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Annual Membership Meeting Held in Orlando

The Annual Membership Meeting was held on June 3, 2009 in Orlando at the Rosen Centre Hotel. A large group of college and university presidents and staff members, along with state and local officials attended the event.



Dr. Dennis Gallon

The Annual conference program was planned and developed by 2008-2009 FACU Vice-President Dr. Dennis Gallon and his staff at Palm Beach Community College.

The Theme of the conference was "Educating Our Communities for a Knowledge Economy." The meeting was begun by a luncheon, again sponsored by the Florida Campus Compact.

Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of the SACS Commission on Colleges, was our keynote speaker and raised and discussed national accreditation issues.

The luncheon address was followed by a major presentation by Ms. Sheila McDevitt, Chair, Florida Board of Governors. Chair McDevitt addressed the current and future state of higher education in Florida.

A panel discussion addressed sector updates and the panelists involved were Chancellor Will Holcombe of the State College System; President Ed Moore, Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida; and Rick Maxey, Executive Director of Governmental Relations for the Florida Board of Governors.

Concurrent with the state panel, a session was presented for retired presidents entitled "Life After the Presidency." Panelists and discussion leaders included Dr. Bob Judson, retired president Pasco-Hernando Community College; Dr. Bill Merwin, retired president Florida Gulf Coast University; and Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, retired president Barry University. The session was very well attended and received by several FACU past presidents.

Finally a meeting highlight was presented by Dr. Tony Villamil, Dean of the school of Business, St. Thomas University. Dr. Villamil addressed "The Florida Economy at Mid-Year: Where Do We Go From Here?" We were joined by Senate President Jeff Atwater for this session and Tony and Jeff led a lively discussion on this critical and timely topic.

The FACU Business Meeting was led by FACU President Mike Michalson. The organization received a positive audit and Dr. Michalson recognized St. Leo University for its willingness to assist FACU by again conducting the audit. The membership report noted that 68 of the 71 potential members chose to join FACU during 2008-2009. Chair Michalson thanked our continuing sponsors for their work on the Annual Meeting: Florida Trend, VALIC, and Florida Campus Compact.





The Nominating Committee Chair, Dr. Ray Ferrero, Jr., President of Nova Southeastern University, presented a state of 2009-2010 officer and board member and they were adopted unanimously.

Officers

President	Dr. Dennis Gallon	Palm Beach Community College
Vice-President	Dr. Arthur Kirk, Jr.	St. Leo University
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Chancellor Will Holcombe	State College System
Chancellor Frank Brogan	State University System
Mr. Jerry Mallot	Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Tom Furlong	FACU Executive Director

The evening reception and awards dinner was sponsored by Florida Trend Magazine, Florida Trend's NEXT Magazine and VALIC. A FACU history video was prepared by Dr. Gallon and his PBCC staff in honor of FACU's 75th anniversary. Dr. Michalson presented the 2009 Distinguished Service Award to Ms. Carolyn Roberts, Past Chair, Florida Board of Governors. Past FACU Executive Director, Bob Westrick and Dan Crowder were present for the Annual Meeting and their past service was recognized.

As the gavel was passed from FACU President Michalson to newly elected President Dennis Gallon, Dr. Gallon presented a large gavel to Dr. Michalson in appreciation for his strong leadership and dedication during the past year. Dr. Tom Furlong and his wife Paula were recognized for their work in putting on the 2009 Annual Meeting.



Executive Director's Comments:

Dr. Furlong recognized the leadership and support of Dr. Michalson and all the Board members during the past year. He noted he is looking forward to working with President Gallon during the 2009-2010 year and that he was pleased that FACU dues were not being increased during this tough budget period.

President Gallon's 2009-2010 goals

Dr. Gallon chaired the August meeting of the FACU Board and noted his goals for the coming year.

