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Culture Through Cuisine

Recently, students from Instructor **Carolina Simon**'s Humanities class at the Fort Lauderdale campus celebrated Culture through Cuisine; a unique hands-on opportunity for students to learn more about the diverse backgrounds and cultures of their classmates. Students brought various foods from their native countries and cultures to share. Some of them included: Haiti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Bahamas, China, Israel, and El Salvador. According to Simon, "More than any other human experience, food has the ability to break down walls and bring people together. It is the door for all cultural exchanges to occur." ●



A variety of foods from around the globe were shared by students during Culture Through Cuisine



Broadcasting students demonstrate interview skills at the Boys and Girls Club Career Day

Boys and Girls Club Career Day

City College students, alumni and staff participated in the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County 5th Annual Career Day on April 3, 2015. City College presented on careers within the Broadcasting Field to 150 Boys and Girls Clubs participants. Representing City College was **Zaginary Dejesus, Dedrea Bromfield, Laise Charlton, Mauricio Mejia, Giovanni Lopez, and Traci Ackerman.** ●

Professionalism Matters

Congratulations to our Professionalism Matters campaign winners: **1st Place: Michael Angel** who won an Apple iPad Mini; **2nd Place: Cynthia Cromer** who won a Kindle ●



From l to r: Executive Director, Doug Goodwin; Director of Education, Dr. Anie Bonilla; Nursing Student and 1st Place winner Michael Angel

► **Staff Spotlight**

Welcome Doug Goodwin

Mr. Doug Goodwin has accepted the position as Executive Director of the Fort Lauderdale campus, with oversight of the Hollywood campus effective April



Doug Goodwin

2015. Mr. Goodwin assumed the role of Executive Director of City College in Gainesville on April 1st of 2013. He has over 14 years of career college experience, and has served as a Campus President at colleges in St Louis, Missouri and Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Goodwin holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from **The Citadel**, and served over 10 years in the **United States Marine Corps**. He is a Gulf War Veteran, and has held various assignments including White House Aide under **President Ronald Reagan** and Commanding Officer of the **Marine Corps Communication School** at Camp Pendleton, California.

Doug has been married to his wife, **Rebecca**, for 22 years. They have two children, **Allison** and **Ryan**, who are attending the University of North Florida and the University of Central Florida, respectively. Recent arrivals to Florida in 2012, Mr. Goodwin and his wife are avid golfers and tennis players and are looking forward to their move to South Florida. ●



EMS students pose with trainer who led their mini workout during the Community Resource event

Spring Appreciation

Spring Student Appreciation Week was recently held at the Fort Lauderdale campus. The week, dubbed “City College a Community That Cares,” was designed to express City College’s appreciation for its students. Each day was marked with various activities; including student recognition for outstanding academic

achievement, a community resource fair, spirit day, and was topped off with a career fair. Students were also able to enjoy donuts, pizza, ice cream, popcorn, and cake that were served by faculty and staff during their morning and evening breaks. ●



Students discuss employment opportunities during the Career Fair held during Student Appreciation Week



An Allied Health student gets some information during the Community Resource event held during Student Appreciation Week



Students make “care cards” for Savannah’s Cards 4Kids



Students show their enthusiasm about City College while enjoying ice cream



The Fort Lauderdale campus was busy with students meeting with prospective employers during the Career Fair



Broadcasting students show their enthusiasm during one of the tours



Students experience in-studio production during their trip to Atlanta

Another Great Adventure

This past April, the City College Broadcasting Club went to Atlanta on their annual field trip. They visited **CNN**, **V103 Radio Station**, and **Encompass Digital Media**. The trip was a great opportunity for students to get a glimpse of what it's like in the industry of Broadcasting, and to see some of the many opportunities that await them in their career.

During their visit to CNN, students were able to go behind the scenes of America's largest news network to see what life is like in the broadcasting industry. At V103, Atlanta's number one radio station, students enjoyed their tour and a visit with TV/radio personality "**Big Tigger**," as well as one of his guests, TV personality **Mona Scott-Young**, creator of the reality TV show "**Love and Hip Hop**." The students were able to briefly talk and get some pictures with them.

At Encompass Digital Media, a company that specializes in digital media services i.e., central casting, global teleports, waterfront communications, and more, students were able to go into the studios and see what post-production looks and feels like.

