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Leading Change

I am proud to be part of the "New City College". Our management team is leading our institution into the 21st century by embracing a paradigm shift in developing a fresh set of institutional goals and redefining our future vision.

A great vision can serve as a useful purpose even if it is understood by just a few key people, but the real power of a vision is unleashed only when most of those involved in an enterprise or activity have a common understanding of its goals and direction.

Recently all of the City College campuses were involved in reinventing our selves by participating in the 2008/09 Strategic Planning sessions. It is a rare event



James L. Howard - Chief Operation Officer

when the campus associates spanning all levels of responsibilities get to be stake holders and actually plan the institution's future. Those plans are now in written form and have been placed on a vision board that illustrates all of our developed "key result areas" and those special people that want to champion that cause or initiative.

Along with the new goals and initiatives, we have also reviewed and established our vision statement, guiding principles, vision elements, logo/

symbol and the primary measurement of success. Now our future is clearly defined, and it will be left to the execution, dedication and follow-through of our designated champions, and the support of City College administrative staff. My suggestion to all of our associates is to get involved with the renewed surge of energy and volunteer as a member of one of the "key result areas" that you have passion about and can support.

My final comment is from a quote that is used quite often: "Ideas are a dime a dozen, but the people that put them to use are priceless". I will see you on the other side of our new horizon.

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Calendar

FALL TERM 2008

- Sep 27** Fall Term Orientation and New Student Registration
- Oct 1** Classes Begin
- Oct 1 - 7** Drop/Add Week
- Nov 6** Mid-Quarter Orientation and Registration

- Nov 10** Mid-Quarter Classes Begin
- Nov 11** No Classes
- Nov 27 - 28** No Classes
- Dec 16** Quarter Ends
- Dec 17 - Jan 2** WINTER BREAK

*Holiday class times may be made up on Fridays and/or Saturdays prior to the week of final exams.
- For updates www.citycollege.edu

Student Retention

Many students face road blocks in the path towards their goals. City College has designated staff members at each campus who are available to students and who will speak to you in complete confidence. You and only you have the power to determine your future.

Ask around at your campus for help in day care, car pooling, tutoring, or a job while you're attending school. Be proactive and think positively towards solutions. We are here to help you reach your career goals, and we understand that you may face issues that you think we can't help with; however, if you

only talk to us before you have to put off school and drop out, maybe we can help you find a solution.

Personal Problems? Health Needs? Helpline for free, confidential information and referrals.

DIAL 211

Health Insurance for college students
 1.800.971.3921
www.ifcs.us



Classroom Etiquette

The following are some reminders for all attending class.

1. Come to class on time. If you know you will consistently be late, reconsider that time for that class. Classroom disruption is rude and inconsiderate for everyone. If you are excessively absent you are only hurting yourself.

2. Attend to personal needs before coming to class. Try to eat before or after class; the

smell of bean burrito is not so pleasant for everyone. There is a no eating or drinking rule in the classroom. Inform your work, friends and family the times you are in class. Taking non emergency cell phone calls (or texting) is making a statement that you are not taking class time serious.

3. Use polite speech, body language and dress for success. We are a career college and in order to properly prepare you for a fantastic future, we all

must take a stand to look and be professional.

4. Do not cheat. There is tutoring and help for students. We are under a honor code. As stated in the handbook, "Students will adhere to generally accepted social standards, forbidding plagiarism, cheating, dishonesty, theft, and defacement of property. Individuals who may violate these standards are subject to disciplinary action, which includes dismissal from the college."

Student Financial Aid

Please complete your online FAFSA application as soon as Financial Aid notifies you. Failure to do this can result in your not receiving money you may otherwise be entitled to, such as the Florida Resident Access Grant.

To possibly qualify for and receive certain funds your FAFSA must be on file with the US Department of Education.



We are here to answer your questions. Also, notify Financial Aid and the Registrar's office as soon as possible if your address

or telephone number changes. It is extremely important that FA be able to get in contact with you if they need some information.

For more information on FA please refer to www.citycollege.edu under the tab for **Admissions** go to **Financial Aid**.

