

# The 411 on Academic Affairs from the Office of the Provost

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It is difficult to believe that this is the last 411 of 2017. As you will read, faculty and staff continue to be engaged a variety of impressive endeavors at FSW. I am pleased that we had the opportunity to host the United States Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos on Monday, November 27th. She toured our School of Health Professions and the Collegiate High School. Additionally, President Allbritten led a roundtable discussion where we had the opportunity to share many of the exciting initiatives at FSW focusing on preparing our students to enter the workforce in southwest Florida.

I want to share with you that FSW has entered into an agreement with Lorenzo de' Medici in Italy and we are excited about the opportunities for both students and faculty that will come as a result from this partnership. Many thanks to Dr. Eileen DeLuca for her leadership in getting this agreement, which is the first of several, finalized. Also, FSW and USF are finalizing a memorandum of understanding for FSW Honors Scholar graduates to have a matriculation pathway and automatic acceptance into USF's honors program. This is yet another example of the many ways we continue to help students succeed and achieve their goals.

As the holidays rapidly approach, I hope that everyone will have an opportunity to relax and recharge as we gear up for the spring semester. I want to wish each of you the happiest of holidays and a very HAPPY 2018!

## Congratulations! November ARC Research Grant Recipients

**Dr. Melanie Ulrich**, Professor of Microbiology is awarded \$5,704.00 for her research initiative "Sources of Color to San Carlos Bay: Changes in Dissolved Organic Matter and Chlorophyll a Content in a Shallow Estuary."

**Margaret Kruger**, Professor of Nursing is awarded \$2,451.99 for her research project "Effectiveness of Online Virtual Nursing Leadership Experiences – Comparative Analysis."

**Dr. Gabriel Gaidos**, Professor of Chemistry is awarded \$4,093.12 for his research focused on "Toxicity Evaluation of Food Additives."

**Dr. Amy Trogan**, Professor of English is awarded \$2,524.00 for her research initiative "Surprised by Maud: C. S. Lewis' Unknown Mentor."

## Faculty in Action

### Inaugural Faculty Showcase Promotes Scholarly Engagement

The inaugural FSW Faculty Showcase highlighted **Dr. Joyce Rollins, Dr. Doug Magomo, and Professor Ron Feemster**. Each presenter shared engagement strategies in scholarly endeavors representing their respective disciplines.



### FSW English Department and FSW Writes Host Poet Erika Meitner

**Dr. Scott Ortolano, Professors Ihasha Horn and Jill Hummel** hosted author and poet Erika Meitner. Meitner read portions of her work and discussed her inspiration for writing.



### Technology Enhances Charlotte Campus Chemistry Class

**Professor Rebecca Page** purchased tablets and associated equipment for Charlotte Campus chemistry classes using funds from the James and Barbara Moore-Char Science Endowment.



### Class Project Fills a Need in the Hendry/Glades Community

Students in **Dr. Duke DiPofi's** Cornerstone Experience classes at FSW's Hendry/Glades Curtis Center collected and donated over 2,000 food items for families and individuals in need in Labelle, FL.



### FSW Adopts Henderson Creek as Part of Keep Collier Beautiful Initiative

In conjunction with Keep Collier Beautiful, FSW has adopted Henderson Creek and committed to four environmental clean-ups per year. **Emily Porter**, Professor of Environmental Science, organized the first cleanup. Students filled 11 garbage bags with debris picked up along the creek's edge and pulled out of the water. Additionally, students extracted larger items such as plywood, signs, hubcaps and more from the water.



### Poetry, Prose, & Rhythm Event Supports Toni Hall-Mcenery

Professors **Ihasha Horn, Jill Hummel, and Dr. Wendy Chase** coordinated "Poetry, Prose, & Rhythm" a community event, welcoming participants to share their written work and words. This year's event was dedicated to Toni Hall-Mcenery, former FSW student who was diagnosed with cancer. All proceeds from the event were donated to Toni to help with medical expenses.



### FSW Hosts STEM Forum for Heartland High School Students

FSW's STEM Forum welcomed 100 high school students to experience real-life applications of mathematics, science, and civic engagement. **Professors Ivana Ilic, Kimberly Hilton, Qin Liu and Andrey Glubokov** engaged students in math and science activities and **Professors Elizabeth Whitmer, Sindee Karpel, Coleen Kubetschek, Jenneine Lambert, Leslie Yaniga, and Matt Stachler** facilitated health related workshops to Heartland STEM high school students.



# Academic Events

*This Random World* made its collegiate and Florida premier with the FSW Theatre program's production lead by **Professor Stuart Brown**. The show ran for six days, and the audience pondered the parallel paths we travel through the world without noticing. Below are photos from the show.



FSW celebrated International Education Week (IEW), a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. The Center for International Education hosted an excellent week of events. Several faculty shared personal experiences and expertise throughout the week. **Dr. Bruno Baltodano** served as a panelist on the *Journeys: Into the Arms of America* panel discussion. **Dr. Russell Swanson** and **Dr. Elijah Pritchett** guided the conversation during the Philosophy in the Garden event. **Professor Marty Ambrose** facilitated a session entitled *Equilibra: A Writer's Journey to Connect*. International Education Week finished strong with FSW's Annual Celebration of Diversity coordinated by **Dr. Russell Swanson** and the **FSW Diversity Alliance**.



The Student Concert Series hosted by the music department delighted the audience with three outstanding nights of performances featuring the FSW Jazz Big Bands and Jazz Combo, FSW Orchestra and Choir, and FSW Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Trumpet Ensemble. Congratulations to **Dr. Thomas Smith**, **Dr. Ron Doiron**, **Professors Rodolfo Antonio Castillo**, **Mike Molloy**, **Matt Seemans**, **Reiko Niiya**, **Rachel Cox**, **Cheryle Naberhaus**, **Mary Griffin-Seal**, **Ken Puls**, **Gary Leone**, and **Kelly O'Neil** for their excellent work to promote the arts in SWFL through the Student Concert Series.

