



# City Spotlight



## Community Outreach



### Celebrating Life!

Altamonte Springs Campus

Very bright and early Saturday, September 12th, 2015, students and their children, faculty and their children, Department Chairs, Administration, the Director of Education and the Executive Director met at UCF to walk for the **American Heart Association**.

City College Altamonte Springs had over 30 runners/walkers at this 5K and raised over \$1700 for this amazing cause. These donations are used to fund the valuable research, education and advocacy efforts of the American Heart Association.



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### Free Dental Day

Fort Lauderdale Campus

Allied Health students volunteered with **Bayview Smile Design** to provide free dental exams and blood-pressure checks for walk-ins. Student **Debbie Huff** arrived early to help set up for a busy day and enjoyed her experience, stating, "When I arrived, people were in line already... if you have more events like that, please count me in."



Allied Health student Debbie Huff checking blood-pressure

### City College Miami Blood Drive

Miami Campus

We had our regular community blood drive this past October 20th, 2015. **One Blood** was the blood center served, and we had a grand total of 18 donors between staff and students. A total of almost 18 pints were collected. The donation process was quick and painless. Donors were rewarded with Halloween t-shirts, Subway sandwiches and movie tickets! Also, on the healthy side, they received a free wellness checkup, complete with their cholesterol count. Our students and staff truly care for the community. Many thanks to all!



Allied Health student Monica McMillan checking blood-pressure during Free Dental Day

City College Miami students and staff participate in a blood drive to help the community. Ms. Carmel White, Nursing Chair, gives blood and shows her community spirit!

## Community Outreach

# Keep Your Pet Safe Microchip Day

Hollywood Campus

The 'Keep Your Pet Safe Microchip Day' on November 10, 2015, was a huge success with students in **Dr. Watson's** Veterinary Nursing class meeting and working with approximately 16 clients along with their pets.

The students scanned each pet first to make sure a microchip was not already present. Students then gained experience inserting the microchip, via an injection, between the pet's shoulder blades; and scanned again to confirm the proper insertion and placement. Once the microchip was in place, the students demonstrated to the client how the pet's microchip



*A happy client with two patients never to be lost again*

scan works; provided the client with the microchip number; and explained the microchip registration process.

The event ended with students gaining an extraordinary educational experience while learning a skill that provided a community service to 16 happy clients wanting to safeguard their pets.



*Christian Diaz scanning a puppy's microchip with Lina Martinez*



*Jesika presenting the microchip for placement while Lucia holds patient*

## Vet Tech Students Visit Peaceful Ridge Rescue

Hollywood Campus

The Introduction to Veterinary Profession class visited the **Peaceful Ridge Rescue** on November 11, 2015, for students to offer their services and learn new skills. Peaceful Ridge Rescue is a horse rescue where abandoned, neglected, and retired horses are cared for and loved by a wonderful team of volunteers. The students not only gained the required skills of haltering, leading a horse; but also they had a chance to see different horse breeds, colors, and coat patterns.

The students enjoyed working with the rescue group and its volunteers who take such good care of these horses along with what they learned about caring for them. Some students even received kisses from the horses.



## Altamonte Springs Blood Drive

Altamonte Springs Campus



City College Altamonte Springs hosted a Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 17, helping **OneBlood** replenish its Blood Banks. With the Holidays approaching, it is so important to have the Blood Bank filled and ready. Naturally the students and staff of City College were more than willing to help with this event. As classes ended, a line formed as Students readily waited to do their part to give. Besides donating their blood, students and staff also received a free wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. Way to go, City College Altamonte Springs, for always coming forward and supporting your Community!



*Kayla Mascetti is a real pro with horses*



*Stephanie Fernandez enjoying time with a horse*



*Melissa placing a halter on Logan*

## Community Outreach

# Thanksgiving Meals to Students in Need

Fort Lauderdale Campus

Thanks to generous donations from City College faculty and staff and the **Staples** organization, the Fort Lauderdale Campus put together Thanksgiving baskets which included a 17 pound turkey and all the trimmings for a holiday meal. These baskets were given to five deserving students from the Fort Lauderdale campus and their families to help them have a memorable Thanksgiving Holiday.



