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2015 Rural County Summit

LANETRA BENNETT
WCTV

Rural communities tend to have fewer resources than their urban counterparts. That's why law enforcement officials from across the country are in Gadsden County to give advice and share best practices.

Federal agents in Nevada came face to face with armed supporters of rancher Cliven Bundy last April. Officials tried to seize Bundy's cattle because of a million dollars in unpaid grazing fees.

He's a part of a group known as 'sovereign citizens. SGT Tom Jenkins with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department says, "They don't believe in the federal government. They don't want to hear anything from the federal government. If you have to engage them as a federal employee, it's going to be violence. It's as simple as that."

Sgt. Tom Jenkins shared his experience about the Bundy Standoff with some 200 law enforcement officers Thursday during the 2015 Rural County Summit in Gadsden County.

The summit brings together state and federal officials to develop solutions to the challenges faced by smaller counties. About 50 agencies from five different states attended the summit.

Gadsden County Sheriff Morris Young says, "They want to know what they can take from this training, go back to their community and apply it. The main thing is keeping your community safe."

Authorities involved in the 1993 deadly Waco Siege also spoke. Participants say being able to hear other agencies' first-hand experiences in person makes a huge difference.

LT Chris Bolz with the Baker County Sheriff's Office, says, "We can try and prepare for everything but we can't. Sometimes it's good to have the resources to talk to people that have already been through it and lived it, the good and the bad, and learn from it."

The three-day summit is taking place at the Florida Public Safety Institute. It wraps up Friday with discussions on the Fort Hood shooting and anti-terrorism training.

TCC battling for third-place spot

Most conference losses by just 1 run

JORDAN CULVER

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Under different circumstances, Mike McLeod's Tallahassee Community College Eagles could have been one of the top teams in the Panhandle Conference.

The Eagles are 27-17, 5-9 in conference play, but have lost five games by one run. McLeod said the team's inability to finish games has haunted it all season, but the Eagles aren't finish with the season just yet.

TCC — only one game behind Gulf Coast State College — is battling for third place in the conference. If the Eagles can catch the Commodores, they'll have a chance to play a play-in game against whichever team places third in the Southern Conference for the right to go to the NJCAA Region 8 tournament.

McLeod said from there, anything can happen.

"It's sort of an inability to finish," he said. "We've been right in every game. We lost a tough series to Chipola when we could have won all three games.

"Our hopes are not dashed. The play-in game would be next Monday against a Southern Conference team and we'd have to be at a neutral cite somewhere in the middle part of the state. It can be a little grueling, a little daunting, but we'd rather do that than finish out of it entirely."

Sophomore D.J. McKnight leads the team with a .344 batting average, 32 RBI and 18 extra-base hits this season.

"Everybody has played well at times," McLeod said.

"It's been a really nice effort on all of our kids' part. We could very easily be 9-4 in conference play. We're right there. I don't really know how to explain it, it's just things that have happened. Other years you finish games off. The effort from our kids has been ridiculous."

The Eagles' Thursday home game against Northwest Florida State College was postponed due to rain. Not counting that game, TCC has five games — all in-conference — remaining on its schedule. The team's regular season finale is at home against Chipola.

McLeod recovering from hip surgery

McLeod had a hip replacement surgery in November, before the start of baseball season, and Thursday said the procedure hasn't hindered his baseball season at all.

He added he's in practice every day, and occasionally picks up a bat to participate.

Softball team vying for playoff spot

Four teams from the Panhandle Conference can make the Region 8 playoffs, and Tallahassee Community College sits in third place with a conference record of 6-8. The Eagles — who are 26-14 overall and played a doubleheader Thursday night against Northwest Florida State College to end the season — could finish as high as second in the conference.

Basketball coach search over

TCC's panel of five has finished interviewing candidates for the school's next head basketball coach. Last week, athletic director Rob Chaney said the school narrowed its list of candidates down to 10 and would submit a candidate to human resources by Tuesday. An announcement on who the next coach will be is expected sometime next week.

TPD announces 2015 TAC Students Summer Academy

TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
WCTV

The Tallahassee Police Department is currently accepting applications for the T.A.C. Students Summer Academy Leadership Program. This program is designed to prepare high school students to be leaders in every phase of their lives. It is a program that was inspired by the Tallahassee Police Department's Tactical Apprehension and Control (T.A.C.) Team and is led by police officers, investigators, and other distinguished professionals within our community.

The acronym in T.A.C. Students represents: Training, Achievement, and Confidence. The goal of the program is to prepare students to have the skills and knowledge to be leaders now and in the future. Students never know exactly what they are going to face in life. Through training and achievements they develop the confidence to overcome any situation. Becoming a part of this team is challenging, but the experience is one of a kind.

During the five day program, students will have four interactive classes: Decision-Making, Defining Relationships, Planning for the Future, and Becoming a Leader. During the final day students will attempt to solve a mock crime scene investigation, where they play the role of police officers, investigators, forensic technicians, dispatchers, and public information officers.

Date: Monday July 13th- Friday 17th, 2015

Time: 8:00AM to 5:00PM

Location: Florida Public Safety Institute (Meet at the Tallahassee Police Department)

The class will be limited to 20 students for the summer academy and the process is competitive. Any interested high school students or parents of interested students, should contact Officer Steve Damm at steve.damm@talgov.com or visit the T.A.C. Students web page: talgov.com

*A special thank you to the Florida Public Safety Institute for providing the facilities.

TCC's forensics team takes top honors

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (BIG BEND NEWS BRIEFS)

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The tournament was hosted by Suffolk County Community College in Cleveland, Ohio, from April 6-10.

TCC will have manufacturing career fair

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

TCC will host a manufacturing career fair on Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Advanced Manufacturing Training Center at 3958 West Pensacola Street.

Typical jobs manufacturers may be looking to fill include engineer, technician, assembly technician, machine operator, warehouse worker, quality technician and production technician.

The career fair is open to all qualified candidates, and advance registration is not required. Job seekers should bring their resumes.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., the Economic Development Council of Tallahassee/Leon County will provide lunch for employers, job seekers and students who are attending the career fair.

Attendees can also learn about training programs offered at the AMTC, including certified production technician and welding. They can even try out the welding simulators!

For information contact 850-201-9720 or amtc@tcc.fl.edu.

Kim Thanos wants to take down the textbook industry

GOLDIE BLUMENSTYK

CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Kim Thanos goes to work each day with one not-so-modest goal: "Take \$1 billion out of the textbook industry and give it back to students."

And if along the way her company, Lumen Learning, manages to fuel the burgeoning movement behind "open educational resources" and advances their use in college classes, all the better.

For her the work is more than a business; it's a cause.

Along with others who promote the use of free and open-access materials (known by the abbreviation OER), Ms. Thanos contends that traditional print and e-versions of textbooks coming from the \$5-billion-plus textbook industry in higher education don't meet the needs of faculty members or students.

And because the publishers' products can be so costly — some textbooks cost more than \$200 apiece — many students simply aren't buying or even renting them, which hurts the students academically. Experts say that's particularly true for low-income students.

When professors adopt open-access materials, they can put low- or no-cost class materials into students' hands on the first day of class.

"It's a social-justice issue," says Ms. Thanos.

At 46, she is chief executive of Lumen, an open-access company she founded in 2012 with David Wiley, a professor-turned-open-access-missionary. Based in Portland, Ore., Lumen puts together materials that make up the free digital content of open-access courses and provides a digital platform to host it.

