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1933  Palm Beach Junior College opened at Palm Beach High School (the historical building downtown) in the depths of the Great Depression, the first public junior college in Florida. County school superintendent, Joe Youngblood, and Howell Watkins, Principal of Palm Beach High School, who became the College’s first Dean, were instrumental in opening the college to high school graduates who desired additional training because so few jobs were available.

1936  The first Palm Beach Junior College graduates were Charlotte Cross, Virginia Cunningham and Frank Kamiyo.

1936-1958  John I. Leonard, county Superintendent of Public Instruction, became Palm Beach Junior College’s first President. He was affectionately known in the community as “Mr. Junior College.”

1948  Palm Beach Junior College moved to Morrison Field, a deactivated Army-Air Force base, which is now the Palm Beach International Airport.

1951  Palm Beach Junior College relocated to Lake Park Town Hall. The facilities were so cramped, the college had to lay off faculty and staff and cut enrollment to 200 students. Newspapers referred to Palm Beach Junior College as “the little orphan college.”

1955  The County Commission gave the college 114 acres in Lake Worth, and the state legislature passed a bill funding over a million dollars for buildings. The college reopened there in the fall of 1956.

1958  Roosevelt Junior College for African American students was established under President Britton Sayles.

1958-1978  Dr. Harold Manor was Palm Beach Junior College President.

1965  During the height of the Civil Rights Movement, Roosevelt Junior College merged with Palm Beach Junior College, a mostly white college.

1968  Palm Beach Junior College, which had been legally governed by the Palm Beach County school district, came under the legal custodianship of a Board of Trustees.

1978-1997  Dr. Edward Eissey was Palm Beach Junior College President.

1978  Palm Beach Junior College in Belle Glade opened.

1980  Palm Beach Junior College in Palm Beach Gardens opened.

1983  Palm Beach Junior College in Boca Raton opened.

1988  The Board of Trustees approved a name change to Palm Beach Community College to more accurately reflect the broad scope of College programs and services.

1997  Dr. Dennis P. Gallon became Palm Beach Community College’s fourth President.

1999  Palm Beach Community College assumes responsibility for more than 40 post secondary adult vocational programs in a transition from the Palm Beach County School District.

2008  State Board of Education gives approval for Palm Beach Community College to offer its first baccalaureate degree, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management.

2010  The college is renamed Palm Beach State College to reflect the expanded educational offerings.
Well Lake Worth Campus, you never cease to amaze me! I’m bursting with pride at all of our accomplishments, both individually and collectively. The last two years have been most productive as well as challenging for us all. But we continue to keep our students’ success upper most in mind.

Next year, looks to be even more challenging as we address the new legislative mandates affecting higher education in Florida. I am counting on you not to let me down. We need your involvement at the district wide meetings, as we shape the future of higher education at Palm Beach State College. We also need your voices as we start to implement our college strategic plan. So please join a committee. I really want Lake Worth well represented and leading in these endeavors.

Spring 2013 has marked another milestone for the Lake Worth Campus, as we opened our beautiful “state of the art” Public Safety Training Center. Again we lead the county!! If you haven’t seen it yet, we’ll be planning a tour in September during one of my Provost Coffee Hours; and I assure you that you’ll be very impressed.

Another most important initiative led by our campus is our Hispanic Serving Institution (H.S.I.) initiative. We have reached our goal as we respond to the growing Hispanic population in our service area and county. We are now in the process of applying for federal funds designated only for HSI institutions.

Last but certainly not least, this year 2013 marks our college’s 80th Anniversary!! We are most proud of the incredible growth and accomplishments Lake Worth has undergone in the last 80 years.

So, my dear colleagues, as the original Palm Beach Junior College campus, we have much to celebrate and I hope this publication is reflective of that! What an incredible and exciting way to start out this fall. Join us in the festivities and be proud! I know I am proud beyond words of all you do, each and every day, to make Lake Worth Campus Shine.

As always, it is my privilege and pleasure to serve you. I love my job and I love my campus! Continue to shine Lake Worth!

Respectfully,

Dr. María M. Vallejo
Lake Worth Campus Provost
The Division of Student Services on the Lake Worth Campus continues to be responsive to supporting the development and engagement of all faculty, staff, and students. As we continue to be challenged by precarious economic times, vacillating enrollment, and significant changes in the legislature, Student Services has risen to the occasion with renewed vision, creative processes, and energized staff. Even though problems still exist in the form of strategic utilization of space, technology, and limited staffing, all current and future efforts are being directed to the pinnacle of promoting effective collaboration with the College and the community to support engagement and success for all students.

The Lake Worth Campus Student Services Division is responding to the challenges of enrollment, legislative changes, limited staffing, technology, and space with an erudite and caring staff who continues to implement initiatives to support the College in overcoming those obstacles while continuing to affect positive transformation in all students.

Lake Worth students named volunteer group of the year

On Nov. 3, 2012, at the Special Olympics Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, the Palm Beach State College Lake Worth campus was honored with the 2012 Volunteer Group of the Year award. The group was selected among the 158 agencies, associations, clubs, schools and groups who volunteer with Special Olympics Palm Beach County. The students have volunteered for every Special Olympics area game or event since 2009, forging a relationship with the athletes that play in each sport.

Student Anderson Phebe said, “I have been volunteering with Special Olympics with our volunteer program since 2010, and I cannot express enough how much I truly enjoy every minute. My experience working with the athletes and the organization has positively changed my outlook in life and has influenced me to reanalyze my career path through my passion.”

Special Olympics Palm Beach County provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for persons with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympic athletes and the community.
The Right Stuff: Palm Beach State trio pursues NASA Mars exploration scenario

Palm Beach State College student Alexiou Gibson, was among 48 students from 25 states who visited NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, on November 8-10, 2011. He participated in a three-day experience through the National Community College Aerospace Scholars program. The experience included a tour of NASA facilities and briefings from agency scientists and engineers.

Lake Worth Campus Delta Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) has reasons to be proud!

The Lake Worth Campus Delta Omicron chapter of The Phi Theta Kappa honor society was recognized as one of the Top 100 Chapters out of more than 1,200 chapters during the honor society’s international convention in Nashville, Tennessee, during the spring term of 2012. The Delta Omicron chapter was awarded the highest Phi Theta Kappa rank of Five Star Chapter.

In honor of their academic achievement, leadership and service to the community, three Palm Beach State at Lake Worth students, Gimena Guillen, Faith Proper and Michael Schulz, were named to the 2012 Phi Theta Kappa All-Florida Academic Team. They were among 112 students from throughout the state who were recognized at an awards ceremony held April 5, 2012, at Valencia College’s West Campus in Orlando.
SGA students attend leadership conference

Members of the Palm Beach State College Lake Worth campus 2010-2011 Student Government Association executive board attended the Florida Junior Community College Student Government Association Leadership Conference in Palm Beach Gardens Aug. 5 - 6. The conference agenda included a service learning portion in which SGA students from Miami Dade College, Broward College of Central Florida and Santa Fe College participated in a coastal cleanup at John D. MacArthur State Park. Student representatives from 23 other Florida colleges later joined the conference.

Lake Worth Student Government Association garners several awards

Students and staff from the Lake Worth campus represented Palm Beach State College at the Florida Junior/Community Colleges Student Government Association (SGA) District 1 awards banquet at Miami-Dade College’s Wolfson campus April 9, 2011. The Lake Worth campus won several awards, including Most Outstanding Event of the Year for the elections forum hosted in September, the Most Supportive College Campus SGA, and the Most Spirited College Campus SGA.

SGA Secretary Vanessa Torres was honored as the Most Supportive District 1 Student, SGA Historian Christina Siu was recognized as the Most Spirited District 1 Student, and SGA Treasurer Daniel Torrens was awarded Most Outstanding Executive Board Member for his role as District 1 assistant coordinator.
Honors College graduate receives big scholarship boost

Maria "Mili" Chapado, a Global Education Center student and a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, completed her A.A. degree with a 3.8 grade point average and graduated from Palm Beach State College with an honors diploma in May, 2012. She was awarded a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship of up to $30,000 per year to complete her bachelor’s degree in international relations. She is one of only 60 people selected from around the country this year. The scholarship can be used for tuition, living expenses, books and required fees for two to three years.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is a private, independent foundation established in 2000 by the estate of Jack Kent Cooke. It aims to help young people with exceptional promise reach their full potential through education. The Foundation's programs include scholarships to undergraduate, graduate and high school students, and grants to organizations that serve high-achieving students with financial need.

Humanities Students win plum scholarships

**Marvin Cano**, Graphics Design Student, won a full 4-year scholarship to Cooper Union School of Art in New York. **Rachel Sanchez**, music student, received a scholarship to the Frost School of Music at University of Miami.

Palm Beach State students successful at music symposium

Two Palm Beach State students received kudos at the annual Florida Community College Activities Association Winter Music Symposium held at Florida Atlantic University Jan. 27-29, 2011.

Matthew Skinner (trumpet) was the winner in the jazz soloist category. He was a student of Professor David Gibble, and performed in the Symposium Jazz Ensemble as featured soloist. He was also featured in the Friday evening concert of Student Artist Competition winners, playing "Oleo" by Sonny Rollins. Matthew won $1000/year scholarship for two years to complete his education at a school of music at a Florida university.

Nancy Saint Pierre (voice), a student of Professor Michael MacMullen, received a Special Award of Artistic Merit in the female vocalist category. She was a member of the Symposium Chorus and sang for the Voice Master Class on Friday afternoon, performing "My Man’s Gone Now" from Porgy and Bess. Nancy has graduated from Palm Beach State and is currently furthering her education at Palm Beach Atlantic.
Panther Women’s Basketball has magical 2011-2012 season

The Palm Beach State Women’s Basketball Team experienced one of those magical seasons in the 2011-12 campaign. The Panther’s for the first time in 17 years qualified for the Florida College Systems Activities Association (FCSAA) State tournament and advanced to the “Final Four” before getting defeated. In addition, they not only won the Southern Conference Championship with a perfect 10-0 mark but they had the best overall record in the school’s history at 25-2 and were ranked in the top 20 in the nation for the majority of the season.

Individually, Panther players Me Me Ward (pictured below) and Janay Borum were selected FCSAA All State Performers and Ward was selected National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Player of the Week and an NJCAA All American. Coach Kris Ruffo (pictured below) was honored as the Southern Conference Coach of the Year.

Baseball players Carhart and Mooney receive national awards

Ben Carhart continues to add to his post season honors as he recently was awarded the NJCAA/Rawlings 2010 Big Stick Award for his batting skills. The Southern Conference, FCCAA/CAA Player of the Year and First Team NJCAA All American was one of 10 players to earn national honors by Rawlings for offensive production. Carhart hit .480 with 11 home runs, 72 runs batted in and 82 hits as the Panthers went 38-15 and finished the regular season ranked ninth nationally.

For Peter Mooney, it was back to back Defensive Player of the Year at the shortstop position. Mooney was honored with the same NJCAA/Easton award last season which is referred to as the Gold Glove. Mooney committed only eight errors this season at the shortstop position. Peter also had a productive offensive year as he hit .356 with 10 doubles, three home runs and 28 RBI’s. His fielding percentage was .955.

Financial Aid Department holds promotional events

Financial Aid Awareness week, held April 8-11, 2013, was incredibly successful. Events included Financial Aid 101, Student Loan and Financial Literacy workshops. Students were awarded $5,500 in scholarships and book gift cards.

In February of 2013, the Financial Aid Department began holding Financial Aid Booths throughout campus at MLK Plaza, TC Courtyard and ETA Breezeway, bringing financial aid to the students instead of making the student to financial aid.
Career Center helps students land jobs

Over the last three years, the Career Center staff conducted over 600 class presentations and workshops on career exploration and job search topics utilizing people from the community. These events were co-sponsored with academic departments and community partners, and included “Starting Your Own Business,” “Why Should I Hire You,” “Careers in the Legal Field (2),” “Hot Careers 2011-2018,” “Careers in Finance and Economics,” “The Computer World,” “Communication in the Job Search,” “Federal Employment,” “Dress for Success,” and “Using Social Media to Jump Start your Career.”

The first Business Etiquette Luncheon and Seminar was held on December 4, 2012, at the Atlantis Country Club with a Human Resource consultant presenting topics on dining etiquette, appropriate dress for job interviews and the workplace, and how to create a job search network. The program was designed to assist students in our BAS Supervision and Management degree program.

In the fall of 2011, the Career Center implemented a new online career management program. The system allows students access to jobs, resume and interview resources, career assessments and career information. During the 2011-2012 academic year there were 11,566 student log ins, an increase of 10% from the previous year.

Job and Transfer Fairs were held in 2011 and 2012 at the Lake Worth Campus with over 1000 participants at each event.

The Career Center worked with the Lake Worth Campus Financial Aid to develop a new process for Work Study and Student Assistant positions that require students to apply for posted jobs, submit their resumes, be interviewed for the position, and be evaluated by the department where they are working.
Campus Welcomes New Students

Palm Beach State College Lake Worth campus hosted its first ever New Student Convocation on September 7, 2012. Students new to the college and their parents were warmly welcomed with much fanfare and excitement by faculty, staff and especially student volunteers.

The event began with a procession of faculty into the Duncan Theater and a formal welcome by campus administration. Motivational speeches and advice were presented by Professors Patrick Tierney and Manuel Larenas. Following the program, new students and parents were escorted to a carnival-themed market place located in the student commons where information tables presented various college programs and student services.

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The Provost saved beautification funds for 10 years to bring her vision of a Student Commons to fruition. The second phase of the project, in an area near the multimedia boardroom and the BA Annex is in the works, possibly including a band shell/performance amphitheater, open grassed lawn with perimeter landscaping and paved connector walks.

Rescued live oaks grace revitalized Student Commons green space

To make room for the new Center for Baccalaureate Programs Building, several decades-old large live oak trees in the landscaped parking area north of the Business Administration annex were saved from destruction. Four of the largest oaks were relocated to form the anchors of the new "Greening of the Central Commons," located in what was formerly a weed-choked vacant lot just north of the Administration building.

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Global Education Center

By The Numbers
Student Participation in Global Education Center Activities

1700 is the total number of people registered in the GEC’s intake database through Summer 2012.

31 immigrant scholars attended Integration workshops on Advocacy by Juan Dircie, Director of the Latino & Latin American Institute of the Jewish American; Successful Networking by David Marrero of MEM Business Engineering, Inc.; Scholarships and College Applications: Beyond the AA Degree by fellow scholars Maria Chapado and Aida Rodriguez, both who applied to various universities.

65 prospective and current students attended the “Deferred Action” Special session by immigration attorneys Cynthia Arevalo and Aileen Josephs, whose purpose was to clarify questions in regards to President Obama’s announcement on special consideration with respect to individuals who came to the United States as children.

15 adults completed a summer Intensive English Boot Camp on July 31, 2012. Instructors were impressed by and praised the students who participated, and reported many of the students went beyond their assignments in an effort to improve their English. One student reported that, due to her increased level in speaking English, she felt encouraged to seek employment and actually found a part-time job.

6 center scholars and Students Working for Equal Rights (SWER) members along with Dr. Manzanero participated in the Florida Immigrant Coalition annual congress in Fruitland, Florida on November 16-18, 2012. Over 300 members of diverse groups of workers, women and students from throughout the state attended, voted and agreed to advocate for Comprehensive Immigration Reform in 2013.

Palm Beach State’s Global Education Center lauded in national report

The Dr. Kathryn W. Davis Global Education Center at Palm Beach State College at Lake Worth was lauded in a national report released in January, 2012, by the Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education entitled “Increasing Opportunities for Immigrant Students: Community College Strategies for Success” Palm Beach State was recognized for Program Outreach and Welcoming Environment; and for Holistic, Integrated Student Support Services.
Dr. Jeannett B. Manzanero, Director of The Dr. Kathryn W. Davis Global Education Center works really hard for students

In the summer of 2010, Dr. Jeannett B. Manzanero, the newly appointed Director of the Global Education Center (GEC), engaged in recruitment efforts by hosting English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) seniors from the Palm Beach County School District Multilingual Department and holding information sessions for Title I Migrant Education Program K-12 grade students and parents at two conferences.

In the fall of 2010 Dr. Manzanero participated in a DREAM Act feedback session of key educators by the Migration Policy Institute of the National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy as a result of the GEC’s best practices profile completed in the Community College Consortium on Immigrant Education website, coordinated by the Gateway Center at Westchester Community College.

Fall 2011, Dr. Manzanero was co-presenter of “Partnerships That Work” a session highlighting best practices of comprehensive services to the immigrant community at the Hispanic Association of College and Universities (HACU) 25th Anniversary conference, in San Antonio, Texas.

On January 14, 2012, Dr. Manzanero served as panelist at the Lake Worth Interfaith Network forum entitled “The Spirituality of Non-Violence: Reviving the Legacy” The panel, moderated by Reverend Taylor Stevens, also included Pastor Tony Cato of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Barbara I. Cheives, President of Converge and Associates Consulting, Elisa “Lisa” Stewart and Ted Brownstein, two members of the network.

Dr. Manzanero joined co-presenters Teresita Wisell and Jill Casner-Lotto, founders of the Community College Consortium for Immigration (CCCIE), housed at Westchester Community College, and Sarah Hooker, research analyst at the Migration Policy Institute, in a presentation entitled “Ensuring Immigrant Student Success: A Critical National Imperative” at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) 92nd annual conference held on April 21-23, 2012, in Orlando.

On September 24, 2012, Dr. Manzanero participated in U.S. Representative Ted Deutch’s Latino Educators Round table at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Campus where constituents from the communities we served aired their concerns.

On September, 29, 2012, Dr. Manzanero presented to the Lake Worth Campus Student Services department regarding the recently adopted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) on how to best serve prospective immigrant students.

On October 19, 2012, Dr. Manzanero made a presentation to Palm Beach State College Retirees’ Association to garner their support of our center by sharing their academic gifts serving as tutors and mentors to our English-as-a-Second Language students and other scholars.

On October 24, 2012, the Dr. Manzanero presented “From Stereotype to Hate: The Role of Prejudice and Intolerance in the Presidential Election Campaign”, at the Multicultural Fest of the Palm Beach Gardens Campus to an audience of students, community and staff members.
Opportunities for Immigrant Students Increase
Through a partnership with Westchester Community College in New York, the Global Education Center (GEC) participates in the Community College Consortium of Immigrant Education (CCCIE) and was mentioned in a November, 2011, CCCIE report entitled “Increasing Opportunities for Immigrant Students.”

