



## ► Community Outreach



*(From left to right) Ambassador Tabatha Valdes, Ambassador Shoyah Thompson, Student Ambassador Coordinator Dr. Alvan Lewis, and Ambassador Vicki Plunkett pose at Women in Distress after bringing the baby supplies that were collected*

## Women In Distress

**S**tudent Ambassadors from the Fort Lauderdale campus recently spent several weeks collecting a sizeable quantity of baby supplies to aid the **Jim and Jan Moran Family Center**, more commonly known as **Women in Distress**.

Student Ambassador Coordinator **Dr. Alvan Lewis**, Ambassadors **Vicki Plunkett**, **Shoyah Thompson**, **Tabatha Valdes**, and **Nicole Middleton** presented the donations this past May. The items included a wide variety of baby clothing and needed supplies. Receiving the items on behalf of the Center were **Dr. Shari Randerson**, Manager of Outreach Services, and **Marilyn Samedy**, Annual Fund Coordinator, who expressed her appreciation by saying “thank you so much for thinking of the families we serve here at Women In Distress.”

Women In Distress is the only nationally accredited, state-certified, full service domestic violence center serving Broward County, Florida. Their mission is to “stop domestic violence abuse for everyone through intervention, education and advocacy.” They provide a 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter program, individual counseling, support groups and professional trainings which are aimed at educating the community on domestic violence. Their confidential services are offered free of charge to victims of domestic violence, no matter their age, gender, race or socio-economic status. Women In Distress has helped countless families affected by domestic violence find safety and hope for nearly 40 years. ●



*Some of the many baby supplies that were delivered to Women In Distress*



*Fort Lauderdale Student Ambassadors show of some of the items that were collected for Women In Distress*



*Fort Lauderdale Director of Financial Aid, Kathy Johnson, congratulates student Sarah Camp on being a 2014 Skidmore Scholarship recipient.*

## Skidmore Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to **Sarah Camp** and **Jaye Colon**. They were the **2014 Richard W. Skidmore Scholarship Fund** recipients and were each awarded \$500 toward their tuition. The fund, which is awarded each Spring Quarter, was established in 1994 by **R. Wayne and Maxine Skidmore** in memory of their son, **Richard**, former Director of Education at City College in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. ●



*Student Jaye Colon receives her Skidmore Scholarship plaque from the Fort Lauderdale Director of Financial Aid, Kathy Johnson*

## Attendance Matters

Congratulations to Fort Lauderdale nursing student **Jennifer Wilson Rigg**. She was the winner of the **Microsoft Surface** tablet that was given away as part of the Attendance Matters campaign; a campaign to raise awareness of the importance of attending class. ●



*Nursing student Jennifer Wilson Rigg proudly displays her new Microsoft Tablet while posing with Fort Lauderdale campus Director of Education, Dr. Anie Bonilla.*

## Staff Spotlight

### Welcome Kris George

**Mr. Kris George** has assumed the position of Executive Director at the Fort Lauderdale Campus of City College effective July 14, 2014. Mr. George worked at City College from 2002-2004 as Regional Director of Admissions and in 2008 returned to City College with the



*Welcome to the new Executive Director of the Fort Lauderdale Campus, Kris George*

responsibilities as Vice President of Admissions and Marketing.

Mr. George has earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Marketing and a Master's of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from American Military University. He is currently pursuing

his doctoral degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology at North Central University Online. Mr. George is a strong advocate for higher education. He has over 20 years of extensive experience and knowledge in a wide range of areas and served in many leadership roles. Kris served in several Executive Leadership positions while serving in the Marines, which empowered him to see things from a variety of angles, quickly cleaving to the essence of the problem, offering his colleagues creative and practical solutions. Mr. George describes his work as: Helping You Get the Most out of Yourself and Others by influencing them to achieve extraordinary outcome.

