



# City Spotlight

## In the Classroom

### Honor Society Pinning Ceremony

Altamonte Springs Campus

City College Altamonte Springs was very proud to have the Pinning Ceremony for the newest members of the **Kappa Iota Chapter of Florida of Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society**. Alpha Beta Kappa is the premier national honor society for America's private postsecondary schools, institutes, colleges, and universities, serving many institutions for the past 40 years.

The qualifications for membership are: excellence in the classroom, leadership and service in class and school activities, and personal integrity and good moral character. That fact that an individual is elected to membership in this Honor Society sets her or him apart as an example of personal integrity and excellence.

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*Lisa Allen proudly displays her certification*

## Student Spotlight

### Lisa Allen

Gainesville Campus

Lisa Allen has overcome many obstacles on her way to graduation. When she first enrolled at City College she had been out of school for more than 15 years. That would easily classify her as a non-traditional student. She was a single mother who was raising 4 children. On top of that, her family actually criticized her for going to college and was verbally and emotionally non supportive. During her two years at the Gainesville campus, she overcame health struggles, a lack of finances to pay for basic necessities, a repossessed automobile and did not have a steady place to stay for an extended period of time. Through it all she remained true to her convictions and did not give up hope. Scared, frightened, nervous all described the gauntlet of emotions she felt heading into her Medical Assisting certification testing. Lisa once again overcame all of those emotions and successfully passed her certification on her first attempt. Bolstered by her new confidence, she applied and was hired by Simed as a Medical Assistant. Lisa added this thought as we discussed her new position, "tell your students not to let their demons defeat them". From all of us at City College, Congratulations Lisa!

## My City Serving My Community!



*Congratulations to all our newest Honor Society members*

## Developing Good Financial Habits

Altamonte Springs Campus

Time is Money! On January 27, 2020, Makeala Ferguson's Personal Development class had two dynamic guest speakers present during the segment on financial literacy. Our market managers, **Maria Pizzaro** and **Lisette Cornielle** from **BB&T Bank**, provided useful and practical tools for everyday family budgeting, saving, and using credit cards with caution. Students asked questions and received great insight into basic financial steps that we sometimes overlook but are tremendously helpful. Through lively discussion and engaging activities on goal setting, making a budget, determining wants vs needs, and getting clarity on their financial habits, students were able to reflect upon what realistic changes they could make to improve their financial story!

## In the Classroom

### Honor Society [from page 1]

Each member received a personalized Certificate of Membership, a Gold Key Pin with the words "Excellence" and "Integrity" stamped thereon, the Alpha Beta Kappa Narrative, and special Letter of Congratulations from the Society. It was a very exciting time for the students, graduate and their families and friends. (Not Present: **Kylene Drescher, Samantha Campana and Jace Barnes**, all in the Surgical Technologist Program.)



## In-Service Training

Ft. Lauderdale Campus



Participants and Microsoft Educators

On January 24th the faculty and staff at Fort Lauderdale Campus participated in an in-service training sponsored by **Microsoft Education Innovation** team. The **Microsoft Educator Community** provides on-demand courses that focus on integrating technology into teaching and how to use tools like OneNote, Teams, and Office 365. The training focused on skill development and mastering Microsoft products in a learning path, a collection of courses for deeper learning.

Special thanks to the Microsoft team: **Temante Leary, Mariano Calero, Justin Reynaldo**, and **Wideline Dejean** for the insights on using Microsoft technology in our classroom and innovative methods of engaging our students in developing future ready skills.

All participants were certified as Microsoft Educators and received certification badges from Microsoft.

## Graduate Spotlight

### Ana Lucia Barrera

Miami Campus



*Ana Lucia Barrera, Associate of Science, Business Administration- Management (June 2017); Bachelor of Science, Business Administration-Management (June 2019)*

**Ana Barrera** is the Marketing Manager for **Road America Motor Club**, a leading roadside assistance provider in the

United States and Canada. She started her career as an Assistance Coordinator and has held many positions in the 17 years with the company; from Supervisor, Corporate Trainer, QA, Training and Development Manager, Senior Account Manager.

The factors that Ana believes have contributed to her success are her drive to stay ahead and put forth the best work. She strives to have a reputation as a dependable and hard-working person. City College helped her develop a passion for school. It drove Ana to pursue a Masters in Marketing degree at Florida International University. She will graduate in June 2020.

Some advice that she would like to share with students: "Enjoy your time and study hard. It will be worth it when you are walking up to get your diploma. Make friends along the way that will help you succeed. Professors are a great source for learning and if you open your mind you can learn real life teaching that you will put into effect in the real world."

## Partner with the Pros- Business

Miami Campus

On January 30, 2020, **Bryan Romero**, City College alumnus (AS- Business Administration- Management) was a guest speaker in **Dr. Germany Dixon's** Principles of Management class. Mr. Romero is the Assistant Manager at his family run 7-11 store in Miami. He spoke about the importance of a business-focused education and how instrumental his classes have proven to be, now that he is working in a broader capacity in his family's business. He discussed entrepreneurship and the challenges that come with being a business owner.

