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His House Visit

Miami Campus

His House Children’s Home is a private, faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to restoring joy to the lives of children ranging from newborns 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.

The organization is a frontline provider of residential services for children. Its model is unique to other residential programs. Each home is staffed with nurturing caregivers who make every effort to create a beautiful, cozy and secure haven where children feel safe and loved. Over the past 26 years, His House has restored happiness to the lives of more than 10,000 children.

Dr. Viera and Ms. Rebecca Raghunandan deliver the donation.

His House is 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 for children that 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 a home, but renewed hope for a brighter future.

The money collected from the sale of the raffle tickets for St. Valentine’s Day was given to His House Children’s Home. Dr. Yesenia Viera, Allied Health Department Chair, and Rebecca Raghunandan, Career Services Advisor, visited His House on February 17, 2016, to deliver all the donated funds.

Small Business Expo Field Trip

Miami Campus

On Thursday March 3rd, 2016, the Miami City College business program students took a field trip to learn how small businesses work, how an independent business functions in today’s economy and everything involved in their operations. Both a fun and learning activity for our class, the students had an opportunity to interact and learn from real small business entrepreneurs. At a small business expo, everyone has the opportunity to benefit. The attendees benefit because they do not have to go far to interact with lots of different sellers and vendors of products and services. For a person looking to buy something in particular, there are not many better places you can find such a variety of products and services. The vendors also benefit from being in a place that offers so many potential customers. In addition, vendors have the opportunity to see what their competitors are doing, and what type of success they may be having. Our business students had the exciting opportunity to witness and learn firsthand what small businesses are like in the modern world. The students witnessed immediately that a good impression made at an expo may lead to future business and publicity down the line. They also learned that they can gain new knowledge by receiving tips, tools, and strategies from other vendors. It is an excellent chance to get their business out there and be exposed to a variety of industries. The Miami Campus City College Business Program is chaired by Ms. Magaline Goman.

Cards for Garrett

Gainesville Campus

Garrett Brown lost his eyesight as a young child, after he was attacked by a dog. Flash forward to February, 2016, when Garrett expressed a wish to receive LOTS of cards for his sixteenth birthday. “Cards for Garrett” became a Facebook phenomenon, as cards started to pour in from across the country. City College student Reginald Stacy brought the “Cards for Garrett” movement to our school. In response, City College sent Garrett hundreds of birthday cards.

On Sunday, March 6, Garrett and his family visited Single Vision, an endangered species educational facility. Reginald Stacy, who has written a song especially for

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Cards for Garrett

Garrett, joined them. A big thank you to all of the City College students, faculty, staff, and friends who sent birthday cards to Garrett!

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Annual Miami Dolphin/AARP Million Meal Pack

Fort Lauderdale Campus

On Sunday, May 1 Desmond Baxter, Martine Philippe, Nicole Callum, Eddie Lawrence, and Professor Ramon Fernandez-Rubio volunteered for the 3rd Annual Miami Dolphin / AARP Million Meal Pack. 1,035,360 meals were packed and will be delivered by U.S. Hunger to Feeding South Florida’s network of individuals 50 and over in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. More than 5,000 energetic volunteers worked an assembly line, combining ingredients and vitamins to collectively make one million nutritious meals of rice and beans. While donating their time to help others in need, the volunteers received a free t-shirt, enjoyed music, football activities, and chances to win prizes. Hats off to Professor Rubio and his students for their commendable efforts in support of the residents of the tri-county area!

IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Fort Lauderdale Campus

On Saturday, April 30, Martine Philippe, Petal-Dawn Loubert, and Professor Ramon Fernandez-Rubio were recognized for their contributions to the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The program requires completion of a rigorous 10-week tax preparation training and 40 volunteer hours at a VITA site. This service helps low to moderate income individuals, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English speakers file their taxes each year. The VITA class for next tax season will be offered in the fall at the Fort Lauderdale campus. If you are interested in learning to prepare taxes and want to help make a difference please contact Professor Ramon Fernandez-Rubio at rfernandez-rubio@citycollege.edu. The class is free but limited to 15 students.