Students Working for Equal Rights
On November 8, 2011, Dr. Jeannett B. Manzanero, as advisor of the Students Working for Equal Rights (SWER) student club, hosted a "Sensible Immigration Reform Panel: a Civil Conversation to Find Common Ground." Presenters included Aileen Josephs, Honorary Consul of Guatemala; Gary Walk, a real estate attorney; Juan Diricie, Associate Director of the Latino and Latin American Institute of the American Jewish Committee in Miami; Julio Fuentes, President of the Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Jim Kuretski, Vice Mayor of the City of Jupiter. More than 200 community members attended the event. The event was moderated by Mr. Armando Guzman, President of the Azteca America Foundation and televised in English via our local Azteca America TV station.

On October 22, 2012 in her role as club advisor, Dr. Manzanero accompanied members of SWER to join Miami-Dade College administrators and student counterparts in the unveiling of “Dreaming BIG: What Community Colleges Can Do to Help Undocumented Immigrant Youth Achieve Their Potential” (attached). This report by the Community College Consortium for Immigrant education (C.C.C.I.E.) featured among others the Global Education center’s best practices. The unveiling was part of Route to Human Rights Article I presentation sponsored by the International Solidarity for Human Rights organization. The program included the painting “Libertad” by Venezuelan artist Jorge Dager.

On November 16-18, 2012, a group of six center scholars and SWER members and the Director participated in the Florida Immigrant Coalition annual congress in Fruitland, Florida. Over 300 members of diverse groups of workers, women and students from throughout the state attended, voted and agreed to advocate for Comprehensive Immigration Reform in 2013.

Service Excellence Award
Camilo Yepes, a Dec. 2011, Palm Beach State graduate and Core Leader of Students Working for Equal Rights (SWER) Club, received a Lake Worth Campus Service Excellence Award in Spring, 2012, for his leadership in starting “El Comite de Defensa del Barrio” a committee of immigrant workers and residents in the City of Lake Worth to address issues of integration and improve relations by encouraging understanding among all residents of the City. Camilo is now at Florida Atlantic University completing a Premed degree.

Global Education Center featured in Chronicle of Higher Education
On April 24, 2012, Palm Beach State College and the Global Education Center’s work was featured in The Chronicle of Higher Education’s article entitled "Program Director Tells How Her College Is Helping Immigrant Students Succeed". The article was part of the American Association of Community Colleges conference coverage by the publication. The article was also highlighted in a briefing of the Lumina Foundation.
Lake Worth Campus has made significant progress meeting the anticipated challenges identified in 2008 to increase resource efficiency and improve student access to courses and programs that prepare them for transfer to the state university system or directly into the workforce. With the associate of arts degree, our graduates can enter one of Palm Beach State’s bachelors of applied science degrees in supervision and management and information management and the bachelor of science in nursing degree is available for professional nurses who hold the RN certification.

To meet challenge of access, additional venues were created for students to attend classes. These include weekend class offerings (Weekend College) and the expansion of afternoon class offerings (Afternoon College), both of which have been well received by students. In fact, the availability of weekend and afternoon classes was so well received, sunrise classes have been added to the course offerings at Lake Worth Campus. These classes begin at 7 a.m. and enable students to attend at least one course before their normal work schedule. While convenient for their home and work schedules, students also report the weekend, afternoon, and sunrise schedules offer the best parking opportunities.

To improve and support academic success, our Student Learning Center at Lake Worth Campus remains a vibrant hub of activity for students seeking learning assistance in reading, writing, language, and mathematics. Learning Specialists assist students with preparatory instruction to attain the educational level for college credit placement and for one of our post-secondary adult vocational programs including practical nursing, automotive, cosmetology, and more.

The opportunities for students preparing for the role as a secondary school teacher through our Institute of Teacher Education continue to expand with university transfer agreements to attain undergraduate and master’s degrees. The Institute of Early Care and Afterschool expanded training in Youth Development, adding to the available training from entry-level to the associate in science degree in early childhood education.

When I look at all the activities ongoing, I see the dedication of our faculty to assure students achieve their educational goals, and through instructional strategies, improve their critical thinking skills. I see students engaged in academic exploration, evaluation, and expression, using reasoning to identify problems and make decisions. These skills are not only applicable to their learning environment, but also valuable in their personal lives and work environment.

Thank you for choosing Lake Worth Campus as your first choice in education. With students as my first priority, I remain dedicated to assure students have access to the highest quality academic resources, first and foremost of which is our faculty and instructors.

I look forward to the opportunity to give you a personal tour of our campus—let me know when you are ready!

Dr. Jacqueline Rogers
Dean of Health Sciences & Public Safety &
Interim Dean of Academic Affairs

Successful SACS visit advances College reaffirmation process

Reaffirmation of Palm Beach State College's accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) moved a major leap forward with the successful on-site team visit October 10-13, 2011.

The seven-member visiting team toured campus areas and facilities, poured over College files and conducted group and individual interviews with various administrators, faculty, staff and students. At the final day’s exit interview with College leadership, team members indicated there would be no recommendations related to the College’s compliance with SACS-COC comprehensive standards and just two recommendations for “minor” issues related to the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The College’s reaffirmation was submitted to the full SACS-COC board for approval in June 2012, and approval was granted on July 11, 2012.

The visiting team noted the quality of the QEP plan and the commitment and enthusiasm expressed by the QEP team, as well as faculty, staff and students. Team members said they saw clearly that students will benefit as a result of the plan’s implementation.
Academic Affairs welcomes new full-time faculty

The Lake Worth Academic Affairs Department was pleased to welcome many new full-time faculty during the last two and a half academic years in order to better serve our students.

The fall of 2010, saw the addition of Carleton Cherneckoff, Assistant Professor, teaching strategies; Pamela Mason-Egan, Professor I, teaching strategies; Sapna Gupta, Professor III, chemistry; Tony Siassi, Associate Professor, mathematics; and Bruce Beck, Associate Professor, English.

In fall, 2011, we welcomed Mauvlette Joseph, Assistant Professor, math prep; Alex Opritsa, Associate Professor, math prep; Manuel Larenas, Associate Professor, strategies; Dr. Mathew Klausa, Professor II, English; Dr. Sabrina Greenwell, Professor II, education; Cassandra Wilbanks, Associate Professor, early childhood education; Dr. Andrew Blair, Professor I, human services/psychology; and Kristin Miller-Hopkins, Associate Professor, graphic design.

During fall of 2012, we added Suzanne Duff, Associate Professor, psychology and human services; John Gaul, Professor I, chemistry; Jermaine Gordon, Associate Professor, mathematics; Joseph Pick, Associate Professor, mathematics; and Kathryn Thomasson, Associate Professor, mathematics.

On April 5, 2011, (from left) Susy Martinez-White, Dr. María M. Vallejo and Dr. Jeannett Manzanero visited Representative Mario Diaz Balart with a delegation of Florida college educators during the Hispanic Association of College and Universities (HACU) Capitol Forum in Washington, DC.

Hispanic Serving Institution Representatives visit Congressional Representatives

In April, 2011, on behalf of the Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) initiative, Dr. Maria M. Vallejo, Dr. Jeannett Manzanero, and Susy Martinez-White accompanied a Florida delegation of educators to the Hispanic Association of College and Universities (HACU) Capitol Forum in Washington, DC on April 4 and 5, 2011. The delegation visited and delivered information packets to Senator Rubio and Representatives Mario Diaz Balart, Ted Deutch, Alcee Hastings, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Allen West’s offices.

Lake Worth LLRC celebrates unveiling of Hispanic literature collection

Dr. Jeannett Manzanero, Director of the Dr. Kathryn W. Davis Global Education Center, invited students to recite poetry during her presentation, “Celebrating Dia de La Raza” during Columbus Day activities Oct. 12, 2011, at the Harold C. Manor Library on the Lake Worth campus. Dr. Manzanero discussed how the Spanish language and heritage are tied to the discovery of Florida. Following her presentation, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to debut the library’s developing “Spanish Collection” titles written in Spanish that include popular fiction, literature and nonfiction.
Student Learning Center is all about helping students succeed

In June and July, 2010, through the collaboration of the Dr. Kathryn W. Davis Global Center with the Language Connections Institute and the Student Learning Center (SLC) Reading Lab, the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Boot Camp 2010 took flight. The SLC Reading Lab provided a biweekly lab component to complement an integrated English skills course for immigrant students, acculturating to American culture. Four tutors acted as facilitators of conversation groups of six students. Topics such as multiple intelligences, hurricane preparation, ideal employee & boss, appropriate favors & requests in different cultures became the focus of discussions. Sixteen students participated in this Palm Beach State College ESOL class.

On August 18, 2010, the SLC hosted the first District Tutor Training Day, “Creating the Great Experience”. In 2011, more than ¾ of the SLC staff members participated in the Lake Worth Campus SLC annual Tutor Training Day before the start of the fall semester.

In 2011, Learning Specialist Lowrie Osborne worked with Palm Beach State librarian Connie Tuisku to develop and promote the Plagiarism Resource Center, which had more than 5,000 visits during its inaugural year.

The fall of 2011 saw the initiation of the English Writing Lab Ambassadors program, modeled on the Student Learning Center (SLC) Math Lab Ambassador Program, to increase student and faculty awareness of all the ways we can help them become more successful. More than ten SLC staff members completed SLC Ambassador Training and visited credit English classes at teacher request.

On Tutor Training Day 2012, Carrie Thompson and Bonnie Bonincontri developed and delivered a presentation on Avoiding Plagiarism on Tutor Training Day.

Supplemental Instruction Program helps to improve the academic performance of students

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an internationally recognized model of peer-assisted study and is traditionally attached to high-risk courses offered face-to-face. The SI Leader is usually a former student who excelled in the course and is recommended to the SI coordinator by the instructor. The Student Learning Center expanded the selection of classes for which we offer online Supplemental Instruction (TSI). The increase in the number of TSI sections is related to the increase in the number of online classes being offered. As in the case of classroom SI, TSI also targets high risk courses. The numbers so far indicate that TSI also increases the success rates of students who participate.

During the 2009-2010 academic year, Supplemental Instruction (SI) was offered to 2761 students taking high risk courses on the Lake Worth Campus. Of those students, 1138 students participated in the SI program. A greater number of SI attendees received grades of A, B, or C than non-attendees. In SI-targeted courses, 75% of SI attendees received grades of A, B, or C, while only 57% of non-attendees received those grades. The withdrawal rate was 7% and 10% for SI attendees and non-SI attendees respectively. The mean GPA of SI attendees was 2.75, and 2.04 for non-attendees.

The SI program continued to have a positive impact on the academic performance of SI attendees throughout the 2010-2011 academic year. The SI program was utilized by 1510 students, while 2095 did not use the program. In SI-targeted courses, 82% of SI participants received grades of A, B, or C, while only 57% of non-attendees received those passing grades. The withdrawal rate of students who attended SI was 5%. On the other hand, 13% of students who did not attend SI had withdrawn from their courses. The mean GPA of SI attendees was 2.78, non-attendees received a lower mean GPA of 2.13.

In the 2011-2012 academic year, SI was available to 2978 students. The number of SI participants was 1184, while 1794 students did not participate. In SI-targeted courses, 81% of SI attendees received grades of A, B, or C, compared with 58% of non-attendees. SI attendees obtained a higher mean GPA than non-SI attendees. The mean GPA of SI attendees was 2.73, while it was 2.19 for non-attendees of SI-targeted courses. The withdrawal rate of SI attendees was 8%, while the withdrawal rate of non-attendees was significantly greater at 18%.
Carlos Ramos named as Associate Dean of Math, Science and Engineering

In May, 2010, Prof. Carlos Ramos was named Associate Dean of Math, Science and Engineering at the Lake Worth Campus.

In the late 1970’s, Prof. Ramos was a student at the Higher Pedagogic Institute of Manzanillo, Cuba, working toward a Bachelor of Science in Education, Physics and Astronomy. His excellent academic work and teaching potential did not go unnoticed, and in 1980, two years before receiving his degree, he became a full-time instructor of physical sciences at the Higher Pedagogic Institute of Manzanillo. After completing his degree, he taught physics for several years, at an adult high school and then at the Higher Polytechnic Institute Jose Antonio Echeverria, the leading university in Cuba for engineering.

In 1993, Prof. Ramos immigrated to south Florida, and in 1998 began working at Palm Beach State College (then known as Palm Beach Community College) as an adjunct instructor and tutor in math and physics. After completing his Master of Science in Teaching (Physics) at Florida Atlantic University in 2001, he worked as a Learning Specialist in the Student Learning Center (SLC). While at the SLC, he was instrumental in the development of many innovative programs, e.g., a comprehensive training program for prep math tutors, the SLC math anxiety website, and the on-line math tutoring service, AskOnline, which has since become the model for Palm Beach State’s on-line tutoring services.

Palm Beach State College acquires unique teaching aid. Introducing 'HAL'

On May 29, 2012, Palm Beach State College unveiled a spectacular and unique teaching aid which will be used extensively by our Anatomy and Physiology, Nursing and Surgical Tech students and professors in labs, lectures and special events. This full-body specimen has been permanently preserved by Plastination Technology, a one time process developed by Gunther von Hagens in 1977, and implemented by Corcoran Laboratories of Acme, MI. Plastination replaces the water and fat in every cell with a polymer material, thus preserving all tissues and organs from decay, and keeps anatomical specimens dry, odorless, flexible and non-toxic. Specimens preserved in this manner can be safely handled, need no maintenance and will last for many years.

A division-wide competition resulted in naming the body HAL, an acronym which honors three great historical figures in the field of anatomy and physiology: William Harvey (1578-1657), British physician and scientist, whose experiments led to his discovery of blood circulation and the action of the heart as the pump (De motu cordis, 1628); Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564), Flemish physician and anatomist, considered the founder of modern anatomy, whose descriptions and illustrations of anatomy based on his own cadaver dissections were published and widely disseminated (De humani corporis fabrica, 1543); and Leonardo Da Vinci (1452-1519), Italian artist, inventor, scientist and avid student of anatomy, who left a legacy of notebooks filled with sketches and descriptions based on his observations and dissections, and rich portrayals of the human physique in his paintings and drawings.

HAL offers an unprecedented and wholly unique view into the amazing human body, providing visibility of skeletal, muscular, nervous, respiratory, digestive, urinary, reproductive, endocrine, and circulatory systems. Countless numbers of anatomy students will benefit from studying HAL.

An accessible, mobile, and secure display case was specially constructed to showcase and protect HAL. His name and its derivation have been engraved for eternity on a plate attached to the case.
Math club increases academic engagement

In 2010, the Palm Beach State Math Club was established to increase mathematical engagement of students outside of the classroom. It exists mainly to further and promote the interest, scholarship, awareness, and appreciation of mathematics, as well as to foster a friendly-casual atmosphere for students and faculty to interact and partake in manifold mathematical activities. Active members enjoy facilitating student-led initiatives and academic events aimed at honing students’ mathematical knowledge and leadership skills. In sum, the club highlights interactions among peers and enriches out-of-class learning opportunities within a fun and supporting learning community.

Science Day at the Lake Worth Campus

In Spring 2012, the division held its first Science Day, a science fair to acquaint the wider college community with some of the mystery, magic, and fun of science. Professors, laboratory staff, students, and some outside vendors prepared presentations and demonstrations. Students saw, among other things, how milk is turned into cheese, stages of the growth of penicillin under the microscope, and our night sky constellations in a portable planetarium. They also had many opportunities to converse with professors and other students involved with the sciences.

Science Day at Lake Worth 2013, held on March 27, was even more successful than the first one! Representatives from several well-known outside agencies came, including the South Florida Water Management District, Solid Waste Authority, the University of Florida, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Representatives from the College’s Horticulture and Biotechnology programs, and the Institute for Energy and Environmental Sustainability (all based at the Palm Beach Gardens campus), also came. Several students, staff, professors and the Biology Club got involved, presenting among other things, physics demonstrations, a battery made by linking lemons together, microscopic creatures that can live in vinegar, a plastinated human body, and some cosmetic and therapeutic uses of natural herbs and spices. Many students took advantage of the opportunities to see what people working in various scientific disciplines do and to ask them questions.

Math Awareness Week a huge success

For the past several years, during the first week of April, the Palm Beach State College–Lake Worth math department has celebrated Math Awareness Week. These activities, held in parallel with celebrations at other colleges and universities across the nation, were initially inspired by President Ronald Reagan’s proclamation in 1986 of National Math Awareness Week, intended to recognize the “increasing importance of mathematics to the progress of our economy and society,” and to encourage the study of mathematics.

The celebrations provide four days of activities related to mathematics – presentations by students, professors and guest speakers; films; even games with prizes! With such presentations as “Fibonacci and Donald Duck,” “Physics & Financial Markets,” and “Poker Math,” attendees both enjoy themselves and learn something new about mathematics in the world around them.

Math Awareness Week 2012 was well attended, but Math Awareness Week 2013 broke all previous attendance records, with seating capacity filled for several sessions and students having to be turned away!
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Palm Beach State College - Lake Worth’s Introduction to Biotechnology program

What do a spectrophotometer, a U.V. transilluminator, and strawberries all have in common? They’re all part of the Introduction to Biotechnology lecture and lab courses now being offered on the Lake Worth campus. The lecture class (BSC2421) introduces students to many of the techniques and procedures aimed at genetically modifying living organisms for human benefit. Professor Hernan Aviles, an experienced biotechnology research scientist who teaches the lecture class, is pleased with the level of interest and commitment his students show. “Working with molecular techniques requires a high level of organization, understanding and dedication, but with proper training you can master the techniques and you will succeed in this competitive field,” says Professor Aviles.

The 2-credit lab, meeting six hours per week, provides students plenty of hands-on experience with state-of-the art equipment and laboratory procedures. Professor Raymond Pacovsky, who is teaching the lab at the central campus this fall, notes that the students are highly motivated and doing an excellent job. For one lab activity, students isolated DNA from strawberry cells, and then visualized the isolated DNA with U.V. light from the transilluminator. The students were so excited with the results and pleased with their DNA separation, they took pictures and posted them to their Facebook pages!

Over the past several years, Palm Beach County has established a scientific research hub that has grown steadily. The College, by expanding its offerings in biotechnology, is contributing to the development of a broader, more interdisciplinary scientific environment. It’s a win-win-win situation – for our students, the College, and the wider community.

