

 **Community Outreach**

Breast Cancer Early Detection Presentation and Screening Event

Fort Lauderdale Campus



Left to right: Memorial Regional Health Mammogram Screening van used in partnership with the FL DOH-Broward at the Fort Lauderdale campus breast cancer screening event; Ms. Trivel C. McKire (left, FL DOH-Broward) receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the Fort Lauderdale Allied Health Program Chair Dr. Luka

On May 27, the Fort Lauderdale campus received guest speaker Ms. **Trivel C. McKire**, (MPH, CSSWB) from the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program at the **Florida Department of Health** in Broward County. Ms. McKire presented on breast cancer detection methods in the early stages and also on how to perform self-breast exams. Attendees were fully engaged in the presentation and afterwards received gift bags, pins, and key chains.

Later in the day the Florida Department of Health in Broward County offered free breast screenings including clinical exams and mammograms at the Fort Lauderdale campus. This important community outreach event provided a valuable service to the local area while also giving Fort Lauderdale students, faculty, and staff key information and access to this important health resource.



Fort Lauderdale students, faculty, and staff attending the breast cancer early detection presentation



Ray Matura, Admissions Rep., joins students in donating blood to save lives



Life South Blood Drive

Gainesville Campus

Gainesville Campus is doing it again! **LifeSouth** had a goal of 35 donations, which we exceeded by collecting 37 donations on Tuesday, August 9. We are 31 donations away from reaching the campus goal of saving 500 lives this year.



Nursing Student and Ambassador Reina Miret (left) and Dr. Yesenia Viera, Allied Health Dept. Chair (center) visited His House Children's Home to present the City College-Miami donation to His House Media/Event specialist, Ms. Carolina Osorio (right)

His House Raffle

Miami Campus

Another City College Miami Campus activity that took place this past term was a raffle to benefit **His House Children's Home**. His House Children's Home is a true home that does so much for children in need; the money we collected from the raffle was donated this past June 9th, 2016.

What is His House? His House Children's Home is a private, faith-based non-profit organization dedicated to restoring joy to the lives of children from newborn to 18 years of age. Since it was established in 1989, His House has been offering safe, caring homes to abused, abandoned and neglected children in South Florida.

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His House Raffle

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The organization is a frontline provider of residential services for children; its model is unlike many other residential programs. Each home is staffed with nurturing caregivers who make every effort to create a beautiful, cozy safe haven where children feel safe and loved. Over the past twenty-seven years, His House has restored joy to the lives of more than 11,000 children.

His House is an organization committed to breaking the cycle of abuse, while meeting the emotional, medical, educational, and social needs of the child. The organization provides programs and services ranging from residential care to foster placement. Children need a safe, loving place to call home during the turbulent times in their lives. His House is a healing place that gives wounded children not only that home, but renewed hope for a brighter future. His House is truly a well-deserved recipient of the money collected with a raffle at our City College Miami Campus!

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ZIKA Virus Awareness Presentation

Fort Lauderdale Campus



Left to right: Mr. Robert LaMendola receiving a certificate of appreciation from Fort Lauderdale Allied Health Program Chair Dr. Luka; Fort Lauderdale students and faculty attending the Zika Virus Awareness event

On July 22, Mr. **Robert LaMendola** from the **Florida Department of Health** in Broward County conducted a presentation on the Zika Virus to increase awareness and provide useful tips for dealing with standing water and skin protection from mosquitos during the muggy summer months. There was a lively discussion in which the students probed the speaker and in return received important information on this mosquito-borne virus. The Allied Health Program Chair, **Dr. Luka**, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. LaMendola in gratitude for this valuable service to our students, faculty, and staff.

Informational flyers from the Florida Department of Health in Broward County on mosquito bite protection and drain/cover methods are available throughout the Fort Lauderdale campus or access browardchd.org for more information.



City College students and staff participated in the blood drive to help the community, showing their true caring spirit! Here we see Juan Lopez, EMS student, donating blood

City College Blood Drive

Miami Campus

As always we had our quarterly community blood drive this past July 12th, 2016. **One Blood** was the blood center served, and we had a grand total of sixteen donors between students and staff; almost 15 pints were collected. Donors were rewarded with One Blood coolers, sub sandwiches, and Crayola Experience tickets. As usual, the donation process was quick and painless. On the always important healthy side, donors received a free wellness checkup, complete with their cholesterol count, BMI, their blood pressure numbers and other useful and important health stats.

