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## Get Your Hands On Some Cash For College!

**Reporter: Press Release**

EMAIL ADDRESS: NEWS@WCTV.TV

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.–

Tallahassee Community College will host its annual College Goal Sunday event on Sunday, January 31 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

College Goal Sunday is a nationwide event designed to help limited-income college bound students pay for college by providing free expert advice and assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. The FAFSA is used to apply for federal student aid such as grants, work-study and loans and also helps students apply for most state and some private aid.

All students who complete the FAFSA at a College Goal Sunday location, including TCC, will become eligible for incentives ranging from gift cards to scholarships. TCC is one of more than 30 host sites statewide and is encouraging high school seniors and their families to take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity.

“College Goal Sunday is an integral part of TCC’s effort to assist our community in their effort to achieve their college plans,” said Bill Spiers, Director of Financial Aid. “Since the inception of the program in Florida, TCC has participated in and helped lead the development of the effort to simplify the financial aid application process.

“We are excited about the opportunity to help students realize their dream of a college education again this year through this outstanding program.”

Every year in Florida, millions of federal dollars are left on the table simply because limited-income students fail to successfully complete the FAFSA. College Goal Sunday Florida is working to be part of the solution. With the help of university and community college financial aid office staff, volunteers, community and faith-based organizations, thousands of students will have access to expert help in this important process.

College Goal Sunday Florida is supported by the Lumina Foundation for Education and USA Funds. ENLACE Florida serves as the state coordinator and fiscal agent.

For more information on College Goal Sunday Florida, please visit: [www.collegegoalsundayflorida.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayflorida.org).

For additional information on financial aid or scholarship opportunities at TCC, call (850) 201-8399.

## FSU dedicates new Turnbull conference center

### Westcott Medal recipient Augustus Turnbull honored at campus dedication ceremony

**Katherine Concepcion**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A special public dedication ceremony was held for the new Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State University Conference Center Thursday, Jan 14. The three-story, 47,000-square-foot facility was built at a cost of about \$18 million.

The center will host academic events, governmental meetings and business seminars. Among the center's features are three video walls, LCD screens, a 400-seat auditorium, 320-seat dining room, executive boardroom, eight meeting rooms with capacity varying from 10 to 100 people and Web casting of presentations. Conference center staff also provides professional event management services.

"We are very proud of this center; we are very proud of the Turnbull family," said T.K. Wetherell, former FSU president.

Construction on the project began in June 2008 to replace the FSU Conference Center, which was renamed to honor Turnbull in 1993. The attached five-story St. Augustine parking garage was completed in August 2008.

"T.K. (Wetherell) stood firm in a time of very limited resources and made sure that this center stayed on course," said Marjorie Turnbull, former county commissioner and wife of the late Augustus B. Turnbull III. "This center is a symbol of that legacy."

Marjorie Turnbull unveiled a painting to dedicate the center and participated in the ribbon cutting.

Among those in attendance at the event were Wetherell, Turnbull and Bill Lindner, director of academic and professional services at FSU. The Academic and Professional Program Services will oversee the center and manage the professional planning services.

"The Turnbull Conference Center is now prepared to deliver the next generation of customized event solutions to Florida's capital city," said Lindner. "By integrating the latest technology, the center's meeting professionals can design events with maximum impact, whether they are small meetings or large regional conferences."

Augustus B. Turnbull III served as chairman of the FSU Department of Public Administration and president



Many of Augustus Turnbull's family and friends gathered on Jan. 14 to witness the dedication of the new Augustus B. Turnbull III conference center.

(Photo by Joseph La Belle/FSView)

of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. In 1981, he became vice president for academic affairs, and in 1986 was named provost. In this capacity, he expanded outreach and public service programs through the Center for Professional Development and Public Service, as well as initiated a number of programs and a strategic budgeting system.

He passed away in 1991 and was awarded the Westcott Medal, FSU's highest honor, the same year.

Recipients of the award have distinguished themselves in their exceptional service and dedication to the university, as well as possess the values of Vires, Artes, Mores — strength, skill and character, which FSU aims to foster in each student.

His wife carries on his legacy as a supporter of higher education, and has served as a Leon County commissioner, state representative, executive director of the [Tallahassee Community College Foundation](#) and member of the Board of Directors for the Foundation for Florida's Community Colleges.

The center will also feature a number of courses this semester, including a grammar workshop and GRE and GMAT prep courses. Those interested in booking events at the center can call 644-3801 or visit [learningforlife.fsu.edu/conference/index.cfm](http://learningforlife.fsu.edu/conference/index.cfm) for more information.

## Get your geek on

### How students can use their computers to land their dream jobs

By Cara Boruch-Dolan

STAFF WRITER

The task of job-hunting for post-graduate students is stressful on its own. With the ever-evolving technology that media are constructed and distributed in, students must take it upon themselves to properly educate and train themselves for a work environment where many of these skills are expected of employees. Though this may seem like an arduous task — and hard on both time and money — there are practical options for students trying to bulk up their résumés.

Florida State University has tailored its curriculum to fit the growing desire for computer knowledge to satiate both students' personal interests and instill the skills required by many employers. There are general classes like Computer Fluency (CGS2060) and Web Programming (CGS3066) that students from any major may take to learn the basic necessities required for the workplace. Many employers will not give tutorials to employees on how to guide themselves through Microsoft Office programs when hired, so these classes may save students lots of time and stress in the long run.

Many majors, however, offer specialized computer courses in which their skills are tailored specifically to the needs they will require post-graduation. For example, communication majors may take a Graphics and Animation course (RTV3264) that is part of the Media Production program. Fine arts majors are introduced to the elements of graphic design in GRA3112C and English majors can learn how to produce their own published documents in ENC4212. Far beyond the purpose of gaining class credit, these courses ready students for the environment they will enter after they graduate and better prepare them for higher-ranking jobs.

With many of the common production programs used in the workplace today, like Photoshop, InDesign and Publisher costing hundreds of dollars for personal purchase and installation, being a student alone offers many perks and benefits here at FSU. Nearly every building on campus has available computers for students to use, with many of these expensive programs installed and readily available.

Specialized labs, like the Digital Studio run by the Writing 'Noles, allow students to not only use the computers and programs, but to receive assistance and tutoring, as well.

Located both in the Williams building in Room 222-B and in the basement of Strozier, students from any major can make appointments for personal help or to simply explore these programs on their own time and learn at their own pace.

If students understand how computers work, they can often find answers to their queries by using tutorials. Students shouldn't be afraid to just start using a program and making mistakes — often mistakes help people learn.

Another simple solution is searching the Internet for advice from others who have had the same problem in the past.

The desire for these additional classes in computer training has prompted such places as [Tallahassee Community College](#) to create special programs for non-credit students, as well. They established the Tech @ Night program: a series of instructional classes specializing specifically in user-familiarity with the new Windows 7 program. Students may register online or at TCC for these \$25-per-night classes that run every Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. There may be only eight classes offered for the spring semester but each night has its own specified topic so students can attend desired classes depending on their personal interest.

If students already have a full schedule or can't afford another class, they can take comfort in the fact that there are plenty of free options in which they may broaden their technological knowledge.