They include:

1. Seeking 100% membership from the colleges and universities;
2. Seeking full sector participation at the Annual Meeting;
3. The development of a consensus legislative program;
4. Working on a series of meetings with Florida Trend related to overall master plan development for higher education in Florida.

Dr. Gallon and Dr. Furlong have met with Publisher Bruce Faulmann of Florida Trend and a joint series of regional focus groups is planned.

Dr. Gallon also named new committee chairs:

Annual Meeting - President Art Kirk; Membership - President Wilson Bradshaw; Audit - President Gwen Stephenson; Distinguished Service - President Kathy Johnson; Legislative Committee - President Bill Abare; and Nominating Committee - President Ray Ferrero, Jr..

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Deadline Dates:

Winter: December 15, 2009
Spring: March 15, 2010
Summer: July 1, 2010
Fall: October 1, 2010

Note: The FACU webpage is currently down for the addition of several enhancements.
It should be available in January, 2010.



BARRY UNIVERSITY

Barry University's doctorate in counseling program has been granted national accreditation by the Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The program is offered at Barry sites in Miami Shores and Orlando. With this accomplishment, the degree program becomes the only Ph.D. granting counseling program accredited by CACREP in South Florida, and one of only three throughout the state. "This is evidence of the high quality of our program and the commitment of our faculty," said Dr. Sylvia Fernandez, chair of the counseling department. The program, offered through the Adrian Dominican School of Education (ADSOE), specializes in marriage, couples and family counseling therapy. The accreditation formally recognizes it as providing the highest standard of training for counseling professionals. CACREP identifies itself as the premiere national accreditation organization for counseling programs. "We have always been very proud of our counseling program and its graduates. I am very pleased to have it recognized by a highly respected national accreditation body," said Dr. Terry Piper, dean of ADSOE. "Dr. Fernandez has an international reputation and was highly instrumental in steering the faculty through this successful accreditation process."



CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Central Florida Community College has received a donation of 2.5 million dollars, the largest, one-time gift in its history. The donation by longtime educator Jack Wilkinson will be used in the construction of a permanent Levy Campus.

Dr. Charles Dassance, president of CFCC, has been elected chair of the Florida College Council of Presidents. Dassance previously served as chair in 2001-2002. Bernie Little, Jr., chair of CFCC District Board of Trustees, has been presented the Bob Graham Distinguished Service Award by the Florida Junior Community Colleges Student Government Association. Little was nominated by the CFCC Student Activities Board for the state award in the Community Supporter category for making CFCC a better place to learn.

CFCC celebrated its 50th anniversary of graduates at spring commencement on May 8 and presented graduates with commemorative medallions.

CFCC Professor Pat Fleming has been awarded a Fulbright award to explore History, Culture and Economic Development in China. Fleming will travel with 15 scholars from throughout the United States for four weeks in June and July.



EMBRY RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY

For the 10th year in a row, the annual "America's Best Colleges" guide published by U.S. News and World Report has ranked Embry-Riddle's aerospace engineering program #1 in the nation and has placed the University in the top tier of all schools granting master's degrees.

In the specialty category of "Best Undergraduates Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautically Engineering Programs at Schools Whose Highest Degree is a Bachelor's or Master's," Embry-Riddle's Daytona Beach campus took first place and the Prescott, Az campus was honored with a third-place ranking. Additionally, in the broader category of "Best undergraduate Engineering Programs at Schools Whose Highest Degree is a Bachelor's or Master's," Embry-Riddle's Daytona Beach campus was ranked #12.

In the category of "Best Universities – Master's (South)," Embry-Riddle's Daytona Beach campus was ranked #12 among 56 master's degree-granting institutions in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

"I commend the College of Engineering faculty at our Daytona Beach and Prescott campuses for their outstanding showing in this year's rankings," said Embry-Riddle President John P. Johnson. "Our success is the direct result of their daily accomplishments in the University's classrooms and laboratories."





FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Florida Institute of Technology, long known for its high-tech, "hands-on" education, take the concept further with the new ProTrack Co-op program for engineering and applied science students. Enrollment is going on now with the first class set to start August 2010. The new program combines the benefits of traditional university cooperative education with a unique, student-centered approach. Engineering students can complete three semester-long paid work experiences related to their major and career interests while earning a bachelor's degree in the traditional four years, with no graduation delay. Graduates are then ready to begin their careers with valuable, applicable work experience under their belts. "This program has been in the works for many months at the request of students and employers. We are very pleased to be offering now what we believe will give a tremendous advantage to engineering students and meet the needs and expectations of industry," said Gary Hamme, Florida Tech vice provost for enrollment management.

A special report of Forbes places Florida Institute of Technology among the top 15 percent of America's colleges. The report, created in collaboration with the Center for College Affordability and Productivity (CCAP), ranks public and private colleges and universities from the student's point of view. "We are naturally pleased and proud of this new recognition of Florida Tech as a high-ranking university," said President Anthony J. Catanese. "National acknowledgment of the success of our faculty and students is extremely gratifying." The report states: "To our way of thinking, a good

college is one that meets student needs. While some college rankings are based partly on school reputation as evaluated by college administrators and on the amount of money spent, we focus on things which directly concern incoming students: Will my courses be interesting and rewarding? Will I get a good job after I graduate? Is it likely I will graduate in four years? Will I incur a ton of debt getting my degree?

According to the U.S. Department of Education, there are more than 4,000 college campuses in the United States and the CCAP ranks only the top 15 percent or so of all undergraduate institutions.



At a time where cut-backs are the norm, Florida Keys Community College is able to announce monumental expansions and improvements to its diving program, thanks to an unprecedented \$1 million bequest. The Florida Keys Educational Foundation, a direct-support organization of FKCC, will recognize the generosity of scuba diving forefather James E. Lockwood, Jr. during a ceremony on Friday May 15, 2009 at 4pm at the Dive Lagoon on the Key West campus. The college's school of diving will be named the James E. Lockwood, Jr. School of Diving and Underwater Technology for its historic benefactor. The gift will enable FKCC to expand its already stellar diving program into a nationally recognized curriculum that will integrate marine science and diving to further support the needs of local, regional, national and global constituents. FKCC will offer workforce education and re-education in area such as underwater welding, hyperbaric medi-

cine, port security, aquaculture, coral reef mapping and restoration. "This gift is going to allow us to pursue a wealth of exciting new initiatives to modernize our program," says Marine Sciences Director Dr. Patrick Rice. "We're going to purchase new, high-tech equipment, modernize our existing gear, and develop new curricula. We'll also be able to extend our support to our Middle and Upper Keys Centers with the purchase of mobile training equipment."



FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Florida Southern College took third place in the Florida Campus Compact Engaged Campus Award competition, an annual, statewide recognition of higher education institutions that show an exemplary commitment to civic engagement and service learning. The Engaged Campus awards were presented October 15 at the Florida Campus Compact's annual Awards Gala and Luncheon at Miami Dade College. First Lady Michelle Obama gave the keynote address. Photography and video from the College were included in the awards presentation portion of the program. Florida Southern's nomination for the Engaged Campus Award cited the College's tradition of active community involvement. Both the college's mission and curriculum are tied to experiential learning and civic engagement. The Florida Campus Compact Awards Gala and Luncheon is the state's premier recognition for exceptional service-learning and engaged scholarship under way across Florida. Florida Campus Compact is an organization of more than 50 college and university presidents committed to helping students develop the values and skills of active citizenship through participation in public and community service.



INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

Indian River State College has been awarded a \$3.9 million grant by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to develop a new Center for Competitive Economics and Entrepreneurship (CCEE) focused on creating new high-tech jobs to help spark the region's economic recovery and preparing students for cutting-edge careers. Awarded by the U.S. Department of Commerce, the grant is one of the largest ever received by IRSC. The CCEE will serve as an economic development engine, assisting entrepreneurs and businesses in emerging fields to develop the knowledge and skills to start successful businesses, supporting new jobs for area residents. Construction for the \$20 million Center, which is also supported by state and private contributions to the IRSC Foundation, is scheduled to begin this year at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce and will open its doors to students in 2011.