Why give blood? As **Mary Lopez**, One Blood Supervisor, told us: "A person does not need a special reason to give blood. Some people give blood because they were asked by a friend. Others know that a family member or a friend might need blood someday and some believe it is the right thing to do. Whatever the reason, the need is constant and a contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. Also many people feel good knowing they have helped changed a life."

Our students and staff truly care for the community, and this activity shows their awesome community spirit and commitment. We want to give thanks to all the donors for showing their commitment and caring as always!

Financial Aid

FAFSA Process Update



The Department of Education has made a change to the FAFSA process. **Beginning October 1, 2016, you can now complete your 2017/2018 FAFSA application providing income information from your 2015 taxes.**

Great news! That means you can now submit two applications within the same year using your current tax returns! Come on in to your Financial Aid Office from October 3, 2016 to get the process started and see what grants you are eligible for.

Congratulations to Jose Palomares

Hollywood Campus



Jose Palomares with the Trinity Air Ambulance plane

Congratulations to **Jose Palomares** who has passed his EMT certification exam and landed a job with **Trinity Air Ambulance!** Jose was born in Puerto Rico and raised in Sweden. He moved to Florida when he was 19 and started attending City College in 2014.

Trinity Air Ambulance has been in the air ambulance business for 19 years. They offer medical escorts as well as air ambulance medical evacuations from all over the world. Because Jose speaks four languages—English, Swedish, Spanish, and Norwegian, he has become a great asset to the Trinity Air Ambulance team. Jose works primarily as a flight Emergency Medical Technician and has travelled to the Bahamas, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and Guantanamo Bay—just to name a few.

Jose loves the flying aspect of the job and says that it has been an incredibly rewarding experience. Currently, Jose is studying for his NREMT paramedic exam. Good luck to you, Jose!



EMS Scenario

Miami Campus

This past May 10th, 2016 an EMS (Emergency Medical Services) scenario took place in the City College-Miami Campus. The EMS students practiced emergency crew maneuvers. “By practicing these maneuvers our students learn how emergency crews must work together to balance the priorities of rescuer and patient safety, utilization of resources, tactical decision-making, and patient care in the continued race to bring a patient to a trauma team as quickly as possible. Crews are encouraged to get patients to critical trauma care as quickly and safely as humanly possible” Mr. **Christopher Crespo**, EMS Program Chair, informed us.

Despite awareness of the time sensitivity of severely injured trauma patient, barriers can still occur that add time to the clock. Rescue teams with inadequate resources and training, delays in extrication because of safety concerns, lengthening the extrication time because of needing to modify a rescue plan, lack of preparation to quickly transition from treatment to transport, and underuse of air medical resources or poor communication from rescue to transport crews can all prolong the time it takes for a patient to reach definitive surgical care and negatively impact the patient’s outcome. Mr. Christopher Crespo added “Changes in how severely injured trauma patients are treated by trauma teams can be applied to how vehicle extrication is performed by rescue teams. Over the past 20 years, trauma teams have applied the concepts of damage control to performing surgical interventions on polytrauma patients.”

This is invaluable training for our students and for all those that will be touched by their service and expertise in the future. We want to thank Mr. Christopher Crespo, City College- Miami Campus EMS Program Chair, for his time and valuable information he gave us.



Left to right: EMS students Kristina Parker (left), Oscar Iglesias (center) and Mozart Chrispin (right) during the spinal immobilization maneuver

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Congratulations Class of 2016

Altamonte Springs Campus

Mr. Paul Castellano, our Executive Director, spoke warmly and with personal knowledge to the gathered graduates in a crowded auditorium on July 29th, 2016 at **Lake Brantley High School**.

“Graduates, you have chosen careers rooted in service to others. You will have patients, customers and clients, all of whom will be counting on you to do your very best for them. Your actions and decisions will have a significant impact on those you serve; their health, their finances, their legal standing and their personal safety, to list just a few.

There is no greater reward than knowing you have made a positive difference in someone’s life. You are prepared to have a lifetime of rewards as your chosen careers will allow you to impact individuals and families on a daily basis. Only you can make the decision to have a positive impact and truly be of service to them. Be assured this will not always be easy nor will the best path be clear. You will need to draw upon all you have learned in school and as you develop in your profession all you will continue to learn.”

Mrs. Pat Bates, Mayor of the City of Altamonte Springs, greeted and hailed each graduating area of study, recognizing their accomplishments, the importance and relevance of their fields and conveying her pride and congratulations to them and their family and friends in attendance.

