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Ready to Play

The Fort Lauderdale City College library recently celebrated International Games Day, an initiative of the American Library Association to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games.

Students were encouraged to take a break, and to interact with fellow students by playing one of many board games available in the library, including chess, checkers, backgammon, cards, and Chinese checkers.

Hundreds of libraries throughout the country participated in the sixth annual event, with more than 17,000 people playing games at more than 1,200 libraries across the U.S. and in other countries.

City College’s Winter Job Fair

The Fort Lauderdale campus held its Winter Job Fair on February 6th. Representatives from numerous local companies, including Berges Law Group, Caring Partners Home Care Agency, Macy’s, Marksman Security, and Trinity Broadcasting Network were on hand to meet and interview prospective students for employment opportunities with their companies.

“This was a great opportunity for students to market themselves as professionals, using the different strategies they have learned in class, which included dressing the part. They are learning that if they want to create their professional careers, they have to jump on every opportunity they come across.”

Per Traci Ackerman, Director of Career Services, approximately 80 students attended the event.

“Many students secured interviews, and one was even offered a position the next day,” stated Ackerman. The job fair is an example of the continued effort to support City College students’ professional goals.

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Nursing student graduates from the Fort Lauderdale campus participated in City College’s Pinning and Candle Lighting Ceremony on January 17th at the Sister Innocent Conference Center at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale. The ceremony, a symbolic way of welcoming new graduates into the nursing profession, maintained the well-established tradition that began in the days of Florence Nightingale. Approximately twenty graduates received their pins and lighted lamps from the nursing faculty during the ceremony, which also included the reciting of the Nightingale pledge, the nursing equivalent of the Hippocratic Oath. Additionally, students with outstanding academic achievement were recognized. Congratulations to our nurses!

Pins and Light

Hands-on Participation

On November 19th 2013, students from the Fort Lauderdale campus participated in Simulation Day; a quarterly inter-departmental collaboration designed to highlight City College students in action.

The initial simulation scenario began in a doctor’s office, where a patient went into cardiac arrest. The patient was initially assisted by Allied Health Department students, who performed CPR and called 911. EMS Department students reported to the scene, stabilized the patient, and then transported the patient to the emergency room. At the hospital, Nursing and Surgical Technology Department students assessed, prepped, and aided with a cardiac catheterization surgery.

In the second scenario, Business, Legal Assisting, and Private Investigation Department students participated in a mock trial of a fictional defendant who was accused of assault. Private Investigation students provided the evidence, while Legal Assisting students acted as both the judge and the attorneys. Business Department students acted as both witnesses and jurors. The mock trial ended in a hung jury with no conviction.

The Broadcasting Department provided live coverage of both simulation scenarios, and was recorded for review. The event provided faculty an opportunity to observe how students are applying their knowledge, while giving students a chance to learn through hands on participation and observation of their peers.

Visit the City College student web portal at myportal.citycollege.edu
Recently, the Allied Health Department at the Fort Lauderdale Campus invited the City College Career Services Department to come and speak to students about career preparation and readiness. **Traci Ackerman**, Career Services Director, spoke to students about their goals and expectations of careers after graduation. She also discussed the realities of employment in this economy, and what students should be doing now. “It is never too early to begin to work on your professional portfolio,” Ackerman explained. She encouraged students to consider getting a job, even if it is not the exact one they want, in the field they plan to work in. This gives them an opportunity to experience the environment they may be working in, while also making contacts and referrals.

In addition to Ms. Ackerman, Allied Health Department Chair **Dr. Inas Luka** and instructor **Dr. Fred Valdes** discussed the importance of treating your externship as a 160-180 day job interview. “Externships they can lead to jobs, so treat them accordingly,” stated Luka. Career Services is available to all City College students and graduates.

Winter Student Appreciation Week was held January 21-24th at the Fort Lauderdale campus. The week, designed to express City College’s appreciation for its students, was marked with various festivities and events, including student recognition for outstanding academic achievement. Each day, students were able to enjoy breakfast and dinner served by faculty and staff. Additionally, over the course of the week, several local businesses and vendors, including **211-Broward, Broward County Transit**, and **Sam’s Club**, came out to share information and resources with students.
48 Hours

This past year, Fort Lauderdale Broadcasting student Juliet Romeo participated in her first 48 Hour Film Project. The event was a wild and sleepless weekend, in which each participating team made a complete movie—writing, shooting, editing, and scoring it—all in just 48 hours. The project began on a Friday night, when each team received a character name, a prop, a line of dialogue, and a genre, all of which were required to be included in their movie. The project then had to be completed and submitted 48 hours later. The following week, the movies were screened and judged at a local theater.