The Goodwill center on Mabry Street off West Pensacola Street offers free computer literacy classes to the public year-round. In this lab environment, students may come in anytime between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to brush up on their computer basics and perfect their use in all Microsoft 2007 programs. There are at least 15 computers available everyday and participants may come in for up to 32 tutorial hours where their progress is not based on a schedule, but instead is self-paced.

Those interested in Goodwill's services can attend any Wednesday at 10 a.m. when the hourly orientation is held to introduce both the lab and workbooks used. Goodwill

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will also help students with their employment hunt with the aid of the job coaches they offer as well.

"The Goodwill also helps with job education and job interviewing as well, because some people don't know how to search the Internet for jobs," said Goodwill Vice President of Public Relations Brooke Lochore. "This is our mission: to help students with barriers earn employment."

The Internet proves not only a valuable, but easily accessible resource for students struggling with new programming or computer software. Typing in the problem they may be dealing with, students can find multiple help forums where other people who have dealt with similar issues will walk them through the process. Some students find it easier to learn through this trial and error process, like Economics senior William Ciani who "taught himself" how to be computer literate.

"If I have a problem, I don't stop until I fix it; I learned better this way," said Ciani, who plans to use his attained computer knowledge to help run a small business after he graduates this summer. "I will be able to keep accounts of customers, expenditures and revenues while being able to remotely manage my business through the Internet, as well. My knowledge with computers will allow me to access my employees and monitor them for security and liability purposes."

Enviied by older generations for their comfortable adaptability to society's growing technology, this generation of students will be able to use their knowledge of computers to further their careers beyond college life.

While the evolving technology may seem a bit discouraging to a student's career goals, there are many assets available today that will benefit job-hunting in the future.

**Tallahassee Democrat - January 19, 2010**

## FSU, TCC, FAMU snag defense money

**By Angeline J. Taylor**

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

Tallahassee's universities and community college will receive a portion of the \$636.3 billion defense appropriations bill recently approved by President Barack Obama.

Florida State and Florida A&M universities along with Tallahassee Community College will receive more than \$12.4 million for defense research projects.

FSU will receive \$7.2 million to research energy delivery technologies on Navy ships and to minimize energy consumption of large-scale military power systems.

FAMU received \$4.8 million to research providing the military with new ways to detect and trace improvised explosive devices.

Tallahassee Community College will receive \$400,000 for its Manufacturing and Industrial Technology Center to train workers to service military technology.

Most of the aforementioned bills were sponsored by Rep. Allen Boyd, D-Monticello, and Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla.

"North Florida's universities and colleges serve as a critical

## FSU, TCC, FAMU snag defense money....

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hub for developing next-generation defense technologies that keep our brave men and women in uniform safe when they are on the front lines," Boyd said by e-mail.

FSU had other federal projects approved in the latter part of 2009. Obama approved \$500,000 to fund an FSU-led research project on toxic mercury in the atmosphere. Plus, in October, agriculture appropriations worth \$2.5 million was approved for the Southeast Climate Consortium — a group of researchers from FSU and six other universities who provide forecasting to manage climate risk for agriculture and natural resources throughout the Southeast.

"I want to thank the members of our congressional delegation for their strong and ongoing support for the Florida State University and research projects approved in the recent appropriation actions," FSU President T.K. Wetherell said in a news release. "In particular, Rep. Allen Boyd has been outstanding in his efforts on our behalf in the House and Sen. Bill Nelson positioned us extremely well in the Senate. Without their efforts and continuous support, these successes would not be possible."

**Tallahassee Democrat** - January 20, 2010

## TCC eases tuition burden for Haitian students; others organize relief efforts

**By Dave Hodges and Angeline J. Taylor**

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

Thirty-five Haitian students enrolled at Tallahassee Community College are getting a helping hand from the institution's administrators.

TCC trustees unanimously agreed to direct President Bill Law to "alleviate any tuition burden" the students would normally have to pay.

Their decision comes one week after the Haitian capital Port-au-Prince was devastated by an earthquake.

"They're going to need every bit of our help," Law said. "These students will go to school for free. We will keep that in place while they are here."

Law said a few logistical details have to be ironed out since the semester has already started. However, after the

trustees' unanimous vote, he said, "I know our students appreciate that a great deal."

TCC has scheduled a campuswide vigil for 11 a.m. today at the flagpole located in the heart of campus near the student union.

"TCC students and administrators are expected to share some remarks during the ceremony," spokesman Rob Chaney said.

## TCC students, faculty and staff hold a vigil for Haitian families

By Angeline J. Taylor  
DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

### 1:35 p.m. update

About 50 students, faculty and staffers attended a candlelight vigil for the people of Haiti around the flagpole at Tallahassee Community College.

The group listened to speakers, offered hope for the future and held a moment of silence in the aftermath of the initial magnitude 7.0 earthquake and the other aftershocks that followed.

"I see the hurt in your faces," student organizer Mark Cancia, 19, said. "Pray for the people whose hearts are hurting. Pray for the families whose relatives are lying in ditches."

Return to [Tallahassee.com](http://Tallahassee.com) for more details.

### morning update

Tallahassee Community College will hold a campus wide vigil at 11 a.m. today in honor of victims of the Haiti earthquake.

The vigil will be at the TCC flagpole, located in the heart of campus between the student union and the police department.

TCC students and administrators are expected to share some remarks during the ceremony. Immediately following the ceremony and lasting until 1 p.m.

TCC's Black Student Union will hold an open forum on the Haitian tragedy as well as a question and answer session.

## TCC Shows Support for Haiti Students and Families

**Reporter: Tara Herrschaft**

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The center of Tallahassee Community College was instantly quiet as students and faculty remembered and prayed for those in Haiti.

A candlelight vigil and open forum was held Wednesday to bring together those who are mourning and those who want to help.

"It has to be hard here, not being there and have to go to school and deal with it. Because there's other stresses that comes along with being a student and away from home. So it's just showing some support and let them know we're here for them," said Colby Williams, a sophomore at TCC.

Anne Pierre is a freshman at TCC and lived in Haiti until she was nine. She's lost several family members to the 7.0 earthquake, but says the support on this campus is helping her through each day. "These schools are taking time to show support to Haiti. And it's just makes me feel like, wow, I'm so glad that I'm a part of this. I'm so glad I could help them help my country," said Pierre.

On Tuesday TCC's Board of Trustees allowed President Bill Law to refund the tuition of 35 Haitian students.

"These are students who have been impacted and it's going to take a long time for them to regain control of their lives and their emotions. What we don't want them to do is worry about being at TCC. We want them to have a home away from home until they can get stabilized," said Law.

## TCC to Hold Ceremony for Haiti Residents

**REPORTER: PRESS RELEASE**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (January 19, 2010) – In the wake of last week's devastating earthquake in Haiti, Tallahassee Community College will hold a campus wide vigil at 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 20.

The "Circle of Support" will gather at the TCC flagpole, located in the heart of campus.

TCC students and administrators are expected to share some remarks during the ceremony.

Immediately following the ceremony and lasting until 1 p.m., TCC's Black Student Union (BSU) will hold an open forum on the Haitian tragedy, as well as a question and answer session.

