



My City Broadcasting Club: Enhancing Greatness One Step at a Time

Acres of Diamonds



Secretary Kelonda Isom, President Delconno McDougle and Treasurer Tramaine Isidore

The Broadcasting club celebrates another semester of excellence that all broadcasting club members aspire to achieve. On the second Tuesday in the fall term, during our club meeting in room 114, where there was standing room only, students witnessed

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Paulette Stennett, Vice President and Carlos Montlavo-Cabrera, PRO

Broadcasting Chair **Dr. Alvan Lewis** give recognition to a selective group for their hard work in the summer 2011 term. Narrowing down the awards often gets harder and harder. It's a tough decision to choose only a few

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I heard the story of "Acres of Diamonds" in my early adult years. The story was told by **Earl Nightingale**. The story was very exciting; a life-changing philosophy for me. I hope it will do the same for you.



The story was about a Persian farmer that heard about people striking it rich in diamond mines. He quickly sold his farm and went out

searching for the gleaming gem that brought so much money in the markets of that day, just as they do today. He finally passed away, never realizing his dream.

The new owner of his home discovered that a rich diamond mine was located in a stream right there on the property. If this man had taken a little time to really study about diamonds he would have discovered that diamonds just don't look like diamonds when they are in the rough state.

Dr. Russell H. Cornwell delivered this speech about 6,000 times around the world and raised millions of dollars. He used the money to build one of the most innovative educational institutions in the world: **Temple University**.

Here is the main idea: people tend to go out looking for opportunity in so many other places rather than looking in their own vast storehouse of gifts, talents and abilities. There is so much "fortune" to be achieved right on one's own property. So, the next time you have the urge to seek opportunity in other places, conduct a complete inventory of the items on your own property. You could find everything you could possibility want, tangible, intangible or both, right in your own backyard. ●

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City College Continues Beach Clean-up Efforts

City College Fort Lauderdale student volunteers continue to participate in an on-going beach clean-up effort at the Anglin Pier in Fort Lauderdale by the Sea. Beachcombers on the sand have removed countless barrels of trash and debris, and underwater diving efforts have disposed of old fishing line, lead weights, and even fishing poles. Most recently, **Thomas Carpenter**, Director of Education, and **Jim Cirone**, Registrar, assisted **U.S. Rep. Allen West, R-Plantation**, with underwater clean-up efforts. Pier clean-ups are scheduled every 30 to 60 days to remove trash and other potentially hazardous debris. ●



Once an Adult, Twice a Child

To define the saying “Once an adult, twice a child,” is to go back in life as far as you can think. Once you have done that, think forward as far as you can. When you have done this, you will be amazed at what you discover.

When we are born, we are children, and that stage lasts what seems a lifetime. It lasts from birth until we reach the age of seventeen. After seventeen, we are on the verge of becoming what our parents call adults. This means that by all rights we should be able to make our own decisions and control our own destinies. Adulthood begins at the age of eighteen. We are in the process of becoming who we ultimately are going to be. We are focused on being the best person we can be. We want to make people proud of us, but we also want to have fun during these years. We laugh, we cry, we ask questions, we learn, and we teach. This is the first time we are a child again since our births.

What we do as an adult is focus on being responsible and stable. We do what is called growing up. We get a job, enter a relationship, and focus on making money. Next, we set our priorities by buying a car or a house, getting married, and having children. In this capacity, we become teachers because we teach our children what we have learned during our lives up to this point.

As we continue to grow older, we find ourselves becoming grandparents and needing to bring ourselves down to our grand-children’s levels. Once again, we return to childhood, thus the phrase “Once an adult, twice a child.” In the elder years of life, we may rely on our children to care for us, again returning to a role of a child. “Once an adult, twice a child” is a constant journey that we experience as human beings. Reflecting on our pasts and futures can help us better understand this journey.

– Diane McKenzie, written for *Public Speaking* ●

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outstanding students among the best and the brightest the Broadcasting department has to offer.

