



City
Summer 2019

Spotlight

In the Classroom

Earth Day 2019 at City College Miami

Miami Campus

We are fortunate to live in South Florida, a unique and beautiful sub-tropical ecosystem. On April 22, 2019, the students, faculty and staff of City College-Miami celebrated Earth Day. The event was also open to the general public. Information was provided on saving and planting trees, organizations whose mission is to provide environmental education that inspires active stewardship and preservation of South Florida ecosystems. Donations were collected for the **Arbor Day Foundation**, **Pinecrest Gardens** and **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens** generously provided information on events and activities available to the community at large. Potted succulents, seed packets and decorative rocks were sold by Career Services and proceeds benefited the Miami Student Activity Fund.



Terri Chambers, on the road to graduation

My City Serving My Community!

Student Spotlight

The Organ That Keeps Us Going

Hollywood Campus

Before she came to the Hollywood campus of City College, **Terri Chambers** got a degree in Private Investigation from the Ft. Lauderdale campus—back in 1996. She was drawn to that Program because she had an interest in FBI work, but FBI work doesn't mesh well with her life as a mother of small children.

She returned to school after her mother died in 2015. She wanted to do Diagnostic Sonography, but the program at Broward College required her to get Radiology credits first. Then she discovered the City College Cardiovascular program. She began in 2017, and will be graduating soon. Both of her parents died because of heart disease, which is another motivation for her to succeed in the program. She believes that the heart is one of the most important parts of the body. As she says, "The heart is the organ that keeps us going."



EMS students Alin Cabre, Jacsel Bermudez, Manuel Solano, and Beth Ramos with Director of Career Services, Gizelle Ortiz-Velazquez



Business Administration program student Khrystoffor Binford picking up information



Table Display on Earth Day



Community Resources

In the Classroom



Allied Health Students Listening to Gerald Jones from Pediatric Associates of South Florida

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But he also encouraged them not to be afraid.

Students had an opportunity to ask questions, and Mr. Jones was very generous with his time. He engaged with every student until all questions were answered.

The Face of the Practice

Hollywood Campus

On February 25, 2019, Allied Health students on the Hollywood campus had a unique opportunity at a Lunch and Learn with **Gerald Jones**, of **Pediatric Associates of South Florida**.

Mr. Jones told the students that he had a background in business and began as a business manager. From there he became a certified coder, and eventually he worked his way up to his current position running a pediatric practice. He encouraged students to believe in themselves. He said that he prefers to hire people with no experience so that he can mold them into what he needs them to be.

He talked about the challenges that come from running a pediatric practice—as we might expect, parents are paying close attention. He gave details that most of us wouldn't know about the way that billing happens during a woman's pregnancy. Most of the money isn't paid to the doctor's office until the woman has had the baby, so customer service is vital. It's important that the pregnant woman not switch to a different practice.

He talked about the front desk being the face of the practice and how important the students will be in their first jobs as the ones with the first interactions with patients.



Gerald Jones from Pediatric Associates of South Florida

The Importance of Networking

Altamonte Springs Campus

It was a great time at City College, as **Tommy Sandvick**, Team Lead at **Xperience Benefits**, Speaker, and Coach, presented to the Personal Development students on the power of building relationships and networking! Mr. Sandvick presented the "3 Steps to Being a Magnetic Networker". He presented and stressed the importance of always remembering the "Why" you do what you do.



Mr. LeShawn Roberts, DOE, and Mr. Sandvick

Community Service



Ready to walk representing City College



Amazing prize baskets

Rocking Purple to Support Lupus

Altamonte Springs Campus

The **Student Ambassadors of City College Altamonte Springs** worked very hard during the term and break soliciting amazing donations from area establishments to create baskets filled with hundreds of dollars worth of prizes that were raffled off to raise funds for **The Lupus Foundation**. All of their hard, but very fun, work culminated with **The Walk to End Lupus** in downtown Orlando. The ladies proudly rocked their purple tutus and presented the organization with \$445 which they had raised \$1 at a time. We are very proud of what this small but amazing group of women have done.



Michelle Mckee-Montero, Nicole Danow, Keila Smith, and Kylene Drescher rocking their purple tutus

Fight for Air Fundraiser

Ft. Lauderdale Campus

The Fort Lauderdale campus EMS Department and Director of Education are thankful to the students and staff from both the Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood campus EMS Departments who participated in a fundraising activity for the **Fight for Air Climb** on March 9th at **Biscayne Tower**. They were able to meet 75% of the fundraising goal and ranked tenth among all teams raising funds for the event. Ft. Lauderdale and Hollywood students and faculty took great pleasure in stair climbing for such a great cause! They made the climb along with a few hundred other participants, including many firefighters and one therapy greyhound, who did his part climbing ten flights of stairs! They hope to see this cause continue and look forward to participating in next year's climb!