Scholarship Search Engine
www.nextstudentloan.com/sse1

Fort Lauderdale



CLUBS

-Broadcasting

President Sharon Blackwood

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Cindy Rosario

Secretary

Melissa Cadenhead

Treasurer

Jermaine Muir

Meetings: **Tue** 10:10am
Wed 7:40pm

See Dept. Chairs for the following clubs:

-Legal Eagles

-Allied Health

-Business

-Private Investigation

**Aubrey
McLaughlin**
Broadcasting



What's happening at Fort Lauderdale Campus...

Mr. Weaver's Story

Fort Lauderdale campus would like to introduce its new Director of Education, Mr. Dean Weaver. Mr. Weaver was born in Paris... Paris, Texas. What's interesting about Mr. Weaver is his long history and involvement in sports. Not only did he attend Redlands Community College in El Reno OK on a baseball scholarship, but he also went to Azusa Pacific University in Los Angeles CA and continued to play baseball. He graduated from APU in 1990 with an MA in Education.



Mr. Weaver - DOE
Ft. Lauderdale Campus

During his college career, he worked as a lifeguard, an umpire, a range ball gopher at a golf course, and as a door-to-door salesman selling bottled water. In the past, he's worked as head

by **Ana Cowo, M.A.** English Department

basketball coach/athletic director at Murray State College, head basketball coach at Carl Albert State College in Poteau OK and head of the community job training program at CASC.

Mr. Weaver has served as Director of Education for two colleges since 2002. In June 2008, he joined the City College family as Director of Education.

Mr. Weaver stated, "I am very excited to be working with the City College family and I am looking forward to being a part of the next chapter of success here. I enjoy the focused educational opportunities we provide to our students, and I expect to be able to increase the positive effect City College has on the south Florida labor market."

Special Events

Spring Quarter Awards

- Teacher of the Quarter:

Dr. Joseph Lewis.

Students of the quarter:

- Karen Finn & Alina Slobodin
- Kenneth Burrows & Matthew Stewart
- Dwayne Kuchar
- Maria Herman
- Eugenio Castro
- Morgan Pierce & Nazim Gazawi
- Mykel Ramsaran

Bookstore

New book pick-up hours for fall quarter starting Sept. 29th

Mon. - Thurs. 9:30am -

1:30am and 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Fri. 10am - 4pm

Sat. 10am - 1:00pm (seek staff member from library).

-Be sure to include with your purchase school spirit shirts, bags and ID Lanyards!

-Book returns/exchanges will not be accepted after Oct 7th

Registrar's Office



All students must present a "**Registered Schedule**" to pick up books and attend each class.

Failure to attend the 1st or 2nd session of each class may result in withdrawal from that class.

Student Success by **Gina Dupuis, M.S.** General Education Adjunct

More than likely you have been in contact with Aubrey McLaughlin at the counter of the Registration department. Her friendly smile and a, "How can I help you?" demeanor is very appealing. Aubry is a current 4.0 Associate graduate of the Broadcasting program. Her accolades include Broadcasting student of the quarter of

the fall term of 2007, President of the ASB Club from fall 07-spring 08, and was chosen out of 562 applicants to intern with WSVN Channel 7 News. In addition, City College asked her and two other talented Broadcasting students, Kenneth Burrow and Julio Quintana to participate in the production of a TV commercial. I asked Aubry what she thought has

contributed to her success. She pointed out, "I have a four year old daughter. Being a single mother, working full time and attending school was not an easy accomplishment. However, I continued to stay focused on my goals. Making the decision to go to school was a jumping start and a means to learning more about being an overall healthy person."

Broadcasting Club Making Waves!

Guess you know by now: City College has a Broadcasting Club, and it has been very much in the spotlight! Formed about three years ago, the club serves as a social and educational organization to help broadcasting students prepare for the market-place and to transition into the market.

It's now a regular feature for the club to go on tours of radio and television facilities outside of South Florida. Between February and August of

this year, club members visited Cox Radio Network, CBS and ABC television stations in Orlando. Were the students excited? Oh yeah! "This makes me want to start in the industry right away," one student remarked. Another chimed in, "I'm so impressed. I didn't know that television and radio work could be so exciting."