Students, faculty and staff from TCC, as well as its University Partners, are invited to attend.

For more information on the event, please call (850) 201-8420.

## TCC to Hold Open house

**Reporter: Press Release**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (January 19, 2010) – On February 26, Tallahassee Community College will add a new offering to its growing list of professional certifications with the CFP Board-Registered Education Program.

On Wednesday, January 20, TCC will hold an open house event for those interested in learning more about the program. The event, which is sponsored by TCC, Zahn, Inc., and the Financial Planning Association of Florida (FPA), will take place from 5-7:45 p.m. in Room 207 of TCC's Center for Workforce Development.

CFP practitioners, anyone interested in becoming a CFP and financial service professionals interested in learning about the FPA are encouraged to attend.

The event will highlight the following topics:

TCC's CFP certification program and Zahn, Inc., can provide valuable study tools to complete the CFP coursework and pass the certification examination;

The class "Financial Plan Design" which will be led by nationally-known speaker Ken Zahn. Participation in this course will qualify attendees for one hour of continuing education credits for CFPs, Florida insurance agents and Georgia insurance agents;

The benefits of being a member of the FPA and the interest of developing connections with other FPA members in the Tallahassee area.

"TCC's certification program is competitively priced," said Bridget Elwell, TCC Professional Development Coordinator. "Another reason to enroll in our program is the quality of our instructors.

"Our faculty includes a number of nationally recognized practitioners from across the country with a significant number serving in critical volunteer positions with the CFP Board."

The cost of the class is \$750.

For more information on TCC's CFP Board-Registered Education Program, call (850) 201-8760.

About the faculty members

Andy Mullins, CFP, will lead the course. A native of West Point, Ga., Mullins received his degree in communication from the University of Alabama in 1992 and later earned his master's in international affairs from Florida State University. He has worked in the financial services industry since 2001 and has extensive experience in Financial Planning, Banking and Employee Benefits. Mullins received his CFP Designation in 2005 and is currently a Financial Planner with Enhanced Financial Services in Tallahassee.

Ken Zahn's career as a financial planner spans more than 30 years. During this time, he has been involved in fee-based planning as well as management of a variety of insurance and investment products for individuals, small businesses and professionals. He earned two degrees from Purdue University then, after working ten years in engineering sales and management, entered the financial service industry. Zahn served as an adjunct faculty member for the College of Financial Planning in Denver, Colo., from 1986-2001 and has taught the Certified Financial Planner educational courses as well as various courses nationally through the National Institute of Finance.

## TCC trustees vote to raise tuition

By Angeline J. Taylor  
DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

Students enrolled in Tallahassee Community College in the fall will have to pay nearly \$150 more for a 15-hour course load than they paid this semester due to a unanimous vote from trustees Tuesday.

Trustees and TCC President Bill Law increased tuition and fees from \$70.65 to \$80.51 per hour to prepare the college for the day when the \$2.4 million in federal stimulus funds are depleted.

"There's no responsible plan that doesn't go in this direction," Law said at Tuesday's trustees' meeting.

Trustees wrestled with how much tuition should be increased. For years, a selling point for TCC has been that its low tuition ranks it among one of the best buys of the state's 27 other community colleges. However, trustees and Law agreed the selling point has its downside.

"There's a point of pride in that (low cost)," Law said. "But there's no pride if it's going to damage programs."

"Everything has gone up," trustee Dana Callen said referring to costs during the nation's economic downturn.

Law explained to trustees that 60 percent of TCC's students are on financial aid. The increase in tuition will help the university generate about \$2 million for TCC. Stimulus dollars are expected to be depleted in about a year.

Chairwoman Karen Moore said, "They're getting a Lexus for the cost of a stripped down VW."

Law said the increase still brings the college below the average cost of tuition among the state's 27 community colleges.

## Vigil honors Haitian victims

By Angeline J. Taylor  
DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

Tallahassee Community College President Bill Law was moved by the emotion displayed by Haitian students who met for a candlelight vigil on the institution's campus Wednesday morning.

Tears flowed down the faces of a few students. Melted wax from candles dripped to the brick sidewalk surrounding the college's flagpole.

It was a foggy, solemn moment to honor the victims of last week's devastating earthquake centered near Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital. So far, 72,000 deaths have been reported, according to CNN, and a strong aftershock took place Wednesday.

"We will support our Haitian students," Law said.

Law emphasized a vote made by trustees Tuesday to offer free tuition for Haitian students.

Students' heads were bowed as they took part in the program.

An appeal was made to donate money, food or clothes to help those in need. If those items weren't available, one of the student organizers offered another suggestion.

"I see the hurt in your faces," student Mark Cancia, 19, said to his peers. "Pray for the people whose hearts are hurting. Pray for the families whose relatives are laying in ditches."

Law said, "Prayers ... I happen to think that's one way to start the healing process."

Wilkennor Merant, 19, said his sister is in Haiti.

"We heard from her. She is OK," he said.

## TCC Honors Students Win Again In Statewide Writing Contest

**By Press Release**

EMAIL ADDRESS: NEWS@WCTV.TV

Press Release from Tallahassee Community College:

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (January 21, 2010) – For the eleventh consecutive year, members of Tallahassee Community College's Honors Program won awards in the annual Florida Collegiate Honors Council Writing Contest.

The contest is open to all students enrolled in Honors Programs at Florida colleges and universities.

TCC winners were Rebekah Landbeck, who won third place in the Freshman/Sophomore Documented Research or Critical Thinking category, and Daniel O'Toole, who was honorable mention in the Poetry category.

"Our students' track record (in this contest) is a reflection of the strength of our Honors Program," said Mark Goldman, Honors Program Chairman. "Our (Honors Program) faculty members work hard to keep the curriculum challenging and presentations stimulating.

"TCC is a fantastic place for honors students to launch their college education."

Landbeck, O'Toole and other members of TCC's Honors Program will travel to the annual Florida Collegiate Honors Council's annual conference in Gainesville, Fla., February 19-21.

## Tallahassee Children Get a Visit From the Tooth Fairy

**Reporter: Candace Sweat**

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Students from the Tallahassee Community College Dental Health program were at the Governor Square movie theater promoting oral hygiene.

They dressed up and gave away toothbrushes, games, and toys to children going in to see the movie "The Tooth Fairy."

TCC Dental Student Richard Lecompte says, "We have information on sealant programs, tooth brushing, the correct techniques on how to take care of your teeth properly."

Students from the program say their main objective was to stress the long term benefits of starting oral health early.

## Campus Notes

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#### FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

##### Attorneys pledge funds for endowment

Tallahassee attorneys Cynthia and Charles Tunnicliff, wife-and-husband graduates of FSU's College of Law, have pledged \$50,000 to create the Cynthia and Charles Tunnicliff Endowment for Excellence at the law school. The income generated by the endowment will be used at the discretion of the law school for academic purposes, with special attention given to the trial practice and appellate practice programs and the Mock Trial and Moot Court teams.

Mag Lab physicist honored: Scott Hannahs, a National High Magnetic Field Laboratory physicist, has been named a Fellow of the American Physical Society — a distinct honor bestowed on less than one half of 1 percent of the scientific society's membership each year. With 46,000 members, the APS is the nation's largest and most prestigious professional society dedicated to the advancement of physics research and knowledge. Election to fellowship in the APS is a significant recognition by a scientist's peers of his or her contributions to physics.

#### FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

'Crowns' to run Feb. 26-28: FAMU's Essential Theatre and Lyceum Series will present "Crowns," a gospel-infused play written by Regina Taylor and directed by Valencia E. Matthews. Based on the book "Crowns: Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats" by Michael Cunningham and Craig Marberry, the play weaves together a variety of stories, characters, times and places as a young African-American girl tries to find her identity and place in the world. It runs Feb. 26-28 in Lee Hall Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$15 for the general public, \$12 for senior citizens, \$7 for students and \$5 for FAMU students with valid ID.

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*TCC Student Union*



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[admissions@tcc.fl.edu](mailto:admissions@tcc.fl.edu)

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### US: Universities mobilise disaster relief for Haiti

By: Sarah King Head

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American colleges and universities have responded overwhelmingly in their efforts to offer humanitarian support to the people affected by the Haiti earthquake.

"It is important to give aid quickly in the Haitian quake because the nation does not have the resilience of prosperous developed nations," says Richard Sylves, a professor of political science at the University of Delaware in Newark.

Colleges and universities reacted speedily and effectively across the US. Students and academics are raising money to help support the relief efforts and offering support to students of Haitian descent in the US. They have also mobilised affiliated medical and military professionals to assist in bringing aid to an estimated three million people.

Many fundraising efforts have been personal. Inspired by the difficulty contacting his adopted daughter's birth mother in Haiti, South Dakota State University basketball coach Scott Nagy agreed to coach a doubleheader game against Oakland University of Michigan on 23 January barefoot. He hopes to raise \$30,000 and collect 2,000 pairs of shoes to support relief efforts in Haiti.

The urgency for humanitarian aid and know-how has driven many other fundraising efforts. So far, Dartmouth

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College in Hanover, New Hampshire, has managed to raise \$59,000 of an intended \$100,000. The donations are going to Partners in Health, a humanitarian relief organisation co-founded by college president Jim Yong Kim.

In an open letter, Kim said that while "our response to Haiti is focused on disaster relief, ... we're also working to build social justice for a country that has been allowed to suffer without it for too long".

The University of Miami was one of the first to send medical support the day after the earthquake. In the space of 10 days, more than 100 medical personnel from the Miller School of Medicine moved from ad hoc installations to functional field hospitals. The success relies largely on infrastructure established by Project Medishare, founded by the university in 1994.

The online American Military University has also deployed students and academics to help in search and rescue missions through infrastructure support already established by the US military. Wallace E Boston, President of AMU's parent organisation, American Public University System, announced an offer to liaise with

the US Federal Emergency Management Agency in supporting relief efforts.

As well as aid and relief to the victims, US institutions are aware of the needs of students of Haitian descent. The City University of New York has nearly 6,000 students of Haitian descent enrolled across its 23 campuses.

"We want to make sure these students continue their education," a spokesman for one of the university colleges said. "Some have expressed interest in stopping to support their families full-time, or to be a part of the long-term rebuilding effort back home."

Trustees of [Tallahassee Community College](#) in Florida agreed to offer full tuition relief to each of its 35 Haitian students currently enrolled in programmes.

More significant will be a decision by the federal government to offer temporary protected status to an estimated 200,000 Haitians living in the US, including students and their families.

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## Modern Day Town Square

**Reporter: Heather Biance**

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Two local organizations are receiving a \$72,000 grant, designed to revitalize the dialogue among Tallahassee residents around key community issues.

The project entitled "We the People" will create a 21st Century virtual and face-to-face public square, offering unique town hall forums that will encourage people with varying opinions to come together and talk it out.

"A local conversation, local issues. Things that we really have control over. Also, about appreciating the fact that people who see things differently really need to come together to have good conversation. That's really where you solve the problem," says Liz Joyner, Executive Director of the Village Square.

Village Square and the Community Foundation says their goals for this project is to renew Tallahassee's marketplace of ideas where good solutions rise from an informed citizen.

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Additional Information:

The Community Foundation of North Florida, in partnership with The Village Square, recently received a \$72,000 challenge grant to revitalize the dialogue among the city's diverse residents around community issues.

## Modern Day Town Square....

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The grant was awarded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation as a part of the Knight Community Information Challenge.

The challenge is a five-year, \$24 million initiative to help community and place-based foundations find creative ways to use new media and technology to keep residents informed and engaged.

The Community Foundation of North Florida is one of 24 community and place-based foundations recently selected to receive a grant in this highly competitive national grant contest.

"Access to information is essential for the quality of life in our community and for providing resources to help increase access for all citizens," said Joy Watkins, President of the Community Foundation of North Florida.

"Through this grant contest, Knight is challenging communities across the country to respond to the changing media landscape and ensure that residents have access to information. We are pleased to be able to support Knight's work in our area, strengthen The Village Square's endeavors, and increase access to information for citizens in our community."

"Information is as important to a thriving democracy as clean air, jobs and schools. As leaders, local foundations are taking the initiative to meet those information needs," said Traban Shorters, Knight Foundation's vice president for communities, who leads the challenge.

"This project and others like it help ensure that everyone has the information necessary to make decisions about their governments and their lives."

"The Village Square appreciates this opportunity to partner with the Community Foundation and Knight Foundation," said Liz Joyner, Executive Director of The Village Square.

"The Village Square's mission is to encourage civil dialog about local concerns and to ensure the people of our community receive factual information about those issues. Our work is right in line with what Knight Foundation is trying to accomplish. This grant will enhance our work by allowing us to get more information to a broader audience."

Allan Katz co-founded The Village Square in 2006 with Tallahassee Community College President Dr. Bill Law.

"Rapid changes in the way we communicate with each other and the hyper-partisan environment nationally have left communities less able to deal with local and state issues constructively," said Katz, a former Tallahassee city commissioner who has been nominated by President Obama to become U.S. Ambassador to Portugal.

"The best ideas in a democracy come from engaged and informed citizenship," said Law. "This project will bring more light and less heat to problems ahead of us."

"The social glue of communities has changed substantially over the last 40 years," said Joyner. "Civic clubs and service organizations used to knit us together to form a geographical community whose bond was greater than political difference. But ideology-based groups are on the rise and, as a result, our unique made-in-America social fabric is fraying."

"We the People" will expand The Village Square programming on local and state issues through varying formats like "Dinner at the Square," "Take-out Tuesday," "Politics, Partisans & A Pint" and "Sunday Night Supper Club," intentionally reviving community between people with diverse perspectives.

To compliment these face-to-face forums, the project will have an online component: A Wiki-based online problem-solving tool, where neighbors can collaborate to assemble relevant facts and resources for addressing local, state and national issues. "We hope to create an online community that defies the trend toward angry likeminded groups; where people will treat each other with the same respect as they do when they see neighbors at the grocery store or at their mailbox," said Joyner.

"This grant presents a great opportunity for our organization and our community," said Joyner. We have a lot of work ahead of us to raise the \$50,000 match required by Knight and to implement the details of the project. Our hope is that the community will rally with us to raise the matching funds and help us improve the vitality of our community by increasing access to civil and factual information in our community."

