

the 411 on Academic Affairs

It is hard to believe that this is our last edition of the 411 for the spring 2017 semester. I hope that once grades are in and commencement has taken place that each of you will take some time to relax and recharge as we head into the summer months. I want you to know how much I appreciate the dedication that each and every one of you brings to FSW and to our students. We would not be the institution we are without the excellent faculty. Thank you for your feedback during this year and if there is ANYTHING that my office can do you help you to be successful please don't hesitate to let me know. Have a wonderful summer break.

Commencement

We are thrilled that this year we will be celebrating our commencement ceremonies in the Suncoast Arena for the first time on May 5 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Commencement is always an exciting time and it is great to bring the celebration back on to the Thomas Edison campus while we honor our students for their accomplishments.

From Shoe Shiner to an Academic

Earlier this month, Dr. Martín Meráz García, an associate professor at Eastern Washington University, presented "From Shoe Shiner to an Academic: Debunking Immigration Myths with Personal Experience" at the Thomas Edison Campus. Thanks to Dr. Bruno Baltodano and the Center for International Education for organizing this presentation.

Sigma Beta Delta and Lambda Epsilon Chi

Congratulations to our Business students who were inducted into the Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society for Business, Management and Administration: Cindy Aponte, Sarah Corcoran, Michelle Daniels, Alan Elmes Jr., Cindy Eyster-Zuniga, John Giamanco, Angelica Gonzales, Douglas Higgins, Jessica Himalstein, Andrew Lee, Joseph Mason, Wendy Phillips, Gina Schmidt, Kristina Whitmire, and Bonnie Zaino.

Congratulations to our Paralegal students who were inducted into the Lambda Epsilon Chi International Honor Society for Paralegal Education: Teresa Campoli, Sandra Patricia Gallagher, Lillie Moroles, Susan Olson, Michelle Peralta, Sunni Phanco, Coral Schober, Eric Schau, and Deborah Williams.

Faculty Recital

The second annual FSW Faculty Recital was held on April 26 with an amazing turnout. The Black Box Theatre was standing room only, with both FSW students and employees, and community members supporting our Music program faculty. Faculty and staff members who performed were Professor Reiko Niiya, Bill Dawson, Dr. Tom Smith, Dr. Ronald Doiron, Professor Mary Griffin-Seal, Professor Elena Bock, Professor Rachel Cox, Professor Rodolfo Castillo, Dr. Ken Puls, Professor Mike Molloy, Todd Betz, Kelly O'Neil, and Professor Candace Baranowski-Sundby.

Sonnets for an Old Century

Thank you to Stuart Brown for directing a stellar performance of José Rivera's *Sonnets for an Old Century* in the Black Box Theater. The amazing set and student performances have inspired a rich dialogue about contemporary issues.

Disaster Drill

On April 20, our EMT, Crime Scene Technology and Journalism students participated in a simulated disaster training drill at the Thomas Edison Campus. Along with staged mannequins, FSW students and staff volunteered as victims to help make the drill as realistic as possible. Thanks to Joe Washburn for his many months of work in organizing the drill. Also, thanks to the many FSW faculty and staff who were involved in the training exercise: Dr. Marie Collins, Dr. Jeff Elsberry, Dr. Alex Rodi, Corey Sargent, Chris Clemens, Joe Barry, Matt Stachler, Tony Fontaine, Antonio Pietripaoli, Rick Green, John Reily, Mike McSheehy, Mike Pcolar, Jeff Haugh, Frank Millot, Roy Brown, Jean Newberry, Heather O'Connell, Dennis Fahey, Albert Nault, Ron Feemster, Dr. Thomas Smith, Mark Lupe, Susan Marcy, Valerie Miller, Judy Pultro, Kim DeVito Young, Briana Molnar, Adela Lozano, Ivan Guerrero, Teresa Araque, Joseph Turner, Jennifer Young, Rick Parfitt, Dillard McCown, Peter Thomas, Tre's Long, and Dr. Brian Botts.

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery Exhibition

The exhibition *James FRANCO & Kalup LINZY: Collaborations* continues to run in the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery through June 3. The exhibition features collaborative and individual photography, painting, multi-media and related works.

Spring Concert Series

Thanks to Dr. Tom Smith and the students in our music program who held their annual spring concert series in the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall earlier this month. The annual concert series is a chance for these students to show off their talents to the entire community.

Diversity Alliance

Thanks to Dr. Russell Swanson and the Diversity Alliance for recently hosting two events for our students this month: "Finding Common Ground, The Return to Civil Discourse," and "Gender Identity." These events continue to foster an inclusive campus community which promotes awareness, understanding, and acceptance.

Retirements

We have some upcoming faculty retirements this summer. After 32 years of service to the college, Professor Kurt Donaldson, chemistry, will be retiring in June. A retirement party will be held May 2, 2-3:30 in AA, Room 172. Everyone is invited to stop by.

Mary Ann Walton, faculty librarian, Charlotte Campus, is retiring after over 17 years of service.

Professor David Hoffman, business, is also retiring after nearly 7 years of service.

Please be sure to wish them all a Happy Retirement!

Respiratory Care Program

Congratulations to our FSW Respiratory Care Program for being recognized as a distinguished program again in 2017! Thanks to the Respiratory Care program team Jeff Elsberry, Jeff Davis, Sindee Karpel, Martha Meyer, Jean Newberry, Heather O'Connell, Tamra Pacheco, and William Windland.

The criteria for the Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award are:

- Three or more years of outcomes data
- Holds accreditation, without reporting requirements
- 90% or above success rate on the RRT credentialing exam
- Meets or exceeds CoARC thresholds for CRT credentialing success, attrition, and positive job placement

Dental Hygiene

Congratulations to the Dental Hygiene class of 2017 who had a 100% pass rate on their National Dental Hygiene Board Examination (NBDHE). This is the 22nd consecutive year the Dental Hygiene class has had a 100% passing rate and is due to the great work of our Dental Hygiene program team Carol Chapman, Philip LoGrippe, Clorinda Matro-Atkins, Karen Molumby, Richard Olitsky, Tamra Pacheco, Nancy Schuette, Brenda Schwing, and Martha Meyer.

Honors Thesis Presentations

Thanks to Dr. Wendy Chase for organizing the Honors Scholar Program Thesis Presentations on April 20. Congratulations to Professor Jacquelyn Davis and Professor Ihasha Horn who received the Spring 2017 Students' Choice Award: Best Honors Faculty voted on by FSW Honors students.

Academic Affairs Accolades

Congratulations to Jade Dellinger, director, Exhibitions and Collections, who was invited by the U.S. Embassy to provide Rauschenberg-related lectures and to travel the pop-up "Moon Museum" exhibition from the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW to Kiev, Ukraine in the later this year.

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