The trip was an inspiration for the students, an adventure they will not forget. ●



Students pose with "Big Tigger" and Mona Scott-Young during their visit to Atlanta radio station V103



Broadcasting Club students are excited to depart on their next great adventure



Students were able to visit the famous CNN building

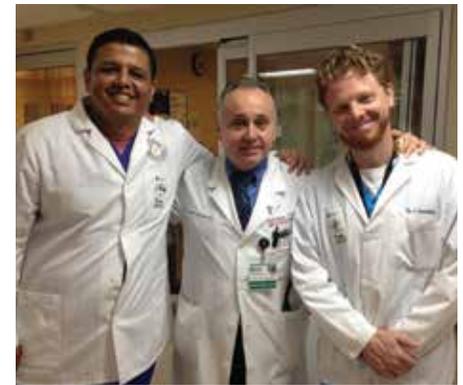
Student Ambassador Induction



Congratulations to our Student Ambassador inductees Winter 2015



Students Alexis Lopez and Brianna Huffman assist in holding this youngster while Dr. Feinstein takes down notes on the puppy's health



Dr. Orlando Almanza, CVS Medical Director, (center) with Hollywood CVS students, Luis Villanueva (left) and Dr. Jeremiah Grantham (right), during a visit at South Miami Hospital ICU

Hollywood CVS Students Visit South Miami Hospital

Since joining the City College CVS program as the Medical Director, **Dr. Orlando Almanza**, has provided the CVS students with an opportunity to visit the **South Miami Hospital** where, on occasion, the students are permitted to witness live procedures. During such visits, the students observed Dr. Almanza perform a Transesophageal Echocardiograms (TEE) procedure and an open heart surgery.

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After witnessing a procedure, students participate in rigorous case study reviews led by Dr. Almanza.

Calling All Pets and Their Owners

On Saturday, May 16th, 2015, the Veterinary Technology program, Hollywood campus partnered with the **Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce** (Leadership Program) and sponsored a 'Community Open House for Dogs and Owners'.

The Veterinary Tech faculty and students provided owners with free services, nail trimming, pet checkup, and vaccines, for their dogs. The Vet Tech faculty and students enjoyed providing approximately forty guests with free services and look forward to participating in future events that give back to the community in support of animal care. ●



Veterinary Technology Program Chair Kim Augustin, CVT happily weighs a patient during Open House



Program Chair Kim Augustin and student Felicia Dorsey assist student Jesika Spurlin in taking vital signs on a patient



Veterinary Technology Student Lori Hernandez greets a new friend before his exam

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CVS Students Visit South Miami Hospital

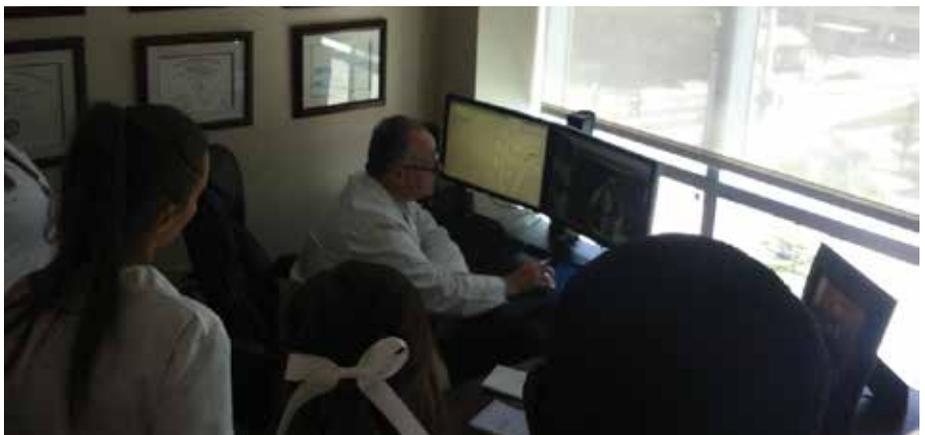
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They review the procedure, the risks, and the outcome of the patient. "Being at a hospital in addition to the classroom adds a whole new dimension to learning. You really get a chance to participate and learn in the presence of these procedures. You cannot get this from a textbook," says **Dr. Jeremiah Grantham**, Cardiovascular Sonography senior student.

