



## City College in Action: Simulation Day

**O**n August 13, 2013, the Fort Lauderdale Campus hosted an interdepartmental **City College in Action – Simulation Day-Observe Our Students in Action** event. Live coverage of the event was provided by the Broadcasting Department. The simulation was based on a post-car accident / emergency caesarean section scenario. The simulation began with the EMS Department reporting to the scene

transferred to the Operating Room, where the Anesthesia Technology Department administered the anesthesia and the Surgical Technology Department performed an emergency c-section. The scenario continued in the evening with the Legal Assisting and the Private Investigation Departments. The Private Investigation Department investigated and provided the evidence at the mock trial. The students in the Legal Assisting

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of the accident, treating the patient and transporting her to the Emergency Room. While in the ER, the Nursing Department assessed the patient and prepared the patient for surgery assuring that the items on the pre-operation checklist were completed. The patient was then

Department eagerly participated in a mock trial.

At the end of each scenario, the students enjoyed hot dogs and chips. This event was enjoyed by the students, while they learned and had fun in this E3 experience at the FTL Campus. ●

### Student Spotlight



### Mother and Daughter Walk Together for Graduation

Last July we had the pleasure of sharing in the accomplishments of two of our graduates from the Nursing Program, who are mother and daughter. **Mervil Dixon** graduated with a BSN from our online program and walked across the stage with her daughter, **Alicia Grant**, graduate from the ASN program. We are so proud of their success and to be a part of this family's life-changing moment! ●



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Fort Lauderdale Campus News

## “Big Mike” – Gone Too Soon!



“Cherish the moments you have with those who really matter to you because you never know when it will no longer be possible”. Sentiments

expressed by one Instructor while reacting to the sudden passing of one of the Broadcasting Department’s popular students **Michael “Big Mike” Mims**, on August 13th.

Mike went to sleep after suffering a brain aneurysm, and his passing generated shockwaves among not only his broadcasting family but other students with whom he attended classes.

In eulogizing him during the home-going service some of his broadcasting classmates expressed their shock at his passing, but found solace recalling in his gentleness, warm personality and the genuine friendship they all shared with him. They feel that his absence in the Broadcasting Department leaves a monumental void, but a legacy of ‘strength in hope’...the same hope Mike had in graduating with his degree and pursuing a career encompassing work in Television, Radio and Marketing. The irony was that he died a couple days before he was scheduled to commence employment in the industry.

In paying tribute during the memorial service, Chair of the Broadcasting Department Dr. Lewis described “Big Mike” as “the quintessential student... easy to teach, easy to get along with and a hard worker.” He said everyone who knew Mike appreciated his humility, tender spirit and his passionate disposition...the warmth of his smile and his captivating personality.

In observance of his passing, City College has decided to award his degree posthumously and also to make a contribution to the Foundation chosen his relatives. May his soul rest in peace! ●

## Faculty Spotlight A Model of Consistency

The Miami campus would like to take this opportunity to recognize Professor **Norma Weathers** for being cited by numerous students in recent student satisfaction surveys. Drawing upon her experience in banking, Professor Weathers teaches Business Math, Essentials Math, and Accounting while also serving as the math tutor for incoming students taking the entrance exam. Kudos, Professor Weathers! ●



*Professor Weathers has proven to be an invaluable asset to the Miami campus*

## Success Stories At City College Miami



*Nursing students Clark Rene and Beatriz Mieres with Department Chair Maria Perez (center)*

**M**ost of the students enrolling at City College can expect to take the TABE entrance exam. For the Miami campus’s nursing students, however, the TABE test is not the only test they’ll encounter. Once they pass the TABE, they must then prepare for the three and a half hour KAPLAN entrance exam to determine their probability for success in the nursing program. Along with their rigorous class work and

tests, they must also prepare for the State certification test. Many nursing students have taken advantage of some invaluable personal tutoring provided by their Department Chair, **Maria Perez**. According to **Beatriz Mieres** (pictured above), “Tutoring enhanced my ability to understand the topics at hand. Without Ms. Perez’s assistance, it would have been significantly more difficult to succeed.” ●