Their film, “Unclean,” won the Audience Choice Award, and on Halloween, was highlighted on the local PBS show, “Art Loft.” Romeo was the writer on her movie making team. Although she enjoys writing, Juliet hopes to put her skills to use as a Director in one of next year’s competitions.

Since the 48 Hour Film Project first began, over 19,000 films have been made by 278,000 people all over the world. If you are interested in learning more about this event, go to www.48hourfilm.com.

Be the Match

The Allied Health Department recently hosted Mauricio Murillo to speak with students and faculty about registering to become bone marrow donors. Murillo is from the Icla Da Silva Foundation, the largest recruitment center for the “Be the Match” registry in the United States. The Foundation recruits over 38,000 new potential bone marrow donors every year, with a strong focus on minority communities.

The Icla da Silva Foundation was established in 1992, in memory of a 13-year-old Brazilian girl named Icla da Silva. Icla passed away, after three years of fighting leukemia, while waiting for her life saving treatment of a bone marrow transplant.

According to Dr. Inas Luka, the Allied Health Department Chair, 23 people from the Fort Lauderdale campus registered to become bone marrow donors, supporting the foundations efforts to provide assistance and hope to thousands of families in the United States and all over the world.

Get Connected, Get Answers

2-1-1 Broward Information Day was held on December 11, 2013 at the Fort Lauderdale campus. Representative Stephanie Bell was on hand to provide students with resources and information about the many services available to help the local community “get connected and get answers.”

2-1-1 Broward is a 24/7 agency that provides connections to health and human service agencies and programs, with just one call. Every day, trained and degreed
Broadcasting Department Award Winners

On January 14th, the Broadcasting Department held its quarterly awards ceremony. The event, hosted by Broadcasting Department Chair Dr. Alvan Lewis, provided an opportunity for faculty to acknowledge and recognize students for various achievements within their major.

During the ceremony, six students were recipients of broadcasting awards for the fall 2013 term. Among them was Ariese Arradondo for Best Radio Producer, Rosa Russell for Best Radio Presenter, Jean Desir for Best Television Producer, and Natasha Darius for Best Television Presenter. Other awardees included Richard Duncan for Attendance, and Shantal Scarlett for Excellent Character.

Get Connected

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Counselors assist hundreds of callers by providing support, information, and referrals that can help them access the right services for their needs. Assistance with food, housing, healthcare, senior services, child care, and legal aid are just a few of the many services 2-1-1 Broward provides.

City College’s 2-1-1 Broward Information Day was coordinated by the Career Services Department to support City College’s mission to provide an Extraordinary Educational Experience for its students.
Ambassadors Back in Hollywood

Medical Assisting student Gilbert Henry noticed something about his fellow students at City College’s Hollywood Campus. “They had ideas, but didn’t have an outlet.” Along with fellow students Montovia Alexander, Aaron Harriton and Janifer Hernandez, he wanted to start an organization that would allow students to get involved in campus activities. Executive Director David “Skip” Higley and Director of Education Brenda Cortez suggested the group revive the dormant Hollywood Ambassadors.

Once the Ambassadors got off the ground, during Fall 2013, the ideas began coming in. “We wanted to meet student needs – help them with books and transportation.” Two projects that are close to being brought to fruition are a Hollywood campus newsletter and raising funds for the upcoming Broward Heart Walk.

Why a local newsletter in addition to City Spotlight? As Henry puts it, “We want to keep students abreast of what’s happening on this campus and we wanted to give Hollywood students a voice.” Janifer Hernandez is spearheading the newsletter and its first issue, due in time for the upcoming Spring quarter, will include work from student Malloree Roney.