Our Director of Education, **Mr. David Hallenbeck**, closed the ceremony with the following inspirational quote from **Les Brown**, “Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars.”

It was a very joyous graduation ceremony, filled with much celebration for the very worthy graduates.



Almore Florvil, proud graduate



Zorita Bowen, ST Department Chair, Anaise Fabelo and Stelian Georgian, Instructor, celebrate success



Mechelle Turner beams with happiness

Alumni Spotlight

Dafline Jerome, Anesthesia Technology Graduate

Altamonte Springs Campus

City College was contacted recently by **Cape Canaveral Hospital** in Cocoa Beach seeking graduates in Anesthesia Technology. Career Services Director, **Amy Pelland**, and AT Program Chair, **Marc McGaffic**, conferred and agreed that **Dafline Jerome** was the best candidate for the described position. Dafline applied for the position and was interviewed and screened by the Hospital HR Department. On July 29, Dafline met with the anesthesia staff of the hospital for a two-hour in-depth interview. July 29th was also the day that she would proudly walk across the stage at graduation to receive her degree.

This graduation ceremony and her degree were very important to Dafline. During her time at City College, Dafline’s father unexpectedly passed away. Because of this, she considered withdrawing. But Dafline’s father had always told her: “No matter what challenges you have – you better graduate from college!” So she pushed through her grief and completed her program.

Just a few days after graduation, Cape Canaveral Hospital reached out to Dafline to offer her not only a position in the Anesthesia Department, but also, the position of the Manager/Lead of the Anesthesia Department. Because of her Associate’s Degree from City College and the quality of the training she received, Dafline will be managing other AT Staff who have many years of experience.

The entire Anesthesia Technology Department and all of us at City College Altamonte Springs congratulate Dafline Jerome on her new Managerial Position and wish her the very best in her new career.

“Sacrifice, hard work, and dedication truly pays off! When someone has doubt and says you CAN’T, prove them wrong!”

_ Dafline Jerome



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Private Investigations: In the Know

Altamonte Springs Campus

Mr. Roger Martinez, Department Chair for Private Investigations and Legal Assisting/Paralegal, attends the **FALI** (Florida Association of Licensed Investigators) Conference, Banquet, and University with his PI Students.



Daniel Sheehan proudly displays FALI Boot Camp Certificate



Caroline Cook, Patricia Shafer, Jessica McCoy, Mr. Roger Martinez, Amanda Harper attend FALI Conference



Mr. Roger Martinez, PI Department Chair, and fellow graduate, Nina Martinez, from City College-Miami at FALI University

At the last meeting, the students had the opportunity to hear speakers on Skip Tracing. Skip Tracing is the process used in private investigation to locate subjects or missing persons. Students also attended FALI Bootcamp, a training with professionals for students and interns to give attendees a better understanding as to what actually transpires in their field of work and on the job. Attendees were excited that their City College education is keeping them completely on par and preparing them for their field after experiencing the Boot Camp.

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Obstetrics Delivery Simulation (OBS)

Miami Campus



Left to right: Nursing students, Cristina Hernandez, Reina Miret and Opal Lewis assist "Felicity" during the baby delivery simulation. Future professionals practicing their nursing skills!

This past May 18th, 2016 the City College Miami Campus nursing students had the opportunity of practicing an Obstetrics (OB) Delivery Simulation. Simulation-based training is a vehicle for teaching, rehearsing, and analyzing the interdisciplinary performance of your obstetrical team that improves skills, communication, and patient outcomes. Simulation in healthcare refers to the use of patient models (actors or mannequins) through and on which clinicians learn, practice, and rehearse the processes and procedures associated with patient care. Simulation-based team training is an excellent way to develop interdisciplinary teamwork. During a training exercise, each team member has the opportunity to consider the roles and responsibilities of the other team members and how they are connected.

Ms. **Carmel White**, Miami Campus Nursing Program Chair explained to us: "In obstetrics, simulation-based team training should include all personnel who care for mothers and their infants. This team is large and complex, and depending on the simulated event, is likely to include many clinical providers (such as physicians, nurses, and certified midwives) from multiple specialties (such as obstetrics, anesthesia, and pediatrics), as well as ancillary support staff. In the time-sensitive context of actual patient care, it is challenging to foster teamwork with such a diverse group."