## In Memory of William Cabrera



*William Cabrera*

The EMS Department is saddened to announce the death of one of our EMS alumni students on Thursday March 7, 2013. **William Cabrera** joined our City College family on June 2010 and graduated September 2012. William encountered many obstacles to achieve his EMS degree, as many of our students do. William was a father of two and boyfriend of **Adelina Hernandez** (a City College alumni student). City College offers the families and friends of Mr. Cabrera our sincerest condolences. ●



Dr. Mathew Abraham and Department Chair Maria Marte present Student Ambassador Bessielee Olunlade with her pin

## Summer 2013 Student Ambassador Ceremony

Recently, the Miami campus held its Summer 2013 Student Ambassador ceremony where ten students were inducted into the club. The new inductees were treated to a luncheon, and after reciting the Program's Code of Ethics, each student received a Student Ambassador pin as well as a Student Ambassador shirt. The Student Ambassador Program is a way to link alumni, future students, current students, and faculty at City College. In order to be admitted to the program, students must carry a minimum 3.8 GPA and maintain exemplary attendance.

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The head of the program, Department Chair **Maria Marte**, adds that, "Student Ambassadors exhibit a spirit of servitude while mentoring students, performing community service, and developing leadership qualities." Student Ambassadors provide a valuable service by representing the student perspective to prospective and new students through a variety of activities both on campus and off. ●



Barbara Keels

## In Memory of Barbara Keels

As the Department Chair of Allied Health at the Miami campus, I, **Inas Luka**, will always remember that day of graduation in year 2013, I was so happy and proud of all my students and with a touch of sadness and watery eyes I also mentioned one of my best students, Ms. **Barbara Keels**.

Ms. Keels was so excited about her graduation because she overcame many obstacles to achieve her goal. On that day of graduation Ms. Keels was no longer with us. However, she got what she had been dreaming of... her Associates Degree in Billing and Coding. She has taught me that nothing, whatever it is, can prevent a person from reaching his or her dreams. ●

## Miami Campus Hops On The Energy Bus

The Miami campus has a new "ride". Taking cue from the international bestseller **The Energy Bus** by **Jon Gordon** and **Ken Blanchard**, the College's staff is approaching work, and life in general, a little differently. Copies of the book are circulating throughout the campus. A quick read, the book outlines ten secrets for approaching life and work with positive thinking in order to achieve success.

Life, like work, presents many challenges. In keeping with the positive approaches set forth by **The Pacific Institute**, Gordon and Blanchard take their readers on a journey built around positive energy that outlines ways to overcome negativity and adversity in life and within an organization. The Miami campus is taking a proactive approach to ensure personal and professional success through a shared vision, trust, unity, purpose, and spirit! (For those with children, Gordon also wrote **The Energy Bus For Kids: A Story About Staying Positive and Overcoming Challenges**.) ●



The Miami campus staff is on board with the Energy Bus

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## Career Online High School at City College Hollywood

On any given afternoon this summer, students, faculty and staff at City College's Hollywood campus have been treated to a new sight: high school-aged students bent studiously over notebooks and computers at the College's computer lab.

These high school students are completing career-focused coursework towards a high school diploma using **Smart Horizon's Career Online High School** program. Normally, the online high school program—which has the rare distinction of being accredited by **AdvancedED Accreditation Commission**—is completed online, in the comfort of the student's home. According to Hollywood campus's Executive Director **David Higley**, the school contracted Smart Horizon to have students complete some of their coursework at City College Hollywood.

The students are supervised and aided while on campus by English/Gen Ed instructor **Jennifer Mann**. Mann says, "The program is particularly unique because it allows students access to our campus resources and places them in an academic environment, which may not be fostered online. By coming here, high school students witness our City College students pursuing their career goals. Our high school students in turn become more focused on their own career goals."

A Duke University grad, Jennifer Mann is enjoying the new opportunity to work with students in a non-instructional manner where she is helping to students, and potential City College students, attain their goals. ●

## Faculty Spotlight

### New Director, New Cardiovascular Sonography Program at City College

City College would like to extend a warm welcome to **Mark Berges**, the new Director of the Cardiovascular Program. With 11 years experience in the field as a Cardiac and Vascular Sonographer, Berges is helping City College Hollywood inaugurate the new program in the Fall of 2013. According to Berges, the program at City College will have the unique distinction of training students to work with both the cardiac and vascular systems. Currently, most schools have separate cardiac and vascular programs. "For a student to complete both programs separately, it would take five years," says Berges.

