

 **Community Outreach**

Miami City College Blood Drive

Miami Campus

We had our quarterly community blood drive this past January 26th, 2016. **One Blood** was the blood center served, and we had a grand total of 13 donors between staff and students. A total of almost 13 pints were collected, super! The donation process was quick and painless. Donors were rewarded with nice t-shirts, Subway sandwiches and movie tickets! Also, on the healthy side, they received a free wellness checkup, complete with their cholesterol count, BMI, blood pressure and other useful and important health stats. Our students and staff truly care for the community. Many thanks to all for showing the community commitment and caring as always!



Mr. Eduardo Porben, Miami Campus Librarian, donating blood

The Spirit of Giving

Altamonte Springs Campus

This past Christmas, the area Salvation Army was able to provide gifts for 1,175 children aged newborn to 12. City College Altamonte was very excited to be part of that giving program. Mr. **Marc McGaffic**, Anesthesia Technology Program Chair, spearheaded the event, and collectively, we 'adopted' 20 Angels at our Campus, providing them with the clothing, shoes, pajamas and toys that they needed and wanted.

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Spotlight



Toys collected in Mr. Richard Jines' office, our amazing Director of Education (DOE) for the toy drive.

City College Miami Toy Drive

Miami Campus

The City College Miami Campus had an amazing holiday season. The collection of the toys took place during the whole month of December, toys were donated by staff and students, and everyone pitched in.

This holiday season the staff of the Miami City College Campus collected toys and donate them to children in need. The toys were collected in the Academics Department and were delivered by Mr. **Christopher Crespo**, EMS Chair, to the local **Toys for Tots Charity**. This is another way our Miami Campus gives back to the community.

By donating toys, we are giving children who would not normally receive gifts or be able to celebrate the holidays with a toy a chance to do so! This was a great opportunity to teach our students how important it is to give generously during the season and all year-round! Is always better to give than to receive. Just awesome!

Holiday Food Drive a Success

Miami Campus

The Miami Campus had a very successful Holiday Food Drive. Donations were delivered to the **Salvation Army**, so they could distribute it to the needy and hungry in our community.

The idea of a food drive came out of watching the homeless and hungry in our community. The holidays were upon us, so it truly made sense and the staff and students got to work collecting food. We are people helping people, helping the needy in our community. The sense we get from giving back to the community is amazing. The food drive took about three or four weeks, but the food we collected and knowing that it was going to where it is more needed, what an awesome feeling! Just great!



Mr. Richard Jines, Director of Education (right) with Ms. Magaline Goman, Business Program Chair, organize and get ready for delivery the food drive donations. This took place November 24th, 2015

The Spirit of Giving

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Mr. **Paul Castellano**, Executive Director, expressed his sincere appreciation and thanks to the students, staff and faculty that were able to contribute and donate. "We had an outstanding event and an overabundance of gifts to give to children that will have a much brighter Christmas this year because of you."



Some of the City College Elves who helped make this possible

Student Spotlight



Carla Lewis, Gainesville City College Medical Assistant student, is an Advocate for Change

Carla Lewis: Woman with a Vision

Gainesville Campus

Medical Assistant student **Carla Lewis** is a Neighborhood Revitalization Resident Leader in Gainesville's Greater Duval Neighborhood. As secretary of the neighborhood association, Carla is an advocate for change in her community. The Greater Duval area, which Lewis grew up in, is a historically underserved community that is now the focus of several organizations, including **Alachua Habitat for Humanity**. Seeing the signs of desperation within her community, and overcoming past addictions of drugs and prostitution herself, she now works with young women as a mentor to empower them on how to leave that life behind.

Carla's desire to make a difference doesn't stop at her residential neighborhood. She carries her abilities to school where she has developed a study group Facebook page for her classmates. You can log on to learn medical terminology words and gain study tips to prepare for the NCCT exam.