To learn more about the project or to get involved with The Village Square, please go to [www.tothevillagesquare.org](http://www.tothevillagesquare.org) or contact Liz Joyner at [liz@tothevillagesquare.org](mailto:liz@tothevillagesquare.org) or (850) 264-8785.

## 2010 TCC African-American History Calendar Unveiled

For the 10th year, TCC is unveiling it's Cherry Hall Alexander African-American History Calendar.

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It was a night to remember as 16 of the Capital City's most influential African-Americans were recognized in style.

Tallahassee Community College unveiled the 2010 Cherry Hall Alexander African-American History Calendar Tuesday night.

Organizers say narrowing down the pool of more than 50 nominees is an overwhelming task each year.

Here's a list of the finalists: Freeman Delano Lawrence, Jerrod W. Holton, Glenda L. Thornton, Darren Mason, Edward G. Tolliver, Robert Ray Bradford, Errol H. Powell, Minnie Lucile Wynn Williams, Gallop Franklin II, The Rev. O. Jermaine Simmons Sr., Claudette D. Cromartie, Carolyn J. Ryals, Nickie Beasley, Howard Alexander Roberts, M. Miaisha Mitchell and Adner Marcelin.

"My goal is for young people to dream that they can be somebody in life, that they don't have to be a football player, they don't have to be a movie star. That they can make a difference, right in their own community," says Cherry Alexander.

The Tallahassee African Drum and Dance Ensemble also had the the audience moving.

If you'd like to get your hands on a free copy of the calendar, call 850-201-6178 starting Wednesday, January 27th at 9 a.m.

## TCC calendar recognizes black role models

**BY ANAMARIE SHREEVES**

DEMOCRAT WRITER

Cherry Alexander, former coordinator of Tallahassee Community College's African-American history calendar, could not resist helping with the preparations for the unveiling of this year's calendar.

This year's calendar features 16 honorees, including two deceased honorees Nickie Beasley, educator, and Howard Alexander Roberts, a pharmacist and former owner of Economy Drug Store.

A reception and program was held Tuesday night at Turner Auditorium at TCC. The calendars will be made available to the public Wednesday. Honorees were nominated by the community and selected by a committee.

Adner Marcelin, secretary for the Tallahassee branch of the NAACP, said he was shocked to be honored amongst

people he admires.

"It really caught me off guard to be nominated for this prestigious honor," Marcelin said. "I look up to most of the other honorees."

Although Alexander retired last year, she helped the new co-coordinators, Rita Dickey and April White, with planning for the 2010 calendar. It is now called the Cherry Hall Alexander African-American History Calendar.

Alexander, retired director of library services at TCC, said she finds it difficult to accept praise, because her motives are not driven by recognition.

"Life is about being a servant," Alexander said. "It's about helping someone else, because when you are helping someone else, you are helping yourself."

## TCC calendar recognizes black role models....

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Alexander said she started the event to give students insight on the local "heroes."

"The purpose of the calendar is to help our young people realize they can aspire," Alexander said. "They can say 'Hey, they grew up in Gadsden or Leon County, too.'"

Dickey said the committee will host an event for students of Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla and Madison counties in mid-February.

Gallop Franklin II, Florida A&M University's student government president, will speak to the students. Franklin is included in this year's calendar.

Honorees at a glance:

Freeman Delano Lawrence, 92, retired educator

Jerrod W. Holton, mayor, city of Midway

Darren Mason, TCC student

Edward G. Tolliver, director of the Black Male College Explorers Program at Florida A&M

Robert Ray Bradford, retiree professor emeritus, Florida A&M

Errol H. Powell, administrative law judge with the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings (the first and only black man named administrative law judge for the State of Florida)

Minnie Lucile Wynn Williams, retired educator,

Gallop Franklin II, SGA president, member of board of trustees, Florida A&M University

The Rev. O. Jermaine Simmons Sr., pastor, Jacob Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Tallahassee

Claudette D. Cromartie, executive director of the Tallahassee Housing Authority

Carolyn J. Ryals, educator, business owner

Nickie Beasely (deceased), retired educator

Howard Alexander Roberts (deceased), former owner, Economy Drug Store

M. Miaisha Mitchell, executive director of the Greater Frenchtown Governor's Front Porch Revitalization Council

Adner Marcelin, secretary, Tallahassee branch of the NAACP, executive director for the North Florida division of Leaders by Empowerment, Activists by Development (LEAD)

Glenda L. Thornton, attorney

## Teen Center Proposal Approved By Leon Co. Commissioners

**Reporter: Liza Park**

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Fourteen-year-old Justice Jones made his speaking debut before the Leon County Commission Tuesday night, saying a teen center should go into the Palmer Munroe building that the city closed last October.

"It'll have things for us to do and keep us off the streets, stop us from getting in trouble," says Jones. "Not just that; I mean it has academics."

But it's the restorative justice program that could cut down on repeated juvenile crime. And that's a main selling point teen center proponents use trying to convince Leon County Commissioners to put \$150,000 into the project.

"And I expect that the same will be said at the city commission meeting," says Andrew Gillum, a Tallahassee City Commissioner, who's been fighting for the teen center. "The good part is it's shaping out that the city commission may be the last partner to confirm their support."

Other proponents also voiced their support: from Tallahassee Community College and the NAACP to Leon County Schools, which may help with transportation.

"We're trying to get children from all over the community to have access to this community center," says Dee Crumpler, a Leon County school board member.

Of all the proponents, Public Defender Nancy Daniels has been pushing for a teen center the longest.

"We've been very hopeful that we might be able to pull the plan together and it's wonderful that the county commission voted unanimously," says Daniels.

That unanimous approval came after 2 hours of debate. But that was nothing to Daniels who's been pushing for 12 years.

Leon County approved the teen center contingent upon financial contributions from The City of Tallahassee and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. Tallahassee Commissioners will take up the issue on Wednesday.

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## TCC, UCF Teach Solar Tech

Compiled by Jason Dehart

As "green" building becomes a driving force in residential and commercial construction, Tallahassee Community College and the University of Central Florida have joined forces to teach the industry how to use alternative energy technologies. The partnership is part of the Employ Florida Alternative Energy Center, a statewide training program. This fall, TCC will provide training to building contractors and existing construction workers in two areas, solar electricity and solar hot water and pool heating.

## TCC to host dance performance gala

### SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

World Ballet Inc. and Tallahassee Community College Dance Company invite Leon County dance audiences to a one-night-only gala performance celebration, "A Tribute to Passion & Dance," at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13.

The intimate setting of Turner Auditorium on the TCC campus, is the backdrop for this special celebration.

Artistic Director Henry Hernandez has selected a varied repertoire to highlight some of World Ballet's finest work from the past season as well as pieces previewing our coming performances for this spring. This performance will showcase the talent of WBI's company dancers performing solos, pas de deux and excerpts from both classical and contemporary ballets, including Mr. Hernandez's "We Will Rock You," created especially for WBI. Deanna Bosman wrote for the Northeast Chronicle, "It (We Will Rock You)" was a dynamic explosion of highly skilled kinetic energy..."

