in continuing its efforts of improving skills for individuals preparing for the GED exam.

The Florida Department of Education has awarded Tallahassee Community College nearly \$400,000 in grants to provide adult education and family literacy programs in Leon, Gadsden, and Wakulla counties.

TCC's Adult Education Program Coordinator, Harriet Abrams, says, "We're very excited because we have an opportunity to really reach out to the community and offer services where there is academic or career needs that will definitely benefit them and their families."

The adult education program's focus is to improve basic reading, writing and computing skills for individuals preparing for the GED exam.

Another important piece, administrators say, is preparing individuals for the workforce.

TCC student Ronnie Wright says, "Jobs are so hard to get. you got to be so qualified, overly qualified for some jobs. It's definitely competitive. So, it's definitely great. It's definitely essential that we need that training and that experience."

Administrators say the one-year awards will allow TCC to serve nearly 600 people in the three-county area.

Kimberly Moore, the TCC Workforce Development Vice President, says, "When you look at unemployed individual, individuals who lack a high school diploma or GED, they are at the top. We have a great opportunity to make an impact there."

Instruction is provided on the main campus at TCC's Gadsden and Wakulla county service centers and at off-campus sites in collaboration with community partners.

More bike trail system forums to take place

By Karl Etters

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

The second round of public forums on a proposed Capital City to the Sea Trail system connecting the scenic views stretching from Tallahassee to outlying areas of Leon and Wakulla counties will be held later this month.

The Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency is taking the charge in accepting ideas from the communities and then working to implement a realistic master plan that will put people back into nature and offer alternative transportation routes.

Project manager Jack Kostrzewa said looking at existing trailways, like the St. Marks and Ochlockonee and Trout Pond trails, was a major part of the ongoing project.

"If we build on what we've got already, we'll be in a good position to move forward with the efforts," Kostrzewa said, adding that connecting to those already well-used trails will add a flow to the system.

At this point there are no hard plans drawn for the project, but Kostrzewa said including an ongoing list of stakeholders, including city and county governments, their parks and recreation departments, the Tallahassee Community College Wakulla Environmental Institute and organizations devoted to cycling and active living have all been part of the process.

This month's meetings will be focused on the Tallahassee-Leon County Master Greenway plan to sort out options for non-vehicle travel ways.

"We're in the process of identifying a corridor, looking at potential routes and where some opportunities for trails are at," are all part of the process, Kostrzewa said. "What we wanted to do was pull this together into a master plan."

Susan Tanski, the senior planner for Tallahassee's Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Affairs Department, said incorporating outlying areas with the City to Sea Trails into what has been a 20-year development of a connecting trail system, is an idea that's "not hard to get behind."

Creating an alternative to driving in the city and county, while also offering ways to get out and enjoy the Panhandle scenery, is something she is excited about. "Look at the success of the St. Marks Trail," Tanski said. "We're really connecting the missing pieces and we're making great headway in making such an extensive connection."

Chipola students returns to school following burn

By Kathy Foster

FOSTER FOLLY NEWS



MARIANNA—Chipola College paramedic student James Freudenberg has returned to classes nearly a month after suffering severe steam burns fighting a residential fire on Aug. 12. Chipola paramedic student James Freudenberg

A native of Ft. Lauderdale, Freudenberg received his fire-fighting training at Tallahassee Community College. He had worked for Jackson County Fire and Rescue for three years and was halfway through Chipola's paramedic program before the incident put his job and schooling on hold.

While fighting a fire in a two-story house in Marianna, something went wrong and a blast of steam knocked him off his feet onto the floor. Using his training skills, he followed the fire hose to get out of the home and was life-flighted to Tallahassee with third-degree burns. After 10 days in a Mobile, Alabama burn unit and several skin grafts later, he returned to Marianna to begin his recovery and return to classes.

Freudenberg praised his fellow Chipola students and instructors for their support. "The guys in class knew I would be out of work. They visited me in the burn unit and helped me with my book work in the paramedic class. I made a 100 on my next test and it was one of the toughest ones in the class. I couldn't have done it without them."

Keith Maddox, Chipola paramedic instructor and EMS director, says Freudenberg will complete the written portion of the course this term and will finish the

physically-demanding clinical portion of the class beginning in January. Maddox said, "James has been a wonderful student. He had a base of knowledge from his work as a fire-fighter and he's worked very hard in the paramedic program. After the incident, he stayed in touch with the instructors and students and stayed on top of his studies. He's really an awesome guy."