Student Spotlight



Ms. Reina Miret, Miami City College Nursing student, truly exemplifies the drive and excellence our City College students are distinguished for

Reina Miret: Going Places

Miami Campus

What do you study? I am currently studying and in the process of completing my associates' degree in Nursing. I have only two semesters to go and I am so excited to see what the future has in-store for me: an exciting career as a nurse, one of the most on demand professions!

How do you like the City College experience? So far I have truly enjoyed my City College experience. From the faculty to the students, the entire experience all together has been a pleasurable one. This is a school that truly cares for their students and it shows.

Tell us about your accomplishments: I am an ambassador as well as a work study student for the Academics Department. I also offer tutoring for students in any science class who are having trouble understanding the class material. And I am also a federal work study. (FWS.)

Tell us about your plans for the future: My plans are to, first and foremost, pass and graduate with my Associates in Nursing and then go on to passing my NCLEX board exam. Once I pass my boards and obtain my state license, I plan to work as an emergency room nurse for a hospital as well as continue my education to one day become a ARNP.

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Carla Lewis, Medical Assisting student, does a final oral quiz of fellow classmates and mentees, with medical terms at the Med-Term Madness group celebration

Student Spotlight

Wanda Jiles: Jabbing Away

Fort Lauderdale Campus

City College Broadcasting student, **Wanda Jiles** has become the first woman to be elected as the Vice President of the **International Women Boxing Hall of Fame**.

As a result, Wanda was invited to present the 2016 inductees into the International Women Boxing Hall of Fame, at the WBC Convention in late January in Tijuana, Mexico.

Among the inductees was **Jackie Kallen** who is regarded as the first woman of boxing.

In her maiden speech to the Convention, Wanda announced that the International Boxing Hall of Fame Convention will be held



City College Broadcasting student, Wanda Jiles

in Fort Lauderdale in July of this year. She also thanked the WBC for the invitation to present the inductees. Wanda is in her 2nd Term in City College's Broadcasting Program and has been involved in boxing for more than twenty years.

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Student Spotlight

Chelta Dorn: Education Makes Student A Life-Saver

Altamonte Springs Campus

One never knows when your hard work in the classroom is going to pay off. Anesthesia Technology student, **Chelta Dorn**, was attending her very first clinical rotation. While assisting in a procedure the patient coded, respirations were lowering, heart rate and blood pressure were crashing. The CRNA ran for emergency drugs located in the room and Chelta took control of the airway by performing a text book Head-Tilt-Chin-Lift procedure and immediately began mask ventilating the patient.

This quick action, along with the emergency medications administered by the CRNA, placed the patient into a stable condition to allow for safe transport to a local hospital facility. If it wasn't for the quick actions of Chelta, the situation could have been dire; the patient was on the verge of respiratory depression. Kudos to this wonderful talented student!

Graduate Spotlight

Asia Rucker: Hard Work and Determination Pay Off

Fort Lauderdale Campus



Asia Rucker, City College-Fort Lauderdale, Associate of Science, Allied Health-Medical Office Administration Graduate

Asia Rucker a City College Medical Office Administration graduate is very familiar with how far hard work and dedication can take you. She remained focused on reaching her goal of graduation and she accomplished this goal in December 2015.

Asia definitely had a few challenges along the way learning how to balance work and school. She was a cashier at Walmart and made the decision to go from a full time position to a part time position to accommodate her educational goal. It was not easy, but she knew that it had to be done.

Asia credits her Program Chair, **Dr. Inas Luka** for always being a great inspiration to her. She is currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science, Health Care Administration program at City College and believes that this will lead to continued growth with her current employer.

After meeting with Career Services, Asia interviewed and was offered a job within two days, only a few weeks from her graduation date. Asia is currently employed as a Payment Poster in the billing department of **Path Medical Center**. She loves working there because she is exposed to different aspects of her field. City College wishes you all the best Asia!!!!