Student Spotlight

Guillermo Gutierrez, Private Investigation Student

Miami Campus

What do you study, Guillermo? I study Private Investigations. Ever since I was a kid I wanted to be involved in the Private Investigation field, making sure people do the right thing. A private investigator gets to do so many different things, and with all the new technology we have in the field now, there is never a dull moment. I love it.

How do you like the City College experience? It is a great experience; the instructors care for the students and I have learned so much. It was an awesome decision to come to City College and study private investigation. I am certainly on the right track.

Tell us about your accomplishments. I am a straight A student; and just recently acquired my CC license (class C private

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Congratulations Bessie Collins
Gainesville Campus

Carolyn ‘Cookie’ Cooke: Investigator with a Heart
Altamonte Springs Campus

Carolyn ‘Cookie’ Cooke, who had already earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, decided to attend City College, Altamonte Springs, to earn her Associate of Science in Private Investigations. Cookie is not only a straight “A” student, but is also a full-time Investigator with Coventbridge Group. Her future plan is to join the Department of Children and Families as a Protective Services Investigator.

In addition to going to school and working, Cookie spends her free time as a volunteer. Whether it is at the Special Olympics, Autism Speaks, or any other similar organization, Cookie says she volunteers “for the sheer joy of seeing the happy expressions on the faces of those whom she helps”. So please help us recognize Cookie for being not only a model student; but also a model citizen.

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Guillermo Gutierrez
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investigator license.) I am working as an intern in a private investigation firm in Miami and learning so much. I love to work in the field I chose to study; it is just awesome, learning new investigation techniques and how to work with new technologies all the time. Guillermo, tell us about your plans for the future. I just got my certified class C private investigator license and eventually will become a case manager. In the future, I would love to start my own private investigation firm. The possibilities are endless!

Campus News
Welcome Katrelle Staten
Hollywood Campus

Katrelle Staten, City College Hollywood Campus’ new Career Service advisor.

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City College–Hollywood campus has a new Career Service advisor! Katrelle Staten is originally from Jacksonville Florida. She has always had a passion for human resources. Katrelle received a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resources and then continued on to receive a Master’s in Business at Florida Memorial University. She has been living in South Florida for 12 years and has been working in HR since 2004.

Katrelle hopes to reach out to every student and assist them whenever and wherever they need some guidance. Students can come to Katrelle when they are in need of interviewing tips, help with formatting their resumes, and even developing interpersonal and professional skills. Her hours of availability are Mondays from 11AM to 8PM, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9AM to 6PM, and Fridays from 9AM to 5PM.

“My door is always open to those who need help. I will never turn away a student, even when I am busy!” says Katrelle.
Campus News

It Looked Like Murder

Altamonte Springs Campus

For crime scene investigations, reports, photographs and sketches are used as evidence. Sketches can be an especially important piece of evidence because they can be larger scale, show the relationship of items at the crime, and can include details that are considered important to the crime. Private Investigation students, Amanda Harper and Elvira Torres have each sketched murder scenes to include in their investigative reports in order to improve the quality of their investigation.

Broadcasting Students Field Trip to WTSP Channel 10

Fort Lauderdale broadcasting students had the privilege of getting real world experience in both a television and radio environment during a trip to Tampa in April. Broadcasting Department Chair Dr. Lewis introduced the students to members of the WTSP Channel 10 news team including their guide, programming director Ellen Lasher and host Michael Clayton, former NFL player turned television personality. The station meteorologist provided a detailed overview of the weather prediction process, and station reporters described objective news gathering techniques. Next, at the radio station Beasley Media Group, students listened to Promotions Director Hillary Hatch describe the functions of the various radio studios as well as perks to working in the radio industry. Helpful advice and facts presented to students along with specialized workshops, as well as the ability to view live studio recordings proved to be an invaluable learning opportunity and one that will have a lasting impact on these budding television and radio professionals.