The company has more than 60 courses in its own catalog so far — and consults directly with colleges that want to use material from Lumen or other providers to offer courses and even entire degrees without assigning commercial textbooks.

"I'm not a programmer. I'm not an academic. I'm the mortar," says Ms. Thanos.

Unlike other open-access organizations, such as the Saylor Academy, which provides free, self-paced college courses, Lumen approaches open-access materials from

the perspective of the professor and the college. Mr. Wiley describes it as "re-enthroning the faculty member."

By tracking down both content and appropriate assessments for professors and then providing hands-on technical assistance, Lumen aims to make open resources "as easy for faculty members to adopt as a commercial textbook," says Ms. Thanos.

Lumen, largely through Mr. Wiley, also is active in conducting peer-reviewed research on the effectiveness of open resources. Academics who work with the company say they especially appreciate Lumen's focus on faculty and students. With Lumen, says Linda Williams, a professor of business management at Tidewater Community College, the question was always, What would help students the most? The college worked with the company to create an open-resource-based associate degree in business. Now Lumen is helping to institute such courses throughout the 23-college Virginia Community College system.

Lumen says more than 500 faculty members have voluntarily provided some form of instructional or assessment content for its various courses, with 50 of them providing extensive contributions. One professor has provided more than 4,000 videos.

Ms. Williams, who is among the top contributors, says Ms. Thanos comes to the table with a different bottom line than publishers do. "She and the faculty and the institution measure success in the same way," the professor says.

The crowdsourced approach to building support for open resources reflects Ms. Thanos's own convictions about the way to get ideas adopted on a large scale. Those ideas grew from her earlier experiences as a business consultant to higher-education technology projects like Kuali and Sakai. Kuali is an open-source project that developed administrative software for colleges, and Sakai is a similar effort that created a course-management platform.

Before that, during the first Internet boom, in the late 1990s, Ms. Thanos worked for a company called Campus Pipeline, which built web portals for colleges.

Kim Thanos wants to take down the textbook industry....

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Her passion for open resources came later, while consulting with a 2012 experiment called the Kaleidoscope Open Course Initiative. Backed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, that project showed that open educational resources could improve learning outcomes for disadvantaged students.

The M.B.A.-trained Ms. Thanos saw an opportunity to "take something out of the open-source-software playbook and apply it to the open-resources movement," she says. By the time the Kaleidoscope project had received its second round of Gates funding, she and Mr. Wiley had formed Lumen to work with fellow grantees and to begin working with other institutions.

Today Lumen has contracts with 18 colleges and college systems, employs 15 people (up from five last fall) and says that about 10,000 students, attending at least 42 colleges, are using its courses. By next fall, Ms. Thanos expects Lumen to be serving about 50,000. The company works on a fee model that runs \$5 per student per class for most courses, a charge that is typically absorbed by the college or attached as a mandatory class fee.

The fees are also part of Ms. Thanos's philosophy. Although Lumen got off the ground with the help of grant money from Gates, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and the Shuttleworth Foundation, she always believed the venture needed a business model to be sustainable.

Grants are still part of its funding base — Lumen was one of the winners of another Gates grant, in September, to create "next-generation courseware." But this month the company also attracted its first \$2.5 million in outside capital from private investors. It plans to use the money to develop more courses and build grass-roots support for the open-resources movement.

"We don't have a Pearson-sized sales force," Ms. Thanos says, referring to the giant publishing and distance-education company. The tone of the jab is typical — and the kind of comment that has more than once has prompted a publishing-company staff member to confront her when she speaks at higher-education conferences.

Some professors, too, are resistant, either because they don't believe that the open content is as good as what's available from commercial publishers or, in some cases, because they themselves have written textbooks that they want students to use.

But Ms. Thanos remains unflinching in her critique. Traditional textbook publishing is "a fundamentally broken model," she argues.

Some of those publishers, of course, see the situation very differently. "We add more value than just providing content," says Peter Cohen, president for U.S. education at McGraw Hill Education, which has invested tens of millions of dollars in digitally enhanced "smart books" that incorporate adaptive learning tools and other forms of customization.

In creating those products, he says, McGraw Hill has "dropped the cost by half" — to about \$100 — and made them more effective. Of all the costs associated with higher education, the price of textbooks "is not what is driving an affordability issue," he contends. "She's trying to solve a problem that is no longer an issue."

Ms. Thanos says it's the growing influence of the open-resource movement that deserves the credit for the price cuts and for publishers' growing attention to textbook efficacy.

The movement is only about 15 years old. Cyril Oberlander, dean of libraries at Humboldt State University and himself a pioneer of the movement, says Lumen deserves credit for lending force to its maturity.

"The implementation of an OER strategy is really difficult, and the assessment of an OER strategy is really difficult," he says. Lumen has helped to advance both. "That's unique," he says. "That's what they've contributed."

(NOTE: TCC is among the schools with Lumen contracts.)

Workday Student Recruiting customers speak on goals, challenges, and results

LIZ DIETZ

WORKDAY.COM (COMMUNITY)

Last fall we introduced Workday Student Recruiting, the first application as part of Workday Student. We've worked closely with colleges and universities to design this offering and have developed a deep understanding of the pressures they face to get student recruiting right.

Since the launch I've been excited to learn what our customers think and the possibilities they see for the future. Below I share feedback from discussions I recently had with two customers: Shane Topping, director of admissions at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J., and Alice Maxwell, director of communications and marketing at Tallahassee Community College in Tallahassee, Fla.

What is the vision for your institution?

Topping: Stevens is on an aggressive 10-year growth plan with goals to increase the undergraduate population by 40 to 50 percent. We also have individual growth goals for academic majors and demographics. For example, we are looking to expand beyond our heavy engineering student population to grow our arts and sciences programs and increase our female demographic. We also want to expand our national footprint and focus on out-of-state recruitment from states with fast growing populations, such as Texas.

Maxwell: The vision of Tallahassee Community College is to be the college of choice—for our students, our employees, and our community. One of our strategic priorities is to develop and implement an enrollment management process designed to increase student and institutional success.

What recruiting and admissions challenges have you experienced?

Topping: In the past, we have had limitations with the systems we were using. We had to go through iterations of spreadsheets for a grasp on our travel efforts with no insight into the right high schools and students for us. We needed a system that could illustrate our growth goals and deliver the data to help us track progress against them, such as conversion rates at each stage of our funnel. We also needed a way to track interactions intelligently so we can build strong relationships with prospects.

Maxwell: The student system we had before Workday was about 20 years old and did not offer recruitment capabilities. We had nowhere to capture information related to the leads we received or the ability to monitor progress, and had to rely on spreadsheets to track our efforts. Because we did not have an ideal way to track prospects through the enrollment funnel, it was difficult to make strategic enrollment decisions that could better our yield rate.

How are you using/will you use Workday Student Recruiting?

Topping: To meet our growth goals we need more student applications and a strong quality of incoming students, especially in different majors. Stevens has selected Workday Student Recruiting and once deployed, we will be able to set recruiting goals and track against them—looking closely at costs and ROI—to see how many applicants are converting. Workday also will give our recruiters the tools and mobile capabilities to work from the road. The life of a recruiter is rigorous, visiting four or five schools in one day. Now, they will know where they are going, who they are meeting with, and the history of that relationship all from a tablet or mobile phone. This will alleviate so many extra steps and give recruiters more time and insight to focus on a prospective student. We will also be able to capture all that data and take action in real-time, such as sending out a thank you note the next day versus a month later.