When Freudenberg was asked about returning to a fire, he says, "I can't wait. What drives me is the chance to help people. It's the best job you can have." The remarkably upbeat fire-fighter said jokingly, "Fire-fighters aren't very smart. We run into burning buildings while everyone else is running out."

The Jackson County Professional Firefighters Union Local 3043 and a group of co-workers have set up the James Freudenberg Donation Account at Wells Fargo Bank to help with expenses.

Campus Notes

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DOE grants help TCC focus on adult education

TCC has received \$398,556 in grants from the Florida Department of Education to provide adult education and family literacy programs in Leon, Gadsden and Wakulla counties. The one-year awards include: \$85,515 to provide GED services in Leon County; \$136,466 to provide GED services in Gadsden County; \$28,711 to provide English literacy and civics education services in Gadsden County; \$117,352 to provide GED services at correctional facilities in Gadsden County; and \$30,512 to provide GED services at correctional facilities in Wakulla County. The focus of the TCC Adult Education program is to improve basic reading, writing and computing skills for individuals preparing for the GED exam and seeking to improve their workforce skills. Instruction is provided on the main campus at TCC's Gadsden and Wakulla county service centers and at off-campus sites in collaboration with community partners.

College Fair coming up at TCC

Leon County Schools is hosting a College Fair from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at Tallahassee Community College. Admission representatives from more than 40 colleges will be available to share information about their schools and programs. For more information contact Teri Gimbel at collegefair@leonschools.net.



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Celebration of Woman Girls to benefit PACE, Oasis

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- The PACE Center for Girls and the Oasis Center for Women & Girls will benefit from the Fourth Annual Celebration of Women and Girls, an event hosted by Tallahassee Community College.

The Celebration of Women and Girls is an evening showcasing local female performers from our community. The celebration will be on September 27 at Tallahassee Community College's Turner Auditorium. There will be a reception from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m, and the performances be held from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Food will be provided by multiple local restaurants and caterers and there will also be a great silent auction.

General admission tickets are available for \$35/person. An individual Star Sponsorship for \$200; those who choose this option will receive two upgraded reserved seats.

Workday's higher ed management tools well time

IPHONE NEWS

Workday plans to launch a higher education management platform designed to boost student engagement, better manage through budget cuts and focus on outcomes such as 4-year graduation rates, job placement and acquiring competencies.

The higher education effort, along with Workday's plans to target government, are likely to serve as a template into other verticals. Industry specific sales will be a key battleground as companies like Workday target Oracle and SAP. The industry efforts are being led by Workday co-CEO Dave Duffield. The higher education platform is dubbed Workday Student and features analytics and object modeling to manage the student academic cycle.

Also: Workday's big data play: The gateway drug to financials?

Workday said it plans to launch the first components of the higher ed management system in the first half of 2014 and have general availability in 2016 as it add tools at a steady clip. Workday's higher education management effort comes at an interesting time. Between student debt, budget cuts and the need to cater to a diverse student base amid retraining and workers needing new skills, higher ed's traditional business model is under fire and probably unsustainable.

Liz Dietz, vice president of strategy and product management at Workday, said the company is aiming to be a system of record "to be the first to bring mobile-first student engagement and big data." "Higher education is trying to adjust to the new normal," said Dietz, who joined Workday in April and sparked rumors the company would build an education management system.

Workday's primary task: Root out legacy vendors such as Oracle and Ellucian in higher education deployments. Workday's primary pitch is that it will have a mobile-first student management platform to optimize schedules, navigate debt and use analytics to help pick majors and graduate on time. Dietz argued that previous higher-ed applications have been build from the administrator point of view. "We'll do student and faculty and what the people that use the system day to day really need," said Dietz.

Initial design partners are Broward College, Yale University, Tallahassee Community College, and Southern New Hampshire University. These customers will implement and help design the modules on deck.

The big question for Workday is whether higher education institutions---not the most nimble vertical on the planet---will break away from their legacy tools. "There are enough market forces and pressure that if there's a better way they will move," said Dietz. "In private briefings there has been a tremendous amount of interest. We think we can really help transform those institutions that haven't had those choices before."

