



Broadcasting students, along with Program Chair Dr. Alvan Lewis, pose with Meteorologist Betty Davis in the WCCTV studio

## Today's Forecast

City College and the Broadcasting Department had the honor of welcoming a special guest speaker, Meteorologist **Betty Davis** from **WPLG ABC Local 10** in Miami, during Student Appreciation Week.

Davis spoke to the Broadcasting students about looking forward to their career opportunities after graduation. She spoke of her own experiences and career path

to becoming a Meteorologist, and discussed the importance of staying focused on your goals. She also answered questions, posed for pictures, and demonstrated some weather techniques using the green screen in the City College Studio - WCCTV. Tune in and get today's forecast with Betty Davis on WPLG ABC Local 10. ●



Meteorologist Betty Davis demonstrates her weather skills in the studio



Students listen to the sage advice from guest speaker Meteorologist Betty Davis from WPLG ABC Local 10 in Miami

## Attendance Matters

Congratulations to our Attendance Matters campaign winners:

**1st Place: Cheyenne Leao** who won an Apple iPad Mini

**2nd Place: Johnny St. Hilaire** who won a Kindle

**3rd Place: Raquel Woodard** who won a gas card ●



Surgical Technology Student Cheyenne Leao; Victor Cornier, Surgical Technology Department Chair; and Dr. Anie Bonilla, Director of Education



Students listen to presentation on the importance of credit in their lives

## FICO Lessons

Recently, the Business Department at the Fort Lauderdale Campus hosted Financial Services Specialist **Antonio Selaya**, CCCC, from **Apprisen** to speak to students about their credit.

Selaya explained the importance of credit and how it can have an impact in all aspects of life including getting a job, buying a car, buying a house, renting an apartment, or obtaining insurance. He also spoke about the ways that students can monitor and improve their credit using various tools and resources. ●



Business Instructors Ramon Fernandez-Rubio and Dr. Dario Vasquez pose with guest speaker Antonio Selaya, CCCC, of Apprisen



April Heath, Former Broadcasting Club President, shows her washing style

## Perfect Shine

The Broadcasting Club recently held a fundraising car wash at the Fort Lauderdale campus.

Many students, faculty, and locals were able to have their cars washed to help support the Broadcasting Club.

In addition to the car wash, the Broadcasting Club has been holding weekly fundraising food sales in the atrium. Students have been able to purchase various foods and snack items during their Wednesday class breaks. The monies raised from these events will go towards future Broadcasting Club field trips. In the past, the club has traveled to such places as Las Vegas, New York, and Washington, DC. Their next trip will be to Atlanta in April. ●



## Wellness Services



Guest speaker, Mr. Robert Louis LaMendola, from the Florida Department of Health, speaks to Allied Health students at the Fort Lauderdale campus about the Preventive and Wellness Services they provide the community

## QuickBooks Meetup

City College students from instructor **Ramon Fernandez-Rubio's** classes made their third visit to the local QuickBooks Meetup meeting held at **Mendelson Consulting** in Pembroke Pines this past January. Students were able to meet and hear nationally renowned QuickBooks experts **Mario Nowogrodzki**, CPA, and **Hector Garcia**, CPA.

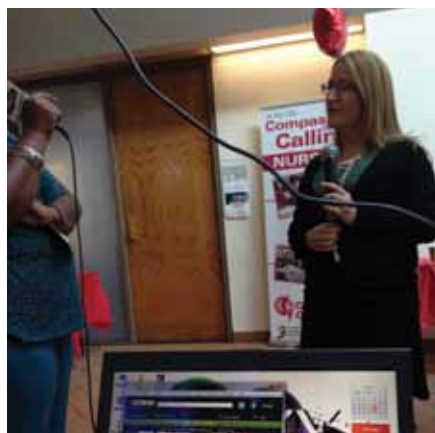
South Florida QuickBooks Meetup is the nation's oldest QuickBooks group.

