



# City Spotlight

## In the Classroom

### Platinum Planner Film Shoot

Hollywood Campus



Students who attend a school with a film department might expect to be part of a movie during a normal day on campus. Students at a school like City College, with its focus on medical programs, don't usually get the opportunity to interact with a video crew. But on Monday, May 14, that's exactly what happened at the Hollywood campus of City College.

**Platinum Planner** was shooting an ad campaign and needed a location to do the filming. The company thought about the possibilities of a City College location, and the school was eager to be included. A month of planning preceded the arrival of the videographer and the team for the all-day filming.

The interview portion of the filming took place in the morning. The campus already uses Platinum Planner to track the progress of EMS students, and other departments have been trained, so finding some staff members to discuss the advantages of the program wasn't difficult. Several offices were used to stage the filming.



*The film crew sets up*

Once the interviews were over, the real fun began. Various faculty and staff members spent parts of the morning and afternoon working with the film crew to stage various scenarios. Student volunteers also participated. Some of the scenes were easy; for example, one shot simply needed students focused on instructor. Other scenarios took more planning, like students working in a lab setting with equipment.

Throughout the day, the film crew utilized various rooms on the campus, but the Medical Assisting Lab and the Cardiovascular Sonography Lab were used the most. The film crew took both still shots and video, and no one had to speak for the camera. The positive and encouraging attitude of the crew helped everyone get into the spirit of the filming and have a good time.

Everyone who volunteered to be part of the film shoot had a fascinating day, with a chance to be part of a film. Some of us discovered talents that we didn't know we had, while others had a chance to reconnect with our drama club younger selves that we thought were long gone. For all of us, it was something totally different from the normal activities that fill our days. It's an opportunity that doesn't come our way often.

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## My City Serving My Community!

### A Day at the Museum

Altamonte Springs Campus



*Ms. Winkle's Humanities Class*

**Ms. Winkle's Humanities class** went on a field trip to the **Orlando Museum of Art**. The Museum has several permanent collections and several temporary installations each year. The students were able to see works in all categories of art ranging from Ancient Mayan artifacts to Contemporary Modern. This visit to the museum coincided with a special exhibit of Florida Seminole Native American art, clothing, and culture which provided a local interest to the trip.

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## In the Classroom

# Allied Health Guest Speaker

### Fort Lauderdale Campus

The Allied Health Department of the Ft. Lauderdale campus hosted a guest speaker event during which **Dr. Marcos de Andrade**, the CEO of **US Medical Seminars**, a research and preventative medicine company, presented a session informing the audience about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and how to "protect and detect." The presentation was very educational and especially interactive. Students demonstrated their high interest in the topic by asking many questions. **Dr. Luka**, the Department Chair of the Allied Health Program, publicly awarded a certificate of appreciation to the speaker, Dr. Andrade, at the conclusion of the presentation.



*Dr. Andrade (US Medical Seminars) speaks to students at the Ft. Lauderdale campus about the dangers of STDs and the importance of protecting and preventing them*



*Dr. Andrade speaks to an engaged group of Allied Health students at the Ft. Lauderdale campus*

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Also of special interest was a collection of African Art and Culture with works from present day countries in Africa, as well as several ancient works. The trip to the museum enhances the



*The Seminole Native American Art was detailed and fascinating*

students' education in the humanities and brings to life what they have learned in class. "I often see excitement spark in students when they discover a particular genre of art and culture that speaks to them," said Ms. Winkle. She continued, "I always hope that it creates a life-long interest in the arts to enhance students' understanding of the human condition."

## Miami Guest Speaker

### Miami Campus



*Marcela Munera presents Dr. Villaverde with an honorary plaque*

We would like to spotlight the Miami Campus guest speaker at our recent graduation which took place on Friday, July 13th, 2018.

Miami Campus Executive Director **Marcela Munera** presents **Dr. Villaverde** with an honorary plaque for his contributions to City College and attending as a guest speaker at graduation.

Dr. Villaverde teaches at **Miami Dade College School of Aviation** and **Broward Community College School of Business**. He was also a supervisor for the **City of Miami Police Department's Aviation Detail**.

He is currently assigned to the **Office of Professional Compliance** as a Deputy Commander overseeing, delegating and managing the current agreement between the **City of Miami** and the **U.S. Department of Justice**.



*Dr. Luka, Allied Health Department Chairperson, presents a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Marcos de Andrade of US Medical Seminars based out of Miami, FL*

## In the Classroom

# Crime Scene Investigators Visit

### Gainesville Campus



Claire Cash, Theresa Pelfrey, Kurt Baumman, and Marie Abdale with Crime Scene Investigators Robert Filer and James Abdale, guest lecturers at City College of Gainesville's EMS class

Crime Scene Investigators with **Alachua County** visited City College of Gainesville EMS class on June 7, 2018. **Robert Filer**, one of the investigators, spoke about different cases including the serial killer Danny Rolling case. The investigators also talked about how different they were to their television counterparts, i.e., **Criminal Minds** and other crime shows. One investigator **Nicole Thompson** spoke about how she does not wear high-heel shoes as the television shows show. The investigators took questions as well. Many student questions were about their weapons, what kind of cases they worked on, and the type of hours they work.