Maxwell: We see that Workday Student Recruiting will transform the way we recruit. Our recruiters can now do their jobs by mobile phone or tablet and are no longer hindered by a lack of technology. They can go to an event with a tablet in hand and engage with students, adding notes into the system as we find out more about a student, and use this information in the future to build meaningful relationships. This is especially helpful with our specialized programs, such as the Wakulla Environmental Institute targeting a unique type of student interested in environmental sciences, and TCC2FSU, our guarantee transfer program to Florida State University, in which we get interest from 60 to 90 prospective students each week. We plan to build those relationships using Workday.

Workday Student Recruiting customers speak on goals, challenges, and results....

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This is what is special about Workday—it's not just about recruiting bodies, but instead tailoring our engagement communications to find the right students.

I want to thank Alice Maxwell and Shane Topping for taking the time to speak with me, and allowing me to share their experiences with the broader Workday community. Even more importantly, I'm grateful for our customers' willingness to work so closely with us during the design process of Workday Student. It's only through that process that we're able to build applications that support their institutions' goals both now and well into the future.

Healthcare program to have its pinning ceremonies

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

Tallahassee Community College's Ghazv Tallahassee Community College's Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education will honor its Spring 2015 graduates in a series of pinning ceremonies beginning April 29.

Participants include the first graduates of the new Central Sterile Processing program, which was started at the request of Tallahassee's two hospitals. In addition, the Dental Hygiene program is celebrating its first graduating class since a major renovation of its clinic facilities.

The Spring 2015 pinning ceremonies include:

- Surgical Technology – Wednesday, April 29, at 5 p.m. in the GCHE Auditorium (6 graduates)
- Central Sterile Processing – Wednesday, April 29, at 5 p.m. in the GCHE Auditorium (4 graduates)
- Respiratory – Wednesday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the GCHE Auditorium (16 graduates)
- Dental Hygiene – Thursday, April 30, at 4 p.m. in Turner Auditorium on the main campus (21 graduates)
- Nursing – Thursday, April 30, at 5:30 p.m. in Turner Auditorium (36 graduates)

The Dental Assisting program will celebrate its 12 graduates Tuesday, July 21.

The Division of Healthcare Professions is currently accepting applications for its programs. Interested students must apply by May 9. The Pharmacy Technician program will be admitting the first cohort of Associate of Science students since transitioning from non-credit.

The Ghazvini Center is located at 1528 Surgeons Drive.

For information, contact the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education at (850) 558-4500 or healthedu@tcc.fl.edu.

Model United Nations team shines at conference in NYC

URBAN PULSE TALLAHASSEE

Tallahassee Community College Model United Nations, an internationally recognized academic team that participates in simulations of the United Nations around the world, recently attended the National Model United Nations in New York City. The conference hosted more than 350 colleges and universities from 149 countries who brought 5,250 graduate and undergraduate students.

The TCC team returned with an Honorable Delegation award for its representation of the Republic of Chad and a Position Paper award that recognizes preparation and research for the international conference. This was all the more significant because TCC is one of only a handful of colleges and universities that fields a team whose members work entirely on their own time. At the vast majority of colleges, students participate as part of a class.

The team is led by Truitt Wilson, president, Sierra Bush-Rester, vice-president, and James Sellars, head delegate. Tom Waller and Richard Murgo are the faculty advisers. Murgo was chosen to deliver the board of directors welcome address speech in the U.N. General Assembly Great Hall. For information, contact Richard Murgo at (850) 201-8145 or murgor@tcc.fl.edu, or Tom Waller at (850) 201-8159 or wallert@tcc.fl.edu.

TCC garners national award

GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

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The team illustrated both their depth and breadth of prowess, with finalists in each of the major areas of performance. In the Interpretation events, George Ramirez captured a gold award in Prose Interpretation, while Jessica Tomlinson brought home bronze awards in both Dramatic and Poetry Interpretation. In Public Address, Gerald Djajaputra received a gold award in Informative Speaking. In the Limited Preparation events, both Djajaputra and Alex Fabrega reached finals and garnered silver awards in Extemporaneous Speaking. Fabrega also led the team to its first debate sweepstakes award by reaching the final round of competition in International Public Debate.

Other students who represented Team TCC at the tournament included Daniel Santillana, Misha Smith, Courtney Medina, Chase Cashion and Adelina Mitchell. All but Santillana will be back as team leaders next season.

Tallahassee Community College's simulation center implements electronic health records enhancing simulations

CARLA I. DORMEUS

HEALTHY SIMULATION

Developing and expanding usage in a Simulation Center is not an easy task. In the last 6 years as the Simulation Program Manager at Tallahassee Community College (TCC), I have seen the tremendous growth in our program and the challenges those changes created.

Our beginnings date back to the 1990's when TCC converted two classrooms into simulation rooms with a separate control room. The human patient simulators were used by various healthcare programs which created a need for more simulators and space. In 2011, the Healthcare Programs moved to the newly built Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education located 6 miles from campus, in the heart of the Tallahassee medical community. TCC's Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education features more than 85,000 square feet of learning space devoted to diagnostic medical sonography, emergency medical services, nursing, radiologic technology, respiratory care, pharmacy technology, surgical technology and allied health. TCC's Simulation Center is located on the second (main) floor of Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education (GCHE). It is a 5,000 square foot facility used for training future and current healthcare professionals.

The Center has a total of six simulation rooms, two control rooms, one skills lab, three HeartCode rooms and two debriefing rooms. The simulation suites are designed as hospital rooms and provide real-world simulated experiences for the students in the Nursing, Emergency Medical Services, Respiratory Care, Radiologic Technology, and Dental programs. A variety of simulators are available to students; TCC currently has 14 adult, three pediatric, two infants, one newborn and one maternal simulator. These simulators allow staff to present different scenarios to students with the purpose of improving patient safety. In conjunction with faculty, the Simulation Center staff develops simulations that incorporate the use of team work, communication and psychomotor skills. Each simulator is unique and presents different features that can be used when training our students on specific skills. Besides the patient simulators, TCC's Simulation Center also has four Virtual IV trainers and four complete HeartCode systems that allow students to obtain BLS and ACLS certification for Healthcare providers.

While there are many vendors that offer attractive systems with excellent features, it can be hard at first to choose the ones that will be a best fit to your programs. When TCC's Health Care Programs moved to the new facility, we were faced with the great opportunity to upgrade our outdated technology to new state of the art technology. It was a great opportunity but challenging as well. New technology could definitely help our programs, but it could also hinder them if the wrong choices were made.

We often face the challenge of choosing the right vendor that will provide the best product to satisfy our needs and help with the usage and expansion of our program. Simulation has multiple components that need to be addressed: human patient simulators, task trainers, simulation staff, AV equipment, electronic health records (EHR), scheduling and supplies inventory among others. Input on technological decisions has to be a collaborative effort between faculty, staff and administration. The availability and quality of the educational technology used to train healthcare professionals requires a coordinated effort between faculty and staff to make sure the flow of the simulation scenarios is conducive to learning.

Four years after the grand opening of our simulation center we had top of the line human patient simulators and audio visual system, but we were still missing a big component: an electronic health record system (EHR). The use of EHR is becoming the norm in U.S. healthcare and the same is true for the Tallahassee medical community. It is important to faculty at TCC to provide health students with the experiences which are best practice and so more pressure was being exerted to find a solution.