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Awards were granted to the following: Best Radio Presenter, **Donovan McInnis**; Best Radio Producer, **Lisa Giles**; Best Television Producer, **Preston Spencer**; Best Television Presenter, **Samantha Cooper**; Excellent Character Award, **Kelonda Isom**; Most Innovative Concept, **Delconno McDougle**; Attendance Achievement, **Benitta Josey**; Student of the Quarter (A.M.), **Lisa Giles**; Student of the Quarter (P.M.), **Jean Deshommes**. Congratulations to all! ●



Kelonda Isom (Excellent Character award)



Samantha Cooper (Best TV Presenter award)

City College Fort Lauderdale ALS Competition Team Saves Lives

The City College Fort Lauderdale ALS Competition Team, comprised of EMS students **Joe McKinzie**, **Tom Jacques**, and **Sedrick Leroy**, competed in the second annual **Flagler Fire Rescue EMS Competition**. The 24-hour competition was held on October 2, 2011 in Flagler County, Florida, just north of Daytona Beach.

EMS competitions test the knowledge, strength, and endurance of emergency rescue professionals in high-intensity scenarios that reflect real-life scenes that paramedics encounter on the job. This full-scale event involved sheriff deputies, paramedics, fire fighters, SWAT vehicles, and fire flight helicopters. Actors were on scene to further enhance scenarios that included: an exploding meth lab, carbon dioxide poisonings, a boating accident, and cardiac crises. The City College competitors were flown by helicopter to a marsh island off the Intracoastal Waterway to treat a victim of a poisonous snake bite, and in another island scenario, resuscitate a drowning victim.

Team members competed in full gear and were timed during the scenarios. In many of the situations, there were victims who became casualties, and in this case, even team members “died” on scene to further test the competitors’ reaction skills. These types of competitions serve as invaluable trainings in developing the necessary skills to be able to deal with any situation EMS professionals might encounter on the job. ●



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City College Private Investigators Network in the Community

The City College Private Investigations program in Fort Lauderdale continues to promote its externship program within the Broward and Miami-Dade communities. Private investigations companies can enlist the help of a City College student in exchange for college credit hours. Students who participate in the externship program are able to assist with investigations, learn about the day to day operations of a private investigations firm, and gain invaluable real-world experience in their field. Recently, **Jeff Scharlatt**, the Private Investigations Program Chair, was asked to be a guest



speaker at the monthly FALL meeting (**Florida Association of Licensed Investigators**) in Hollywood, Florida. Mr. Scharlatt had the opportunity to raise awareness about the externship program, in addition to speaking about his experiences as a DEA Special Agent and Supervisory Special Agent. After spending seventeen years with the DEA, Mr. Scharlatt went on to work as a criminal investigator specializing in legal defense work and cold cases. In class, the Private Investigations students are inundated with all kinds of knowledge based on Mr. Scharlatt's experiences in the industry, which will certainly be of use when they enter the field as professional investigators. ●



Hollywood Campus's 2011 Inaugural Class

City College Hollywood announces our Campuses "First Class" of students that started on October 3rd. An Inaugural Celebration was held on November 4th to honor these "trendsetters" of South Florida!

Many activities & events have followed to celebrate this event. Our new students have made "history" at City College, and their legacy will be embedded in the City College story for all time. In order to show our appreciation for these students, we took the opportunity to honor them on this special day.

Congrats to our "FIRST CLASS" of EMS students who are: **Aderemi Adeoba, Raymond Coby, Chris Duncan, Bernard Edmond, Alise Grullon, Jean-Mac Leclerc, Alexandra Lopez, Yessenia Osorio, Mackendy Talon**. Our Allied Health students are: **Nicole Campbell, Antonelle Davidson, Siterria Nelson, Keondra Yeboah**. Our Business Students are: **Kylie Dunkley, Kimberly Leveille, Tyrone Pringle, and Roshanty Watson**.

We held our First "Student Appreciation week" which was a big surprise for our students. The refreshments, breakfast, lunch and prizes were not expected, but brought a sense of excitement, caring and bonding among the students, staff and instructors. Another event the Inaugural Class was involved with was from a local published author, **Hannah Spivey**.

Ms. Spivey came and presented her novel and her biography to the "Oral Communications" and "Personal Development" Classes. Each Student received a signed copy of the 27 year old novelist book entitled "Ebony the Beloved". Ms. Spivey earned an AS degree in Business and wrote her novel in 5 months and published it within a year. She inspired the students with her story, her passion for education, writing, and goal setting.