A firefighter, who made the climb while wearing full gear, praises a therapy greyhound who climbed ten flights of stairs in support of the cause!



EMS program Instructors pose with Dr. Bonilla, Fort Lauderdale Director of Education (center left) and Chris Chung, EMS Department Chair (center right) as proud participants of the Fight for Air Climb

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Community Service

Building a Team by Climbing the Stairs

Hollywood Campus

On March 9, 2019, all of the EMS students from the Hollywood campus of City College participated in the **Fight for Air Climb** in Miami. What's more, the Hollywood team was one of the top ten fundraising teams for the March 9 Fight for Air Climb event. Twenty Hollywood students and 2 instructors from the Hollywood campus participated, along with faculty and students from the Ft. Lauderdale campus.

Some of the team members made an extra effort. Hollywood campus Instructor **Peter Berger** and Hollywood student **Rafael Franceschini** made the climb of 38 flights of stairs in 50 pounds of gear; Hollywood student **David Silva** made the climb in a 100 pound weight vest.

Durnell James, a Hollywood student, was the fastest male finisher, making the climb in 7 minutes and 46 seconds. **Erika Montanez**, another Hollywood student, was the fastest female, finishing in just

under 8 minutes.

The team has raised over \$4,000 so far. Climb Miami broke all sorts of records for this event, which is held across the country.

But more important than the money raised was the teambuilding that the event made possible. Team members encouraged each other and helped each other to the top of the building. The whole campus pitched in to pledge money and to root for the success of the team.

On March 14, **Jenisa Malave** from the **American Lung Association** came to the Hollywood campus to give the EMS team an award and to thank them personally for their effort.

We're grateful and glad that City College made it possible to be part of this important event.



Hollywood students climbed 38 flights of stairs



Instructor Peter Berger and Jenisa Malave from the American Lung Association

In the Classroom

Infant CPR Practice

Gainesville Campus

Eric King "shook up" the classroom instruction delivery as his first term students are either parents of small children or have very young nieces or nephews. So, he had his EMT students jump right in and practice CPR on the infant CPR mannequins. The vast majority of the students had never been trained in CPR and Mr.

King was able to relate the practicum of this particular instruction to benefit each of their families. Students stayed after class to in order to gain confidence with their new skills. Mr.



Eric King delivers infant CPR instruction

Quirk then encouraged each of them to complete their CPR certification in order to be able to show any potential employer one of the skills they had already accomplished before they even went out on ride-a-longs. Thank you Mr. King!



Left to right: Kyffa Crawford NCMA; Renee Anzaldo NCMA; and Tonya Fisher NCMA

Proudly Certified

Altamonte Springs Campus

The NCCT, **National Center for Competency Testing**, Certification Exam is taken by all graduates of the Allied Health Program. Passing and achieving this national certification affirms the knowledge and accomplishments of these graduates and also makes them preferable and sought after in the work force. We congratulate our students and are very proud of their hard work and successes as they use their education and skills at prestigious places of employment such as **NCG Medical, Altamonte Pediatrics, Endo Surgical Center of Florida, LLC, and Digestive and Liver Center of Florida, PA.**

Recent recipients of NCMA, National Certified Medical Assistant include: **Renee Anzaldo, Kyffa Crawford, Tonya Fisher, Kemia McClam, Gretchen Hays, and Patricia Thomas.**

Recent recipients of NCICS, National Certified Insurance and Coding Specialist include: **Omayra Infante-Nazario, Alicia Cook, Stephanie Concepcion, Janel Sutton, Tiffany Hendrix, Chan'Talae Edwards, Ann Davis, Rafael Aleman, and Juliana Lopez Cintron.**

Student Spotlight

Joslyn Bebout, CVT

Gainesville Campus



Joslyn Bebout, CVT with one of her patients at the Clay County Humane Society

My name is **Joslyn Bebout, CVT**. I have always known that I wanted to work with animals, but living in northern Wisconsin didn't leave much of an opportunity for school. I did the next best thing, I decided to join the Air Force. This allowed me to travel the U.S. where I met my husband. Once we both finished our enlistment, we moved to Florida and started a family. I spent 10 years in retail before I finally made the decision to go back to school. I didn't want to just work for a living, I wanted to work in a field I was passionate about. City College had recently started their Veterinary Technician program and it seemed like a perfect fit.