Mr. George will continue to serve as Director of My City Online and many of the marketing initiatives he currently oversees. ●

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*Students from Mr. Craig Smith's "Principles of Investigation" class pose with PI guest speaker Sgt. Ervens Ford of the Miami Police Department. (L to R) Instructor Craig Smith, Peter Petiotte, Haley Garcia, Leslie Peete, Sgt. Ervens Ford, Jillian Swaby, Kelly Mullings, and Ehrens Desir*

## PI Guest Speaker

Earlier this semester, **Sergeant Ervens Ford** of the Miami Police Department came to speak to students in Mr. Craig Smith's "Principles of Investigation" class. Ford, a homicide detective, was featured in the popular **A&E** reality show **First 48 - City of Miami**. The show chronicles homicide detectives during the first two days of real-life murder

investigations in Miami. Students enjoyed the presentation, especially after watching an episode that Ford was highlighted in.

After graduating high school and spending four years in the U.S. military, Sergeant Ervens Ford joined the **Miami Police Department** as soon as his service was complete. With more than

seven years as a homicide detective under his belt, Ford says: "few people are willing to make that kind of commitment. Getting calling at 2, 3 o'clock in the morning, sacrificing family time ... sacrificing personal time. Not ... very many people are willing to do that." Even with all the sacrifices and middle of the night phone calls Ford states: "I love homicide. ... I got hit by the [homicide] bug." ●



*Sgt. Ervens Ford, of the Miami Police Department, shares some facts about his case that was highlighted in the reality show First 48 - City of Miami*





Fort Lauderdale nursing graduates show off their new lights and pins they received during the ceremony

## Lights and Pins

Fort Lauderdale nursing student graduates participated in City College's **Pinning and Candle Lighting Ceremony** prior to graduation on July 18th at the Omni Auditorium at **Broward College's** North Campus. The ceremony, a symbolic way of welcoming new graduates into the nursing profession, maintained the well-established tradition that began in the days of Florence Nightingale.

Approximately twenty graduates received their lighted lamps and pins from nursing faculty and family during the ceremony, which also included the reciting of the Nightingale pledge, the nursing equivalent of the Hippocratic Oath. Additionally, students with outstanding academic achievement were recognized. Congratulations to our nurses! ●



Nursing graduate Rachel Pallatto poses with her Outstanding Academic Achievement Award



Instructor Peppie Tandhasetti, and Interim Program Chair Michelle Lawrence, present nursing graduate Ritika Madaan, with her Outstanding Academic Achievement Award



A student practices the compression-only CPR skills he learned during the training

## Hands Only

**American Medical Response (AMR)**, one of the country's largest emergency medical services provider, was recently at the Fort Lauderdale campus to provide compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training to students and staff. The event was part of AMR's nationwide observance of **National Emergency Medical Services Week** and AMR's **World CPR Challenge**, a way to teach as many people as possible CPR. Last year more than 50,000 people met the challenge to learn CPR. According to AMR, while it was not a certification course, it provided the opportunity for more people to learn compression-only CPR; a hands only approach that can allow bystanders to keep the blood flowing through a victim's body just by pressing on the chest in a hard, fast rhythm. Compression-only CPR has proven to be effective in saving lives and may double or triple a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival. ●

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Students and staff learn compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) during AMR's World CPR Challenge



*Student Ambassador Erica Williams shows off some of the treasures she found at the Professional Wardrobe Sale*

## Dress for Success

This past summer, the Career Services Department held a professional wardrobe sale at the Fort Lauderdale campus. Students were given the opportunity to perfect their business wardrobes by purchasing clothing for a budget friendly price. The items that were available included shirts, slacks, jackets, dresses, suits, and ties. All of the items were donated and cleaned by a local dry cleaner. The sale was a big success, raising approximately \$300. The monies raised will go towards restocking the **City Cares Food Pantry** at the Fort Lauderdale campus. ●