EMS Guest Lecture at City College Miami

Our Medical Director, Dr. Benjamin Abo, gave our EMS students a lecture and skills station on advanced airway management and intubation. This lecture was beneficial to the class because they were studying airway management and learned about ET Tube placement. “It was great having a doctor who is an expert in the field teach our students some tips and tricks for success,” said David Sola, one of our EMS instructors at the Hollywood campus and active paramedic and firefighter for Miami Beach.
EMS/EMT Scenario

Miami Campus

On Thursday February 18, 2016 an EMS/EMT Scenario took place at our Miami Campus.

As part of the training during the EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) class, students practiced doing patient assessment and back boarding scenarios. This was a fun, exciting, interactive activity that keeps the students engaged as a part of the extraordinary educational experience we strive to give students each and every day!

The importance of this training for the students cannot be overstated. Mr. Christopher Crespo, City College Miami Campus Program Chair, told us: “Pre-hospital spinal immobilization has long been held as the standard of care for victims of blunt or penetrating trauma who have experienced a mechanism of injury (MOI) forceful enough to possibly damage the spinal column. The majority of EMS textbooks and trainings stress that any significant MOI, regardless of signs and symptoms of spine injury, requires full-body immobilization, which is typically defined as a cervical collar being applied and the patient being secured to a backboard with head stabilizers in place. This approach to patient immobilization has been accepted and implemented as the standard of care for decades. We make sure we teach it and implement it on our EMS trainings at City College.”

The EMS scenario training was awesome and a great learning experience for our students. Thank you, Mr. Crespo!

Celebrating Nurse’s Week

Altamonte Springs Campus

The Altamonte Springs Campus realizes how invaluable our clinical partners are in the education of our students as well as the tremendous support and guidance provided by the nurses at each site. The program chairs from Surgical Technology, Emergency Medical Services, Nursing, and Anesthesia Technology were very excited to visit our clinical partners during Nurse’s Week to show our appreciation with a delicious treat.

A Lesson in Protection

Altamonte Springs Campus

Personal Protective Equipment is utilized in all operating rooms and surgical centers across the United States. Surgical personnel and patients are at a high risk of infection from blood-borne pathogens and other diseases that can possibly be transmitted in surgical situations. This demonstration by the anesthesia technology students in Altamonte Springs illustrates how and where infections can travel and be located when assisting with patient care. Iodine was used in this lab simulating possible disease or pathogen transfer location on gowns, masks, and gloves. It was a very educational experience for the students using such a visual approach.
Bar B Ranch Field Trip for Veterinary Technician Students

Hollywood Campus

On Thursday, April 28th, our Veterinary Technician students in the “Disease Problems in Animals” class took a field trip to the Bar B Ranch in Davie. The students were able to apply lessons that they were taught in the classroom about equine care, behavior, physical exams, and medical techniques on the horses of Bar B Ranch. They worked with the horses to complete a physical examination (which included taking temperatures, heart rates, and respiration rates), administer injections, and obtain blood samples. Bar B Ranch provided an excellent and safe learning environment for students of all experience levels. Their care and understanding of the horses gave each student a positive learning interaction and helped to build both technical skills and confidence when working with animals. The students completed all of their essential skills, all the while enjoying a sunny day outside of the classroom!

Fort Lauderdale Allied Health Program Chair Awarded Certificate of Appreciation

Fort Lauderdale Campus

The Fort Lauderdale Allied Health (AH) Program Advisory Committee (PAC) met on April 28 along with faculty, students, and community partners from the Department of Health, doctor’s offices, and home care agencies. Ms. Shalisha Ivy, a representative from Griswold Home Care, recognized Dr. Inas Luka (AH Program Chair) with a Certificate of Appreciation.