## Networking Event with Level Up

### Fort Lauderdale Campus

On Tuesday, July 10, 2018, the Ft. Lauderdale campus **Entrepreneurship Club** held a Networking Event with **Destiyana Tercier**, CEO/Owner of **Level Up**, as the guest speaker. Ms. Tercier, a successful 19-year-old entrepreneur, spoke with City College students and the local **Boys and Girls Club** emphasizing the need to take risks and always follow your dreams. Current student entrepreneurs networked, enjoyed donuts and the presentation. A special thank you to all who helped make the event such a huge success!



Level Up CEO/Owner Destiyana Tercier



Level Up group networking

## Gainesville Ambassadors Pinning Ceremony

### Gainesville Campus

Recently the newly selected Gainesville Ambassadors were invited to join in our pinning ceremony. Led by faculty mentor **Travis Dees**, each of the new inductees recited the Ambassadors Oath and were individually "pinned" by Mr. Dees and DOE **Diane Jasper**. One by one the new members received their Ambassador pins and their new Ambassador polo shirts. The Gainesville Ambassadors participate in wide variety of campus activities as well as sharing their experiences during each of our orientation events.



New Ambassadors join Mr. Dees and DOE Diane Jasper at the pinning ceremony



Kacie Collier receives her pin



Robert Bolar is congratulated by DOE Diane Jasper

## EMS Students Take First Place in Competition

### Altamonte Springs Campus

Three EMS students from City College Altamonte Springs competed in the **2018 International CLINCON ALS/BLS Competition**, in Orlando. This annual, scenario-based competition gives EMT and paramedic teams the opportunity to compete against other teams in national and international ALS/BLS emergency scenarios.

City College students **Lena Marie Branham**, **Yoice Cordero**, and **Blake Nutt** made themselves and City College proud by placing first place in the "Student BLS" competition. Their coach and City College instructor, **Josh Granada** also deserves a huge congratulations!



## Student Spotlight



Miami Campus Valdictorian Katherine Leon

## City College Miami Valdictorian-Katherine Leon

### Miami Campus

City College Miami Campus valdictorian **Katherine Leon** has maintained a near perfect GPA and is a distinguished student who has contributed a great deal of creative leadership both in the classroom and in the City College community at large. Katherine has taken an active role in what it means to be a great student leader and has participated in activities on campus. She is a well-known go-to student for being able to deftly capture and convey what it means to be a reliable and balanced student leader, and admirably represents the pinnacle of the City College student body.

## Political Activist, Britteny Evans

### Hollywood Campus

A common myth is that young people don't vote and aren't politically active. **Britteny Evans** shows how wrong a stereotype can be. She spends many hours every week going from house to house to encourage people to vote.

She often hears from people who don't believe that their votes matter. She has any number of examples of communities which would have different

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## In the Classroom

## EMS and CVS Student Collaboration

### Hollywood Campus

Students at the Hollywood campus are used to seeing EMS students working on simulations. They know that if they see a group of EMS students bent over a car or huddled on a staircase, that they're likely working to help one of the manikins, not a real person.

During a recent simulation of victim in a car wreck, **Mark Berges**, Program Chair of the Cardiovascular Sonography, added a new element. He had the students bring the "patient" into the CVS lab where he explained what happens when an EMS crew brings a patient to the emergency room of a hospital.

Both Mark Berges and EMS Program Coordinator **Jaime Calderon** have experience with hospital emergency rooms, but Mark Berges has seen a different side of the process. Through his expertise, EMS students got a more well-rounded view.

Because CVS students were also part of this learning process, they, too, got insight into different career paths that they might choose. They learned that they might do more than work in a calm office setting taking scans; in fact, they might choose to be part of a hospital, where they might be called on to do work in more urgent settings, like emergency rooms.

This kind of cross-disciplinary learning is one of the advantages of a small school environment, like the kind that students find at the Hollywood Campus. Because Faculty Members and Program Chairs work in close proximity to each other, they can develop new ideas and interesting approaches that they might never have done at a larger school.



CVS Program Chair Mark Berges explains hospital admitting procedures to EMS students



EMS students learn how to safely remove a victim from a car

# Brittney Evans

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*Brittney Evans, Business Student and Political Activist*

laws if everyone had voted. She points to Ferguson, Missouri, which has a majority of African-Americans living there, but most of them don't vote. "If they had," she says, "Crooked laws and the people put into place to make those laws wouldn't be a problem."

When asked how she came to be politically aware and active, Brittney Evans credits her mother, who was a conservative Democrat from Jamaica. Evans remembers wanting to watch cartoons, and her mother insisting that she balance that viewing by also watching the news, and a wide variety of newscasts. Her mother said, "You need to know what's going on in the world."