Jill Silverman (R), Business Development Executive from Staples Advantage donates Thanksgiving turkeys. Receiving the donation is City College Career Services Representative, Manoucheka Belfond (L)



Pictured Left to Right are City College Employees and Student Workers Dina Monaco, Britany Johnson, Shantell Rochester, Jenna Westbrook, Fifi Fowler, Manoucheka Belfond, Eartha Carey

# Anti-Bullying Campaign

Gainesville Campus

Gainesville campus students and staff joined more than 100 local community members and students from 4 different organizations and schools around Alachua county who all showed up to join the anti-bullying march that was organized by the **Pace Center for Girls**.

City College's Gainesville student Ambassador Chapter President **Sheria Fernandez** was instrumental in helping to organize the support and participation of all who were involved from our campus.

Staff members who attended the Anti Bully Walk included: **Diane Colson**, Librarian; **Gloria P. Ashley**, Career Services Associate; City College Ambassadors: **Sheria Fernandez**, President; **Nancy Brooks**; **Jeanetta Scott**; **Latcha Smith**; and the friends and children of Ambassadors and staff.

## Graduate Spotlight

# Justin Doren, Anesthesia Technology Graduate

Altamonte Springs Campus

Wonderful news coming from our Altamonte Springs City College Campus as we celebrate the very first degreeed Anesthesia Technologist to become employed at the **Mayo Clinic** in Jacksonville, Florida.



It was earlier this year when the Program Chair for Anesthesia Technology, **Marc McGaffic**, received a phone call from the Mayo Clinic asking if any graduate would be willing to relocate to Jacksonville for full-time employment. Marc quickly contacted **Justin Doren**, a recent graduate, not yet employed in his career field. "I can still remember the phone call I made to Justin asking if he would be interested in relocating to Jacksonville. His excitement and enthusiasm was overwhelming," said Marc. Justin interviewed in front of a panel that consisted of Anesthesiologists, Nurse Anesthetists, Operating Room Nurses and Educators. The very next day, Justin was offered the job! "Mayo clinic is the perfect fit for me. I get to help patients every day and utilize my skills that I learned in the classrooms at City College," said Justin.

We are all so very proud of you, Justin!



City College Student Ambassador Sheria Fernandez, Pace Center for Girls Executive Director-Natalia Bannister, and Merida Amkraut Junior League Community Advocacy and Research Representative



City College Ambassadors and other organizations gather to hear speaker for Anti-Bully march



Staff, Student Ambassadors and families of City College join Pace Center for Girls Anti-Bully March, Friday October 30, 2015

## Student Spotlight

# Winston Bishop, A.S. in Nursing Student

Miami Campus

What do you study, Winston?

I am currently studying and completing an Associate Degree in Nursing (ASN). This is my fourth semester and I am looking forward to a very bright future.

How do you like the City College experience?

I like how City College is small enough for the professors to be fully engaged with the students and how they can help us succeed and achieve our goals.

Tell us about your accomplishments.

I have made the President's List twice and the Director's List once. I am the new lead ambassador and have a G.P.A. of 3.92. Winston, tell us about your plans for the future.

My plans are to finish my associates degree and take the NCLEX Board Exam. Once I pass this test and start working as a nurse, I plan to study for a Bachelor in Nursing in FIU. Eventually my overall educational goal is to obtain a master's degree in Nursing so I may open a clinic in The Philippines to help families that are less fortunate and not afford health care.

Thank you so much, Winston Bishop. Winston is an amazing student, ambassador and great human being. He shows why City



Winston Bishop is City College Miami's lead ambassador

College Miami Campus rocks! He is also a work study and he founded the Miami Campus' first nursing club along with fellow student and Ambassador Reina Miret to help fellow nursing students. Mr. Bishop interviewed July 28th, 2015.