Biology Club Activities

Begun in 2012, the Biology Club has been very active with environmental education and conservation activities. Club members planted and are maintaining a butterfly garden, periodically clean up the campus’ Pond Apple Slough, have participated in local beach cleanups, and spent several hours removing invasive plant species at a local county park. They have also been actively learning about various topics, and possible career paths for themselves, through videos and discussion, guest speakers, and field trips. The Club visited Manatee State Park last fall, and plans to go snorkeling in Key Largo’s John C. Pennekamp State Park over the 2013 spring break.

Students have new path to science career

Palm Beach State College (PBSC) and the University of Florida (UF) have signed an agreement that will provide local students interested in science an exceptional opportunity. Starting in the Fall of 2013, students at PBSC who have completed the prerequisite biology courses and earned an associate of arts degree will be able to transfer into UF’s Microbiology & Cell Science distance education degree program. Without having to relocate, they will be able to earn a bachelor’s degree from UF in Microbiology & Cell Science through a combination of Palm Beach State College’s courses, online UF courses, and UF’s two microbiology lab courses, which will be offered off-site at Palm Beach State College -Lake Worth.
The Palm Beach County Early Childhood Registry

The Palm Beach County Early Childhood (PBCEC) Registry is a membership and recognition program for practitioners and trainers working within the early childhood education field in Palm Beach County. The Registry is funded by the Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County and administered by Palm Beach State College through the Institute of Excellence in Early Care and Education (IEECE). The mission of the Palm Beach County Early Childhood Registry is to support a comprehensive approach to career development in the field of early childhood education for the childcare workforce of Palm Beach County.

The Palm Beach County (PBC) Early Childhood (EC) Registry website is the first point of contact to outside users with the Registry. It provides the users with all necessary information about professional development opportunities, scholarships, Quality Counts, applications, and approval processes. On October 15th, 2012, the PBC EC Registry proudly launched its new and improved website (www.pbcregistry.org). The website is user friendly, easily navigated and provides our clients and partners with all of the resources needed to be successful.

Drama student duo advances to finals in regional theatre competition

Two students from the College’s theatre department reached the final round at the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) held Feb. 1 - 5, 2011, at Daytona State College. Sophomores Georgina Castens and Zachary Myers were one of 16 pairs to advance to the final round of the prestigious competition.

KCACTF sends out representatives to attend each show presented by the College’s theatre department and judges the student’s performances in the shows.

The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival was established in 1969. It is a national theatre program that serves as a way to help improve college theatre in the United States. More than 18,000 students from college and universities from around the nation participate in this festival.

Humanities Department introduces kids to the arts in summer program

The Summer Youth Arts Program, begun in 2010, is a premier summer program presented by the Humanities Department on the Lake Worth Campus and offers a variety of art workshops tailored for students aged 8-14 years old.

The workshops are led by credentialed full-time faculty. Students are introduced to Art, Film, Theatre and Photography. The goal is to provide each student with a high-quality, accessible, affordable arts education in a college environment without the pressure of grades, homework or tests! It is so popular that the 2013 program sold out immediately.

Motion Picture Production students produce their first full-length feature film

On May 13, 2013, Motion Picture Production students began production on the first student-run feature film project, My Father, Mi Padre, a drama/comedy about a man who, after the death of his mother must move in to care for his father who is in the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease. As the disease progresses the father begins to speak only Spanish, but the son never learned his father’s native language.

This endeavor is the result of a year-long process of project submission and selection which took place in the fall of 2012, and faculty guided pre-production over the 2013 spring semester. Filming took place around Palm Beach County over a period of six weeks. The project was lead by students Thomas Rodriguez (Director) and Bruce Feigenbaum (Producer) and crewed completely by students at various stages within the program. This is an exciting inaugural project that we hope will have great success for the students and it is a project type we hope to engage in every year.
Media Technology & Instructional Services (MTIS) robustly supports the College learning environment

The media team, located on the first floor of the LLRC building, strives to meet both current and future instructional technology needs to support the learning environment of the Lake Worth campus. They provide multimedia equipment delivery, setup, maintenance, training and tech support; College CCTV and video-on-demand; media acquisition and cataloging with over 6000 videos for supplemental instruction; video productions with live stream and recording of college graduations and other events; graphics, digital signage and media creations; and support for campus and district special events.

Future plans and projects include creating custom building digital signage; enhancing multimedia audio systems; upgrading technology in older multimedia classrooms; providing additional document cameras in classrooms and labs; increasing the number of classrooms with lecture recording capabilities; deploying student e-collaboration study tables; and expanding video-on-demand streaming of educational content to the classrooms Instructional Support Center (ISC).

Instructional Support Center (ISC)
Under the supervision of the MTIS Manager, the Instructional Support Center will type and copy materials that will aid faculty in the classroom, including tests, test banks, brochures, syllabi, handouts, and PowerPoint presentations. Output can be on white or colored paper, transparencies, three-holed paper, or FTP/PDF conversions. Faculty can either drop off their materials at the ISC or send them by e-mail.

Professional Teaching and Learning Center (PTLC)
The mission of the Professional Teaching and Learning Center is to promote teaching excellence and student learning. The PTLC will foster a community of inquiry by serving as an information and support center, providing an informal setting for sharing ideas, encouraging research on and development of effective teaching techniques and the use of technology; thereby increasing the opportunity for students to succeed.

Available for exclusive use by faculty, staff and administrators are computers with standard and specialized software, access to college email, print class rosters, and input grades online; scanner and printers; a Scantron machine; a self-serve copier; lounge/meeting area; and reading materials.

Individual assistance/training on setting up your faculty homepage, FTP, GradeQuick, and more is available by appointment and on a walk-in basis.

Ricardo Reyes is new Media Technology & Instructional Services Manager

In July 2013, Ricardo Reyes accepted the position of Media Technology & Instructional Services (MTIS) Manager. Ricardo began his career with the College in October 2011 as the Media Technology Coordinator at the Lake Worth campus. He has already begun the process of future planning with his team and we are excited to have him in this role.

Ricardo has a wealth of experience in media technology as having worked at a private university in California before relocating to South Florida. He stays informed on the newest technology to support teaching and learning and to create the type of environment which supports faculty. He is currently completing a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership and Management from Alliant International University in San Diego, California.
Lake Worth task force focuses on civility principles in action

The Civility Task Force (CTF) was formed on the Lake Worth campus in the fall of 2011 to examine, formalize, and promote the campus community’s basic principles relating to civility. Since then, the CTF gathered perspectives from employees, students, and community members, and researched the topic at other institutions of higher learning. A survey went out in the fall of 2012, and the results were debated and crystallized into the following five principles:

**PRIDE**
My College has a rich tradition of success and is very important to the community. I will learn more about what makes Palm Beach State College great. I am aware of the impact my personal conduct and choices have on others and on the College’s reputation and continued success. I will be an advocate for my school and will behave in a way that contributes to its excellence. I will be my best, caring for myself, others, and my school environment.

**RESPECT**
I am important to the College community, as are all its members. I will treat others as I hope to be treated, with kindness, fairness, and respect. I will keep an open mind and promote the peaceful and civil exchange of ideas. I will consider how my actions, language, manners, and appearance reflect on me and impact others.

**PROGRESS**
I am committed to working thoughtfully within this community to make progress, solve problems, and support others with a positive attitude and a resilient spirit. I will fulfill my responsibilities with accountability and perseverance.

**ETHICS**
I will maintain high standards and promote academic integrity. I will do my share and take pride in my work. I will behave professionally, ethically, and honestly. I will have the courage to do the right thing.

**TEAMWORK**
By taking a job and/or a class at the Lake Worth campus, I have become part of a team. We are all on the same team, and we are all in this together. I will embody the collegial, can-do spirit. I will communicate thoroughly, quickly, and politely. I will support, help, and work with others to get things done for maximum productivity—and some fun!

Although the push to incorporate the principles into our campus culture is not scheduled to begin until the fall of 2013, the CTF has already begun to get the word out, including bestowing the first Panther Pillar of Civility award in April 2012.

At the Academic/Service Excellence Awards Ceremony held at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport on April 13, 2012, the new Civility Task Force, on the Lake Worth campus presented Felecia Gonzalez with its first Panther Pillar of Civility Award for her noble action that led to a happy ending for Constance Jenkins, a student living on a fixed income. Constance had left her purse, containing all of the money from a check she had just cashed, in a restroom on the Lake Worth campus. Felecia Gonzalez discovered the purse and reported it to the security office.

That’s just one example of civility being studied by the 15- to 20-member Civility Task Force comprised of faculty, staff and students. The group was established in November, 2012, to oversee the exhaustive process of developing a definition of civility and civility principles for students and employees at the Lake Worth campus.

The task force, in conjunction with the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, developed a survey to allow a sampling of faculty, staff and students to give input on the topic of civility in the Fall of 2012.

“We are developing general principles that most of us can agree are imperative for the growth of our community and our campus culture” said Dwayne Hunt, Assistant Dean of Student Services,
Dr. Monica Hamlin, left, and Dwayne Hunt, co-chairs of the Civility Task Force, present a Panther Pillar of Civility Award to student Felecia Gonzalez (second from left) for turning in a purse belonging to Constance Jenkins (second from right).

who co-chairs the task force with Dr. Monica Hamlin, professor and Department Chair of Strategies for College Success in Lake Worth.

Hamlin said the task force is a “proactive measure to address the erosion of civil behavior in society, but also a response to headline-making news from other colleges and universities” Hunt said the idea is to reinforce actions of members of the College community that influence the application of civil behavior.

“People have a difference of opinion on what behavior is expected in our environment that is guided by our best intentions,” Hunt said. “This is about really trying to define our campus culture and influence our everyday climate.”

“Being nice matters” added Hamlin. “What we do on and off campus impacts the College’s reputation and the opportunities that spring from that reputation. Additionally, our level of civility determines the quality of the time we spend here and the enjoyment and pride we get from being members of this community.”

Hunt said Gonzalez’s action is “a great example of how students and employees of Palm Beach State College should treat those within our community. We should go above and beyond.”

The task force plans to acknowledge one person each year who demonstrates that he/she is a pillar of civility.
Palm Beach State College’s Lake Worth Campus Department of Business, Trade and Industry continues to be proactive, responsive, and geared to major employment sectors in our offerings and programs in business, technology, construction, transportation, manufacturing, communication, entrepreneurship, accounting, and cosmetology.

Our role in higher education this past year has been to be occupationally focused and to keep up with emerging business needs and trends through our programs and offerings so that students are job ready upon their successful completion. With the explosion of technology, there has been a renewed interest in skills-oriented education and industrial training. Many jobs in technology and the trades have contributed to our approach to education program planning, delivery, and specifically workforce development training this past year at the College.

Through our concurrent role of collaborative partnership, industry has required continual access to a talented and qualified workforce as we have continued to contribute to what employers seek in their employees by providing skilled employees to manage sophisticated processes, meet quality standards for products and services, and show unprecedented precision in performance and measurement.

With an increased need to meet the demands of a dynamic workforce, we have had to retool through our continual pursuit for programs and industry-recognized accreditations and certifications; increased linkages for relevant curriculum, equipment and tools; exploration of avenues for partnership, internships and connectivity through trade shows; and events for offering education and training for open enrollment programs and customized training which continuously meets the needs of our business and industry community.

Patricia V. Richie
Dean of Business, Trade & Industry

Palm Beach State joins Accrediting Council of Business Schools and Programs

In January 2013, Palm Beach State College became a member of the Accrediting Council of Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). ACBSP accredits associate and baccalaureate degrees in the business area, including accounting, business administration, computer science, entrepreneurship, hospitality and tourism, office administration, supervision and management, and information management. The Division will prepare preliminary reports to gauge the ability to prepare a self-study report with hopes of securing accreditation in the near future.
Trade & Industry welcomes Eric D. Kennedy as Associate Dean

In the fall of 2011, Eric D. Kennedy was appointed Associate Dean of Trade & Industry. Eric joined the Trade & Industry team as the Program Manager of the Welding, Machining, and HVAC-R Technology Programs in spring, 2011. Previously, he spent 27 years with a major NYSE listed corporation, where he held senior management positions in the design/build of water and wastewater treatment plants and distribution/collection systems throughout the U.S. Since 2001, Mr. Kennedy has been actively involved in career and technical education and training. He was also an Adjunct Instructor of Construction Management and Business Administration courses at Everglades University and other undergraduate colleges in Florida.

Machining and Welding programs awarded $975,000 federal grant

On September 19, 2012, the U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis announced $500 million in federal community college grants to expand job training, the second installment of the $2 billion, four-year initiative called the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program.

Palm Beach State was awarded $975,000 of those funds to enhance its Machining and Welding Technology programs. The grant is a portion of the $15 million awarded a consortium of 12 Florida colleges, led by St. Petersburg College, to improve education and training programs in advanced manufacturing, an industry experiencing a critical workforce shortage. The College will better align its machining and welding curriculum to local manufacturing needs, increase employer partnerships and provide wider access to training using methods most suitable for student learning.

“Receiving . . . TAACCCT grants is an important milestone for the College,” said Palm Beach State President Dennis P. Gallon, Ph.D. “The funds will help us fast-track the expansion of vital programs designed to provide local employers with the highly skilled talent they need to grow.”

Now offering Residential and Commercial Electrician Program

Beginning August of 2012, the College began offering a 1200-hour program for Residential and Commercial Electrician developed by Kent Hartwig, Program Director of Apprenticeship, Electrician and Green Building Trades. This program paves the way to an apprenticeship in the Electrical trade. Apprenticeships are paid positions offered through industry sponsors, and the first important step towards full professional status. The Electrician program, prepares students for entry level positions in the electrical trade, teaches basic skills or improves existing skills, teaches residential and commercial methods, and uses current tools and equipment in hands-on classes taught by licensed professionals.
Since 2008, Palm Beach State College’s Green Institute has hosted an annual Green Expo, at the Lake Worth Campus. The Green Expo is a free, earth-friendly event featuring educational sessions and exhibits for everyone from homeowners to industry contractors.

At the 3rd Annual Green Expo, held on October 9th, 2010, more than 50 exhibitors and sponsors were on hand to display products and services and offer useful information on innovative ways to help save our planet. Sustainability and green living workshops were also held throughout the day.

Bob Gilbert, Vice President of Green and Sustainable Solutions, presented ways to identify green opportunities by analyzing conventional waste to minimize environmental impact.

Missy Tancredi, Vice President of ECO Advisors and the host of Radio Green Earth, South Florida’s first all environmental talk show, discussed how green, sustainable choices and behavioral changes can help pave the road to economic recovery and how sustainability applies to our personal lives and businesses.

Kirk W. Rusenko, Marine Conservationist for the City of Boca Raton, based at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, spoke about the immediate and long-term impacts of the BP Gulf oil spill on marine and coastal wildlife, especially many endangered species such as sea turtles.

Eugene Fagan, registered architect and an Adjunct Instructor at Palm Beach State College, gave a presentation on how virtually creating a building provides a wealth of data to evaluate the building’s energy performance, including Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) rating data, sun light and shading, sun impacts from adjacent buildings, energy usage, tracking recycled materials and tracking water usage.

Manual Perez, Pre-construction Manager at Stiles Construction, gave a guided tour through the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED standards with the emphasis on building sustainability into local construction goals and budgets.

The 4th Annual Green Expo, held October 15, 2011, featured its first ever recycling program for outdated electronics. ARC Broward Electronic Recycling Services was at the event to accept the detritus of our modern age. More than 60 exhibitors and sponsors on hand to display products and services and offer useful information on innovative ways to help save our planet.

The 5th Annual Green Expo held May 4, 2013, gave individuals and families an opportunity to learn about resources and get tips on how to become more eco-friendly. Attendees learned how to reduce environmental impact, increase their awareness of greenhouse emissions and climate change and contribute to a healthy planet. Government agencies, non-profit groups, businesses and other exhibitors were on hand to display environmentally friendly products as well as provide information on many “green” resources. Free sustainability and green living workshops were held throughout the day.

Presenters included Missy Strauss, co-founder of Our Greener World, a one-hour radio program about healthy living, President of Tangible Green and an adjunct faculty member at Palm Beach State, who discussed “greenwashing;” and Eugene Fagan, a Florida Registered Architect and a Palm Beach State adjunct professor of REVIT (building design software), who discussed the benefits of using REVIT for sustainable construction.
Trade & Industry Corporate & Continuing Education students graduate into jobs

On July 25, 2012, a Palm Beach State graduating class got more than certificates—they received jobs and industry credentials, too. The graduates completed the Forms and Concrete Carpentry course given by Trade & Industry's Continuing Education division. The jobs are with KBR Inc., the general contractor for the Solid Waste Authority's world-class waste-to-energy facility currently under construction in West Palm Beach. The new renewable energy facility will reduce the amount of waste currently being landfilled by up to 85 percent, delaying for many years the need to develop a new landfill in Palm Beach County.

The Forms and Concrete Carpentry course grew out of a business partnership between Palm Beach State College and KBR, an engineering, procurement and construction company with 35,000 employees in 45 countries on five continents. Under KBR's sponsorship, in 2010 Palm Beach State became an Accredited Training and Education Facility for the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). NCCER is the leading developer of standardized construction curricula and assessments with industry-recognized credentials, which Trade & Industry students now earn when they complete construction-related courses and programs.

In the fall of 2012, KBR teamed with Palm Beach State to offer the Forms and Concrete Carpentry course aimed at preparing workers for jobs building the new SWA facility, in particular jobs that focus on constructing forms and basic concrete placement. Workforce Alliance screened prospective students and provided full scholarships to those who met state eligibility requirements, and the course was up and running. Once the students completed the 390-hour course, which takes almost a year of dedication, the candidates had gained industry knowledge and more marketable skills for employment. After meeting a few prerequisites for KBR, each graduate was offered an employment opportunity on the SWA project.

“We are extremely proud of the students for completing this program,” said KBR Community Outreach Coordinator Jonuntae Underwood. “We’re also honored to have established this partnership with Palm Beach State College that produces sustainable results. Collectively, we have the capability to recruit, train and retain a skilled, competent and qualified workforce for the Solid Waste Authority project.”

SANDI BARRETT, program director for Trade & Industry Continuing Education, also is gratified by the results. “We’re delighted to partner with KBR and Workforce Alliance to offer this training, which gives students the skills they need to get an immediate well-paying job,” said Barrett. “By receiving their NCCER credentials through the College, our graduates stand out in a competitive field and greatly increase their employment potential, not only in Florida, but nationwide.”

Additional courses leading to KBR/SWA jobs are on the horizon, starting with an electrical class this September, 2012. With the SWA project expected to employ 325 full-time construction workers and upwards of 900 during some phases of construction, this partnership is a win-win for all involved, especially the students, who are now earning the rewards of targeted workforce training.

