

the 411 on Academic Affairs

Spring Professional Development Days

Spring 2017 Faculty Professional Development Days will be held January 3 and 4. College-wide meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, January 3 beginning with an Academic Affairs meeting at 10 AM. A full calendar of events will be sent to faculty before the college closes for Winter Break.

QuestBridge Scholarships

Congratulations to FSW Lee Collegiate High School students Sabrina Baldassarre and Denise Ruiz (also an Honors Scholar). Both students have received a QuestBridge Scholarship and have “matched” with the universities of their choice and will be admitted with a guaranteed full, four-year scholarship, including tuition, room and board, and other expenses. The QuestBridge Scholarship requires a high level of academic achievement and is very difficult to earn with only 767 students in the nation matched this year. It speaks volumes of our Collegiate High School and our Honors Scholar program to have two students receive this prestigious award.

EMS Program Donation

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the EMS program has received a \$25,000 donation to support equipment purchases for the college’s emergency medical service technology program. This will help the program stay up-to-date with the same training and equipment that is used by our local EMS and paramedics. We are extremely grateful for this generous gift

Holiday Concert

The Bucappellas and the student Guitar Ensemble, held their first holiday concert where they displayed their musical talents for us all to enjoy. Thanks to Professor Candace Sundby and Professor Ken Puls for putting these groups together.

EMPIRE: An Arturo Vega Retrospection

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery is currently exhibiting EMPIRE: An Arturo Vega Retrospective, featuring photography, collage and a number of iconic canvases from the artist’s many series of works. The exhibition will run through December 17.

Student Art Exhibition

Thanks to Professor Dana Roes for organizing the recent student art exhibition, Amalgamation. Visit <https://www.fsw.edu/artsfsw> to find information about upcoming art and cultural events and activities.

Academic Affairs Accolades

Congratulations to Professors Donald Ransford, Ivana Ilic, Cheban Acharya, Yadab Paudel, Juan Zaragoza, and Tina Churchill who recently helped organize and presented as part of the Heartland Education Consortium STEM Forum. The forum allows college faculty to present STEM-related topics to students in rural Central Florida school districts.

Happy Holidays

This has been quite an exciting year as we have kicked off our Dedicate to Graduate initiative, successfully negotiated a new faculty contract, and focused on more effective and efficient processes that enhance the overall experience at FSW. I want to take this time to wish each of you the Happiest of Holidays and a very Happy New Year!

As always, please feel free to email any questions or comments at jeff.stewart@fsw.edu.