These visits are unique for City College students because they get to witness certain procedures before starting their externship rotations. "The opportunity for students to regularly visit a healthcare setting such as South Miami Hospital provides students with 'real life' educational experiences. This unique experience, in addition to the academic training the CVS students receive while attending school, will help better prepare students for the registry with the Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI)," says Program Director, **Mark Berges**. Mr. Berges is a Clinical Educator for CCI and attends annual educator's meetings as well as reviews and implements different ways of examining applicants to help determine new strategies that are critical in meeting accreditation standards and market demands. ●



2015 Cardiovascular Credentialing International Clinical Educator's Meeting



Dr. Orlando Almanza reviewing a critical case with Hollywood CVS students after the completion of a procedure



Willie McDowell (second from the right), City College Hollywood student, utilized the BLS skills learned in the EMS program to help save a child's life

► Student Spotlight

Hollywood EMS Student Willie McDowell

On Easter Sunday 2015, **Willie McDowell** (Paramedic 4 student) was involved in the resuscitation of a child who had drowned during the festivities. Willie was acting in his professional capacity as a Lifeguard, and he played a major role in the rescue efforts of this child. Willie went above the call of duty to save the child.

Willie is an excellent student in class and always puts forth maximum effort. Willie was able to use the BLS skills he learned while on campus and apply them in the field resulting in an excellent outcome for this child.

City College Hollywood commends Willie on his actions and professionalism. ●

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► Faculty Spotlight



The Gainesville Campus is pleased to spotlight Adjunct Instructor Gayle Horton

Gainesville Campus Welcomes Instructor Gayle Horton

Gayle Horton has been proudly serving City College for two years as our Ethics, Intro to Philosophy, and Critical Thinking instructor. For Ms. Horton, life—like teaching—has always been an adventure. Ms. Horton was born at **Tripler Army Medical Center** in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and moved every year with her military family all across the country. In 1991, Ms. Horton came to Gainesville for graduate school to pursue her passion for teaching (despite admitted shyness) and found her new permanent home. Since then, Ms. Horton has reported for **The Gainesville Sun** and taught at **UF, Santa Fe, Florida Gateway, and St. Leo** before coming to City College. Her greatest joy at City College has been seeing students find jobs in their field. Her advice to other instructors? Get to know your students and allow them to think and engage in the classroom. Her goals for the future? To teach a course in Biomedical Ethics for our many students in the medical field. ●

Student Spotlight

Gainesville Campus Richard W. Skidmore Scholarship Recipient

Sheria Fernandez, a City College student expected to graduate in June of 2016 with her Associates Degree in Business Administration Management was this year's recipient of the Richard W. Skidmore Scholarship.

Sheria is a lifetime resident of Gainesville, Florida. The reason she decided that City College Gainesville was the best educational option for her, is simply, she needed the hands on approach to learning with a smaller classroom setting. Her decision to pursue her degree in business came as a result of her interest in diversity and the workplace. She stated, "Knowing more about diversity will help me when I start my own business." She wants to be the owner/operator of a daycare that receives all types of children.

The Richard W. Skidmore Scholarship was established on November 1st, 1994 by **R. Wayne and Maxine Skidmore** in memory of their son.

Richard Skidmore was a former Director of Education of City College at the Ft. Lauderdale campus. The requirements for the award are: a minimum of two terms enrolled at City College, a letter of recommendation from a professor and a student essay.

Sheria wrote a strong essay about being a "difference maker" she summarized her essay by saying "it was about being a difference maker for me and my career and by following my dreams it will directly affect the lives of my family."

As an ambassador to the students of Gainesville campus, Sheria loves being a leader and a helper to other students and feels her winning this scholarship validates her efforts. Congratulations to Sheria Fernandez the 2015 Richard W. Skidmore Scholarship Fund Recipient. ●



Gainesville Campus Richard W. Skidmore Scholarship Recipient Sheria Fernandez proudly smiles as she represents the school in her student ambassador shirt

National Center for Competency Testing: A New Process Equals Big Results

The **National Center for Competency Testing** provides multiple qualifying paths of certification in the roles that City College offers as degree programs. The Department Chair for Allied Health, **Dr. Juanita Small**, has implemented a new approach to taking the NCCT and the student test success rate has seen the benefits of it.

Over the years the process was students could take the prep tests over and over and over and you get the picture, and when the test date arrived anyone who thought they were ready to take the test could take it, and City College would pay for testing. Students had 3 opportunities to take the exam and quite often they did. The old process even went as far as getting another major testing certification for the students who could not pass the NCCT. This was a broken process and Dr. Small took charge and created a new approach to testing and has found great success.