Center for Green Construction & Energy wins prestigious Pine Jog award

On March 31, 2012, Palm Beach State’s Center for Green Construction & Energy was the unanimous choice of Florida Atlantic University’s Pine Jog Environmental Education Center as the “Environmental Education Program of the Year.”

Under the direction of SANDI BARRETT, the center’s program director and founder, the center offers an extensive range of continuing education courses, including U.S. Green Building Council LEED exam preparation, Sustainable Business Practices, Water and Waste Water Treatment Operators license prep, Quality Management System ISO 9001 and 14001, and BPI Building Analyst Professional credentials. Additionally, National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) credentials for green industries can be earned at the center.

The Center for Green Construction & Energy has been proactive in preparing the workforce for green industries, including building trades, maintenance and other green commerce, by developing curriculum and providing awareness and recognition of the greater future employment opportunities in the new green economy.
Manufacturing great futures: Program earns national accreditation

On March 29, 2012 Palm Beach State’s Machining Technology Program received accreditation from the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS), the nation’s only developer of precision manufacturing skill standards sanctioned by the American National Standards Institute. After a two-year, rigorous evaluation process, Palm Beach State’s is the second program in Florida to earn NIMS accreditation, and thus far, the only Florida state college program to do so.

Machinists are highly skilled individuals who produce precision parts used in manufacturing for aerospace/aviation, biotech, computer, medical, automotive and many other industries. “With a manufacturing renaissance already in progress and the focus of economic development at the federal and state levels, our NIMS accreditation is very important and timely for us,” says Eric Kennedy, associate dean for Trade & Industry. “It will help us serve the growing workforce education needs of manufacturers right here in our own community.”

Cosmetology students audition for jobs

On Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, the owners/managers of 9 resorts, spas, salons and barbershops from Tequesta to Boca Raton came to the Lake Worth campus for a first-time “Meet the Graduates” event, where they interviewed and auditioned graduating students for possible employment.

“We have an excellent placement record, but this time I’m taking it one step further,” says Cosmetology program director Terry Delp. “I want[ed] to observe the students interacting with professionals in an interview setting. We always prep the students, do practice interviews and give them a beauty-specific cover letter and resume. Now I want[ed] to see them in action.”

Dressed in interview attire, the graduating students did not perform actual haircuts, facials or manicures. Instead, they were asked to walk through a procedure with the help of a peer or by using a mannequin. According to Delp, professionals can tell a great deal by watching hand placement or how a student holds shears, for example. The potential employers were listening as well to determine whether or not students can speak the language of the profession.

Two students were hired, 3 students were invited to salons for a more in depth interview and 3 students were invited to lunch. The salon owners were most pleased with the students’ portfolios and websites. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to showcase their work. This first-time event was so successful that we plan to do it again in April 2013.

Being “open to the journey” pays off for cosmetology student

Dominique Adam, a young woman with a master’s degree in public administration and policy won a cosmetology scholarship at Palm Beach State College. She says “it’s about being flexible and open to the journey.” Adam’s career was on track until the economy tanked and she was laid off from her position as director of community outreach for a New York hospital. The tough job market, personal circumstances and some soul-searching led her back to her first passion: hair. “I not only see myself working in a salon, but I also want to earn a Ph.D. in sociology, because I’m interested in teaching. [I believe] that you never stop learning.”
Automotive and diesel programs driven to be the best

“Palm Beach State is becoming my HR department,” says Rick Ruiz, service director at Schumacher Volkswagen and a member of Palm Beach State’s Automotive/Diesel advisory committee. “I’m very impressed with the last four graduates I hired. [The College] has built a quality program.”

Ruiz’s satisfaction is no accident. The success of the Automotive Service Technology and Diesel Technology graduates is the result of the work of LUIS TAMAYO, program director, and instructors MICHAEL DENNIS, CHARLES JOHNSON, KENNETH ROBERTSON and STEPHEN SPENCER. In the summer of 2011, the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) awarded both programs NATEF Master Accreditation. NATEF is the accrediting body of the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), recognition that is considered the gold standard in the automotive industry. Only a small percentage of educational institutions achieve NATEF Master Accreditation, its highest level of achievement.

NATEF accreditation requires commitment and compliance with a long list of requirements. The College’s Automotive Service Technology program has been NATEF master-accredited since 2005 and recently earned re-accreditation for another five years. The College’s Diesel Technology program, which trains students to work on medium/heavy trucks and marine engines, is newly master-accredited, receiving its first NATEF plaque in July, 2011. Now the College has one of only five NATEF-accredited diesel programs in the State of Florida.

“It’s a rigorous process,” said TAMAYO. “NATEF requires that we meet over 100 standards involving every aspect of each program. Our instructors must be ASE-certified, attend 20 hours of industry training a year and have a minimum six years’ experience.” The programs’ advisory committee, industry partners who also have donated over $200,000 in vehicles and equipment, also play an active role rating the programs in accordance with NATEF guidelines. Once all the paperwork and ratings have been submitted, NATEF sends in a team of evaluators who inspect every aspect of the programs. “Not only do they make sure we’re using the right tools and equipment, they measure the percentage of students who are completing each task in the lab. Nothing gets by these inspectors,” said Tamayo.

The automotive and diesel fields need qualified workers, but students unfamiliar with diesel may be surprised at the career options, especially in Florida. Diesel graduates can be found working for trucking companies, private yacht owners, and in marine operations like Pantropic Power-Caterpillar in West Palm Beach, which has donated marine engines to the College. “The graduates we’ve hired are doing very well,” says Mike Jones, branch manager at Pantropic and a member of the advisory committee. “They have the fundamentals, a lot of hands-on training and they’re up to speed on the new electronics.”

Diesel Technology graduate Keran Durrant, now a marine technician at Pantropic Power-Caterpillar, agrees. “At Palm Beach State, the quality and amount of knowledge being given was really exceptional,” he said. “The instructors have a passion for teaching and give you everything you can take. I’ve compared notes with guys from other schools, and what I learned is far greater.”
David Knopp welcomed as new Associate Dean of Business & Computer Science

The Division welcomed a new Associate Dean of Business and Computer Science in the summer of 2012. **David Knopp**, MBA, has spent his professional career in higher education, serving as faculty member and administrator at several two-year and four-year institutions. He has also served as a Director of Assessment and most recently, as an Assistant Director of Academic Affairs at the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Since joining Palm Beach State College, he was invited to serve as a member of the John I Leonard Academy Business/Finance, Computer Technology, and Medical Advisory Board. He brings much experience in programmatic accreditation, strategic planning, assessment, program review and articulation.

**David Knopp**
Associate Dean of Business & Computer Science

Hospitality & Tourism Programs

In September of each year, the Hospitality and Tourism Program has a booth at “The Best of Everything” Student Tourism and Hospitality Conference. **Danny Fontenot**, Department Chair, spoke in break-out sessions highlighting the hospitality program.

In October of each year, **Danny** attends the Palm Beach Lodging Association Scholarship luncheon. Five Palm Beach State College Hospitality students receive scholarships each year from the National and Local Hotel Association.

In 2011-12, there was a complete kitchen make over, with $45,000.00 in new kitchen equipment.

In 2012 and 2013, the program brought in High School Hospitality Academy Programs for luncheons and college tours. In 2012, Olympic Heights and Forest Hill attended. There was also a separate luncheon for High School Counselors. **Heidi Ladika-Cipolla**, Associate Professor, Represented Palm Beach State Hospitality Program, speaking on “Building a Hospitality Pipeline in Palm Beach County”, at a Round Table Meeting sponsored by Workforce Alliance. Potential solutions were discussed to building a talent pipeline and facilitating connectivity between students and jobs in an effort to reduce the number of H2B Visas in Palm Beach County.

In April, 2011, students of Sales Promotion and Advertising for Hospitality Industry presented their Service-Learning Project: "Introduction to SweatMonkey, the Ambassador Program." The students undertook the development of marketing materials, training guides and PowerPoint presentations for two different markets: Palm Beach State College Faculty and area Non-Profit Community Partners. Each group was invited to attend a presentation/training geared toward their area.

New Business Courses Offered

**Warren Smith** offered the first honors course in Macroeconomics in Fall 2012

**Tommy Martin** of the Computer Science Department was approved to teach Information Technology Project Management beginning in spring 2012. There has been a good steady pace of student enrollment.

**Lisa Mears** created new Associate of Science programs in Business Administration and Management, and in Business Entrepreneurship, and a new college credit certificate in Entrepreneurship

**Elizabeth Horvath** created a second isolated network administration lab due to rapidly growing enrollments in the Networking program. This allowed additional classes to be run in the spring 2013 semester.
As you can imagine, the health sciences and public safety educational programs at Lake Worth Campus are vital to the economic growth of our community and stability of our workforce. With this responsibility comes the need for both financial and human resources and the challenges of improving efficiency in an open-access environment. One need only to look at the training facilities at Lake Worth Campus to appreciate the types of programs offered here.

Training Palm Beach County First Responders is one of the most exciting opportunities we have at Lake Worth Campus. A new Public Safety Training Center complex opened in April, 2013, for students training in law enforcement, firefighting, paramedic, emergency medical technicians programs, including our 911 Public Safety Dispatchers. To infuse reality into law enforcement and criminal justice training, a court room located in the training center will be used for mock court cases and actual court hearings. The firefighter burn building and law enforcement defensive driving course complements this comprehensive state of the art training venue.

How do our health sciences and public safety programs at Lake Worth Campus affect your daily life? During an emergency, if you or a family member has ever needed a law enforcement officer, firefighter, paramedic, or registered nurse, there’s almost a 90% chance that the professional was trained at Palm Beach State College Lake Worth Campus. Your dental assistant or hygienist is most likely a graduate of our programs; your medical records are transcribed, coded, and administered by our graduates. The precision of surgical procedures during emergency or elective surgeries are carried out by our surgical technology graduates. Your loved ones are cared for in nursing homes by graduates from our practical nursing and nursing assistant programs and the individual who greets you and conducts your initial assessment at your medical office is most likely a graduate of our medical assistant program.

Graduates from our accredited programs are well-prepared for their careers and our employers seek them often before the students have completed their programs of study. This speaks volumes for the level of expertise of faculty and instructors and their dedication to assure graduates have the required knowledge and skills of their chosen profession, and demonstrate professionalism in the high-touch, high-tech health sciences and public safety fields.

Dr. Jacqueline Rogers
Dean of Health Sciences & Public Safety

Palm Beach State College offers Bachelor of Science in Nursing

In early 2011, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) gave the green light for Palm Beach State College to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, providing an affordable and much needed option for advanced nursing training in Palm Beach County.

The first bachelor-level courses began January 5, 2012, with approximately 75 students enrolled in the first semester of instruction.

The new degree is designed as a “2+2” program to build on the skills of anyone with an associate degree in nursing from an accredited institution and current Florida nursing licensure. It offers an affordable and much needed option for advanced nursing training in Palm Beach County.

Instruction is divided between day and evening classes with an on-line study option. Graduates will be prepared to advance into administrative and supervisory positions in health care and transfer to master’s degree programs in nursing.
Health Information Technology A.S. degree achieves singular distinction

Palm Beach State College’s first class to graduate in Health Information Management A.S. in December, 2011, was 100 percent employed in the field.

On June 14, 2012, Palm Beach State’s Health Information Technology (HIT) A.S. degree program became the only program of its kind in Palm Beach County to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management (CAHIIM) Education, the nation’s primary accrediting body for health information degrees. Only graduates of CAHIIM-accredited HIT A.S. degree programs are eligible to take the national credentialing exam. Upon successful completion, the Registered Health Information Technician credential is awarded, which is required to advance into managerial positions within HIT departments. The RHIT credential opens the door to enhanced employment opportunities, increased earning potential and professional advancement.

In addition, the college now offers two College Credit Certificate (CCC) programs that fully transfer into the HIT A.S. degree. The Medical Information Coder/Biller CCC provides training in the critical function of translating medical records into shareable data. The Health Informatics Specialist CCC focuses on the application and support of computerized health information systems. The Medical Transcription college credit Applied Technology Diploma program rounds out the College’s current offerings in this field.

By 2014, every health care facility in the country must make the switch from paper to electronic health records. Even without this federal mandate, the advantages of electronic health records have pushed even the most computer-phobic health care practitioners to embrace this technology.

Health Information Technology Program received $3,000,000 grant

On September 19, 2012, Palm Beach State was awarded a $3 million grant from the second installment of the $2 billion, four-year initiative called the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program. The College is one of only 27 institutions nationally to earn an individual grant.

The $3 million TAACCCT grant will go toward the College’s Health Information Technology (HIT) A.S. degree, the new Health Informatics Specialist CCC and other HIT certificates. These programs prepare students for positions concerned with health data collection, analysis and reporting—a field that’s growing fast as the nation transitions from paper to electronic health records, as federally mandated by 2014.

“This grant is a tremendous boost for our HIT programs,” said Julia Steff, assistant professor and department chair. “It will allow us to develop on-line and technology-driven learning that mimics the work setting for HIT professionals, including true-to-life virtual work environments that are the trend. Our graduates will be highly marketable as a result.”

The grant also will go towards implementing intensive student support services and collaborative partnerships with Workforce Alliance and local health care employers.

“Receiving this grant is an important milestone for the College,” said Palm Beach State President Dennis P. Gallon, Ph.D. “The funds will help us fast-track the expansion of vital programs designed to provide local employers with the highly skilled talent they need to grow.”

The U.S. Department of Labor is implementing and administering the TAACCCT program in coordination with the U.S. Department of Education.
Dental Hygiene students all smiles after winning national competition

In the American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) competition, held June 13-19, 2012, in Phoenix, AZ, dental hygiene students from 53 colleges and universities around the country presented scientific research findings through visual and verbal presentations. Palm Beach State’s team earned their second place spot — a first for Palm Beach State College! — with an exhibit titled “Haven’t You Heard,” showing how a new intra-oral dental device picks up signals, converts them into sound vibrations that travel through the teeth, and transmits the sound wirelessly from the good ear to the impaired ear, helping people with single-sided deafness to hear better and eliminating the need for surgery.

“It was a very proud moment for the students and faculty of the Dental Health Services Department,” said Judy McCauley, associate professor and Dental Hygiene Department Chair. “We’re grateful the College allows students such educational opportunities, which could not have happened without the support of Student Activities and the Inter-Club Council. They have always encouraged student participation at professional meetings and community events.”

The Student American Dental Hygienists’ Association (SADHA) chapter at Palm Beach State College has been a very active club on the campus and in the community during the 2012-2013 terms. SADHA club members have participated in over 20 campus events and have presented dental health education programs to many first grade classes in the Palm Beach Public Schools and community events such as the Caridad Health Fair, PBSC Day at the State Fair, Give Kids a Smile Day, Special Olympics Special Smiles and the Palm Beach Oral Head and Neck Cancer Seminar. Students also offer and provide dental hygiene preventive care services to the campus and community in the Dental Hygiene Care Center located at the Lake Worth Campus.

Second-year Dental Hygiene A.S. degree program students, (from left) Cara Webb, Casey Jones, Janet Taylor and Allison Furia, won second place in the Student Table Clinic Competition at the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) annual meeting, held June 13-19, 2012, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Congratulations!

Palm Beach State College Chapter of the Student American Dental Hygienist’ Association named Club of the Year 2012-2013

You are all the best!
Children’s smiles are brighter with help of dental health students

Since 2004, Palm Beach State College’s Dental Health Services students and faculty have participated in “Give Kids a Smile” day, a national event established by the American Dental Association in 2002.

On the first Friday in February, 2011 and 2012, dental assisting and dental hygiene students, with support from faculty, provided hundreds of local Head Start children with free oral health exams, dental health lessons, prophylaxis/cleanings and fluoride varnish.

Local anesthesia certification now available for Dental Hygienists

Palm Beach State College is offering a certification course in Local Anesthesia for Dental Hygienists. The course, developed by Marilee McGaughey, RDH, MDH, which is offered by Palm Beach State College's Corporate and Continuing Education department, is one of few being offered in the state and is designed to meet the criteria set forth by the Florida statute. The course was piloted with Palm Beach State Dental Hygiene faculty – full-time and adjuncts – as well as the Florida Dental Hygiene Association Executive Director, Tammy Miller, and our very own Nancy Zinser, Associate Dean of Health Sciences. The course is now in its second running with over 150 Dental Hygienists from all over the state to include faculty from other Dental Hygiene Programs having participated in this historical event for licensed Florida Dental Hygienists.
“Sim-Family” gives Oscar-worthy performances at Center of Excellence in Medical Simulation

The Center of Excellence in Medical Simulation at Palm Beach State College was founded by Jacqueline Rogers, Lake Worth campus Dean of Health Sciences and Public Safety. In actuality, the center’s roots go back 10 years to when Palm Beach State’s Respiratory Care program, under Rogers’ direction, was the first to use medical simulation in an educational setting in Palm Beach County.

The center uses high-fidelity human patient simulators—life-size computerized mannequins built to mimic any medical condition for the purpose of training students in Nursing, Medical Assisting, Patient Care Assistant, Surgical Technology, Respiratory Care, EMT/Paramedic, Fire Science, Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene programs. The simulators highlighted on CBS Sunday Morning on April 7, 2013 are similar to those residing in the Center of Excellence in Medical Simulation under the direction of Dean Jacqueline Rogers.

The Center’s star is SimMan™, a simulator that breathes, has a heartbeat, speaks and can exhibit the symptoms of anything from diabetes to a heart attack. During sessions with SimMan, SimBaby™, SimNewB® (newborn), and SimMom™, students gain invaluable experience putting their newly acquired knowledge into real-world patient-care action without jeopardizing patient safety.

Project REACH provides case-based student advising

Project REACH (Regional Education Access Center for Healthcare) is a program within the Department of Health Sciences and Public Safety that provides case-based advising to students interested in Nursing, Practical Nursing, and other Allied Health fields. The new case-based, one-on-one advising model offers students a “one stop shop” for services in the areas of application processes, program deadlines, prerequisite requirements, and testing information and support, and more. In addition, it emphasizes collaboration with other college departments including the Student Learning Center, Financial Aid, and Registrars Office. The two-year, Quantum Foundation grant-funded program proved to be an extremely valuable and successful program to the students here at Palm Beach State College. A total of 267 students participated in Project REACH, with a total of 90 students successfully gaining admission into an Allied Health program as a result of project activities.
Palm Beach State College is home to the County's largest Public Safety Training Center

On Friday, April 26, 2013, Palm Beach State’s new 143,000 square-foot Public Safety Training Center on the Lake Worth campus held its grand opening. The Training Center is the largest of its kind in Palm Beach County, and includes the previously-completed indoor firing range, a five-story fire training tower and a driving range with skid pad. The newly-opened structures consist of the three-story classroom/lab building, a two-story "live-fire" burn building and a two-story tactical gymnasium and Wellness Center. The classroom/lab building incorporates authentic environments that allow for reality-based learning, such as a courtroom, jail and booking area, and 9-1-1 dispatch center.

