

# the 411 on Academic Affairs

## State of the College Address

It was great to see everyone last Friday at the State of the College Address. Congratulations to the NISOD award winners, the Master Teachers, and all of our service award winners. As you can see from this edition of the 411, there has been so much happening at FSW and as always, I want to commend you for all of the outstanding work that happens in Academic Affairs and in our classrooms.

## Commencement Ceremonies

We will have two commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 5, 2017 in the Suncoast Credit Union Arena. Graduates from the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences along with the graduates from the School of Pure and Applied Sciences will participate in the 10:00 a.m. ceremony. Graduates from the Schools of Business and Technology, Education, and Health Professions will participate in the 2:00 p.m. ceremony. There will be more specific information coming shortly, but I wanted everyone to mark their calendar for this date and times.

## Nursing Programs Continuing Accreditation Site Visit

Our Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) programs will undergo their continuing accreditation review site visit on February 1. You are invited to meet the site visit team and share your comments about the programs in person at a meeting from 4-5pm in Building AA, Room 177 on the Thomas Edison Lee Campus; Building G, Room 109 on the Collier Campus; and Building O, Room 117 on the Charlotte Campus.

## School of Education and School of Health Professions Scholarship Donation

The Schulze Family Foundation recently announced a \$300,000 gift to the FSW Foundation for student scholarships. These funds will be divided into equal amounts of \$150,000 between the School of Education and the School of Health Professions. The Early Childhood scholarship program seeks to match public with private dollars to impact as many students as possible. The Nursing scholarships will help meet the needs of one of the regions highest demand occupations.

## Retiring Faculty

I would like to recognize JoAnn Lewin, who is retires this month, for more than 26 years of service to the college. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to our students.

## Visiting Writers Series

Poet Dan Albergotti will hold a book signing and reading as part of our Visiting Writers Series, on Monday, Feb. 27, 4:30 p.m., in the Rush Auditorium, Building J, at the Thomas Edison Campus.

## The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery Events

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery is currently exhibiting ANN HAMILTON: PHORA, featuring more than 120 unique stills captured by the artist from close-up video taken of the mouths of carved medieval figures at the Museum of National Antiquities in Stockholm. The exhibition will run through March 18.

The gallery will also host the New York City violin duo, "String Noise," on Thursday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m., as they perform a program of music by legendary composer Alvin Lucier. Alvin Lucier will also attend and discuss his music with the audience.

## Training Grants

FSW continues to lead the way in facilitating Florida Flex Training grants in the state. These grants provide funding to support customized training for new hires in expanding or new businesses throughout Florida. The total of our new grants since July 1, 2016 is now \$2.3M out of the \$12M available for the whole state, with 1,308 new hires being trained through these grants. Thanks to Adrian Kerr, director, FSW Corporate Training and Services, for his continuing efforts.

## Science Olympiad

Middle school and high school students from around the state participated in the Science Olympiad held at our Thomas Edison Campus earlier this month. Thanks to Dr. Martin McClinton, Oscar Rattenburg, Dr. Gabriel Gaidos, Ed Hooks, Dr. Cheban Acharya, Dr. Di Xue, Dr. Wendy Athens, Dr. Marius Coman, Dr. Qin Liu, Dr. Yadab Paudel, and Roxanne Bradway who served as judges.

## Ethics Bowl

FSW hosted the 2nd Annual Southwest Florida Regional High School Ethics Bowl on Saturday, Jan. 28. The event was organized by Dr. Russell Swanson and was made possible by a host of faculty judges and moderators from FSW and FGCU, and current and former student-volunteers from the FSW Philosophy Club, along with the support of the FSW Foundation. Faculty from FSW included Dr. Sarah Lublink, Professor Marty Ambrose, Dr. Elijah Pritchett, Professor Myra Walters, Dr. Bill Cooney, and Professor Ann Eastman. Teams from Marco Island, Naples, and Fort Myers participated. I was honored to present the Hemlock Cup to the eventual champion: one of the two teams from FSW Collegiate High School-Charlotte. The team will compete in a Virtual Playoff with another regional winner in February for the chance to travel to the National Ethics Bowl at UNC Chapel Hill in April. I hope you will join me in congratulating the FSW Collegiate High School-Charlotte students in their victory.

## Early Childhood Education Conference

Thank you to Dr. Larry Miller, Joy Cho, Meg Just, Dr. Joyce Rollins, Dr. Anne Angstrom, Kelly Roy, David Koehler, Liz Perdomo, Teresa Araque, Kim DeVito-Young, Dr. Lou Traina, Ester Puig, Mary Sharp, Jason Dudley, and Kevin Miller for supporting and coordinating the Early Childhood Education Conference held at our Collier Campus this month. The conference welcomed education advocates and Florida legislators with tours of the NCEF Early Childhood Development Center and Lely Elementary School.

During the conference, the findings of the national report, by Dr. Miller, Meg Just and Joyce Cho in conjunction with the National Center for Innovation in Education (CIE) at the University of Kentucky and funded by the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, "Low-Stakes Completion-Based Funding: A New Approach to Financing Competency-Based Education," were also presented.

## Academic Affairs Accolades

Congratulations to our 2016 NISOD Award winners:

**Judith Sweeney**, Professor of Nursing  
**Wendy Morris**, Instructional Assistant

Congratulations to the 2017 Master Teacher Recognition Award winners:

**Marty Ambrose**, professor, English  
**Dr. Katie Paschall**, professor, Speech  
**Dr. Rebecca Gubitti**, professor, Mathematics  
**Dr. Mary Myers**, professor, Academic Success

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