In addition to tuition, paying for textbooks is usually at the top of the list of concerns for college students. Their cost has grown significantly in recent years. However, now Miami Dade College (MDC) has received a \$267,298 Student Access Via Exchange (S.A.V.E.) grant that will improve students' access to textbooks and expand their service learning and entrepreneurial skills. Recognizing S.A.V.E. will provide enhanced oppor-

tunities for students to access course materials at a lower cost; MDC's grant proposal was trailblazing. Project S.A.V.E. endorses the purpose of the U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Program of providing innovating projects that support reform and significant improvements of postsecondary education that respond to problems of national significance and serve as national models. S.A.V.E. is a student-driven book exchange program that builds on the efforts of previous book rentals and swap initiatives at a national level, translating those elements that made them successful to the MDC educational environment. A book exchange club will be created with an online inventory and a designated physical space at the college's North Campus where transactions will take place. This pilot project will focus only on four courses: Anatomy 1 and 2, Chemistry, and Microbiology. These are core courses for both the Biology and Chemistry departments, and target all of the pre-professional, allied health majors, as well as AA science majors at the North Campus, an enrollment of 2,700 students per semester. S.A.V.E. will prove to be an innovative project as it not only focuses on the main goal of improving student access to textbooks, but further enhances the improvement of postsecondary education by integrating components of service-learning and entrepreneurship.



NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

For the second consecutive year, Forbes.com has ranked New College of Florida among the top five public colleges in America in its annual report on America's Best Colleges. In its 2009 report, New College was also named the second "best college buy" in the country among all public and private colleges. New College came in No. 5 in a list of top 100 public colleges and universities in the United States. Only one other non-military school made the list of top five public colleges – the College of William and Mary in Virginia, at No. 4. The top three spots went to the United States Military Academy, the United States Air Force Academy and the United States Naval Academy. Among all public colleges, the University of Florida was ranked No. 21 and Florida State University came in at No. 33.

When it comes to value, New College ranked even higher at No. 2, behind Berea College and ahead of all three military academies. This exceptionally high score, which reflects both public and private colleges, reinforces New College's consistent ranking as one of the best values in America by such entities as Kiplinger's Personal Finance and The Princeton Review/USA Today. New College of Florida today announced seven Fulbright scholars for 2009-2010, including six from this year's graduating class and one from



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the class of 2008. This year's recording number of Fulbright recipients for the College once again places New College among the nation's leading undergraduate institutions in terms of per-capita production of Fulbrights. Since gaining independence in 2001, New College has produced 36 Fulbright scholars, ranking New College among the nation's Top 10 liberal colleges in terms of per-capita Fulbright production. Since New College's founding in 1960, 49 students have earned recognition as part of the Fulbright program.



PASCO-HERNANDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Janice Cessna, director of management information services at Pasco-Hernando Community College, was selected by Software & Management Associates (SMA) of Texas to receive the 2008 Automation Innovation Award for her approach to solve business problems with their software product, OpCon/xps.

Cessna, resident of New Port Richey, discovered she won the award and a \$1,000 prize when she received a call from the company CEO, Michael W. Taylor in Houston. Will Pulley, techni-

cal products manager, had visited PHCC to perform updates on the advanced software product and offered her name for recognition. Cessna used the software to automate the interface between student records and the learning management system to run without intervention. Both Taylor and Pulley joined Cessna and her staff at the awards ceremony on August 20 at PHCC's West Campus in New Port Richey. "SMA's software has really assisted PHCC in automating a lot of our processes that would normally be run manually, saving us valuable operator time," said Cessna. The company also donated \$1,000 to the PHCC Foundation on Cessna's behalf. Cessna, who received her AA degree from PHCC before continuing her studies, earmarked this prize for first generation students. The state matches her contribution.