TCC's EMT program receives national recognition for graduates' return on investment

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (September 10, 2013) – Tallahassee Community College's Emergency Medical Technology program was recently ranked 32nd in the nation for the return on investment its graduates receive. The rankings were published by Fire Science Online, a not-for-profit organization that provides information about firefighting and other first responder careers.

More than 1,100 colleges in the U.S. offer EMT programs. Fire Science Online identified programs with the highest return on investment using national salary, tuition, enrollment and accreditation data. The list recognizes the institutions with significantly lower-than-average tuition rates in states where graduates are well paid.

"A ranking like this helps quantify the student successes we get to observe every day," said Dr. Alice Nied, dean of Healthcare Professions at TCC. "Our EMT students are graduating with the knowledge and skills they need for fulfilling careers. A TCC education is an investment in their future."

TCC healthcare graduates pass their professional exams at exceptionally high levels, consistently achieving pass rates above national averages.

To read Fire Science Online's complete program rankings, visit FireScience.org. For more information on TCC's EMT program, visit www.tcc.fl.edu/healthcare.

BSU 'Bridging the Gap' pep rally unites students from FSU, FAMU

By Kristine Abshier

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FSU NEWS

With the hope of easing the freshman transition from high school to college, Florida State University's Black Student Union (BSU) will hold their first-ever pep rally this Friday, 6 p.m. at the Tully Gym. The inaugural pep rally's theme is "Bridging the Gap."

"Once you leave high school you just jump right into college, and we just wanted to allow the freshman to transition; like an official last pep rally," Johnson said.

In light of recent events involving FSU student, Mandy Thurston, BSU leaders aim to bridge a gap they believe exists between Florida State and Florida A&M University students. The event will encourage greater acceptance of the city of Tallahassee's diverse makeup.

"[BSU] is extending this olive branch to the FAMU community," said Ebony Johnson, socials and events chair for BSU. "There has always been a void between the two communities. The Mandy Thurston incident has now created an even bigger void."

The pep rally will bring both campuses together in an exhibition on partnership, incorporate a bevy of different campus organizations who will each showcase related activities/performances. These groups include COBOL (Coalition of Black Organizational Leaders), Chi Alpha, K.I.N.G.S. (a new dance team at FSU) and dance organizations from FAMU. Jonetta Grant, socials and events coordinator, said the event is unique in that it incorporates so many organizations together at one event, all rallying for a shared cause.

"We want to achieve unity," Grant said. "We have dance troupes that are all dancing together. We have fraternities stepping together. We have modeling troupes modeling together... It's never been done that fraternities all step on one floor or dance troupes all come together to do one performance."

Performance will include those from the dance groups, music and some participation themed activities such as a modeling walk. The rally will also showcase Spoken Reasons the online persona of John A. Baker, a YouTube comedian.

According to BSU, the main goal for the pep rally was

organized to connect students between especially FSU and FAMU, but the event will also be inclusive of Tallahassee Community College. The substance of the event is enjoyable to any student, suggesting a chance for all students to bond without regard to race or college.

Still, welcoming freshmen is another goal BSU aim to accomplish. Inducting freshman into the school in a fun way that may also spark interest in supporting, or even joining, the Black Student Union and what they stand for.

Grant believes this won't be last of BSU pep rallies.

"We want to keep [BSU pep rallies] going. This is one of first big events of the year from BSU, so next year we want to make sure we have pep rallies, and bring others a chance to host it as well," Grant said.

The pep rally is intended as an evening of entertainment with a purpose. All students are welcome to attend.

"Our ultimate goal is just to inform everybody whether they're black, Asian, Latin or any culture that we're all the same," Grant said. "We're all students, we're all young adults, and we still like to have fun."

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www.surflessa.org
Deadline: 5/15/14
Amount: Varies
Open to ESA members in good standing.

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www.mensaofoundation.org
Deadline: 1/15/14
Amount: Varies
Application and essay (500 words) explaining your career, academic and/or vocational goals. Scholarships available for Mensa members and non-members.

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www.ffa.org
Deadline: Check website
Amount: Varies; more than \$2 million total awarded each year.
Numerous programs available to FFA members and a few programs for non-members.

Bloodhounds, handlers train to locate missing people

By Karl Etters

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Blue, Snickers and Daisy are just doing what they love: following their noses. Little do they know, they are practicing to help save lives.