*Student Trena Brae models a dress she found*



*Manoucheka Belford of Career Services and Broadcasting student Ariese Arradondo display some of the many items that were available during the sale*



*Fort Lauderdale Director of Education, Dr. Anie Bonilla, gets ready to serve cake during Student Appreciation Week*



*Students make their own snow cones during Summer Student Appreciation Week*



*Admission Representatives get prepared to serve popcorn during Student Appreciation Week*



*Students show some of the freebies they picked up from the numerous vendors that were represented during Student Appreciation Week*

## Summer Appreciation

**S**ummer Student Appreciation Week was recently held at the Fort Lauderdale campus. Each day, students were able to enjoy donuts, pizza, popcorn, cake, and snow cones served by faculty and staff during their morning and evening breaks. Additionally, several local businesses and vendors, including 211-Broward, Broward County Transit, Broward County Health Department, Florida KidCare, Wells Fargo, The Training Pit, and City County Credit Union, came out to share information and resources with students, including some takeaways. ●



*EMS student Alexandra Negron enjoys a refreshing snow cone during Summer Student Appreciation Week*



*Surgical Tech students get a wakeup with some coffee*



## Congratulations to Our 2014 Ft. Lauderdale City College Graduates!



Miami Campus News

### ► Faculty Spotlight



### Congratulations Professor Docks

The Miami campus congratulates professor **Randy Docks** for his certificate from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting recognizing his role as a leader in the field of surgical technology education. 100% of his program graduates who took the National Certification Examination in 2014 have passed the exam to become Certified Surgical Technologists. ●

### City College Miami Simulation Lab Training



After a long day of lecture and lab, Miami students smile and play with "Stan the Man"



Miami students listen to the heart and lung sounds while "Stan the Man" lies still at City College Hospital (Simulation Lab)

### The Pinnacle of Success



The Pinnacle of Success: Miami Nursing graduates receive their pins at the ceremonial "Pinning Ceremony" after graduation



Miami-Dade County General Magistrate of the 11th Judicial Circuit, Karl Brown, delivers a powerfully inspiring speech to graduates during the Miami campus graduation ceremony on July 19th

► **Student Spotlight**

## City College Hollywood's Newest EMT!

**C**ongratulations to **Montovia Alexander** on reaching his goal of becoming an NREMT-certified Emergency Medical Technician.

Montovia passed the certification test administered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians on August 4, 2014. The registry tests competency of emergency medical personnel at various levels of pre-hospital care that include First Responder, EMT and Paramedic. Challenging test questions focus on medical care in the areas that include Cardiology and Resuscitation, Obstetrics/Gynecology, and Trauma.

Within days of passing his exam, Alexander obtained a position as an Emergency Medical Technician with **American Ambulance/AMC Medical Transportation**. And what's next for the forward-looking Montovia Alexander? "[I'm] ready to conquer the world. [This] motivates me to do even better than I did before. Next step? Paramedic, then Firefighter." ●



*Newly certified EMT, Montovia Alexander*

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► **Faculty Spotlight**

## Mark Berges: A Model of Ethics and Standards at City College Hollywood

Just as **Mark Berges** nears the one-year mark as City College Hollywood's Cardiovascular Sonography Department Chair, he has had the rare distinction of being highlighted in a national publication put out by Cardiovascular Credentialing International.

**The Pulse** is put out by CCI, a distinguished international body that has been credentialing individuals in the field of Cardiovascular Technology since 1968. The June 2014 issue of the publication is dedicated to ethics in the field. In the newsletter CCI president **James Schafer** reminds, "... that as a credentialing body, CCI holds those who hold our credentials to high ethics standards and professional behavior."