Anesthesia Technology student, Chelta Dorn is a life-saver

Graduate Spotlight

Joyce Coleman, CCHWD: A.S. Allied Health- Medical Office Administration

Hollywood Campus



Joyce Coleman, AMOA graduate of CCHWD

Joyce Coleman, a City College Medical Office Administration graduate, says that she simply took it "one day a time" to reach her educational goal. Joyce graduated with an Associate's degree in December 2015.

Joyce is highly religious and felt that prayer got her through the many challenges that she faced during her studies at the Hollywood campus. In the end, it all paid off. As she neared graduation she met with Career Services Advisor, **Tatiana Webster**, who she felt assisted her most - especially in the journey of employment in her new career.

Joyce is currently employed in the billing department of **Path Medical Center**. She loves working there because she is in her field of study. She says that her faith will lead her to the next step in her life. City College wishes you all the best on your journey, Joyce!

Campus News

No Cat Naps for Vet Tech Students!

Gainesville Campus

Students in the Veterinary Technology program show off their skills while taking a right lateral abdominal radiograph of a feline patient. The two students holding the cat, along with classmates, spend almost half a term learning how to take digital radiographs in their Veterinary Imaging Techniques class. The students learn how to use a digital radiograph machine and how to properly position and restrain animals for the images needed. In this class they will also learn about other imaging tools such as ultrasound, MRI, and CT.

Campus News



Here with see Ms. Marion D'Amour, Miami Campus Executive Director, addressing the new students during orientation

New Student Orientation

Miami Campus

The Miami Campus celebrated its new student orientation Monday February 15, 2016. The orientation session introduced the new students to everything they need to know on how to thrive as a City College student. During the orientation some of the important topics and valuable information covered were:

- **Financial Aid:** Provided the students with the information they need to know about the financing their education.
- **Career Services:** The Career Services staff explained that if the student needs assistance finding employment while in school preparing a resume, cover letter, and finding a job after their graduation, Career Services is here for them!
- **Admission Department:** They already know their Admissions Representative, who will guide and assist them in their educational journey in City College!
- **Academics Department:** Academics is here to assist and nurture the educational and intellectual requirements and needs of our students.
- **Library:** The Librarian explained that the library is their resource for school work, research and tutoring. The library is here to assist them doing research with print and online resources!

After the orientation was over, students met with their respective program chairs, got their ID's and parking decals, if needed.

An awesome event, and we wish great luck to the new City College students in the educational journey they are embarking in!



From left to right- Instructor Darlene Aspinwall and students Julie Wing and Christina Itterley hold Berlioz the Cat

Business Students' QuickBooks Certification

Fort Lauderdale Campus

On January 7, 2016, during Winter Break and over 8 hours on a Saturday morning, six City College Business and Accounting students attended the **Intuit QuickBooks Online Certification Training** held at the **InterContinental Hotel** in Doral, Florida.

As soon as the training was complete, each student took and PASSED a comprehensive exam to receive their QuickBooks Online Certification. City College students attending were **Gloria Smith, Martine Philippe, Kiwana**



Brock-Corona, Peta-Dawn Loubert, and Nicole Callum along with City College Accounting/Business Instructor **Ramon Fernandez-Rubio**. For more information about future certification events, please contact Professor Ramon Fernandez-Rubio at the Ft. Lauderdale Campus.

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HIV Prevention Guest Speaker

Fort Lauderdale Campus

Tangela Cooke, certified community health worker and HIV community educator at **Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County** visited the Fort Lauderdale campus in February to speak to the Allied Health students. Her presentation covered HIV awareness and prevention within the South Florida community, where studies show a growing population of HIV positive-testing residents. The discussion came equipped with hands-on demonstrations of contraceptives and safe-sex practices, a first-time educational experience on the subject for several students. The visit ended with Allied Health Department Chair **Dr. Luka** presenting Ms. Cooke with a certificate of appreciation for her time and expertise in community health education.