The upcoming Broward Heart Walk, which will take place on March 8 at Nova Southeastern University’s Fort Lauderdale campus, is close to Henry’s heart. “My father died in his sleep—of heart failure. We didn’t even know.” Henry begins spouting statistics about deaths due to heart disease. But his expression of concern changes to one of pride when he describes the four Hollywood campus teams who are raising money and competing with City College’s Fort Lauderdale Campus. Twenty-two students in total are participating, and he wants more to take part. Henry sees it not just as an opportunity to raise money for a worthwhile cause, but as a networking opportunity for students going into the healthcare field since representatives from local hospitals will be present.

A third project the Ambassadors are hoping to get off the ground is a peer-counseling program. It’s something the Hollywood campus student community needs, because, as Henry puts it, students need to be there for each other. “Let’s encourage each other to finish what we started.”

Vet Tech Program at City College Attracts Animal Lovers

When I met Dr. Penn, we clicked,” declares Vet Tech student Anais Cepeda. The two bonded over shared experiences working with animals. Cepeda also chose City College because of the smaller classes. “I knew this would enhance my learning experience.” Small group learning is something she is used to as a home-schooled student.

Cepeda’s educational experiences have taken her to Australia and Busch Gardens Tampa Resident Camp, where attendees wake up at the crack of dawn to feed animals, and clean up their enclosures. “I’ve seen all kinds of excrement.”

Cepeda’s ultimate goal is to become a research zoologist. In that capacity, she hopes to work with exotic and endangered species. She also wants to advocate for zoos as institutions whose place is not just to entertain, but also to educate the general public about the animal kingdom. But in the meantime, this mother of five Great Danes is looking forward to classes in the soon-to-be-finished Vet Tech lab where she hopes to learn a great deal about dental care and nutrition. “What animals take into their body greatly affects their behavior.” As Anais Cepeda gushes about her dogs, as well as her love of reptiles, it is clear that City College Hollywood is attracting not just the career-minded, but individuals passionate about education.
Cardiovascular Sonography’s Inaugural Class

City College Hollywood’s new Cardiovascular Sonography lab got quite a workout this quarter as the program’s inaugural class got to work.

Former Billing and Coding student Gladys Schaarf was drawn to the program before the lab was even built. She describes attending an information session held by Program Director Mark Berges. “No one showed up, except for me. He talked and talked and talked, and I just listened and listened and listened.” His enthusiasm, and a few one-on-one conversations inspired Gladys to switch programs.

The thing that sticks with most students at the very beginning of this two-year program is the insight Berges offers. “Mr. Berges has spoken to us about his experiences and that he wants us to be the best. He teaches us not only about CVS, but that we need to be professional, be on time, be respectful, have our scrubs with our badges on at all times.” While the students look forward to their impending careers in Cardiovascular Sonography, they relish the time currently spent with their mentor.

Miami Campus News

Miami Campus VA Club

City College Miami recently held their quarterly VA Club meeting and had the privilege of having Mr. Jerry Johnson, Director of Veterans Outreach Services at Miami VA Healthcare System, speak to our veterans. The Miami VA Healthcare System serves veterans in three South Florida counties: Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe, with an estimated veteran population of 175,000. VA’s health care offers a variety of services, information, and benefits. VA administers a variety of benefits and services that provide financial and other forms of assistance to veterans, their dependents, and survivors. Major benefits include veterans’ compensation, veterans’ pension, survivors’ benefits, rehabilitation and employment assistance, education assistance, home loan guaranties, and life insurance coverage.

Community Outreach

Miami Nursing Students Get Invaluable Experience

Mental Health Nursing at City College Miami is truly an educational experience. Students in this rotation not only have theoretical learning with regard to behavioral health issues and addictions but also have exposure to the pathologies and processes in their clinical experience. In addition, a significant focus in this course involves addressing stigmas of the disease processes and cultural sensitivity requirements that are critical in all areas of Nursing.

Over the past nine months our Mental Health Nursing students have had the opportunity and have enthusiastically participated in community service through assisting with fundraising events of the Florida Roundup. The Florida Roundup is a not for profit, community-based, self-help group that provides social events for members of the GLBTQ recovering community. Annually, Florida Roundup hosts a five day recovery convention on Miami Beach that has attracted upwards to 1,300 attendees from across the world.

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Nursing Students Experience (Cont. from page 7)

To date, our students have assisted with the summer Beach Bash and the fall Chili Cookoff. Our current students will be assisting with the organization’s biggest fundraiser of the year: the Roundup King and Queen Pageant. We are most grateful to the Roundup for these opportunities that allow our students to experience the positive outcomes and productivity of a clean and sober life. In addition, our students gain firsthand experiences with a culturally diverse group.