As Berges states in the newsletter's article, he advises students that upholding CCI standards as a credentialed sonographer, "... not only gives you the opportunity to work in your field, but it also gives the sonographer the recognition of

their thorough knowledge and patient quality care. In my field, I currently teach cardiac and vascular sonography, so obtaining the RCS and RVS through CCI becomes a personal achievement of recognized professional standards and a devotion to [the] career." Ethical and professional standards are what Berges consistently models for all students regardless of his or her program of study. The Hollywood campus is lucky to have this star amongst its constellation of instructors. ●



*Mark Berges,  
Cardiovascular Sonography  
Program Chair*

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## City College Hollywood Celebrates Commencement

City College's Hollywood campus offers hearty congratulations to graduates in the fields of Management, Medical Assisting, Medical Office Administration, and Emergency Medical Services. The campus's graduates took part in the school's general commencement ceremony held at Broward College North's Omni Auditorium in Coconut Creek on Friday, July 18, 2014. Good luck to the campus's largest graduating group of over two dozen as they head out to conquer new horizons. ●



*City College Hollywood Grads Brandon Hunt and Mike Ruiz prepare to walk*



## Student Appreciation



*Donna McCaskill and Beth Sautner singing a duet during Student Appreciation*

The City College Altamonte Springs Campus held Student Appreciation the third week of classes during the Summer Session. New to the event this time around were stand-up comedians, line-dancing and karaoke. We discovered some hidden talent right here at City College. As usual, it was a party in the City! ●



*Felipe Rodriguez, the hidden singer among the nursing students. Wow, what a voice!*



*Kiana Torres finds one of the comedians who performed for Student Appreciation amusing.*



*Beverly Hicks laughs at one of the comedians who performed for Student Appreciation*



*A helicopter from Orlando Regional lands in the City College Altamonte parking lot.*

## EMS Department

**E**MS students had an exciting experience when an ambulatory helicopter flew in for a visit from **Orlando Regional Hospital**. The pictures include instructor **Rick Clow** and students **Victoria Arboleda, Richard Klein, Terrance Chandler, Shacory Paulk** and **Alex Sink**. ●



*EMS instructor Rick Clow looks on as his students get a tour of an Orlando regional ambulatory helicopter*



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## Altamonte Springs Graduates

Congratulations to all our graduates! On June 25, 2014, City College Altamonte honored the following graduates at the Lake Mary Westin Resort:

**Aaron Jerell Cooks**, A.S. in Surgical Technology; **Alfreda Michelle Wilder**, A.S. Allied Health; **Angela Francena Davis**, A.S. Business Administration; **Angela Monkarsh**, A.S. Allied Health; **Angelica Medrano**, A.S. Allied Health; **Angelique Allen Terrell**, A.S. Allied Health; **Anna G. Colon LeBron**, A.S. Legal Assisting; **Berry John Gibson**, A.S. Anesthesia Technology; **Beverly Valerie Guilengui Doufoundou**, A.S. Business Administration; **Brenda Liz Guevara**, A.S. Allied Health; **Brianna English**, A.S. Business Administration;

**Brittany E. Mojica**, A.S. Anesthesia Technology; **Charles K. Thackrey**, A.S. Private Investigation Services; **Christopher A. Manulkin**, A.S. Business Administration; **Christopher Rentas**, A.S. Emergency Medical Services; **Crystal J. Tripi**, A.S. Private Investigation Services; **Cynthia D. Taylor**, A.S. Allied Health; **Danilo Munguia**, A.S. Emergency Medical Services; **Cynthia Gomez**, A.S. Anesthesia Technology; **Datanis C. Rodriguez**, A.S. Legal Assisting; **Dayana Peña Mercedes**, A.S. Business Administration;

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EMS graduate Danilo Munguia



The first graduating class from the Anesthesia Technology program at the Altamonte Springs campus! From left to right Brittany Mojica, Cynthia Gomez, Nicole Smith, and Michelle Houdek