The new classroom/lab building pays tribute to the police, firefighters and EMS workers who made the ultimate sacrifice on Sept. 11, with the main entry walkway laid out at commemorative angle of 9 degrees 11 minutes off axis to the rectilinear layout of the classroom components. The path is paved with red brick, representing fire rescue and EMS, and accentuated with a line of blue LED lights inserted into the paving representing law enforcement (the "thin blue line"). The 9 degrees 11 minutes angle continues up a flight of stairs, ending on the third floor. In this way, the building offers students a meaningful connection to the professionals who gave their lives in service.

Future plans call for the grounds to be adorned with a commemorative sculpture representing the service and tradition of public safety. The final sculpture will be chosen from prototypes designed by Palm Beach State architecture students.

"Our Public Safety programs are long-established, but now we have a new home that’s state of the art, which is so critical in training for these important professions," said Barbara Cipriano, associate dean for public safety programs. "This center is designed for nonstop student interaction—and with the national focus on homeland security and the collaboration of all branches of public safety, it’s going to be a wonderful facility to house our programs and bring them to the next level."

Public Safety Training Center receives commemorative 9/11 flag

Palm Beach State College public safety students have an enduring reminder of Sept. 11, 2001, thanks to the brother of Christine Ferrera, executive administrative assistant in the Lake Worth campus Provost’s Office.

When the College celebrated the opening of its new Public Safety Training Center in April, 2013, Ferrera shared the news with her brother, George Martinez, deputy chief operations supervisor in aeronautical operations for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. She told him how the center’s architect incorporated a tribute to the first responders who lost their lives on Sept. 11.

As someone who was there and lost friends and coworkers, Martinez deeply appreciated this unique way of honoring 9/11 first responders. He decided to make a gift of a Port Authority commemorative flag, which he personally raised over the national 9/11 Memorial at Ground Zero in New York City, using a special flag pole for flying flags at the site prior to sending to police and fire departments upon request. The flag given to Palm Beach State College was flown over Ground Zero on June 19, 2013 at 1:50 p.m.
New firefighter training tower opens

Palm Beach State celebrated the completion of the new Fire Training Tower with a dedication ceremony on June 14, 2011, at the College’s Fire Academy complex on the Lake Worth campus. The five-story tower is the most advanced of its kind in south Florida and is used to train firefighters in all aspects of fire rescue and survival. The tower’s multi-tiered design allows practice of high-rise building rescue techniques as well as single- and two-story house fire rescues. One distinctive feature is the tower’s high-rise alarm system, which tells the status of the heat and smoke detectors and water sprinklers on each floor. It mimics those found in high-rise buildings, but with one difference. The tower’s system is programmable, allowing instructors to preset conditions for different fire scenarios. Alarm sounds and strobe lights add to the realism of the training. Other features include a fully operational elevator covering three of the five floors, allowing for simulations involving passenger rescue. An isolated fourth floor is used for rescues of trapped victims from confined spaces; a cut-out in the floor of the fifth story allows for exercises involving floor breaks that often endanger firefighters as well as victims, and the tower’s roof has davits for hoisting tools and equipment to the roof or hanging scaffolding to simulate a scaffolding rescue.

The tower will be used to conduct sophisticated training drills for the Fire Academy students, certified firefighters taking advanced CCE courses, and those pursuing the College’s Fire Science Technology A.S. degree.

Palm Beach State EMS program produces mock trial training video

Paramedics are dispatched on an emergency call to attend to a 54-year-old intoxicated male lying in his front yard, claiming to have been assaulted by individuals trying to steal his beer. The two paramedics do a cursory examination of the patient, load him in the ambulance and take him to a trauma center. It is later discovered the man had several potential life-threatening injuries missed by the two paramedics. The man eventually recovers but sues the fire department for negligence.

That’s the scenario posed in Defending Your Actions, a mock trial video exercise sponsored by the Fire Training Officers of the Palm Beaches and created with the help of instructors of the Palm Beach State EMS program. It’s the first video of its kind in training both professional and student emergency responders how their actions can potentially lead to litigation. The training video took more than a year to plan and make.

In the scenario, the paramedics “did a horrible assessment,” said Bruce Arbeit, Clinical Coordinator. “The man was wearing a baseball cap and the paramedics didn’t even bother to remove it to check for injuries. They missed several other signs the man was badly injured and their reports were incomplete or had information missing.”

The “trial” was held in a courtroom in downtown West Palm Beach, with Thomas R. Baker, General Magistrate for the 15th Judicial Court, acting as trial judge. More than 100 emergency personnel from around the state packed the courtroom, including 50 current and former Palm Beach State EMS students. Local attorneys David Prather and Jonathan Cox were the prosecution and defense lawyers, respectively. Palm Beach State instructors Arbeit, Malcolm Bomford, Jeffrey Boyd, Lezelda Fiebig, Ken Bryan and Robert Hagopian provided “witness” testimony.

“Each attorney put their own spin on the case,” said Arbeit. “They both brought up some interesting points during the trial. We wanted to show [EMS personnel] that their actions can have consequences that could result in them testifying in front of a jury.”

The final verdict of the two-hour trial was left open for the viewer to decide guilt or innocence.
Fire Academy Receives Aerial Platform Truck

In the fall of 2010, the Palm Beach State College firefighting academy received a 1985 Duplex LTI aerial platform truck with a ladder with a 100-foot reach to better teach its students how to put out blazes from several stories in the air.

The truck was donated to the College by the City of Lake Worth through the efforts of Bobby Roan, a groundskeeper on the Lake Worth campus. Roan knew the academy was looking for such a rig and contacted Joseph Kroll, Lake Worth public services director, about the College acquiring the truck.

Kroll discussed the vehicle with Dr. Maria Vallejo, Lake Worth campus provost, and Jacqueline Rogers, Dean of Health Sciences and Public Safety. Rogers wrote a letter officially requesting the platform truck be donated to the College. In early September, 2010, the old rig received a new life as a mobile, aerial classroom.

“We are one of the few colleges in the state that has this type of rig in its inventory,” said Kerry Weiss, PSAV Coordinator. “This is definitely a feather in our cap.”

Weiss said if the College were to purchase a similar truck it would cost nearly $500,000. Instead, after a few thousand dollars for repairs to the platform’s hydraulics system and some cosmetic changes, the truck will provide more training opportunities for students. Having the truck will allow the fire academy to teach more aerial firefighting classes; before, the academy had to train students using borrowed vehicles from local fire stations. The rig will also help students meet the minimum fitness standard for becoming a firefighter, as they need to climb the ladder in full turnout gear.

“As a former volunteer firefighter in Vermont, I am glad the city of Lake Worth was able to donate this piece of equipment to the Palm Beach State College fire academy,” said Lake Worth vice Mayor Jo-Ann Golden. “It is the goal of the College and the City of Lake Worth to promote the better education of firefighters with enhanced training on equipment they will use on the job.”

Left to right: Jacqueline Rogers, Dean of health sciences & public safety, Jo-Ann Golden, former Lake Worth City Commissioner, Dr. Maria M. Vallejo, Provost, and Bobby Roan, Groundskeeper II, Lake Worth Facilities, get a ride in the aerial platform of the fire truck donated by the City of Lake Worth.
Panthermedics win “gold, silver and bronze” making history at prestigious EMS competition

On July 19-20, 2012, three teams from the Palm Beach State Paramedic program’s EMS Club, known as the Panthermedics, participated in the 2012 Bill Shearer International Advanced and Basic Life Support (ALS/BLS) Competition at the ClinCon Conference in Orlando. Organized by the Emergency Medicine Learning and Resource Center, ClinCon provides continuing education for pre-hospital and in-hospital emergency care professionals, and its annual July competition is considered the Olympics of emergency medical services.

At the ClinCon event, EMS teams compete against each other in a race against time to save the lives of their “patients” (both live and human patient simulators) in mock trauma scenarios that include full-scale equipment, loud noises, crowds, physical obstacles and even live animals. Judged by experienced emergency medical professionals, the contestants earn points based on how well the patients are assessed and treated.

The competition attracts national and international paramedic teams, which are grouped in three divisions: Basic Life Support, Advanced Life Support and Paramedic Students. The three student teams sent by Palm Beach State swept the student division by finishing first, second and third, beating out six other student teams. Palm Beach State’s Team A members Kyle Shaw, Mike Forzano and Rich James won “bronze.” Team B members Tom Ottmer, Tia Kyotikki and Zach Turner earned “silver.” “Gold” went to Team C members John Atwater, Jordan Euliss and Joe Gandolfo, earning them a $500 cash prize, too.

As first place winners, Team C qualified to compete in the final round against the professional teams. This was the first time in the competition’s 29-year history that a student team was allowed into the final professional round. Team C took second place, beating out 24 experienced professional paramedic teams by scoring 99.5 points.

Palm Beach State Paramedics spread "Hands-Only CPR" training through the community, starting with Boca High School students

Palm Beach State College paramedic students have been teaching “Hands-Only CPR” to the Medical Academy students at Boca Raton Community High School. Beginning in January, 2013, the Medical Academy high school students will in turn teach over 1,00 of their peers this skill in physical education classes and clubs.

“Hands-Only CPR” takes only takes thirty minutes to teach and can save countless lives as chest compressions will circulate oxygen and buy time for EMS to arrive and take over. The goal of this initiative is to increase the chances of saving lives throughout the community.
Certified Emergency Dispatcher Training launched at Palm Beach State College

As the area’s leader in criminal justice education, Palm Beach State College has launched the Public Safety Telecommunications post secondary adult vocational (PSAV) program in accordance with the recently enacted Florida law mandating that all 911 dispatchers complete 232 hours of training. The law, which went into effect on Oct. 1, 2012, addresses the inconsistencies in professionalism and levels of response found across the state.

The 14 students in the program’s first class graduated on Oct. 4, 2012, ready to embark on high-demand careers as dispatchers for police, fire and ambulance agencies. The comprehensive course not only gave them knowledge of telecommunications technology, equipment and procedures, it also honed their skills in handling emergency situations.

“It’s a blind job. Dispatchers don’t have the benefit of seeing what’s going on during a call, so we’ve tried to think outside the box,” said Philip Berlingo, PSAV coordinator and program instructor. “The students go on field trips to the Trauma Hawk air ambulance base, South County Mental Health Center and St. Mary’s Trauma Center, and they spend time at various agencies to observe professional dispatchers in action, seeing first-hand what the job entails and how it impacts lives.”

The $850 program, which includes an additional 16 hours of preparation for the required state certification examination, is an excellent investment. Emergency dispatchers earn full-time starting salaries ranging from $31,000-$42,000, and part-time positions also are readily available. Boca Raton Fire Rescue sponsored the first scholarship for the program, which the staff hopes to continue with the support of public safety partners who need qualified graduates.

Firefighters cross borders to train at Palm Beach State

Through a partnership with FIRE-TEC Inc., a global firefighter training and equipment consulting firm based in Broward County, Palm Beach State College’s Fire Academy on the Lake Worth campus hosted a week-long training event for firefighters from Chile, Ecuador and Mexico that concluded Aug. 31, 2012. The trainees consisted of eight firefighters from municipal, industrial and national search and rescue teams in their countries. “The commitment to the profession that these [trainees] expressed through their strong work ethic and obvious love for training is unrivaled; some of them sold their personal belongings to be able to come to this training event,” said James Schaffner, Fire Academy director. “Palm Beach State Fire Academy is honored to provide this type of training for our Central and South American brothers.”

Palm Beach State was chosen because of the priorities and goals of the staff and the College’s training facilities, equipment and technology. The week’s training focused on technical rescue techniques involving rope, confined spaces, trenches, vehicle extrication and structural collapse.
Health Sciences & Public Safety

**Paramedic students are champs once again!**

Four of our paramedic students from C Shift, Mike Redmond, Mark Lucas, Anthony Pesaturo and Charles Ross competed in the 2013 Chief Mike Haywood Broward Invitational Paramedic Competition on April 26, 2013, finishing first in the Basic Life Support division. They also finished second in total points scored in both the Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support divisions. This was only their second competition. Their accomplishment is a testament of the quality education that they receive at Palm Beach State College.

First place winners of the Basic Life Support Division of the Chief Mike Haywood Broward Invitational Paramedic Competition (left to right): Charles Ross, Mark Lucas, Mike Redmond, Anthony Pesaturo.

**EMS Panthermedics student team places second in regional advanced life support competition**

Going head-to-head against more seasoned and experienced first responders, the Palm Beach State College EMS Panthermedics student team finished in an impressive second place at the 2011 Stephanie Brown Memorial Advance Life Support (ALS) Competition at the University of Miami on May 18, 2011. This competition is considered the most prestigious and rigorous in the country, as it tests the knowledge and reflexes of the paramedics as they face emergency situations using state-of-the-art simulators and incorporating some of today’s real-life disaster scenarios.

The College’s four-person team of Cameron May, Jonathan Pope, David Rivera and Jeremy Guy matched their skills against nine other ALS teams from across south Florida. This year’s competition presented a challenging emergency scenario involving a family with carbon monoxide exposure, including a small child and the child’s deaf mother, both suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning; and an unconscious adult male suffering from second- and third-degree burns, requiring on-the-scene surgical intervention to keep his airway open.

With Army personnel supervising and judges keeping score, paramedic teams were graded on their skills in this scenario. Each team had 15 minutes each to arrive and successfully treat the victims.

“It is unheard of for a student team to do so well against so many distinguished fire department teams,” said Pete McGrane, EMS/paramedic instructor. “Two of the teams we beat had instructors from Palm Beach State on their rosters. Needless to say, this competition makes for an interesting dynamic on lab and clinical days.”
Our community is part of us, and we are them! This is quite evident in our involvement, as you read this publication. Please continue to embrace our community for our resources and knowledge can only make in better. As you plan community involvement projects, volunteer opportunities or topics for assignments, please keep the partners below in mind. Supporting each other, can only make us all stronger in reaching our full potential.

Thank you!

Dr. María M. Vallejo
Provost, Lake Worth campus

Lake Worth Campus Community Partners

ARC of Palm Beach County
Area Agency on Aging
ASPIRA of Florida
ASPIRA of Palm Beach
Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County
Boyon Beach Chamber of Commerce
Caridad Clinic
Central Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce
Children of Purpose Christian Academy
Children Services Council
City of West Palm Beach Education Advisory Committee
Compass
Comprehensive Aids Program (CAP)
El Bodegon Supermarket Chain
Everglades Area Health Education Center; Tobacco Prevention and Education
Executive Women of the Palm Beaches
Film & Television Commission - Palm Beach County
Florida Department of Health; Palm Beach County; Tobacco Free Partnerships
Florida Department of Health; Palm Beach County; Dental Health Division
Florida Resource Center for Women and Children
Florida State Hispanic Chamber
Health Care District Palm Beach County
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Hispanic Human Resources
Home Safe
Hospice of Palm Beach County
Kiwanis Club/Association
Lake Worth Food Pantry
Latin American Arts & Cultural Education
Literacy Coalition
One Blood (Formerly Palm Beach County Blood Bank)
Palm Beach County Oral Health Coalition
Palm Beach County School District - Adopted School Diamond View Elem.
Palm Beach County School District - Multicultural Department
PACE Center for Girls
Palm Beach County Cultural Council
Palm Beach Library Association
 Planned Parenthood
Prime Time Palm Beach County
Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber
Seagull Industries for the Disabled
Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN)
Toward A More Perfect Union
United Way of Palm Beach County/Student United Way
Vita Nova, Inc.
VSA Arts of Florida - Palm Beach County (PBC Parks & Recreation)
Wellington Chamber of Commerce
Women’s Chamber of Commerce
Clinton shines, turns spotlight on Palm Beach State

A visit to Palm Beach State College by former U.S. President Bill Clinton just four days before the presidential election brought the eyes of the community, the state and the nation to the Lake Worth campus.

Clinton’s morning address Nov. 2, 2012, to a packed house at the Duncan Theatre was covered by media throughout south Florida and fed to media outlets all over the country. According to media monitoring service TVEyes, more than 90 television reports were broadcast on Clinton’s talk at Palm Beach State, representing a total viewership of more than 3.2 million people. Total local market publicity value to the College was estimated by TVEyes at $186,747.

The former president’s stump speech here on behalf of President Obama’s re-election campaign was part of a last-minute whirlwind swing crisscrossing throughout Florida in one day. Following his appearance at Palm Beach State, Clinton went on to Palm Bay, Fort Myers and St. Petersburg before winding up the day in Tallahassee for an evening appearance at Florida State University.

Lake Worth campus hosts open house for returning veterans

Palm Beach State’s Lake Worth campus hosted an open house for veterans Sept. 22, 2010. Discharged veterans who served in Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom) and Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom), and other veterans were invited to attend the open house to learn about degrees and programs offered at Palm Beach State.

Representatives from several departments joined the Veterans’ Student Union to explain the processes of enrolling at the College. They included Admissions, Financial Aid, Disability Support Services, Counseling Center, Career Center and the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management degree program.

College honors members of nation's armed forces at Veterans Day concert

Palm Beach State recognized select members of our nation’s armed forces during a ceremony at a Veterans Day concert held in the Duncan Theatre on Wed., Nov. 10, 2010.

Five local veterans representing each branch of the U.S. armed forces were recognized in a special ceremony during the concert. They each were presented with a framed commemorative print honoring all veterans in their branch of service.
Community Partners & Connections

Project “PBSC” collects goods for local food pantries

With unemployment and home foreclosures still at high levels in the state, supplies at Palm Beach County food pantries were reaching a critical low throughout the spring and summer months of 2010. One of Palm Beach State College’s community partners, the Palm Beach County Community Food Alliance, worked with Professor Trish Froehlich to offer the College the opportunity to help alleviate the shortage.

Froehlich and Associate Professor Barbara Goldman came up with the acronym PBSC — “Please Bring Some Cans” and teamed with fellow Professors Tracy Ciucci and Tcherina Duncombe. The College’s Nutrition and Health classes used this project as part of their service learning projects for the students.