The admissions and financial aid departments were amazing with getting me started towards my dream career. The classes that I took while at City College gave me the knowledge I needed to succeed in my profession. The instructors were always there to help and give guidance, because of the hard work and dedication of the staff, we were able to become an AVMA accredited College. With the College being accredited and the knowledge I gained, it allowed to me be able to sit for the Veterinary Technicians National Exam this past December. I am now a Certified Veterinary Technician working for my dream office at the **Clay County Humane Society**. I would not be where I am today, if it were not for the staff that was dedicated to our success.

In the Classroom

US Medical Seminars Guest Speaker

Gainesville Campus

US Medical Seminars is a Miami based organization founded by doctors whose goal is to help companies and various organizations such as schools, colleges, universities, churches, healthcare centers, etc. in giving health and wellness education to their employees and or constituents. We provide seminars on various health issues that are of concern not only to the individual but to the hosting company/organization. We cover topics that range from stress management, finances in regards to health, longevity, silent diseases, life style and community diseases; all in 60 minutes. Our seminars are high impact fun-filled, emotional and performed by a health professionals that are trained public speakers! You will be humored, engaged, shocked and highly impacted to take control of your health and that of your loved ones.

Gainesville's presenting doctor was **Dr. Ed**. He was everything that the group advertises: high energy and tremendously informative. His approach and delivery showcased just how bad the general public's interpretation of healthcare really is. From where to seek a second opinion to vast misconceptions surrounding treatments and medicines, Dr. Ed delivered factual information with enthusiastic passion.

We combined our Medical Assistants, EMS students and even allowed our brand new mid-quarter students to sit in the front row. Topics covered were as varied as the material and ranged from the common cold, to AIDS transmission, cancer treatments and nuclear medicine.



Dr. Ed addressing the Medical Assisting, EMS and new Allied Health students

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Financial Spotlight

Navigating Your Financial Future

Earning a degree is a milestone accomplishment that has taken years of hard work and dedication. We wish you the best as you plan for the next phase of your journey. Please note, student loan borrowers will need to take a few extra steps to make the transition go smoother.

- Review a complete listing of your federal student loan debt at the National Student Loan Data System, https://nslds.ed.gov/nslds/nslds_SA/
You will need your FSA ID and password to log in to your account
- Review repayment plans and select one that best meets your current financial situation at StudentAid.ed.gov
- Update your personal contact information with the servicer
- Prepare for repayment by setting up automatic withdrawals and creating a realistic budget to stay on track with payments

Navigating your Financial Future (NyFF) was created by OSFA to strengthen financial skills of young adults through financial aid awareness and financial literacy education. If you have any questions regarding repayment of your student loan debt, visit our website at NavigatingYourFinancialFuture.org.

Did You Know?

Employers increasingly visit Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and more to recruit and screen applicants. Take time to clean up any postings on your social media accounts that may be questionable to outside viewers. Present a professional presence. Put yourself in an employer's shoes. Would YOU hire someone who posts controversial comments, profanity, rants or party pictures?



Before your next status update, consider how your employers might view you. Is it worth the risk?

Student Spotlight

City College Graduation News

City College graduation ceremonies are now being planned. Here are the dates, times and locations for the Class of 2019!

Miami Campus:

Friday, July 12, 2019 5:00 pm
Dadeland Marriott
9090 S. Dadeland Boulevard
Miami, FL 33156

Gainesville Campus:

Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 11:00 am
The Phillips Center for the Performing Arts
at the University of Florida
3201 Hull Road, Gainesville, FL 32611

Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood Campuses:

Thursday, July 18, 2019 7:00 pm
Broward College, Omni Auditorium
1000 Coconut Creek Boulevard
Coconut Creek, FL 33066



Altamonte Springs Campus:

Friday July 26, 2019 at 5:00 pm
Lake Brantley High School Auditorium
991 Sand Lake Road
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Graduating with Honors

Students who meet the requirements for graduation with an Associate's or

Bachelor's Degree, and whose cumulative grade point average meets the following criteria, are conferred with the honors indicated:

- Summa Cum Laude 3.90-4.00
- Magna Cum Laude 3.70-3.89
- Cum Laude 3.50-3.69

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