EMS graduates Deborah Whiteley and Natasha Ramos

## Graduates *(from page 7)*

**Deborah L. Boykin-Rodriguez**, A.S. Private Investigation Services; **Deborah Whiteley**, A.S. Emergency Medical Services; **Deidre A. Gamble**, A.S. Allied Health; **Delila Marie Kappo**, A.S. Legal Assisting; **Desiree Battle**, A.S. Business Administration; **Donald Zephir**, A.S. Private Investigation Services; **Fermin Torres**, A.S. Allied Health; **Francois Severiana**, A.S. Allied Health; **Gina Marie Aldrich**, A.S. Allied Health; **Gregory J. Garland**, A.S. Business Administration; **Grisel Lattimore**, A.S. Allied Health; **Ha Tran**, A.S. Allied Health; **Irving R. Peay**, A.S. Business Administration; **James C. Caldwell Jr.**, A.S. Legal Assisting; **James E. LeBlanc**, A.S. Legal Assisting; **Janee D. Scott**, A.S. Allied Health; **Jeanette Padilla Rodriguez**, A.S. Private Investigation Services; **Jeffrey W. Stuck**, A.S. Allied Health; **Jerry Colón**, A.S. Private Investigation Services; **John T Johnson**, A.S. Emergency Medical Services; **Johny Junior Candio**, A.S. Business Administration;

**Josephine M. DiGiannantoni**, A.S. Allied Health; **Judith Cara Barkley**, A.S. Legal Assisting; **Judylee Gallt**, A.S. Private Investigation Services; **Katherine K. Arce**, A.S. Allied Health; **Kenneth James Kershaw**, A.S. Business Administration; **Keyrion Darie Williams**, A.S. Legal Assisting; **Kira Tiffany Collins**, A.S. Business Administration; **Krista Ann-Marie Defilippo**, A.S. Business Administration; **Lakisha Michelle James**, A.S. Allied Health; **Lavonda D. Goldsmith**, A.S. Allied Health; **Linda Gahr Saliba**, A.S. Allied Health; **Lisa Tellier-Rucci**, A.S. Emergency Medical Services; **Mari Marie Brooks**, A.S. Private Investigation Services; **Matthew R. Brookover**, A.S. Private Investigation Services; **Michelle Alexandra Houdek**, A.S. Anesthesia Technology; **Mildred Magaly Orta**, A.S. Allied Health; **Monica Peery\***, A.S. Allied Health; **Naima El Aaraj**, A.S. Allied Health; **Natasha Marie Phillips**, A.S. Allied Health; **Natasha Ramos**, A.S. Emergency Medical Services; **Nelly Coro Trujillo**, A.S. Allied

Health; **Nicole Smith**, A.S. Anesthesia Technology; **Oprah Sadé Lowery**, A.S. Allied Health; **Paola Andrea Castrillon**, A.S. Allied Health; **Pardine St-Hilaire**, A.S. Allied Health; **Quentin L. Hunt Sr.**, A.S. Business Administration; **Rafael R. Kawala**, A.S. Private Investigation Services; **Regina Hoggard**, A.S. Allied Health; **Rita Lee Esparza**, A.S. Allied Health; **Rosa Isabel Wong**, A.S. Allied Health; **Santiago Melendez Jr.**, A.S. Private Investigation Services; **Sarah Anne Gorton**, A.S. Legal Assisting; **Shannon Shanee Allen**, A.S. Allied Health; **Sharon N. Parker**, A.S. Allied Health; **Sophia Kosmidis**, A.S. Legal Assisting; **Syndie Marseille**, A.S. Allied Health; **Tammi Janelle Johnson**, A.S. Allied Health; **Tanailiz Minerva Quiles**, A.S. Legal Assisting; **Valerie C. Butler**, A.S. Allied Health; **Wanda Carder-Finn**, A.S. Allied Health ●

\* Degree awarded posthumously



EMS graduates Natasha Ramos and Danilo Munguia



EMS Graduates from left to right Natasha Ramos, Danilo Munguia, Lisa Rucci and Chris Rentas