The organization meets on a monthly basis. Membership is free, and open to anyone interested in QuickBooks. ([www.meetup.com/SFLquickbooks](http://www.meetup.com/SFLquickbooks)) Members include CPAs, enrolled agents, accountants, bookkeepers, small business entrepreneurs, and anyone interested in the accounting software. For more information, please contact Instructor Ramon Fernandez-Rubio at the Ft. Lauderdale campus. ●



Students Angelina Gonzalez (Paralegal), and Adrienne Lewis (Allied Health), pose with instructor Kenneth Schnur, Esq., in front of the Broward County Courthouse during their recent fieldtrip

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Traci Ackerman, Director of Career Services, is streamed live while being interviewed



Employees from Flexx FM set up for their live broadcast from the City College atrium on the Fort Lauderdale campus

## On the Radio

**Flexx FM** broadcast live from our atrium during Student Appreciation Week; playing music and interviewing students and faculty about their experiences at City College. Flexx FM brings the latest music, news, sports, weather, talk, and entertainment online. Make sure to check them out and listen. ●

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Students enjoy the "SuperBowl" festivities during their class break

## First and Goal

The Fort Lauderdale campus recently celebrated **Student Appreciation Week** January 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. Students enjoyed a "Super Bowl" themed variety of food and activities designed to support and appreciate students as they work toward their goal of graduation. Additionally, over the course of the week, representatives from several local businesses and vendors came out to share information and resources with students. ●



Nursing students Ryan Cilento and Ana Hatzikonstantinov show their enthusiasm during Student Appreciation



Students wait in line to "top their dogs"



Breakfast is an important part of being prepared on "game day"



Students talk with one of the vendors on campus during Student Appreciation Week

## On the Radio (from page 2)



An Allied Health student shares her experiences of City College with Flexx FM



Students wait in line to share their Extraordinary Educational Experiences with Flexx FM

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*Vet Tech students along with Dr. Hantler and Department Head Kim Augustin on practicing a basic health assessment*



*Professor/Department Head, Mark Berges preparing his students for the camera*



*EMS students & faculty demonstrating how to place a patient on a board for transport*

## Lights, Camera, Action!

**C**ity College Hollywood has been featured in new television commercial. The campus was filled with great excitement this term as our students became honorary thespians and took part in a new television commercial. The Hollywood Ambassadors lead the way by preparing the campus days before and rehearsed their lines (for those who had speaking parts.) The filming went seamless- featuring our EMS Lab, Veterinary Technology lab, Cardiovascular Lab, Medical Assisting Lab and one-on-one interviews with ambassadors and students. We even had the pleasure of having featured on camera, "Shorty" the Pitbull Mix from our veterinary technology lab. We are quite proud of all our students for going above and beyond and making the campus shine. ●



*Student Ambassador & Medical Assistant Student, Vanessa Colon interviewing with the director*



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## “A Round of a PAWS”: Welcome Our Newest Faculty to the Veterinary Technology Program

**Kimberly Augustin**  
**Program Chair, Veterinary Technology**

*Undergrad Degree/College:* AAS Veterinary Technology- Argosy University  
*Board Certifications:* Certified Veterinary Technician- Florida; Licensed Veterinary Technician- Missouri; Certified Veterinary Technician- Minnesota  
*Industry Experience:* Business Development Analyst for Ralston Purina for 2 years; Veterinary Technician for 4 years; Veterinary Technician Supervisor for 6 years; Instructor Clinical Coordinator Sanford Brown Institute for 3 years  
*Professional Memberships:* Florida Veterinary Technicians Association; National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America; Association of Veterinary Technician Educators; Florida Veterinary Medical Association  
*Why you wanted to enter this field?* I was seeking a career change and

became intrigued with veterinary technology after working for Ralston Purina.  
*What was the most memorable moment you can recall in your clinical practice/ experience?* A dog was brought to our hospital not breathing and the doctors had not arrived yet. With limited staff I restored breathing, placed an I.V. catheter, and communicated with a doctor over the phone to stabilize the patient.  
*What do you see is the most valuable asset a Vet Tech can have when entering the workforce?* Excellent customer service skills.  
*What emerging trends are appearing in the Vet Tech field?* Dentistry is becoming more popular and the need for technicians to be proficient in dental radiographs.  
*How important is networking in the Animal Science/Veterinary Technician field?* Networking is important especially with the push for legislation to require vet techs



*Kim Augustin, Program Chair, Veterinary Technology*

to be certified in the state of Florida.  
*What advice can you offer for those who want to consider a career in Veterinary Technician?* Being a Veterinary Technician is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling career. It's a great feeling when you are involved with nursing a sick pet back to health. As a veterinary technician, your skills are vast and everyday offers new challenges. The secret is never to stop learning and never lose the passion for the industry.