Pasco-Hernando Community College recently completed the renovation of North Campus gymnasium and classrooms. This two-story classroom building, 17,224 square feet in size, offers eight new classrooms with state-of-the-art teaching technology, faculty offices, and a large classroom for symposia and community meetings. "This building has both aesthetic and practical appeal. It will afford us the opportunity to strategically schedule additional class across disciplines to meet student needs and enrollment demands," said PHCC North Campus Provost Stanley Giannet, Ph.D. "Additionally, architectural design elements will strengthen student engagement and community participation on our campus."

A new 7,000 square-foot facilities operations building was also constructed during the renovation. The building and renovation project was designed by Hunton Brady Architects and constructed by Manhattan Construction Group.

The college will hold a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony at 8:30am on Thursday May 28, for the newly renovated classroom and facilities building on the North Campus. The dedication ceremony will include a welcome by PHCC President Katherine Johnson, Ed.D., and remarks by PHCC District Board of trustees Chair Thomas Weightman, PHCC Foundation Board of Directors Chair John Dougherty, the architectural and construction management team, and local dignitaries. Following the dedication, PHCC will host a reception and offer tours.



PENSICOLA JUNIOR COLLEGE

Pensacola Junior College is getting a green building module thanks to a SkillsUSA grant from Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. Lowe's representatives Jim Miller and Richard McLeod presented a check for \$9,741.93 to PJC District Board of Trustees May 19. Using the module's environmentally friendly and energy-efficient building materials, techniques and appliance, PJC instructors will teach green building technology to SkillsUSA students in PJC construction trade programs. This will provide students multi-disciplinary, hands-on learning instruction and a competitive



PENSICOLA JUNIOR COLLEGE

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edge in the workforce. "It is enlightening to become aware of companies like Lowe's that purposefully set aside funds to support activities and programs that develop workforce skills for our students," says PJC President Meadows. "the grant from Lowe's will certainly enhance PJC's efforts to provide opportunities for our students to experience workforce training first hand. We are grateful to Lowe's for recognizing value of our student organization."

SkillsUSA is a national organization that provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. For information, contact Debbie Douma at 481-1705, ddouma@pjc.edu.



POLK STATE COLLEGE

Polk Community College is changing its name to Polk State College. The new name reflects the additional offerings at the college. The new change will take effect on July 1 – the beginning of the new fiscal year. Right now, the College is going through a soft name change, the public will soon see the new name and logo. "Our new

name shows we've added opportunities," PCC President Eileen Holden said. She emphasized that the college's primary mission to provide two-year, employment-focused degrees will remain the same. Polk State College's new bachelor of applied science supervision and management program has three areas of concentration:

- Business administration, which will prepare student for jobs such as chief executive, business operations specialist and marketing or sales manager.
- Public administration, which will prepare students for leadership positions in the public sector such as government and not-for-profit agencies.
- Public safety administration/management, which will prepare firefighters, EMS (Emergency Medical Services) workers and law enforcement worker for leadership positions.

Program classes will begin in January 2010. For more information on the bachelor of applied science programs, email: bachelor@polk.edu or go to www.polk.edu/bachelor.

SANTA FE COLLEGE

Dr. Ed Bonahue, Interim Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Santa Fe College, has been selected to participate in the 2009 Fulbright Seminar for Administrators in International Education. The seminar will be conducted by the Fulbright Commission from October 17-31 in Berlin. Bonahue recently authored

Santa Fe's MOU with Beijing Union University to begin faculty and student exchanges between the two institutions. In more international education news, Santa Fe student Danielle Rossi was awarded a prestigious Gilman Scholarship for language study in China. SFC will begin to offer Chinese in the fall and placed students in study abroad experiences this summer in Latin America, South America, Europe and Asia.