I had spent over two years reviewing EHR systems that were available for education and specifically for simulation. The features we were looking for were very different than the ones we would need in a real clinical environment. The major challenges we needed to overcome were finding software with the feel of a real EHR but would allow the flexibility to work in "simulated time". We also wanted to find a system that was user friendly so that faculty and students could be easily trained. We believe that learning a specific software

Tallahassee Community College's simulation center implements electronic health records enhancing simulations....

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should not take all the time allocated for a simulation exercise; this would frustrate student, faculty, and would defeat the original purpose of a simulation exercise.

In July, 2014, MedAffinity installed its electronic health records software, MedAffinity EHR, on computer workstations in simulation rooms at TCC's GCHE. The first two programs that used MedAffinity EHR during simulations were Nursing and Respiratory care. Because these two programs most readily embraced simulation and wanted to see how this new technology was going to be welcomed by faculty, students and simulation staff. The response we received from faculty and staff was overwhelmingly positive. It took 15 minutes to train them on the basic navigation of the system. Faculty were able to input new "Physician Orders" during the simulations that would automatically populate in the patient's charts for students to access. It gave us so much flexibility to be able to make changes "on the fly" as happens in the hospital setting.

Since the initial implementation, we have been adding new scenarios to the database. This has allowed us to keep all the scenarios we need during the semester readily available to be used at any given time, therefore minimizing the amount of time simulation staff need to spend looking through charts and trying to find the correct scenario. The feedback we have received from the students has been very positive as well. Students liked how user friendly the software is and also they enjoyed being able to experience a real EHR that has been tailored for education. Students no longer carry bits of paper around with orders written on them and so their experience is even more realistic. We believe that the experience the students receive at TCC's simulation Center should be similar to the real world they will encounter as soon as they graduate and join the workforce.

We are currently close to start our third semester using MedAffinity's EHR. The original plan was to implement the nursing program's piece over 4 semesters, but they will complete implementation in three semesters. The features this EHR has that we have found to be most valuable for its usage in education and specifically in simulation are:

The EHR interface is organized to allow the entire patient's information to be accessible to the students on a single screen. There is no need to go over tabs and different windows to be able to find the information needed.

The system is flexible and allows the creation of templates tailored to your programs or institution. Templates can be created in minutes and can be saved for future use. The system also allows importing PDF files and saving them as templates.

Entering notes in the system is as easy as typing a word document.

The system allows resetting patient charts at the end of simulation exercises. After the simulation exercise ends, simulation staff can easily reset the patient's chart to the original state.

The system generates a patient arm band that can be scanned for patient verification purposes.

The medication administration record (MAR) is integrated with a scanner system so that students can administer medications and confirm patient identity.

Implementing MedAffinity's EHR in our simulation center has been one of the smoothest adoptions we have undergone in our center. MedAffinity has enhanced the student's experience by providing them with another tool to make simulated patient care more realistic and a better learning tool. It has also given the simulation staff and faculty the perfect flexible tool to teach students, digitally manage the simulation's library and minimize prep time.

United Partners presents conference for nonprofits

ELLEN PIEKALKIEWICZ
TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

United Partners for Human Services is preparing to hold its 16th Annual Conference on Excellence in Nonprofit Management and Leadership on May 6 at Tallahassee Community College. UPHS presents this conference each year as a way to provide a high-quality professional development experience for nonprofit professionals who work so hard to improve the quality of life in the Big Bend.

The nonprofit sector is built on its human capital. Nonprofit agencies in Leon County employ over 1,800 people. Employees in the sector are smart and innovative, and their passion is matched only by their ability to find creative solutions to tackle historically persistent challenges and the new ones that emerge every day. By focusing on recruiting, retaining, and developing a strong and stable workforce, nonprofits are able to carry out their mission more effectively.

This conference is designed to help nonprofits invest in their most valuable asset: their staff who are taking on the challenges of today as well as helping transform the lives of the people they serve.

Whether you're a future leader or a seasoned Executive Director, the UPHS conference will introduce innovative practices and tools to help you and your organization succeed today and thrive in the future.

I extend a special thanks to all the conference sponsors – James Moore & Co.; Prime Meridian Bank; The Krizner Group; Saunders, Holloway and Ryan; City of Tallahassee; Leon County; The Flying Bear; and Tallahassee Community College who have made our 2015 conference possible. Their sustained support for the human service nonprofit sector helps us to reshape tomorrow.

For more information about the conference, please visit the UPHS website: uphsfl.org.

Ellen Piekalkiewicz is the executive director of United Partners for Human Services. She has more than 25 years of experience working for statewide organizations, local nonprofits and federal agencies.

TCC offers new A.S. degree in pharmacy management

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

Tallahassee Community College will offer a new Associate in Science degree program in pharmacy management starting in Fall 2015.

Information sessions for the new program will be held at the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education in Room 111 on Friday, April 24, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and Monday, April 27, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Applications will be available at the information sessions. The deadline to apply to the program for the Fall 2015 semester has been extended to Friday, July 10, 2015.

The Ghazvini Center offers a 40-credit-hour certificate and a 70-credit-hour A.S. degree. Individuals who have a current Pharmacy Technician Certification Board certification are welcome to apply and may be eligible to receive college credit toward the AS degree.

Pharmacy technicians work under the supervision of pharmacists to prepare and dispense prescription medication safely, receive and collate information from patients or healthcare professionals for prescription processing, count or measure out medications, compound (mix) medications, prepare IV mixtures, arrange for patient consultations with the pharmacist, and at times deliver medications to hospital patients ready for discharge.

There are several openings in the Tallahassee area for professional pharmacy technicians. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook forecasts that pharmacy technician employment will increase 20 percent through 2022.

For information, contact Neisa Farley, counseling specialist, at farleyn@tcc.fl.edu, or Holly Lofland, pharmacy technician program coordinator, at loflandh@tcc.fl.edu, or call (850) 558-4500.

TCC's Coleman wins national awards

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

Michael Coleman, director of campus and civic engagement, received two awards at the Association of College Unions International conference in San Antonio, Texas.

He earned the Revis A. Cox Memorial Award recognizing contributions to multicultural education and the Two-Year College Professional Service Award for outstanding achievement in student activities or college union management.

Model United Nations team shines at conference

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (CAMPUS NOTES)

Tallahassee Community College Model United Nations, an internationally recognized academic team that participates in simulations of the United Nations around the world, recently attended the National Model United Nations in New York City.

The conference hosted more than 350 colleges and universities from 149 countries who brought 5,250 graduate and undergraduate students.

The TCC team returned with an Honorable Delegation award for its representation of the Republic of Chad and a Position Paper award that recognizes preparation and research for the international conference.

This was all the more significant because TCC is one of only a handful of colleges and universities that fields a team whose members work entirely on their own time. At the vast majority of colleges, students participate as part of a class.

The team is led by Truitt Wilson, president, Sierra Bush-Rester, vice-president, and James Sellars, head delegate. Tom Waller and Richard Murgo are the faculty advisers. Murgo was chosen to deliver the board of directors welcome address speech in the U.N. General Assembly Great Hall.

For information, contact Richard Murgo at (850) 201-8145 or murgor@tcc.fl.edu, or Tom Waller at (850) 201-8159 or wallert@tcc.fl.edu.

