

The 411 on Academic Affairs from the Office of the Provost

November 2017



Giving Thanks! - One of the themes of this month's 411 is giving thanks! I want to commend all of you for supporting each other in response to the challenges presented by Hurricane Irma. I have heard a number of stories of these acts of kindness. You will read below that the FSW Faculty Federation (FSWFF) is assisting faculty with the significant losses due to the hurricane. It is great to see the faculty pulling together to assist those in need. I also want to thank everyone for all they continue to do to assist students impacted by the storm. We had a very small number of students who withdrew from the College and I expect that is a direct result of faculty working with students to be successful during this unique semester.

There are so many co-curricular events that have happened and that are scheduled during the coming weeks. I would encourage you to attend and invite your students to attend these excellent events. These are listed in the "November Academic Events" section of this 411.

The weather has finally turned cooler and dryer and I hope that everyone is enjoying the change in the temperatures. As we move closer to Thanksgiving, I hope that everyone will take time to spend with family and get ready for the end of the fall semester. If there is anything that we can do in our office to assist you as we move closer to the end of the term, please let us know.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

Faculty Accolades

FSWFF donated funds set aside for their annual holiday party to help fellow faculty who sustained significant losses due to Hurricane Irma. Union President **Peggy Romeo** spearheaded the initiative, and Union Treasurer **Frank Dowd** coordinated the efforts. Several faculty donated additional funds to help support their colleagues. Four faculty received assistance through the FSWFF's initiative.



Susan Torres, Professor of Nursing in the RN to BSN Program, was elected as the South West Region Director for the Florida Nurses Association in early October 2017.

Dana Roes, Professor of Art, was featured in a recent issue of Gulfshore Life. The article provided insights into Roes' life, experience, and current series *Holding Fast*.



Program News



Nursing has expanded the Associate Nursing Evening Weekend (ANEW) program to the Collier Campus beginning Spring 2018.



100% of interns in the School of Education were offered contracts for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and full contracts for 2018-2019 school year.

Faculty in Action

Environmental Biology Class Meets Florida Governor Rick Scott



Students in **Professor Emily Porter's** Environmental Biology class not only enjoyed identifying flora and fauna at the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, they had a surprise encounter with Florida's Governor. Following their two-hour hike on the boardwalk, Professor Porter's class returned to the Blair Audubon Center where Governor Scott was arriving to sign the Legacy Florida Bill to help Everglades restoration. Governor Scott engaged in conversation with Professor Porter's students about the need to protect the environment.

FSW Delivers the Gift of Reading In and Out of the Classroom

Novels previously utilized by Reading and English for Academic Purposes classes at FSW have found new life in the hands of students in Hendry and Glades counties. **Dr. Renee Hester** pictured with George Duckstein, Principal of Clewiston Christian School, a recipient of the book donation. Additionally, instructional assistants from the college's Academic Support Centers donated books to homeless shelters in both Charlotte and Lee Counties.



Family Math Night is a Success

Teacher candidates from the School of Education make learning math fun at Family Math Night. **Professor JoAnne Devine**, who organizes the event, states, "learning math can be intimidating; we are happy to show young students and their families that math can be fun."

A Packed House Views Bold Short Films at the Black Maria Film Festival

Eleven short contemporary independent films made their debut in SWFL. The Black Maria Film Festival is an Academy Award qualifying festival. The films featured at FSW were selected by students in the Honors Scholar Program.

Dr. Wendy Chase organized the successful event which filled every seat in the Rush Auditorium. Honors students Zackary Saad, Celeste Winnie, and Philip Linsner lead a group discussion of the films. The event raised over \$800 to benefit the RCMA Immokalee Community School, which aids low-income families who lost wages or property because of Hurricane Irma.



November Academic Events



Norman Love, founder of Norman Love Confections, will speak as part of the Critical Thinking Lecture Series. The event is scheduled Wednesday, November 1, at 2:00 pm and is available at every FSW service location: Lee AA-177, Collier A-103, Charlotte E-105, and Hendry/Glades A-114.



This Random World makes its collegiate and Florida premier with the FSW Theatre program's production. The production runs November 2-4 and November 9-11. Tickets are \$10 and are available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3104831>. Performances begin at 8:00 pm with additional matinees at 2:00 pm on Saturdays.



FSW's STEM Forum is set for November 4. The event which is hosted by the math department will welcome 100 high school students to experience real-life applications of mathematics and civic engagement.



The School of Education will host Pop-Up Adventure Play from 1:00 - 4:00 pm, on Saturday, November 4 at the Practice Field (across from the Lockmiller Child Care Center). Children of all ages are invited to participate.



Poet Erika Meitner will read a selection of her work at FSW on Monday, November 6. Meitner will hold a book signing at 4:30 pm with the main event beginning at 5:00 pm in the Rush Auditorium, Building J Room 103.



Collier Circuit Judge Mary Evans will present Applied Critical Thinking: A View from the Bench on Monday, November 6 at 6:00 pm. The presentation will be available at every FSW service location: Lee U-102, Collier A-103, Charlotte O-117, and Hendry/Glades A-106.

International Education Week

FSW celebrates International Education Week (IEW), a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. International Education Week is November 13-17. The Center for International Education will host the following events.

Monday, November 13: *Journeys* Panel Discussion at 12:30 pm in U-102
Featuring Dr. Bruno Baltodano, Sarah Paspé, and Garnett Salmon.

Tuesday, November 14: International Author Alma Flor Ada at 11:00 am in AA-177

Wednesday, November 15: *Equil-libra: A writer's Journey to Connect* at 1:00 pm in P-102
Presented by Professor Marty Ambrose

Thursday, November 16: Annual Diversity Celebration- events are scheduled noon – 7:00 pm in Rush Auditorium as well as the lawn behind Building I



The music department is hosting a free concert series at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. The event is free with open seating. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the concerts begin at 7:30 pm.

November 21: FSW Jazz Big Bands and Jazz Combo

November 28: FSW Orchestra and Choir

November 30: FSW Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Trumpet Ensemble