Our first class of students at Hollywood have just begun their journey. We will follow them to graduation and beyond! ●

Hollywood Campus News

Feedback from Our Hollywood Students:

"Never give up on what you want to do."

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"Your age, your background or your color doesn't matter. Success can happen to anyone with the right mindset."

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"You have to be self-motivated and strong willed to achieve your goals."

Feedback from Local Author Hannah Spivey:

"Not only have I inspired you, but you all inspired me to strive for bigger achievements. It was an amazing, euphoric experience."

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'Tis the Season for Giving

'Tis the season for giving, and City College Miami has the spirit! Students and staff members welcomed the new school term with fundraisers for three South Florida charities.

The **PI/Legal Department** sponsored a bake sale for **Rebuilding Haiti**, an organization that supports families left homeless after the 2010 earthquake.

The **EMS Department** led a fundraiser for the **American Heart Association**.

Because October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the whole campus worked together to raise money for **Susan G. Komen For The Cure**, a foundation dedicated to breast cancer research.

City College Miami raised a total of over \$1,000, all of which was donated to the three charitable organizations— and the students and staff had a great time working together to achieve their goals! ●



Carlos Rubio, City College Miami Business student, staffs the snack table during the Breast Cancer Awareness Bake Sale, as EMS student Gregory Jimenez and math professor Yaneth Mago buy tasty treats. The bake sale was part of fundraising efforts that raised over \$1,000 for local charities.

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Halloween Fun at City College Miami

Halloween at City College Miami was spooktacular! Both students and staff took the chance to dress up in fun costumes, and celebrate the day with a little bit of fun (and a lot of candy).

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Students who dressed up competed in a contest--the winner, **Ivonne Luna**, impressed the judges with her gladiator costume. Sitting in a desk during class dressed as a gladiator was a challenge, but Ivonne is well-known on campus for being a good sport! ●

Front Row: Admission Reps Mary Santisteban and Danny Rodriguez, EMS Clerk Maria Suarez ; Middle Row: Executive Director Maricela Howard, Student Winner Ivonne Luna, Reentry Admissions Rep Giselle Gonzalez, Admissions Assistant Rebecca Rivera, IT Support Katherine Palomeque; Back Row: Director of Admissions Hiram Fals, Registrar Donysha Givens, Director of Financial Aid Armando Rio

City College Miami Gets in the Holiday Spirit

Everybody knows City College opens doors for students—but who knew the doors could be so beautiful? Staff at the Miami campus put their design skills to the test in a friendly competition to see who could create the most festive door design.

Staff members wrapped, glued, and stuffed their decorations in some very creative ways, and the results came out great! The winner is listed in the photo credits—which door is your favorite? ●



From left to right: Academics, Business, Admissions, Career Services (the winner), Nursing, and Registrar doors

Orlando Campus News

Employee Spotlight



A Big Hello from Our New Addition

"I'm **Tammi Smith**, the Program Chair/Instructor for the brand new Surgical Technology program here at the campus and I am very happy to be here. I bring with me over 7+ yrs of experience in the Operating Room, as well as an extensive teaching background here in Florida and in Michigan, where I am originally from. I have an AAS in ST, a BS in Health Services Admin, a Master's in Business Administration, and I am currently finishing a dual Masters/Ph.D in Educational Psychology. I am married (27 yrs), 2 grown daughters, and recently became a grandma to a grandson on October 30th. I look forward to getting to know not only the ST students, but all of the students here on the Altamonte Springs campus. Come by my office, my classroom, or my fully functional simulation lab and say hi!" ●

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From left to right: Leah Grayden; Larry Lewis; Kim Aiello; Rafael Jimenez volunteer for a worthwhile cause



Altamonte Springs Ambassadors Lend a Hand to Winter Springs ROTC

On November 21st, the City College Ambassadors of Altamonte Springs volunteered their services at Winter Springs High School for their potluck and fundraiser. At these events, the students also perform drills and sometimes get the parents to try a little of what they are subjected to everyday! Unfortunately, since it is the parents who run these fundraisers, sometimes they do not get to participate in the fun. Enter the Ambassadors! Below is a letter from **Monica Peery**, a City College student and parent of a JROTC student at Winter Springs High:

"Mr. Phillips and Dr. Freeman,

*I am writing to thank and recognize **Marilyn Hart** and the City College Ambassadors who came out on their own time last night to assist us with a fund raiser!*

*I am a student at City College. I am also a volunteer of the Parent Support Group for Winter Springs High School Jr. Army ROTC. A couple of weeks ago, I asked Dr. Freeman if City College could donate items for a fund raiser for our ROTC program. When I explained our mission and goals to Marilyn, she asked if she could recruit and coordinate City College Ambassadors to volunteer at last night's event! **What a blessing that turned out to be!** We were experimenting with some new fund raising ideas and until the event began, we didn't realize how much we needed the extra help! We would have been grossly undermanned had Marilyn and the City College Ambassadors not come to help us! We raised about triple what we have raised at this event in the past because the parents were freed up to manage the new fundraising ideas and the items Dr. Freeman donated, along with many other contributors, helped us earn almost **three times the money** we normally raise at one of these events! **I cannot express our thanks enough to Marilyn, the Ambassadors!** City College is a vital part of this community and we hope to partner with the Ambassadors again in the future!" ●*

New Campus, New Ambassadors!

A big City College congratulations to **Danielle Easler, Rafael Jimenez, Latasha Smith, Victoria Freire, Nikkia Moore, Leah Grayden, and Jerry Colon!!!** These students were chosen for their positive attitudes, exuberant personalities, as well as their scholastic achievements. In the months to follow, these Ambassadors plan on becoming active in various community service activities, in addition to on-campus events just for the student body.

They have already been a tremendous help with all of our new student orientations, and will assist the Librarian in getting more students comfortable with online classes. ●



From left to right: Marilyn Hart, Librarian; in back, Larry Lewis, Mayor of City College Altamonte Springs; Danielle Easler; front, Rafael Jimenez; Rashawn Johnson; Latasha Smith; Victoria Freire; Nikkia Moore; Leah Grayden.

Gainesville Campus News

Employee Spotlight

FAO Officer Fond Farewell

Long time Senior Financial Aid Officer, **Phyllis Jones** is leaving Florida to return to her home state of Tennessee to assist in the raising of her grandchildren.

Jones has been employed at the College since 2007. Since then she has been a part of a campus that doubled in size and moved to a brand new location. She has seen a lot of change.

Jones is returning to her birthplace to be a part of her six grandchildren's growing experience. She has two daughters in Memphis, Tennessee with three grandchildren each: Detricz – 13; Alicia – 8; Mya – 8; Allen – 6; Amber – 4; Jewelz – 16 months.

Jones' always put her full passion and love into serving her students. She is revered and adored by staff and students alike.

"Always keep the heart in what you do," said Jones.

"If you love what you do, it is not work but pleasure, and you get paid for it!"

Jones will also be remembered for her culinary skills when office pot-luck parties called for contributions.

Thanks for all the love and the homemade banana pudding, Phyllis! ●



Sr. Financial Aid Officer Phyllis Jones serving up her famous homemade banana pudding at the Thanksgiving meal



From left to right: Benona Green, Dorothy Burney, Tina Lizenby, Charlotte Price, Debra Newell, Charles Williams

Some Like it Hot and Some Like it Real Hot!

The Gainesville campus held its first chili cook-off event on November 9th. Under the guidance of assistant registrar, **Shanieka Keaton**, the event created a new tradition.

Staff and faculty prepared their select chili recipes and offered samples. Each taster got to cast a vote for their favorite chili. At the end of the day the favorite flavor was selected.

From 12- 1:30 pm and again in the evening from 5- 6 pm, the campus never smelled so good!

It was just a bit more difficult to concentrate on school work with the delicious fragrance of onions, jalapenos, tomatoes, beans and all the fixings bubbling away in crock pots lining the hallway.

The people's choice voted for the spicy concoction of none other than Admissions Representative, **Charles Williams**.

Hopefully the City College Chile Champion crown will not inflate William's ego too much... more! Rumor has it he is writing a cookbook. Autographed copies will be available for a small fee.