# Jennifer Zamora, Surgical Technology Student

Miami Campus

What do you study, Jennifer?

I study Surgical Technology and love it!

How do you like the City College experience?

I truly feel like I've had a wonderful experience at City College. I've been lucky enough to have such phenomenal instructors, and staff that care about my educational experience. They have made my efforts worth it! I could not thank them enough.

Tell us about your accomplishments.

My accomplishments as a City College student varies from accomplishing my core classes for the program- some were difficult yet rewarding, as well as beginning my clinical externship in a wonderful, superb facility.

Jennifer, tell us about your plans for the future:

My plans for the future include seeking and applying in various locations to begin my awesome career. Also I will further my educational experience.



Jennifer Zamora, Miami City College Surgical Tech student, going places!

## Campus News



# Fall Orientation a Success

Fort Lauderdale Campus

Over a hundred students attended this fall's orientation, making it the largest orientation the Fort Lauderdale campus has seen. By the end of the afternoon, the Admissions department had changed the lives of 117 people as they enrolled future students for City College's extraordinary educational experience.

# Constitution Day Celebration

Miami Campus

City College Miami celebrated Constitution Day with a fun learning activity: a quiz/contest so students learn about the US Constitution. The winners of the contest/raffle won cool prizes. It is a great way of celebrating the supreme law of the land; the Constitution protects their freedoms and impacts all the facets of our lives.

This year we celebrated the 228th anniversary of the signing of Constitution. Constitution Day is intended to commemorate the initial signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. By law, any school receiving federal funding is required to teach something about the U.S. Constitution.



Lauren Malaret, first prize winner of the Miami Campus Constitution Day Quiz/Raffle. A learning and fun experience for all students, just awesome!

# Welcome Campus Ambassadors

Miami Campus

Ambassadors are awesome students serving students through their dedication and efforts by serving the needs of students that need help, as well as those in need of help in the South Florida community. Our Miami ambassadors are involved in providing services, programs and fun activities to enhance the educational experience, facilitating the academic and human growth of our students.

The Miami campus ambassador program gives an opportunity to those students who care for their community, to grow as a person, and develop skills and qualities



*Miami Campus Ambassador Induction: From left to right: Erika Guido, Darnicia Daley, Karina Hernandez, Carmen Torres, Reina Miret, Miami Ambassadors Coordinator and P.I. Department Chair Ms. Maria Marte, Winston Bishop, Miladys Prado, Daisel Alvarez and Evelyn Reinike. It was a great ceremony- our students are amazing!*

essential to become today's and tomorrow's leaders.

Ambassadors must have outstanding grades, excellent attendance and show that they have the spirit and caring to be leaders to their fellow students. If you want to be a leader, join our Miami Ambassadors!

# Miami Student Job Fair

Miami Campus



*From left to right: Ms. Danelis Carvajal, Financial Aid Officer, Mr. Armando Rios, Director of Financial Aid, Ms. Rebecca Raghuandan, Career Services Advisor, and Mr. Juan Medina, Director of Career Services, assist our students in finding great jobs and careers on October 6th, 2015*

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Channel 7 News station welcomes the Broadcasting Department



Director of Broadcasting Dr. Alvan Lewis and his students

# Another Great Adventure for City College Broadcasting Club

Miami Campus

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

During their visit to CNN, students were able to go behind the scenes of America's largest news network to see what life is like in the Broadcasting industry. At V103, Atlanta's number one radio station, students enjoyed their tour and a visit with TV/radio personality "Big Tigger," as well as one of his guests, TV personality Mona Scott-Young, creator of the reality TV show "Love and Hip Hop." The students were able to briefly talk and get some pictures with them. At Encompass Digital Media, a company that specializes in digital media services i.e., central casting, global teleports, waterfront communications, and more, students were able to go into the studios and see what post-production looks and feels like. The trip was an inspiration for the students, an adventure they will not forget.