Brittney Evans would like other people to know what's going on in the world too. She was so impressed with the debates that instructor **Devrim Peacock** had as part of her Contemporary American Issues class that she hopes to create a debate society. At the very least, she'd like to start a club that looks at issues in society from a variety of angles.

Brittney Evans plans to spend the next few months creating voter registration drives. She says that she doesn't care who people vote for, as long as they vote.

If you're a student at one of the South Florida campuses and would like to be part of a debate club or a politics club, or if you'd like to be part of the effort to get people registered to vote, Brittney invites you to give her a call: 786-343-8941.

## In the Classroom

# Celebrating Business Students

Altamonte Springs Campus

The first annual **Business Appreciation Day** was held at City College Altamonte Springs. Representatives from **Insight Credit Union** sponsored this event and held a one hour Q&A period on the banking industry and the many opportunities including educational background, job descriptions, community outreach programs and many other insightful networking prospects.



*Business students so very intent during their presentation*

## Faculty Spotlight

# Biology Professor Dr. Rodel Anthony Reyes

Hollywood Campus

Professor **Rodel Anthony Reyes** received a doctorate in the field of medicine from **De La Salle Health Science Institute** and his Bachelors in Molecular and Microbiology from the **University of Central Florida**. He is currently teaching multiple courses in Allied Health at City College of Fort Lauderdale. He has demonstrated a continuous positive attitude and motivation to grow and learn. A strong advocate of hands-on, inquiry based learning, he involves his students in a variety of problem-solving and technology-infused activities that provide them with opportunities to shine in their future careers. His professional interests focus on practicing the art of medicine in the future upon completion of his United States Medical Licensing credentials.

His current projects include volunteering at a non-profit healthcare facility, **UHI Community Care Clinic**, which offers free healthcare to those without medical insurance and working on medical research with associate professors from **Nova Southeastern University** and **Florida International University**. He recently contributed a journal article on Familial Marfan Syndrome published July 2018 in "**The Consultant**" which aims to bring an informed editorial and debate to the healthcare sector in areas currently undeserved by quality medical journals. He has another contribution in a medical journal which will soon be published in "**The Consultant**" titled, "Acute Care and Long Term Treatment of Truncus Arteriosus with a Bicuspid Truncal Valve: A Case Report."



*City College Hollywood Professor Dr Reyes*

## In the Classroom

# New Opportunities for Medical Assisting Students

### Altamonte Springs Campus

Starting in the Fall of 2018, MA students will be able to participate in a new course offered at the Altamonte Springs campus. The campus will be offering a course (MEA2257C Basic X-Ray Machine Operations) which will allow students to complete a 4 credit course to be eligible to sit for the state's Basic X-Ray Machine Operator certification. For most of the current students, this will mean no change in their program length. The campus recently purchase a complete X-ray system to assist students in learning 152 different types of X-rays they may be required to take as they move into this value-added



# Gainesville Campus Celebrates 30th Anniversary

### Gainesville Campus

The Gainesville Campus combined their Open House event with their 30th Anniversary celebration. The Honorable **Lauren Poe**, Mayor of Gainesville performed the ceremonial ribbon cutting as he proclaimed May 19th, 2018 as **City College Day** in Gainesville. The **Eastside H.S. Color Guard** presented the colors and singing artist, **Ashley Scott** performed the National Anthem. After delivering the proclamation, Mayor Poe was given a tour of the Gainesville campus led by the local management team. He was shown the renovated Phlebotomy Lab, the computer and EMS labs as well as stopping by Career Services to learn more about the services offered to our students. Overall, a very successful event was presented to the citizens of the Gainesville area.



## Community Service

# Teacher of the Year Centerpieces

### Hollywood Campus



*Finished centerpieces*

Representatives from City College Hollywood not only attended a luncheon to honor Broward County School's winners of the Teacher of the Year, but also made centerpieces for the event.

Through her involvement with the **Hollywood Chamber of Commerce**, Director of Admissions **Laura Strong** discovered the luncheon was just a few weeks away, and the group still needed centerpieces for the tables. Knowing she had a great campus team to support her, she volunteered to make and deliver them.

The easy approach to centerpieces would be to use flowers, but the Hollywood campus envisioned something more imaginative. Campus volunteers decorated flower pots with a variety of small items that evoked school: rulers, erasers, foam letters, pencil sharpeners and flags.

On the day of the luncheon, Laura Strong and **Kristin Berkey-Abbott** loaded up the car and delivered the centerpieces to the ballroom at **Orangebrook Country Club**, where the luncheon was held. After the event, one lucky person from each table got to take the centerpiece home.

Creating centerpieces for an event that honors the achievements of K-12 teachers across Broward county was a great way of giving back to the larger community. The experience helped those of us at the college level to remember and thank all of the teachers who do so much to prepare students for academic success.