His perspective on the pros and cons of business ownership provided students with valuable insights and knowledge. Bryan is now in the process of starting a new business venture and very grateful to City College for all the support he was provided and was honored to be provided the opportunity to give back by supporting our educational program.

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City College Miami business students

## In the Classroom



*Kathy, Tom, Dawne, Keith, Faith, Tara, Gloria, and Brian launch the Gainesville campus Toys for Tots Campaign*

## Hands-On in the Labs

### Altamonte Springs Campus

An integral part of the Surgical Technology program is in the Surgical Tech Labs. In the non-sterile labs, students are given the opportunity to receive critical hands-on experience with Operating Room procedures, sterile training, gowning, instrument placement and passing and so much more. Surgical technologists with the appropriate and thorough training and experience work closely with surgeons, doctors and nurses in the surgical suites of hospitals, offices and surgical centers.



*CVS Student Britni Hutchinson reporting to her externship site*

## CVS Externship at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital

### Hollywood Campus

Hollywood campus Cardiovascular Sonography students have had a wide variety of externship sites, but only recently have they had the chance to work in a hospital for externship.

Student **Britni Hutchinson** is the first CVS student to take advantage of this opportunity. She's working with children in the **Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital** that's part of the Memorial Hospital system. The field of pediatric cardiovascular sonography is expanding, and she's happy to be able to experience the work firsthand.

Because of Britni Hutchinson's pioneering effort, many other students will have the chance to work in a hospital setting for externship where they can make the connections that will lead them to a wider variety of career paths.

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## Community Service



*Janisa Malave of the American Lung Association asks students to step up to the challenge*

## Every Breath We Take

### Hollywood Campus

On February 13, EMS students had a special guest from the **American Lung Association**. **Janisa Malave** told students about the history of the organization and how we can help fight lung diseases. She even shared her story of her grandfather's experience with lung disease, which is one of the reasons why she does the work she does. Instructor **Peter Berger** also shared his insight.

Then students had a chance to sign up to participate in the **2020 Fight for Air Climb**, which will take place in a Miami stairwell on March 7, 2020. Students can participate by raising money, donating money, or doing the actual climb of 38 floors and 648 stairs.

Just a week after Janisa Malave's visit, students had already met their goal of raising \$1500, and they still had weeks to go before the project is over. Last year the City College team was one of the top teams in the nation, and we look forward to seeing them compete this year.

## In the Classroom



City College Miami Private Investigation Services

## Partner with the Pros- Private Investigation

### Miami Campus

On January 29, 2020, Mr. Kent Jurney, Founder of Jurney and Associates, a family owned professional security and investigative agency came to the City College-Miami campus and addressed and networked with students in our PI program.

Mr. Jurney has over 50 years' experience

in law enforcement and private investigations. He shared career insights and stories from his long and amazing career. Students were able to ask questions and get information about the private investigations field as well as opportunities available with his company.

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## Community Event

## Black History Month Scavenger Hunt

### Gainesville Campus

In the spirit of the Great American Race, and to celebrate Black History month, the Gainesville Ambassadors organized a scavenger hunt around campus. The students were given clues to locate posters of historical African American leaders around campus. Each clue led them to the next clue and the next poster. This was not a timed event although the competitive spirit showed as the students bolted from one clue to the next. The winners had to accumulate 8 total accurate responses. At the end of the race, **Taylor Partain** and **Carol Hubner** were victorious. Each received a candy cup and lunch with **Mrs. Andrea Jones, DOE**. Great job to all our participants.



The winner of the Scavenger Hunt, Taylor Partain and Carol Hubner



Spirited run to the next clue



Black History Month Scavenger Hunt launches and students gather for instructions

## In the Classroom

### Partner with the Pros- Emergency Medical Services

Miami Campus



*City College Miami paramedic students*

On January 20, 2020, Ms. **Sarah-Anne Blades** from **Miles Moss & Associates** was a guest speaker in our Paramedic I and III classes. Ms. Blade, who has a background in law enforcement and investigations provides accident reconstruction services to her clients. She shared information that first responders need to be aware of when they respond to a motor vehicle accident. She stressed that while their priority is the saving of lives, it is helpful for them to know the things that she looks at and documents in the aftermath of an accident. Ms. Blades pointed out that first responders could be called upon to testify in a trial as a witness. Valuable food for thought.

## Spring Career Fair

Altamonte Springs Campus

City College students and graduates participated in a Spring Career Fair at the Altamonte Springs Campus. The attendees were able to connect with employers and receive information about employment and future placement in their careers. Enthusiastic students had the opportunity to network with employers from all over the community.