**Ben Hantler**  
**Faculty Instructor**

*Undergrad Degree/College:* Bachelor of Arts- Washington University in St. Louis;  
*Doctoral Degree/College:* Doctor of Veterinary Medicine- Tufts University- Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine  
*Industry Experience:* Exotic companion animal specialty experience, Lab animal specialty experience  
*Professional Memberships:* AVMA, BCVMA

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**“It is crucial to network, not only for furthering education purposes, but also to allow people to find the best jobs for them.”**

*Why you wanted to enter this field?* My love of working with animals and solving complex problems steered me towards veterinary medicine. My love of

teaching seemed to make the veterinary technician program a match made in heaven.  
*What was the most memorable moment you can recall in your clinical practice/ experience?* It would have to be caring for a cat that required complicated back surgery. This cat was previously declared deceased when his heart stopped, he was revived and we performed the surgery. The cat was eventually discharged after recovery and the owners were very grateful.  
*What do you see is the most valuable asset a Vet Tech can have when entering the workforce?* Effective communication skills.  
*What emerging trends are appearing in the Vet Tech field?* More advanced diagnostics and the ability to specialize.  
*How important is networking in the Animal Science/Veterinary Technician field?* It is crucial to network, not only



*Dr. Ben Hantler, Vet Tech Faculty*

for furthering education purposes, but also to allow people to find the best jobs for them.  
*What advice can you offer for those who want to consider a career in Veterinary Technician?* If you enjoy working with animals and are interested by the medical field, then you'll fit right at home in the Veterinary Technician field! ●



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Charmaine Moultrie featured with Brenda Cortez,  
Director of Education



Charmaine Moultrie featured with Jennifer  
Gonzalez, Admissions Representative

## Persistence, Will and Determination Lead to Achieving a Life-long Goal

I knew in my heart I could make it and I did it." These profound and meaningful words echoed from Winter 2014 Business Administration graduate, **Charmaine Moultrie** as she came to pick up her degree. "I have been given quite a difficult challenge in my life, but I was truly blessed by the faculty and staff on their ambition to make sure I succeed." Tears were held back as she told us her story of battling cancer, managing a full-time job as a supervisor for Residence Inn by Marriott and a full-time student in addition to wife and mother.

As she humbly sat across from the Career Services desk, Charmaine retold her story on managing life and illness, but nothing was going to stop her from graduating. Charmaine came to the United States with a dream that anything is possible. Assimilating into a new home, town and job, Charmaine worked endless hours starting at the bottom. "It is not about the destination, it is about what I have learned along my journey." After years of hard work and sacrifice, I was offered to move into a supervisor position with the **Marriott Corporation**- but with a condition that I come back to school.

**It is not about the destination, it is about what I have learned along my journey. Coming back to school wasn't easy but I knew it was worth it!**

Charmaine searched for programs and colleges that would fit into her lifestyle and like a message from above, "my phone rang and it was **Jennifer Gonzalez** (Admissions Representative) from City College." She (Jennifer) discussed the business program and I knew City College was for me.

Coming back to school wasn't easy for Charmaine and it did take a while to balance a full-time job and full-time class schedule, "but I knew it was worth it!" As she saw the finish line (graduation) in the distance, Charmaine received news that would change her life forever. "I was told I have cancer and needed to begin treatment immediately."

**The day Charmaine came for her degree she was also fortunate her cancer treatments had helped and she was starting the healing process.**

Most would not be able to handle the balance of work and school and now add into fighting cancer- this gave her more confidence to succeed.

"I truly want to thank **Brenda Cortez**, Director of Education, she supported me the entire time through my treatments and making sure I stayed on track to graduate, I am so blessed she was in my life." Yes, this was a battle, but the victory was worth it.