Over the past week, they and 12 other dogs, almost all bloodhounds, from 10 different law enforcement agencies and their handlers traced through the wooded lots of the Florida Public Safety Institute and the buildings of downtown Gadsden County chasing scents and training to find missing persons.

The dogs are taught to trace and follow the smell of a human; during training it's a tissue laced with the scent of their owner and a snack along the way, but in real life the smallest bit of olfactory evidence could be the key to finding a missing person, Alzheimer's patients or a suspect.

"Really it could be anything," said John Snow, noting that 90 percent of the work that bloodhounds as law enforcement dogs is track people. "They're really a special breed. They do one thing and they do it well."

Snow is the lead trainer for the Florida Public Safety Institute's annual Bloodhound Scent Tracking Seminar and a retired Florida Fish Wildlife Conservation Commission officer where he was chief K-9 trainer for the past 20 years.

He helps guide not only dogs new to K-9 work into becoming better trackers, but also ushers new officers into the specialized division of law enforcement.

David Savage of the Tampa Police Department is one of those officers. He has been a K-9 officer since June; as long as his 4-month-old dog Blue has been alive.

"I'm new to this too," Savage said after running a scent with Blue along a tree line. "We're both learning together and it's been a blast."

Savage said even with Blue's young age, he was amazed at how quickly the dog picks up the technique of acquiring a smell and following it in the composed manner necessary in law enforcement.

"I wouldn't think a four-month old puppy would be able

to do what he does," Savage said. "That he's able to focus enough to actually do it; it's amazing."

Seeing how other dogs, and hearing the sage advice of other K-9 officers and "the pitfalls they've had and learning from their mistakes" are all take-aways for Savage as he heads back to Tampa to put the skills into practice soon.

Savage said a year of training usually is enough to make a dog integral to a police, but determining when it's enough training is just like running a scent line: "I just let him try to show me the way and I follow behind... Whenever he's ready."

Search and rescue dogs have become a more integral part of law enforcement in the past decade Snow said. "They've come leaps and bounds in where they're actually using these dogs."

The seminar coincided with Florida Missing Children's Day where the families of 17 missing person's, almost all children, mourned the unsolved cases of loved ones that were never recovered.

The majority of work done by bloodhounds is locating missing children where just one can replace an army of officers.

"The main thing with a missing child is finding them quickly," Snow said. "By the time you get officers together for a search, you may have already found the child (with a dog)."

Snow said dogs like the ones that return year after year for training become another tool available to law enforcement in finding children and returning them home.

Brevard County Sheriff's Deputy Bjorn Norman has worked K-9 for the past 11 years. His work deals mostly in urban environments where tracking can become more difficult.

Searching in cityscapes where buildings, people, cars, other animals and heat add another layer of difficulty too tracking requires tougher training to overcome the almost inexhaustible list of odiferous distractions.

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In his time working with missing persons, Norman said every day is different. "It can be gratifying," he said. "It can also be some of your hardest days. Those are the hard days; when you don't get there in time."

The week-long training exercises stem from the 1995 kidnapping, rape and murder of 9-year-old Jimmy Ryce from his Dade County school bus stop.

Ryce's parents pushed anti-predator legislation in the Florida Legislature following their son's disappearance and the Jimmy Ryce Center for Victims of Predatory Abduction has continued since then to donate bloodhounds to law enforcement agencies for free.

The Ryces' conviction that a bloodhound could have led to their son sooner — the search lasted three months before his killer, Juan Carlos Chavez, was arrested at his home just a few miles from where Jimmy was abducted— was the catalyst for a petition of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to start bloodhound training programs in the state.

The Ryce Center is not alone in working to provide law enforcement with the noses of well-trained bloodhounds, which are believed to be more than 400 times more sensitive than a humans' and far above that of other breeds.

Snow said the network of K-9 providers in Florida is a wide and ardent group. "It's kind of a passion for some of the families of missing people," he said, adding that the state capital has become a moniker for dog-based tracking and rescue training efforts. "Word's getting around. Come to Tallahassee and learn something about dogs."

Florida Free Webinar On Paying For College

By Don Browne

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ONLINE

As part of his Your Money Matters initiative, Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and the Department of Financial Services is teaming up with the Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (FASFAA) and Tallahassee Community College to offer “Paying for College: Controlling Your Degree of Debt.”

As financial aid application deadlines are fast approaching, this free webinar will provide valuable information on the variety of financial aid programs that can minimize college debt.