For this special evening, TCC's Dance Company will perform two repertoire pieces, "Gravity," "Night Life" and "Chaos", a new work choreographed by Aurora Hansen. Among other guests, Arthur Murray's Jim Hurst and his partner, Karen Farrington, will feature an Argentine Tango and West Coast Swing.

We invite you to join us for a reception preceding the Dance Celebration Gala, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the auditorium. Tickets for the reception are \$10 per person and need to be purchased in advance. Tickets for the performance are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children under 12 and \$20 for seniors and students with ID.

For more information and tickets contact World Ballet, Inc. at 553-3315, or email [worlddancecenter1@yahoo.com](mailto:worlddancecenter1@yahoo.com) or visit our website at [www.worldballetinc.com](http://www.worldballetinc.com).

## TCC Announces Event Lineup For Black History Month Celebration

**Reporter: Press Release**

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News Release from Tallahassee Community College:

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.--

Tallahassee Community College's celebration of Black History Month began on Tuesday evening with the tenth annual unveiling of the Cherry Alexander African-American History Month Calendar. The official celebration, however, runs throughout the month of February and the College will offer a number of opportunities to celebrate the accomplishments of African-Americans who have made significant contributions worldwide.

On Tuesday, February 9, TCC faculty and staff are invited to an Organic Takeover. The event, a cooperative effort between TCC's Center for Employee Enrichment and the College's African-American History Month Committee, will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 104 of the College's Fine and Performing Arts Center. "Eating and Living a 'Green' Lifestyle" will educate attendees on how to be proactive in their health as well as the benefits of living an organic lifestyle. Seating is limited to 50 (the first 25 faculty and first 25 staff). Interested participants should sign up on the CEE portal site.

Wednesday, February 10 will feature Open Mic, TCC's highly successful student entertainment event. From 10 a.m. to noon in the Student Union Ballroom, TCC students' musical talents will be on display for the campus community.

On Thursday, February 11, the College will welcome guests to the Student Union Lobby from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a Health Fair. Vendors representing various entities in the community will be on campus providing information that will ensure a healthier tomorrow. Blood pressure, sickle cell and wellness screenings will be available to all in attendance.

Confirmed vendors for the Health Fair include: Women's World Gym, Florida State University's Thagard Student Health Center, TCC's Dental Hygiene Program, TCC's Health Program, Sickle Cell Foundation, National Hookup of Black Women, Southeastern Community Blood Center, Big Bend Hospice, Lupus Support Network, DISC Village, Capital Area Healthy Start Coalition, Bond Community Health and Ovarian Cancer Alliance of North Florida.

Additionally, there will be a nutrition presentation by Jennifer Zimmerman, a member of TCC's Technology and Professional Programs faculty.

Youth from Leon and the surrounding counties will convene at TCC's Turner Auditorium for Youth Day on Tuesday, February 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those in attendance will hear from Gallop Franklin, II, SGA President at Florida A&M University and one of TCC's 2010 African-American History Calendar honorees.

The final scheduled event for the month is the popular Gospel Extravaganza and Soul Food Festival, slated for Thursday, February 25 in the Student Union Ballroom. The event, a showcase of local gospel choirs and entertainers, begins with a 6 p.m. reception followed by entertainment at 7 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public, unless noted otherwise. For more information on TCC's celebration of Black History Month, contact Rita Dickey by phone, (850) 201-6178, or email [dickeyr@tcc.fl.edu](mailto:dickeyr@tcc.fl.edu).

## College Goal Sunday

Get your hands on some cash for college.

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The following is a press release from TCC:

Tallahassee Community College will host its annual College Goal Sunday event on Sunday, January 31 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

College Goal Sunday is a nationwide event designed to help limited-income college bound students pay for college by providing free expert advice and assistance completing the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. The FAFSA is used to apply for most state and some private aid.

All students who complete the FAFSA at a College Goal Sunday location, including TCC will be eligible for incentives ranging from gift cards to scholarships. TCC is one of more than 30 host sites statewide and is encouraging high school seniors and their families to take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity.

"College Goals Sunday is an integral part of TCC's effort to assist our community in their effort to achieve their college plans, said Bill Spires, Director of Financial Aid. "Since the inception of the program in Florida, TCC has

participated in and helped lead the development of the effort to simplify the financial aid application process.

"We are excited about the opportunity to help students realize their dream of a college education again this year through this outstanding program."

Every year in Florida, millions of federal dollars are left on the table simply because limited-income students fail to successfully complete the FAFSA. College Goal Sunday Florida is working to be part of the solution. With the help of university and community college financial aid office staff, volunteers, community and faith-based organizations, thousands of students will have access to expert help in this important process.

College Goal Sunday Florida is supported by the Lumina Foundation for Education and USA Funds. ENLACE Florida serves as the state coordinator and fiscal agent.

For more information on College Goal Sunday Florida, please visit: [www.collegegoalsundayflorida.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayflorida.org) or (850) 201-8399

## Local Students Get Help Applying for Financial Aid

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Tallahassee Community College hosted the annual College Goal today for students needing financial aid.

This nationwide event provides current and potential students with free advice and assistance in completing Federal aid forms.

Some say the process of finding money for school can be overwhelming.

Experts say you should start filling out forms early. Remember colleges and universities vary. So be familiar with the requirements of the college you want to attend.

Don't apply for more loans than you absolutely need. And ask questions. The only way to know if you're on the right track is by asking the right people.

Financial Aid personnel say the biggest mistake is not that people fill out the FAFSA forms incorrectly, it's that they don't fill them out at all.

And it's for that reason that millions of dollars of free money goes unclaimed each year.

For more information on federal financial aid or College Goal Sunday visit [www.collegesundayflorida.org](http://www.collegesundayflorida.org).

## Financial aid departments host College Goal Sunday

Graduation day may be a few months away, but for high school seniors, it's already time to think about college and its costs. That's why the financial aid departments from the three higher education schools in Tallahassee, teamed up to host College Goal Sunday. ABC 27's Jerry Hume has more on how students are saving money just by filling out a form.

Skyler Smalley, a senior at Leon High School, wants to study music in college.

"My plans are to attend TCC for 2 years and then transfer to the College of Music at FSU or a school in Tennessee called Belmont."

The problem is college is expensive.

"That's you really can't afford it, that's the bottom line, you can't afford it, because it goes up every year," said Liza O'neal, parent.

And according to financial aid experts, she's right, the cost of higher education continues to sky rocket.

"College isn't getting cheaper, college costs are going up every year and they'll continue to go up because with state budgets being cut back and the need for additional revenues, we have to increase our budgets in order to keep the colleges moving forward," says Bill Spiers.

That's where FAFSA comes in. The free application for federal student aid can save students thousands of dollars in college costs, but the FAFSA form can seem daunting.

"The task of trying to accumulate all the documents you need, the taxes forms, estimating all of the costs, it's challenging," said Shirley Farmer.

The form is clear and gives you simple directions and college goal Sunday helps students and parents tackle FAFSA. So she actually has attended members from the financial aid departments at Florida state, FAMU and [Tallahassee Community College](#) were on hand to answer questions about the form and guide students and parents through the process.