EMS graduates John Johnson and Natasha Ramos



# Anatomy Students Get Creative

**D**r. Mack's students have come up with a clever way to help them study. Using some amazing rapping talent, they wrote and performed these verses for the purposes of learning Anatomy and Physiology. They were fantastic and here they are for your lyrical pleasure:

## **The Anatomy Rap** – Curtis Lowe (*put to a nursery rhyme*)

Head, shoulders, knees and toes; knees and toes; knees and toes  
 And eyes and ears and mouth and nose; head, shoulders, knees and toes  
 First let's tread through the head; frontal, parietal, occipital, and temporal  
 We can't go higher so down instead; nasal, mandible, foramen magnum  
 Head, shoulders, knees and toes; knees and toes; knees and toes  
 And eyes and ears and mouth and nose; head, shoulders, knees, and toes  
 Before this gets old move to the shoulder, clavicle, scapula, humerus, radius, and ulna  
 And the parts that feel when its colder!; carpals, metacarpals, and phalanges  
 Head, shoulders, knees and toes; knees and toes; knees and toes  
 And eyes and ears and mouth and nose; head, shoulders, knees, and toes  
 Everybody Freeze! Get to the knees; femur, patella, tibia, and fibula  
 Say Cheese!; tarsals, metatarsals, and phalanges  
 Head, shoulders, knees and toes; knees and toes; knees and toes  
 And eyes and ears and mouth and nose; head, shoulders, knees and toes

## **Stephanie's Rap** – Stephanie Selby (*put to Rappers Delight*)

I'm rapper Steph and here to say that it's time to learn some anatomy!  
 There's so much info you need to know from the top of your head to your little bitty toe  
 Chemical, cells, tissues, organs, organ systems too.  
 That's the level of organization that makes up me and you  
 Eleven systems with different jobs to bring homeostasis about.  
 Secreting, supporting, transporting, destroying our body can't do without  
 Nervous, muscular, endocrine, too! Respiratory, skeletal just to name a few  
 So many body parts to learn it will cause you to panic. Cervical, cranial, renal, hepatic!  
 And don't forget the 206 bones each with a different name. Feeling lost?  
 No worries! I feel the same! Bladder, kidneys, pancreas, liver, stomach, intestines  
 Lungs, spleen, heart and brain. Learning it all can make you insane!  
 I won't even mention all of the chemistry stuff. Cus' as far as I'm concerned this is  
 enough! Word!!!!

## **Physiological** – Rochelle Reagan (*put to O.P.P.*)

Anatomy, how can I explain it?  
 I'll take you system by system  
 To have yall learning while singing it  
 I is for Integumentary,  
 M is for the muscular system, and  
 E, well it's that the simple!  
 It's 9 little letters that are missing here;  
 You get on the occasion at the other party-  
 as a game and it seems that I gotta start  
 explainin! Bust It!

## **EC Rap** – Nicole Cook (*basic beat*)

Anatomy is tough, Anatomy is hard!  
 Fellas Anatomy will leave you on  
 your patellas!  
 Dr. Mack is nice! Dr. Mack is cool!  
 Don't get it twisted Dr. Mack ain't no fool!  
 Anatomy is tough, Anatomy is hard!  
 There is too much info for you to be bored!  
 From superior and inferior to the ventral  
 and dorsal, throw in the medial, lateral  
 and intermediate!  
 Oh Man! Got my cranial sore!  
 Anatomy is tough, Anatomy is hard!  
 Want to learn about the body like me then  
 get your gluteus maximus up and join us  
 and learn from Dr. Mack in Anatomy! ●

## ► **Student Writing Corner**

### **My Externship Experience**

I have been given the opportunity to perform my externship at my place of work **TravelClick**.