The instructors enlisted the help of their students in their spring and summer classes, asking them to bring in non-perishable, healthy foods to fill a 50-pound container in each class. At the end of the 2011 spring and summer A & B semesters, nearly 600 students and instructors had collected over 1,000 pounds of food to restock food pantries in Boca Raton, Lake Worth and Riviera Beach.

Lake Worth Students “Stuff the Bus”

A group of Palm Beach State students from the Lake Worth campus helped take a bite out of hunger in the county-wide “Stuff the Bus” food drive at East Coast Farms in Lantana Sept. 30, 2010. The event, sponsored by the United Way of Palm Beach County, partnered with the Palm Beach County Community Food Alliance and Palm Tran, asked donors to bring non-perishable food and supplies to designated drop-off sites around the county.

Reaching out to Haiti: Palm Beach State reflects on efforts to help earthquake victims.

July 12, 2010, marked the six-month anniversary of the deadly earthquake that rocked the nation of Haiti, and images of the devastation it has caused remain vivid.

With more than 2,500 Palm Beach State students who are citizens of Haiti or of Haitian descent, the Palm Beach State family went into action following the Jan. 12 quake that affected millions of people in a nation still recovering from hurricanes. Each campus organized a collection drive of items needed for the victims in Haiti; the College Wide Counseling Center worked with each campus to ensure students who needed help received it; and President Dennis Gallon sent cards to all Haitian students expressing care and concern and providing information on the counseling center.

Student Activities on the Lake Worth campus organized a collection that resulted in 20 pallets of everything from diapers and baby formula, to non-perishable foods, hand sanitizer and blankets. Using a truck provided by the Emergency Medical Service and Fire Academy programs, the campus delivered some of the items to King’s Academy in West Palm Beach, which collaborated with Missionary Flights International to fly items to Haiti. Other truckloads of items were transported by the private moving company, “Two Men and a Truck” to the Port of Palm Beach for shipment by boat to Haiti.

“I’m proud of the way the College came forward — the faculty, staff and administration,” said Olivia Morris-Ford, Student Activities Coordinator, who spearheaded the effort on that campus. “They just pulled through, and we were able to help many people.”
Dental Hygiene students brighten smiles through service-learning initiative

Smiles are the norm in Professor Kerry Flynn’s Community Dental Health course, one of the requirements of the Dental Hygiene A.S. degree. Professor Flynn has incorporated Academic Service-Learning into her course for the last four years, with an impact that can be measured in the smiles of children throughout Palm Beach County.

During this spring term, Flynn’s students paired up to partner with 10 different schools, each with populations in need of dental health support. These schools, ranging from pre-school to high school, have students at high risk for oral diseases, due to their low socio-economic standing, limited access to care, and in many cases, the additional burden of developmental disabilities. The schools served include Diamond View Elementary, New Pines Child Development Center, Renaissance Learning Center, Seagull Academy for Independent Living and Royal Palm Beach High School.

At Royal Palm Beach, dental hygiene students worked with adolescents with intellectual disabilities, following the principles of service-learning, performing assessments that led them to develop lessons designed to meet the special needs of these students, most of whom feared the dentist and even teeth brushing. The lessons were filled with activities that made learning about daily oral care fun. Free dental cleanings and a complete check-up by a licensed dentist were also provided.

Reflections on the experience conclude the service-learning projects. “One of the most common things I hear from my students is ‘I learned so much from them,’” says Flynn.

Flynn further comments that “kudos” must go to each school’s faculty mentors who help guide the Palm Beach State students throughout their experiences. “Our partners, along with the expertise and support of our wonderful Dental Health Services faculty, play a huge role in the success of our students’ service-learning projects and give real-world significance to our mission as a College.”

Duncan Theatre wins national award

The Watson B. Duncan III Theatre won the 2011 Outstanding Community Partner award from the Department of VSA and Accessibility at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts – The International Organization on Arts and Disability, a Washington D.C.-based organization that provides arts and education opportunities for people with disabilities and promotes increased access to the arts for all. The theatre was nominated by VSA Florida – Palm Beach County.

The Duncan Theatre partners with VSA to host the VSA Holiday Showcase, an annual event that presents the performing talents of individuals with disabilities to the community. The event gives artists with disabilities a forum to present their talents on a professional stage assisted by a professional crew. The performers acquire various physical, social, cognitive and behavioral skills throughout the process of developing, practicing and executing artistic performances. The performers and their families are also invited to a catered reception the afternoon of the event as a reward for their hard work.

“The partnership between VSA Florida – Palm Beach County and Palm Beach State College’s Duncan Theatre … is priceless,” said Mark Alexander, director of the Duncan Theatre. “We have worked so well together to provide the community with quality programming for and by artists, with and without disabilities, that we have truly become one family and one community where everyone is accepted.”
Community Partners & Connections

Food drive is a service-learning experience for students

For four years now, every fall Dr. Maria Francisca Arbona has spearheaded the food drive for Cros Ministries in Lake Worth. She uses the drive as a service learning component for her classes. The food drive facilitates students’ awareness of the needs of our community and their engagement in altruistic behavior. Dr. Arbona was able to gather and deliver over 50 boxes of food to Cros Ministries in 2012.

School District bestows the gold

Palm Beach State College was named the Gold Award Business Partner winner in the public sector category at the School District of Palm Beach County’s Volunteer & Business Partners Awards Breakfast May 2, 2012, at the Kravis Center. The award recognizes the exemplary support that Palm Beach State’s Lake Worth campus provides to its adopted school, Diamond View Elementary.

Palm Beach State awarded Prime Time Contract for the 7th year

In January, 2012, Prime Time of Palm Beach County Inc. awarded Palm Beach State College the Afterschool contract for the 7th consecutive year. This contract allows us to continue to develop, implement and grow afterschool training for practitioners in Palm Beach County, lead the way as a model for the State and play a significant role in the national discussion on the afterschool profession and its direction.
El Bodegon and Coca Cola establish scholarship for Latino students at Lake Worth Campus

Ten students of Latino heritage will be better able to afford tuition, books and fees while attending Palm Beach State College thanks to the owners of El Bodegon Supermarkets. The initial $10,000 gift to create a scholarship was presented at the Family & Health Festival held April 6, 2013, at Supermercados El Bodegon in Lake Worth.

El Bodegon and Coca-Cola, (which is matching the gift) announced the establishment of the first Supermercados El Bodegon Hispanic Scholarship through the Palm Beach State College Foundation for students attending the College. Ten scholarships of $1,000 each will be available beginning in the fall of 2013.

Students must be of Hispanic/Latino background, have a minimum grade point average of 3.3 and attend the Lake Worth campus.

El Bodegon grocery chain is owned by siblings Gloria Patricia Rincón, Carlos Mario Rincón, Guillermo Alonzo Rincón, and their business partner, Carlos Mario Ortiz. The Rincóns and Ortiz are Colombian immigrants who founded the first El Bodegon store in West Palm Beach in 1998; they now have stores in Lake Worth, Lantana and Margate. The stores employ more than 350 people and market value-priced, fresh produce, food and products, including an array of international delicacies and a catering service.

Dr. María M. Vallejo, Lake Worth Campus Provost, honored at Portrait of a Woman Luncheon

Lake Worth Campus Provost, Dr. María M. Vallejo, was honored at the second annual Portrait of a Woman luncheon held at the Sailfish Club in Palm Beach on March 21, 2013. The sold-out luncheon celebrated Women’s History Month by honoring some noteworthy women from various segments of Palm Beach County for their long term contributions to individuals and organizations including businesses, civic entities and charities.

Portrait of a Woman recognizes its annual Honorees in a unique and personal way, through original oil portraits by renowned portrait artist Renée Plevy that are displayed at leading venues throughout Palm Beach County.

The 2013 luncheon raised more than $15,000 to benefit Quantum House, a nonprofit hospital hospitality house established in 2001 to provide a caring and supportive home for families whose children are receiving treatment in Palm Beach County for a serious medical condition.
Community Partners & Connections

Palm Beach State College wins Triunfo! award from Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

The annual Triunfo! Awards, presented by the Palm Beach County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, recognizes individuals or organizations in different categories for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to Palm Beach County’s Hispanic community.

At the Award Gala, held on Saturday April 6, 2013, at the PGA Resort and Spa, Palm Beach State College was the recipient of the Triunfo! Education Award. This award recognizes Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth campus’ exemplary leadership in addressing the needs of Hispanic students. The Hispanic Serving Initiative (HSI) committee led by Dr. María M. Vallejo and Susy Martinez-White for over 5 years has been taking a proactive approach to addressing the Hispanic population increase in Palm Beach County. The HSI Initiative committee, comprised of administrators, faculty, and staff all supporting the overall goal of obtaining HSI designation, reexamined how services and programs are provided to students and collected data supporting development and implementation of national best practices to better serve our Hispanic students. Through the leadership and guidance of Lake Worth campus, Palm Beach State College has now achieved the HSI goal of increasing credit/prep Hispanic student enrollment to 25% by the fall of 2012. Outreach and Recruitment, Student Services, Academic Affairs, and Corporate and Continuing Education all assisted in coordinating efforts toward meeting the needs of our rapidly changing student body.

Palm Beach State College wins United Way Excellence in Service Award

Palm Beach State College Lake Worth campus was honored with the Excellence in Service award at the United Way of Palm Beach County 2012-2013 Campaign Recognition & Awards at the Harriett Himmel Theatre on May 14, 2013.

The Best of the Campaign awards is sponsored annually by the United Way of Palm Beach County. The awards provide county-wide recognition for outstanding commitment and support to communities through local United Way involvement. The awards were developed to recognize companies and their employees that demonstrate campaign excellence and community commitment by giving, advocating and volunteering in the areas of education, income and health.

Palm Beach State College and Suncoast Community High School were both selected for achieving the standard of excellence under the area of service. Both institutions have served their local community by working with various United Way partner agencies including C.R.O.S. Ministries Lake Worth and Riviera Beach Pantries, Make a Difference Day at the Milagro Center, and HomeSafe Holiday Party. Palm Beach State College and Suncoast Community High School have also collaborated together on a few volunteer events including serving Thanksgiving dinner at The Lord’s Place and distributing toys to needy families at Urban Youth Impact.
Volunteer Fair 2013: Opportunities for Active Citizenship

Article by: Christopher Kennedy (student)

Volunteering remains a major initiative at Palm Beach State College with many students regularly sacrificing their free time to contribute to a greater good. Lake Worth campus volunteer specialist, Shona Castillo, seeing the desire for students to participate in volunteer programs, organized the extensive Volunteer Fair that was held in the Student Commons on the 24th of April, 2013.

Featuring over 20 organizations including the Palm Beach County Food Bank, Quantum House, Solid Waste Authority and the United Way of Palm Beach County, many students came to take advantage of a wealth of information and also sign up for upcoming opportunities at these organizations.

Spanning two hours, the event was set up in a walk-through style with tables flanking both sides of the busy walkway beside the Student Commons area. One agency representative commented on this setup saying that it encouraged people to stop by each table, thus increasing sign-ups. Most agencies as a matter of fact said that they received more sign-ups than ever before.

Food was provided for students who participated in the event through a passport system in which they had to get stickers from five different agency tables they visited as well as fill out a brief survey about the event. In addition to lunch, the passport provided a means for students to spin a prize wheel from which giveaways were distributed, making it even more rewarding for student participation.

Aside from the prizes, many students said they found the opportunity extremely informative, with many saying that even more organizations should be brought in and held on campus more frequently, showing the students’ eagerness in making a difference in their community.

An overall success, the volunteer fair has proven that students prefer to become actively involved in their community for the greater good especially when presented with opportunities to choose from.
CONGRATULATIONS

These Professors Won Continuing Contracts

2010
Sallie Middleton, Professor I of history
Trineshia Sellers, Associate Professor of chemistry
Michael Seminero, Professor I of motion picture & TV technology
Patrick Tierney, Associate Professor of credit English

2011
Hernan Aviles, Professor III of biology
Tcherina Duncombe, Professor I of biology
David Hyland, Associate Professor of theatre and film
Victoria Martin, Professor I of art/graphic design
Andrew Trupin, Professor II of physics

2012
Sankaranarayanaier Chandramohan, Professor II of biology
Carleton Chernekoff, Assistant Professor of developmental writing
Dr. Mary Galvin, Professor I of English
Dr. Sapna Gupta, Professor III of organic chemistry
Dr. Yelena Rudayeva, Professor II of biology
Rose Wilson, Associate Professor of math
THE BRAVO AWARD is a college-wide employee recognition program where specific actions that go above and beyond the call of duty, and behaviors that embody the philosophy and mission of Palm Beach State College are acknowledged. Performing spectacular actions or behaviors are the qualifications to be nominated for the Bravo Award. Recipients receive an engraved plaque, a luncheon with Dr. Gallon, a $75 payment of recognition, and a spotlight of their spectacular action in Perspectives.

2010 Bravo Award Recipients

DR. GRACE KOLBE, Assistant Director of Early Childhood Education at the Institute of Excellence in Early Care & Education, received a 2010 Bravo Award. Kolbe was largely responsible for the acquisition of grant funding to take Palm Beach County’s professional development model for early child care practitioners and implement it on a state level. She dedicated considerable personal time to researching, creating and planning for the program, which will make education and training opportunities more accessible to early care and education providers. Her efforts have also resulted in state-wide recognition for the College and the Institute of Excellence in Early Care & Education.

ARLEEN ROOKS, Student Services Representative received the 2010 Bravo Award. She is stationed at the information desk in the admissions lobby, directing students to the appropriate counter or the computers depending in the nature of their needs. As enrollment at the College has skyrocketed, the number of students Rooks serves has grown to overwhelming proportions and must have a first-hand knowledge of everything the College has to offer. She frequently juggles multiple student inquiries while at the same time processing transcript requests, and assisting students on the use of Pantherweb, Pay Print and FACTS.org.

Science Department Specialists SAMIA HUDA and GARY MOO YOUNG were both recipients of the 2010 Bravo Award. They spent an enormous amount of time and energy preparing the lab space for the Natural Science building, identifying materials to order, placing the orders, receiving, and properly storing the items. They devised a plan to increase drawer space available for students’ projects and worked with facilities to create the solution. The solution maximized the number of lab classes in which students can work independently at their own workstation, thus enhancing the educational experience for each student.

2011 Bravo Award Recipients

LORI CRANE, Associate Professor, spent much of her free time during a four-month period assisting the Lake Worth chapter of Phi Theta Kappa with an Honors in Action award project designed to bring the college and community together to eradicate issues in the area. This year, the Phi Theta Kappa chapter chose to debate whether or not smoking should be allowed on Florida’s public beaches. Lori spent unpaid time instructing the teams on the policies of scholarly debates, helping team members develop the confidence to speak in a public forum, and drawing upon the strengths of the individual team members to aid each debate team. Her efforts, in combination with the hard work of the students, resulted in the chapter winning a record number of awards for the Great Debate project.
Faculty & Staff Recognition

Degrees of Success by Staff & Faculty

• **DANIEL A. ALVAREZ**, Administrative Assistant I, received his Bachelor of Health Services degree from Florida Atlantic University on May 6, 2011.
• **DAVID BETHEA**, Adjunct Professor and Learning Specialist in the Student Learning Center English Writing Lab, received his Ph.D. in Comparative Studies from Florida Atlantic University in December, 2011.
• **TANGIE BOBO**, Admissions Specialist, received her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction Reading from Grand Canyon University on April 28, 2010.
• **JOANNA CAMPOS**, Student Services Representative II, received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Florida Atlantic University on December 10, 2010.
• **SANDRA CANEVARI**, Employment Specialist, earned her Associate degree from Palm Beach State College on August 3, 2012.
• **Tiffany M. Dinga**, Records Specialist, received her AA degree from Palm Beach State College on March 16, 2011.
• **Priscilla Dougliss**, Records Specialist, received her Bachelor of Science degree from Palm Beach Atlantic University May 6, 2010
• **Colleen Farinelli**, Administrative Assistant II, received her AAS degree from Palm Beach State College on August 4, 2010.
• **Irene Garcia**, Administrative Assistant I, earned her Associate degree from Palm Beach State on December 16, 2011
• **Nicolly Gayle**, Test Center Representative I, received her Bachelor's degree from Florida International University Aug. 13, 2011.
• **Stephen Gray**, Records Specialist, received his Master of Business Administration degree from Nichols College on May 5, 2012.
• **Marileidy Guzman**, Administrative Assistant II, received her Associate degree from Palm Beach State College on August 3, 2012.
• **Calvin R. Hawley**, Warehouse Receiving Technician, received his Associate degree from Palm Beach State College on May 9, 2011.
• **Joel Hernandez**, Financial Aid Representative II, received his AAP degree from Palm Beach State College on May 9, 2011.
• **Jennifer Hudson**, Accounts Payable Coordinator, received her Baccalaureate degree from Palm Beach State College on May 8, 2012.
• **Rosalina Loayza**, Administrative Assistant II, received her Associate degree from Palm Beach State on December 16, 2011.
• **Aundrea Lowe**, Warehouse & Receiving Supervisor, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Palm Beach Atlantic University on December 16, 2011.
• **Melba Pena**, Administrative Assistant II at the Lake Worth campus, earned her Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Supervision and Management from Palm Beach State in December 2011.
• **Christina M. Plante**, Library Assistant II, received her Associate degree from Palm Beach State College on May 9, 2011.
• **Tranetta Rutherford**, Purchasing Card Specialist, earned her Associate degree from Palm Beach State on December 16, 2011.
• **Amanda Sherrill**, Administrative Assistant I, received her Bachelor of Integrated Studies degree from Emporia State University on Aug. 3, 2012.
• **Jhanak Thapaliya**, Media Specialist I, earned his Bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems, Information Security Track, in fall 2012 from FAU
• **Maria Velez**, Administrative Assistant II, received her Associate degree from Palm Beach State College on May 9, 2011.
• **Flor Vergara**, Admissions Processing Representative at the Lake Worth Campus, received her associate degree from Palm Beach State on December 16, 2011.

Patricia McDonald, Associate Professor of English at the Lake Worth campus, recently contributed a chapter entitled “The Differences that Bind Us: An Informal Diasporan Conversation” to the publication *Interracial Communication: Contexts, Communities, and Choices*, published by Kendall Hunt. In her chapter, Professor McDonald examines the relationships that have developed among people of the African Diaspora as they converge in the United States of America.