Over the past two years, club members have also toured stations in Pensacola, Jacksonville and Dothan, Alabama. They raised some funds for

their trips and got significant assistance from City College. Hurrah to City College management!

And one cannot forget the weekly **pizza sale** every Thursday morning during break time. Check it for yourself, a slice of pizza and soda for a small price. Join the many students who queue up on Thursdays!



Broadcasting Club
Orlando Field Trip

Library

Hours of Operation
Mon.-Thurs.
8am - 10pm
Fri. 8am - 5pm
Sat. 10am - 2pm

Take advantage of the online databases to use for your research.

CPR Training 2008



CPR Training Initial \$75.00
Includes Book.

Re-Certification \$35.00 Book not Included.

Available Dates

Oct 11, 2008 9:00am - 1:00pm
Nov 15, 2008 9:00am - 1:00pm

Admissions

A new procedure has been introduced since February 2008, that is much more student centered, focused and eases the stress as students are enrolling and completing the beginning stages of the Student Life Cycle. More often than before at City College, you can find prospective students and Admissions Representatives engaged in a mutually beneficial decision to determine if City College is a match for the student, based on the information gathered from the Career Consultation. This information determines the student's level of desire, motivation and commitment to enroll and graduate.

Please refer your friends and family that are interested in returning to school. Come and see us to enroll in the Bachelors program.

Kris George-Vice President of Admissions & Marketing

Career Development

by **Claire L. Persichilli** Career Assistance Director 954-492-5353 Ext: 2250

When asked to write an article on Career Assistance and the Job Market. I thought, "What in the world could I possibly have to say that most of us don't already know?" times are tough, but guess what, they always were. Some concerns I receive are: (1) There aren't any jobs out there, and the ones that are don't pay very much. Answer: Yes there are. You just might not like the one you have to take so that you can survive, so that you can continue your education, so that you can provide for your family,

etc. (2) I want a career. Well now, that takes a bit more time, and deciding when to get started on it should be a major concern of all students. This does not happen overnight. You should sharpen your skills in all areas, especially customer service, communications, basic computer literacy, and management, which are all essential to compete in today's market. But, what I have found over the years, both in the business world and academia, is that you need that degree to open any door, but what keeps you there is your personal attitude towards your-

self, your position, and your fellow workers. Who you are will determine your success in anything you do in life.

The job market projection for 2008-2010 based on the U. S. Department of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov), is very strong. Of course geography, industry, and demographics all play a major part, but the most in-demand opportunities will be in the areas of Computers, Medical, Customer Service, Marketing, Advertising, Management, Law Enforcement. Don't believe them when they say, "You can't do it", "JUST DO IT".

Gainesville



Dates

Drop/Add Period Oct 1-7

NCCT Test Dec 5

Pre-Extern Meeting Dec 12

Check the Break Room for Exit Interview Dates for graduates.

Special Thanks to

Tina Worthen for coordinating articles for Gainesville Campus.

What's happening at Gainesville Campus...

Academics

The Academic Department would like to bid a warm welcome to its newest department chair, Mr. Eric DaGragnano (Mr. D). Mr. D assumed the position of Business Department Chair at the beginning of the summer 2008 term. Prior to that time, he had been on the Business Department faculty since 2007.

Mr. D teaches everything from Introduction to Business, Accounting and QuickBooks, to Business Math, and many of the Project Management courses. In spite of his course load, Mr. D has time to meet the students in his department and assist them in any way he can.

Mr. D received his MBA from the University of Central Florida. He is also a world traveler, having lived, worked or traveled in Alaska, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Central America, Mexico and Thailand to name a few. He therefore brings total understanding to the terms "global marketing" and "international business". He can describe economies and businesses in foreign countries. He also makes everyone, other

faculty, staff and students, aware of the importance of current world events in the business environment.

Mr. D's office is located across from the library. He shares an office with Mr. Wise, the Legal Department Chair. His office hours are posted on the wall outside his office. All Business students should drop by and introduce themselves and get to know this fascinating department chair, if they have not already done so.