"Our goal is to take something that looks difficult for families and making it possible for more students to receive federal financial aid."

Just by completing the form, either on paper or online, students are eligible for grants, work-study and loans. As for Skyler.

"This is so much fun."

She may be kidding, but she knows FAFSA is important to get her the money she needs to go to college.

"I was really confused because I had tried to fill it out before by myself and I couldn't do it, so now I know what to do."

And if you're a student planning on going to college next year, the best advice, fill out FAFSA as soon as possible before the federal aid money runs out.

## Gadsden officials unite to promote development

By Dave Hodges

DEMOCRAT BUSINESS EDITOR

Gadsden County, despite all its travails during the recession, is pushing ahead with an economic development initiative that leaders hope will pay short-term dividends with more jobs and longer term benefits in a wider array of local industries.

"Go Gadsden," the effort to reinvigorate the economy, has its work cut out for it. The county has one of the highest unemployment rates of any in the area and is still recovering from one of the state's largest single layoffs at the end of 2008 at Quincy Farms, where 500 workers were let go.

"We've got the county commission, all six municipalities and a lot of stakeholders pointed in the right direction," said David Gardner, executive director of the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce at Go Gadsden's meeting last week. "We're excited."

Go Gadsden's objective is to promote the area and draw attention to its business attributes, among them an abundant labor supply, transportation infrastructure and availability of commercial sites and buildings.

"When a prospect comes here, we try to show them the whole picture," Gardner said.

It was those features and the abundance of raw materials that attracted bioenergy company Adage, a joint venture of Duke Energy Corp. and power plant developer Areva. Adage wants to build a \$250 million biomass plant at the industrial park in Gretna.

The plant will use clean, woody biomass from the forestry industry to generate 50 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 40,000 homes. Adage says the plant and its associated fuel operations will have a permanent staff of up to 150, but the construction will require employment of 478 workers. The construction is expected to take 2 1/2 years.

"The bottom line is we need the jobs. We need the tax base to support our hospital. We need great schools. We need roads. A great economy cures a lot," he added.

Other residents aren't so sure about the biomass project. They are concerned about the air emissions from the facility, the resulting health effects, and question whether

Gretna will gain much in the way of employment opportunities.

Laura Schell lives on Watson Road. Part of her property fronts on State Road 12, directly across from the proposed plant site. She says the environmental and health impacts outweigh the economic benefits of the project.

"I think it's a horrible idea for so many reasons, I don't know where to start," she added.

Local leaders respond that there are plans to disseminate information about the project and hold public meetings to address residents' questions and concerns.

Meanwhile, other companies have found a place in Gadsden County.

The May family in Havana made a successful transition in 1971 from tobacco, the community's traditional crop, to an extensive nursery operation where they grow azaleas, juniper and other landscape plants. The third generation of the family business, Ashley and Richard May, are continuing the tradition.

Newcomer Bill Finn, CEO of screen printer Classic Shirts, picked Quincy as a business location because of the commercial real estate offerings available.

"We outgrew our previous facility in Tallahassee," Finn said. "We just needed to look for a new facility, more space, and the real estate value here was something that was just unmatched." Classic was able to double its space, yet have a mortgage payment that was less than the monthly lease payment in Tallahassee.

"This was a perfect place to get a great deal on a building," Finn said. "A lot of our employees live out here and it was just a great place to be."

Finn said the company hired five people when the move was completed recently and he anticipates recruiting another five or six workers this year.

vGardner says the attitude about economic development is changing. For the first time there appears to be unity among local leaders and members of the community.

## Gadsden officials unite....

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Antonio Jefferson, Gretna city manager, says he sees the same thing.

"One of the things that has happened as a result of this partnership, this collaborative environment that we are working in now among the local governments and the chamber, is that we have now become very aggressive about looking at economic development, looking at our resources and how we capitalize on what we have," Jefferson said.

According to the state's Agency for Workforce Innovation, Gadsden County's unemployment rate of 10 percent in November edged higher to 10.5 for December. A year ago it was 7.9 percent. There were 2,196 unemployed individuals last month.

Go Gadsden's work force goal is to support and promote the retraining efforts that have already begun steering workers into other fields.

Kim Moore, CEO of Workforce Plus, described a range of offerings that are aimed at industries where employment growth is projected and where there are career paths open to individuals. Starting this month, for example, is health information technology training at [Tallahassee Community College](#).

One Quincy company, the Super Valu grocery distribution center, took advantage of a worker recruiting program that offered reimbursement to the business for training expenses. The new workers were brought on at \$10 an hour.

"We have at least 10 people that have gone through that program where they (Super Valu) have agreed to that training to keep that talent on board," Moore said.

## Wakulla News - February 4, 2010

### Law speaks to chamber gathering

#### Staff Report

"There's no better relationship between a school district and a community college than that between Tallahassee Community College and Wakulla schools," said TCC President Dr. Bill Law as he began his address to the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce members who attended the chamber board and officers' installation dinner.

Dr. Law stated there has been a longstanding relationship between Wakulla and TCC with Wakulla students sticking with TCC and remaining among the best students there.

Dr. Law recognized that these are "tough times" and stated the two most important things during these times are "taking care of each other and having the ability to disagree agreeably, whether the issue is politics or any other issue."

He noted with the unemployment rate at its peak, the "dignity of work" is very important. "The dignity that

comes with doing a day's work is an important piece of our lives that leads to other important pieces," he said, "and TCC provides an opportunity for that first job and the opportunity for the dignity of work."

Dr. Law quoted Martin Luther King, Jr. stating, "Dignity is also corroded by poverty...No worker can maintain his morale or sustain his spirit if in the market place his capacities are declared to be worthless to society."

Dr. Law noted Kimberly Moore was recently recognized by the MLK Foundation in Tallahassee for the work she is doing with WorkForce Plus in the area.

"Wakulla's Chamber is very lucky to have stolen Kimberly Moore from all the other counties she's involved in," Law concluded.

## TCC's Radiologic Technology Class Scores 100 Percent On National Exam

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News Release from Tallahassee Community College:

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. –

December 2009 graduates in Tallahassee Community College's Radiologic Technology have scored a 100 percent pass rate on the national registry examination.

According to Dr. Lois Ewen, Dean of Health Care Professions, all 16 students in the program's sixth graduating class passed the national exam and, in the process, scored higher than the national average on all but one of the exam's five sections.

TCC students' mean exam score was 87.3, almost three points higher than the national mean (84.8).

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## TCC's Law a finalist for post

**By Angeline J. Taylor**

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

Tallahassee Community College President Bill Law has been named one of four finalists for the president's position at St. Petersburg College.

A committee of 13 representatives voted on each of the four finalists after viewing nine candidates' video tapes. The committee is made up of two college trustees, three faculty members, two staffers, one student and five community representatives.

Mike O'Keefe, St. Petersburg College's institutional advancement director, said Law's video was quite impressive. In the video, which can be viewed on St. Petersburg College's Web site, Law comes across as personable, qualified and appreciative of the opportunity.

In the video, Law says, "It's very rewarding to know that the things we're doing here at Tallahassee Community College are of interest to those of you who are looking across America for the very best practices."