The 5th edition of Dr. Roger Ramsamy’s *Anatomy & Physiology Manual* has met publisher McGraw-Hill’s standard of review allowing it to become a national product. To begin that process, the publisher displayed the book at the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society’s 2011 Conference in Vancouver.

Literature and Composition Adjunct Instructor, Sandra Biber Didner’s new book, *The Conspiracies of Dreams*, was published June, 2012, by Inkwater Press. It is a story of love, intrigue and power set in the Middle East.

Carlos Ramos, Associate Dean Math, Science & Technology, published the 2nd edition of his *Laboratory Manuals* for general physics I and general physics II in March, 2011. With the advent of technology, customized manuals were needed for the labs because standard manuals did not address the new way of collecting data. The 2nd edition, published by Kendall-Hunt, conforms to the College’s new technology-enhanced labs.

These faculty “Got Papers?!?”

The following faculty participated in the Professional Teaching & Learning Center’s (PTLC’s) exciting opportunity for collegial sharing of interdisciplinary research, conference papers, professional innovation, and energizing intellectual inquiry in a seminar setting called “Got papers?!” This PTLC program allows our thriving academic community to Share work with colleagues, enabling us to bond and reaffirm our commitment to excellence as professors.

**September 26, 2012 — “Service Learning: It Works for Every Discipline”**

Associate Professor **HEIDI LADIKA-CIPOLLA**, Professor I **TRISH FROEHLICH**, Nutrition  
Associate Professor **KERRY FLYNN**, Dental

**October 23, 2012 — “Florida Voices”**

Associate Professor **STEVE BRAHLEK**, “The Big Scrub: Mother Nature in Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings’ The Yearling  
Professor I **MARY GALVIN**, “In Search of Florida Poets”

**November 13, 2012 — “New Frontiers in STEM”**

Associate Dean **CARLOS RAMOS**, “Application of Maxwell’s Equations to Fundamental Forces”  
Professor III **DR. ANDREW TRUPIN**, “Is the Galactic Red Shift Caused by Gravity?”

**January 22, 2013 — “Let There Be Music”**

Professor I/Librarian **DOUGLAS CORNWELL**, “Writing about Music is like Dancing About Architecture?”  
Associate Professor **MICHAEL MACMULLEN**, “Name That Tune: A Game of Musical Clues”

**April 18, 2013**

Librarian/Associate Professor **ESTALINE ROGERS**, “Secrets of the Library”

**Future Fall Schedule**

**Sept. 24, 2013 — Library Gallery**

Professor II **MATT KLAUZA**, “Mark Twain: Homesickness and Hannibal”  
Professor III **CAROLE POLICY**, “Marietta”
Faculty & Staff Recognition

Lake Worth Campus instructors receive Gimelstob Student Choice Awards for Excellence in Teaching

Each year, Palm Beach State College students nominate and vote for instructors to receive the annual **Gimelstob Student Choice Awards for Excellence in Teaching**. The award winners are recognized for clear and easily understood instruction; organization and time management skills; enthusiasm and promoting active classroom learning; and use of innovative techniques, methods and technology in promoting student success.

The awards, which include a gold medal and a monetary gift of $500 for full-time faculty and $250 for part-time faculty, are named in honor of Herb and Elaine Gimelstob, a Boca Raton couple whose generosity helped establish the Gimelstob Faculty Award Endowment.

The **2010** honorees are **Dr. Matilde Roig-Watnick**, Professor of Anatomy and Physiology; **Birgitta Fielder**, Instructor in the Practical Nursing program.

In **2011**, the following honorees received the awards: Professor **Garfield Basant**, Associate Professor of Math; Professor **Bonnie Manley**, an Adjunct Instructor (Math); and **Traci Kirby**, PSAV Instructor (Practical Nursing Program).

Honorees for **2012**, are: Professor **Garfield Basant**, Associate Professor of Math; **Carmen Panai**, PSAV Instructor (Practical Nursing); and **Elise Harding**, Adjunct Professor (Reading).

**Peggy Adams-King**, Associate Dean of Business and Computer Science, was honored with a bronze award by the School District of Palm Beach County for serving on the John I. Leonard Academy Board as part of the Department of Public Affairs and the Office of Community Involvement outstanding business partner. She received the award at the Annual Volunteers and Business Partnership Recognition Awards event on May 4, 2011 at the Kravis Center.

**Jeff Alejandro**, Lead Maintenance Mechanic, participated in the third annual Freedom 5K race held Sept. 9, 2012, in West Palm Beach. The race supports military families and first responders and commemorates the anniversary of 9/11.

**Mark Alexander**, Director of the Duncan Theatre since 2001, was named Chairman of the Palm Beach County Cultural Council’s Cultural Executives Committee in the Fall of 2010.

Artwork of **Jessica Amaral**, Adjunct Instructor, was displayed at the annual Fine Art Faculty show, December 8, 2012, through February 9, 2013, at the Jan and Gary Dario Gallery on the Lake Worth campus.

**Teresa Armas**, Financial Aid Advisor, was a panelist on the Pathways to Success Seminar held February 15, 2013, at the Lake Worth Campus.

On December 3, 2010, **Bruce Arbeit**, Clinical Coordinator, was named the Training Officer of the Year by the Palm Beach County chapter of the Emergency Medical Services Providers Association for his significant contribution to creating the mock trial “Defending your Actions.”

**Stephanie Arsh**, E-Learning Student Success Specialist, participated in the third annual Freedom 5K race held September 9, 2012, in West Palm Beach. The race supports military families and first responders and commemorates the anniversary of 9/11.

**Sandi Barrett**, Program Director, Trade and Industry Continuing Education, became an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) approved instructor for courses in construction safety and health, the first at the College to be approved to teach those courses. The approval will allow her to teach a number of courses not currently offered at the College, such as fall hazard awareness for the construction industry, scaffolding training and fall protection training.

**Sandi** also attended a four-day training seminar in Gainesville to obtain her Master Trainer credential from the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). She will now be able to train other instructors to receive their NCCER craft instructor credentials. NCCER is a not-for-profit education foundation whose mission is to build a safe, productive, and sustainable workforce of craft professionals who meet craft training standards and hold portable credentials.

**Sandi** is a 2010 graduate of Adventures in Leadership, a two-year program focusing on effective leadership and supervisory skills.
She also served as the 2011 Lake Worth campus Vice President of the Palm Beach State College chapter of Association of Florida Colleges.

DR. KATHLEEN BEY attended Tourette's Syndrome Training during the Spring Term 2011.

JESSICA BENDER, Auxiliary Services & College Card Manager, participated in the third annual Freedom 5K race held September 9, 2012, in West Palm Beach. The race supports military families and first responders and commemorates the anniversary of 9/11.

AMALIA BENITES, Financial Aid Representative I, participated in El Bodegon Family & Health Festival on April 6, 2013.

SUSAN BIERSTER, Associate Dean of Developmental Education in Lake Worth, began her term as President of the Palm Beach State chapter of the Association of Florida Colleges, in January, 2011.

RHONDA BOLES, Nursing Program Specialist, was Co-Chair of the 12th Annual Comedy & Talent Explosion, held on February 17, 2012 at the Duncan Theater and sponsored by the Palm Beach State chapter of the National Council on Black American Affairs.

BONNIE BONINCONTRI, OPS Professional, served on the committee for the College’s 2011 Diversity Film Festival and selected films for all campuses. She also served as the discussion facilitator for Honors Movie Night.

Professor CHRISTINE BUSH was named “Advisor of the Year” by Lake Worth campus Student Activities in the spring of 2012.

JANETTE CAMPBELL, Associate Professor of mathematics, was among those honored at the annual retirees’ dinner and presentation held March 30, 2011. Campbell retired after 33 years of service to the College.

SHONA CASTILLO, Volunteer Program Specialist, participated in the third annual Freedom 5K race held September 9, 2012, in West Palm Beach. The race supports military families and first responders and commemorates the anniversary of 9/11.

LYAM CHRISTOPHER, Learning Specialist in the reading lab, graduated from the Adventures in Leadership program in November, 2012.

ROBIN D’AGATI, Associate Professor of business, received the 2010 Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD).

Associate Professor, EMMANUEL DANSO, helped design and coordinate a program for Registered Tax Return Preparers in collaboration with the Center for Business and Entrepreneurship.


EILEEN DORAN, Assistant Professor of math, won the 2011 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence (NISOD) Award for her commitment to teaching and the success of her students.

DAVID DUNCAN, Professor II, was the 2011 recipient of the $5000 Stewart Distinguished Teaching Award for utilizing interactive learning practices as a critical component of effective teaching that promotes student engagement, practices fostering interactive learning, and retention and success.

Associate Professor COLLEEN FAWCETT assisted with the implementation of a statewide professional development system, specifically with regard to the review of curriculum that will be used to develop the skills of early care and education practitioners throughout the state of Florida. Her work focused on the review and revision of 48 hours of training in the core knowledge area of ‘Observing, Documenting, Screening, and Assessing’ from the Florida Core Competencies for Early Care and Education Practitioners. Her responsibilities included the revision of training materials for four training modules to ensure the goals, objectives, content, activities, exercise and supporting materials were accurate, developmentally appropriate and that all references and resources were relevant and reliable.

Professor I, PAUL FRIEDMAN, who chairs and teaches Crime Scene Technology and Criminal Justice, was featured in the February 17, 2013, segment Investigation Discovery channel show On the Case with Paula Zahn. The episode #407, entitled “Murder at Sunrise,” was about the 1984 murder of Vicki Long in Jupiter, FL, and FRIEDMAN’s participation in the investigation as a detective with the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office.
Andrew Geppert, PSAV Instructor of machining, received 2012 Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD).

Craig Gero, Student Development Advisor II, was the recipient of the “Lake Worth Student Services Exemplary Service Award” presented at the Student Services division meeting May 26, 2011.

Adjunct Instructor, Gokarna Gharti-Chhetri has been the advisor of the Lake Worth campus biology club since 2012.

On January 14, 2012, Associate Professor, musician and composer David Gibble heard for the first time one of his compositions played by an internationally renowned professional brass quintet, The Boston Brass. Gibble has been teaching music at the College’s Lake Worth campus for 17 years and has had six jazz compositions published by the University of Northern Colorado Press.

Roslyn Grant, Administrative Assistant II, served as a committee member for the 12th Annual Comedy & Talent Explosion, held on February 17, 2012 at the Duncan Theater and sponsored by the Palm Beach State chapter of the National Council on Black American Affairs.

Artwork of Vernon Grant, Associate Dean of Humanities, was displayed at the annual Fine Art Faculty show, December 8, 2012, through February 9, 2013, at the Jan and Gary Dario Gallery on the Lake Worth campus.

Dr. Sabrina Greenwell, education faculty at the Lake Worth campus, was honored with an award by the Organization of Teacher Educators in Reading (OTER), a committee which represents the parent organization of the Journal of Reading Education, for co-authoring an article recently published in the journal. The article, entitled, "Exploring High School English Language Arts Teachers’ Responses to Professional Development in Reading Instruction," investigated the role of the Florida Add-On Reading Endorsement on two secondary reading endorsed English Language Arts teachers’ instructional practices and professional growth. The committee recognized the article for its contribution of knowledge in the field of reading education.

Learning Specialist, Dana Hamadeh was invited by the Office of Student Activities to conduct a presentation to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders during their FCAT Pep Rally. Her presentation on “Fun with Math” was informative, dynamic and very interactive.

Yvette Hernandez, Media Specialist II, ran in the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon May 1, 2011. This was Hernandez’s first marathon.

Artwork of Associate Professor Kristin Miller Hopkins was displayed at the annual Fine Art Faculty show, December 8, 2012, through February 9, 2013, at the Jan and Gary Dario Gallery on the Lake Worth campus.

During December, 2012, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County featured Kristin’s work in a Solo Exhibition at the Cultural Council’s headquarters, 601 Lake Avenue in Lake Worth.

Professor II, Elizabeth Horvath, Department Chair for computers, received 2012 Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD).

In 2011, OPS Professional, Pat Jablonski, wrote a handout to help students spot and construct signal phrases in research.

Dr. Cynthia Johnson, OPS Professional, of Strategies for College Success, was selected to receive special recognition during Adjunct Appreciation Week; she was honored during her class on November 17, 2010.

Barbara Kalfin, medical office Program Director, is a 2010 graduate of Adventures in Leadership, a two-year program focusing on effective leadership and supervisory skills.

Brian Kelley, Director of the Library Learning Resource Center on the Lake Worth campus, was chosen on July 1, 2012, as the Advisory Board Chair-Elect of the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) established by the Florida Legislature in 1989. This is the statewide library network that provides library services for all Florida college libraries. Kelley represents the College on the CCLA Advisory Board and Executive Committee. Without the work of the CCLA, the ease and speed of sharing information resources across campuses statewide would not exist.

Eric Kennedy, Associate Dean, Trade & Industry, was reappointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Board of Directors of Workforce Florida. He is reappointed for a term beginning August 11 and ending July 6, 2012. Workforce Florida was created in 2000 by the Florida Workforce Innovation Act to develop stra-
egies to both employ Floridians and strengthen the state’s business climate.

**Dr. Grace Kolbe**, Assistant Director of early childhood education at the Institute of Excellence in Early Care and Education, received grant funding to implement Palm Beach County’s professional development model for early child care practitioners on a state level. She dedicated considerable personal time to researching, creating and planning for the program, which will make education and training opportunities more accessible to early care and education providers. Her efforts have also resulted in state-wide recognition for the College and the Institute of Excellence in Early Care & Education.

**Romina Linnell**, Ops Professional Worker, was part of the Palm Beach State team that took second place in the Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee in 2011 sponsored by Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition. In 2011 and again in 2012, Romina developed and presented a workshop for her colleagues in the Lab titled “Empowering Students”.

**Aundra Lowe**, Warehouse Supervisor, served as a committee member for the 12th Annual Comedy & Talent Explosion, held on February 17, 2012, at the Duncan Theater and sponsored by the Palm Beach State chapter of the National Council on Black American Affairs.

Since 2009, Professor III, **Shari MacLachlan** has served with other professors across the nation on Cengage’s Political Science Technology Advisory Board, helping the publisher shape pedagogically sound and useful technology for instructor and student use.

**Michael MacMullen**, Associate Professor and Music Department Chair, served as the 2010-13 music representative on the Florida Community College Activities Association (FCCAA) Executive Council.

On July 1, 2010, **Dr. Jeannett Manzanero** was appointed Director of the Global Education Center.

On January 14, 2012, **Dr. Manzanero** served as panelist at the Lake Worth Interfaith Network forum entitled “The Spirituality of Non-Violence: Reviving the Legacy.”

In April, 2012, **Dr. Manzanero**, made a presentation entitled “Spanish, Latin American and Hispanic American Literature” at the 3rd Annual Spanish Language Week held at the Palm Beach Gardens Campus, to a diverse audience of students, faculty and community visitors.

At the American Association of Community Colleges 92nd annual conference held April 21-23, 2012, in Orlando, **Dr. Manzanero**, was a co-presenter of “Ensuring Immigrant Student Success: A Critical National Imperative.”

**Frank Marciante**, Adjunct Instructor, occupational skills evaluator for the Paramedic program at Palm Beach State and a Greenacres firefighter, received the Free Masons Society Lake Worth Local 245 Firefighter of the Year/Community Service Award on August 18, 2010. The award piggybacks on a Life Safety Award **Marciante** received from the Greenacres Fire Department in April, 2010, for his efforts to save the life of a 36-year-old mother of two who suffered cardiac arrest. He and his partner were also recognized for safely rescuing the occupants of a burning building.

**Victoria Martin**, Professor I and Department Chair of fine arts, graphic design and multimedia arts, exhibited her artwork in the 2010 summer show at SDC Gallery in the East End of London, England. Her artwork was also displayed at the annual Fine Art Faculty show, December 8, 2012, through February 9, 2013, at the Jan and Gary Dario Gallery on the Lake Worth campus.

**Professor Martin**’s series of clay sculpture pieces inspired by the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was featured by Florida Craftsmen Gallery in St. Petersburg, FL and 10% of the sales of Martin’s sculptures benefited the Nature Conservancy.

**Dr. Pamela Mason-Egan**, Professor I and Department Chair and the First-Year Experience conference in 2012.

In August, 2011, at the Student Learning Center Critical Thinking Conference, **Dr. Mason-Egan** presented “Practical Approaches for Enhancing Critical Thinking with Learning Disabled Students.”

In March, 2012, at the College Reading and Learning Association Tutor Training, **Dr. Mason-Egan** presented “Supporting Students with Learning Disabilities: Tutoring Techniques & Strategies.”

**Ann McLaughlin**, Adjunct Instructor of Business Administration, was invited to attend the annual Ph.D. Project Conference in Chicago in November, 2012. The Ph.D. Project, a program to create diversity in management, was created in 1994 to address the severe under-representation of African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans and Native Americans in man-
agement by diversifying the front of the classroom: The business school faculty. Qualified candidates are invited to this conference where they interact with deans, professors and current minority doctoral students about the benefits of pursuing business Ph.D.

Artwork of CLARENCE MEASELLE, Adjunct Instructor, was displayed at the annual Fine Art Faculty show, December 8, 2012, through February 9, 2013, at the Jan and Gary Dario Gallery on the Lake Worth campus.

Professor JOE MILLAS, advisor of the Lake Worth Campus Delta Omicron chapter of The Phi Theta Kappa honor society was one of 30 advisors out of more than 1,200 candidates to receive the International Continued Excellence Award during the Phi Theta Kappa honor society's international convention in Nashville, Tennessee in spring, 2012.

OLIVIA MORRIS-FORD, Lake Worth campus Student Activities Manager and Student Government Association (SGA) Advisor, was awarded the Most Outstanding SGA Advisor of the Year by the Florida College System Student Government Association in April, 2011.

Associate Professor ALEX Opritsa established the Math Club in 2010 to increase academic engagement of students outside of the classroom. He also attended the Mathematical Association of America-Florida Two-Year College Mathematics Association conference in February, 2011.

AUSTIN PRICE, Post Secondary Adult Vocational Instructor in welding, was chosen to represent Palm Beach State College at the Florida Master Teacher Seminar in Orlando, FL, in June, 2012.

On December 3, 2010, CHARLES “CHIC” PRICE, Occupational Skills Evaluator, was given a plaque expressing the gratitude of the Palm Beach County chapter of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Providers Association for his dedication to the enhancement of EMS in Palm Beach County and for serving as the Association’s President for numerous years.