The day Charmaine came for her degree she was also fortunate her treatments had helped and she was starting the healing process. "City College, Brenda Cortez and Jennifer Gonzalez, thank you." ●

- Printed with expressed written consent by Charmaine Moultrie.

**Community Outreach**



*City College Business Department Chair and Blood Drive Chairperson, Eric Dagragnano, receives Recognition Award from LifeSouth employee Kara Allen*

**Recognition Award from LifeSouth Blood Bank**

**LifeSouth Community Blood Centers** held their annual Blood Drive Appreciation luncheon on February 19th. City College Gainesville was recognized and given an award for saving 378 lives last year with their quarterly blood drives.

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City College students, faculty, and staff participated in these events, donating an average of 4 gallons per drive. Their blood goes to local hospitals to help those in the Gainesville community in need of blood transfusions. ●



*Gainesville Student Sheria Fernandez receiving her Student Ambassador pin from Billing and Coding program director Dorothy Burney during the Winter Term 2015 Ambassador Induction Ceremony*

**City College Gainesville Student Ambassador Program**

**O**n February 18, 2015, City College, Gainesville campus, held their Student Ambassador Induction Ceremony. For the Winter Term of 2015, the City College Gainesville Campus is proud to welcome to following new Student Ambassadors: **Concetta Barbarito, Nancy Brooks, Dana Christley, Sheria Fernandez, Kenielle Gordon, Gabrielle Holder, Regina Hopkins, Ammy Illeston, Jennifer Jones, Natasha Jones, Sarah Lambert, Dakota Pate, Sarah Paul, Bonnie Porres, Thomas Robertson, Soshema Rojas, James Shepard, Lazonia Thomas, Zina Thompson, Maygen West,**

**Kimberly Williamson, Lajuanna Veal, Jenetta Scott, and Erin Ziegelmeier.**

City College Student Ambassadors deliver assistance and service to their fellow students, such as tutoring and mentoring. They also assist and participate in other campus activities like New Student Orientation, Graduation, and other student centered events. Students who take on the responsibilities of a Student Ambassador gain respect from their fellow students, faculty, and staff members and emerge, upon graduation, as a graduate with strong leadership skills. ●



*Gainesville Student Jenetta Scott receiving her Student Ambassador pin from Billing and Coding program director Dorothy Burney during the Winter Term 2015 Ambassador Induction Ceremony*



## ► Staff Spotlight

# Muhammad Ali Becomes a US Citizen



*Gainesville Campus Financial Aid Team Member Muhammad Ali celebrates becoming a United States Citizen*

Not many of you know that our Default Management Advisor **Muhammad Ali** is from Pakistan. Ali has been a part of the Financial Aid Team for almost 2 years. Ali has been working through the naturalization process to become an American Citizen for 5 years now.

On the morning of February 19, 2015 at 9:00 am I had the privilege to witness Ali's Naturalization Ceremony. The Ceremony was held at the Federal Courthouse on the 3rd floor with the **Honorable Gary R Jones Magistrate Judge** presiding. **Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg McMahon** did the Motion for Admission for the 38 new US Citizens, of which Ali was one. The Administration of Oath was conducted by **Adelita Tinaya-Miller the Deputy Clerk of the United States District Court**. Ali was so proud to repeat the words of the Oath as they mean so much to him. Ali is so grateful to be an American Citizen. Congratulations Ali! ●

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## ► Graduate Spotlight



*City College graduate Alicia Aikens, currently employed as a Financial Aid Representative at the Gainesville Campus*

## City College Opens Doors for Alicia Aiken

I graduated from City College with an associate's degree in Medical Assisting. I had worked at a hospital for 10 years, then lost my job and was unemployed for a year. I wanted to go back to school and get ahead in my career.

I fell in love with everyone at City College! There was always a professor or member of the administrative staff to talk to. The labs and equipment I worked with were first-rate. We got hands-on training in a lot of different medical scenarios. When I did my externship, I knew what I was doing and was very comfortable.