# Mount Sinai Medical Center ER Physician Visits

## Hollywood Campus

On October 24, 2015, City College-Hollywood welcomed **Dr. Ben Abo**, Emergency Medicine Resident Physician at **Mount Sinai Medical Center of Miami Beach** as a guest lecturer for the Paramedic I class. We were also honored to have Dr. Abo observe Paramedic I students during their lab class and to provide them with feedback on their skills and techniques as they performed in the campus EMS Simulation Lab.

Dr. Abo spoke to the students about his humble beginnings as a volunteer EMT (while being barely old enough to drive) and his passion for the field of

Emergency Medicine. This passion for EMS and his desire to help others led him to complete medical school and specialize in the field of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Abo has immersed himself in the field and has become not only an advocate for pre hospital providers, but also a student in the ever developing field of EMS. Dr. Abo volunteers his time and rides with local fire departments and specialized units such as **Air Rescue** and Miami Dade Fire Rescue's elite **Marine Unit**.

Not only is Dr. Abo an Emergency Room Physician, he is also assigned to a regional Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) and

is heavily involved in the field of wilderness rescue.

Dr. Abo is currently an Associate Medical Director for **Burke County EMS Special Operations** and has served in various teaching capacities, most recently as a guest speaker for this year's **CLINCON**.

On a personal note, Dr. Abo shared with the students that he recently delivered a **TedEx** talk about the power of laughter and reaching one's goals. Our students found Dr. Abo to be extremely approachable and down to earth. His experience not just as a practitioner, but an EMS provider was invaluable! The class benefited from his pointers as we practiced



*Benjamin Abo, DO, EMT-P, Mount Sinai Medical Center of Miami Beach, Emergency Medicine Resident Physician*

intravenous therapy and medication administration.

We look forward to working with Dr. Ben Abo again in the near future!

Visit the City College student web portal at [myportal.citycollege.edu](http://myportal.citycollege.edu)

## City College Miami Celebrates Student Appreciation Week

### Miami Campus

The Miami Campus enjoyed a successful Student Appreciation Week during this awesome month of November 2015, the fall term. The students and staff from the different departments participated and enjoyed delicious food. Students had the opportunity to share fun and camaraderie with instructors and other staff of the school. A super fun time was had by all!



*Ms. Maria Marte, Chair of the Private Investigation/Legal Department, and Ms. Rebecca Raghunandan, Career Services Advisor, show appreciation to our amazing students during Student Appreciation Week. Just awesome!*



*Ms. Magaline Goman, Business Chair, and Ms. Maria Box, Registrar Clerk, show awesome student appreciation to our amazing Miami students*

## Student Appreciation Week: Falloween

Fort Lauderdale Campus

The Fort Lauderdale campus celebrated this fall semester's Student Appreciate Week in holiday style! Students participated in a costume contest, career fair, and miniature pumpkin carving. Each department carved a large pumpkin, and students voted for the winning jack o'lantern. The Allied Health department earned the most votes, with Surgical Tech coming in at a close second. Two separate ceremonies were held to honor the students of the quarter. Students enjoyed pizza and refreshments as they received their awards.

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Students peruse the career fair



Executive Director Doug Goodwin and Director of Education Dr. Anie Bonilla recognize Jaswanti Ramjit for her outstanding academic performance



Students line up to meet the vendors at the career fair



The winning jack o'lantern from Allied Health



Students and faculty gather to announce awards and celebrate the students

## Student Appreciation Week: Falloween

Fort Lauderdale Campus



A student speaks with a local vendor



Surgical Tech's jack o'lantern, the first runner up!



Professor Kijanka as Queen Elizabeth I and winner of the costume contest  
Olayinka Elebute as Sailor Mercury



A student speaks with a representative from the U.S. army



## Business Program Mock Trials

Miami Campus

Mr. Denis Gonzalez, (shown below at right) was the guest speaker of the Business Program Mock Trials which were directed by Professor and Business Program Chair Ms. Goman.