As an important affiliate partner working collaboratively with the Fort Lauderdale campus, Griswold Home Care recently hired Shanequa Gomez, a pending graduate in the AH program. As a display of gratitude, this award highlighted the impact of the phenomenal leadership and guidance provided by Dr. Luka as well as the outstanding skills and professionalism exhibited by student externs. We applaud Dr. Luka for her tireless efforts and dedication and we salute Shanequa as she takes off on this exciting new adventure!
City College Hosts Business Workshop with Nelson Garcia

Miami Campus

Mr. Nelson Garcia is a City College Alumni and a highly successful businessman and franchise entrepreneur. He was at the college on February 25, 2016 to share his expertise as a business manager and franchise expert. He recounted his experience running a retail business for the past several years and how he has diversified by franchising his operations. The City College Miami Campus Business Program is chaired by Ms. Magaline Goman.

In the workshop Mr. Nelson explained what a franchise is; what franchising means in today’s business world; what a franchise agreement is and the importance of having one; and what a real relationship between a franchisee and the franchisor entails. Mr. Nelson’s presentation was interesting and a great learning experience for our students. Students eagerly asked questions and took notes, taking advantage of his wise advice and practical knowledge.

Miami Campus Celebrates National Library Week

Miami Campus

On Tuesday, April 19th, 2016, the City College, Miami Campus, celebrated National Library Week. The students participated and competed for prizes: City College t-shirts, small notebooks, pencils, calculators, sharpeners and key holders. After doing the online searches using the library’s online catalog and filling out their questionnaires, students placed them in a box and the winners were picked and announced. First prize went to Vanessa Vargas; second prize went to Devonte Clyne and finally third prize went to Sergio Zamora. Winners were kindly selected by the Miami Campus’ Business Program Chair, Ms. Magaline Goman.

National Library Week is celebrated every year. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the and libraries across the country each month of April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries participate: school, public, academic and special. A fun and learning experience for our students that promotes the learning and use of the City College online catalog.
Student Appreciation Days – Spring Fling

Fort Lauderdale Campus

The Fort Lauderdale campus held its second Student Appreciation for 2016 on May 2-4. New and returning students were celebrated and recognized during the 3-day event coined "Spring Fling" with a great lineup of activities including Brunch and Munch and Scavenger Hunt, a Job and Community Resource Fair, and the Student Academic Award ceremony.

During the kickoff event, Brunch and Munch and Scavenger Hunt, day time students enjoyed pancakes and waffles prepared hot off the grill on campus and evening students enjoyed a slew of munchies before heading off to class. Both day and evening students participated in a scavenger hunt–using the clues provided–to claim prizes as they visited various departments on campus.

The campus was a buzz the next day with the Job and Community Resource Fair, a 3-part affair which included a mini Job Fair, Community Resource Fair, and a Health Fair. Students had the opportunity to meet with (17) local vendors and employers including Broward County Transit, Tri-Rail, Wells Fargo, Path Medical, G4S Secure Solutions, and TJ Maxx to name a few. Students were able to learn about employment opportunities and also received valuable information on community resources.

The last day ended with a bang as students attended the Student Academic Award ceremony, better known as the "Oscars of City College". Students anxiously awaited the announcement of recipients of awards including student of the quarter, perfect attendance, and the President’s list among others. The excitement was palpable as students cheered on their classmates while enjoying the simulated tea party with delectable goodies and treats. The Fort Lauderdale faculty and staff were excited by the level of student participation and offer congratulations to all the award recipients.

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Miami Blood Drive

Miami Campus

We had our quarterly community blood drive this past April 12th, 2016. One Blood was the blood center served, and we had a grand total of 14 donors between staff and students; almost 14 pints were collected. The donation process was quick and painless. Donors were rewarded with nice t-shirts, Subway sandwiches, coffee mugs and free cruise tickets. 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, and this activity shows their community spirit. Many thanks to all for showing their commitment and caring as always!