Ms. Carmel added: "Besides providing a platform for learning and rehearsal, simulation-based training can be used to analyze interdisciplinary team performance. This process can identify the performance strengths and weaknesses of the team, and through immediate, facilitated, nonjudgmental debriefing, can help improve their knowledge, skills, communication, and other teamwork behaviors. This is invaluable training for our student." We want to thank Ms. Carmel White, Nursing Program Chair, for her time and information.

Business Accounting Students on the Move

Fort Lauderdale Campus



Fort Lauderdale Career Services Team (left to right) Eartha Carey, Rhesa Riley, Holly McFadden, and Brittany Johnson

Welcome Our Career Services Team

Fort Lauderdale Campus

The Fort Lauderdale campus is delighted to introduce its new Career Services team led by Senior Career Services Associate **Holly McFadden**. She is joined by Career Services Associates **Rhesa Riley** and **Earth Carey** along with student worker **Brittany Johnson**. Their shared goal is ensuring that every student has the support they need to be successful in their career path.

Career Services offers an array of professional development assistance including job searches, resume writing, and interviewing skills, that allow students to build competency and confidence when networking with potential employers. The team is excited about working with the Fort Lauderdale students and encourages everyone to stop by and learn more about the available career resources.

Business Professor **Ramon Fernandez-Rubio** and his accounting students have been on the move attending stimulating trade and industry events in South Florida. On May 11, accounting students attended the **Biz to Biz Expo** at the **Broward County Convention Center**. During the event, students mingled and networked with over fifty local businesses and exhibitors to learn more about their business and accounting needs.

Next up was the **Broward SCORE Lunch "N" Learn** at the **Broward County Westside Regional Library** on May 18. SCORE and **Paychex** partnered to present a free Lunch "N" Learn program that covered the requirements laid out in the Fair Labor Standards Act pertaining to all businesses including how to select the appropriate status classifications for employees, minimum wage calculations, recordkeeping requirements, and payroll deductions for uniforms and other employee related requirements.

The momentum carried on with attendance at the **Franchise Expo 2016** show at the **Doubletree Hotel- Miami International Airport Convention Center** on June 4. Students attended seminars conducted by inspiring business owners covering topics related to business ownership, franchise law, and financing options. Students were able to have face-to-face discussions with the fastest growing franchises in the country including representatives from **Tax Centers of America** as well as other franchise business opportunities. And if that wasn't enough, on June 8 several accounting students participated in the **QuickBooks Online Certification Training** at the **Intercontinental Hotel** in Doral. Intuit QuickBooks experts prepared the students to take the QuickBooks Online Certification Exam. Upon passing the certification exam, students receive free software and are QuickBooks Certified Advisors with a one-year certification.

The Fort Lauderdale campus faculty and staff would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of Professor Rubio for introducing these opportunities and we applaud the students for their enthusiastic participation.



Left to right: Danny Conte and Gabriela Lane speaking on social media safety; Linette Martin addressing participants



City College Career Fair

Hollywood Campus

The City College Hollywood campus had a Career Fair on July 14th 2016. We had nine employers representing different companies with 11 representatives total and 90 student attendees. We would like to congratulate **Jeremy Gibson** (a Business Management graduate and now EMS student) who was offered a job on the spot with **Trinity Air Ambulance** for an office position. Once he receives his EMT certification, he will be considered for another position.

A few other students are also being considered for a job with Trinity Air Ambulance are **Natalie Campos** and **Jose Perez!**

As a result of the career fair, we will be scheduling financial workshops for all students and graduates with representatives from **Wells Fargo Bank**. A few topics that will be discussed are, "Establishing Credit", "Building Income for Retirement", and "Investing". We are currently planning for our next job and resource fair! Many thanks to **Katrelle Staten**, our Career Service Advisor, for making things happen!



Business Management graduate and current Emergency Medical Service student Jeremy Gibson with our Career Service Advisor Katrelle Staten

Surgical Technology in the Field

Altamonte Springs Campus

Surgical Technology students are working hard at their clinical rotations. Each ST student must complete three different rotations completing 120 documented cases where the student has actually scrubbed in on the case. Students maintain detailed weekly logs of all of their procedures, including those in which they scrub in on the surgery. Clinical rotation integrates the theory and practical skills achieved during classroom and lab experiences at City College into the actual surgical setting, where they observe and participate as well.



