

# the 411 on Academic Affairs

## Welcome Back!

Welcome to the fall semester. I enjoyed seeing everyone last week at Convocation, the Academic Affairs meeting and at several other events throughout the week. The return of the faculty has brought such a positive energy to campus. I am always interested in your feedback, so please feel free to send me your thoughts and comments about Convocation and the Professional Development activities to [provost@fsw.edu](mailto:provost@fsw.edu).

## Enrollment Update

We are off to an excellent beginning to the fall semester. As of this morning (8/31/16) our total headcount is up 3.9 % compared to last year with over 16,200 students enrolled. The Office of Institutional Research confirmed this morning that this is the 3rd highest fall enrollment in the history of the institution. Thank you all for all you are doing to help students.

## Interim Dean and New Dean Search

With the retirement of Dr. Emery Alford this summer, Dr. Martin McClinton is serving as Interim Dean of the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences in addition to his role as Dean of the School of Pure and Applied Sciences.

The chairs of both schools along with the Coordinators of Academic Success and the Library are seeking faculty input into a proposed academic model involving these two schools this fall. They will share feedback about the potential structure by the middle of September and we anticipate beginning any resulting searches this October.

## Students to All-Academic Team

The Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) has recognized 20 FSW students for their academic achievement and has named these students to the 2015-2016 FCSAA All-Academic Team. Students must have a cumulative 3.30 or higher GPA and at least 18 credit hours for the year to be named to the All-Academic Team. Congratulations to these students:

**Student Government** – Linda Perez, John Giacomo, Joel Fuentes, Faith Davidson, Courtney Clark, Asia Mazeiko, Jamie Dixon, Elizabeth Urbanowski, Bria Mayo, Kimberly Day, Latrevious Jennings, and Illya Bjazevic.

**Baseball** – Briggs Benson, Jose Valmana, Hayden Platt, and Layton Thomas

**Softball** – Marta Fuentes, Raina Gorman, Jenna Sacchetti, and Kayla Rangiawha

## Academic Affairs Accolades

Dr. Robert Furler, biology professor, and two research students, Cassidy Cousins and Pedro Ramirez, attended the International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa this July. There they heard from scientists, clinicians, diplomats, and activists on the new studies and developments in eradicating the AIDS virus. The trip was coordinated through FSW's Center for International Education.

Tina Ottman, biology professor, was recently elected to the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.'s Board of Directors and organized the first Girl Scouts STEAM Camp focusing on science, technology, engineering, art and design, and math at FSW's Collier Campus this summer.

Dr. Russell Swanson, philosophy professor, received the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) award this spring. He was nominated by his students for his passion for teaching and teaching style.

FSW's Respiratory Care Program received continuing accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) for the full 10 years. The program also received the national CoARC *Distinguished RRT Credentialing Award* for the second year in a row. This was possible because of the great work Associate Dean Jeff Elsberry, Program Director Jeff Davis, Professor Jean Newberry, Professor Sinee Karpel, and many others in the Respiratory Care Program.

For the twelfth straight year, our Radiologic Technology Program has a 100% pass rate (per JCERT Standards) on the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists National Certifying Exam on the first attempt. Many thanks to Program Director James Mayhew, Clinical Coordinators Nancy Costello and Coleen Kubetschek, and many others in the Radiologic Technology Program for the hard work they do to ensure our graduates' continued success.

During the Adjunct Institute held on August 12, five adjunct faculty were recognized for the outstanding work they do for our students. Adjunct faculty who received recognition awards are:

Dr. Vernita Batchelder – Department of Speech Communication (Nominated by Professor Myra Walters and Professor Fernando Mayoral)

George Harvey – Department of Academic Success (Nominated by Dr. Kathy Clark)

David Licht – Department of Mathematics (Nominated by Professor Sabine Eggleston)

Martin Roland – Department of Social Sciences (Nominated by Dr. Brian Page)

Blake Schmidt – Department of Natural Sciences (Nominated by Professor George Manacheril)

As always, please feel free to email any questions or comments at [jeff.stewart@fsw.edu](mailto:jeff.stewart@fsw.edu).