Tangela Cooke, community health worker at Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County (left) and Allied Health Department Chair Dr. Luka (right)

Getting Some Business Sense

Altamonte Springs Campus



It was exciting and quite a learning experience for the Business Students to attend the **National Entrepreneur Center and the Seminar on Effectively Managing Employees** in Orlando. The engaging Speaker was emphasizing how to utilize their different business skills in the management of diverse employees. Leadership, communication, flexibility, listening, direction were some of the areas of emphasis and discussion. The students were very impressed with the Seminar and interested in attending more in the future.

College Goal Sunday Going On 'In the City'

Gainesville Campus

Every year the State of Florida sponsors a day called College Goal Sunday. The original idea was that one Sunday per year students would be able to receive guidance with the financial aid application. This has now grown into multiple dates and multiple sites.

The **Office of Student Financial Assistance**, known as OSFA, asks for volunteer sites to host this program. City College Gainesville was selected as one of the many approved sites.

Free assistance is available to help complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the Florida Financial Aid Application. This will be the second time that a City College campus has been selected to host. Both times, **Kathy Johnson** was instrumental in having us selected. Kathy Johnson and **Sammie Cooper** visited all the public and private high schools during the week of January 25-29, 2016. They brought City College data and posters for the schools to post for their pending graduates and to help get our name out in the community.

Student volunteers from **UF** acted as greeters/guides, as well as the entire FA team and some Admissions employees.

A \$200 scholarship will be given to one of the student's that attended and completed their FAFSA on that day. The scholarship will be announced within the next few weeks and we certainly hope that one of our current students will win!



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CPR Classes: Important in All Fields

Altamonte Springs Campus

The Medical Assistant students and the Medical Office Administration students ventured from their own classrooms and labs to expand their knowledge and expertise with a hands-on course in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, led by Instructor **Stelian Georgian**. The students met in the Emergency Services Lab where they had the full use of the vast materials necessary to learn the life-saving techniques of CPR, a skill so important in all areas of the workplace.



Learning life-saving techniques are serious business. Students gather to practice

City College Provides a Positive Impact on Health Care in South Florida

Fort Lauderdale Campus

Congratulations to the recent Nursing Program graduates who passed their NCLEX-Rs exam to become Registered Nurses.



City College Nursing Graduates; Renice Thompson, Chelsea McGarry, Maricel Cruz-Bustamante, and Dagnanna Labossiere. Also pictured; Nursing Program Director, Isabel Ayers, and Full Time nursing Faculty members, Michelle Ollivierre and Nida Ahmed

Student Ambassadors Enjoy Holiday Lunch

Altamonte Springs Campus

Student Ambassadors were honored and celebrated by Executive Director, **Mr. Paul Castellano**, and the Director of Career Services, **Ms. Amy Pelland**, for the wonderful work that they do every term supporting City College Altamonte Springs, it's students, faculty and staff. They are truly dedicated and deserving.



Altamonte Springs Campus Ambassadors enjoy a Louisiana style lunch to celebrate the Holidays

New Equipment for City College Radio Labs

Fort Lauderdale Campus

A new radio console has just been acquired for the Broadcasting Department, bringing to five the number of new consoles now available for our broadcasting students.

The equipment - an Arrakis ARC-10UP ten channel console - has the capacity to facilitate broadcast, podcast and recordings. It can handle most on-air radio and radio production studio applications. It is a pivotal part of the broadcasting program production set-up. Students are already enjoying the use of it! Over the past year City College has undertaken the task and expense of upgrading much of the hardware used by students in the Broadcasting Program. This is the second new console to be installed within the past twelve months. The Broadcasting Department is also currently pursuing preparations for live audio

Eric Nathan: Surveillance Workshop Guest Speaker

Miami Campus

Eric Nathan is a City College alumnus who is a highly successful Private Investigator. He was at the college to share his experience as a surveillance investigator with our students. He went over real life case files and surveillance videos as well as instructing on surveillance equipment such as different cameras, GPS, and the surveillance van.

