



# City Spotlight

## In the Classroom

### Acadian Ambulance Visit

Hollywood Campus

On May 23, representative **Lauren** from **Acadian Ambulance Service**, met with the Hollywood campus EMS students. She told the students about the wide range of options that her company offers its employees.

She also told the story of how the company grew from a small operation in Louisiana. Once the company had just two ambulances, and now they operate across the southeast. The company has also expanded into the air. No longer do they only offer ambulance transport, they also have a fleet of planes—and employment opportunities to go with those planes.

This visit capped **EMS Appreciation Week**, and hearing about employment opportunities was a perfect way to end a great week.



*EMS students and their instructor Peter Berger find out about opportunities at Acadian Ambulance Service*

## Small Business Lecture Series

Gainesville Campus

Executive Director, **Brian Quirk** has started the Small Business Lecture Series at the Gainesville campus. This series is in direct response to individual interviews of each of the Business students. He asked each of them the question, “What do you intend to do with your Business Degree after you graduate?” The overwhelming response is that almost every enrolled student wants to start their own business. So we reached out to the community to align small business owners who represented the type of companies our students wanted to start. Our first featured speaker was **Cindy Michel** of **Vystar Credit Union**. Cindy explained many of the financial start up requirements of small business owners. She further touched on permitting, licensing and insurance. Upcoming speakers include a beauty salon owner and an Ace Hardware franchisee owner.



*Gabriel Feliciano and Priscilla Rodriguez pose with their awards*

## My City Serving My Community!

### Student Spotlight

#### A Husband and Wife Team

Gainesville Campus

**Mr. Gabriel Feliciano** and his wife **Priscilla Rodriguez** were recently selected as their respective program’s Students of the Quarter at our Gainesville campus. Gabriel represents our Medical Office Administration team and Priscilla represents our Emergency Medical Services team. Both of them achieved Perfect Attendance, earned recognition as President’s List designees and serve the Gainesville campus as Ambassadors. The really exciting part of the awards ceremony was that neither one of them knew that the other one was going to be recognized. This couple has a very bright future ahead of them; Congratulations from the entire staff at Gainesville.



*Cindy Michel presenting to the Small Business Management Class*

## In the Classroom

# Altamonte Springs Mass Casualty Incident Training

### Altamonte Springs Campus

The Emergency Medical Services program hosted a mass casualty scenario that reinforced triage methodology discussed during the trauma curriculum of the paramedic series. This mass casualty scenario was designed to replicate multiple critical, unstable and stable patient that required the paramedic students to put into practice the concept of the START (Simple Triage and Rapid Transport) Triage system. This triage system allows for public safety personnel to rapidly identify “walking wounded” patients from critical or deceased patients. In trauma care, paramedics are taught that the “Golden Hour” represents the hour following an accident to the time of surgical intervention at a trauma center as the optimal time for best patient outcomes. The implementation of the START Triage system during a mass casualty incidents (MCI) ensures that the “Golden Hour” is met for the unstable patients.



*EMS students assess stable and unstable patients following initial triage*



*Paramedic student Blake Nutt performs initial triage to a critical patient during a mass casualty scenario*

During the scenario, the paramedic students, with the assistance of the students from the Introduction to EMT cohort, were able to assess and mitigate this scenario of 15 patients.

In conjunction with the EMS portion of the scenario; the experience also included the Surgical Technology and Nursing programs to simulate the hand-off and continuity of patient care. The continuity of patient care is critical for trauma patients to encourage optimal outcomes. The nursing program allowed the experience for the paramedics to provide a rapid “hand-off” report of critical findings and interventions provided during care. The scenario also allowed for the surgical technology students to experience a rapid pre-operative preparation of the patient with rapid surgical intervention.

The Altamonte Springs MCI allowed for student and staff to understand not only the high stress and demands of the emergency medical services career, but further outlined that all medical training specialties are an important component of the continuity of patient care and patient care outcomes.

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## Student Spotlight

### Drawn to Medical Assisting

#### Hollywood Campus

Medical Assisting student **Alexandria Hall** wasn't always headed for a career in the medical field. After high school, she studied Computer Animation for awhile, but it wasn't where her heart was.

Her life took a different turn when she went with her brother to tour the Hollywood campus of City College. As she heard about the programs, she realized that a Medical Assisting degree could be right for her. As a child, she had watched her mother care for patients as a visiting home health aid, and she realized that she wanted a career where she could have similar work.

The Phlebotomy class was her biggest fear. Alexandria worried that she might poke the wrong spot or hurt someone. But her teacher showed her how to make the patient comfortable, and Alexandria was able to relax. She credits her Phlebotomy teacher, **Liz Rothstein**, for making the students feel like they're family members not strangers. It's the kind of attitude she plans to foster in her future work.