He may be contacted by phone at: 352-335-4000, ext. 433 or by email at: edagragnano@citycollege.edu

Mr. D is also involved in the "Ride Share" program that Gainesville is in the process of establishing. If you need a ride to class or are willing to give another student a ride, let him know and he will assist you. Again, welcome to City College, Mr. D!

Special Events

We're not sure who enjoyed **Student Appreciation Week** more: the students or the staff. The Admissions Department deserves a big thanks for its being such a success.

We look forward to our next Student Appreciation week which will take place this term. Look for announcements in the reception area and the break area for the dates.

UF Homecoming Parade

This is the 5th year City College has participated in UF homecoming parade.

Contact Zag in the Career Development office to show our school spirit and be a part of this year's float.

Parade Date: Oct 24

New Employees

The Gainesville campus has two new employees. **Brenda Martin** is our new Registrar. **Nichole Fletcher** is our new Administrative Assistant and Bookstore Manager.

Both are quickly adapting to their positions and are positive assets to our college. Brenda is an alumna of City College and Nichole attends UF.

Student Success Story by Brenda Martin Alumni

In September 1990, I enrolled in the Phlebotomy program at City College. I took course because my husband got a job in Gainesville, so we moved here with our family. I decided to go back to school in order to gain a skill that would get me into the medical field. I knew how to draw blood because I had worked for the Red Cross prior to moving to Gainesville.

The only school in Gainesville to offer the program I wanted was City College. Attending City College was more than what I ex-

pected in a private college. It provided me with a teacher to student ratio that allowed me to receive an optimal learning experience. My instructors were professional and knowledgeable in their fields. I also made lifetime friendships with other adult learners in my classes.

The experience I gained at City College helped me acquire a job upon graduation which was my stepping stone to a richly fulfilling career life. I first worked in the field of phlebotomy, then as a representative for the lab. I

worked in Gainesville and neighboring communities with medical centers, hospitals and doctors. What a wonderful job with great perks.

When I was given the opportunity to work at City College, I was excited and overjoyed to be back in this great environment helping others like myself in their pursuit for a better life. I truly feel that City College is where my joy of learning started.

Summa Cum Laude Award
Phlebotomy - Graduated 4.0

Thanksgiving Food Drive
All foods collected are given to the St. Francis House, which serves thanksgiving dinner to the homeless.

New Look – New Found Confidence

Great things are happening in Gainesville. Our campus is in the process of being “renovated” inside and out. We have an awning over the main entrance with the City College logo and another one over the side entrance that covers a table. They look absolutely beautiful. Our building was recently painted on the outside. We also landscaped the front and side areas. During the landscaping process, Mr. Phillips discovered that a post-hole digger is not as effective

as a shovel in Gainesville’s sandy soil! Thanks to Mr. Phillips, Mr. Zag, Rich, our “IT guy”, Leo, our maintenance man, Tina, our librarian, Dr. Rogers, our Director of Education and her son, Jared for donating their Saturdays to improve the appearance of our campus. We owe an additional thanks to Leo for weeding the shrubbery beds and making sure the plants are watered. Thanks to the addition of a cleaning crew the inside of the building is look-

ing much better. The cleaning crew comes in at night and Leo maintains the facility during the day. Everyone appreciates the efforts being made to improve our campus. They have not gone unnoticed. A special thanks to our Executive Director, Mr. Phillips for spearheading the change.



Gainesville Campus

Toys for Tots
Donations go to Marine Corps, which sponsors the Toys for Tots campaign.

Career Assistance and Development (CAD)

If you need help with any aspect of finding a job, contact Mr. (Professor) **Zag**. If he is not in his office, fill out a blank Student Assist Request Form (located in the box on his office door) and return the completed worksheet to the box on his door. He will contact you as soon as possible. Our receptionist, **Ms. Samora Crawford**, will know his schedule.

If you have an urgent request or question, please contact Mr. Zag di-

rectly. E-mail: zag@citycollege.edu or cell phone: 352-256-3066.