Tallahassee gears up for graduation weekend

GERALD ENSLEY
TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Almost all of Tallahassee's 6,000 hotel rooms are booked. Restaurants will have waiting lines Friday and Saturday nights. And since it's not football season, it means one thing:

It's spring graduation weekend for Florida State University, Florida A&M University and Tallahassee Community College. Between the three institutions, more than 6,000 students will participate in graduation ceremonies.

FSU will host three ceremonies — Friday night, Saturday morning and afternoon — in the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center. About 4,700 students of FSU's 6,200 spring graduates will participate in ceremonies.

FAMU will host two ceremonies Saturday in Alfred L. Lawson Multipurpose Gymnasium. FAMU will give degrees to nearly 1,200 students.

TCC will have a single ceremony on Saturday evening at the Tucker Center. About 400 of TCC's 3,000 graduates this year are expected to participate.

The commencement exercises feature notable speakers, in addition to university presidents John Thrasher, (FSU), Elmira Mangum (FAMU) and Jim Murdaugh (TCC).

FSU chemistry professor Harold Kroto, co-winner of the 1996 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, will speak to FSU graduates Friday evening. U.S. Marine Gen. John F. Kelly, commander of the U.S. Department of Defense operations in South and Central America, will address FSU graduates Saturday afternoon. Bill Smith, CEO of Tallahassee's Capital City Bank Group, will speak to graduates Saturday afternoon.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack will be the speaker at FAMU's morning ceremony. Will Packer, a FAMU grad and filmmaker ("Ride Along") will address graduates at the afternoon ceremony.

TCC graduates will hear from Luke Murphy, a decorated Iraq war veteran, who graduated from TCC and FSU.

Two FSU colleges will hold individual convocations Friday: Social Work (3 p.m., Oglesby Union) and Nursing (6 p.m., Ruby Diamond Concert Hall). The FSU College of

Law will confer degrees Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Tucker Civic Center. FSU's Army ROTC will commission 24 cadets Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Oglesby Union.

The weekend also includes a pair of special events.

During commencement exercises on Saturday, FAMU will confer its Strong Finish Awards to 17 students. Funded by a \$5 million endowment by Microsoft chairman and FAMU graduate John W. Thompson and his wife, Sandi, the award provides financial stipends to students who overcame financial challenges to earn their degrees with 3.0-or-better grade point averages. The grants pay off 10 percent to 40 percent of the students' college loans (depending on family income) and provide \$1,000 to make the transition from college to the working world.

"What distinguishes FAMU from many other institutions is that we have students who often come from low-income families," said Mangum. "So it is integral that we honor these students and provide them with the support they need to enter into the next phase of their lives."

On Thursday, FSU will stage its third annual Arakkecetv ceremony to honor the university's ties with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Arakkecetv (Ahda-keesh-ah-tev) is the Seminole Creek word for "to honor." The ceremony is sponsored by FSU's Center for Leadership and Social Change and allows the first 100 graduating students who apply to pay homage to their family members and mentors who helped them graduate.

This year's speaker is D'Anna Osceola, a 2009 FSU graduate and Seminole Tribe member who was the 2008 Miss Seminole. The ceremony is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Turnbull Center, 555 W. Pensacola St.

"While the ceremony highlights our collective Seminole tradition and pride," said Ariana Vargas, program coordinator of the Center for Leadership and Change, "we recognize that each of the participating graduates have their own unique identities and stories that have contributed to this special moment."

(NOTE: Article truncated for relevance to TCC.)

Gadsden Re-Entry Center inmates benefit from TCC job training

MSSC COMMUNITY UPDATE

Inmates come to the Gadsden Re-Entry Center near the ends of their sentences to prepare for the transition back to their home communities. They may participate in a wide variety of programs the facility offers to meet their needs, such as basic literacy education, GED preparation, addiction education, parenting training and personal finance education.

Inmates who already hold a high school diploma or who earn their GED diploma at the facility may also choose one of four workforce training programs designed to help them land a job after they regain their freedom. Programs are offered in carpentry, culinary arts, masonry apprenticeship and industrial machine repair.

The Florida Department of Corrections, Unlimited Path, Inc., and Tallahassee Community College collaborate to provide workforce training at the 432-bed facility, which is located at TCC's Florida Public Safety Institute and is the nation's only correctional facility built on a college campus.

"This has been an effective partnership, with all of us working together to achieve the common goal of better equipping inmates to be successful upon release," said Walt Summers, the facility's warden.

The partners are currently celebrating the success of the industrial machine repair program, which allows students to learn in-demand job skills and earn several valuable industry certifications, including the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council's Certified Production Technician credential. The Gadsden Re-Entry Center is the only State of Florida prison that provides an industrial machine repair program that includes the MSSC-CPT.

"MSSC is pleased to be part of the industrial machine repair program at the Gadsden Re-Entry Center. The partners' success can serve as a model for others in the state of Florida and across the country," said Neil Reddy, MSSC executive director. "Industrial certifications like ours can help our returning citizens find employment when they are released."

Many manufacturers give preferential consideration to applicants who hold the nationally recognized MSSC-CPT credential. To earn it, trainees must pass four

modules: Safety, Quality Practices and Measurement, Manufacturing Production and Processes, and Maintenance Awareness.

The Gadsden Re-Entry Center's pass rate on the series of four CPT exams is a robust 75 percent, according to TCC's Marc Dick, who teaches the program. Dick believes the program offers inmates an opportunity to get a new start or turn their lives around.

"Some of these men have never lifted a hammer or screwdriver in their life, but now they have core knowledge. They also will have a couple of certifications that could make them attractive job applicants," said Dick.

Jeff Teer earned his CPT credential and OSHA 10-hour safety card at the Gadsden Re-Entry Center and now works at Energy Absorption Systems in Pell City, Alabama. He had previously worked as a commercial fisherman, but the training he received at the Re-Entry Center made him an attractive candidate to the company, which makes highway crash impact barriers.

"It helped out a whole lot," said Teer. "I showed them the CPT certificate and my resume, and the OSHA card, and they pretty much hired me on the spot."

Former inmates will also have the option of enrolling in a two-year Associate in Science degree program in engineering technology at one of Florida's state colleges, where they will be awarded 15 college credits in recognition of their CPT credential. Five state colleges in the Panhandle offer such programs, including TCC. The credits will save the student a full semester plus 25 percent of the cost of the A.S. degree. Further, students who earn the A.S. can move to Daytona State College's Bachelor of Science program in engineering technology.

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Enrollment Marketing With Champions

A trip to southern California in January 2014 to the Florida State University (FSU) national championship football game led to this realization: FSU's win could be the real kick-start for Tallahassee Community College's just-launched TCC2FSU marketing campaign.

Timing is everything. When the PMU Seminoles rolled in with their third national title, it was as if the stars had magically aligned. Just one month earlier, Tallahassee Community College (TCC) had launched its "TCC2FSU Golden Guarantee Program," after extensive research and planning. Its main goal is to foster a stronger relationship between TCC and Florida State University. The program partners students from TCC to FSU for students who meet certain requirements. It helps community college students stay on a clear path for admission to FSU while earning an associate of arts degree at TCC.

A championship title creates a lot of buzz for the winning institution, which inevitably receives more admissions applications than it can accept (over more than itself). In FSU's case, it would lead to an even larger increase in denied applications. That's where the TCC2FSU Golden Guarantee Program would come in. Students denied admission there could come to TCC first to complete their transfer degree and then be guaranteed a spot at FSU.