Now I'm graduated and working at City College in the Financial Aid Department. City College opened a lot of doors for me. ●

## Winter Term 2015 Student Appreciation Week

The Gainesville Campus enjoyed another successful Student Appreciation Week during the third week of Winter Term 2015. The students and staff who participated in the events of the week enjoyed numerous football themed activities and food. Activities included a table football

tournament, a Nacho Day, and a wing buffet. The week was capped off with a cookout and Student Awards Ceremony. During the Awards Ceremony, students receiving Honor Roll and/or Perfect Attendance awards are given special pins commemorating their achievement. ●

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*Gainesville Campus students enjoy Nacho Day during Winter Term 2015 Student Appreciation Week*



*The wing buffet enjoyed by Gainesville Campus students during Winter Term 2015 Student Appreciation Week*



## Student Appreciation

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Students enjoying the food and festivities during Gainesville Campus Winter Term 2015 Student Appreciation Week



Gainesville Campus students with their awards certificates at the Student Awards Ceremony



Table Football! Gainesville Campus student compete during Winter Term 2015 Student Appreciation Week



Mental Health Technology student Michelle Dunmore being awarded her achievement pins by Billing and Coding program director Dorothy Burney during the Winter Term 2015 Student Awards Ceremony

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## Faculty Spotlight



Joseph Longhany wins national grant for College Composition and Communication Conference

### Instructor Acknowledgment

**Joseph Longhany**, one of our instructors for English and Composition, recently won a national grant to attend the upcoming **College Composition and Communication Conference**, to be held in March in Tampa. In addition to the grant for his outstanding service as a part-time instructor, he was awarded complimentary membership in both the **National Council of Teachers of English** and **College Composition and Communication** professional organizations. ●

## EMS Students Participate in Mass Casualty Drills

**E**MS Students participated in Mass Casualty Incident Plane Crash Drill with local agencies at **Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB)** on February 4, 2015. Firefighters, EMS, Hazardous Materials and other personnel responded to a simulated plane crash.

On March 12 and 13th, 2015, EMS students participated in an Active Shooter Mass Casualty Incident in partnership with **University of Central Florida** and other local agencies. **Amanda Holland**, EMS Program Chair states, "This was a great experience for our students. They got to work with agencies they will have close relationships with when they are working in the field after graduation and see firsthand how their role in EMS can be fun and exciting, but also important to the outcome of an incident." ●



EMS students participating as patients in local Mass Causality Event



Simulated Plane Crash during Mass Casualty Event

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## Altamonte Springs Nursing Program Has First Graduating Class



*Noureen Dhanani receiving her Nursing Pin from Nursing Faculty Arwynn Verleger while Holly Erickson looks on*

**Holly Erickson** and **Noreen Dhanani** are the first two students to graduate the Altamonte Springs Nursing Program. They have both worked very hard and put in countless hours studying and preparing for the NCLEX. We congratulate both of these newly licensed Registered Nurses.

City College Altamonte also hosted its first Pinning Ceremony to welcome Holly and Noreen to their new profession. It was a small but beautiful ceremony that the staff, faculty and the graduate's families were able to celebrate their accomplishments. "I'm very proud of these first graduates", said **Robin Jonas**, Director of the Nursing Program. "They are very passionate and will be very successful in the Nursing field." ●

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## Altamonte Springs Campus Relaunches Ambassador Program

Director of Career Services, **Amy Pelland**, along with **Marc McGaffic**, Anesthesia Technology Program Chair, are working with staff and faculty to relaunch the Ambassador Program. Amy says, "It's a great way for students to help each other and make a difference on campus. I'm looking forward to working with them and making Altamonte Springs a stronger campus for our students". Ambassadors help students that need tutoring and are actively involved in events on campus and well as being a sounding board for student issues.

If you are interested in being an Ambassador, you can apply online at [www.citycollege.edu](http://www.citycollege.edu) or see Career Services for more information. ●

## Altamonte Springs Campus Holds First Quarterly Registration Week Event

Altamonte Springs students were able to sign Spring Term 2015 schedules during Registration Week, February 17- February 19th. Program Chairs worked diligently to get schedules completed and ready for students to pick up.

All students who signed their schedules were entered into a raffle drawing.

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## Winter Term Student Appreciation

Altamonte Springs Campus celebrated Student Appreciation in January. Faculty and staff are always excited for this week every term. **Marc McGaffic**, Anesthesia Technology Program Chair, stated "It's an occasion for us to spend time with the students and let them know they matter and we appreciate them."