The Cardiovascular Sonography program at City College will be a two year program that can be completed in eight quarters. It will also require students to complete a 900-hour externship in the field. Berges and City College are currently working on partnering to aid students in completing this comprehensive requirement.

When the first batch of 10-12 students begin this Fall semester, City College Hollywood plans to have four ultrasound machines and a cardiovascular lab. The program will maintain a cap of 12 new students per term and per class to maintain a small instructor-student ratio as students complete core courses such as EKG and Ultrasound Physics, in addition to the current general education courses.

Mark Berges has a BA in Health Science, is a Registered Cardiac Sonographer, a Certified Cardiovascular Technician, a Registered Certified Electronic Health Record Specialist and is a member of several professional associations, including the **American College of Cardiology** and the **American Heart Association**. With so much experience in the field, why the shift into the field of education? Berges was asked to work as an externship coordinator at two different schools and then had the opportunity to teach. And the rest, asserts Berges was "destiny." ●



Mark Berges

## Student Spotlight

### "Help or Get Out of the Way"

About to complete his second semester at City College Hollywood, EMS student and Brooklyn native **Curtis Mondesir's** motto could be, in his own words, "help or get out of the way." Pay a visit to the Hollywood campus's library and you might find Mondesir helping a student with APA formatting for a research paper. Walk by the EMS Simulator room and chances are that Mondesir will be aiding a fellow student EMS student in the proper steps in administering CPR.

Mondesir is seven-year combat veteran with the **United States Marine Corps** where he served as a Fire/Direction Control Specialist and a Military Police. He was inspired to join by his grandfather, who served in the Trinidadian military, and his uncle, who served in the US Navy. While he misses the Marine Corps and the camaraderie it provided, one particular experience explains the shift from soldier to caregiver.



Curtis Mondesir

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Hollywood Campus News

**Mondesir** (from page 4)

While serving a tour of duty in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, Mondesir tells of a wounded woman arriving at his Forward Operating Base, with her seven-year-old son at her side holding her hand. "At first glance, we didn't know what to make of it as she was covered in so much blood we weren't sure if it was her or where it came from. Upon further investigation, we discovered that her wounds were very serious. She was basically being held together by shrapnel. Any movement or attempt to remove said shrapnel would have resulted in death by blood loss.

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After that, we decided it would be best to not let this kid watch his mom die at six or seven years old, so another Marine and I took him to get some food which was when we noticed his wound. Before we could get him out of the medical ward it became clear that the blood on his shoe was his own. He had taken some shrapnel in his leg near the femoral artery so we had to act quickly. The other Marine kept him talking while I cut his pant leg open and removed the metal using the only tool I had on me: a pocket knife. I got the metal out and dressed the wound because the Navy doctors had their hands full already and then took him to see a Corpsman for advanced care. That was when I decided saving lives would be something I could do for the rest of my life."

Already a leader and mentor at City College, having attained Outstanding Academic Achievement (GPA 3.5-3.69) in his first semester at Hollywood, Curtis Mondesir seems well on his way to achieving that goal. ●



*Nursing students and surgical techs chill out with snow cones and cotton candy*

**Student Appreciation Week**

**W**hat better time than summer to take a break for some fun? City College Altamonte celebrated Student Appreciation Week July 9-11 with a carnival theme. Students enjoyed music and food such as pizza, hot dogs, popcorn and snow cones. Student awards were presented during the festivities. The whole campus got in on the action and fun was had by students, faculty and staff. ●



*Business Program Chair Paul Chisholm, Director of Education Abby Freeman and Anesthesia Tech Program Chair Marc McGaffic*



*Jonathan Martinez and Svetlana Kojic enjoying Student Appreciation Week*

► **Staff Spotlight**

## City College Welcomes New Staff Members



Fabiana Montanez



Catherine Keating

**P**lease welcome **Fabiana Montanez** to City College as our new Registrar. Fabiana has been a Registrar for nine years. She came to the United States from Brazil in 1998, and lived in Boston for 11 years. Fabiana decided it was time for a change of scenery (and weather) and moved to sunny Florida. She currently resides in Kissimmee with her husband Pedro, and her two kids Giovanni and Giovanna. She loves Disney and is a big Harry Potter fan. Please stop by the Registrar's office and welcome Fabi to City College.