The CAD would like to remind all students and staff and faculty about the **211 United Way Help Center Hotline**. This is a 24/7 help line to call “when you don’t know where to start looking for help”. This hotline serves the North Central Florida area of Alachua, Bradford Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy and Union counties. If you cannot reach 211, call 352-332-4636. Pamphlets on this community resource are located in

Mr. Zag’s box on the front of his office door.

Mr. Zag and **Mr. D**, the Business Department Chair, are organizing a **Ride Share** program for students. If you need a ride to and from class, or if you are able to give someone a ride, please contact either Mr. Zag or Mr. D for details.

The City College family cares and wants to see every student in class every day.

MIAMI



Thank You From Dr. Myrna Colom:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Admissions, Financial Aid, Work Study** personnel, and all our dedicated instructors in going the extra mile in the pursuit of making our students achieve their goals in City College.

Ivan Sanchez
Director of Career Development Services/New Student Service Manager

What's happening at Miami Campus...

Department of Placement Services

Our main departmental goal is to assist our students and graduates in obtaining internships, externships and meaningful, fulfilling employment within their field.

We will help in **career development, employability skills, effective resume** and **cover letter writing** skills that will assist you in promoting yourself and your skills in a competitive job seeking market. We will assist you by networking with available employment resources and coach you on how to be more aggressive, assertive and confident as you seek employment.

We will be here to help you and will address your concerns individually. We will advise you of positions that become available and act as a liaison between job seekers, employers, employer contacts, employer resources, and companies. This is the main difference between City College

and other colleges, we do offer more individualized attention!

Your happiness and satisfaction is our goal. This is what separates us from the others! Miami Campus Department Director: Ivan Sanchez

E-Mail: isanchez@citycollege.edu
Tel: (305) 666 - 9242
Fax: (305) 666 - 9243

We will go over key points in being prepared to interview well, in order to make you more likely to get that job you are seeking!

We will assist you in setting realistic expectations for yourself and get the necessary information – research you will need regarding that job, that company or the employment opportunities that are available.

Fort Lauderdale/Miami Poetry, Talent, and Artist Contest

On October 22, 2008 the Career Center will be releasing information on their upcoming contests i.e., Poetry Contest, Talent Contest, Artist Contest. Anyone who is interested in entering, stop by the Career Center and meet with the Director, Claire L. Persichilli or call **954-492-5353 Ext: 2250** for more details. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

place. Also on this day, we will hold a "GRAD SALUTE". Celebration Time will be here for all students who will be attending the 2009 Graduation Ceremony. You can order your caps and gowns, college rings, and more.

Also the photographer will be here for Grad pictures in cap and gown, etc. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

New Director of Career Services



Miami Campus welcomes Ivan Sanchez our new Director of Career Development

Services/New Student Service Manager.

Ivan comes to us with an immense amount of experience in case management, employability skills training, has taught at the Middle School level and has College Admissions experience. He is very well connected with many community agencies

and outreach programs like South Florida Workforce, Youth Co-op, Inc., and Kids Hope United.

In his short time with us he has successfully found employment for several student / graduates and has coordinated internship/externship positions for our students.

Students Success Story

by **Dr. Myrna C. Colom** Dept. Chair Allied Health

Here at Miami Campus we are also celebrating the success of our M.A., M.O.A., E.M.S. students and graduates.

In the Allied Health program we have **Evelyn Sanchez** and **Janibelkis Taveras** both graduates, employed as M.O.A. assistant and M.A. respectively, in a successful pulmonologist practice in Miami.

Another student is **Yuliet Chin** who is working in her field



at Baptist Hospital in Kendall.

Yet another recent **Cum Laude** graduate in this program who is working for Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami Beach, is re-

turning to school pursue a degree in E.M.S. **Lillian Palmer, Cum Laude** from M.O.A., holds a position as the M.O.A. for a prominent neurologist in Baptist Hospital.

In the E.M.S. Department, our congratulations to **Alfredo Gutierrez, Alejandro Valdez, Adrian Delgado** and **Daniel Desa** for successfully passing their EMT state exam.

WOW! I am so proud of our students!