Students enjoyed having a DJ on campus for Awards Day. Faculty and staff grilled hot dogs, served pizza and enjoyed a time of fellowship with the students. ●



*Students in line to get pizza before Awards Ceremony*





Danelis Carvajal, FAO, Osmary Pulido, FAO, Armando Rios, DFA, Wanda McDaniel, Default Prevention

## Make a Friend

Our focus is on helping you to develop a healthy financial relationship with you by providing you with an Extraordinary Educational Experience. You're putting yourself on the path to success when you take the time to plan out your options and let the financial aid office help you along the way! ●

## Life-Saving HazMat Suits



**C**ity College paramedic students experience a piece of personal protection equipment known as HazMat suits. Such suits are often combined with self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to ensure a supply of breathable air. Hazmat suits are mostly used by firefighters, responding to toxic spills, contaminated facilities and toxic environments with high IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health) levels. ●

### Staff Spotlight

## Meet Ms. Suarez: Miami Campus Registrar



*Ms. Maria Suarez, Miami Registrar: "Excited to join the Awesome Miami City College Campus. Looking forward to working with all the departments to deliver an Exceptional Education Experience."*

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### Staff Spotlight

## Visit Your Librarian: Ed Porben



*Ed Porben, Miami Librarian "I am here for the students and the faculty; if I can be of any assistance, please let me know."*



## Paramedic Skills

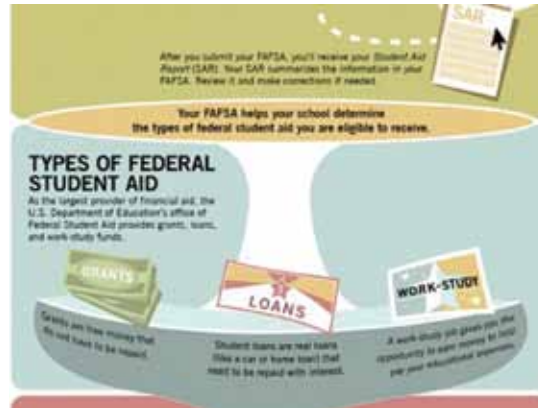
**C**ity College paramedic students applying the original Ferno K.E.D. One of many skills obtained at the City College paramedic program. The use of the K.E.D. is ideal for extricating and immobilizing patients from auto accidents and other confined spaces. The K.E.D. immobilizes the torso, head and neck, enabling prompt extrication while minimizing risks of further injury. ●

## ► Staff Spotlight Changing Lives Every Day



*Ms. Emily Ryan, Miami Campus Director of Admissions is here to help. "I love to change lives every day. My goal is to help students achieve their educational career goals."*

# It's FAFSA Time!



*Don't face unnecessary evils... stop by the Financial Aid Office and speak to an advisor right away! The earlier you fill out your FAFSA, the better.*

**About FAFSA** To apply for federal student aid, you must complete the FAFSA or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and quick, and it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college.

In addition, City College uses your FAFSA data to determine your eligibility for state financial aid. Some private financial aid providers may also use your FAFSA information to determine whether you are qualified for their aid.

**Why should you fill out the FAFSA?** You could be missing out on a lot of financial aid if you don't fill out the FAFSA,! Here are a few myths about why students don't need to complete the FAFSA:

**Stop by the Financial Aid Office for help with your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <https://fafsa.ed.gov>**

"I (or my parents) have too much income, so I won't qualify for financial aid."

"Only students with better grades get financial aid."

"The FAFSA is too hard to fill out and takes too long."

"I'm too old to meet the qualifications for financial aid."

If you think any of these apply to you, then you should visit the Financial Aid Office at City College. EVERYONE should fill out the FAFSA and we are here to help!

**When should you fill out the FAFSA?** The FAFSA application period starts in January each year. There are different deadlines for different types of aid. Filing the FAFSA as soon as possible is the best strategy. That way you will not miss out on aid that is available to you.

**What happens after you fill out the FAFSA?** Your FAFSA will be processed, and then you get an Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which City College uses to figure out how much aid you can get. ●



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