Left to Right: Stelian Georgian, Clinical Coordinator, Rebecca Britt and Daiana Caffaratti, City College Graduate, at Central Florida Regional Hospital; Chris Torregano, City College Graduate, and Stelian Georgian at South Lake Hospital

Miami Campus Ambassadors Induction

Miami Campus

On Thursday, June 16th, 2016 the City College Miami Campus celebrated the induction of our new Ambassadors. The Miami Campus Ambassador Program gives an opportunity to those students who care for their community, to grow as a person, and develop skills and qualities essential to become today's and tomorrow's leaders. It was a great ceremony- our students are amazing.

Our new City College Miami Campus Ambassadors are: **Cindy Moorehead, Diamond Davis, Anna Barrera, Zayvier Moodie, Thaddeus Hughes, Guillermo Gutierrez, Lamar McMullen, Claudia Mas, Sergio Zamora, Vanessa Vargas, Gabriel Batista, Veronica Carr, Pedro Villa** and **Kadir Gonzalez**. The Miami Campus

Ambassadors' Coordinator is the Private Investigation Program Chair, Ms. **Maria Marte**.

What is the purpose of the City College Ambassadors? The City College Ambassadors are men and women dedicated to serving others, serving the needs of the individual student as well as the South Florida community. The ambassadors are involved in providing services, programs and activities aimed to enhance the classroom experience, facilitate the personal and academic growth and address the needs of the students.

Experience shows that becoming involved in co-curricular activities and seeking out the assistance or help when



Congratulations to our new Miami Campus Ambassadors

necessary, enhances the educational experience and creates a smooth path to success. Through the ambassador program, the City College education is enriched by a variety of workshops, volunteer opportunities, career fairs, recreational facilities, counseling, academic tutoring, clubs, and many other events.

First Time EMT Pass Rate

Gainesville Campus

On Monday, August 1, 2016 Gainesville Campus EMT students took their boards and surpassed the National NREMT first time pass rate! We love our 2016 EMT class. Thank you instructors **Pearl** and **Laura Criddle** for the support!



EMT students from left to right, back row: Cassandra Roldan, James Weist, Alex Walker, James Mott; center row: Instructor Pearl Millard; front row: Zora Briggs and Daria Broom.

Visit from the President Gainesville Campus



City College – Gainesville was visited by **President Esther Fike Curry**. Gainesville Staff Members were honored for their years of service with a Pinning ranging from 1-23 years employed.

Graduation Day Ceremony

Gainesville Campus

City College - Gainesville Class of 2016 celebrated commencement services at the **Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts**. Friends and family joined in honoring the achievement of those receiving Associate and Bachelor degrees.



Kimberly Bowden, Admissions Rep., congratulates Kimberly Williamson and Kim Wilkerson



Allied Health students stand in honor of Dr. Juanita Small, past Dept. Chair of Allied Health



Decorated student's graduation cap

Fort Lauderdale Nursing Students Featured at Summer Slam Sports Camp



Left to right: Danny Conte and Gabriela Lane speaking on social media safety; Linette Martin addressing participants

Fort Lauderdale Campus

Nursing students from the Fort Lauderdale campus participated in the **3rd Annual Sports Camp** event presented by **Worship in the Now Ministries** on July 14 – 16. This three day affair dubbed, **Summer Slam** provides at risk youth ages 7 through 18 with one-on-one sports mentorship, fitness, and wellness training, along with sessions on individual empowerment. The nursing students conducted sessions covering dental hygiene, healthy eating habits, and social media safety. This event seeks to provide alternatives to youth by providing education and training to facilitate positive life choices and the Fort Lauderdale campus is proud that our nursing students were able to contribute to this worthwhile and transformational event.

Job and Resource Fair Camp



Left t right: Business student Leona Walker mingling with representatives Scott and Kenty from PNC Bank; students Wendell Etienne and Jessica Chouloute meeting with Matthew Bartek from Teleperformance

Fort Lauderdale Campus

On August 2 during the third **Fort Lauderdale Student Appreciation Event** styled as a summer luau, students had the opportunity to network with industry professionals and employers at the Job and Resource Fair. During the event students mingled with employers and community organizations including **AMR/Medics, Sam's Club, Chrysalis Health, Women in Distress, Cloud Nine Therapeutic Services, and Centerplate** at the newly designated **Hard Rock Stadium** among many others. Students gathered details on available job opportunities, interacted with employers, and also discovered information on several valuable community resources. The Fort Lauderdale campus staff and faculty would like to extend our gratitude to all the companies and organizations that participated in this event and we also want to commend our students for their enthusiasm and professionalism.