O'Keefe said the 13 committee members voted for four people as finalists in the presidential search. Law had the most votes, O'Keefe said.

Following Law was Peninsula College President Thomas Keegan of Port Angeles, Wash. The other two candidates are Paula Gastenveld, assistant to the chancellor of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and B. Kaye Walter, executive vice president and chief learning officer of Valencia Community College in Orlando.

After hearing the news that he was one of the finalists, Law echoed his remarks about the process being rewarding "at each step."

Karen Moore, chairwoman of the TCC Board of Trustees, said, "I think all of us are so proud of the work Dr. Law has done — not only at TCC but in this community."

St. Petersburg College trustees will be presented with the list of finalists Feb. 12. Once candidates are approved by trustees, those vying for the job will be invited to the college.

A week will be set aside for each applicant, O'Keefe said. It's likely the new president will not be named until the end of March or the beginning of April.

## Seven Days flies in on wings of angels

By Mark Hinson

DEMOCRAT SENIOR WRITER

Think of it as the end of the nomadic era when the 12th annual Seven Days of Opening Nights arts festival opens Friday.

After Florida State's flagship Ruby Diamond Auditorium concert hall closed in May 2008 for a \$35-million dollar makeover, the Seven Days series temporarily lost its home base. The festival has taken its concerts and shows on the road to various venues — churches, fellow colleges, a nightclub, a historic mansion, etc. — around the city and region.

Ruby Diamond Auditorium is scheduled to re-open in October. That means that the 2010 edition of Sevens Days is, once again, all over the place.

"Obviously, I'll be glad to have a new, gloriously improved Ruby Diamond back, but I think these past two years have helped us a lot," festival director Steve MacQueen said. "They strengthened our ties to [Tallahassee Community College](#) and FAMU, and allowed us to work more closely with FSU campus departments like dance and creative writing. The time away helped us find some great new partners, like Bethel AME and Pebble Hill Plantation, and allowed us to indulge in some creative thinking, which will pay off once we're back in Ruby Diamond Auditorium."

Starting Friday, arts fans can check out an angelic stained-glass exhibition by Louis Comfort Tiffany, rootsy blues by Taj Mahal, a stage monologue by edgy performer/monologist Mike Daisey, horn-fueled jazz orchestrated by masterful pianist Marcus Roberts, a sneak screening from the Tribeca Film Festival in New York, a performance by the legendary Vienna Boys Choir and much more.

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### Campus Notes

DEMOCRAT STAFF REPORT

#### FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graham to lecture on post-9/11

Sen. Bob Graham, a three-term U.S. senator and two-term governor of Florida, will discuss "Eight Years After 9/11 — Are We Safer?" in a free, public lecture 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday at FSU's Claude Pepper Building, 636 W. Call St. Graham served 10 years on the U.S. Senate's Select Committee on Intelligence, including 18 months as chairman in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

#### FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

Monroe Media Group CEO to speak: Bryan Monroe, CEO of The Monroe Media Group, will be the keynote speaker for FAMU's Black History Month convocation scheduled for 10:10 a.m. Thursday in Gaither Gymnasium. Monroe has been the vice president and editorial director of

Ebony and Jet magazines at Johnson Publishing Co. and has contributed to ongoing coverage for CNN. Formerly the assistant vice president for news at Knight Ridder, he helped lead the team that won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for coverage of Hurricane Katrina.

#### TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TCC has been named a Leader College by Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count (ATD). ATD, a national nonprofit organization that helps more community-college students succeed, recognized 21 colleges nationwide with its newly created Leader College designation by virtue of sustained improvement on key student-achievement indicators. TCC is one of 35 U.S. community colleges that participated in ATD. The initiative focused on student groups that face great obstacles.

## TCC Celebrates Black History Month

### TCC's Black History Month Events for the week of February 8-12

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#### PRESS RELEASE

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (February 8, 2010) -- Tallahassee Community College's celebration of Black History Month continues this week with three events.

On Tuesday, February 9, TCC faculty and staff will enjoy an Organic Takeover. The event, a cooperative effort between TCC's Center for Employee Enrichment and the College's African-American History Month Committee, will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 104 of the College's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

"Eating and Living a 'Green' Lifestyle" will educate attendees on how to be proactive in their health as well as the benefits of living an organic lifestyle. Seating is limited to 50 (the first 25 faculty and first 25 staff). Interested participants should sign up for any remaining spots on the CEE portal site.

Wednesday, February 10 will feature Open Mic, TCC's highly successful student entertainment event. From 10 a.m. to noon in the Student Union Ballroom, TCC students' musical talents will be on display for the campus community.

On Thursday, February 11, the College will welcome guests to the Student Union Lobby from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a Health Fair. Vendors representing various entities in the community will be on campus providing information that will ensure a healthier tomorrow. Blood pressure, sickle cell and wellness screenings will be available to all in attendance.

Confirmed vendors for the Health Fair include: Women's World Gym, Florida State University's Thagard Student Health Center, TCC's Dental Hygiene Program, TCC's Health Program, Sickle Cell Foundation, National Hookup of Black Women, Southeastern Community Blood Center, Big Bend Hospice, Lupus Support Network, DISC Village, Capital Area Healthy Start Coalition, Bond Community Health and Ovarian Cancer Alliance of North Florida.

During the health fair, there will also be a nutrition presentation by TCC's own Jennifer Zimmerman, assistant professor of nutrition in the College's Division of Technology and Professional Programs. Zimmerman, who is a registered dietitian, will offer a forum titled "Healthy Eating on Campus."

Zimmerman will specifically address how students can make healthy eating choices that fit their active lifestyles. During the dynamic, fast-paced hour, she will discuss the importance of breakfast, the perils of fast food and the benefits of cooking healthy meals. Additional topics will include food budgeting tips and avoiding the infamous "Freshman 15."

All events are free and open to the public, unless noted otherwise. For more information on TCC's celebration of Black History Month, contact Rita Dickey by phone, (850) 201-6178, or email [dickeyr@tcc.fl.edu](mailto:dickeyr@tcc.fl.edu).

## Poets, singers take stage to honor Black History Month

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The words of poets, essayists and the sound of live music resounded at Tallahassee Community College on Wednesday as part of a Black History Month celebration.

Hosted by communications professor Shauna Smith, it also included a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by student performers from Conley Elementary, Cobb Middle and Lincoln High School. Real-estate broker Elaine Anderson also shared four of her poems.

Nine year-old Conley Elementary student Gabrielle Boles spoke of what King's message means to her generation and why she believes discrimination is not nearly as evident today.

"My mother says when we die we will all be the same color and that color is dirt," Gabrielle joked.

Gabrielle's brother and Conley student Dwane Boles, 11, also spoke at the event. He urged that his generation be exposed to King and King's message beyond February.

TCC student Rakeem Stewart, who refers to himself as So DIVINE, performed an original rap song in which he rejected what popular black culture promotes to its youth. He urged others to "fight with your mind and your knowledge."

Smith started the open-mic sessions 10 years ago to provide a forum where students could become comfortable with public speaking while also displaying their talents.

Smith said there will be probably two more open mic events this spring with the last being held on April 21. The "TCC Idol" event will feature Tallahassee artists performing to raise money for Haiti.