The delicious fun was such a popular event that the Student Ambassadors decided to launch their own chili contest on December 8th. We will have to wait to see who the winner is, if we can survive the heat. ●

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▶ Student Spotlight



Ivonne Black in her EMS uniform

When You Need Something Done, Ask Someone Busy to Do it

Student Ambassador and EMS student, **Ivonne Black**, is extremely busy, but she consistently accomplishes tasks and tackles new ones.

Black started her career after completing an A.S. in Early Childhood Development. After a year she realized she was being called to do something different.

Her friend attended City College, so Black came by and talked with Director of Admissions, Kim Bowden about City College's offerings. Black then decided to change careers into the medical field and enrolled.

After one quarter, she explored the new EMS program launched in Gainesville. After speaking with program director, Ray Wolf, she stated she finally found her calling.

Once Black changed majors into the EMS program, there was no turning back. She recently passed her National Registry E.M.T. exam and is completing her third level in the Paramedic portion of the program.

"Passing the National Registry exam is my greatest accomplishment at City College," said Black.

Black balances full-time school, a work-study position in the career service office and full-time motherhood. Her four year old son, Jordan is the center of her life.

"Jordan, school then work are the priorities in my life," said Black.

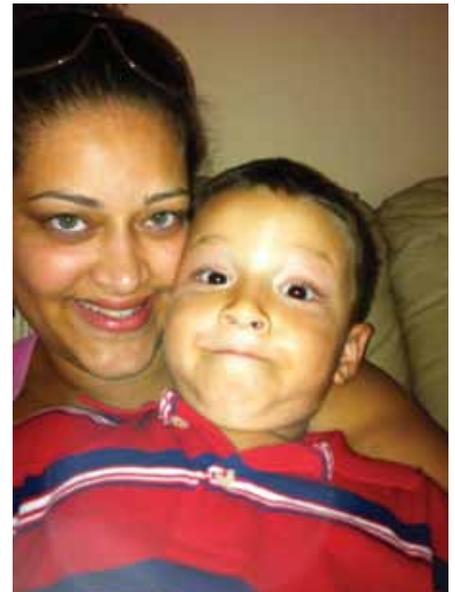
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She is also a key leader in the Student Ambassador group at the campus. She assists the Director of Career Services and Campus Director in many operational functions related to the Student Ambassador group.

She recently has been very active in fund raising initiatives launched by the Student Ambassador's. To date \$245 has been raised by the Student Ambassador's for the students who have an emergency need.

She is also assisting in the reach out by students to the Ronald McDonald house and their fundraising events.

She attributes her success in balancing competing responsibilities to her support group which includes her sister Miriam, mom and dad, and friends. ●



Ivonne Black and her son Jordan

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From LtoR: Student Ambassadors on the back of the float: Doug Carl, Mary Smith, Dexter Godbolt. Standing: Soqui Ramirez-Evans

Fall is In the Air, and the Gainesville Team is On the Roll!

Each year the Gainesville Student Ambassadors under the guidance of the Director of Career Services, **Gerald “Zag” Zagaiski** pull together to enter the University of Florida Homecoming parade in November.

All of the Alachua County and surrounding community is involved in the event. More than 60,000 people line the streets and the parade is broadcast on local television. Many businesses and local government agencies close for the day to attend the event.

Student ambassador, **Cammie Cummings** donated her vehicle for the homecoming parade. Student ambassador’s **Doug Case, Mary Smith, Dexter Godbolt, Mykeisha Hodges, and Soqui Ramirez-Evans** road the float.

The fall season also kicks off the North Central Florida tradition of Christmas and Holiday parades. This year the group is planning on participating in three community parades.

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On December 3rd, the student ambassadors led the way with the Starke Christmas Parade. The team is also planning on attending the Hawthorne and Newberry Parades this year.

All students and staff are invited to participate in the parades, at least until there is no more room on the float!

The Student Ambassadors and volunteers meet a few hours before each parade to decorate the truck (float) and then usually finish it up at the parade staging area.

City College signs are proudly displayed on all sides of a donated vehicle. Christmas lights or balloons are wrapped around the truck. During the holidays this year a blow-up snowman replaced the blow-up gator for the holiday parades.

Some of the team rides in the float and some walk during the long trek. Candy is typically handed out to the children that line the route.

It is a thrill to see and greet the crowds which include cheering, waving City College students, friends and alumni. ●