*Medical Assisting student Alexandria Hall*



## In the Classroom



Clockwise from top left: Alex Pereira, Recruiter US Census Bureau; Alina Garcia- City College Admissions Representative ; Candidates with US Census Bureau; Rosanna Gutierrez, Recruiter-Amazon

## Miami Campus Hosts Community Job Fair

### Miami Campus

On July 17, the Miami campus hosted a Community Job Fair with **Amazon** and the **US Census Bureau** as the featured employers. The event was open to City College students, alumni and the general public. Over 60 candidates came to campus and participated in the job fair. City College Miami Admissions also participated to offer educational opportunities to those that attended. The employer representatives were very pleased with the turnout and were able to provide information on open positions and how candidates could apply. Feedback received from participants that applied was positive with several getting calls to interview. The Miami campus looks forward to having both employers return for the **Fall Career Fair** to be held October 16, 2019.

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## Happening in the Classroom

### Gainesville Campus

Gainesville Veterinary Technology student **Cassie Skelton** recently found a hog jaw bone on her property and brought it into campus. She presented the lower jaw bone to **Mr. Quirk** and he asked, "How would you get the teeth out?" Curious, they walked into **Dr. Gordon Smok's** office to inquire and Dr. Smok stated, "We can show you in our upcoming animal dentistry class. Cassie accompanied Dr. Smok to the class session and he demonstrated to his animal dentistry class how to properly remove the teeth and the tusks. This turned out to be a "live" learning experience for the entire class. Thank you so very much Cassie for sharing.



Veterinary Technology student Cassie Skelton presenting Mr. Quirk a hog jaw bone

## Community Service

## Back to School Supplies Drive

### Miami Campus

From July 17th-August 8th, the Miami campus held a back to school supply drive. The donation drive was held to benefit the children served by the Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS) [www.chsfl.org](http://www.chsfl.org). Faculty and staff gave generously and the campus was able to donate five boxes filled with notebooks, pencils, pens, markers, crayons, folders, rulers and many other school supplies. **Maria Santos**, CHS's Volunteer Coordinator, shared that over 1,500 backpacks filled with school supplies are provided to the children served by the organization from pre-school to high school. Many of the children are in foster care and do not have the financial means to purchase school supplies. Ms. Santos expressed her sincere gratitude to City College Miami campus for the donations. The Miami campus will continue to support the great work done by the Children's Home Society of Florida by organizing a Thanksgiving food drive and a toy drive for the holidays this year.



School supplies donated by faculty and staff

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## Community Service

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Maria Santos, Volunteer Coordinator with pre-school backpack



Gizelle Ortiz-Velazquez, Director of Career Services, Maria Santos, Volunteer Coordinator, CHS and Debra Cohen, Executive Director

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The campus collected a wide variety of materials

## Supporting Central Florida

### Altamonte Springs Campus

City College Altamonte Springs hosted a **Blood Drive** in August helping **OneBlood** replenish its Blood Banks. With the recent tragedies throughout the United States, it has become more necessary to always 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 and everyone readily waited to do their part. Besides donating their blood, students and staff also received a free wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. More than 15 donations were collected in the time that the **Big Red Bus** was at City College, the bus echoing with the laughter and camaraderie of the students and staff. Way to go, City College Altamonte Springs, for always coming forward and supporting your community!



Left to right: Stephanie Viruet and Michael Vazquez (Nursing) patiently wait to donate; It looks so complicated and does not even hurt; Ernest (PJ) Lewis happily donating for the first time (Admissions)

## Helping the Great Apes

### Hollywood Campus

For a Spring charity project, the Hollywood student vet tech group **SCNAVTA** led the way by collecting materials for the **Center for the Great Ape** in central Florida. The students created special boxes for the lobby by the elevator, along with information about the Center and a wish list.

The wish list was a big one, with a wide variety of items, so the campus collected pool flotation devices, toys, food items, cleaning supplies, and storage materials. The campus collections filled up over ten big boxes.

Hollywood had several events on campus in conjunction with the charity project. One of the most interesting opportunities was a screening of a fascinating film that gave information about the Center for the Great Ape. A member of the Board of Directors of the center came to the Hollywood campus to speak to students, faculty, and staff.



Students created special boxes for donations—and to give information about the Center

In June, a group of students accompanied **Dr. Watson** to take all the donations to the Center for the Great Ape. They had a chance to tour the facility and to see in person the animals in the film.

As with much charity work, the ones doing the work were just as enriched as the ones who will benefit from the donations.



## Student Spotlight

### Johanel Reyes

Fort Lauderdale Campus



Fort Lauderdale is proud of Johanel Reyes, a Veteran and Surgical Technology grad. His letter was selected to be part of a publication featuring 300 Veterans throughout the United States that had attended private career colleges."

My name is **Johanel Reyes**. My educational experience at City College – Ft Lauderdale was amazing. When leaving the military, I had a plan to pursue my education via my GI Bill, and had my aim set for majoring in Surgical Technology. This school was a great choice not only because it was one of the few schools in the area that had my major, but the small class sizes made you have a more personal relationship with the staff. Unlike major universities with multiple buildings and a large campus, City College has everything encompassed in one building, making it easy to navigate around. It was never a hassle at this school with finding staff help, and I never had to search high and low to ultimately be given the run around unlike at my first university.

