

The 411 on Academic Affairs from the Office of the Provost

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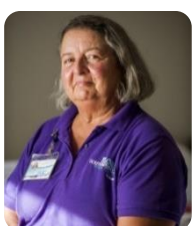
What a month September 2017 turned out to be for us at FSW. What started out as a very positive and productive beginning to the fall 2017 semester quickly changed into trying to figure out what to do in preparation and then in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. My thoughts are with all of the faculty, staff, and students who suffered losses and hardships due to the storm. I know that several faculty and staff had significant losses and a few who even lost their entire homes to the storm.

I had the opportunity (as did President Allbritten) to visit with a number of you and listening to your stories was truly inspiring. I want to thank each one of you who continues to work with our students in helping them have a successful conclusion to this semester. Your hard work continues to make an impact on our students as evidenced by the message that I shared with you via email and the fact that we have only had four students withdraw from the College as a result of the storm. The spirit at FSW is truly amazing, and I want to applaud the great work you continue to do.

I hope that as we move into October, we can all find a sense of normalcy. Please take advantage of the professional development opportunities that Professor Walters and Dr. Rizzuto are making available through the TLC. We are invested in your success. If you have ideas for professional development topics, please share them.

One final note I am pleased to report that we have completed and submitted the 5th – Year Interim Report to SACSCOC. Our report now will be forwarded to the committee on 5th – Year Interim Reports which convenes in December 2017. Thank you all again for the great work you continue to do in helping students be successful.

Serving the Community During Hurricane Irma



Jenneine Lambert, Professor of Nursing, used her 35 years of experience as an intensive care nurse and ten years as an educator to help meet the needs of community members evacuating to Collier County's special needs shelter at Palmetto Ridge High School. Lambert took health care to a new level as a volunteer, staying at the shelter before, during and after Hurricane Irma. Lambert was praised for taking extra time with patients and leaving patients in a better mood by cracking jokes, providing backrubs, and listening to patients' fears and concerns.



The Diversity Alliance will host a panel entitled “**Religious Perspectives on Human Sexuality**” featuring local leaders from the faith based community who will explore human sexuality through the lens of their faith and belief-system. The event is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2:00 – 3:30pm in Building U Room 102.



The Center for International Education will host a **Study Abroad Fair** on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 4:00 – 6:00 pm in the lobby of Building J. Students can learn studying abroad, international internships, and service learning opportunities.



Dr. Joseph van Gaalen presents “**Science in the News: What One Scientist Said, and What the Journalist Wrote...and Other Quandaries**” as part of the Critical Thinking Lecture Series. The lecture is Wednesday, October 4, 12:30 – 1:30 pm and available at every FSW service location: Lee AA-177, Collier M-201, Charlotte E-105, Hendry/Glades A-114.



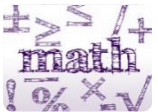
Dr. Sal Lacagnina, System Medical Director of Wellness & Employee Health at Lee Health, is a guest speaker for the Critical Thinking Lecture Series. His presentation titled “**Food is Medicine**” is set Tuesday, October 10, 8:00 – 9:00 am and available at every FSW service location: Lee AA-177, Collier M-201, Charlotte E-105, Hendry/Glades A-114.



The **Black Maria Film Festival** celebrates and preserves the diversity, invention, and vitality of short films. FSW will host a Black Maria Film Festival event on Saturday, October 14 at 7:30 pm in the Rush Auditorium, Building J, Room 103.



Wil Schmidt, Global Director of New Client Engagement for Gartner, Inc. (NYSE: IT) will speak as part of the Critical Thinking Lecture Series. His presentation is titled “**Critical Thinking in the Digital Business Age**” and is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 11:00 – 12:00 pm. The presentation is available at every FSW service location, Lee U-102, Collier A-103, Charlotte E-105, Hendry/Glades A-106.



The School of Education will host **Family Math Night** on Thursday, October 19, 5:45 – 7:30 pm, in Building U Room 102. Family Math Night is a free, family-oriented event for students pre-kindergarten to fifth grade featuring fun math games created by teacher candidates.



Dr. Sandi Towers presents “**Vietnam in Transition**” as part of the Critical Thinking Lecture Series. The lecture is Thursday, October 19, 6:00 – 7:00 pm and available at every FSW service location: Lee AA-177, Collier M-201, Charlotte E-105, Hendry/Glades A-106.



Adrian Kerr presents “**Critical Thinking in Ancient Egypt**” on Tuesday, October 24, 2:00 – 3:00 pm. The lecture is part of the Critical Thinking Lecture Series and is available at every FSW service location: Lee AA-177, Collier M-201, Charlotte E-105, Hendry/Glades A-114.

Save the Date - November Events

- 11/1 – Guest Speaker, Norman Love
- 11/4 - Pop-Up Play Event
- 11/6 – Guest Speaker, Poet Erika Meitner
- 11/6 – Guest Speaker, Honorable Mary Evans

International Education Week 2017

- 11/14 – Author Alma Flor Ada
- 11/13 – Professor Marty Ambrose presents “*Equi-Libri: A Writer’s Journey to Connect*”
- 11/16 – Annual Diversity Celebration