The new pre-testing procedures are now the variable for our 100% pass rate for our last round of NCCT exam takers. Let us all applaud Dr. Small for her vision and clear expectations for the students who have passed and the students who will pass in the upcoming exams. ●



National Center for
Competency Testing



Gainesville Campus students and staff participate in a mock trial conducted by the legal assisting program

Legal Assisting Program Conducts Mock Trial

Recently City College had the pleasure of creating an exciting, enthralling day of learning in action. The event was initiated by Paralegal Program Adjunct Professor **Sarah Herkamp**, she created a "Mock Trial". The entire Legal Assisting program participated in many roles, from Plaintiff and Defense attorneys to bailiff and witnesses. The Students needed to review previous trial cases, the case load was put together to enhance the problem solving skills of future legal assistant students. No matter how the original court case had been ruled, this was the student's opportunity to put their knowledge of what they learned in class

to work. The students promoted the mock trial to anyone willing to participate. They recruited faculty, staff and other students to be members of a jury as well as witnesses for both sides of the case.

Many participants have agreed that upon entering the room, the honorable and resolute feel of the courtroom was in play. Everyone dressed accordingly and order was upheld throughout the experience. It was really a site to see and even more impressive that so many got involved. The class that participated certainly gained some valuable learning experience that will absolutely benefit them in the future as they pursue their goals of employment. ●



Staff Spotlight

Gainesville's New Executive Director Brian Quirk

The title of this bio may be misleading as "NEW" is far from the truth. Let's introduce you to **Brian J. Quirk**, MBA. Brian received his undergraduate degree from **FSU** in Tallahassee and his Masters degree in Business Administration from **Webster University**, he is proud of his Seminoles. He has over 20 years of experience in the higher education industry. He has held many roles in the school business and lived each level of responsibility from Career Services Advisor to Executive Director.

The first impression that Brian got when he walked into the Gainesville campus was positive; he said "the library was packed with students. I felt a good energy and all the students and staff seemed to be communicating." He is able to pick up on these attributes easily because he also sits on the National Board of Directors for Native Sons and Daughters. This is a nonprofit organization that promotes family unity and community service.

Brian has been married to his lovely wife Paula for 23 years, they have two children, Emily and Evan. He is a lifelong resident of Florida and, as a family, they enjoy traveling and fun outings and the great game of golf.

Brian was asked what makes Gainesville the best campus out of all City College campuses. He replied "Gainesville is the best because we have a seasoned and passionate team, and we are always striving to showcase an environment of improvement." ●



Welcome our new Gainesville Executive Director

► Graduate Spotlight

City College Gainesville Graduate Ashley Cox

"The selflessness of family and the support of the staff", these happen to be the top reasons **Ashley Cox**, a 2011 Graduate in the Phlebotomy Program, used to successfully reach her career goal. Ashley said, "I faced a number of challenges while I was attending City College.



Ashley Cox

She explained her deep gratitude for our faculty and staff. "I really appreciate the constant reminders to keep up the good work and stay on course."

The biggest obstacle I faced was that I didn't always have money." She then went on to explain that with the help of her family, by way of encouragement and financial support, she was able to maintain focus and drive through the issues that she was facing. She also explained her deep gratitude for our staff and faculty; she said "I really appreciated the constant reminders to keep up the good work and stay on course."

Ashley is phlebotomist at **LifeSouth**, a preferred employer with City College Gainesville. She goes to work every day because she loves the medical industry and enjoys being successful with her skills and in her career. ●

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► Community Outreach



Gainesville Campus students become more amazing as they donate blood during the LifeSouth Blood Drive

Gainesville Campus LifeSouth Blood Drive

Gainesville Campus is so very proud to be a part of the community, and the opportunity we have to give blood is one vital way we impact our community. Business Department Chair **Eric Dagragnano** has taken up the champion's torch to really chase this cause. A little history on how City College Gainesville has proven itself as a worthy adversary to the blood shortage epidemic in our area. In 2013 Gainesville campus committed to several blood drives and saved approximately 63 lives with our donations. That was fantastic, but we knew that our size population and the programs we provided could do better; last year we wanted to break that benchmark and we did, not just surpass the number but annihilate it with an astonishing 378 lives saved. On Tuesday May 12th, 2015 City College invited **LifeSouth** to return to our campus so we could work on our new record smashing number of lives saved.

We are so impressed with the turnout of students, faculty and staff for their commitment to join Eric in this honorable cause for our community. Go City College Gainesville! ●



LifeSouth and the Gainesville Campus collaborate to save lives in the local community through blood donations from students and staff

Students Participate in Training for ACLS Certification



From left to right: Dionte Brown, Ariel Vazquez, Olivia Vilaire; foreground: Yenylys Roque, Mozart Chrispin and Marcos Sanchez

Miami City College students participate in training for ACLS Certification. (Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support). ●

Miami City College Appreciation Day



Miami City College instructor and Private Investigation/Legal Chair Ms. Maria Marte (right) show our students appreciation during the Miami City College Campus Appreciation Day, May 12, 2015

Criminal Investigations Class



From left to right: students Pierre Cher-Frere, Wayne Maglich, Jonathan Tormo and on the floor the "victim", Ms. Maria Box, Miami Campus Registrar Clerk.