The staff at this campus was exceptional, and was knowledgeable in their field. My instructors for my major were easy to reach, and used their experience in the field as reference to many of the lessons. They surely do set the students up for success here and do not leave you to fend for yourself, and make sure you are progressing accordingly. Unlike other Surgical Technology programs, this is simply not a certification program, you leave with an associate's degree which makes you more marketable and allows the opportunity for growth in the future.

## Graduation News

### Commencement Ceremony 2019

Miami Campus

On Friday, July 12th, 2019, forty-three graduates, their families and friends as well as City College-Miami faculty and staff gathered at the **Miami Dadeland Marriott** to commemorate this auspicious event. The atmosphere was happy and festive. The graduates came dressed in their commencement best. Quite a few decorated their caps with inspirational messages. The messages were a testament to all the challenges they had encountered and vanquished. Those that supported them in their academic journey came with big smiles- mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, spouses, significant others and dear friends. Many expressed their pride and gratitude to be in attendance to celebrate their graduate's accomplishments.

The National Anthem was beautifully sung by **Sophia C. Perez**, the daughter of our Registrar, **Carolina Morazan**. The Keynote speaker was **Dr. Santarvis Brown**, a respected educator and pastor. He provided words of encouragement and inspiration. The graduate speaker was **Ana Barrera**, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Management recipient. Ana spoke about how her journey started at City College-Miami when she enrolled in the Associate of Science-Business Administration-Management program in 2015. She graduated from that program and went on to enroll in the Bachelors program. She has grown personally and professionally and was promoted to a Marketing Manager position at **Road America** earlier this year. City College-Miami is proud of the Class of 2019 and wishes the graduates all the best now and in their future endeavors.



Miami Campus graduating class of 2019



Key Note Speaker  
Dr. Santarvis Brown.



Graduation messages show City College students' gratitude, ambition and pride



Student Speaker  
Ana Barrera



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## In the Classroom

# Florida Assembly of the AST

### Altamonte Springs Campus

In August, City College Altamonte Springs had the opportunity to host their first **Florida State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologist** at their campus and it was a great success in so many ways.

There were numerous educational presentations, one of which given by our own, **Dr. Binford, MD** Anesthesiologist from



*Clinical Coordinator, Stelian Georgian and Dr. Binford MD Anesthesiologist from Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford*

**Central Regional Medical Center, Sanford.** Certified Surgical Technologists from all over the state of Florida were in attendance for this very important Assembly, which was not only educational, but also fun for all who attended. Serious matters of the Florida Assembly were also handled during this time, and it is with pride that we note that City College Altamonte Spring's own Surgical Technologist Clinical Coordinator, **Mr. Stelian Georgian** was voted in as a new Board Member and Delegate for the State of Florida. Congratulations Stelian Georgian!! City College looks forward to being involved and hosting more meeting of the Florida Assembly in the future.



*City College filling the room with Certified Surgical Technicians from all over Florida. Best educational party of the year*

## Student Spotlight

# Annie Herrington

### Fort Lauderdale Campus

**Ms. Herrington** is an accomplished author with a number of books on **Amazon**, entrepreneur, and community advocate with **Souls to the Polls** initiative. She used the knowledge gained in the business program to launch a number of businesses including a food truck. Annie was always active in all the business classes I had the pleasure on instructing her in. She used the opportunity to learn all about entrepreneurship and the process of building a successful business model. Looking for problems and providing solutions in the form of customer centered businesses are the skills she uses in determining her next ventures. Annie is a five time author and a national motivational speaker. In 2014 the **National Writers Association** honored Annie with the publish author of the year award where great attention was paid to her Best-Selling book "Damaged But Not Broken".

At her recent book launch in Fort Lauderdale I had the pleasure to hear her



*Annie Herrington, 2019 Graduate Bachelor of Science Business Administration, Management Major Program*

experiences as an adopted child growing up. She used her trials to motivate and inspire others. She stated to me at her book signing that adoption is not all bad. You can look at it on a positive or negative perspective you will find that there have been too many factors set for you if you are in adoption now or have experienced adoption in the past. Remember, life has nothing to do with where you came from, but it has everything to do with where you are going, so continue to trust your journey.

She has shown that education is the key to change and is a way out of your current circumstances. Let's congratulate the success of Ms. Annie Herrington a City College Business Department Alumni 2019.

## Graduation News



*The City College Altamonte Springs graduating class of 2018-2019*

# Celebrating Our Graduates

### Altamonte Springs Campus

City College Altamonte Springs Commencement Ceremony was celebrated at the **Lake Brantley High School Auditorium** on Friday, July 26th at 5pm. Over 70 graduates proudly wore their academic regalia before their family and friends, as well as Administrators, Department Chairs, instructors and special guests. The graduates were recognized for their achievements and rewarding choices by the Executive Director, **Heidi Pollpeter**. The guest speaker, **Cam Rasko**, enthusiastically encouraged the students to follow their dreams and celebrate themselves. The eagerly awaited degrees were conferred to the excited graduates who happily exited to congratulations and celebrations and making their dreams come true.