RICK REEDER was promoted from HVAC Instructor to Program Director of Welding, HVAC & Machining in the fall of 2011.

REGINA ROSE, Learning Specialist and Adjunct Instructor of vocational preparatory math, is a 2010 graduate of Adventures in Leadership, a two-year program focusing on effective leadership and supervisory skills.

LYDIA RUNKLE, Administrative Assistant I, served as a Judge for the 12th Annual Comedy & Talent Explosion, held on February 17, 2012, at the Duncan Theater and sponsored by the Palm Beach State chapter of the National Council on Black American Affairs.

In September, 2011, Professor I, MIKE SFIROPOLOUS, and his Palm Beach State College team members won 2nd place in the Great Grownup Spelling Bee, after which MIKE went on to become a Judge in the Great Grownup Spelling Bee in September, 2012. The Spelling Bee is held at the Harriet Himmel Theater in City Place, West Palm Beach.

In June, 2012, MIKE was selected as a Faculty Fellow for the Global Skills for College Completion 2.0, an initiative funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and attended a week-long seminar/training New York City in August, 2012.

AMY SHEPARD, Financial Aid Manager, was a panelist in the “Making College Affordable” forum with the U.S. Under Secretary of Education hosted at the Lake Worth Campus on February 9, 2012, and is representing Palm Beach State College in an inter-institution committee with Palm Beach County School District on a Free Application for Federal Student Aid Completion Campaign.

On February 4, 2011, AMANDA SHERRILL, Administrative Assistant I, was the recipient of the Lake Worth Student Services Exemplary Service Award.

DEBRA-ANNE SINGLETON, Student Learning Center Manager, graduated from the Adventures in Leadership program in November, 2012.

WARREN SMITH, Associate Professor, received an Award from Library Services on May 15, 2012, for development of Library Guide for economic courses. He also received an award on September 24, 2012, from The Links Incorporated, West Palm Beach Chapter, an organization that promotes and engages in educational, civic, and inter-cultural activities.

SAM SPITALLI, OPS Professional in the Teacher Certification Program, published “Good Schools, Good People Testing Does Not Recognize” in the Winter 2010 edition of SEEN (South East Education Network Magazine). He also published “Waiting for ‘Superman?’—Don’t Hold Your Breath” in the Spring 2011 edition of SEEN. In this article, he challenges...
messages in the documentary regarding the crisis in education and where to place blame and suggests his own “Top 10” list to improve education.

Dr. Vetaley Stashenko, Professor II of biology, initiated a new Biology Club on the Lake Worth campus in 2011.

Bridget Statler, Student Development Advisor I, participated in the third annual Freedom 5K race held September 9, 2012, in West Palm Beach. The race supports military families and first responders and commemorated the anniversary of 9/11.

John Treanor, Assistant Professor and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department Chair, was honored in 2010 with the Distinguished Service Award by the Palm Beach County EMS Providers Association for his work as an instructor at the College and was lauded for his dedication to training the best paramedics in the state. Treanor was also named 2010 Firefighter of the Year by Boca Raton Fire Rescue.

Artwork of Jackie Tufford, Adjunct Instructor, was displayed at the annual Fine Art Faculty show, December 8, 2012, through February 9, 2013, at the Jan and Gary Dario Gallery on the Lake Worth campus.

Dr. María M. Vallejo, Lake Worth Campus Provost, was named to the ASPIRA of Florida Board of Directors for 2010-2011. She assumed her duties of at-large director September 10, 2010, at a formal installation and reception at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. ASPIRA of Florida is a non-profit organization that fosters the social advancement of Latino youth through educational excellence and leadership development programs that emphasize commitment to the community.

Dr. Vallejo, was one of 12 honorees at the 2011 Hispanic Women of Distinction charity luncheon August 12, 2011, sponsored by Latina Style magazine and Bank of America. She was selected from among more than 90 applicants by four judges. Nominations were made by former Hispanic Women of Distinction honorees and community leaders.

Dr. Vallejo, was one of eight featured readers for the sixth annual African American Read-In held Feb. 6, 2012, at Miami Dade College. The event, part of a nationwide observance involving more than a million readers, highlights literacy as a significant part of Black History Month. It is sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Professor II, Allen Webber, served as a vocal music judge for the annual Palm Beach Post Pathfinders Scholarship Competition, and was a volunteer music merit badge counselor and instructor for the Gulf Stream Council of The Boy Scouts of America at its Scout Advancement Weekend in November, 2011 and 2012. Professor Webber is a bass section leader in the adult choir at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, and a member of the recently formed Orchid City Brass Band, of West Palm Beach.

Professor Webber continues to participate as a member of the Palm Beach State College team for the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition’s Great Grown Up Spelling Bee, and was part of the Palm Beach State team that took second place in the Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee in 2011.

Cheryl Zimmerman, Learning Specialist, was part of the Palm Beach State team that took second place in the Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee in 2011.
Future Challenges & Opportunities Updates

• Improving Classroom Space Utilization.

In the spring of 2011, campus Deans continued their review of classroom space to assure efficiency and maximize utilization. A plan was developed to backfill spaces made available by the opening of new buildings including the new Center for Bachelor Programs, which opened in fall of 2012, and the Public Safety Training Center, opened for the 2013 summer term.

• Working toward Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) Designation.

Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Campus has been leading and successfully bridging the gaps between minority and non-minority “First-Time-In-College” enrollments. The Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Initiative started over five years ago with the aim of increasing the Hispanic student population at Palm Beach State College to allow the College to obtain designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution under the federal Title V program. In the few years since its inception, the initiative has made marked strides with improvements in the accessibility of college information to the Hispanic community through several outreach, recruitment, and retention efforts. These have led to the award of grants to assist at risk students at the College, minority and non-minority alike.

Since June 2010, there have been four significant accomplishments* under the leadership of the HSI Initiative:
• Kresge SEMILLAS Grant: SCORE Project (2010-2011)
• H.S.I. Initiative web page (Summer 2012)
• Hispanic Enrollment Goals Met and Surpassed: 27%, Lake Worth Campus and 25% College-wide (Fall 2012)
• College is Possible (Spring 2013)

*Summary reports are available by request for each of the four accomplishments

The HSI Initiative was formed to address and provide practical solutions, such as the examples accomplished in the past two years, to factors that hinder Hispanic student success. The HSI Initiative Committee assesses current national best practices to develop outreach, access, and retention strategies that lead to the recruitment, and support the success of Hispanic students at Palm Beach State College. The Committee has expanded its participation with representatives from each of the four campuses as well as district representation to include administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

The Lake Worth Campus celebrated reaching the 25 percent Hispanic full-time equivalent (FTE) to gain recognition as an Hispanic-Serving Institute. In so doing, the Institute of Early Care & Afterschool Programs is developing and providing coursework in a dual-language format (Spanish/English) to meet the needs of Hispanic students who are participating in the entry-level state mandated childcare training and the Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) certificate program. The state-mandated competency exam is also available in Spanish and offered at the College. Many of the continuing education offerings in childcare are offered in Spanish as well as English and program materials are available in both Spanish/English.

• Building Capacity in Corporate and Continuing Education Offerings.

KBR Custom Training for the Solid Waste to Energy Project; KBR, the general construction company for the Solid Waste to Energy Project will be interviewing students in the Electrical Training Programs, which will complete May 30, 2013. The interviews are scheduled for April 15, 2013, and it is expected that 10 will be offered
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employment. The next training module will be for welding and is expected to be initiated early in July, 2013.

•Serving and Supporting Student Development

Lake Worth Student Affairs has increased utilization of various communication tools such as text messaging, web and phone-based and traditional mail to better target students and facilitate communication on their terms.
  • Live Chat
  • New Strategies for College Success (SLS) Education Planning process supporting critical thinking from admission to graduation.
  • On-Going Challenges:
    1. Under-utilization of technological innovations such as WiFi and mobile devices (Working intrusively proves difficult without adequate technology.)
    2. Inability to effectively service students because of limited technology - i.e. outreach events: outdoor advising, outdoor financial aid booths, etc.

•Increasing Integration of Instructional Design and Technology through Faculty Development and the Professional Teaching & Learning Center (PTLC)

More of our faculty have attained certification to teach online courses in three formats including pure online (asynchronous), web-hybrid (50% online - 50% face-to-face class meetings), or web-component (pure face-to-face with materials made available online for self-directed learning).

PTLC resources and activities:
  • Has 52 books for check out.
  • Sponsored Dr. Ginger Pedersen’s presentation of the class she teaches using PowerPoint—teaching and learning. Media Technology videotaped the presentation.
  • Participated in Professional Development Day activities over the years. Three of our members gave a presentation on “Turn It In,” the anti-plagiarism tool; our members gave a demonstration of the GradeQuick program; we also facilitated a discussion on the book Academically Adrift.
  • Participated in Steve Brahlek’s yearly writing symposium every year.
  • Purchased teaching and learning videos that are available for faculty check out in the PTLC room.
  • In September of 2012, began a series of faculty presentations entitled “Got Papers?!?” wherein faculty members presented conference papers, research, and best practices. This is an on-going project. We already have sessions planned for fall semester 2013.
  • Starting in September 2012, began producing a monthly newsletter of all of our activities that is sent out to all-users Lake Worth.

•Expanding our Public Safety Complex by constructing a new three (3) building complex containing a five-story fire training tower with working elevator. Next, construct a new skid pad that will be utilized by the Criminal Justice program and our Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC).

The Public Safety Training Center complex, adjacent to the fire apparatus garage and fire training tower opened for classes beginning in summer 2013. This complex is home to students training in law enforcement, firefighting, paramedic, and emergency medical technician programs. Additionally, the new 911 Public Safety dispatcher training will be located in this complex and a court room is located on the first floor to be used for mock and live hearings. Completion of the burn building for firefighter training and the skid pad for criminal justice cadet training will finalize this comprehensive state of the art training venue.

•Increasing resource utilization efficiencies to better serve our increasing number of students, including implementation of the “Weekend College” and the “Afternoon College” and increasing available parking spaces.

The weekend and afternoon class offerings have been well received by students; so well, in fact that sunrise classes have been added to the course offerings at Lake Worth Campus. These classes begin at 7 a.m. and enable students to attend at least one course before their normal work schedule.

•Constructing and equipping new BAS/General Classroom building to provide critically needed classroom space on campus.

The Center for Bachelor Programs opened in fall of 2012 housing the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) programs in supervision and management and the three tracks within the degree, public administration, health administration, and business administration.
• Restructuring and implementing a new Corporate and Continuing Education fee schedule to assure that these courses are self-sustaining in response to legislation eliminating State funding for CCE courses.

The Centers for Health Sciences and Public Safety Continuing Education, Green Construction and Energy Continuing Education and Trades/Cosmetology Continuing Education continue to offer a variety of professional and advanced level education courses to our communities of interest. In the effort to reach revenue generation in a self-sustaining model, these Centers have made great strides.

• Creating and enhancing Enrollment Management programs in response to continued enrollment growth.

  Current Practice:
  The Lake Worth Campus continues to forge new and improve existing relationships with the Palm Beach County School Board by spearheading new and innovating programs and outreach. In addition to traditional outreach methods such as the High School Advisor Luncheon, the campus has improved communication with area schools to streamline processes and has garnered representation on inter-institution committees such as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion Campaign Committee.
  • Student Affairs Subcommittee
  • Getting Started Folder

On-Going Challenges:
• Multiple methods of communication to meet needs of multi-generational and diverse populations with varying academic preparedness.
• Enrollment trends create a need for increased staff (language, diversity, flexible schedules) which requires more appropriately designed space.
• Appropriately designed facilities to support “One Stop” model and critical enrollment processes.

• Establishing/expanding critical institutes and programs such as the Center for Applied Ethics, Allied Health/Nursing, Teacher Education and Early Childhood/Afterschool Education.

There have been many changes to the Institute of Teacher Education (ITE) over this last academic year and with new leadership and support staff, ITE has made many improvements to both the Teacher Certification Program and Professional Development. One of the goals was to expand the ITE program and increase accessibility so focus was put on meeting the growing interest in distance learning. The ITE has met the demand by offering the Teacher Certification Program as a hybrid program effective fall term 2012-1. Through the use of technology ITE has modernized our communication with our students with updated web pages and resources for students in the form of information videos available on our website. In addition, the Teacher Certification Program has entered into an articulation agreement with the University of West Florida so that students who complete our program will be eligible to receive 6 credit hours towards a Masters of Education. This is an exciting opportunity for our students in the Institute of Teacher Education as we always strive for higher learning opportunities for our candidates and build the expectation for our future educators to be lifelong learners. In addition to supporting our students in the Teacher Certification Program, the ITE has forged a partnership with the Palm Beach County School District in the area of professional development to help prepare their teachers for the diverse needs and demands of the 21st century classroom.

The Early Care and Afterschool programs were combined last academic year to form the Institute of Early Care and Afterschool Education which has provided a more seamless academic pathway for early childhood and afterschool professionals. The academic continuum of training for those early childhood professionals interested in caring for children ages Birth-5 years old begins with the State-mandated 40-hour entry-level training, the 120-hour Early Childhood or Florida Child Care Professional Certificate, Early Childhood Associate of Science (AS) degree and Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Supervision and Management. Tremendous progress has been made over the past 7 years to advance afterschool training in Palm Beach County through our collaboration with Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc. and other community partners, to continue developing informal and formal educational career pathways that provide a continuum of educational modules targeting afterschool professionals caring for children ages 5 years and older. The outcome of this partnership has provided a comprehensive training program that encompasses the State-mandated 40-hour entry-level training, the 80-hour School-Age Professional Certificate, Youth Development college credit certificate and Human Services Youth Development Associate of Science (AS) degree.
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• Promoting sustainability by greening all Trade and Industrial program curriculum, as well as adding “Greening Components” across appropriate curriculum offerings.

Our Green Building Trades program includes a wide range of alternative energy resources relating to sustainability. Courses include weatherization, biofuels, nuclear, wind, solar photovoltaic installation, HVAC indoor air quality, building management systems, alternative heating and cooling systems, sustainable electrical systems, sustainable plumbing components and “Green” concept for insulation in the plumbing and HVAC trades. All of these components will provide trainees expertise with the latest techniques that are required to make a building more energy efficient.

The Center for Green Construction and Energy/Green Institute offered numerous courses to meet the community needs. Courses include Revit (3-D computer aided drafting), Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant Operators licensing, LEED Exam Prep and Solar Cart Conversion. The Center will continue to offer sustainable topics and the community demands.

• Increasing support for on-line instruction while increasing number of courses available on-line.

The Student Learning Center (SLC) expanded the selection of classes for which we offer on-line Supplemental Instruction (SI). Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an internationally recognized model of peer-assisted study and is traditionally attached to high-risk courses offered face-to-face. The SI Leader is usually a former student who excelled in the course and is recommended to the SI coordinator by the instructor.

The increase in the number of TSI sections is related to the increase in the number of online classes being offered. As in the case of classroom SI, TSI also targets high risk courses. The numbers so far indicate that TSI also increases the success rates of students who participate.

2013-2015 New Future Challenges and Opportunities

• Develop on-line courses available in the communications, speech, literature, Early Care and Afterschool Post-Secondary Adult Vocational programs, and a web-hybrid component for certificate programs (ECPC, FCCPC & SAPC).

• Promote and grow enrollment in the Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) Program through innovation, technology and on-line offerings to be more competitive with other alternative certification programs. The EPI Program provides an alternate route to teacher certification for mid-career professionals and college graduates who are not education majors. One of the challenges for this program in the past couple of years—due to the climate of teaching, legislative issues, and hiring freezes—has been enrollment. To make this program more competitive with other teacher education programs, we are turning to innovation and technology. With the increased interest in distance learning and a target audience of working individuals, the Institute of Teacher Education addresses enrollment concerns with the development of hybrid courses and implementation of the EPI hybrid program in the 2013 Spring Term. We also modernized our communication with our students by updating our web pages and offering resources for students in the form of information videos that will be available on our website under “Candidate Resources.”

• Address the impact of 2013 legislation on the Lake Worth Student Learning Center. The 2013 legislation which will reduce the number of students enrolled in developmental education courses in reading, English, and math. Students who enroll in college composition and math courses will need additional support from learning specialists, tutors and from the Supplemental Instruction (SI) program. Supplemental instruction (SI) is a program of structured study sessions that targets courses where large numbers of students withdraw or receive a grade of D or F. The sessions are conducted by students (SI Leaders) who already have successfully completed the targeted courses and who attend the same classes again with the same instructors.

• Address the impact of 2013 legislation regarding payment by school districts of tuition for dual-enrolled students. The 2013 legislation mandates school districts pay the base cost of tuition for students attending courses on the college campus. In addition, the college may assess the school district for course administration fees to offer dual enrollment courses at the high school.
• Implement Meta-Majors. Prepare admissions staff and academic advisors to understand the new meta-majors, articulate to students why identifying a meta-major is necessary and how the decision impacts the selection of gateway courses.

• Admit, advise and retain students based on new changes to developmental education. Admissions and advising staff will be challenged to properly advise students without benefit of test scores and with minimal information available on high school transcripts. Meet the challenge of providing educational planning for these students as the need to work with cohorts becomes more important to student success; adopt a case management approach to academic advising to better support and track student success.

• Implement staff development to address multiple attempts in gateway courses. Students not successful in gateway courses will be forced to take multiple attempts, delaying their progress, jeopardizing their persistence and forcing the student to pay the full cost of instruction on the third attempts.
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The Mission of Palm Beach State College is to create and sustain a dynamic teaching and learning environment that provides a high-quality, accessible, affordable education, preparing students to contribute and compete ethically and successfully in a diverse global community.

The Vision of Palm Beach State College is diverse, active learners engaged in intellectual, social and personal growth that enriches and transforms our community.

The Beliefs of Palm Beach State College are:

- Student success is our first priority, and all students can succeed.
- Ethical standards are integral to the educational experience.
- Faculty and instructors should use instructional methods and technology that meet the diverse learning styles of students.
- The College curriculum and its operations should demonstrate a commitment to ecological sustainability.
- The College must anticipate and respond to evolving community needs by reaching out to all potential partners and establishing programs and courses that will meet those needs.
- Quality education is a worthwhile investment.
- An educated workforce has a positive impact on our community and economic health.
- Faculty/staff development is integral to quality education.
- A safe, secure and supportive College climate is essential.
- Diversity reflects society and enhances the educational process.
- Equity and equality of opportunity are essential.
- Lifelong learning enhances the quality of life.
- Collaboration enhances the quality of decision-making.