Personal Development

“Thought Patterns for a Successful Career,” is the current program we use with The Pacific Institute, for our Personal Development course. This program mainly focuses on personal growth by visualizing greater individual potential and setting individual goals.

In addition, we discuss the concept of what Lou Tice refers

to as “scotomas.” That everyone has a blind spot they are unaware of and can hold them back from discovering ways around obstacles. Also, students

are encouraged to be aware that one’s perception plays a big role on making decisions and communication with other people in their life.

We encourage everyone to engage in learning more about the concepts set out in this program. Thousands of individuals have taken courses under The Pacific Institute and rave about discovering their greater potential.



Miami Library

by **Patricia Fisher** Branch Librarian



Effective Monday, September 29, 2008 the MIA campus bookstore will be open during the same hours as the library and available for students to

purchase textbooks, book bags, uniforms, and USB drives. The last day for students to return books will be October 22, 2008.

Books must be returned in the same condition as purchased, i.e. if sold in shrink-wrap (plastic), must return with shrink-wrap and no writing/markings within the text.

For Fall Term 2008, the MIA campus library will offer students and faculty access to wonderful resources, including

the LIRN, Cinahl, Medline, Westlaw, InfoTrc, ProQuest and eLibrary databases. Library staff will be available to assist in navigating through these databases. In addition, the library houses numerous instructional DVDs and videotapes for classroom use.

Miami Library Hours

Mon-Thu, 8 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 Fri, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sat, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Available Student Associations

- MAHA**
Medical Allied Health Association
- LAPISA**
Legal Services & Private Investigation Student Services Association
- EMSA**
Emergency Medical Student Association
- BASA**
Business Administration Student Association

Special Thanks to
Dr. Vicky O. Aspiras
for coordinating articles for
Casselberry Campus.

What's happening at Casselberry Campus...

Expanding Knowledge

Our student population has been exploding and expanding most especially in the Medical Allied Health Programs here at the City College, Casselberry Campus.

Our students are very well aware of this fact. We are trying our best to motivate and make our students aware that City College Educational Programs excel high & above the other colleges in the area e.g. Kaiser, Galliano College, Herzing College, Seminole Community College, Valencia Community College, Florida Technological College, Americare, & Florida Hospital Health Sciences.

A good number of our Medical Allied Health Graduates do come back for double degrees. As a Department Chairperson, I take pride in counseling my students to better themselves to attain their goal of success, and get two Degrees. Congratulations to **Yolanda Cruz** (Daughter of Ivette Cruz, DOA, City College Campus). Yolanda

Graduated with a double Associate Science Degree in Medical Assisting and Legal Assisting. Now she is ready to be enrolled in a Law School; **Rafael Cruz** had double degrees as well in Medical Assisting and Medical Office Administration with a tract of Billing & Coding. He is doing well and plans to upgrade his career as a future Physician Assistant.

The other graduate of double degrees was: **Stacey Molina**, Billing & Coding & Medical Assisting; I can envision that City College will soon implement another Strategic Tool to matriculate more of our non-traditional future students by having an "In-Campus Childcare" inclusive only to City College students. It worked successfully at the other College by tripling the enrollments.

Special Events

Teacher of the Quarter
-Mr. Mark Pollack

Students of the Quarter
-Medical Allied Health
Deanna Bermudez
-Emergency Medical Services
Jennifer Goodwin

-Business Administration
Fanny Huntley
-Legal Services
Francisca Soto
-Private Investigation Services
Richard James

The Medical Allied Health Association



The Medical Allied Health Association is super active in its student activities such as a Bowling Tournament every quarter, awarding the successful Bowler 4 Trophies from Champion,

First Place, Second Place and Third Place. Recently the students raised funds by having bake sales, lunch or dinner sales and a "Baby Bottle Bonanza". In addition, they have plans to hold a car wash, garage sale and walkathon. All funds raised go towards the purchase of

their trophies, and a grand dinner & ball graduation party. Our students had graduation parties held successfully at the Hilton Hotels since the year 2005 supervised by our full time Department Chairs: Dr. Vicky O. Aspiras and Ms. Michelle M. Morton.