Among the many things Mr. Nathan does as a private investigator is assisting attorneys in preparing court cases. In civil cases, he might work for either side. In criminal cases, Private Investigators almost always work for the defense. He assists in child custody cases, where it will be determined who is actually caring for the children and if they are in a safe and healthy environment. He has worked on cases of business fraud, where the Private Investigators document shady behavior such as secret meetings with competitors and sales of "exclusive" franchises to multiple buyers in the same areas. He has assisted in insurance fraud cases, where he sleuth out the "disabled" who claim they are too physically injured to work but can still miraculously go snowboarding or load cases of beer into their trucks. He also has worked at the locations of individuals for a multitude of reasons, often happy reasons like inheritance or long-lost friends or relatives. Mr. Nathan's presentation was interesting and a great learning experience for our students!



Mr. Nathan working (background) on his surveillance van while student Jason Gutierrez (foreground) checks it out



Broadcasting student Ollicea Robinson practicing her craft on the new radio console that was recently purchased for the Broadcasting Department

streaming and these pieces of equipment are likely to be part of the operations. The Broadcasting Department prides itself on producing skillful and competent graduates, some of whom are occupying notable positions in the broadcasting industry in the United States.

Student Appreciation Week

Fort Lauderdale Campus

The Fort Lauderdale campus held its first Student Appreciation Week for 2016 on February 1st -3rd. Returning students as well as students enrolled for the new term enjoyed the festivities daily as the campus celebrated and recognized them all.

The week began with a kickoff event and students enjoyed an Ice Cream Social where they made ice cream sundaes and enjoyed them while getting to know their new classmates. Staff and faculty joined in the fun by wearing red attire in honor of February being Heart Health Month.

The next day, the campus was a buzz with the Multi-Purpose Fair, a three part event which included a mini Job Fair, Community Resource Fair, and a Health Fair. Students attended with resume in hand to meet with employers, stopped by the tables of vendors such as **Broward County Transit** and **Tri-Rail** to obtain information on transportation in the community, and eventually ended up in the health corner where they got blood pressure checks from City College's Allied Health students and obtained important information about heart health from the **American Heart Association**.

Finally, the last day ended with a bang as students attended the Student Academic Award ceremony, the 'Oscars' of City College. Students anxiously waited to hear the announcement of recipients of awards such as Student of the Quarter, Perfect Attendance, and various honor rolls. Others were excited to cheer on their classmates while enjoying the pizza party. During the event, English instructor, **Nadia Kijanka**, was presented with the Teacher of the Quarter award.



City College students Amanda Bradley, Breyonna Delanie, Marlese Melvin, and Leona Walker enjoy an ice cream sundae during Student Appreciation Week



Monica McMillan receives the Student of the Quarter Award for Allied Health from Dr. Anie Bonilla during Student Appreciation Week

Future Graduates Recruited for Careers

Altamonte Springs Campus

Ms. Redia Thomas and **Ms. Alyssa Feck**, Professional Recruiters from **Central Florida Health Alliance**, visited City College Altamonte in February. Central Florida Health Alliance (CFHA) has been serving our community's healthcare needs for almost 50 years. As part of CFHA, Ms. Feck recruits for **Leesburg Regional Medical Center**, which is a 322-bed acute care hospital located just north of Orlando. Leesburg offers a Heart Institute, Stroke Center with the Joint Commission Seal of Approval, Neurosurgical Care and the Joint Center. Ms. Thomas recruits for **The Villages Regional Hospital** which is a 223-bed acute care hospital located in the heart of The Villages. The Villages has state-of-the-art surgical suites, intensive care unit and a radiology department featuring filmless computer imaging, clinical laboratory, Joint Center offering joint replacement and a full-service emergency department. Students had the chance to ask questions during the open session and to also speak to the recruiters individually about employment, benefits and the hiring process.



The Presenters, Redia Thomas and Alyssa Feck, with Instructor and student