Please welcome to City College our new Reference Librarian. **Catherine Keating** has been a librarian for 12 years. She previously worked at Valencia College. A Florida native, she grew up in Orlando. She graduated from Florida State University with a BS in Social Work in 1994 and a Master's of Library and Information Science in 1997. She currently resides in Ocoee with her husband, Chris and four children: Emma, Joshua, Ryan and Morgan. Please stop by the library and say hello and check out a book while you are there! ●

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## Student Appreciation Week



Ambassador and Allied Health student Angel Allen, Ambassador and Allied Health student Valerie Butler, and Medical Coding and Billing student Dawn Doyle



Allied Health student and Ambassador Danzell Anglin

## City College Celebrates Commencement



Left to right: Medical Billing and Coding graduate Karen Sorrell, Business program graduate James Folsom, Medical Billing and Coding graduate Melissa Massey, and Allied Health graduate Michelle Dorce

**C**ity College Altamonte held their commencement ceremony on Friday, July 26, 2013 at the Westin Hotel. The College awarded sixty degrees at the end of this quarter. Forty-one graduates came to the ceremony. A huge, standing room only crowd of at least 350 people came to watch the proud graduates receive their diplomas. During the ceremony, graduate **Tiffany Sangrey** gave a speech about her life and how much City College had meant to her and helped her survive through very difficult times. The audience was very moved by her words. Congratulations to all our recent graduates! ●



Medical Coding and Billing graduate Tina Eudell and Michelle Dorce



Business Program graduates (left to right): Gary Williams, Hiram "JR" Nieves, Matthew Mongiove, Thomas Gil, and James Folsomions

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## Program Chair Goes to National Conference

**Marc McGaffic**, Program Chair for Anesthesia Technology at Altamonte Springs traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada to attend the **2013 National Anesthesia Technologist and Technicians Conference**. This year marked the 20<sup>th</sup> National Conference for the ASATT and Mr. McGaffic's second national conference that he has attended since becoming certified. During the seminar, ASATT briefed the audience on CAAHEP and ASATT Educational Program Approvals. A lot of information was taken in by Mr. McGaffic in preparation for becoming accredited through those agencies. City College is one of ten schools, nationwide, that offers the Anesthesia Technology Program. ASATT has mandated that by July 2015 only graduates from an approved and accredited ASATT Program (like City College) may sit and challenge the National Certification Exam. Mr. McGaffic was also just voted into the society as Region 3 Director! He plans to promote educating certified Anesthesia Technologists in our region. Congratulations Marc. ●

## City College Gainesville Holds Commencement Ceremony

On July 13, 2013 the Gainesville campus held its annual graduation ceremony with 133 graduates in attendance. The event was held at the **University of Florida's Theater of Performing Arts**. ●



City College Gainesville graduates begin lining up for the commencement ceremony



Executive Director, Doug Goodwin, Director of Admissions, Bill Hornsberger and Faculty Member Bill Avery are just as excited about graduation as their students



Students getting in order to walk for their graduation ceremony



Two very happy City College graduates

**T**he Gainesville campus held a **Graduation Celebration Banquet** on July 11, 2013. Graduates from September 2012 through June 2013, along with their guests, came together to celebrate their achievement of becoming a College Graduate.

Dressed in their best attire with an excellent meal, soft jazz and candlelight provided, the event proved to be an ideal way for staff and graduates to share success stories, network and to renew commitments to obtain in-field employment.

The event was such a huge success that it will now become an annual event. ●

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## City College Gainesville Holds Graduation Banquet



*City College Gainesville graduates and faculty mingle at the Graduation Celebration Banquet*



*Two smiling City College graduates enjoying good company at the Celebration Banquet*



*City College Gainesville Executive Director, Doug Goodwin, chatting with graduates at the Graduation Celebration Banquet*

## City College Academic Award Recipients



*Student Awards Ceremony*



*Ryan Wronske achieves academic excellence and receives a President's Award*