Before Setting Up

Well before PMU won its third national title, TCC had been considering the viability of the TCC2FSU Program. In 2013, TCC developed a strategic enrollment management plan, and the SEM Marketing and Business Committee and Office of Communications and Marketing conducted a SWOT analysis to determine the need for the program, the target demographics and ways to recruit students. The following questions were asked:

- Is it worthwhile for PMU? In 2013, FSU enrolled more than 41,000 students. Only 6,300 of them were freshmen, who had an average high school G.P.A. of 3.2. That same year, FSU received nearly 37,000 applications for those freshmen slots. It's likely that a good portion of those who were denied admission as a freshman still wanted an FSU degree. Then consider the fact that TCC was already the number one transfer school to PMU, and TCC had a solid reputation. In 2013, Community College Work council

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TCC the number one producer of associate degrees among two-year colleges. Moreover, an image and attitude survey conducted by the college revealed that 83 percent of those polled agreed that TCC prepares students to successfully transfer to other colleges and universities.

- Did TCC bring the right players?

The research also confirmed that TCC student body demographics were right for this program. Nearly 73 percent of TCC students are under 19 years of age, and 84 percent of those who are classified as "four-year in college" are pursuing transfer degrees. In addition, TCC grads who transfer to FSU have the same graduation rates as their peers who stayed their college career at TCC.

- Were past winning efforts a win? At TCC, previous recruitment efforts that focused on transferring to FSU had higher click-through rates than any other online marketing campaign. The ideal target group had proven to be those students with respectable high school GPAs who qualify for Pell grants and used to attend four-year college dollars further. Messages that communicated affordability caught prospects' attention and, likely, FSU didn't mind the emphasis on tuition and the fact that TCC's tuition is about half the cost of a state university.

The Game Plan

To pursue this special enrollment opportunity via traditional and online avenues, TCC used an integrated marketing approach.

Florida State football received large ratings in the Tallahassee market, so advertising was purchased around their games and press. Advertisements that would produce

results for those searching for things related to FSU were selected. Print ads in FSU football fan publications were also purchased, along with TV spots on FSU television programming, including the coach's call to show, FSU televised games, and interviews before and after games.

In addition to football-centric TV and print advertising, TCC strategically marketed the program via press releases, blogs, television feature stories, on-hold phone messages, indices and conduct billboards; event marketing with branded signage and promotional items; movie theater ads; sports field signage; direct mail, including postcards and letters; email campaigns; online ads, including banner ads and retargeting ads; responsive-design websites; and social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. TCC also sent targeted messages to specific audiences and to area high school students who met TCC's tuition program requirements.

Like at most community colleges, a limited budget mandated clever, budget-stretching ideas. Working with a producer, TCC created one 30-second and two 15-second TV spots. The shorter ones were used as breakdowns in commercial breaking newscasts just one night before an FSU football game (and just before the game went up exponentially).

And because survey and focus group results revealed that 18- to 24-year-olds love YouTube and movies, the short TV spots were repurposed as YouTube pre-roll ads and as movie theater advertising. To gain additional brand awareness on a budget, TCC purchased a rotating-masthead billboard contract, which helped build perceptions that the "TCC2FSU" program is everywhere,™ as the billboard moved to different

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From January through July 2014, the TCC2FSU landing page received 16,468 unique page views, while the application received 5,400 unique page views and 1,500 completed submissions.



locations every four weeks.

Small-Worthy Results

The TCC2FSU campaign has been a huge success and has received awards from NCMPR, CAAE and the American Advertising Federation Tallahassee. Launch and pre-orientation Facebook posts reached 14,712 and received 2,482 total engagements, including likes, comments, shares and clicks. From January through July 2014, the TCC2FSU landing page received 16,468 unique page views, while the application received 5,400 unique page views and 1,500 completed submissions. Some 400 of those prospects enrolled at TCC for the fall 2014 session. The college enjoyed a nearly 6 percent increase in applications for fall 2014.

The focus continues to be on increasing visibility of the TCC2FSU brand. Ads have been placed in high-viewpoint areas, and a new responsive-design TCC2FSU website has been launched. In December 2014, the site received 6,171 page views, which means this year's numbers are well on track to surpass last year's. In addition, TCC now has an email campaign

system that helps regularly engage TCC2FSU prospects.

Now our numbers seem great, but know that the TCC2FSU brand is established and growing, even better enrollment results for fall 2015 are anticipated. And even though the FSU football team didn't win a fourth national championship this year, the TCC2FSU program has proven to be a game-changer.

Alice Maxwell has served as the Director of Communications and Marketing at Tallahassee Community College for 20 years. Maxwell and her team handle all PR, advertising, social media, market research, publications and other marketing fun for the college.



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TCC graduation showcases student determination

RYAN DAILEY
TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Luke Murphy, Purple Heart recipient and graduate of both TCC and FSU, wanted to share some of his experiences overcoming adversity with TCC students during his commencement speech Saturday. Murphy, who was critically wounded by a roadside bomb in Iraq in 2005, had to have much of his right leg amputated and sustained serious injuries to his left leg.

"I've had 32 surgeries thus far," said Murphy, who served for seven and a half years in the Army. Though the rehabilitation that followed his injuries was a long and arduous process, Murphy was not only eager to improve physically, but also motivated to chase down a degree.

"I just decided that I wanted to experience a new area and go to school, and then eventually end up at Florida State," said Murphy, whose father also was a Florida State grad. "So TCC made for the perfect transition."

"It was absolutely the right path for me, with the smaller classes, extra time with professors and the learning commons," Murphy said.

As a member of the National Campaign Team for the Wounded Warrior Project, Murphy has become a leader and ambassador for injured and disabled veterans.

His book, "Blasted By Adversity: The Making of a Wounded Warrior" was co-authored with author Julie Bettinger and details the incredible process of Murphy's rehabilitation, and the tremendous confidence and mental resolve it requires. The book, which publishes this month, has garnered a good deal of national attention.

For Edwin Presswood-Castro, a TCC student who was walking the stage alongside his fellow graduates Saturday, overcoming adversity has been a lifelong struggle.

"I've been in foster care since I was 2 years old," said Presswood-Castro. "My biological parents weren't the best. I went through a lot of neglect, a lot of physical abuse, emotional and mental abuse."

Presswood-Castro says he still has scars today as evidence of his turbulent childhood. He and his siblings would spend days unsupervised in the house, in living conditions that he described as "deplorable."

Having lived in more than 10 foster homes, Presswood-Castro was adopted by his current foster father at age 17, and quickly began working towards a very bright future.

"My dad ended up being the most amazing person I have ever met in my life," he said. "He has helped me with everything. He has gone above and beyond helping me with school, emotionally, getting my life together. He made sure I could be the best person that I can be."

Presswood-Castro hopes that his story can help do away with any misconceptions that people have about foster children. "There are a lot of bad statistics when it comes to foster children, when you read them it's kind of off-putting."

"I want to be a role model to show other foster children 'hey look, I was in foster care too, but I overcame that. And I'm going to keep going further, I'm going to get my bachelor's, my masters and most likely my Ph.D.'"

Another graduate with big future plans is Indonesian-born Gerald Djajaputra, whose family immigrated to the U.S. as a young child. Captain of the TCC Forensics team and the ceremony's student commencement speaker.

The forensics team competes in a speech and debate format all across the country, both with community colleges and four-year universities. At the recent Phi Rho Pi national tournament, the team won an overall bronze award, marking the 14th straight year it has brought back a national championship.