An overview of the many financial aid programs available will be discussed along with learning how financial need is determined, calculating the true cost of education, discovering types of financial aid available, and identifying important steps to complete financial aid applications.

For more information or to register for the “Paying for College: Controlling Your Degree of Debt” webinar, visit www.MyFloridaCFO.com/YMM or call the Division of Consumer Services helpline at 1-877-MY-FL-CFO (693-5236).

More than 50 Florida Schools Named Top Military Friendly Colleges in the Nation

By Kevin Derby

SUNSHINE STATE NEWS

More than 50 colleges, universities and trade schools in the Sunshine State -- including 15 schools which are part of the Florida College System (FCS) -- were recognized this week as being in the top 20 percent of schools in the nation recruiting and retaining military students and their families.

The following colleges, universities and trade schools from Florida made Victory Media's list:

Atlantis University
 Barry University
 Broward College
 CDA Technical Institute
 College of Business and Technology (CBT College)
 College of Central Florida
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Worldwide
 Everglades University
 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida Gateway College
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida International University
 Florida National University
 Florida State College at Jacksonville
 Florida State University
 Fort Myers Institute of Technology
 Gulf Coast State College
 Hodges University
 Indian River State College
 Jones College
 Kaplan University (Online)
 Keiser University
 Key College
 Marine Mechanics Institute
 Miami Dade College
 National Aviation Academy A & P School
 Northwest Florida State College
 Nova Southeastern University
 Pensacola State College
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Sigma College
 South Florida State College
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 State College of Florida - Manatee-Sarasota
 Stetson University
Tallahassee Community College
 The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale
 The Art Institute of Jacksonville
 The Baptist College of Florida
 The University of Tampa
 TWS-Jacksonville
 UF MBA Program, Hough Graduate School of Business,
 University of Florida
 Ultimate Medical Academy
 University of Central Florida
 University of Florida Online, School of Pharmacy
 University of North Florida
 University of South Florida
 University of West Florida
 Valencia College
 Webber International University.
 FCS Chancellor Randy Hanna said he was pleased 15 FCS colleges were included on the list.

"The Florida College System is proud to provide education, job training and retraining to active-duty military, veterans and their families," said Hanna. "This designation recognizes the commitment of our colleges to serving the military community through world-class programs and support services."

Hanna pointed to recently adopted policies to help attract and retain veteran students.

"The military-friendly schools list comes on the heels of the announcement that 100 percent of our colleges committed to adopt veteran-friendly policies through the '8 Keys to Success,'" added Hanna. "I commend our colleges for creating veteran-friendly campuses that promote student success."

Top 40 Under 40 2013: Brian Waterman

MASS TRANSIT MAGAZINE

Brian Waterman led his team on a two-year endeavor to redesign the entire route system of StarMetro changing from the 70-year-old downtown oriented hub-and-spoke system to a multi-point/multi-transfer, decentralized system. The new system is more efficient, customer friendly and has resulted in a six percent increase in ridership even with a significant decrease in transfers. The success of the new system was recognized by the American Planning Association which awarded Waterman and his team the 2013 National Planning Excellence Award for Transportation Planning.

In addition to his leadership on the new decentralized route system, he has developed a positive and productive relationship with other departments and organizations. In implementing with the new decentralized route system, Waterman worked with the city of Tallahassee Public Works to increase sidewalk coverage on the routes from 74 percent to more than 90 percent and for the inclusion of bus boarding and alighting areas in new sidewalk construction.

He also worked with the Tallahassee/Leon County Planning Department to identify funding sources to construct more shelters in the community. He maintains constant communication with FSU, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, and Tallahassee Community College to propose service levels and agreements to effectively transport students.

Currently, Waterman's interest in transit funding has led to analysis and ideas which will help StarMetro diversify its funding sources to increase revenue in order to support service expansion.

"I enjoy working with my planning team to solve transportation problems by improving route performance, identifying new service areas, analyzing funding mechanisms and marketing our service to the community.

"Public transit needs to be viewed as an equal transportation option with driving, biking or walking to work or other destinations. A perfect transportation system is one where a family has multiple, equally valid transportation options to get around.

"At least once a month, I get together with friends to play board games. We typically play non-traditional board games that involve more strategy and analysis than a simple roll of the dice. I enjoy the fellowship with friends, and it helps to improve my critical thinking skills."