Our students are also required to attend one outside 12-step meeting as part of their experience. This exposure makes our students superior nurses through identification and shared experience. We have received many positive testimonials from students who provide feedback regarding the impact that this exposure has had on their dealing with struggling friends/family and even themselves. We can all be very proud of the work being done at and through City College Miami.

Nursing Students Benefit from Simulator

Over the past several months, the Nursing Program at City College has restructured and enhanced its laboratory experience for students. Administration generously provided the campus with a state-of-the-art simulator Medi-Man (Stan D. Ardman) who is now being utilized in all of the Nursing core classes. Faculty were provided with two days of training plus one day of onsite support from the manufacturer to ensure that they maximized the utility of Stan. Medi-Man is a technological wonder, manufactured by the same company that makes simulators for airline pilots. Stan is very life-like with a host of attributes including verbalization and elimination.

The beauty of having this state-of-the-art equipment in our program is that it provides nursing students with the opportunity to experience the cause and effect of their clinical interventions without detrimental effects to a “live” patient. Students practice clinical scenarios utilizing critical thinking processes and clinical skills. Based on the interventions that the students perform, Stan’s condition improves or worsens accordingly. The recent addition of a web cam by IT Representative Mathew Rivero allows the students the opportunity to view themselves in action. This retrospective review of their actions, clinical decisions, and interventions provide for a meaningful learning experience. What better way to learn than from mistakes! Feedback on the simulation experience from students in the fall term was highly favorable.

In the near future, the campus will be receiving additional simulation equipment, including a birth simulator. In addition, the Simulation Lab will be separated from the Nursing lab and given a new home of the first floor of the 9350 building. These enhancements are in keeping with the goal of an Exceptional Educational Experience for our City College students! Thank you, Administration, for your support in this area.

New Leadership at Miami Campus

The Miami campus looks to soar to new heights with new leadership in Executive Director Marion D’Amour and Director of Admissions Guy Pierce

Whodunnit?

Private Investigation Program Chair Maria Marte recently had her students investigating a fictitious murder on campus. Students survey the crime scene, look for clues at the scene of the crime, and focus on interviewing potential witnesses and suspects to solve the case.
City College Student Veterans Association

The City College Altamonte founded a Veterans Club during winter term 2013. The goal of the club is to aid military affiliated students in need of support academically and socially. Under the leadership of club president and EMS student, Israel Soto Alicea, the Veterans Club has assisted over 35 students. In October 2013, the club officially became the City College Student Veterans Association (CCSVA). CCSVA’s mission and vision is simple: to advocate and provide peer support to all military affiliated students on campus as well as establish an effective military affiliated support system on all City College campuses. On November 8, 2013 the CCSVA hosted the first annual Veteran’s Day Ceremony on the Altamonte Springs campus. A POW/MIA ceremony was held and special reverence was given to CCSVA’s Vice President, Deborah Smith whose only son was killed in action on November 15, 2004 in Iraq.

One of the stated goals of City College is “to encourage students to realize the importance of reaching personal and professional goals through self motivation, individual growth, and the pursuit of excellence.” The City College Student Veterans Association has been helping the school live up to this goal.

EMS Students Visit South Seminole Hospital

EMS students visited South Seminole Hospital on January 27, 2014. They were able to tour the facility as well as see the inside of an emergency helicopter. It was an exciting and educational experience for the students which gave them new insight into what their future careers may be like. They have also started practicing CPR in the classroom.
In Other News...

Congratulations to City College Altamonte on making the ACICS Honor Roll

TV’s, Computers and Gift Cards, Oh My!

In an effort to boost attendance and inspire students for the winter quarter at the Altamonte Springs campus, Administrators and Faculty members held an electronics and gift card giveaway for perfect attendance.

Approximately 250 students were eligible to be entered in the drawing which was slated to be held on the afternoon of January 20th 2014.

Students who were entered in the drawing were eligible to receive one of 7 items. Those items included: two 40” flat screen TV’s, four $50 Gas Cards and a laptop computer.