Djajaputra explained that he didn't always have such high hopes for his time at TCC.

"I came to TCC just wanting to get in and get out," he said. "And then the forensics opportunity showed up. It's become kind of like a family."

That forensics opportunity ultimately landed Djajaputra a full scholarship to Eastern Michigan University.

His advice to fellow graduates: education is a gateway to great things.

"I just want to give the message that our education is a universal toolkit for our success."

Boulder inspires local delegation

TAMARYN WATERS
TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

Marc Paul dabbles with oil painting in his spare time. Arms folded across his chest, Paul had a studied gaze when passing wall-mounted paintings in an airy gallery inside the Dairy Center for the Arts.

Paul, CEO of the Paul Consulting Group – a custom programming solutions company, milled about with other Tallahassee leaders and professionals who spent the last of a three-day trip thinking about arts and aviation facilities at Denver International Airport.

Boosting startup communities and entrepreneurship was a heavy focus the first two days, but Paul was impressed how the Dairy Center created opportunities for the public to enjoy and participate in arts activities. He didn't need to be sold on the impact the arts muster in generating major money in a community like Boulder, which has the eighth largest concentration of artists in the country.

Last year in Boulder and the Denver metro area, the arts generated \$1.85 billion and more than 10,000 jobs relying on the arts, Dairy Center officials said.

"I'm a firm believer that arts bring in money in a lot of direct and indirect ways" Paul said. "I understand that the arts community is hard to sustain and needs to be partially funded by the public sector. But in the end, I agree and think it's worth it."

The trip was sponsored by the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, which coordinated logistics to send about 60 locals to Boulder.

The crammed schedule included numerous back-to-back stops at successful startup and tech-based companies that have helped make Boulder a beacon for tech entrepreneurs. In addition, the group heard about programs at the University of Colorado that have generated more than \$100 million in royalty revenue linked to research done at the school.

The Tallahassee group shrunk to about a dozen for talks and tours of facilities and processing areas for international travelers at the Denver International Airport, which spans 53.4 miles and holds the title of being the geographically largest airport in the country and second largest in the world.

With only 2,700 acres at the Tallahassee Airport by comparison, Denver's airport maintains considerably larger facilities and an overall operation. But its approach to bringing commercial development on the property, such as solar farms, appealed to the Tallahassee group.

"We'll never get as big as Denver but I think it was enlightening because on a micro level we're going to have some of the same things we saw today," Tallahassee Aviation Director Chris Curry said. "We will tailor what we saw today to fit the city of Tallahassee."

Ed Keegan, energy manager at Denver's airport, said the airport maintains four solar farms. Keegan said solar farms are becoming more common airport features in an effort to produce clean energy.

A portion of the energy powers some of the airport's on-site facilities and excess energy is sold to Denver's local utility provider at a predetermined rate, said Heath Montgomery, public information officer at the airport.

"One of our key tenets here at the airport is for sustainability. We've actually built that into our goals as an organization," Montgomery said. "We've put a heavy emphasis on sustainability in all forms — economic, environmental. The solar is one component of that sustainability that we have here."

As the Tallahassee group parted ways and headed back to Florida, trip-goers will have to digest what they've seen and learned on the trip in preparation for a collective debriefing slated to take place in the next few weeks.

Nearly everyone said they walked away with small to grand ideas they could envision in Tallahassee.

City Commissioner Nancy Miller took note of Boulder's recycling efforts and approach to building infrastructure, such as sidewalks and bike ways. While riding the bus to each stop, she was impressed by the use of right-of-way for wide areas for multi-use paths.

She also marveled at the water dispensers above water fountains scattered throughout the airport that allowed people to fill up their own water bottles versus buying bottled water, which seemed taboo in Boulder.

Boulder inspires local delegation....

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"It's definitely a lot of information, and a lot to take in," Miller said. "This is the beginning."

Jim Murdaugh, chairman of the Economic Development Council of Tallahassee and Leon County, said the number and range of people paid off because the group could see and respond to the same thing. He also was reminded about the need to be patient, which he said doesn't come easy.

"Over and over again, we were reminded this was a long-term journey," Murdaugh said. "I don't know if I necessarily agree it takes 20 years ... and yet I guess I need to remind myself that this is a journey."

Murdaugh also walked away from the trip believing Tallahassee shouldn't seek one major project or golden idea to catapult change when "100 things can help change the community one percent moving forward."

Audra Pittman, executive director for the Council on Culture and Arts in Tallahassee, said the agency is crafting a plan to highlight unique cultural draws already in place and prepare for future opportunities. Feeding off of Cascades Park popularity, Pittman is interested in working with local groups to create cultural connections between the John G. Riley Museum, artist studios in Smokey Hollow and the Capital Cascades Amphitheater and repurposing some current city buildings.

"I'm really excited about the possibility of showing people that you can create an economic engine by creating a cultural district," Pittman said.

While some have criticized the trip to Boulder as costing too much with not enough tangible benefits, Murdaugh and others say the lessons learned will pay dividends for the community.

"Unfortunately there are critics of everything. There would be critics if we stayed home and didn't reach out to other communities to try and figure out how to improve what we are doing and help businesses grow and prosper," Murdaugh said. "It takes leadership to move this community forward and that's what this trip was about."

Calabro will present workshop to help nonprofits succeed

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (BUSINESS BRIEFS)

Florida Taxwatch president and CEO Dominic Calabro will present a workshop designed to prepare nonprofit leaders and employees for meeting with elected officials.

"Making the Case for Your Nonprofit: Getting Decision Makers to Listen" will take place Wednesday, May 20, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Tallahassee Community College Capitol Center.

The workshop is a part of the Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence's summer lecture series. Tickets are \$25 for INIE members and \$45 for nonmembers. Members must log in to their accounts on the INIE website in order to receive the registration discount.

Registration is open at www.theinstitutefornonprofits.org through May 20.

For information, contact Jessica Lowe-Minor at (850) 201-9766 or loweje@tcc.fl.edu.

Indonesian educators get a taste of Florida

JENNIE GUTIERREZ
WCTV

Today in Wakulla, a group of Indonesian educators got a taste of Florida.

The group is in the United States to observe and learn more from our system of community colleges. Back home in Indonesia, they are establishing over 350 of their own versions of community colleges, which they call community academies, for workforce training and programs designed to suit local industries.

Today they visited TCC Environmental Institute and got a look at the school's newly established aquaculture program. The program was of particular interest to the Indonesian educators because they too have a lot of seafood harvesting and processing, and want to learn how to use that to their student's advantage.

Program coordinators say that Florida and Indonesia have more in common than you may think.

"What's really exciting and interesting in this program is it's teaching people to make their own jobs, not just to look for jobs, but to go in to business for themselves, and small business for themselves, and I that's something very relevant for this group," says Dr. Jeffrey Milligan of FSU's Learning Systems Institute.

After checking out the aquaculture, the group enjoyed some fresh seafood, Florida style, at Posey's in Panacea.

The group will be here in Tallahassee for five more weeks before returning to Indonesia. They say by establishing these schools they hope to bridge the education gap in Indonesia.

Scott appoints 9 to hospital commission

ST. AUGUSTINE RECORD

Gov. Rick Scott has appointed nine members to a commission aimed at wading through the finances of hospitals that receive tax-payer funds.

Only two health care professionals — the state's surgeon general and a reconstructive microsurgeon — were appointed.