revenue, reduces cost and improves performance. I work in the call center. I am also the Operations Manager and I oversee the day to day operations of the department. For the past four to five weeks, I have been shadowing the Global Director of Operations of the Call Center and this has given me a broader scope of the business. Assisting her

report summarizes the revenue, cost and expenses incurred during a specific time period. I put together the financial statement for the first quarter of 2014. To see first-hand and understand how my department generates profit and to analyze the opportunities on how we can maximize revenue by reducing cost is an invaluable experience for my career path. In conclusion I am thankful for the opportunity and love my externship experience so far! I have a clearer vision of where I want to go in my management career. My goal is to be a Director of Operation some day!  
 – Azalia Arias, *Business Student* ●

**I am thankful for the opportunity and I love my externship experience so far!**

TravelClick is a technology company that provides innovative solutions for hotels around the globe that increases

in putting together various operating reports, such as, a profit and loss financial statement amazed me! This

## Carnival Week

**T**his term, the Gainesville campus did something a little bit different for **Student Appreciation Week**.

Instead of the usual events held during this important week, the campus had an entire carnival themed week of events. “City College Carnival” provided the students with opportunities to play games, participate in contests such as a dance off, and even gave some lucky students the opportunity to win a new friend – a goldfish. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly during the week-long celebration, and the Gainesville Campus is already planning the next Student Appreciation Week. ●



*Gainesville students spinning the carnival wheel to win prizes at the Gainesville Campus' Student Appreciation Carnival Week*



*Gainesville student Marcellis Mitchell holding up his hard won prize at the Gainesville Campus' Student Appreciation Carnival Week. Marcellis won the dance off competition held during the celebration*



*Gainesville students enjoying the fun and games during the Gainesville Campus' Student Appreciation Carnival Week*

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### ▶ Student Spotlight

## Rising to the Top

After twenty five years of working as a partner on her and her husband’s farm, and raising their son, **Susan Dugger** knew she needed to do something else. So, at the age of fifty-five she set a goal to return to school. After careful consideration she chose the program of Medical Office Administration with a Track in Billing and Coding at City College.

She admits her confidence waivered more than once over the years: from taking the TABE test, through the myriad of coursework and the on-going challenges of all the tests. However, she held firm to her ideal of never quitting. “I decided what I wanted to do and then set a goal.” She says, “The commitment I made to myself was to follow through with it – so many quit half way through. I wanted success and that meant following through. I knew that if I didn’t like what I achieved all I had to do was set a new goal. That’s the only way you can move. Goals make life worth living”.

Susan Dugger graduated as Valedictorian and is currently employed at **Open Arms Medical Center** in Hawthorne, Florida as a medical office administrator.

Congratulations Susan – we’re so proud of you! ●



### ▶ Student Spotlight



*Graduate Azubah Leggon outside of Elder Options, a new community partner in the Gainesville campus' Career Services efforts to provide graduates an opportunity to find careers in their field of study.*

## “Elder Options” a New Resource for Grads

Graduates like **Azubah Leggon**, have a real desire to put their knowledge into practice, which **Elder Options**, a new employer with City College Gainesville offers. With a variety of unique programs and services, Elder Options caters to the aging community. They are continually looking for graduates with degrees such as Azubah’s Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration.

**The value that Elder Options brings to the community they serve is recognized as vital by the graduates City College provides to them...**

Elder Options became familiar with City College last fall when they participated in City College’s amazing Career Fair. They have invited the City College Career Services team to observe an orientation board meeting on Wednesday October 22, 2014. The value that Elder Options brings to the community they serve is recognized as vital by the graduates City College provides to them, and that makes for a dynamic partnership. ●



## A Prayer for Our Graduates

**G**ainesville campus new graduate and Career Services employee, **Brandon Labonte** wrote a prayer for our graduates that he read as the Invocation at the commencement ceremony. It was written to inspire the minds of our new graduates as they embark on changed lives after graduation, but it speaks to all the students that are working towards that goal of graduation. Changing lives is what City College wants to do, and this prayer served as a reminder to graduates of how they got to graduation, and how worthwhile and rewarding the journey was:

*Grateful, today we arrive here at our Graduation Ceremony, grateful. We are Grateful for the amazing capabilities of the mind, for thinking and enhancing our muscles of thought. We are Grateful for people like DaVinci, Einstein and King, who have unleashed a history of ideas followed by action that changed the world.*

*Who can say what lies embedded in the hearts and minds of those graduating today? We pray that somewhere between text books and tests, our muscles of thought have propelled us into a place that we can use our new found education to better our lives and hopefully change the world we live in, or at least the circle of influence we make home.*

*We are grateful for the beauty of accomplishment. In a time where people ask "What are you going to do with it?" we can all celebrate hard work completed and best effort given. We know that we are now able to move on to the next phase because of our accomplishment. We will not be deprived of this joy. We are grateful for the sacrifices made by others in our lives. Most of us can say that we did not journey alone, many of our family members and friends are here today. What they gave was time, patience and their hearts to see us succeed and we are grateful for the privilege to show them their generosity was not in vain and we will find a career to support the dream they shared with us.*

*Grateful, today we arrive here at our graduation ceremony, Grateful. Amen ●*



Gainesville campus new graduate Brandon Labonte reads the prayer for Invocation at the June graduation ceremony



Veterinary Technology program Advisory Board member Dr. Stephen Shores, DVM and Gainesville Campus Executive Director Doug Goodwin cutting the ribbon at the ceremony to officially open the new Veterinary program campus.



Gainesville Campus Executive Director Doug Goodwin making friends with one of the guests at the ribbon cutting event for the Veterinary Technology campus



ASMA graduate Kavonda Starke gained employment in her field prior to graduation which allowed her to wear the new red and white Career Success Honor Cord

## Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Celebrates New Veterinary Technology Program

On Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 6 p.m., the Gainesville Campus Veterinary Technology program had the official ribbon cutting for the new campus. This ribbon cutting was the culmination of an afternoon of celebration that involved the local Gainesville veterinary community and many local businesses, as well as faculty, staff, and students of the college.

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Operation Catnip helping to celebrate the Ribbon Cutting of the Gainesville Veterinary Technology campus

# Cheers!

**O**n Saturday, July 12, 2014, the Gainesville campus hosted its graduation ceremony. Hundreds of friends and families poured into the **UF Phillips Center** to be a part of their long anticipated celebration of the one hundred thirty-one graduates obtaining their degrees.

Additionally, fifty-two graduates were the first to receive the new red and white 'Career Success Honor Cords'. These cords are given in recognition to those who achieved employment within their fields of study.

Congressman **Ted Yoho** delivered the key note address. He urged graduates "... to continue to write their stories each day. For today may be the end of a chapter. However, tomorrow – a new page in a new chapter is waiting to be written." ●



*Gainesville campus graduates look on as guest speak Congressman Ted Yoho speaks at graduation*



*Salutatorian Maelys Galvez holding the plaque she received at graduation*



*ASMA graduate Kavonda Starke gained employment in her field prior to graduation which allowed her to wear the new red and white Career Success Honor Cord.*



*Gainesville Campus Executive Director Doug Goodwin with Congressman Ted Yoho, honored speaker at the campus' 2014 commencement ceremony.*

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## Ribbon-Cutting *(from page 11)*

The Gainesville campus was honored to host a member of **Congressman Ted Yoho's** staff, **Clay Martin**, as a speaker at the event. There was an excellent turnout by Gainesville area residents and businesses, and the excitement about the program continues to gain momentum.

The ribbon-cutting marks the second event centered around the new program, and we hope that to have many more as we spread the word about this exciting opportunity to the community. ●



*Paws on Parole helping to celebrate the Ribbon Cutting of the Gainesville Veterinary Technology campus*



*Pepe's Dogs helping to celebrate the Ribbon Cutting of the Gainesville Veterinary Technology campus*



*Local veterinarian Gainesville Animal Hospital helping to celebrate the Ribbon Cutting of the Gainesville Veterinary Technology campus*