Miami City College students participate in a crime scene for **Ms. Marte's** Criminal Investigations class. ●

► Faculty Spotlight

Instructor Fred Gonzaga Receives Recognition



Miami City College instructor Mr. Fred Gonzaga (left) receives appreciation recognition from the Director of Education, Mr. Richard Jines (at right)

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Left to right: Yeneylis Roque, Justin Llano, Gabriel Roldan, Olivia Vilaire

Professional Roles and Leadership Class

Miami City College Nursing students in the Professional Roles and Leadership class attending the Florida Board of Nursing meeting in Deerfield Beach, FL, on April 10, 2015. ●

► Community Outreach



Student Tiffany Harbin (at right) shows her community spirit during the Blood Drive

City College Miami Blood Drive

On April 21, 2015, Miami City College students and staff participated in a blood drive to help the community, showing their true caring spirit. ●

► Staff Spotlight



Pat Bivin is the new librarian in Altamonte Springs; she brings a wealth of knowledge to share with our students

Altamonte Springs New Librarian

Pat Bivin joined the Altamonte Springs Campus as Librarian in early April. Ms. Bivin has worked in different types of libraries over the years, college, high school

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and public, including **Southern Technical College, International Academy of Design and Technology, Bishop Moore High School** and **Winter Park Public Library**. She believes, as a Librarian and Information Specialist, that assistance and service to the students and faculty, with a smile, are the most important part of her position. Ms. Bivin received her BS and MLS from **Florida State University** and is a proud Seminole! She has lived in Casselberry for many years with her musician husband and two beautiful daughters. Fun times for Ms. Bivin involve the family and friends, no matter where, as well as her two Corgis and her two new granddogs. She is also one of the chairs of the big fundraiser, **Florida Corgi Picnic**, held in Palm Bay every November. ●



Milk Snakes bear a striking resemblance to coral snakes. While both milk snakes and coral snakes possess transverse bands of red, black and yellow, a common mnemonic can be used to properly distinguish between the deadly coral snake and the harmless milk snake: "Red touches yellow, not a nice fellow; if red touches black, good friend of Jack"

Seminole County's venomous snake specialist, taught students about the good, the bad, and the ugly during a venomous snake lecture



Cottonmouth snakes, otherwise known as water moccasins, are a medium sized snake, often growing to be four feet in length

Venomous Snake Lecture



Cottonmouth snake striking the Plexiglas lid of his container

Christopher Woodcock, faculty member, firefighter and Seminole County venomous snake specialist, taught students about the good, the bad and the ugly of snakes and their venom during a venomous snake lecture held on campus April 29th. Mr. Woodcock brought in over 10 species for students to view first hand and they learned how to provide first aid to a snake bite. ●



Rattlesnakes are large, venomous snakes that are found throughout North and South America



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► **Faculty Spotlight**

City College Altamonte Springs Welcomes New Tutor

Devin Heller recently joined City College as an Oral Communications Instructor but soon realized he wanted to make a bigger impact on students. He recently accepted the position of Academic Tutor and is located in the Center for Academic Excellence. Before joining City College, Mr. Heller was an instructor of Public Speaking at the **University of New Mexico**.

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Mr. Heller cultivated his public speaking skills as a journalist for the **Northwest Indiana Times**, interviewing prominent film figures like **Jackie Chan, Will Smith, and Johnny Knoxville**. He earned a BA in Journalism from **Purdue University Calumet**, and an M.A. in Communication from University of New Mexico. He is determined to earn a Ph.D. in the near future. ●



Devin Heller working in the Center for Academic Excellence where he tutors students

► **Staff Spotlight**



New Registrar, Jacqueline Morales, joins Altamonte campus

Altamonte Springs Welcomes New Registrar

Jacqueline Morales recently joined the Altamonte Springs campus as our Registrar. Before joining City College, Mrs. Morales worked as the Student Coordinator at **Florida College of Natural Health** where she assisted students with hardships and supported students through completion of their program. She is passionate about student success and education as a whole. We look forward to her partnership with our staff, faculty and student body contributing to an “Extraordinary Educational Experience.” ●

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