With a looming \$1 billion hole in the budget from the potential loss of federal funds for hospitals that treat Medicaid and uninsured patients, Scott is working to show that Florida hospitals are not in as bad financial shape as they maintain.

He's even asking hospitals to draw up profit sharing plans.

Several hospitals have said they would be forced to cut services or shut down without the federal hospital funds.

They want the governor to expand Medicaid to more than 800,000 Floridians, but Scott and House Republicans are opposed.

The fight has stalled approval of a new state budget. Lawmakers will meet for a special session starting June 1.

The appointees

Carlos Beruff, of Parrish, is a member of the South Florida Water Management District, the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority and is the president of Medallion Homes. Beruff will serve as chair of the commission.

Gen. Chip Diehl, of Tampa, is a retired brigadier general, U.S. Air Force, and is a member of the Florida Defense Support Task Force.

Marili Cancio Johnson, of Key Biscayne, is a member of the Miami-Dade College Board of Trustees and is the principal of Marili Cancio Johnson PA.

Tom Kuntz, of Winter Park, is a former executive at Suntrust Bank and a current member of the Florida Board of Governors. Kuntz will serve as vice chair of the commission.

Eugene Lamb Jr., of Midway, served on the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners from 2004-12 and is a past chair of the Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Jason Rosenburg, of Gainesville, is a reconstructive microsurgeon and a former chair of the Florida Board of Medicine.

Dr. Ken Smith, of Estero, is the owner of Integrated Beef Consultants and a member of the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees.

Sam Seevers, of Destin, is a small business owner and a former mayor and City Council member of Destin.

Robert Spottswood, of Key West, is a certified public accountant and an attorney. He is the president and director of Spottswood Companies.

Geared up for commencement

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAILY

From local business leaders and leading educators, to state governors and even President Barack Obama himself, community colleges across the country have lined up inspiring speakers for their spring commencements.

While the president spoke at commencement at Lake Area Technical College in South Dakota last week, Dr. Jill Biden prepares to speak May 14 in North Carolina at Central Piedmont Community College's (CPCC) 2015 graduation. The college anticipates as many as 1,800 students will graduate, with about 800 participating in the ceremony.

Other national leaders and state leaders who will address graduating community college students this month include Rep. David McKinley at West Virginia University at Parkersburg; New Jersey Lieutenant Gov. Kim Guadagno at Raritan Valley Community College; Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner at Lake Land College; and Richard Luarkie, former governor of the Pueblo of Laguna, at Mesalands Community College in New Mexico.

Howard Community College (HCC) will welcome Maryland Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford, a Howard County resident and former HCC adjunct professor, who will deliver the commencement address on May 19. Meanwhile, HCC President Kate Hetherington was the featured speaker at the May 2 commencement at her alma mater, the Community College of Philadelphia. She was also presented with an honorary degree.

Austin Community College in Texas will have a joint commencement address delivered by two stalwarts in education: Walter Bumphus, president of the American Association of Community Colleges, and his wife, Aileen, executive director of the University of Texas at Austin's Longhorn Center for Academic Excellence Gateway Scholars Program.

Aside from national leaders, community colleges are also tapping into their communities for leaders to deliver inspiration and words of wisdom. At Tallahassee Community College in Florida, Luke Murphy, who received a Purple Heart medal for his service in the 187th Infantry Regiment during Operation Iraqi Freedom, will deliver the keynote. In 2005, Murphy was critically wounded during his second deployment to Iraq.

At Phoenix College in Arizona, students will hear from Kara Kalkbrenner, fire chief of the city of Phoenix, and a graduate of the college.

Although it's exciting to have a motivating speaker, students only have to look among their own ranks for inspiring stories.

Cheryl Michelle King, 43, will receive her dental hygiene degree from Central Carolina Community College (North Carolina) this month. She applied to the program in 2012, but a declining heart condition forced her to abandon her plans. But even a heart transplant that summer didn't stop her dreams. She eventually enrolled at the college and has attained her degree.

Johnnie Bright, 42, a military veteran who is changing careers, is receiving his associate degree in welding technology. He came to Central Piedmont Community College from a referral at Goodwill Industries, which told him about the college's veterans retraining assistance program.

At only 24 years of age, Elissa Chevalier has already earned the rank of sergeant in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. This month, she added another title to her list of accomplishments, when she received an associate degree in nursing from the Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) in Pennsylvania. Although she initially enrolled in a four-year college where she stayed for three years, Chevalier eventually decided to follow in the same career as her mother and grandmother: nursing. And she enrolled at their alma mater, too: CCBC.

Although nationally many community colleges have seen a dip in enrollment since the economic recovery kicked in, several colleges are reporting upticks in the number of graduates. Because of the increasing number of degrees granted this year, El Paso Community College in Texas on Friday will hold two ceremonies. A total of 1,952 degrees and certificates will be granted.

(NOTE: Article truncated for relevance to TCC.)

TCC to provide stress-free campus option

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (BIG BEND NEWS BRIEFS)

A room for meditation at Tallahassee Community College will be unveiled at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in FPAC Room 207A.

The space is the result of a grant from the TCC Foundation's College Innovation Fund. The fund is designed to encourage and provide financial support for students, faculty and staff to develop and implement projects that will improve the quality and/or quantity of programs and services at TCC.

The meditation room is open and free for students, faculty and staff use 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For a virtual tour of the meditation room, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMD4blmkleg&feature=youtube.

For more information, contact Melissa Spear at 850-201-8106 or spear@tcc.fl.edu.

Students earn AAs ahead of graduation

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

WAKULLA NEWS

With graduation right around the corner, Wakulla High is pleased to announce that two of its seniors have already crossed the stage of Tallahassee Community College and been awarded their AA degrees. Holli Capps and Haley Brown are the first WHS students to receive recognition for such an achievement thanks to the Dual Enrollment Program that allows students to begin taking college classes while enrolled in high school. Many of these courses are offered at WHS, but students may choose to take them on location at TCC or take advantage of online courses as well.

Senior Haley Brown learned firsthand the determination required to balance dual enrollment courses with high school courses and volleyball. "I was already used to having to manage my time wisely between sports and school," she says, "so I was prepared for the full load of college courses."

When asked what inspired her to add such rigor to her schedule, Haley credits an eagerness to start her professional career and help others with their health. "I know I want to go into the medical field, either Doctor of Physical Therapy or become an Orthopedic Physician; both of which require a lot of schooling. So by earning my AA degree that means I can start my profession two years earlier, which fills me with excitement."

When asked her motivation, Holli Capps, who is the Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class, simply replies, "I like to learn." Holli began taking advantage of dual enrollment classes during the summer of her sophomore year, and continued on, balancing them with Advanced Placement courses here at the high school.

"I was excited there was no age restriction to enrolling for classes, so I took advantage of taking them while they were free," she says. Holli plans to attend the University of Florida this fall to pursue a degree in Environmental Science, and focus on ways to move away from the use of fossil fuels.

Both graduates advise fellow and future students to take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

"Students should take make use of their free time in the summer and take some classes and see how they do so

they then know if they can balance those level courses with high school courses," Haley says. "Before enrolling one should consider what their interests are for their major and to take courses that pertain to their ideal major."

And for those nervous about taking higher level courses, Holli quickly added, "Don't be intimidated by college classes!"

Interested students should see their guidance counselor for more information about dual enrollment opportunities for the upcoming year. Congratulations, again, Haley Brown and Holli Capps, your War Eagle family is very proud of your accomplishments!





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