A “HUGE” congratulations to the winners of the perfect attendance drawing:

John Collins, Michael Jones, Candia Lewis, Shawn Johnson, Michelle Houdek, Katherine Arce, and Stephanie Estael.

We must also commend the remainder of the student body who held perfect attendance as well! Your decision to make it to class every day is acknowledged and will truly pay off towards achieving your educational goals! Keep up the great work!

City College Student Appreciation

Student Appreciation was held January 28-30 at the Altamonte Campus. Each day of the event had a theme. Tuesday was “Breakfast in the City”. Students were provided pancakes and bacon from the Local Yolk’l food truck. Wednesday was “Taco Day” and the students had tacos from Waco Taco food truck. Thursday was “Tailgate Thursday”. Faculty and staff were encouraged to wear their favorite football jerseys. Students were served traditional tailgate food… hot dogs off the grill and chips. Despite the unexpectedly cold weather, the events were a resounding success and the students had a great time. During the course of the events, awards were given out for academic excellence as well as perfect attendance.

New Surgical Technology Department Chair

In November, City College Altamonte Springs welcomed Dan Russo as the new Chairperson for the Surgical Technology program. Dan emphasizes the new program motto—“Integrity, Responsibility, and Attitude” which he believes will lead to the success of all the Surgical Technology students as well as establish the City College Surgical Technology program as the best in the Orlando area. Dan received his BS degree in pre-med from Niagara University and his Master’s Degree from City University of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. He resides in Winter Springs with his wife, Mary. They enjoy quality time with their four children and six grandchildren by traveling to Iowa and Virginia whenever possible. He also finds the time to cheer on his favorite NFL team, the Buffalo Bills and the SEC’s UF Gators. Any other relaxing time is left for teeing it up on the greens whenever possible.

New Surgical Technology Department Chair, Mr. Daniel Russo

Student enjoyed a tasty treat the first morning of student appreciation… pancakes and bacon for breakfast

Mark Jones pose with his new TV which he won in the perfect attendance drawing

Saundra Shaffer, Andrea LaClair, Wanda Carder and Dawn French show off their achievement awards received during student appreciation

Majesty Nickerson and friend say their tacos are terrific
Find the Writer Within You

The City College Writers Club is a new extra-curricular activity at the Gainesville Campus. This writing club is devoted to helping all City College students reach their writing potential, whether it is becoming published authors or simply becoming a better writer. Ms. Glenda Hayden (professorghayden@gmail.com), an adjunct professor at the Gainesville campus, as well as a published author, is the faculty advisor for the club. James Shepard, a Business Administration student, is the newly elected president of the club.

If you are looking for a way to unlock the hidden writing potential within you, then the Writer’s Club at the Gainesville Campus is for you.

MYcro School Gainesville

During City College Gainesville’s Open House event in December 2013, students from MYcro School Gainesville attended a question and answer session with the Admissions Department. MYcro School is a unique charter school program based in Florida that provides a community-based, personalized learning program to prepare students for college and careers. Events such as the December Q & A session offer City College Admissions staff an opportunity to interact with these students at a crucial time in their education.

City College Gainesville Launches Veterinary Technician Program

The 2014 Winter Term ushered in a new program for the City College Gainesville Campus. The new students in the Veterinary Technician program hit the classrooms with the start of the new term. Prior to the term start they had a sneak peek of what awaited them in the new program.

At Orientation in December, the Veterinary Technician students were treated to a limousine tour of several area veterinarian offices, as well as the newly remodeled facility where the program will be based. On the tour, they were able to see examples (Continued on page 12)
of the types of environments that they will find themselves in, both as students and after graduation. At the close of the tour, Executive Director Doug Goodwin accompanied the students to the new home of the program, the former City College Gainesville Campus on 13th Street. There, students were able to see firsthand all the work and effort that has been put forth to ensure that the new program is a big success in Gainesville.

City College Gainesville held many student centered events in December and January. The Gainesville students enjoyed the variety of activities, including a Community Open House, Holiday Celebration, Pre Orientation and Student Appreciation Week.

City College Gainesville student DeVonte Dennison receives an Academic Achievement award from Gainesville Executive Director Doug Goodwin.

Future City College Gainesville students register for the Open House and Pre Student Orientation Event.

City College Gainesville students receive Christmas Stockings and cookies during a Holiday Celebration for our students.