There were ten employers in attendance to share and network with our students and graduates. Our guests included recruiters and partners from major healthcare facilities, assisted living facilities and home health care locations: **Advent Health, HCA, Right at Home, Quest, Scribe America, Citrus Garden ALF, Orlando Senior Health,**

## Community Event

### Chili Cook Off

Ft. Lauderdale Campus

The Ft. Lauderdale campus showed appreciation for our students by hosting a Chili Cook Off, with chili created by faculty and staff. Students from the morning and evening classes came out to sample a total of six different types of chili and to vote for their favorite recipe. **Mr. Victor Cornier**, Surgical Technology Department Chair, won both sessions for his spicy Texas style chili. This is the second year Mr. Cornier has won for the best tasting chili. Congratulations and thank you to the Ft. Lauderdale students for casting your votes.



*Let's get some chili*



*Judging the chili*

**Biomat, Sweet Tomatoes, and Cangene Plasma Resource.** The students were very engaged with the representatives and excited about the possibilities presented to them for their futures. Future career fairs are in the planning to keep this momentum going forward.



*Students engaging with employers during Career Fair*



*City College Partner, Advent Health, sharing opportunities with attendees*

## Community Event

# Career and Resource Fair

Ft. Lauderdale Campus

On Thursday February 20th, students, graduates, and the local community came together to attend the **City College and City of Pompano Beach Career/Resource Fair**. Attendees were able to meet and speak with hiring representatives and had the opportunity to interview with various companies.

Over twenty companies attended the fair offering a variety of jobs. Employers were also provided a brunch sponsored by **Pollo Tropical**. Students and



*Student with the staff of Flexx FM Radio*

graduates received information about jobs and are interviewing for opportunities presented by employers.

## Community Service

# Clean Up at the Cat Rescue

Hollywood Campus

Saturday, January 25th, Vet Tech students went to the **Beyond Nine Cat Rescue**, where they helped to restore the property. The cat rescue has been a pet project of the student group, **SCNAVTA**. They've had several events to raise money for the group, but the Saturday project gave them more of a hands-on approach.

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*Cat rescue volunteer work force*

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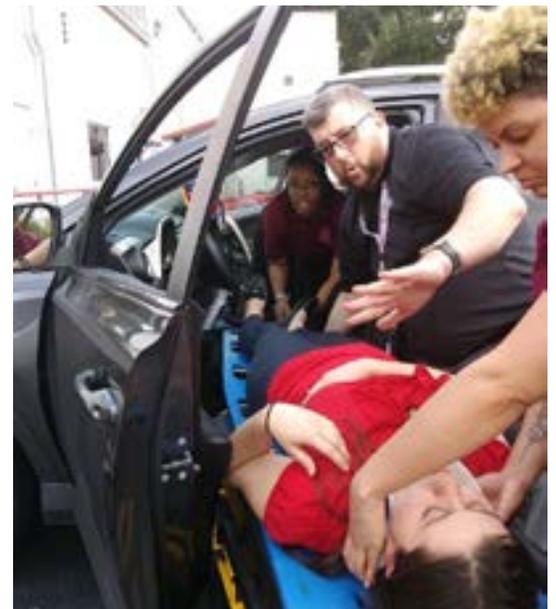


*Stabilizing the injured driver*

## EMS Scenario

Gainesville Campus

Lead Instructor **Katie Gerencser** held an outdoor EMS lab. The students participated in a mock car accident scenario. The cars were staged to look as though they had been involved in an accident with the driver, fellow staff members from admissions, **Mr. Johnson, Manny** and **Kristen** acting as the wounded driver/passengers. The students applied their assessment knowledge and skills to determine the proper treatment and removal of the driver from the vehicle. Another staff member, **Chris** from the library, acted as patient, of a car versus pedestrian. The students used their skills and assessments to properly treat, secure head and neck, and place on a backboard from transport to the hospital. Great job! Many thanks to our "patients" who helped us out with our live lab.



*Preparing the injured driver for transport to the hospital*

## Community Service

### Cat Rescue [from page 6]

One of Dr. Watson's friends, a landscaper, donated his time and expertise.

The landscaper cleared away dead branches and did pruning. With his guidance, students cleared the area for new planting and did some mulching. The students also did some painting, and created beautiful areas with new statuary.



Before the clean up: front yard



After the clean up: front yard

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### Vet Tech Guest Speaker

#### Gainesville Campus

During our most recent Animal Nutrition course, **Dr. Tania Otero** from Hills Pet Nutrition come out to our Veterinary Technology program to guest lecture to our students. Hills Pet Nutrition is one of the leading companies in the Veterinary Medicine field and their prescription diets can be seen in almost every Animal Hospital in the country. The folks at Hills don't just come out to the school to lecture, but give out free samples and usually provide our students with lunch.

Thanks to our Program Chair **Dr. Smok**, the Veterinary Technology program at City College participates in their VIP food ordering program. As participants in this program, our students can actually get their pet food at discount pricing and their orders get shipped to the school for free. We can't thank the people at Hill for their support and for **Sharon Goldade** for making the arrangements for the lectures.



Dr. Tania Otero presenting to the Veterinary Technology Class



Dr. Tania Otero delivering the history of Hills Pet Nutrition